



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018

## MACHADO AT THE QUARTER CENTURY MARK

On Sunday afternoon against the Seattle Mariners, newly acquired Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop/third baseman Manny Machado recorded the 500<sup>th</sup> and 501<sup>st</sup> run scored of his career. Tallying his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career hit on August 9<sup>th</sup>, Machado became the third-youngest active player (26 years, 44 days) to record 1,000 hits and 500 runs scored in his career. Only All-Stars Miguel Cabrera (25, 142) and Mike Trout (26, 0) reached the milestone at a younger age.



Since his debut as a 19-year-old in 2012, Machado enters play today with a career .283 batting average (1,012-for-3,581) to go along with 502 runs scored, 203 doubles and 167 home runs. The third overall selection of the 2010 MLB Draft is just the sixth player since at least 1871 to post those totals with a .280-or-better batting average through their age-25 season, joining Hall of Famers Hank Aaron and Mel Ott, as well as Miguel Cabrera, Albert Pujols and Alex Rodriguez. The table below details each player's career statistics through their age-25 seasons.

Player	Year Range	Age Range	BA	R	2B	HR
<b>Manny Machado</b>	<b>2012-18</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>.283</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>167</b>
Miguel Cabrera	2003-08	20-25	.309	534	219	175
Albert Pujols	2001-05	21-25	.332	629	227	201
Alex Rodriguez	1994-2001	18-25	.311	760	228	241
Hank Aaron	1954-59	20-25	.323	612	205	179
Mel Ott	1926-34	17-25	.316	799	224	211

In addition, Machado, who logged his 13<sup>th</sup> stolen base of the season on Monday, has now amassed 52 stolen bases over the course of his career. His 13 stolen bases thus far are the the second-most in a single season for Machado, trailing only his 2015 campaign (20). Manny is just the sixth player in MLB history to notch at least 1,000 hits, 167 home runs and 52 stolen bases through his age-25 season, joining Hall of Famers Orlando Cepeda, Ken Griffey Jr. and Mickey Mantle, as well as Rodriguez and Trout.

### ***MLB Players with 1,000 H, 167 HR, 52 SB through age-25 season***

Player	Year Range	Age Range	H	HR	SB
<b>Manny Machado</b>	<b>2012-18</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>52</b>
Mike Trout	2011-17	19-25	1,040	201	165
Alex Rodriguez	1994-2001	18-25	1,167	241	151
Ken Griffey Jr.	1989-95	19-25	1,039	189	92
Orlando Cepeda	1958-63	20-25	1,105	191	83
Mickey Mantle	1951-57	19-25	1,080	207	59

## 20 & UNDER CLUB

On Monday against the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park, Atlanta Braves rookie Bryse Wilson made his Major League debut, tossing 5.0 shutout innings en route to earning his first career victory. The outing marked the third start this season by a 20-year-old Atlanta hurler. Right-handed pitcher Mike Soroka made his MLB debut on May 1<sup>st</sup>, while left-handed hurler Kolby Allard made his debut as a starter on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Since 1900, the 2018 Braves are just the 14<sup>th</sup> Club in the Majors, and the fourth in the NL, to have three hurlers make starts while younger than 21 years old in the same season. The 1965 Kansas City Athletics were the last Club to accomplish the feat, while the 1963 Houston Colt .45s were the most recent NL team. Since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, only four Clubs have had four 20-year-old pitchers make a start in the same season: the 1952 Pittsburgh Pirates; the 1944 Brooklyn Dodgers; the 1915 Philadelphia Athletics; and the 1913 Washington Senators.

Club	# of Pitchers	Pitchers
1952 Pittsburgh Pirates	4	Bill Bell / Ron Kline / Ron Necciai / Jim Waugh
1944 Brooklyn Dodgers	4	Ralph Branca / Clyde King / Cal McLish / Frank Wurm
1915 Philadelphia Athletics	4	Rube Bressler / Bud Davis / Tom Knowlson / Bill Morrisette
1913 Washington Senators	4	Jack Bentley / Joe Engel / Jim Shaw / Mutt Williams
2018 Atlanta Braves	3	Kolby Allard / Mike Soroka / Bryse Wilson
1965 Kansas City Athletics	3	Don Buschhorn / Catfish Hunter / Ron Tompkins
1963 Houston Colt .45s	3	Jay Dahl / Larry Yellen / Chris Zachary
1959 Baltimore Orioles	3	Jack Fisher / Milt Pappas / Jerry Walker
1915 Washington Senators	3	Jack Bentley / George Dumont / Harry Harper
1914 Washington Senators	3	Jack Bentley / Harry Harper / Jim Shaw
1913 Philadelphia Athletics	3	Charlie Boardman / Bullet Joe Bush / Herb Pennock
1912 Detroit Tigers	3	George Bohler / Allan Travers / Charlie Wheatley
1912 Philadelphia Athletics	3	Bullet Joe Bush / Byron Houck / Herb Pennock
1902 Philadelphia Athletics	3	Andy Coakley / Tad Quinn / Tom Walker



## INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	117-133	.240 (2,016-for-8,386)	4.14
National League	117-133	.251 (2,141-for-8,543)	3.89

## **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 for cash  
**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  
**August 9** - Tigers acquired RHP Nick Tepesch from the Blue Jays for cash  
**August 9** - Athletics acquired RHP Fernando Rodney from the Twins for RHP Dakota Chalmers  
**August 10** - Phillies acquired 1B Justin Bour and cash from the Marlins for LHP McKenzie Mills  
**August 12** - Marlins acquired OF Christopher Bostick from the Pirates for cash  
**August 14** - Blue Jays acquired RHP Bryan Baker from the Rockies  
**August 14** - Rays acquired RHP Shane Baz from the Pirates  
**August 14** - Rangers acquired OF Alexander Ovalles from the Cubs  
**August 14** - Angels acquired RHP Odrisamer Despaigne from the Marlins for cash  
**August 15** - Cubs acquired OF Terrance Gore from the Royals  
**August 16** - Rangers acquired RHP Kelvin Gonzalez from the Royals for future considerations  
**August 17** - Rangers acquired 3B Sherten Apostel from the Pirates  
**August 17** - Rangers acquired LHP Joshua Javier from the Diamondbacks  
**August 18** - Tigers acquired RHP Nolan Blackwood from the Athletics  
**August 21** - Cubs acquired 2B Daniel Murphy from the Nationals for 2B Andruw Monasterio and a player to be named later  
**August 22** - Phillies acquired LHP Luis Avilan from the White Sox for RHP Felix Paulino

## **BETANCES FINDING HIS GROOVE BACK**

On Tuesday night against the Miami Marlins, relief pitcher Dellin Betances of the New York Yankees tallied a strikeout in his 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive appearance dating back to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the four-time All-Star has compiled a 2-1 record with 53 strikeouts, 13 walks, 10 hits and a 0.59 ERA across 30.1 innings pitched. Now with 91 punchouts on the season, the 30-year-old is nine strikeouts away from becoming the first pitcher in MLB history to register at least 100 strikeouts as a reliever in five consecutive seasons.



Last week, Betances surpassed his former teammate Andrew Miller (May 6-July 17, 2016) for the longest streak by a reliever in franchise history. In addition, the streak is currently the seventh-longest among Major League relievers in a single season since at least 1908. Milwaukee Brewers reliever Corey Knebel holds the MLB record, posting a strikeout in 45 consecutive games during his 2017 All-Star campaign, while Jeff Montgomery holds the AL record after logging a streak of 32 games in 1989. The table below depicts relievers who have tallied at least one punchout in 30-or-more outings.

Pitcher, Club	Games	Streak Dates	W-L	ERA	SO	BB
Corey Knebel, MIL	45	April 3-July 15, 2017	0-2	1.62	79	26
Bruce Sutter, CHI	39	June 1-October 2, 1977	7-2	1.64	87	21
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	37	May 11-August 13, 2014	0-3	1.93	74	13
Juan Nicasio, PIT	33	July 2-September 25, 2016	5-0	2.81	73	15
Eric Gagne, LAD	32	July 18-September 27, 2003	1-0	0.25	61	9
Jeff Montgomery, KC	32	June 18-September 5, 1989	1-1	0.93	59	10
<b>Dellin Betances, NYY</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>May 29-Present</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>

## **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR RACES**

Here is a look at the American League and National League Rookie of the Year races as the final month of the season approaches:

### **American League Hitters**

<b>Player, Team</b>	<b>Stats</b>
Miguel Andújar, NYY	115 G, .295/.327/.523, 130 H, 64 R, 36 2B, 20 HR, 66 RBI
Niko Goodrum, DET	106 G, .228 (80-for-351), 43 R, 26 2B, 13 HR, 41 RBI, 9 SB
Shohei Ohtani, LAA	73 G, .270/.349/.523, 35 R, 60 H, 15 2B, 13 HR, 38 RBI, 6 SB
Max Stassi, HOU	76 G, .233 (49-for-210), 26 R, 13 2B, 8 HR, 27 RBI, 11 CS
Gleyber Torres, NYY	.264 (82-for-311), 40 R, 12 2B, 18 HR, 53 RBI
Joey Wendle, TB	.290/339/.425, 42 R, 18 2B, 5 3B, 7 HR, 44 RBI, 8 SB

### **American League Pitchers**

<b>Player, Team</b>	<b>Stats</b>
José Alvarado, TB	56 G, 1-5, 2.38 ERA, 53.0 IP, 59 SO, 5 SV
Jaime Barria, LAA	19 GS, 8-7, 3.41 ERA, 97.2 IP, 76 SO, 27 BB
Shane Bieber, CLE	13 GS, 7-2, 4.36 ERA, 74.1 IP, 76 SO, 15 BB
Brad Keller, KC	35 G, 14 GS, 6-5, 3.32 ERA, 100.1 IP, 67 SO, 1 CG
Lou Trivino, OAK	53 G, 8-2, 1.62 ERA, 61.0 IP, 65 SO, 37 H, 4 SV
Ryan Yarbrough, TB	31 G, 5 GS, 12-5, 3.84 ERA, 119.1 IP, 107 SO

### **National League Hitters**

<b>Player, Team</b>	<b>Stats</b>
Ronald Acuña Jr., ATL	75 G, .286/.354/.566, 54 R, 19 2B, 20 HR, 44 RBI, 10 SB
Brian Anderson, MIA	127 G, .278 (137-for-493), 68 R, 26 2B, 3 3B, 9 HR, 54 RBI
Harrison Bader, STL	104 G, .279/.350/.439, 47 R, 12 2B, 9 HR, 25 RBI, 12 SB
Colin Moran, PIT	114 G, .268 (91-for-340), 41 R, 13 2B, 8 HR, 46 RBI
Juan Soto, WSH	82 G, .291/.413/.519, 58 R, 83 H, 18 2B, 15 HR, 45 RBI, 59 BB
Christian Villanueva, SD	110 G, .236 (83-for-351), 42 R, 15 2B, 20 HR, 46 RBI, 3 SB

### **National League Pitchers**

<b>Player, Team</b>	<b>Stats</b>
Walker Buehler, LAD	17 G, 16 GS, 6-4, 2.96 ERA, 94.1 IP, 102 SO, 23 BB
Seranthony Dominguez, PHI	40 G, 1-4, 2.66 ERA, 44.0 IP, 56 SO, 26 H, 14 SV
Jack Flaherty, STL	21 GS, 7-6, 2.97 ERA, 115.1 IP, 144 SO, 80 H
Joey Lucchesi, SD	19 GS, 6-7, 3.79 ERA, 92.2 IP, 99 SO, 34 BB
A.J. Minter, ATL	54 G, 4-2, 3.24 ERA, 50.0 IP, 57 SO, 16 BB, 11 SV
Dereck Rodriguez, SF	14 G, 12 GS, 6-1, 2.25 ERA, 80.0 IP, 65 SO, 61 H



## **MLB ANNOUNCES 2019 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE**

Major League Baseball announced yesterday its master 2019 Major League regular season schedule, which will begin with the 2019 Japan Opening Series, featuring the Oakland Athletics hosting the Seattle Mariners at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan on March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Traditional Opening Day, featuring all 30 Major League Clubs, will take place on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The 2019 season will mark the second season under the scheduling format agreed to as part of the 2017-2021 Basic Agreement between MLB and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA). The format, which extends the length of the season by adding an additional weekend of play at the beginning of the season, gives each Club three to four additional off days throughout the season to provide added rest and opportunities for rescheduling. As a result, the March 28<sup>th</sup> start date to the 2019 regular season will mark the earliest Opening Day in Major League history, excluding special season-openers at international venues. The opening date eclipses the 2018 opening date of March 29<sup>th</sup> as the earliest. Prior to 2018, the earliest opening date for a season at traditional Major League ballparks was March 30<sup>th</sup>, when the 2003, 2008 and 2014 seasons began.

For the second consecutive year, all 30 Major League Clubs are scheduled to play on Opening Day. The 2018 campaign had been scheduled to be the first season since 1968 that every team across the Majors opened on the same date, before two weather-related postponements allowed for just 13 of the 15 scheduled games to be played. The 1968 campaign began on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> with each of the 20 Major League Clubs in action. Additionally, the 2019 season will mark the second straight season, and the 13<sup>th</sup> campaign in history, to open on a Thursday. Other seasons to do so include 1901-04, 1907, 1912, 1959, 1973-74, 1976 and 2011.

Opening Day will feature 10 divisional match-ups among the 15 games, in addition to an Interleague contest between the host Texas Rangers and the Chicago Cubs. Eight games are scheduled for Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and slates of 15 games are scheduled for both Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Interleague Play throughout the season will feature the AL East vs. NL West, AL Central vs. NL East and AL West vs. NL Central, in addition to Interleague contests played between prime rivals. Notable series feature renewals of four World Series matchups since the turn of the century, including Arizona Diamondbacks-New York Yankees (April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup> at Chase Field and July 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at Yankee Stadium); Boston Red Sox-Colorado Rockies (May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at Fenway Park and August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at Coors Field); St. Louis Cardinals-Texas Rangers (May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at Globe Life Park in Arlington); and Kansas City Royals-New York Mets (August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Kauffman Stadium).

In addition to the Japan Opening Series, other highlights of the 2019 schedule include:

- Ten games scheduled for Jackie Robinson Day on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, including the Los Angeles Dodgers hosting the Cincinnati Reds at Dodger Stadium.
- The first day of the 2019 MLB Draft on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, when just three Major League games are scheduled to be played.
- The first Major League game ever played in Nebraska, part of the new GEICO Summer Series, featuring the host Royals and the Detroit Tigers on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, two days prior to the start of the 2019 NCAA Men's College World Series.
- The Los Angeles Angels will visit the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium from June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, marking Albert Pujols' return to St. Louis for the first time as a visiting player.
- A split doubleheader on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> between the host San Francisco Giants and Diamondbacks at AT&T Park.
- An historic two-game set at London Stadium on June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> between the host Red Sox and Yankees in the first-ever Major League games played in Europe.
- The 90th All-Star Game on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Progressive Field in Cleveland.
- The Rangers will host their AL West Division-rival Houston Astros in the only Major League game played on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, following the All-Star break.
- The Los Angeles Dodgers will visit Fenway Park for a three-game series from July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. It marks the third-ever regular season trip to Boston by the Dodgers, and the first since June 2010.
- The third annual Little League Classic presented by GEICO on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, featuring the host Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cubs at Historic Bowman Field in Williamsport, PA, home of the Little League World Series.
- The final day of the 2019 regular season on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, featuring 12 divisional games, as well as the final Rangers home game at Globe Life Park in Arlington as they square off against the Yankees.

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



*Play Ball, ca 1950; Designed by A. A. Champanier for Child-Life Wallpaper Co.*

Wordsworth said it first, and Freud proved it more enduringly for my generation, but in baseball it has always been true: "The child is father to the man."

**ROY CAMPANELLA:** "You have to be a man to be a big leaguer, but you have to have a lot of little boy in you, too."

**JOHN CURTIS:** "The first big league game I ever saw was at the Polo Grounds. My father took me. I remember it so well—the green grass and the green stands. It was like seeing Oz."

**ZANE GREY:** "Every boy likes baseball, and if he doesn't he's not a boy."

**DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN:** "Our teachers had let us listen to the first two games on the radio. But I badly wanted to watch this culminating game. And I wanted to be in the sanctity of my home, sitting on the couch, my scorebook across my lap. Later, I discovered that more than half my classmates had failed to return to school that afternoon."

**ERNIE HARWELL:** "Baseball? It's just a game—as simple as a ball and bat. Yet, as complex as the American spirit it symbolizes. It's a sport, business and sometimes even religion."

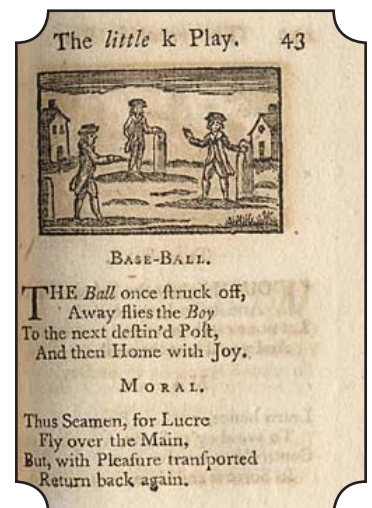
**JOHN NEWBERY**, *Little Pretty Pocket-Book*, 1744:

The ball once struck off,

Away flies the boy

To the next destined post

And then home with joy.



**DAVID HALBERSTAM:** "As much as any man, Jackie Robinson helped make the nation complete. Until he made his debut, baseball--our most mythic sport, the true embodiment of our national spirit--was in no small part flawed. For it was part of our folklore, basic to our national democratic myth, that sports was the great American equalizer, that money and social status did not matter upon the playing fields. Elsewhere life was assumed to be unfair: those who had privilege passed it on to their children, who in turn had easier, softer lives. Those without privilege were doomed to accept the essential injustices of daily life. But according to the American myth, in sports the poor but honest kid from across the tracks could gain (often in competition with richer, snottier kids) recognition and acclaim for his talents."



*Stickball, 1940s*

**STAN GOLDBERG:** "We lived and breathed to play ball. If I wasn't in the schoolyard, I was in the backyard. I left the house in the morning, the ball was in my hand. I hit every stoop along the way. Everyone chipped in for the Spalding ball. You didn't want to lose that ball. When it went into the sewer, you were finished. You didn't have a quarter for another one. You got a wire hanger, made a loop in it, and fished down to get the ball in the loop and bring it up."

**DONALD HALL:** "Baseball connects American males with each other... through generations. When you are small you may not discuss politics or union dues or profit margins with your father's cigar-smoking friends when your father has gone out for a six-pack; but you may discuss baseball. It is all you have in common, because your father's friend does not wish to discuss the Assistant Principal or Alice Bisbee Morgan. About the season's moment you know as much as he does; both of you may shake your heads over Lefty's wildness or the rookie who was called out last Saturday when he tried to steal home with two outs in the ninth inning down by one."

**LARAIN DAY**, wife of Leo Durocher: "'Dad let me wear my uniform today. I'm lucky,' said our son Chris. In the midst of the wild scene in the Giants clubhouse after the miracle victory, Leo was hugging Chris like mad and proclaiming to all the world that this little fellow was the cause of it all."

**RON HERSHKOWITZ:** "In 1952, we moved to a NYC housing project, 5 subway stops from Yankee Stadium. It was heaven. I lived the Yankees. I went to my first baseball game in 1950 with my father in my full Yankee uniform! I relished each World Series win during the 50s. When they lost to the Dodgers in 1955, I cried for two days. It was not supposed to happen."

## MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

<b>Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m.
<b>Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays	7:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
<b>Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles	1:05 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Washington Nationals at Philadelphia Phillies	7:05 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Oakland Athletics at Houston Astros	2:10 p.m.
	New York Mets at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at San Francisco Giants	10:15 p.m.



<b>Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Washington Nationals at New York Mets (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves at Miami Marlins (FS1)	7:10 p.m.

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<b>Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays	1:10 p.m.
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<b>Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.



## UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,907 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,040 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- \*1,098 Replay Reviews
- \*223 Confirmed (20.3%)
- \*345 Stands (31.4%)
- \*519 Overturned (47.3%)
- \*8 Rules Check (0.7%)
- \*3 Record Keeping (0.3%)
- \*1:22 Average Time





## **LINE DRIVES** *(Compiled from Club Game Notes)*

**10-WIN CLUB:** The Arizona Diamondbacks are the only National League Club with at least three pitchers posting 10-or-more wins in 2018 (Patrick Corbin, Zack Godley, Zack Greinke). Across the Majors, the Boston Red Sox, the Houston Astros, and the Cleveland Indians also have at least three hurlers with 10-or-more wins.

**COMPLETE CONTROL:** Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Alex Cobb tossed his fourth career complete game and first with the O's in Saturday's 4-2 win at Cleveland. His last complete game was on August 31, 2013 at Oakland while with Tampa Bay. Cobb's complete game marked the second by an Orioles pitcher this season, following Dylan Bundy (May 24<sup>th</sup> at Chicago White Sox).

**ANOTHER 1<sup>st</sup>:** Thomas Pannone made his first Major League start yesterday against the Baltimore Orioles, becoming the sixth pitcher to make his first MLB start with the Blue Jays this season and establishing a new franchise record.

**ELITE COMPANY:** New York Mets All-Star starting pitcher Jacob deGrom is just the fourth NL pitcher in MLB history to post 200 strikeouts and a sub-2.00 ERA through 25 starts in a season, joining Hall of Famers Sandy Koufax (1966) and Pedro Martinez (1997), as well as Clayton Kershaw (2014).

**JOIN THE CLUB:** Tuesday night marked the first time that the Astros used a starting pitcher outside of their original, season-opening five-man starting rotation of Verlander-Keuchel-McCullers Jr.-Morton-Cole. Brad Peacock became the sixth different pitcher to make a start for the Astros, which is still the fewest in the Majors.

**DEBUT WIN:** Bryse Wilson of the Atlanta Braves tossed 5.0 shutout innings on Tuesday night, becoming the youngest starter (20 years, 243 days) in MLB history to win 1-0 in his MLB debut. Wilson also became the fourth Braves starter this season to win his debut, joining Mike Soroka, Kolby Allard and Touki Toussaint.

**ABREU'S HISTORIC RUN:** Chicago White Sox first baseman José Abreu is attempting to join Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio (1936-41) and Albert Pujols (2001-10) as one of three players in Major League history to begin his career with at least five consecutive seasons of 25-plus home runs and 100-plus RBI.

**20/20 VISION:** All-Star infielder Javier Báez recorded his 20<sup>th</sup> stolen base of the season on Sunday. With 25 home runs on the season, he is the first Cub to record a 20/20 season since outfielder Corey Patterson had 24 homers and 32 stolen bases in 2004. Báez is the first Cubs middle infielder to turn the trick since Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg (26, 22) in 1991. Javy is now one of six players in franchise history to post a 20/20 campaign.

**NEVER HEARD OF HIM:** All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado of the Colorado Rockies is the first NL third baseman since Hall of Famer Chipper Jones to hit 30-or-more home runs in four consecutive seasons. Jones did so from 1998 to 2001.

**A LONG TIME COMING:** The St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers played for four hours and 10 minutes on Tuesday night. It was the longest nine-inning game of the season by the Cardinals, and their longest nine-inning contest since April 16, 2000 at Colorado.

**PERALTA SOLID IN CLOSER ROLE:** Kansas City Royals closer Wily Peralta needed just 11 pitches to secure KC's 3-1 victory on Saturday. It marked Peralta's eighth save in as many opportunities, and he is one of just two Major League pitchers to be perfect in his save chances this year with at least eight rescues. Newly acquired Ken Giles of the Toronto Blue Jays is 16-for-16 across stints with Toronto and the Houston Astros.

**THE CROSSOVER:** Los Angeles Angels first baseman/designated hitter Albert Pujols is one of nine players all-time with 1,000 hits in each league (2,073 with St. Louis; 1,008 with LA Angels). He is one of only two sluggers in MLB history with at least 2,000 hits in one league and 1,000 in another. Eddie Collins tallied 2,007 knocks with the White Sox and 1,308 with the Philadelphia A's.

**DOUBLE DUTY:** Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun swiped his 10<sup>th</sup> base of the season on Tuesday night, and now has a franchise-best 11 seasons with at least 10 home runs and 10 stolen bases. Hall of Famers Paul Molitor and Robin Yount each had nine such seasons. Among active players, only Boston's Ian Kinsler has more seasons (12) with double-digit totals in both home runs and stolen bases in a season.

**JUST DÚ IT:** New York Yankees rookie third baseman Miguel Andújar hit a game-winning sacrifice fly in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning on Tuesday at Miami. It was his second game-winning RBI in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning-or-later this month (also August 7<sup>th</sup> at Chicago White Sox).

**HI-RHYS-TORY:** Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Rhys Hoskins reached the 162-game mark in his career on August 16<sup>th</sup> with the following numbers: .257/.376/.542 with 35 doubles, 43 home runs, 125 RBI and 104 walks. Hoskins joined All-Star Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees as the only players in Major League history to record 40-or-more homers in his first 162 contests. Additionally, his 104 walks are the most of any player in Phillies history through 162 career games.

**RIGHT ON THE MARK:** Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Gregory Polanco connected for his 20<sup>th</sup> home run of the season on Tuesday night. In team history, only four other Pirates have hit 20-or-more home runs in one season while playing right field. Dave Parker accomplished the feat four times; Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente did it three times, and Bobby Bonilla and Reggie Sanders each accomplished it once.

**DOUBLE UP:** The Seattle Mariners turned a Club record six double plays on Tuesday night, breaking the previous record of five. The M's last turned five double plays in a single contest on September 3, 1981 at Boston.

**THROWING BLANKS:** The Tampa Bay Rays recorded back-to-back shutout wins on Sunday-Monday earlier this week. Tampa Bay is the first team since at least 1920 to record back-to-back shutouts with their starting pitchers going two innings pitched-or-fewer in both contests. The Rays recorded back-to-back shutouts for the third time this season, following July 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

**HARPER IS HITTING:** On Friday night, All-Star outfielder Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals recorded his 500<sup>th</sup> career RBI. Additionally, the 30 home runs he has hit this season are the most since his MVP 2015 campaign.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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)
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	J.D. Martinez, BOS (.464, 7 R, 5 2B, 4 HR, 11 RBI, 30 TB)	Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (.476, 3 2B, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 22 TB)
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Castellanos, DET (.393, 8 R, 5 XBH, 10 RBI, 20 TB)	Ronald Acuña Jr., ATL (.464/.559/.964, 11 R, 4 HR, 9 RBI)

## **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)