



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

2018 POSTSEASON OUTLOOK



2018 WILD CARD GAMES (NL GAMES IN GREEN, AL GAMES IN RED)



Series	Date	Network	Air Time (ET)
NL Wild Card Game	Tuesday, October 2	ESPN	TBA
AL Wild Card Game	Wednesday, October 3	TBS	TBA



2018 DIVISION SERIES (NL GAMES IN GREEN, AL GAMES IN RED)



Series	Date	Network	Air Time (ET)
NLDS A Game 1	Thursday, October 4	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
NLDS B Game 1	Thursday, October 4	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
NLDS A Game 2	Friday, October 5	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
NLDS B Game 2	Friday, October 5	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
ALDS A Game 1	Friday, October 5	TBS	TBA
ALDS B Game 1	Friday, October 5	TBS	TBA
ALDS A Game 2	Saturday, October 6	TBS	TBA
ALDS B Game 2	Saturday, October 6	TBS	TBA
NLDS A Game 3	Sunday, October 7	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
NLDS B Game 3	Sunday, October 7	FS1 or MLBN	TBA
NLDS A Game 4	Monday, October 8	FS1	TBA
NLDS B Game 4	Monday, October 8	FS1	TBA
ALDS A Game 3	Monday, October 8	TBS	TBA
ALDS B Game 3	Monday, October 8	TBS	TBA
ALDS A Game 4	Tuesday, October 9	TBS	TBA
ALDS B Game 4	Tuesday, October 9	TBS	TBA
NLDS A Game 5	Wednesday, October 10	FS1	TBA
NLDS B Game 5	Wednesday, October 10	FS1	TBA
ALDS A Game 5	Thursday, October 11	TBS	TBA
ALDS B Game 5	Thursday, October 11	TBS	TBA

A = Involves club with best record vs. Wild Card Game Winner; B = Non-Wild Card Series

NOTE: One Division Series will feature a Division Winner vs. the winner of the Wild Card Game. The other DS will feature the two remaining Division Winners. The Division Series will follow a 2-2-1 format and the Wild Card Club will not hold home-field advantage regardless of record.

TBS will air all ALDS games, while FS1 and MLB Network will combine to air all NLDS games.

Italics above indicate if necessary.



2018 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(NL GAMES IN GREEN, AL GAMES IN RED)



Series	Date	Network	Air Time (ET)
NLCS Game 1	Friday, October 12	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 2	Saturday, October 13	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 1	Saturday, October 13	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 2	Sunday, October 14	TBS	TBA
NLCS Game 3	Monday, October 15	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 4	Tuesday, October 16	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 3	Tuesday, October 16	TBS	TBA
NLCS Game 5	Wednesday, October 17	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 4	Wednesday, October 17	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 5	Thursday, October 18	TBS	TBA
NLCS Game 6	Friday, October 19	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 7	Saturday, October 20	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 6	Saturday, October 20	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 7	Sunday, October 21	TBS	TBA



2018 WORLD SERIES



Game	Date	Site	Network	Air Time (ET)
Game 1	Tuesday, October 23	at Best Record	FOX	TBA
Game 2	Wednesday, October 24	at Best Record	FOX	TBA
Game 3	Friday, October 26	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 4	Saturday, October 27	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 5	Sunday, October 28	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 6	Tuesday, October 30	at Best Record	FOX	TBA
Game 7	Wednesday, October 31	at Best Record	FOX	TBA

Italics above indicate if necessary.

2018 AMERICAN LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK (Through Games of Wednesday, September 12th)

Division Races (including teams within 10.0 games of first place)

AL EAST	W-L	Pct.	GB	AL CENTRAL	W-L	Pct.	GB	AL WEST	W-L	Pct.	GB
BOS	100-46	.685	---	CLE	82-64	.562	---	HOU	92-54	.630	---
NYN	90-56	.616	10.0					OAK	89-57	.610	3.0

AL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
NYN	90-56	.616	---
OAK	89-57	.610	--- (1.0 behind NYN)
TB	80-65	.552	8.5
SEA	79-66	.545	9.5

**The "games behind" column in the Wild Card standings reflects games behind the second Wild Card team.*

Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Tampa Bay Rays, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

Magic Numbers for AL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

East:	Boston Red Sox – 7 (Clinched Postseason Berth)
Central:	Cleveland Indians – 3 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 3; *Actual – 3)
West:	Houston Astros – 14 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 6; *Actual – 6)
Wild Card:	New York Yankees – 8 (*Actual – 8)
	Oakland Athletics – 9 (*Actual – 9)

(To calculate a mathematical Magic Number, first determine the number of games yet to be played, add one, then subtract the number of games ahead in the loss column of the standings from the closest opponent.

*Actual magic numbers take into consideration the remaining matchups during the 2018 regular season.)

Today's Clinching Scenarios (Thursday, September 13th):

No clinching scenarios for today:

- *Cleveland can clinch the AL Central on Friday with a win over Detroit tomorrow AND Twins losses to the Royals today AND tomorrow.*

Season Series Records for Tie-Breakers

Following are several notable season-series records for potential one-game tie-breakers or to determine Postseason seeding (other possibilities will be added as they become necessary); potential one-game tie-breakers, if necessary, would be scheduled for Monday, October 1st:

- *BOS leads NYN, 8-5 (6 games remaining)
- *HOU won season series vs. BOS, 4-3
- *NYN won season series vs. HOU, 5-2
- *HOU won season series vs. OAK, 12-7
- *SEA leads OAK, 9-7 (3 games remaining)
- *HOU-SEA tied, 8-8 (3 games remaining)
- *NYN tied season series vs. OAK, 3-3
- *NYN won season series vs. SEA, 5-1
- *TB leads NYN, 8-7 (4 games remaining)
- *TB leads OAK, 3-1 (3 games remaining)
- *TB won season series vs. SEA, 6-1

American League Wild Card Game

- Home-field advantage will go to the Wild Card winner who had the higher winning percentage during the regular season.

American League Division Series

- Home-field advantage will go to the two Division winners who had the highest winning percentage during the regular season (Games 1-2 and 5).
- The Wild Card team that wins the Wild Card Game can NEVER have home-field advantage, but CAN play a team from its own division in the Division Series.

American League Championship Series

- The Division Series winner with the higher regular season winning percentage (but NEVER the Wild Card) will have the home-field advantage (Games 1-2 and 6-7).

World Series

- Home-field advantage in the World Series (Games 1-2 and 6-7) will go to the team with the higher regular season winning percentage, regardless of whether team is a Wild Card winner or Division winner.

If the Postseason began *today*, the American League match-ups would be:

WILD CARD GAME

Wild Card Game: OAK @ NYY

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: OAK/NYY @ BOS

Games 3 and 4*: BOS @ OAK/NYY

Games 1, 2 and 5*: CLE @ HOU

Games 3 and 4*: HOU @ CLE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Possibility #1 – If the Boston Red Sox advance to the ALCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: HOU/CLE @ BOS

Games 3, 4 and 5*: BOS @ HOU/CLE

Possibility #2 – If the New York Yankees or the Oakland Athletics, as a Wild Card, advance to the ALCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: NYY/OAK @ HOU/CLE

Games 3, 4 and 5*: HOU/CLE @ NYY/OAK

* - If necessary

PRIORITY FOR HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE IN WORLD SERIES

1. BOS
2. HOU
3. NYY
4. OAK
5. CHI
6. MIL
7. ATL (better record than CLE in intraleague games)
8. CLE
9. STL
10. COL

2018 NATIONAL LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK (Through Games of Wednesday, September 12th)

Division Races (including teams within 10.0 games of first place)

NL EAST	W-L	Pct.	GB	NL CENTRAL	W-L	Pct.	GB	NL WEST	W-L	Pct.	GB
ATL	82-64	.562	---	CHI	84-61	.579	---	COL	80-65	.552	---
PHI	74-71	.510	7.5	MIL	84-63	.571	1.0	LAD	79-67	.541	1.5
WSH	74-72	.507	8.0	STL	81-65	.555	3.5	ARI	77-69	.527	3.5

NL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
MIL	84-63	.571	---
STL	81-65	.555	--- (2.5 behind MIL)
LAD	79-67	.541	2.0
ARI	77-69	.527	4.0
PHI	74-71	.510	6.5
WSH	74-72	.507	7.0
PIT	72-73	.497	8.5

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Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Cincinnati Reds, Miami Marlins, San Diego Padres.

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Magic Numbers for NL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

East:	Atlanta Braves – 10 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 10; *Actual – 10)
Central:	Chicago Cubs – 16 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 12; *Actual – 11)
West:	Colorado Rockies – 15 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 16; *Actual – 15)
Wild Card:	Milwaukee Brewers – 11 (*Actual – 11; Mathematical – 12)
	St. Louis Cardinals – 14 (*Actual – 14; Mathematical – 15)

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Today's Clinching Scenarios (Thursday, September 13th):

None (as of today, the earliest possible Postseason clinch date for any NL team is Tuesday, September 18th – Atlanta, Chicago & Milwaukee).

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 *ARI won season series vs. PHI, 4-2
 *PHI won season series vs. LAD, 4-3
 *PHI won season series vs. STL, 4-3
 *PHI-MIL tied season series, 3-3
 *STL-ARI tied season series, 3-3
 *LAD won season series vs. MIL, 4-3
 *ATL leads PHI, 7-5 (7 games remaining)
 *CHI won season series vs. MIL, 11-8
 *STL leads CHI, 9-7 (3 games remaining)
 *STL-MIL tied 8-8 (3 games remaining)

*LAD leads COL, 9-7 (3 games remaining)
 *ARI leads COL, 8-7 (4 games remaining)
 *ARI leads LAD, 9-7 (3 games remaining)
 *ATL-CHI tied season series, 3-3
 *CHI-COL tied season series, 3-3
 *CHI won season series vs. LAD, 4-3
 *LAD won season series vs. ATL, 5-2
 *ATL won season series vs. ARI, 4-3
 *ARI-CHI tied 2-2 (3 games remaining)
 *COL won season series vs. ATL, 5-2

National League Wild Card Game

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If the Postseason began *today*, the National League match-ups would be:

WILD CARD GAME

Wild Card Game: STL @ MIL

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: MIL/STL @ CHI

Games 3 and 4*: CHI @ MIL/STL

Games 1, 2 and 5*: COL @ ATL

Games 3 and 4*: ATL @ COL

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Possibility #1 – If the Chicago Cubs advance to the NLCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: COL/ATL @ CHI

Games 3, 4 and 5*: CHI @ COL/ATL

Possibility #2 – If the Milwaukee Brewers or the St. Louis Cardinals, as a Wild Card, advance to the NLCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: MIL/STL @ ATL/COL

Games 3, 4 and 5*: ATL/COL @ MIL/STL

* - If necessary

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LCS AND WORLD SERIES CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

The media credential application for the 2018 World Series presented by YouTube TV and 2018 League Championship Series is now available on <https://credentials.mlb.com>.

This online form is the only acceptable application for 2018 LCS and World Series Media Credentials as no other application or request will be processed. Applications must be completed by the Sports Editor or Sports Director and received by Major League Baseball no later than Thursday, October 4th. All applications must include a 1" x 1" hi-resolution photo (JPEG format) and valid e-mail address for each applicant. A coverage grid must also be completed within the application for each applicant to indicate which games they plan to attend. The system will not accept any applications that are missing a photo, e-mail address or a grid for any applicant.

Media members who have used the MLB Club Credentialing system to apply for a jewel event or regular season games in the past have access to the application by signing in with your e-mail address. If you have forgotten your password, you can obtain a new one by clicking the "Reset Password" option on the MLB Credentialing System homepage.

Media outlets that have not previously applied online for MLB credentials must contact the MLB Communications Department at (212) 931-7884 or via e-mail at credentials@mlb.com in order to gain access to the site.

PLEASE NOTE FOR TIEBREAKER GAMES, WILD CARD GAMES AND DIVISION SERIES:

Any media member wishing to cover either the Tiebreaker Games, Wild Card Games and/or the Division Series should contact the contending clubs directly for a separate application or access each club's Tiebreaker, Wild Card Game and Division Series applications at <https://credentials.mlb.com>. These applications should be submitted separately from the LCS and World Series application. Media members must adhere to the deadlines set forth by each individual club for Tiebreaker, Wild Card Game and Division Series credentials.



BREGMAN STAYS HOT

In last night's contest against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park, All-Star third baseman Alex Bregman tallied his 50th double of the season while plating three to reach the 100-RBI mark for the first time in his career. Following the performance, the LSU product became the first third baseman in MLB history to amass 30 home runs and 50 doubles in a single campaign, and the first player of any position since Albert Pujols in 2012.

On the season, the AL MVP candidate is slashing .296/.398/.556 with 100 runs scored, 50 doubles, 30 home runs, 100 RBI and 10 stolen bases across 143 games played. Bregman, who was the second overall selection in the 2015 MLB Draft, is just the eighth player in Major League history to reach those totals in a season, joining Matt Holliday, Derrek Lee, Alfonso Soriano, Alex Rodriguez, and Hall of Famers Frank Robinson, Chuck Klein and Lou Gehrig. See the table below for each player's statistics during their historic campaigns.



Player, Club	Year	R	2B	HR	RBI	SB
Alex Bregman, HOU	2018	100	50	30	100	10
Matt Holliday, COL	2007	120	50	36	137	11
Derrek Lee, CHI	2005	120	50	46	107	15
Alfonso Soriano, NYY	2002	128	51	39	102	41
Alex Rodriguez, SEA	1996	141	54	36	123	15
Frank Robinson, CIN	1962	134	51	39	136	18
Chuck Klein, PHI	1932	152	50	38	137	20
Lou Gehrig, NYY	1927	149	52	47	173	10

BETANCES STILL STREAKING

On Sunday against the Seattle Mariners, relief pitcher Dellin Betances of the New York Yankees tallied a strikeout in his 39th consecutive appearance dating back to May 29th. Since then, the four-time All-Star has compiled a 3-3 record with two saves, 68 strikeouts, 16 walks, 16 hits and a 1.43 ERA across 37.2 innings pitched. Now with 106 punchouts on the season, the 30-year-old is the first pitcher in MLB history to register at least 100 strikeouts as a reliever in five consecutive seasons.

The streak is currently tied for the second-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 month, 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 39-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
Dellin Betances, NYY	39	May 29-Present	3-3	1.43	68	16

HADER

Yesterday against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field, All-Star relief ace Josh Hader of the Milwaukee Brewers earned his sixth win of the season after registering each of his outs via strikeout. In his previous appearance on Monday, the 24-year-old struck out all six Cubs batters he faced, posting his 20th hold of the campaign. On the season, Hader is 6-1 with 130 strikeouts and a 2.05 ERA, limiting opposing batters to just 26 walks and 30 hits across 74.2 innings pitched.



Josh's outing yesterday was his fourth in a row in which he notched at least three punchouts, and his 26th overall this season. With more than two weeks still remaining in the 2018 season, Hader is tied for fourth for the most three-strikeout performances by a reliever in Major League history. Two-time All-Star Dick Radatz of the Red Sox holds the MLB record, posting 36 such games during his dominant 1964 campaign. The table below displays each player who has logged at least 26 such games and their season stats.

Pitcher, Club	Year	Games	W-L	ERA	SV	SO	BB
Dick Radatz, BOS	1964	36	16-9	2.29	29	183	58
Mark Eichhorn, TOR	1986	28	14-6	1.72	10	166	45
Dick Radatz, BOS	1962	27	9-6	2.24	24	144	40
Dick Selma, PHI	1970	26	8-9	2.75	22	153	59
Brad Lidge, HOU	2004	26	6-5	1.90	29	157	30
Josh Hader, MIL	2018	26	6-1	2.05	11	130	26

HISTORY IN SIGHT FOR THE SENIOR CIRCUIT

In last night's contest at Safeco Field, the San Diego Padres defeated the Seattle Mariners 5-4, claiming the 147th win for the National League in Inter League games this season. This year's win total represents the highest number of victories for the senior circuit since Inter League play began in 1997, surpassing the 146 wins during the 2013 campaign. The most wins by either league came in 2015 when the American League compiled a 167-133 (.557) record in Inter League tilts.

Entering play today with a 147-133 (.525) record against the AL, 2018 is on pace to mark just the fifth time in MLB history that the NL held a higher winning percentage than their AL counterparts. The other seasons include: 1997 (117-97, .547); 2003 (137-115, .544); 1999 (135-116, .538); and 2002 (129-123, .512).



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	133-147	.241 (2,269-for-9,398)	4.17
National League	147-133	.252 (2,405-for-9,561)	3.95

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

All through 2018 I have been gathering baseball bouquets, posies that evoke the game's beauty, mystery, and intensity. Many of the most lyrical sentiments have come from writers—those who covered the game for a living or who, as devotees, captured something grander than the hits, runs, and errors of a particular day in the long season. Other remarks, perhaps more memorable and typically more concise, have sprung from the lips of players and managers.

Now, with the September run upon us, and the capture of the flags of paramount interest, we arrive at the end of this year's theme for MLB Weekly Notes. As a promising player only until the pitchers started throwing curves, I have often wondered what it felt like to be a major leaguer.

HANK AARON (*right*): "I looked for the same pitch my whole career, a breaking ball. All of the time. I never worried about the fastball. They couldn't throw it past me, none of them."

WALTER JOHNSON: "I throw as hard as I can when I think I have to throw as hard as I can."

MICKEY MANTLE: "Sometimes I think if I had the same body and the same natural ability and someone else's brain, who knows how good a player I might have been."

BABE RUTH: "A ballplayer should quit when it starts to feel as if all the baselines run uphill."

ERNIE BANKS: "Let's play two."

TED WILLIAMS: "A kid copies what is good. I remember the first time I saw Lefty O'Doul, and he was as far away as those palms. And I saw the guy come to bat in batting practice. I was looking through a knothole, and I said, 'Geez, does that guy look good!' And it was Lefty O'Doul, one of the greatest hitters ever."

LEFTY O'DOUL (*right*): "If I had it to do all over I'd be a ballplayer again without pay. Yeah, without pay. I loved it. That's why I never squawked when I didn't get big salaries. I liked to play too much.... I led the National League in batting in 1929 with a .398 average, got 254 hits that season—still the record—and I got a \$500 raise."

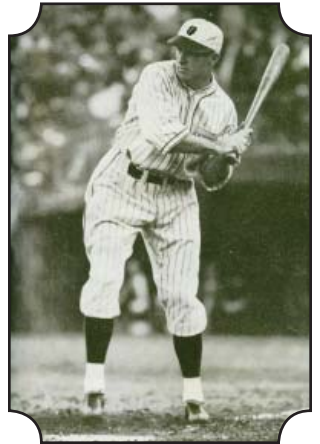
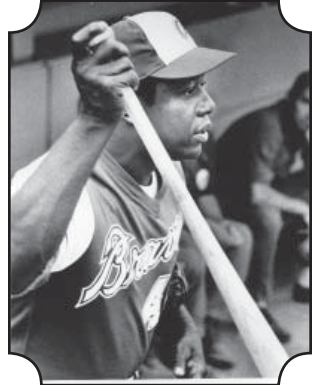
HONUS WAGNER: "There ain't much to being a ballplayer, if you're a ballplayer."

VERNON LAW: "If you don't play to win, why keep score?"

EARL WEAVER: "Bad ballplayers make good managers."

ERIC ROLFE GREENBERG: "To be a pitcher! I thought. A pitcher, standing at the axis of event, or a catcher with the God-view of the play all before him; to be a shortstop, lord of the infield, or a center fielder with unchallenged claim to all the territory one's speed and skill could command; to perform the spontaneous acrobatics of the third baseman or the practiced ballet of the man at second, or to run and throw with the absolute commitment of the outfielder! And to live in a world without grays, where all decisions were final: ball or strike, safe or out, the game won or lost beyond question or appeal."

ROLFE HUMPHRIES: "Time is of the essence. The shadow moves / From the plate to the box, from the box to second base, / From second to the outfield, to the bleachers. / Time is of the essence. The crowd and players / Are the same age always, but the man in the crowd / Is older every season. Come on, play ball!"



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

Thursday, September 13th:	Chicago Cubs at Washington Nationals	4:05 p.m.
	Oakland Athletics at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals	7:15 p.m.
	Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
Friday, September 14th:	Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	New York Mets at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
	Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
Saturday, September 15th:	New York Mets at Boston Red Sox	4:05 p.m.
Monday, September 17th:	St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18th:	Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19th:	St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves	12:10 p.m.



Saturday, September 15th:	Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals	1:05 p.m.
	Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Kansas City Royals (FS1)	7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 13th: Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies 3:10 p.m.



Friday, September 14th: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves 12:10 p.m.



Sunday, September 16th: Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros 2:10 p.m.

Sunday, September 16th: Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18th: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves 7:35 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19th: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees 7:05 p.m.
Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers 10:10 p.m.



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 2,185 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,265 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- *1,265 Replay Reviews
- *250 Confirmed (19.8%)
- *396 Stands (31.3%)
- *608 Overturned (48.1%)
- *8 Rules Check (0.6%)
- *3 Record Keeping (0.2%)
- *1:22 Average Time



LINE DRIVES *(Compiled from Club Game Notes)*

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF: With his appearance last night, outfielder DJ Stewart became the 14th Oriole to make his Major League debut this season. The 14 debuts match the most in a season in Orioles history (since 1954), set in 1955 (the club's second year in Baltimore). Stewart became the 55th player to appear in a game for the Orioles this season. The 55 players used marks the most in Orioles history, surpassing the 54 players used during the 1955 season.

GOLDSCHMIDT HOVERING AROUND .300: All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt of the Arizona Diamondbacks raised his batting average to .300 for the first time this season on Friday. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Goldschmidt is the first player since at least 1920 to increase his batting average to .300-or-higher in a season in which it was under .200 at some point after at least 200 plate appearances.

FIRST IMPRESSION: Following last night's win, Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora became the first MLB manager to guide a team to 100-or-more wins in his first season with the club since Felipe Alou (2003 Giants, 100-61). The last coach to lead a team to at least 100 wins in his first year as an MLB manager was Dusty Baker (1993 Giants, 103-59). The only other manager to guide the Sox to 100-or-more wins in his first season with the club is Jake Stahl (105-47 in 1912).

COMPLETE GAME: All-Star starting pitcher Mike Foltynewicz of the Atlanta Braves threw a six-hitter to lead the Braves to a 4-1 win on Tuesday night, and collected his second complete game of the season. Folty is the first Braves pitcher with multiple complete games in a season since 2015, when Shelby Miller also had two.

POWER OF 10: Shane Bieber became the fifth Indians pitcher to reach the 10-win mark this season, joining Corey Kluber (18), Carlos Carrasco (16), Trevor Bauer (12) and Mike Clevinger (11). Cleveland is the second team in the Majors this season to feature five pitchers with at least 10 wins, joining the Houston Astros. Cleveland has had five pitchers with 10-or-more wins in each of the last three seasons (since 2016), the first such streak in franchise history. This year's Indians are just the fifth team in the Majors with a similar three-season streak in the last 50 years, joining Tampa Bay (2010-12), Boston (1977-79), Los Angeles-NL (1976-78) and Cincinnati (1973-76).

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: The Tigers played their 46th one-run game of the season last night, falling to 20-26 in those contests with a 5-4 loss. Detroit's 46 one-run games are the third-most in the American League (Seattle, 55 and Tampa Bay, 53). In addition to the 46 one-run games, the Tigers have also played 28 games that have been decided by two runs.

JUST DÚ IT: Rookie third baseman Miguel Andújar of the New York Yankees went 2-for-4 with a run scored on Tuesday at Minnesota, his third multi-hit effort in his previous four games. The outing was his 48th multi-hit game, most among MLB rookies. Only six Yankees rookies in the last 100 years have totaled 50 multi-hit games in a season.

DYNAMIC DUO: All-Star rotation-mates Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole, who rank first and second in the AL in strikeouts, respectively, are the first pair of right-handed pitchers since at least 1900 to each surpass 250 strikeouts in a season for the same club. The 2018 Astros are the sixth club overall to feature two pitchers with at least 250 punchouts.

THE EYES HAVE IT: On Tuesday against the Washington Nationals, first baseman Carlos Santana (97 BB) passed Pete Rose (95 BB) and moved into sole possession of first place on the Phillies' single-season walk list among switch hitters.

IT'S A LONELY CLUB: Colorado Rockies shortstop Trevor Story tallied his 40th double in the first inning on Tuesday to become the first shortstop in Major League history to record at least 40 doubles, 30 home runs and 25 stolen bases in a single season. He is the 16th player all-time (19th time) to reach those numbers, and the third Rockies player to do so (Larry Walker, 1997 and Ellis Burks, 1996). Additionally, Story is the second shortstop since 1920 (when RBI became an official statistic) to have a season with 30 home runs, 100 RBI, 25 stolen bases (also Alex Rodriguez, 1998).

STEALIN' WHIT: Recording his American League-leading 34th and 35th stolen bases last night, Royals second baseman Whit Merrifield surpassed his career high from last season and eclipsed his teammate Adalberto Mondesi for the most in the Majors since the All-Star break (18). He's the second Royals infielder with at least 34 stolen bases in consecutive seasons, joining Freddie Patek (51, 53 and 38 from 1976-78). His second steal was of third base, the 23rd steal of third in his career, surpassing Rajai Davis for most in the American League since 2016, including a Major League-leading 13 in 2018.

HEAN MACHINE: Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Andrew Heaney has set new career highs in wins (nine), starts (27), strikeouts (161) and innings pitched (165.0) this season. He is the first Halo to reach the 160-strikeout mark since 2015 (Garrett Richards; 176 & Hector Santiago; 162) and has four double-digit strikeout games this season. In his last outing on Sunday, he logged a career-high 12 strikeouts, and joined Frank Tanana as the only left-handers in team history to record 12-or-more punchouts with zero walks in a game.

HISTORIC STREAKS: New York Mets All-Star starting pitcher Jacob deGrom has held opponents to three runs-or-less in 26 straight starts, the longest single-season streak in Major League history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. deGrom has hurled 21 straight quality starts, tied for the third-longest single-season streak in Major League history, one behind the record of 22 held by Hall of Famer Bob Gibson (1968) and Chris Carpenter (2005).

SAVING THE DAY: All-Star closer Felipe Vázquez of the Pittsburgh Pirates has converted each of his last 22 save opportunities, representing the longest streak in the National League this season. Felipe is the only left-handed pitcher in franchise history to amass that many saves in a single season, while his 53 saves in a Pirates uniform rank 10th in Club history.

CLUB 1,000: With his RBI last night against the San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners All-Star designated hitter Nelson Cruz became the 11th active player in the Majors to reach the 1,000-RBI milestone, joining Albert Pujols, Adrián Beltré, Miguel Cabrera, Matt Holliday, Robinson Canó, Adrián González, Victor Martinez, Edwin Encarnacion, Ryan Braun and Chase Utley. Cruz became the sixth player to reach the mark in a Mariners uniform, joining Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr., Edgar Martinez, John Olerud, Bret Boone and Canó.

WINNING SEASONS: The Cardinals need one win to record their 11th consecutive winning season, something they've done just once previously in franchise history (1939-1953).

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)
September 2 nd	Gleyber Torres, NYY (.478, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 20 TB, .571 OBP)	Christian Yelich, MIL (.444, 12 H, 4 HR, 14 RBI, 27 TB)
September 9 th	Shohei Ohtani, LAA (.474, 8 R, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 2 SB, 24 TB)	Bryce Harper, WSH (.438, 6 R, 4 XBH, 7 RBI, .655 OBP)

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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)
August	J.D. Martinez, BOS (.373, 24 R, 11 2B, 7 HR, 25 RBI, 14 BB)	Justin Turner, LAD (.402, 39 H, 22 R, 11 2B, 6 HR, 20 RBI)

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)
August	Blake Snell, TB (4-0, 1.04 ERA, 26.0 IP, 34 SO, 11 H)	Cole Hamels, CHI (4-0, 0.69 ERA, 39.0 IP, 38 SO, 11 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)
August	Miguel Andújar, NYY (.320, 21 R, 7 2B, 10 HR, 29 RBI)	Ronald Acuña Jr., ATL (.336, 25 R, 7 2B, 11 HR, 21 RBI, 6 SB)

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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)
August	Edwin Díaz, SEA (11 G, 10 SV, 1.64 ERA, 21 SO, 0 BB)	Héctor Neris, PHI (10 G, 0.00 ERA, 20 SO, 3 H, 2 BB)