



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

TRIPLE CROWN WATCH

On Tuesday night against the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre, Boston Red Sox All-Star designated hitter J.D. Martinez batted 3-for-5 with a double, one home run and four RBI to propel Boston to 10-7 victory. The right-handed-hitting slugger became the fifth player in franchise history to log 34-or-more homers in Boston's first 114 games of a season, joining David Ortiz (2006), Manny Ramirez (2001), Mo Vaughn (1996) and Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx (1938).



Following last night's three-hit effort with a double and RBI, the Florida native joined infielder Matt Carpenter of the St. Louis Cardinals as the only players in the Majors this season to post at least 30 home runs and 30 doubles. With 98 RBI on the season, J.D. is just two RBI shy of becoming the ninth player in franchise history, and the first since Ortiz in 2003, to record at least 30 home runs and 100 RBI in his first season with the Club.

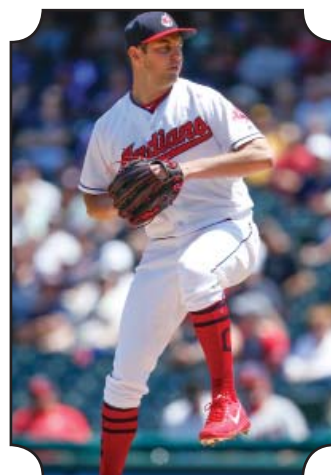
Entering play today, Martinez, who signed with Boston this past offseason, paces the Majors in home runs, RBI, slugging percentage (.654) and total bases (272). The two-time AL All-Star ranks second in batting average (.332), trailing his All-Star teammate Mookie Betts (.340) by eight points. Martinez is vying to become the 10th player (11th time) in AL history to win the prestigious Triple Crown Award, and would join Miguel Cabrera (2012), as well as Hall of Famers Carl Yastrzemski (1967), Frank Robinson (1966), Mickey Mantle (1956), Ted Williams (1947, 42), Lou Gehrig (1934), Foxx (1933), Ty Cobb (1909) and Nap Lajoie (1901).

Additionally, the eight-year-veteran is looking to join Mantle, Williams, Gehrig and Hall of Famer Rogers Hornsby (1925) as the only players in MLB history to lead the Majors in batting average, home runs and RBI. The table below details each of their historic campaigns, as well as J.D.'s 2018 statistics through last night's game.

Player, Club	Year	BA	OBP	SLG	R	2B	HR	RBI
J.D. Martinez, BOS	2018	.332	.399	.654	82	30	34	98
Mickey Mantle, NYY	1956	.353	.464	.705	132	22	52	130
Ted Williams, BOS	1942	.356	.499	.648	141	34	36	137
Lou Gehrig, NYY	1934	.363	.465	.706	128	40	49	166
Rogers Hornsby, STL	1925	.403	.489	.756	133	41	39	143

BAUER OUTAGE

On Monday against the Minnesota Twins at Progressive Field, Cleveland Indians All-Star starting pitcher Trevor Bauer tossed 6.0 shutout innings with 11 strikeouts while limiting the Twins to just three hits. With the outing, Bauer is tied with Chris Sale of the Boston Red Sox for the most double-digit strikeout performances this season (10). The 27-year-old entered play today with 206 punchouts on the season, second-most in the AL behind Sale (207). Additionally, Bauer reached the 200-strikeout mark across just 156.0 innings pitched, the second-fewest in franchise history behind his rotation-mate Corey Kluber, who reached the threshold in 147.0 innings pitched during his Cy Young Award-winning 2017 season.



Following his dominant performance, the third overall selection in the 2011 MLB Draft posted his 50th consecutive start in which he allowed no more than four earned runs, dating back to May 8, 2017. Trevor is just the 10th American Leaguer since 1920 to record such a streak, and the first since Vida Blue, whose streak spanned two seasons including his Cy Young Award and MVP-winning 1971 campaign. Below is a table depicting each pitcher's streak.

Pitcher	Starts	Streak Dates	W-L	ERA	SO	H	BB
Jim Hannan	81	May 3, 1962-September 24, 1969	23-28	3.54	242	438	208
Camilo Pascual	72	June 4, 1966-May 3, 1969	29-27	3.37	255	384	134
Rickey Clark	69	April 30, 1967-June 20, 1972	18-30	3.09	215	308	189
Jim Perry	67	July 31, 1965-September 11, 1968	27-22	2.53	266	389	125
Tommy John	59	May 5, 1967-May 15, 1969	23-15	2.12	246	304	104
Vida Blue	57	July 20, 1969-July 2, 1972	29-12	2.07	386	296	131
Joe Horlen	57	June 17, 1965-May 17, 1967	21-22	2.67	205	335	87
Dave McNally	55	September 18, 1967-June 27, 1969	34-10	2.09	283	269	83
John Buzhardt	53	August 31, 1962-May 16, 1965	23-14	2.69	191	294	82
Trevor Bauer	50	May 8, 2017-Present	26-12	2.89	370	272	104

In addition, the impressive outing was Trevor's eighth this season in which he tallied at least 10 strikeouts while permitting no more than five hits. The UCLA product is just the sixth AL hurler (ninth time) to post at least eight such starts across his Club's first 111 games of the season. Kluber accomplished the feat during his Cy Young Award-winning campaign last season, as did the aforementioned Sale. See below for a table illustrating each hurler's stats during their dominant starts.

Pitcher, Club	# of Games	Year	W-L	ERA	SO	H	BB
Chris Sale, BOS	11	2017	7-2	1.76	123	39	18
Corey Kluber, CLE	10	2017	6-1	1.15	114	36	9
Randy Johnson, SEA	9	1995	7-0	1.30	107	38	18
Trevor Bauer, CLE	8	2018	4-1	1.58	90	30	18
Pedro Martinez, BOS	8	2000	7-0	0.75	91	29	12
Nolan Ryan, TEX	8	1989	8-0	1.35	93	23	15
Nolan Ryan, CAL	8	1979	8-0	1.02	91	23	28
Nolan Ryan, CAL	8	1977	7-0	1.72	92	34	43
Sam McDowell, CLE	8	1968	6-2	0.61	102	30	25

2019 ALL-STAR GAME LOGO

On Tuesday afternoon, Major League Baseball, the Cleveland Indians and officials from the City of Cleveland today unveiled the official logo of the 2019 All-Star Game presented by Mastercard. The 90th Midsummer Classic will be played at Progressive Field on Tuesday, July 9th, marking the sixth All-Star Game to be hosted by the Indians and the second at Progressive Field (also 1997 – then Jacobs Field).



Those in attendance for Tuesday's unveiling prior to Cleveland's game against the Minnesota Twins included Paul J. Dolan, Owner of the Indians; MLB Deputy Commissioner, Business & Media Tony Petitti; the Mayor of Cleveland, the honorable Frank Jackson; Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish; Indians three-time All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor; Indians manager Terry Francona; and Indians first base coach and legend Sandy Alomar Jr., who was the Most Valuable Player of the 1997 All-Star Game in Cleveland.

The official logo of the 2019 All-Star Game celebrates the rich culture of Cleveland. Here in the spiritual birthplace of Rock and Roll, baseball and music are brought together through the icon of a guitar. Baseball stitching creates the shape that hold the "Rock and Roll" stylized letters of the All-Star Game and its host. The MLB logo punctuates this stylized representation as the head of the guitar. The Club's colors of red and blue are joined with tones of gray used for depth and dimension, while the six strings of the guitar are cleverly used in theme art to recognize Cleveland's sixth time hosting the Midsummer Classic.

Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred Jr. said: "Major League Baseball is excited to bring the All-Star Game to Cleveland for a sixth time in 2019. Each year, the unveiling of the All-Star logo signals the start of the countdown to All-Star Week. Cleveland fans have a lot to look forward to with the combined on-field success of the Indians and a wide array of events next summer, culminating with the 90th All-Star Game on July 9th."

"This is a very exciting time for our city and organization," said Indians Owner Paul Dolan. "Today's logo unveil starts the countdown to 2019 All-Star Week festivities and is an invitation to baseball fans around the world to come visit our Rock N' Roll city. With significant renovations over the last few years at Progressive Field, our ballpark truly is a crowned jewel and we look forward to putting on a great show for Major League Baseball."

"The City of Cleveland welcomes the 2019 Major League Baseball All-Star Game," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "We are a city of winners and home to the Cleveland Indians, one of the best MLB teams in the league. We look forward to showing the world the same level of hospitality and friendship we demonstrate to everyone that makes Cleveland a great place to live, work, play and do business."

In the 25th anniversary season of Progressive Field, the 2019 Midsummer Classic will join the All-Star Games of 1935, 1954, 1963, 1981 and 1997 as those played in the city of Cleveland. The Indians will become the first franchise to host the All-Star Game on six occasions, while the city of Cleveland will be the third city overall, and first single-team city, to host Baseball's summer showcase at least six times.

PLAYERS' WEEKEND TO RETURN FOR THE 2018 SEASON

"The Knight," "Big Fella," and "The Machine" are a few of the nicknames that will appear on the back of MLB uniforms during Players' Weekend presented by Valspar Stain. The event returns for its second year for all games scheduled from August 24-26, it was announced today by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Players' Weekend will showcase the personalities and interests of Major League players by allowing them to select a nickname for the back of their jersey as well as wear and use uniquely colored and designed equipment including bats, spikes, batting gloves, wristbands, compression sleeves and catcher's equipment.

A select group of MLB players will be Ambassadors and they will promote the event and connect with fans leading into Players' Weekend. The players participating are Ozzie Albies, José Berríos, Alex Bregman, Edwin Díaz, Didi Gregorius, Kiké Hernández, Rhys Hoskins, Brandon Nimmo, Albert Pujols and Andrelton Simmons.

Players will wear specially designed uniforms created for the three games with jerseys by Majestic, caps by New Era and socks from Stance. Uniform images for each of the teams can be found here: [Players' Weekend Caps and Players' Weekend Jerseys](#).

Each player will have the opportunity to recognize someone who was instrumental in his personal development, or a baseball player who inspired him to achieve, on a jersey patch on his right sleeve. In addition, each player will have the option to wear a t-shirt highlighting a cause or charity of his choice during pregame workouts and postgame interviews.

The "Evolution" logo, which shows a progression of five players increasing in size to demonstrate the process of a player's path from Little League and youth leagues to Major League Baseball, again will appear on the sleeve patch as well as on the back of each Club's cap and jersey. It will take the place of the standard MLB silhouetted batter. The logo symbolizes solidarity with local youth baseball and softball organizations.

"We were extraordinarily pleased that the first Players' Weekend gave fans greater insight into the players, their stories and their paths to the Major Leagues," said Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr. "By highlighting their positive influences, Players' Weekend showcased the significance of youth baseball and its role in the development of Major Leaguers. We look forward to the event returning and continuing to bring fans closer to the greatest baseball players in the world."

"Players envisioned Players' Weekend as a way to express themselves and connect with fans in a fun and more personal way," MLBPA Executive Director Tony Clark said. "And the opportunity for Players to honor those who first stirred their passions for baseball at a grassroots level helps reinforce the way our game is handed down from generation to generation."

Valspar Stain will be the first presenting sponsor of Players' Weekend. With the vibrant and colorful uniforms of Players' Weekend, Valspar, a manufacturer of paints and coatings, brings its more than 200-year history of helping people connect with the power of color to the event.

Game-worn, Players' Weekend jerseys will be auctioned at MLB.com/auctions. All proceeds will be donated to the MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation, a joint effort established in July 2015 by MLB and the MLBPA with an initial commitment of \$30 million focused on improving the caliber, effectiveness and availability of amateur baseball and softball programs across the United States and Canada.

The special features of the Players' Weekend games will also be adopted by the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies during the MLB Little League Classic presented by GEICO to be played in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 19th during the 2018 Little League World Series. The game, which will celebrate youth baseball, will be played in front of a crowd of primarily Little League players and their families at historic Bowman Field. Earlier in the day, Major League players will attend Little League World Series games and cheer on these youngsters as a demonstration of the players' passion and commitment to helping grow the game at the youth level. The MLB Little League Classic will air nationally on ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" and ESPN Radio at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

AUGUST TRADE & WAIVER TRACKER

Following is a list of trades and waiver claims made during the August waiver trading period:

August 3 - Tigers acquired RHP Christian Binford from the Orioles for cash

August 4 - Yankees acquired 3B Gio Urshela from the Blue Jays

August 4 - Yankees acquired RHP George Kontos from the Indians for cash

August 4 - Tigers acquired RHP Eric Villanueva from the Mets for cash

August 5 - Athletics acquired RHP Shawn Kelley from the Nationals for future considerations

August 6 - Athletics acquired RHP Mike Fiers from the Tigers for future considerations

August 6 - Pirates acquired SS Adeiny Hechavarria and cash from the Rays for RHP Matt Seelinger

August 7 - Royals acquired RHP Jon Perrin from the Brewers for RHP Sal Biasi

2018 POSTSEASON SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Last Thursday, Major League Baseball announced the schedule for the 2018 Postseason, which is set to open with the National League Wild Card Game presented by Hankook Tire on ESPN on Tuesday, October 2nd, followed by the American League Wild Card Game presented by Hankook Tire on TBS on Wednesday, October 3rd. Game One of the 2018 World Series presented by YouTube TV on FOX is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd at the home of the League Champion with the better 2018 regular season record.

Following the scheduled Sunday, September 30th conclusion to the regular season, potentially necessary regular season Tiebreaker Games would be telecast exclusively by ESPN on Monday, October 1st.

Both NL Division Series presented by Doosan will be scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 4th. The first full slate of Division Series games, featuring two AL Division Series openers and a pair of NLDS Game Two contests, will be held on Friday, October 5th. Overall, the Division Series are scheduled to run from Thursday, October 4th through the following Thursday, October 11th, with potential Game Fives on Wednesday, October 10th (NLDS) and Thursday, October 11th (ALDS). FS1 and MLB Network will combine to cover all NLDS games, while TBS will cover the ALDS.

The National League Championship Series, beginning on Friday, October 12th, will be telecast by FOX or FS1. The American League Championship Series, set to start on Saturday, October 13th, will be telecast by TBS. A potential Game Seven of the NLCS is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th, while a potential Game Seven of the ALCS is set for Sunday, October 21st.

Game One of the 2018 World Series presented by YouTube TV is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd, and the 114th Fall Classic will change sites for Game Three on Friday, October 26th. If a Game Seven proves necessary, it would be scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st. The scheduled off days during the World Series are Thursday, October 25th and Monday, October 29th (if a Game Six is necessary). FOX Sports will present live telecast coverage of the World Series for the 21st time.

All games telecast on MLB Network, TBS and FOX will be available to MLB.TV subscribers who are authenticated subscribers to the applicable network through a participating pay TV provider.

The NL Wild Card Game, as well as any necessary tiebreakers, will also be available via the ESPN App. ESPN Radio will provide live national coverage of all 2018 MLB Postseason games, including the Wild Card Games and any necessary Tiebreakers.

The 2018 Postseason schedule, subject to change, is below and can be viewed in its entirety at www.mlb.com/postseason.



DAY	DATE	SERIES	NETWORK
Tues.	Oct. 2 nd	NL Wild Card Game	ESPN
Wed.	Oct. 3 rd	AL Wild Card Game	TBS



DAY	DATE	SERIES	NETWORK
Thurs.	Oct. 4 th	NLDS A, Game 1	FS1 or MLBN
		NLDS B, Game 1	FS1 or MLBN
Fri.	Oct. 5 th	NLDS A, Game 2	FS1 or MLBN
		NLDS B, Game 2	FS1 or MLBN
		ALDS A, Game 1	TBS
		ALDS B, Game 1	TBS
Sat.	Oct. 6 th	ALDS A, Game 2	TBS
		ALDS B, Game 2	TBS
Sun.	Oct. 7 th	NLDS A, Game 3	FS1 or MLBN
		NLDS B, Game 3	FS1 or MLBN
Mon.	Oct. 8 th	NLDS A, Game 4	FS1
		NLDS B, Game 4	FS1
		ALDS A, Game 3	TBS
		ALDS B, Game 3	TBS
Tues.	Oct. 9 th	ALDS A, Game 4	TBS
		ALDS B, Game 4	TBS
Wed.	Oct. 10 th	NLDS A, Game 5	FS1
		NLDS B, Game 5	FS1
Thurs.	Oct. 11 th	ALDS A, Game 5	TBS
		ALDS B, Game 5	TBS



Italics = if necessary.

LDS A = Involves club with **best record**;

LDS B = **Not** involving club with best record





DAY	DATE	SERIES	NETWORK
Fri.	Oct. 12 th	NLCS Game 1	FOX or FS1
Sat.	Oct. 13 th	NLCS Game 2	FOX or FS1
		ALCS Game 1	TBS
Sun.	Oct. 14 th	ALCS Game 2	TBS
Mon.	Oct. 15 th	NLCS Game 3	FOX or FS1
Tues.	Oct. 16 th	ALCS Game 3	TBS
		NLCS Game 4	FOX or FS1
Wed.	Oct. 17 th	NLCS Game 5	FOX or FS1
		ALCS Game 4	TBS
Thurs.	Oct. 18 th	ALCS Game 5	TBS
Fri.	Oct. 19 th	NLCS Game 6	FOX or FS1
Sat.	Oct. 20 th	ALCS Game 6	TBS
		NLCS Game 7	FOX or FS1
Sun.	Oct. 21 st	ALCS Game 7	TBS



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DAY	DATE	GAME, SITE	NETWORK
Tues.	Oct. 23 rd	Game 1	FOX
Wed.	Oct. 24 th	Game 2	FOX
Thurs.	Oct. 25 th	Travel Day	
Fri.	Oct. 26 th	Game 3	FOX
Sat.	Oct. 27 th	Game 4	FOX
Sun.	Oct. 28 th	Game 5	FOX
Mon.	Oct. 29 th	Travel Day	
Tues.	Oct. 30 th	Game 6	FOX
Wed.	Oct. 31 st	Game 7	FOX

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

Deadball Days, part two. Return with me now to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when men were men and ballplayers were ballplayers.

SAM CRAWFORD, about Ed Walsh: "He threw a spitball (see grip in right picture)—I think that ball disintegrated on the way to the plate and the catcher put it back together again. I swear, when it went past the plate it was just the spit went by."

BUG HOLLIDAY: "This is a funny business. We get paid to knock the cover off the ball, and pitchers get paid to keep us from hitting it."

DAMON RUNYON: "Mathewson pitched against Cincinnati yesterday. Another way of putting it is that Cincinnati lost a game of baseball. The first statement means the same as the second." [During his career, Matty went 39-9 against the Reds, with an ERA of 1.06.]

RING LARDNER, about Walter Johnson: "He's got a gun concealed about his person. They can't tell me he throws them balls with his arm."

OGDEN NASH:

A is for Alex

The great Alexander;

More goose eggs he pitched

Than a popular gander.

[...]

E is for Evers,

His jaw in advance;

Never afraid

To Tinker with Chance.

[...]

S is for Speaker,

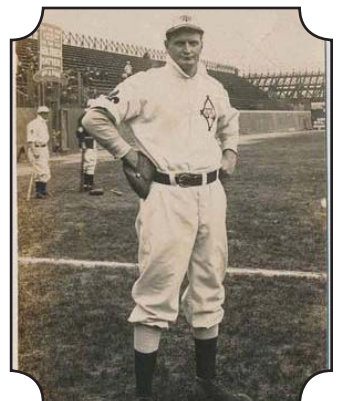
Swift center-field tender;

When the ball saw him coming,

It yelled, "I surrender"

SAM CRAWFORD, on Rube Waddell (right): "The main thing you had to watch out for was not to get him mad. If things were going smoothly and everyone was happy, Rube would be happy too, and he'd just go along, sort of half pitching. Just fooling around, lackadaisical, you know. But if you got him mad he'd really bear down, and then you wouldn't have a chance. Not a chance."

"Hughie Jennings, our manager at Detroit, used to go to the dime store and buy little toys, like rubber snakes or a jack-in-the-box. He'd get in the first-base coach's box and set them down on the grass and yell, "Hey, Rube, look." Rube would look over at the jack-in-the-box popping up and down and kind of grin, real slow-like, you know. Yeah, we'd do everything to get him in a good mood, and to distract him from his pitching."



TOMMY LEACH: "Today they seem to think that the most exciting play in baseball is the home run. But in my book the most exciting play in baseball is a three-bagger, or an inside-the-park home run. You used to see a fair number of them in the old days, but now they're the rarest plays in baseball. For sheer excitement, I don't think anything can beat when you see that guy go tearing around the bases and come sliding into third or into the plate, with the ball coming in on a line from the outfield at the same time. Now that's something to write home about."

HYDER ALI (pen name for Richard Cary Jr., who ghosted Anson's autobiography):

How old is Anson? No one knows.

I saw him playing when a kid,

When I was wearing still short clothes,

And so my father's father did;

The oldest veterans of them all

As kids, saw Anson play baseball.

How old is Anson? Ask the stars

That glisten in the hair of night

When day has drawn her golden bars

To shut the sunbeams from our sight;

The stars were present at his birth-

Were first to welcome him to earth.

LEE ALLEN, on Jim O'Rourke (right): "On another occasion, when Orator Jim was a manager, one of his players, John Peters, asked for a ten-dollar advance. 'I am sorry,' O'Rourke replied sympathetically, 'but the exigencies of the occasion and the condition of our exchequer will not permit anything of the sort at this period of our existence. Subsequent developments in the field of finance may remove the present gloom and we may emerge into a condition where we may see fit to reply in the affirmative to your exceedingly modest request.' Understandably, Peters did not try again."

BILL WAMBSGANSS: "Ray Chapman was the regular shortstop when I got there. A great one, too. Ring Lardner was writing sports in those days, and he must have gotten intrigued by my name—he wasn't the first, nor the last. I'd hardly joined the team before I read the limerick in the newspaper:

The Naps bought a shortstop named Wambsganss,

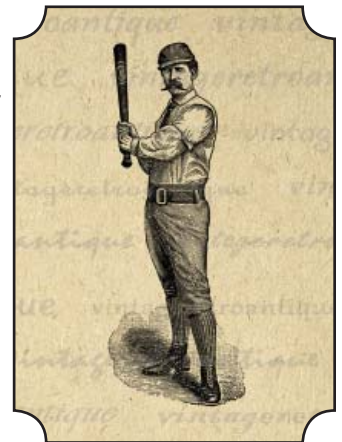
Who is slated to fill Ray Chapman's pants.

But when he saw Ray,

And the way he could play,

He muttered, 'I haven't a clam's chance!'

"It was true enough."



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

Thursday, August 9th:	Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros	8:10 p.m.
Friday, August 10rd:	Washington Nationals at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
Saturday, August 11th:	Texas Rangers at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
Monday, August 13th:	Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves	1:35 p.m.
	Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers	8:05 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
Tuesday, August 14th:	Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15th:	Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics	3:35 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.



Saturday, August 11th:	Washington Nationals at Chicago Cubs (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves (FS1)	7:10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15th: Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs 2:20 p.m.



Sunday, August 12th:	Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros	2:20 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 15th:	Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies	7:05 p.m.



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,717 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 994 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- *994 Replay Reviews
- *202 Confirmed (20.3%)
- *315 Stands (31.7%)
- *467 Overturned (47.0%)
- *7 Rules Check (0.7%)
- *3 Record Keeping (0.3%)
- *1:22 Average Time



LINE DRIVES *(Compiled from Club Game Notes)*

HOME RUNS: The Braves hit three more home runs on Wednesday night, and now have hit 22 in 17 games since the All-Star Game. The club hit three in the final nine games leading into the break. Entering play today, the Braves have hit 77 home runs on the road this season, tied for the fifth-most in Baseball and 10 behind the St. Louis Cardinals for the most in the National League. The Braves have hit 1.28 home runs per road game this season.

YOU COMPLETE ME: Jameson Taillon of the Pittsburgh Pirates tossed his second complete game of the season on Tuesday night and the first 9.0-inning complete game for an opponent at Coors Field since Clayton Kershaw on July 2, 2013. During the contest against Colorado, Jameson matched up against fellow testicular cancer survivor Chad Bettis. Taillon now shares the Major League-lead in complete games this season with José Berríos, Carlos Carrasco, Corey Kluber and James Paxton.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: All-Star second baseman Gleyber Torres and third baseman Miguel Andújar are the first pair of Yankees rookies to each hit at least 15 home runs in the same season. Torres ranks second among MLB rookies with 18 homers and Andújar is fourth with 15.

30/30: Infielder Matt Carpenter became the first Major Leaguer this season to hit 30-or-more home runs and 30-or-more doubles, and the 13th different Cardinal to reach the feat in franchise history (31st occurrence). The last Cardinal with 30 homers and 30 doubles was Albert Pujols in 2010 (42 HR, 39 2B), who reached the milestone in 10 consecutive seasons from 2001-10.

FREE WILLY: At 22 years, 339 days, Tampa Bay Rays shortstop Willy Adames became the fifth player in franchise history to hit a walk-off home run before his 23rd birthday, joining Jake Bauers (June 24, 2018), Evan Longoria (2008), Delmon Young (2007) and Carl Crawford (2003). While Adames (22.339) and Bauers (22.261) have both hit walk-off homers for the Rays, only two other players in the Majors this season have hit a walk-off home run before their 23rd birthday: Atlanta's Ozzie Albies (21.169) on June 25th vs. Cincinnati and Gleyber Torres (21.144) of the Yankees on May 6th vs. Cleveland.

STREAKING: Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets has held opponents to three runs-or-less in 19 straight starts, the second-longest single-season streak in franchise history. Dwight Gooden had a 24-game streak during his Cy Young Award-winning 1985 season. DeGrom has hurled 14 straight quality starts, the longest active streak in the Majors and the longest single-season streak since Johan Santana had 14 consecutive quality starts from July 22-September 27, 2008.

SAY WHAT?: Los Angeles Angels designated hitter/pitcher Shohei Ohtani is the first player in MLB history to hit at least 10 home runs and tally 50-or-more pitching strikeouts in the same season. He is just the third player in Baseball history with 12 home runs & four wins in a season joining Jimmy Ryan (1888 White Stockings) and Hall of Famer Babe Ruth (1919 Red Sox).

20/20/20/20 VISION: On Tuesday night, Chicago White Sox first baseman José Abreu became the 18th player in Major League history to hit at least 20 home runs in each of his first five seasons, and the first player in White Sox franchise history. Hall of Famers Eddie Murray (1977-81), Ted Williams (1939-42, 1946) and Joe DiMaggio (1936-40), as well as Pete Incaviglia (1986-90), and Tony Conigliaro (1964-69), are the only players to accomplish the feat exclusively in the American League.

OUR BÁE: Infielder Javier Báez is already just the third different Cubs player in franchise history to reach 30 doubles, five triples, 25 homers and 15 stolen bases in a single season, joining Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg (1985 and 1992) and Alfonso Soriano (2007).

HAIL, HAIL: Texas Rangers third baseman Adrián Beltré hit his 468th career home run on Tuesday night, matching Hall of Famer Chipper Jones for 33rd on the all-time list. Among players to appear primarily at third base in their career, the 468 homers by Beltré and Jones rank tied for third all-time to only Hall of Famers Mike Schmidt (548) and Eddie Mathews (512).

BELIEVE IT: Friday night marked the 150th game of Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Rhys Hoskins' young career. His .938 career OPS (648 plate appearances) through 150 career contests is the second-best mark among all Phillies players dating to 1900, trailing only Hall of Famer Chuck Klein (1.041 OPS).

CRUZ CONTROL: Nelson Cruz belted his 30th home run of the season on Tuesday night, becoming the third Mariners player in Club history with at least four seasons of at least 30 home runs. He joins Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (6x, 1993-94, '96-99) and Alex Rodriguez (4x, 1996, '98-2000). Cruz and Griffey are the only Mariners to post four consecutive seasons of 30-or-more home runs.

COUNTDOWN TO 8,000: Oakland A's outfielder Khris Davis hit the 7,995th home run in Oakland history on Tuesday night, leaving the A's five short of 8,000 total homers since moving to Oakland in 1968. Only five teams have hit 8,000 home runs dating back to 1968: the New York Yankees, the Baltimore Orioles, the Detroit Tigers, the Boston Red Sox and the Texas Rangers.

HIT TO THE NINES: With three more hits this season, Starlin Castro will reach the 130-hit mark for the ninth time in his Major League career. He would become the sixth player who debuted in the last 20 years to record 130-or-more hits in each of his first nine Major League seasons, joining Carlos Lee (1999-2012), Robinson Canó (2005-17), Ichiro Suzuki (2001-13), Albert Pujols (2001-12) and Mark Teixeira (2003-11).

WELL TRAVELED: Houston Astros relief pitcher Héctor Rondón has been scoreless in all 22 of his road appearances this season (21.1IP), which is the third-longest road scoreless appearance streak in Astros history. Dating back to his time with the Cubs, he has not allowed a run in 27 consecutive road games since August 27, 2017 (25.1IP), which is the longest active streak in the Majors.

40 & 150: All-Star second baseman Scooter Gennett is one of only five players since 1968 to produce at least 40 home runs and 150 RBI in his first two seasons with the Redlegs, joining Brandon Phillips (2006-07), Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (2000-01), Dave Parker (1984-85) and Hall of Famer Joe Morgan (1972-73). He is the only player to accomplish the feat while batting at least .300.

1,000: On Tuesday night, All-Star outfielder Charlie Blackmon became the seventh player in franchise history to reach 1,000 hits in a Colorado uniform, joining Todd Helton (2,519), Larry Walker (1,361), Carlos González (1,295), Dante Bichette (1,278), Vinny Castilla (1,206) and Troy Tulowitzki (1,165).

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)
August 5 th	Rougned Odor, TEX (8 R, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 20 TB, .870 SLG)	Matt Carpenter, STL (.423, 7 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 7 RBI, 8 BB)



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	102-119	.239 (1,775-for-7,413)	4.05
National League	119-102	.248 (1,862-for-7,508)	3.88

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)