



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

HISTORY AT GABP

In last night's contest against the Cincinnati Reds at Great American Ball Park, All-Star outfielder Christian Yelich of the Milwaukee Brewers batted a perfect 6-for-6 while completing the second cycle of the 2018 season, joining fellow All-Star Mookie Betts of the Boston Red Sox (August 9th).

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the performance was the 321st cycle and the 78th 6-for-6 game since 1900. In addition, the NL MVP candidate helped his team win on the defensive side by throwing a runner out at home, becoming the first player to do so and hit for the cycle in the same game since Johnny Callison of the Philadelphia Phillies on June 27, 1963. Since 1908, Christian became just the fourth player in Baseball to hit for the cycle while tallying six hits, joining Ian Kinsler, Rondell White and Bobby Veach. The table below details each player's historic outing.



Player, Club	Date	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Christian Yelich, MIL	August 29, 2018	2	6	1	1	1	3
Ian Kinsler, TEX	April 15, 2009	5	6	2	1	1	4
Rondell White, MON	June 11, 1995	5	6	2	1	1	3
Bobby Veach, DET	September 17, 1920	2	6	1	1	1	6

Yelich, who was acquired from the Miami Marlins before the season, posted an 11-game hitting streak from August 12th-25th. Since the start of that streak, the dynamic outfielder is slashing .354/.400/.800 with 13 runs scored, 23 hits, three doubles, a triple, eight home runs and 15 RBI over 14 games played. Over the course of his strong month at the plate, the California native entered play today with a .311 (33-for-106) batting average, 21 runs scored and 11 home runs in August. Yelich is on pace to become just the fifth player in franchise history to reach those marks in a single calendar month, and would join his teammate Eric Thames (April 2017), Prince Fielder (September 2007), Jeromy Burnitz (June 1999) and Greg Vaughn (June 1996).

Player	Month, Year	BA	R	HR
Christian Yelich	August 2018	.311	21	11
Eric Thames	April 2017	.345	28	11
Prince Fielder	September 2007	.333	23	11
Jeromy Burnitz	June 1999	.317	23	12
Greg Vaughn	June 1996	.340	26	12

CONSISTENT CARLOS

In a road tilt on Monday against the New York Yankees, Carlos Rodón of the Chicago White Sox earned his third consecutive victory after tossing 7.0 innings of two-run ball. Following the outing, Rodón's 2018 ERA decreased to 2.70 to go along with a 6-3 record on the season. In addition, the dominant start was his ninth straight quality start dating back to July 5th. Across the nine starts, the third overall selection of the 2014 MLB Draft compiled a perfect 5-0 record with 49 strikeouts and a 1.84 ERA over 63.2 innings pitched. The White Sox went 7-2 during his dominant stretch.



Moreover, in each outing during his hot stretch, the North Carolina State University product did not permit more than five hits. The streak of at least 6.0 innings while allowing no more than three earned runs or five hits in nine starts is the longest of its kind in franchise history. The impressive run is tied for the fifth longest streak since at least 1908. All-Star Justin Verlander of the Houston Astros posted a streak of 13 games earlier this season from April 9th-June 14th to hold the Major League record. Rodón will look to keep his streak going in his next start on Saturday against the Boston Red Sox. The table below details starters who have posted streaks of nine-or-more such starts.

Pitcher, Club	Date Range	G	W-L	IP	SO	ERA
Justin Verlander, HOU	April 9-June 14, 2018	13	8-2	88.2	106	1.52
Jake Arrieta, CHI	June 8-July 31, 2014	10	5-1	68.0	78	1.72
Johnny Cueto, CIN	September 23, 2013-May 15, 2014	10	4-2	79.0	81	1.25
Johan Santana, MIN	June 15-August 1, 2004	10	7-2	77.0	102	1.52
Carlos Rodón, CWS	July 5, 2018-Present	9	5-0	63.2	49	1.84
Madison Bumgarner, SF	May 11-June 25, 2016	9	4-2	65.1	67	1.38
Randy Johnson, ARI	September 24, 1999-May 5, 2000	9	9-0	74.1	97	1.09



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	126-143	.242 (2,185-for-9,034)	4.20
National League	143-126	.253 (2,323-for-9,196)	3.93

BRONX BOMBERS

On Monday night against the Chicago White Sox, All-Star rookie infielder Gleyber Torres clubbed his 20th home run of the season, giving the Yankees six different players with at least 20 home runs (also: Giancarlo Stanton, Aaron Judge, Miguel Andújar, Didi Gregorius and Aaron Hicks).

The Yankees became the 21st Club in Major League history to accomplish the feat. This marks the third time in Yankees history that six batters have reached the 20-homer mark in a single season.

Team	# of Players With 20 Home Runs	Players (Totals)
2010 Toronto Blue Jays	7	Jose Bautista (54), Vernon Wells (31), Aaron Hill (26), Adam Lind (23), Edwin Encarnacion (21), John Buck (20), Lyle Overbay (20)
2009 New York Yankees	7	Mark Teixeira (39), Alex Rodriguez (30), Nick Swisher (29), Hideki Matsui (28), Robinson Cano (25), Johnny Damon (24), Jorge Posada (22)
2005 Texas Rangers	7	Mark Teixeira (43), Alfonso Soriano (36), David Dellucci (29), Hank Blalock (25), Kevin Mench (25), Michael Young (24), Rod Barajas (21)
2000 Toronto Blue Jays	7	Carlos Delgado (41), Tony Batista (41), Brad Fullmer (32), Jose Cruz (31), Raul Mondesi (24), Shannon Stewart (21), Darrin Fletcher (20)
1996 Baltimore Orioles	7	Brady Anderson (50), Rafael Palmeiro (39), Bobby Bonilla (28), Cal Ripken Jr. (26), Chris Hoiles (25), Roberto Alomar (22), B.J. Surhoff (21)
2018 New York Yankees	6	<i>Giancarlo Stanton (32), Aaron Judge (26), Miguel Andújar (22), Didi Gregorius (22), Aaron Hicks (22), Gleyber Torres (20)</i>
2017 Baltimore Orioles	6	Manny Machado (33), Jonathan Schoop (32), Adam Jones (26), Trey Mancini (24), Chris Davis (26), Mark Trumbo (23)
2016 Baltimore Orioles	6	Mark Trumbo (41), Chris Davis (35), Manny Machado (34), Adam Jones (26), Jonathan Schoop (21), Pedro Alvarez (20)
2009 Texas Rangers	6	Nelson Cruz (33), Ian Kinsler (31), Hank Blalock (25), Michael Young (22), Chris Davis (21), Marlon Byrd (20)
2008 Chicago White Sox	6	Carlos Quentin (36), Jermaine Dye (34), Jim Thome (34), Nick Swisher (24), Paul Konerko (22), Alexei Ramirez (21)
2004 Chicago White Sox	6	Paul Konerko (41), Carlos Lee (31), Jose Valentin (30), Aaron Rowand (24), Juan Uribe (23), Joe Crede (21)
2004 New York Yankees	6	Alex Rodriguez (36), Gary Sheffield (36), Hideki Matsui (31), Derek Jeter (23), Bernie Williams (22), Jorge Posada (21)
2003 Atlanta Braves	6	Javy Lopez (43), Gary Sheffield (39), Andruw Jones (36), Chipper Jones (27), Vinny Castilla (22), Marcus Giles (21)
2003 Boston Red Sox	6	Manny Ramirez (37), David Ortiz (31), Nomar Garciaparra (28), Trot Nixon (28), Jason Varitek (25), Kevin Millar (25)
2001 Cleveland Indians	6	Jim Thome (49), Juan Gonzalez (35), Ellis Burks (28), Roberto Alomar (20), Marty Cordova (20), Russell Branyan (20)
1999 Texas Rangers	6	Rafael Palmeiro (47), Juan Gonzalez (39), Ivan Rodriguez (35), Lee Stevens (24), Todd Zeile (24), Rusty Greer (20)
1997 Seattle Mariners	6	Ken Griffey Jr. (56), Jay Buhner (40), Paul Sorrento (31), Edgar Martinez (28), Alex Rodriguez (23), Russ Davis (20)
1986 Detroit Tigers	6	Darrell Evans (29), Kirk Gibson (28), Lance Parrish (22), Alan Trammell (21), Lou Whitaker (20), Darnell Coles (20)
1965 Milwaukee Braves	6	Eddie Mathews (32), Hank Aaron (32), Mack Jones (31), Joe Torre (27), Felipe Alou (23), Gene Oliver (21)
1964 Minnesota Twins	6	Harmon Killebrew (49), Bob Allison (32), Tony Oliva (32), Jimmie Hall (25), Don Mincher (23), Zoilo Versalles (20)
1961 New York Yankees	6	Roger Maris (61), Mickey Mantle (54), Bill Skowron (28), Yogi Berra (22), Elston Howard (21), Johnny Blanchard (21)

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 Basi
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
August 27 - Orioles acquired 1B Jack Zoellner from the Phillies for future considerations
August 28 - Phillies acquired RF José Bautista from the Mets for a player to be named later
August 29 - Braves acquired 1B Lucas Duda from the Royals for cash

BETANCES STILL STREAKING

On Tuesday against the Chicago White Sox, relief pitcher Dellin Betances of the New York Yankees tallied a strikeout in his 34th consecutive appearance dating back to May 29th. Since then, the four-time All-Star has compiled a 3-1 record with 58 strikeouts, 13 walks, 12 hits and a 0.55 ERA across 32.2 innings pitched. Now with 96 punchouts on the season, the 30-year-old is four strikeouts away from becoming the first pitcher in MLB history to register at least 100 strikeouts as a reliever in five consecutive seasons.

The streak is currently the fourth-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. Earlier this week, Dellin established a new AL record, eclipsing the previous mark of 32 games set by Kansas City's Jeff Montgomery in 1989. The table below depicts relievers who have tallied at least one punchout in 34-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
<i>Dellin Betances, NYY</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>May 29-Present</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>13</i>

MLB AND CLUBS TO WEAR “GOLD” ON SEPTEMBER 1ST TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER

Major League Baseball today announced that for the third consecutive year MLB Clubs will dedicate a special “Childhood Cancer Awareness Day” at ballparks on Saturday, September 1st in recognition of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In partnership with Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), MLB and MLB Clubs will raise awareness for the fight against childhood cancer by having Major League players, coaches, umpires and grounds crew members wear gold ribbon decals and wristbands. Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children aged 15 and under in the United States. Every year, an estimated 300,000 new cases of cancer affect children under the age of 20 worldwide.

Through this effort, Clubs may choose to partner with local nonprofits, including hospital partners or organizations focused on childhood cancer. Clubs and players may also donate tickets, ballpark suites and funds to Stand Up To Cancer or local partner organizations. Club activations include pregame ceremonies, first pitches, hospital visits, special batting practice t-shirts, and more.

In collaboration with Major League Baseball and Starlight Children’s Foundation, hospitals selected by many Clubs will each receive a donation of 200 Club-themed Starlight Gowns, which replace traditional hospital garments with high-quality, comfortable and brightly colored gowns for children undergoing treatment. MLB donated an additional 3,000 Starlight Gowns to Clubs to distribute to local children’s hospitals or hospital pediatric cancer care units.



Clubs on the road on Saturday, September 1st, may select another home game to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Below are a few examples of unique Club activations:

Atlanta Braves: On Saturday, September 1st, the Braves will host a pregame party for cancer fighters, survivors and their friends and family members. The party will include refreshments, face painters and a DJ. All fighters/survivors are invited to parade around the warning track pregame. Leading up to September 1st, the Atlanta Braves Wives will host a fundraiser for local childhood cancer-focused nonprofits including Rally, CURE, Curing Kids Cancer and Camp Sunshine. The Braves will have an on-field check presentation with kids from each nonprofit, with the Braves Wives presenting the final fundraising number.

Baltimore Orioles: On Friday, September 14th, Orioles players, employees and mascot will attend Johns Hopkins Children’s Medical Center.

Chicago Cubs: As part of the Cubs’ “Let’s Go Gold” day at Wrigley Field, the team will again host pediatric cancer patients for a day full of unique experiences, including pregame dugout visits, player meet-and-greets and patients standing alongside players during the national anthem. The team will have one pediatric cancer patient deliver the rosin bag and throw out the first pitch. Additionally, net proceeds from the Cubs’ 50/50 raffle on this day will be split among players’ charities serving children battling pediatric cancer, including the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation, Jon Lester’s NVRQT campaign, Joe Maddon’s Respect 90 Foundation and the Brian Duensing Foundation. Earlier in the day, the Cubs also will make a visit to Advocate Children’s Hospital. In addition, the Cubs will host Cancer Awareness Night and donate a portion of net proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Cincinnati Reds: Reds players will visit Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center on Tuesday, September 11th and Wednesday, September 26th.

Cleveland Indians: On Monday, September 10th, the Indians will visit Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital.

Colorado Rockies: On Friday, September 7th, Rockies players and their spouses, Rockies mascot Dinger and front office executives will pay a visit to Children’s Hospital Colorado.

Kansas City Royals: On Thursday, September 13th, current Royals and alumni will visit the University of Kansas Health System.

Los Angeles Angels: On Thursday, September 13th, the Angels will pay a visit to Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Los Angeles Dodgers: On Monday, Aug. 27th, Dodgers alumni Dennis Powell and Billy Ashley visited the pediatric unit at Cedars-Sinai to deliver Dodgers-themed Starlight Gowns.

Milwaukee Brewers: On Saturday, September 15th, the Brewers, Aurora Health Care, Northwestern Mutual and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, along with several community partners including The MACC Fund, Alex's Lemonade Stand and Gold in September, will raise awareness for Childhood Cancer research and treatment with a stadium-wide, navy-and-gold visual. Additionally, the Brewers will collaborate with the American Cancer Society to host 'Coaches vs. Cancer Night.' Fans who purchase a 'Coaches vs. Cancer Night' ticket package will receive an Ed Sedar mini-bobblehead, featuring the Brewers third base coach in purple sneakers. All ticket package purchasers will be invited to walk the warning track in celebration of their support in the fight against cancer and the Brewers will make a donation to the American Cancer Society for every ticket package sold. The Brewers will also visit the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin on Saturday, September 8th.

New York Mets: On Thursday, September 8th, the Mets will host a junior Mets clinic with pediatric cancer fighters, survivors and siblings at Citi Field. The Mets will also distribute 500 game tickets to various hospitals in the area serving pediatric cancer patients and their families. On Thursday, September 13th, the Mets will visit Cohen Children Medical Center.

Oakland Athletics: On Friday, August 31st, the A's will visit University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital.

Philadelphia Phillies: On Saturday, September 1st, the Phillies will host Nemours Childhood Cancer Awareness Night during their matchup against the Chicago Cubs. Players will wear special "We Play In Memory Of..." t-shirts during batting practice, and a portion of the proceeds from a special Theme Night ticket purchased will benefit childhood cancer research through the Nemours Foundation. As part of the evening, more than two dozen local children battling cancer will take part in major league moments created just for them, including taking to the field with players during a heartwarming "Lineup of Courage" before the National Anthem. Additionally, the Phillies have several #BeBold #PhilliesGoGold events dedicated to Childhood Cancer Awareness throughout the month, including a #BeBold #GoGold Kisses for Kyle fashion show featuring child patients and their siblings walking the runway with Phillies and media celebrities on Thursday, September 13th. Also in mid-September, players and the Phillie Phanatic will team up with the Starlight Foundation to make a special delivery of fun hospital gowns for pediatric patients at Nemours/Alfred I DuPont Hospital for Children.

San Francisco Giants: On Saturday, September 1st, the Giants will partner with Buster Posey, his wife Kristen, Toyota and University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital for a series of activations. Activities will include a home plate ceremony with childhood cancer patients and their families, a special meet and greet for the patients and their families with the Poseys and the raffling of Buster's very own Toyota Tacoma, which will benefit The Cancer and Blood Disease Program at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. The Giants will also offer a special ticketing package that includes a game ticket and a limited-edition Pediatric Cancer Awareness Buster Posey Glove Statue. Proceeds from every Pediatric Cancer Awareness Day special event ticket will go directly back to providing grants to research hospitals and charitable organizations that support children diagnosed with pediatric cancer in an effort to enrich their lives. Additionally, the Giants will visit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital on Tuesday, September 4th.

Texas Rangers: On Tuesday, September 4th, the Rangers will visit Medical City Children's Hospital.

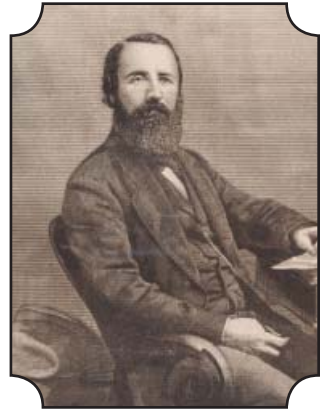
Recent childhood cancer awareness activations by Clubs have included special pediatric cancer awareness batting practice t-shirts, online campaigns to empower fans to become fundraisers for pediatric cancer research and donations to local children's hospitals. MLB and Clubs have supported the fight against cancer through a variety of initiatives for many years. As Stand Up To Cancer's founding donor, Major League Baseball has provided both financial support (more than \$40 million) and opportunities to raise awareness for Stand Up To Cancer's efforts by encouraging fans around the world to get involved. MLB has recognized SU2C at its jewel events since the 2009 World Series.

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

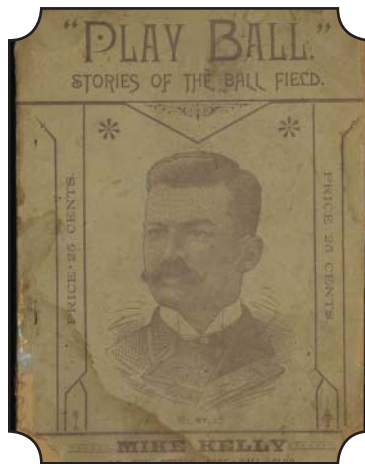
My Favorite Century

I track baseball daily and always have ... because it is my pleasure as well as my job. However, my special affection for the game in its infancy is well known, and it just dawned on me that after preparing all these weekly columns of baseball quotations I have not yet devoted an entire installment to the bon mots of baseball's early days. It was a rougher time, but the seeds of today's game are everywhere evident.

HENRY CHADWICK (right), in 1864, on why statistics, not observation, provide the superior way to judge a player: "Many a dashing general player, who carries off a great deal of éclat in prominent matches, has all 'the gilt taken off the gingerbread,' as the saying is, by these matter-of-fact figures.... And we are frequently surprised to find that the modest but efficient worker, who has played earnestly and steadily through the season, apparently unnoticed, has come in, at the close of the race, the real victor."



WILLIAM HULBERT, to a teary Jim Devlin, seeking reinstatement after a game fixing incident; pressing a \$50 bill into his palm: "That's what I think of you, personally; but, damn you, Devlin, you are dishonest; you have sold a game, and I can't trust you. Now go; and let me never see your face again; for your act will not be condoned so long as I live."



KING KELLY: "Many times have I been asked the question, 'To what do you ascribe the great popularity of base ball?' This, seems to me, can be answered in just two words, 'The excitement.' People go to see games because they love excitement and love to be worked up. That is one reason why I believe in 'kicking' [demonstrative arguing] now and then on the diamond. It may be all right for the newspapers to say that 'base ball will become more popular when played without kicking.' I disagree entirely...."

ALBERT G. SPALDING: "Baseball is the exponent of American Courage, Confidence, Combativeness; American Dash, Discipline, Determination; American Energy, Eagerness, Enthusiasm; American Pluck, Persistency, Performance; American Spirit, Sagacity, Success; American Vim, Vigor, Virility."

MARK TWAIN: Baseball is "the very symbol, the outward and visible expression of all the drive and push and struggle of the raging, tearing, booming nineteenth century."

FROM THE "SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAYERS," *hand delivered to each player in the National League of 1898, a considerably expurgated paragraph:* "That such brutal language as . . . 'Kiss my ass, you son of a bitch!' [shockingly blue excisions, even to modern ears, here] many other revolting terms are used by a limited number of players to intimidate umpires and opposing players, and are promiscuously used upon the ball field, is vouched for by the almost unanimous assertion of those invited to speak from personal knowledge. Whether it be the language quoted above or some other indecent and infamous invention of depravity, the League is pledged to remove it from the ball field, whether it necessitates the removal of the offender for a day or all time. Any indecent or obscene word, sentence, or expression, unfit for print or the human ear, whether mentioned in these instructions or not, is contemplated under the law and within its intent and meaning, and will be dealt with without fear or favor when the fact is established by conclusive proof."

AMOS ALONZO STAGG, *famed for his football career but once the top collegiate baseball prospect in the land, who refused to sign with a big-league club:* "The professionals . . . were a hard-bitten lot, about whom grouped hangers-on, men and women, who were worse. There was a bar in every ball park, and the whole tone of the game was smelly."

JOHN M. WARD: "As the pecuniary returns of the game increased, the value of the individual player was enhanced: the strength or weakness of one position made a difference of thousands in receipts, and this set the astute managerial mind to work. Some scheme must be devised by which these gaps might be filled. It finally dawned upon him that this continuing claim upon the player's services was much akin to a right of property. Why, then, might this not be bought and sold, as are other rights of a similar nature?"



MLB ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH LATIN AMERICAN TRAINERS

Cooperative Program Aims to Further Improve Compliance

The Office of the Commissioner announced today the Trainer Partnership Program, a new program in collaboration with Latin American player trainers aimed at combatting the use of performance-enhancing substances by amateur players and improving compliance with Major League Baseball rules.

Under the new initiative, participating trainers will enroll their players in MLB's drug testing program, submit themselves and their employees to background checks, keep updated records of amateur players in their care, and comply with MLB rules regarding international player signings. MLB will provide partner trainers with enhanced scouting opportunities and promote the use of partner trainers to players and their families. MLB also will work closely with partner trainers to jointly address issues in Latin American amateur baseball.

The program is voluntary and will begin with pilot programs in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. Already, 46 trainers — all of whom came highly recommended by MLB Clubs — have agreed to participate in the pilot programs. Attached is a list of partner trainers who have committed to the Trainer Partnership Program from each country. MLB plans to expand the opportunity to additional trainers in both countries in the coming months.

Drug testing for the Trainer Partnership Program began this week and MLB will be holding its first showcase as part of the Trainer Partnership Program on September 18-20 at Temistocles Metz Stadium in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic. Only players from participating programs will be eligible to participate in this event and representatives from all MLB Clubs are expected to attend. MLB is planning a similar event for Venezuelan partner trainers in the coming months.

Morgan Sword, MLB's Senior Vice President, League Economics & Operations, said: "This new partnership program is an important step forward for our industry and fully supported by our Clubs and the international scouting directors. Independent trainers are an essential part of the player development system and we look forward to working with our partner trainers who are fully committed to developing their players in a safe and healthy environment."

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

Thursday, August 30th:	Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals	7:15 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m.
Friday, August 31st:	Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies	7:05 p.m.
Monday, September 3rd:	New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers	8:10 p.m.
Tuesday, September 4th:	New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics	10:05 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5th:	Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians	1:10 p.m.
	New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers	7:35 p.m.



Saturday, September 1st:	Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Tampa Bay Rays at Cleveland Indians (FS1)	7:10 p.m.
Tuesday, September 4th:	Los Angeles Angels at Texas Rangers	8:05 p.m.

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Sunday, September 2nd:	Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies	1:35 p.m.
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Monday, September 3rd:	Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves	1:05 p.m.
	St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals	1:05 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics	4:05 p.m.



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,907 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,157 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- *1,157 Replay Reviews
- *229 Confirmed (19.8%)
- *368 Stands (31.8%)
- *549 Overturned (47.5%)
- *8 Rules Check (0.7%)
- *3 Record Keeping (0.3%)
- *1:22 Average Time



LINE DRIVES *(Compiled from Club Game Notes)*

JAKOB'S NIGHT: Kansas City Royals starter Jakob Junis will always remember his 41st Major League start as the night he fired the first complete game of his career, allowing just two runs on six hits vs. the Tigers on Tuesday night. It was the first nine-inning complete game win by a Royal since Jason Vargas blanked the Indians, 4-0, on June 2, 2017.

CAN'T FIGHT THE YOUTH: The Texas Rangers currently have three players in their 25-or-younger season (age as of 6/30) with 60-or-more RBI (Joey Gallo/Nomar Mazara/Jurickson Profar), matching the Club record (also: 1974, 89, 93, 2017). Second baseman Rougned Odor is one RBI away from becoming the record-setting fourth player.

25,000 STRIKEOUTS...AND COUNTING: Patrick Corbin's strikeout of Steven Duggar in the fifth inning of Tuesday night's game was the 25,000th strikeout in franchise history. Arizona became the fastest team to reach 25,000 strikeouts at 3,371 games, besting the Miami Marlins (3,650 games) and Colorado Rockies (3,934 games).

YOU JUST GOT NIXED: Following his 8.1 innings of work on Tuesday night, San Diego Padres rookie pitcher Jacob Nix became just the second rookie hurler in baseball this year to get past the eighth inning, joining his rotation-mate Eric Lauer (July 10th).

POWER IN NUMBERS: With his home run on Saturday night, rookie third baseman Brian Anderson pushed his season total to 10, becoming the seventh Marlins player with at least 10 home runs this season. The last time Miami had seven-or-more players with at least 10 home runs in the same season was 2008, when seven Marlins reached the mark. The Club record for the most players with 10-or-more homers is nine, done in 2006. Miami is one of only five NL teams to have seven-or-more players with 10+ home runs: the Dodgers (9), Braves (7), Cardinals (7), and Nationals (7).

GOOD, BETTER, BETTS: All-Stars Mookie Betts and José Ramírez are the only Major Leaguers this season with at least 25 home runs and 25 stolen bases. Additionally, Betts is one of two players in 2018 to hit for the cycle (August 9th), as well as the only player with multiple three-homer games (April 17th and May 2nd).

RELIABLE DAN: Atlanta Braves reliever Dan Winkler collected his 20th hold of the season on Sunday, tossing a perfect seventh inning. Winkler became the second rookie in Atlanta franchise history to reach 20 holds in a season, joining current teammate Jonny Venters, who logged 24 in 2011.

LEFT OUT: On Tuesday night, Josh Rogers became the first left-handed pitcher to start a game for the Orioles this season (133rd game for Baltimore). The last team to go an entire season without using a left-handed starting pitcher was the 2017 Philadelphia Phillies. The Cleveland Indians are the only team yet to start a left-handed pitcher this season. The last and only time in Orioles history (since 1954) that the Club went an entire season without using a left-handed starting pitcher was the 2002 season.

BRINGING WITH A JOLT: In his first six games with the Chicago Cubs, All-Star Daniel Murphy batted .407 (11-for-27) and scored a run in each contest. Murphy joined Mark Grudzielanek (2003) as the only Cubs since 1907 with a base hit and run scored in each of their first six games with the Club.

HOT CORNER: With his 30th home run of the season last night, All-Star third baseman Eugenio Suárez is the fourth player in Reds history to hit 30 home runs in a season while playing primarily third base, joining Hall of Famer Tony Perez (1967, 70), Deron Johnson and Todd Frazier (2015).

TWO-HUNDO CLUB: All-Stars Gerrit Cole (234 SO) and Justin Verlander (229 SO) rank first and second in the AL in strikeouts, while their rotation-mate Charlie Morton has logged 185 punchouts. Should Morton reach 200 strikeouts this season, the Astros would become just the fourth team in MLB history to have three pitchers reach 200 punchouts in the same season.

MAUER RUNS THE 1K: With a run scored last night, All-Star backstop Joe Mauer is the third Twins player to reach 1,000 career runs scored. Mauer joins a pair of Hall of Famers: Kirby Puckett (1,071) and Harmon Killebrew (1,047).

ABOUT TUESDAY NIGHT: Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Steven Brault struck out six batters in his 3.1 scoreless innings of work on Tuesday. Brault is the first Pirates left-handed reliever to strike out six batters in a game since Ron Villone on May 13, 2002, vs. Arizona.

KOPECH MAKES HISTORY: Top prospect Michael Kopech of the Chicago White Sox made his second career start on Sunday, earning his first win after 6.0 innings of one-run ball. Kopech is the only Major League pitcher since 1908 to allow one-or-no runs and zero walks in each of his first two career starts.

TROUT TRIFECTA: With his 100th walk of the season on Friday, All-Star Mike Trout became the first player in MLB history with three seasons of 25 home runs, 20 stolen bases and 100 walks by his age-26 season. Trout joined Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell (3), as well as Bobby Abreu (3) and Barry Bonds (7) as the only players with at least three such seasons in a career.

TOUGH-LUCK JAKE: Tuesday night's outing was the eighth time this year that All-Star pitcher Jacob deGrom pitched 7.0-or-more innings and allowed no more than one run but failed to earn the win. That matches Roger Craig (1963 Mets) for the most such starts by any Major League pitcher in a single season since 1920.

ROARING TWENTIES: Last night, first baseman Carlos Santana hit his 20th home run of the season, becoming the fourth Phillies player this season to reach the 20-homer plateau (Rhys Hoskins, Maikel Franco, Odúbel Herrera). It marks just the 10th time in team history that four-or-more players hit at least 20 round-trippers in a single season.

THE CENTURY MARK: Cleveland Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis logged a ninth-inning inside-the-park home run on Sunday, the 100th round-tripper of his career. Jason became the 25th player in franchise history to record 100 homers in an Indians uniform. With 98 of his 100 home runs coming while at second base, Kipnis is two homers shy of Joe Gordon's Club record (100) for second baseman.

MURPHY'S LAW: Toronto Blue Jays rookie reliever Murphy Smith had his contract selected from Triple-A Buffalo prior to Monday night's game. Toeing the rubber just two days after his 31st birthday, Smith is the first player in franchise history to make his MLB debut over the age of 30.

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)
August 13 th	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 th	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)
August 26 th	Kendrys Morales, TOR (.478, 8 R, 7 HR, 12 RBI, 1.391 SLG)	Anthony Rizzo, CHI (.429, 7 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 4 BB)

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)