



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018

HISTORY UP NORTH

In an away tilt on July 29th against the Chicago White Sox, Toronto Blue Jays infielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr. collected three hits to go along with a pair of RBI to lead the Blue Jays to a 7-4 victory. Posting his third consecutive outing with at least two hits and two RBI, the Cuban native tied Josh Donaldson (September 15-17, 2017) for the second-longest such streak in Blue Jays history. Two-time All-Star John Olerud recorded a streak of four straight games from June 21-25, 1990 to pace the franchise.



In addition, the multi-hit effort extended his career-best hitting streak to 11 games dating back to July 11th. Gurriel, who tallied at least two hits in each contest during his streak, established a new franchise record for the most consecutive multi-hit outings, eclipsing the previous mark set by five-time All-Star Tony Fernández (June 18-27, 1986). The 24-year-old became just the sixth player since at least 1908 to post a multi-hit streak of at least 11 games in a single season, joining Hall of Famers Rogers Hornsby, Tony Perez, Paul Waner and Sam Rice, as well as Shoeless Joe Jackson. Moreover, the right-handed-hitting slugger became the first rookie in Major League history to accomplish the feat.

Over the course of his outstanding month, Gurriel, who earned AL Rookie of the Month honors for July, tallied at least one hit in every game he started (16) and finished the month with a .423/.438/.648 slash line. Lourdes became just the third player (fourth time overall) in franchise history to bat at least .420 with 30-or-more hits in a single calendar month, joining Fernández and John Olerud.

MLB Players to Post a Streak of at least 11 multi-hit games, 1908-Present

Player, Club	Games	Streak Dates	R	H	2B	HR	RBI
Rogers Hornsby, STL	13	July 5-18, 1923	16	33	7	3	21
Lourdes Gurriel Jr., TOR	11	July 11-29, 2018	7	25	3	3	9
Tony Perez, CIN	11	August 8-20, 1973	5	22	3	1	11
Paul Waner, PIT	11	June 3-16, 1927	15	26	9	3	21
Sam Rice, WSH	11	May 26-June 3, 1925	8	27	3	0	3
Shoeless Joe Jackson, CLE	11	June 21-30, 1912	15	27	4	0	9

TOR Players to Bat .420 in a Month with at least 30 Hits, 1977-Present

Player	Month	Year	BA	OBP	SLG	H	HR
Lourdes Gurriel Jr.	July	2018	.423	.438	.648	30	4
Tony Fernández	May	1999	.437	.515	.586	38	1
John Olerud	June	1993	.427	.525	.760	41	5
John Olerud	April	1993	.450	.527	.650	36	3

HOW THINGS STAND A YEAR LATER

Morning of August 3, 2017

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
BOS	60	49	.550	-
NYY	57	50	.533	2.0
TB	57	53	.518	3.5
BAL	53	55	.491	6.5
TOR	51	57	.472	8.5
<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CLE	58	48	.547	-
KC	56	51	.523	2.5
MIN	51	55	.481	7.0
DET	50	57	.467	8.5
CWS	41	65	.387	17.0
<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
HOU	69	39	.639	-
SEA	55	55	.500	15.0
LAA	54	55	.495	15.5
TEX	52	56	.481	17.0
OAK	48	61	.440	21.5
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
WSH	63	43	.594	-
MIA	51	55	.481	12.0
NYM	49	57	.462	14.0
ATL	49	58	.458	14.5
PHI	39	67	.368	24.0
<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CHI	57	50	.533	-
MIL	57	53	.518	1.5
STL	53	55	.491	4.5
PIT	52	56	.481	5.5
CIN	44	64	.407	13.5
<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
LAD	76	32	.704	-
ARI	62	46	.574	14.0
COL	62	47	.569	14.5
SD	48	59	.449	27.5
SF	42	68	.382	35.0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
BOS	76	34	.691	-
NYY	68	39	.636	6.5
TB	56	53	.514	19.5
TOR	49	59	.454	26.0
BAL	33	76	.303	42.5
<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CLE	59	48	.551	-
MIN	49	58	.458	10.0
DET	47	62	.431	13.0
CWS	38	70	.352	21.5
KC	34	74	.315	25.5
<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
HOU	69	41	.627	-
OAK	64	46	.582	5.0
SEA	63	46	.578	5.5
LAA	54	56	.491	15.0
TEX	47	63	.427	22.0
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
PHI	60	48	.556	-
ATL	58	47	.552	0.5
WSH	55	53	.509	5.0
MIA	46	64	.418	15.0
NYM	44	62	.415	15.0
<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CHI	62	46	.574	-
MIL	63	49	.563	1.0
PIT	56	53	.514	6.5
STL	56	53	.514	6.5
CIN	48	61	.440	14.5
<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
LAD	61	49	.555	-
ARI	60	50	.545	1.0
COL	58	50	.537	2.0
SF	56	54	.509	5.0
SD	43	68	.387	18.5

NOTES ON THE STANDINGS

- Three of the six division leaders have no more than a 3.0-game lead.
- Seventeen teams, including 11 of the 15 National League teams, are within 6.0 games of a Postseason berth (either division lead or Wild Card).
- Four of the 10 teams currently in position for the Postseason were not in the Postseason last year (Athletics, Braves, Brewers and Phillies), and three of those teams (Athletics, Braves and Phillies) had a record under .500 at this time last season, including two teams (Athletics and Phillies) that were in last place in their division.
- Twenty-six of the 30 Clubs have a winning percentage between .400 and .600.
- The biggest improvements from this time last year are the Phillies (+.188); Athletics (+.142); Red Sox (+.141); Giants (+.127); Yankees (+.103); Braves (+.094); Mariners (+.078); and Brewers (+.045).
- The largest decreases from this time last year are the Royals (-.208); Orioles (-.188); Dodgers (-.149); Nationals (-.085); Marlins (-.063); Padres (-.062); Rangers (-.054); and Mets (-.047).

PATIENCE & POWER

On Thursday night against the Baltimore Orioles at Globe Life Park, Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor reached base in all six of his plate appearances, batting 1-for-1 with three runs scored, five walks, a home run and three RBI. The left-handed-hitting slugger entered August after having his best month of the season during July, posting a slash line of .341/.410/.625 with 18 runs scored, 30 hits, seven doubles, six home runs, 12 RBI and six stolen bases across 24 games played.



Following last night's contest, the Venezuelan native became just the fourth player in Major League history to log five walks and one home run in a single contest, joining Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, as well as All-Stars Edgar Martinez and Mark McGwire. In addition, the 24-year-old became the first player to accomplish the feat without receiving an intentional walk, and also doing so in a nine-inning game. Odor, who signed with Texas in January 2011, became the only player to also tally three runs scored and three RBI during his historic performance. The table below illustrates each player's offensive output.

Player, Club	Date	PA	AB	H	R	HR	RBI	BB
<i>Rougned Odor, TEX</i>	<i>August 2, 2018</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>
Edgar Martinez, SEA	June 24, 2004	9	4	2	2	1	1	5
Mark McGwire, OAK	April 26, 1997	7	2	2	1	1	1	5
Hank Aaron, ATL	July 11, 1972	8	3	1	1	1	3	5

TRADE DEADLINE WRAP-UP

The 30 Major League teams combined to make 65 trades between June and July, marking the most in MLB's 30-team configuration that began in 1998. In addition, 18 deadline-day trades were made on Monday, tied with 2016 for the most since at least 1995. Following is a list of trades that were made in July this season. For a full listing of July trades dating back to 1995, please refer to last week's edition of the Weekly Notes.

2018

July 2 – Reds acquired OF Lorenzo Cedroia from the Red Sox for future considerations

July 4 – Dodgers acquired RHP James Marinar and RHP Aneurys Zabala from the Reds for RHP Dylan Floro, RHP Zach Neal

July 5 – Cardinals acquired LHP Elniery Garcia from the Phillies for future considerations

July 6 – Twins acquired OF Jon Kemmer from the Astros

July 6 – Indians acquired RHP James Hoyt from the Astros for RHP Tommy DeJuneas

July 8 – Rangers acquired OF Austin Jackson, RHP Cory Gearrin and RHP Jason Bahr from the Giants for a player to be named later

July 15 – Rays acquired LHP Hoby Milner from the Rays for cash

July 18 – Dodgers acquired SS Manny Machado from the Orioles for 2B Breyvic Valera, OF Yusniel Diaz, RHP Zach Pop, RHP Dean Kremer and 3B Rylan Bannon

July 19 – Cubs acquired RHP Jesse Chavez from the Rangers for LHP Tyler Thomas

July 19 – Twins acquired OF Jeremy Hazelbaker from the Rays for cash

July 19 – Indians acquired LHP Brad Hand and RHP Adam Cimber from the Padres for C Francisco Mejia

July 21 – Athletics acquired RHP Jeurys Familia from the Mets for future considerations, RHP Bobby Wahl and 3B Will Toffey

July 22 – Royals acquired OF Brian Goodwin from the Nationals for RHP Jacob Condra-Bogan

July 24 – Yankees acquired LHP Zach Britton from the Orioles for RHP Cody Carroll, RHP Dillon Tate and LHP Josh Rogers

July 25 – Red Sox acquired RHP Nathan Eovaldi from the Rays for LHP Jalen Beeks

July 25 – Diamondbacks acquired RHP Matt Andriese from the Rays for C Michael Perez and RHP Brian Shaffer

July 26 – Rockies acquired RHP Seunghwan Oh from the Blue Jays for 1B Chad Spanberger and 2B Forrest Wall

July 26 – Brewers acquired RHP Joakim Soria and cash from the White Sox for LHP Kodi Medeiros and RHP Wilber Perez

July 26 – Astros acquired C Martin Maldonado from the Angels for future considerations and LHP Patrick Sandoval

July 26 – Yankees acquired LHP J.A. Happ from the Blue Jays for LF Billy McKinney and 3B Brandon Drury

July 26 – Braves acquired LHP Jonny Venters from the Rays for future considerations

July 27 – Cubs acquired LHP Cole Hamels and cash from the Rangers for RHP Eddie Butler, RHP Rollie Lacy and a player to be named later

July 27 – Astros acquired RHP Ryan Pressly from the Twins for CF Gilberto Celestino and RHP Jorge Alcala

July 27 – Mariners acquired RHP Sam Tuivailala from the Cardinals for RHP Seth Elledge

July 27 – Diamondbacks acquired SS Eduardo Escobar from the Twins for RF Ernie De La Trinidad, RF Gabriel Maciell and RHP Jhoan Duran

July 27 – Phillies acquired 2B Asdrubal Cabrera from the Mets for RHP Franklyn Kilome

July 27 – Brewers acquired 3B Mike Moustakas from the Royals for CF Brett Phillips and RHP Jorge Lopez

July 29 – Cardinals acquired LHP Chasen Shreve and RHP Giovanny Gallegos from the Yankees for 1B Luke Voit and future considerations

July 29 – White Sox acquired LHP Caleb Frare from the Yankees for future considerations

July 30 – Braves acquired RHP Brad Brach from the Orioles for future considerations

July 30 – Yankees acquired RHP Lance Lynn and cash from the Twins for RHP Luis Rijo and 1B Tyler Austin

July 30 – Mariners acquired LHP Zach Duke and cash from the Twins for RHP Chase De Jong and 1B Ryan Costello

July 30 – Astros acquired RHP Roberto Osuna from the Blue Jays for RHP David Paulino, RHP Hector Perez and RHP Ken Giles

July 30 – Mariners acquired RHP Adam Warren from the Yankees for future considerations

July 31 – Braves acquired LF Adam Duvall from the Reds for RHP Lucas Sims, RHP Matt Wisler and LF Preston Tucker

July 31 – Red Sox acquired 2B Ian Kinsler from the Angels for RHP Ty Buttrey and LHP Williams Jerez

July 31 – Pirates acquired RHP Keone Kela from the Rangers for Taylor Hearn and a player to be named later

July 31 – Rays acquired CF Tommy Pham and future considerations from the Cardinals for RF Justin Williams, LHP Genesis Cabrera and RHP Roel Ramirez

July 31 – Indians acquired RHP Kyle Dowdy and CF Leonys Martin from the Tigers for SS Willi Castro

July 31 – Marlins acquired RHP Tommy Eveld from the Diamondbacks for RHP Brad Ziegler

July 31 – White Sox acquired LHP Hunter Schryver from the Rays for future considerations

July 31 – Cubs acquired RHP Brandon Kintzler from the Nationals for RHP Jhon Romero

July 31 – Phillies acquired C Wilson Ramos from the Rays for a player to be named later

July 31 – Phillies acquired LHP Aaron Loup from the Blue Jays for RHP Jacob Waguespack

July 31 – Diamondbacks acquired LHP Jake Diekman from the Rangers for RHP Wei-Chieh Huang and a player to be named later

July 31 – Dodgers acquired 2B Brian Dozier from the Twins for 2B Logan Forsythe, OF Luke Raley and LHP Devin Smeltzer

July 31 – Indians acquired CF Oscar Mercado from the Cardinals for CF Conner Capel and RF Jhon Torres

July 31 – Brewers acquired 2B Jonathan Schoop from the Orioles for 2B Jonathan Villar, RHP Luis Ortiz and SS Jean Carmona

July 31 – Pirates acquired RHP Chris Archer from the Rays for RHP Tyler Glasnow, CF Austin Meadows and a player to be named later

July 31 – Dodgers acquired RHP John Axford from the Blue Jays for RHP Corey Copping

July 31 – Mariners acquired LF Cameron Maybin from the Marlins for SS Bryson Brigman and future considerations

July 31 – Braves acquired RHP Kevin Gausman and RHP Darren O'Day from the Orioles for RHP Evan Phillips, 3B Jean Carlos Encarnacion, C Brett Cumberland, LHP Bruce Zimmermann and future considerations

JULY TRADE ACTIVITY BY CLUB, 2000-2018

CLUB	# OF TRADES
Boston	56
New York Yankees	54
Pittsburgh	53
Los Angeles Dodgers	52
Chicago Cubs	51
San Diego	50
Cleveland	44
Texas	42
Seattle	41
Baltimore	40
Chicago White Sox	40
Kansas City	40
Toronto	39
Houston	38
Arizona	37

CLUB	# OF TRADES
Philadelphia	37
Tampa Bay	37
Milwaukee	36
New York Mets	36
Oakland	35
Atlanta	34
Cincinnati	34
San Francisco	34
Colorado	33
Miami	33
St. Louis	33
Minnesota	32
Washington/Montreal	28
Los Angeles Angels	27
Detroit	25

ANNUAL NUMBER OF TRADES, June 1st - July 31st

YEAR	TOTAL TRADES (6/1-7/31)
2018	65
2017	50
2016	48 <i>(Includes August 1st)</i>
2015	43
2014	37
2013	38
2012	37
2011	33
2010	40
2009	36
2008	25
2007	33
2006	42
2005	30
2004	41
2003	34
2002	32
2001	41
2000	42
1999	28
1998	40

ALL-STARs ON THE MOVE

YEAR	ALL-STARs TRADED IN JUNE/JULY (# of All-Star Appearances at Time of Trade)	Combined All-Star Appearances
2018	22 — Cole Hamels (4); Ian Kinsler (4); Manny Machado (4); Chris Archer (2); Zach Britton (2); Asdrubal Cabrera (2); Brad Hand (2); Kelvin Herrera (2); Mike Moustakas (2); Wilson Ramos (2); Joakim Soria (2); Brad Brach (1); Brian Dozier (1); Zach Duke (1); Adam Duvall (1); Jeurys Familia (1); J.A. Happ (1); Brandon Kintzler (1); Lance Lynn (1); Darren O'Day (1); Roberto Osuna (1); Jonathan Schoop (1)	39
2017	23 — Yu Darvish (4); Tyler Clippard (2); Todd Frazier (2); Jonathan Lucroy (2); Pat Neshek (2); Miguel Montero (2); Alex Avila (1); Melky Cabrera (1); Trevor Cahill (1); Sean Doolittle (1); Sonny Gray (1); Jason Grilli (1); Howie Kendrick (1); Brandon Kintzler (1); Francisco Liriano (1); J.D. Martinez (1); Eduardo Nuñez (1); Jose Quintana (1); AJ Ramos (1); David Robertson (1); Sergio Romo (1); Tony Watson (1); Travis Wood (1)	31
2016	17 — Carlos Beltrán (9); Aroldis Chapman (4); Jay Bruce (3); Mark Melancon (3); Tyler Clippard (2); Jonathan Lucroy (2); Fernando Rodney (2); Zach Duke (1); Aaron Hill (1); Francisco Liriano (1); Wade Miley (1); Andrew Miller (1); Matt Moore (1); Eduardo Nuñez (1); Drew Pomeranz (1); Hector Santiago (1); James Shields (1)	37
2015	17 — Jonathan Papelbon (6); David Price (5); Troy Tulowitzki (5); Jose Reyes (4); Cole Hamels (3); Scott Kazmir (3); Aramis Ramirez (3); Jonathan Broxton (2); Tyler Clippard (2); Carlos Gomez (2); Joakim Soria (2); Shane Victorino (2); Ben Zobrist (2); Bronson Arroyo (1); Johnny Cueto (1); Jim Johnson (1); Mark Trumbo (1)	49
2014	12 — David Price (4); Jon Lester (3); Jake Peavy (3); Asdrúbal Cabrera (2); Joakim Soria (2); Huston Street (2); Yoenis Céspedes (1); Allen Craig (1); Jason Grilli (1); John Lackey (1); Justin Masterson (1); Martin Prado (1)	22
2013	6 — Alfonso Soriano (7); Francisco Rodríguez (4); Jake Peavy (3); Jesse Crain (1); Carlos Marmol (1); Matt Thornton (1)	17
2012	15 — Ichiro Suzuki (10); Jim Thome (5); Francisco Cordero (3); Carlos Lee (3); Hanley Ramirez (3); Kevin Youkilis (3); Jonathan Broxton (2); Ryan Dempster (2); Hunter Pence (2); Shane Victorino (2); Zack Greinke (1); Brandon League (1); Francisco Liriano (1); Gaby Sanchez (1); Geovany Soto (1)	40
2011	13 — Carlos Beltrán (6); Francisco Rodríguez (4); Rafael Furcal (2); Derrek Lee (2); Hunter Pence (2); Michael Bourn (1); Mike Cameron (1); Kosuke Fukudome (1); Edwin Jackson (1); Ubaldo Jiménez (1); Felipe Lopez (1); Ryan Ludwick (1); Jason Marquis (1)	24
2010	16 — Miguel Tejada (6); Lance Berkman (5); Dan Haren (3); Roy Oswalt (3); Cristian Guzman (2); Cliff Lee (2); Ted Lilly (2); Dontrelle Willis (2); Kerry Wood (2); Matt Capps (1); Alex Gonzalez (1); Edwin Jackson (1); Ryan Ludwick (1); Scott Podsednik (1); Joe Saunders (1); Jake Westbrook (1)	34
2009	8 — Matt Holliday (3); Victor Martinez (3); Freddy Sanchez (3); Jake Peavy (2); Cliff Lee (1); Nate McLouth (1); George Sherrill (1); Jack Wilson (1)	15
2008	8 — Iván Rodríguez (14); Ken Griffey Jr. (13); Manny Ramirez (11); CC Sabathia (3); Jason Bay (2); Ray Durham (2); Mark Teixeira (1); Randy Wolf (1)	47
2007	7 — Kenny Lofton (6); Luis Castillo (3); Eric Gagne (3); Jason Kendall (3); Matt Morris (2); Morgan Ensberg (1); Mark Teixeira (1)	19
2006	12 — Greg Maddux (8); Sandy Alomar Jr. (6); Sean Casey (3); Bobby Abreu (2); Eddie Guardado (2); Roberto Hernandez (2); Carlos Lee (2); Bob Wickman (2); Shawn Chacon (1); Francisco Cordero (1); Mike MacDougal (1); Mike Stanton (1)	31
2005	9 — Bret Boone (3); Matt Lawton (2); Al Leiter (2); Ugueth Urbina (2); Shawn Chacon (1); Chan Ho Park (1); Paul Quantrill (1); Paul Wilson (1); Randy Winn (1)	14
2004	10 — Nomar Garciaparra (5); Carl Everett (2); Steve Finley (2); Freddy Garcia (2); Esteban Loaiza (2); Paul Lo Duca (2); Rich Aurilia (1); Scott Erickson (1); Alex Gonzalez (1); Todd Jones (1)	19
2003	10 — Roberto Alomar (12); Ruben Sierra (4); Robin Ventura (2); Mike Williams (2); Armando Benitez (1); Jeromy Burnitz (1); Carl Everett (1); Jose Hernandez (1); Raul Mondesi (1); Tony Womack (1)	26
2002	7 — Sandy Alomar Jr. (6); Kenny Lofton (6); Bartolo Colon (1); Ryan Dempster (1); Cliff Floyd (1); Terry Mulholland (1); Scott Rolen (1)	17
2001	13 — Andres Galarraga (5); Fred McGriff (5); Ron Gant (2); Rick Reed (2); James Baldwin (1); Paul Byrd (1); Jermaine Dye (1); Todd Jones (1); Matt Lawton (1); Jose Lima (1); Terry Mulholland (1); Ugueth Urbina (1); Mark Wohlers (1)	23
2000	16 — Harold Baines (6); Will Clark (6); Kevin Brown (5); Curt Schilling (3); Andy Ashby (2); Ron Gant (2); Denny Neagle (2); Mike Bordick (1); Kent Bottenfield (1); Wil Cordero (1); Charles Johnson (1); Henry Rodriguez (1); Heathcliff Slocumb (1); B.J. Surhoff (1); Steve Trachsel (1); Bob Wickman (1)	35

They Said It, and How! **(by MLB Official Historian John Thorn)**

Deadball Days. For me, that was the romantic era of the game, to which I attached my hobby interest early on. Return with me now to those thrilling days of yesteryear....

CY YOUNG: "Pitchers, like poets, are born, not made."

SAM CRAWFORD, on Honus Wagner: "He was a wonderful fielder, terrific arm, very quick, all over the place grabbing sure hits and turning them into outs. And, of course, you know he led the league in batting eight times."

"You'd never think it to look at him, of course. He looked so awkward, bowlegged, barrel-chested, about 200 pounds, a big man. And yet he could run like a scared rabbit. He had enormous hands, and when he scooped up the ball at shortstop he'd grab half the infield with it. But boy, Honus made those plays! He looked awkward doing it, not graceful like Larry Lajoie, but he could make every play Lajoie could make and more. Talk about speed. That bowlegged guy stole over 700 bases in the 21 years he played in the big leagues. A good team man, too, and the sweetest disposition in the world. The greatest ballplayer who ever lived, in my book."

MORDECAI BROWN: "I can still see Christy Mathewson making his lordly entrance. He'd always wait until about ten minutes before game time, then he'd come from the clubhouse across the field in a long linen duster like auto drivers wore in those days, and at every step the crowd would yell louder and louder."

BUGS BAER, describing Ping Bodie's attempt to steal second base in 1917, when he was thrown out by several yards: "His head was full of larceny, but his feet were honest."

CARL MAYS: "Championship baseball teams are not founded on bats. They're built on a backbone of catching, pitching, a second base combination and a center fielder."

TIM HURST, umpire: "Why do I like baseball? The pay is good, it keeps you out in the fresh air and sunshine, and you can't beat them hours."

WEE WILLIE KEELER (right), explaining the essence of his batting success: "Hit 'em where they ain't."

LEE ALLEN: "In 1903 the Cincinnati Enquirer decided to give professional advice to drunk batsmen? The advice was:

Whenever a ball looks like this:

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Take a chance on the middle one."

MARTY McHALE: "As an outfielder, Speaker was in a class by himself. He would play so close to the infield that he'd get in on rundown plays! Then the next man perhaps would hit a long fly into center field and he would be on his bicycle with his back to the ball—not backing away, he'd turn and run—and you'd think he had a radar or a magnet or something because just at the proper time he'd turn his head and catch the ball over his shoulder."

STANTON DELAPLANE: "Oh, once I tried to be a sportswriter. I wrote, 'Snively hit a home run.' The sports editor was aghast. He said, 'He wafted the spheroid over the pickets! Can't you write English?' I had to admit I couldn't. Not sports English. So they put me back on pistol-packing mamas, talking dogs and club luncheons. I made a living out of it."

FRANKLIN P. ADAMS:

These are the saddest of possible words:

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Trio of bear cubs and fleeters than birds,

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,

Making a Giant hit into a double—

Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

CHARLIE DRYDEN, 1909: "Washington—first in war, first in peace and last in the American

GRANTLAND RICE: "A Lajoie with Cobb's speed might have batted .500."

HARRY FRAZEE in 1919: "I believe the sale of Babe Ruth will ultimately strengthen the team."



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

Friday, August 3rd:	San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7th:	Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, August 8th:	Philadelphia Phillies at Arizona D-backs	3:40 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Oakland Athletics	10:05 p.m.



Saturday, August 4th:	New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at Cleveland Indians (FS1)	7:10 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7th:	Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals	1:05 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 8th:	Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers	2:05 p.m.
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Sunday, August 5th:	Los Angeles Angels at Cleveland Indians	1:10 p.m.
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Sunday, August 5th:	New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox	8:05 p.m.
Monday, August 6th:	New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox	8:10 p.m.



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,632 games played this season (through Thursday), Major League Baseball has had 949 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- *949 Replay Reviews
- *195 Confirmed (20.5%)
- *300 Stands (31.6%)
- *445 Overturned (46.9%)
- *7 Rules Check (0.7%)
- *2 Record Keeping (0.2%)
- *1:22 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

CLOSING TIME: Boston's closer Craig Kimbrel is 99-for-108 (91.7%) in save chances with the Red Sox. The only Red Sox pitchers with over 100 saves since the stat became official in 1969 are Jonathan Papelbon (219-for-248, 88.3%), and Bob Stanley (132-for-187, 70.6%).

ACUÑA JR. LEADING OFF: Braves rookie outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. finished 3-for-5 on Wednesday with his 11th home run of the season. Since moving to the leadoff spot on July 20th in Washington for the first game out of the All-Star break, Acuña is hitting .357 (15-for-42) with three doubles, one triple, and four home runs.

GATORADE SHOWER: Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal's two-run, walk-off homer on Wednesday night in the 10th inning was the Club's first regular season walk-off home run since the home finale of the 2016 campaign, when Charlie Culberson's blast clinched the division title. The walk-off win is just the second for the Dodgers this season, following an 11-inning victory over the Rangers on June 13th. Los Angeles also improved to 5-6 in extra-inning games this season.

AS EASY AS 1-2-3: Mariners All-Star closer Edwin Díaz retired the Astros in order in the ninth inning on Monday for his 40th save of the season. In 24 of his 40 saves, he has faced the minimum three batters in an outing of exactly 1.0 inning, the most such saves in the Majors. Red Sox closer Craig Kimbrel ranks second with 17 saves of 1.0 inning and 3 batters faced.

MIKE MASHES #30: On Tuesday, Angels All-Star outfielder Mike Trout connected for his 30th HR of the season to join Hall of Famer Willie Mays as the only players in MLB history with three 30 HR/20 SB seasons by their age-26 campaign-or-younger (first in AL history).

JULY SURGE: Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph reached base safely in 12-of-16 games in the month of July. Joseph reached safely in ten straight games from July 9th-24th. He hit .340 (18-for-53) with four doubles, one home run, 10 runs, and eight RBI in his 16 July games. His .340 batting average in July ranked second-best among AL catchers.

STATS ABOUT SOTO: With 13 home runs as a teenager, the record-breaking Nationals outfielder Juan Soto is tied with Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle (1951) for the sixth-most home runs by a teenager in Major League history. Next on the list is Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr., who clubbed 16 homers during the 1989 season.

SAYING GOODBYE TO JULY: The Friars are looking forward to August, having accrued a 5-20 record in the month of July (.200 winning percentage). It was the second-worst month in San Diego history, better than only August 1969, when they posted a 5-22 record and a .185 winning percentage.

RUN ALONG, ROOKIE: Marlins rookie infielder Brian Anderson is continuing to be one of the main contributors to Miami's offense. He has accounted for 15.0% of the Marlins run total, which is the fifth-highest percentage by a rookie in the last 50 years. Mike Trout accounted for 16.8% of the Angels team run total in 2012, while Hanley Ramirez owned 15.7% of the Marlins total in 2006. Ron Gant had 15.3% of Atlanta's runs in 1988, and Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg accounted for 15.2% of the Cubs total in 1982.

BREAK 'EM OFF: Since the All-Star break, Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos is slashing .314/.400/.629 (11-35) with three home runs, two doubles, eight RBI, and nine runs scored across nine games to raise his batting average to a season-high .223 mark.

AN OFFENSIVE MONTH: The Indians finished the month of July with the Major League lead in runs scored (153), steals (26), team OPS (.835), team batting average (.284) and extra-base hits (97, T-1st).

HOMER HAPPY: The Chicago White Sox have hit 19 home runs in their last 12 games, and 24 over the last 16. Avisail García has hit 10 homers in his last 25 contests.

ALL GOOD THINGS: Rockies All-Star outfielder Charlie Blackmon had his season-high 13-game hitting streak snapped on Wednesday night. Blackmon batted .345 (19-for-55) with 10 runs, seven doubles, three home runs, five RBI and four walks over the streak, which was tied for the longest hitting streak for a Rockies batter this season along with Ian Desmond and Trevor Story.

ROOKIE RACER: Cardinals rookie outfielder Harrison Bader stole his 10th base on Wednesday, marking the first time a Cardinals rookie posted double-digit stolen bases since Kolten Wong (20) in 2014, and before that Kerry Robinson (11) in 2001. The Cardinals stole three bases on Wednesday to match their season-high, done previously at Cincinnati (April 14th) when Tommy Pham stole two and Bader had one.

WHAT A CATCH: Pirates catcher Francisco Cervelli has hit a career-high 10 home runs, nine from the catcher's position and one as a pinch hitter. The last Bucco backstop to hit 10 in a season was Russell Martin in 2014 (11).

IT'S HITTING SEASON: The Phillies have slugged 60 home runs in their last 43 games dating back to June 14th, which is second amongst all National League teams behind only the Dodgers (68).

PITCHING POINTS: On Wednesday night, newly-acquired Rays pitcher Tyler Glasnow became the 15th different starting pitcher used by the Rays this season, which represents the most in the Majors.

THE LAST 40 GAMES: The Oakland A's enter play today 30-10 (.750) dating back to June 16th, which is the best record in the Majors over that span. It matches the best 40-game stretch in the Majors this season.

HOUSTON TRAFFIC: Astros infielder Alex Bregman, the 2018 All-Star Game MVP, went 3-for-5 on Tuesday and has reached base safely in 63 of his last 65 games, dating back to May 15th.

SLAMMING: The Reds and Red Sox are tied for the Major League lead with nine grand slams, matching Cincinnati's 2002 franchise single-season record. This year's Reds recorded a streak of six grand slams over a 17-game span from June 13th-July 1st.

ON FIRE: Brewers All-Star outfielder Christian Yelich has hit safely in 21 of his last 23 games, batting .430 (43-for-100) with five home runs and 23 RBI during the torrid stretch. He enters play today leading the National League in batting average.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April 1 st	Justin Smoak, TOR (.467/.529/1.00, 2 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI)	Adam Eaton, WSH (.615, 7 R, 8 H, 2 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI)
April 8 th	Shohei Ohtani, LAA (3 HR, 7 RBI; 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 12 SO)	Jameson Taillon, PIT (2-0, 1.26 ERA, 14.1 IP, 16 SO)
April 15 th	Justin Verlander, HOU (1-0, 0.60 ERA, 15.0 IP, 20 SO, 2 BB)	Max Scherzer, WSH (2-0, 1.13 ERA, 1 CG SHO, 21 SO)
April 22 nd	Manny Machado, BAL (.500, 7 R, 11 H, 2 2B, 5 HR, 8 RBI) Sean Manaea, OAK (1-0, No-Hitter, 10 SO, 2 BB)	Patrick Corbin, ARI (2-0, 15.0 IP, 2 ER, 19 SO, 2 BB)
April 29 th	Didi Gregorius, NYY (.357/.419/.821, 7 R, 4 HR, 10 RBI)	Joey Votto, CIN (.360, 7 R, 1 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, .543 OBP)
May 6 th	Francisco Lindor, CLE (.425, 17 H, 4 HR, 4 2B, 10 RBI, 23 TB)	A.J. Pollock, ARI (.423, 5 R, 4 HR, 1 2B, 1 3B, 8 RBI, 2 SB)
May 13 th	James Paxton, SEA (1-0, No-Hitter, 11 SO, 3 BB, 15.0 IP) Francisco Lindor, CLE (.600/.652/1.400, 8 R, 4 2B, 4 HR)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.591, 7 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 27 TB)
May 20 th	J.D. Martinez, BOS (.346, 7 R, 2 2B, 5 HR, 8 RBI, 26 TB)	Brandon Belt, SF (.444/.500/1.074, 12 H, 5 HR, 11 RBI, 29 TB)
May 27 th	Gleyber Torres, NYY (.368, 5 R, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 1.158 SLG)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.500, 6 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 23 TB)
June 3 rd	Edwin Encarnacion, CLE (.407, 9 R, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 28 TB)	Matt Kemp, LAD (.429, 6 R, 3 HR, 8 RBI, .952 SLG)
June 10 th	Eduardo Escobar, MIN (.462, 9 XBH, 8 RBI, 26 TB, 1.000 SLG)	Paul Goldschmidt, ARI (.640, 10 R, 11 XBH, 11 RBI, 36 TB)
June 17 th	Evan Gattis, HOU (.417, 6 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 15 RBI, 1.000 SLG)	Marcell Ozuna, STL (.455, 4 HR, 8 RBI, 22 TB, 1.000 SLG)
June 24 th	Nelson Cruz, SEA (.500, 8 R, 3 HR, 8 RBI, 25 TB, 1.042 SLG)	Nolan Arenado, COL (.379, 7 R, 11 H, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 28 TB)
July 1 st	Alex Bregman, HOU (.464, 7 R, 13 H, 5 2B, 5 HR, 10 RBI)	Javier Báez, CHI (.483, 14 H, 10 R, 6 2B, 11 RBI, 26 TB)
July 8 th	Xander Bogaerts, BOS (.400/.600/.933, 6 R, 4 XBH, 10 RBI)	Mark Reynolds, WSH (.625/.684/1.313, 7 R, 3 HR, 12 RBI)
July 15 th	José Ramírez, CLE (.423, 5 HR, , 11 RBI, 29 TB, 1.115 SLG)	Trevor Story, COL (.400, 3 2B, 3 HR, 22 TB, .880 SLG)
July 22 nd	Rougned Odor, TEX (.615, 8 H, 3 SB, 11 TB, .846 SLG)	Matt Carpenter, STL (.529, 8 R, 6 HR, 10 RBI, 1.706 SLG)
July 29 th	Jonathan Schoop, BAL (.379, 11 H, 6 R, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 27 RB)	Christian Yelich, MIL (.517/.548/1.000, 8 R, 7 XBH, 10 RBI)



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	96-115	.240 (1,705-for-7,090)	4.15
National League	115-96	.251 (1,803-for-7,196)	3.89

BUDWEISER PRESENTS THE AL & NL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Didi Gregorius, NYY (.327, 24 R, 32 H, 8 2B, 10 HR, 30 RBI)	A.J. Pollock, ARI (.291, 20 R, 8 2B, 9 HR, 24 RBI, 6 SB)
May	Francisco Lindor, CLE (27 R, 44 H, 13 2B, 10 HR, 23 RBI)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.398, 6 2B, 8 HR, 24 RBI, .720 SLG)
June	Alex Bregman, HOU (24 R, 33 H, 9 2B, 11 HR, 30 RBI)	Paul Goldschmidt, ARI (.364, 25 R, 8 2B, 10 HR, 23 RBI)
July	José Ramírez, CLE (21 R, 8 2B, 8 HR, 25 RBI, 19 BB, 11 SB)	Matt Carpenter, STL (.333, 22 R, 8 2B, 11 HR, 21 RBI, 19 BB)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Sean Manaea, OAK (4-2, 1.03 ERA, 37 SO, 1 no-hitter)	Max Scherzer, WSH (5-1, 1.62 ERA, 57 SO, 9 BB, 39.0 IP)
May	Justin Verlander, HOU (3-2, 0.86 ERA, 41.2 IP, 50 SO, 7 BB)	Max Scherzer, WSH (4-0, 2.21 ERA, 40.2 IP, 63 SO, 10 BB)
June	Chris Sale, BOS (3-2, 1.76 ERA, 41.0 IP, 60 SO, 9 BB)	Jon Lester, CHI (5-0, 1.13 ERA, 32.0 IP, 20 SO, 17 H, 10 BB)
July	Chris Sale, BOS (3-0, 0.36 ERA, 25.0 IP, 43 SO, 16 H, 4 BB)	Zack Greinke, ARI (4-0, 1.60 ERA, 33.2 IP, 35 SO, 5 BB)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Shohei Ohtani, LAA (.341, 4 HR, 12 RBI; 2-1, 4.43 ERA)	Christian Villanueva, SD (.321, 15 R, 25 H, 8 HR, 19 RBI)
May	Gleyber Torres, NYY (.317, 13 R, 26 H, 9 HR, 24 RBI)	Austin Meadows, PIT (.409, 9 R, 3 2B, 4 HR, 7 RBI, 3 SB)
June	Miguel Andújar, NYY (10 R, 24 H, 6 2B, 7 HR, 20 RBI)	Juan Soto, WSH (.317, 19 R, 6 2B, 6 HR, 15 RBI, 18 BB)
July	Lourdes Gurriel Jr. (.423, 30 H, 9 R, 4 2B, 4 HR, 14 RBI)	Juan Soto, WSH (.299/.398/.526, 18 R, 5 2B, 5 HR, 15 RBI)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY THE HARTFORD

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Edwin Díaz, SEA (14 G, 11 SV, 0.63 ERA, 27 SO, 2 H)	Josh Hader, MIL (4 SV, 1.00 ERA, 39 SO, 5 BB, 18.0 IP)
May	Blake Treinen, OAK (14 G, 1-0, 10 SV, 0.59 ERA, 19 SO)	Brad Hand, SD (13 G, 11 SV, 0.61 ERA, 22 SO, 6 H)
June	Edwin Díaz, SEA (14 G, 12 SV, 1.88 ERA, 20 SO, 2 BB)	Kyle Barraclough, MIA (12 G, 7 SV, 0.00 ERA, 12 SO, 1 H)
July	Edwin Díaz, SEA (10 G, 9 SV, 0.00 ERA, 19 SO, 2 BB, 2 H)	Felipe Vázquez, PIT (14 G, 8 SV, 2 ER, 22 SO, 3 BB)