



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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

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## 2018 AMERICAN LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK (Through Games of Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>)

**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	103-49	.678	---	CLE	85-66	.563	---	HOU	95-57	.625	---
NYN	93-58	.616	9.5					OAK	91-61	.599	4.0

**CLE = AL Central Champions**

### AL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
NYN	93-58	.616	---
OAK	91-61	.599	--- (2.5 behind New York)
TB	85-66	.563	5.5
SEA	84-68	.553	7.0

\*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, Minnesota Twins, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Rays, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

### Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Minnesota Twins, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

### Magic Numbers for AL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

<b>East:</b>	Boston Red Sox – 2 (Clinched Postseason Berth)
<b>Central:</b>	<b>Cleveland Indians – AL Central Champions</b>
<b>West:</b>	Houston Astros – 7 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 2; *Actual – 2)
<b>Wild Card:</b>	New York Yankees – 4 (*Actual – 4) Oakland Athletics – 6 (*Actual – 6)

(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 20<sup>th</sup>)

- The Red Sox can clinch the AL East division tonight with a win over the Yankees.
- The Astros can clinch a Postseason berth tomorrow with:  
A win over the Angels tomorrow AND a Rays loss to the Blue Jays tonight OR tomorrow;  
A Rays loss to the Blue Jays tonight AND tomorrow.
- The Yankees can clinch a Postseason berth tomorrow with a win over the Red Sox tonight AND a win over the Orioles tomorrow AND Rays losses to the Blue Jays tonight 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 1<sup>st</sup>:

\*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)  
\*SEA won season series vs. HOU, 10-9

\*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 won season series vs. OAK, 4-3  
\*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. CLE
8. LAD
9. ATL
10. STL

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ATL	84-68	.553	---	CHI	89-63	.586	---	LAD	85-68	.556	---
PHI	78-73	.517	5.5	MIL	87-66	.569	2.5	COL	82-70	.539	2.5
WSH	77-75	.507	7.0	STL	84-69	.549	5.5	ARI	79-74	.516	6.0

### NL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
MIL	87-66	.569	---
STL	84-69	.549	--- (3.0 behind Milwaukee)
COL	82-70	.539	1.5
PHI	78-73	.517	5.0
ARI	79-74	.516	5.0
PIT	77-74	.510	6.0
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### Magic Numbers for NL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

<b>East:</b>	Atlanta Braves – 5 ( <i>Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 6; *Actual – 5</i> )
<b>Central:</b>	Chicago Cubs – 8 ( <i>Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 4; *Actual – 4</i> )
<b>West:</b>	Los Angeles Dodgers – 8 ( <i>Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 8; *Actual – 8</i> )
<b>Wild Card:</b>	Milwaukee Brewers – 6 ( <i>*Actual – 6; Mathematical – 6</i> )
	St. Louis Cardinals – 9 ( <i>*Actual – 9; Mathematical – 9</i> )

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### Today's Clinching Scenarios (Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>):

- No clinching scenarios today.
- As of today, the earliest possible Postseason clinch date for any NL team is Saturday, September 22nd (Atlanta – NL East; Chicago – Postseason).

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- \*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 won season series vs. COL, 12-7
- \*ARI-COL tied, 8-8 (3 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
- \*COL won season series vs. ATL, 5-2
- \*STL won season series vs. LAD, 4-3
- \*MIL won season series vs. COL, 5-2
- \*MIL won season series vs. ARI, 5-1
- \*ATL won season series vs. STL, 4-2

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#### **DIVISION SERIES**

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Games 3 and 4\*:                      CHI @ MIL/STL

Games 1, 2 and 5\*:                      ATL @ LAD

Games 3 and 4\*:                      LAD @ ATL

#### **LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

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

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

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

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

\* - If necessary

#### **PRIORITY FOR HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE IN WORLD SERIES**

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10.    **STL**



## **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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.



## **BEASTS OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE**

The Boston Red Sox enter play today with a Major League-best 103-49 record on the season. In the same division, Boston's archrival New York Yankees own a 93-58 record, while in the AL West, the Houston Astros (95-57) and Oakland Athletics (91-61) have all eclipsed the 90-win mark. To reach the 100-win milestone, the Astros will need to win five of their final 10 games; the Yankees will need to win seven of their remaining 11 games; and the Athletics will need to win nine of their final 10 contests.

Across Major League history, three Clubs have tallied 100-or-more wins in the same season in six different campaigns: 2017, 2003, 2002, 1998, 1977 and 1942. Never in Major League history have four teams posted 100-win seasons in the same year. In addition, 2018 would mark the first campaign in MLB history in which three-or-more 100-win Clubs came from a single league (AL). The table below details the aforementioned years and their respective Clubs that reached the triple-digit win milestone.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b><i>Boston Red Sox</i></b>	<b><i>103-49</i></b>	<b><i>???</i></b>
	<b><i>Houston Astros</i></b>	<b><i>95-57</i></b>	<b><i>???</i></b>
	<b><i>New York Yankees</i></b>	<b><i>93-58</i></b>	<b><i>???</i></b>
	<b><i>Oakland Athletics</i></b>	<b><i>91-61</i></b>	<b><i>???</i></b>
2017	Los Angeles Dodgers	104-58	Lost in WS to HOU (3-4)
	Cleveland Indians	102-60	Lost in ALDS to NYY (2-3)
	Houston Astros	101-61	Won WS vs. LAD (4-3)
2003	New York Yankees	101-61	Lost in WS to FLA (2-4)
	Atlanta Braves	101-61	Lost in NLDS to CHI (2-3)
	San Francisco Giants	100-61	Lost in NLDS to FLA (1-3)
2002	New York Yankees	103-58	Lost in ALDS to ANA (1-3)
	Oakland Athletics	103-59	Lost in ALDS to MIN (2-3)
	Atlanta Braves	101-59	Lost in NLDS to SF (2-3)
1998	New York Yankees	114-48	Won WS vs. SD (4-0)
	Atlanta Braves	106-56	Lost in NLCS to SD (2-4)
	Houston Astros	102-60	Lost in NLDS to SD (1-3)
1977	Kansas City Royals	102-60	Lost in ALCS to NYY (2-3)
	Philadelphia Phillies	101-61	Lost in NLCS to LAD (1-3)
	New York Yankees	100-62	Won WS vs. LAD (4-2)
1942	St. Louis Cardinals	106-48	Won WS vs. NYY (4-1)
	New York Yankees	103-51	Lost in WS to STL (1-4)
	Brooklyn Dodgers	104-50	Did not qualify for Postseason



## BETANCES STILL STREAKING

On Sunday against the Toronto Blue Jays, relief pitcher Dellin Betances of the New York Yankees tallied a strikeout in his 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive appearance dating back to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the four-time All-Star has compiled a 3-4 record with three saves, 70 strikeouts, 16 walks, 21 hits and a 1.82 ERA across 39.2 innings pitched. Now with 117 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
<b>Dellin Betances, NYY</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>May 29-Present</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16</b>
Bruce Sutter, CHI	39	June 1-October 2, 1977	7-2	1.64	87	21

## HISTORY MADE IN THE SENIOR CIRCUIT

In last night's contest at PNC Park, the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Kansas City Royals 2-1, claiming the 153<sup>rd</sup> win for the National League in Interleague games this season. This year's win total represents the highest number of victories for the senior circuit since Interleague 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 Interleague tilts.

Entering play today with a 153-139 (.524) record against the AL, 2018 is just the fifth time in MLB history that the NL will hold 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	139-153	.242 (2,367-for-9,795)	4.16
National League	153-139	.251 (2,498-for-9,954)	3.93

## MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK (All Times ET)

<b>Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
	Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
<b>Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox	4:10 p.m.
	Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves	7:35 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals	8:15 p.m.
<b>Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees	4:05 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox	7:10 p.m.
<b>Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox	2:10 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals	2:15 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Toronto Blue Jays	7:07 p.m.
<b>Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays	7:10 p.m.
	Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
	Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Houston Astros at Toronto Blue Jays	4:07 p.m.



**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals 1:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 1:05 p.m.

**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Los Angeles Angels at Oakland Athletics 3:35 p.m.



**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees 1:05 p.m.

**Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians (ESPN2) 7:10 p.m.  
**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians 7:05 p.m.



### UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 2,280 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,321 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- \*1,321 Replay Reviews
- \*262 Confirmed (19.8%)
- \*414 Stands (31.3%)
- \*633 Overturned (47.9%)
- \*9 Rules Check (0.7%)
- \*3 Record Keeping (0.2%)
- \*1:22 Average Time



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

**WINS:** The Oakland A's have won 90 games for their third 90-win season in the last seven years, and their ninth dating back to 2000. Only the New York Yankees (13, including this year), Boston Red Sox (12, including this year) and St. Louis Cardinals (10) have more 90-win seasons dating back to 2000. The 91 wins thus far are a 16-win improvement over last year, and are their most since going 96-66 in 2013.

**PERALTA'S POWER SURGER:** Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder David Peralta needs two home runs to become the sixth D-backs outfielder to reach the 30-homer plateau, joining Luis Gonzalez (2000-01), Steve Finley (1999-2000), Reggie Sanders (2001), Justin Upton (2011) and Chris Young (2007). Should Peralta reach 30 homers, it would mark the first time that Arizona boasted multiple 30-homer hitters in back-to-back seasons since 1999-2001. All-Star Paul Goldschmidt (36) and Jake Lamb (30) each reached the milestone last year.

**BASH BROTHERS:** St. Louis Cardinals backstop Yadier Molina belted his 144<sup>th</sup> career home run on Monday night to match his older brother Bengie for the family lead. José Molina had 39 career round-trippers. Yadier's 18 homers this season match his total from 2017, and are four shy of his career high (22) in 2012.

**MULTI-HIT MAN:** New York Mets infielder Jeff McNeil has tied the Mets rookie record for the most three-hit games after the All-Star break in one season (seven), a mark set by David Wright in 2004, courtesy of the Elias Sports Bureau. McNeil has 17 multi-hit games since July 24<sup>th</sup> (his ML debut).

**UP-RISING:** Los Angeles Angels outfielder Justin Upton has set the franchise record for home runs by a left fielder (30), breaking Garret Anderson's previous mark of 29. Upton is the first Halo outfielder (other than Mike Trout) with a 30-homer campaign since Hall of Famer Vladimir Guerrero in 2006 (33).

**IS 400 WINS A LOT? IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT:** Including the Postseason, skipper Joe Maddon has now guided the Chicago Cubs to 400 wins since joining the organization prior to the 2015 campaign. The Cubs have 381 regular season victories, by far the most in all of Baseball in that span and a Cubs franchise record for the most wins within a manager's first four years with the club. In addition, the Cubs have tallied 19 playoff wins, have made three straight NLCS appearances, and won the 2016 World Series. Chicago is the only team in all of Baseball to reach the LCS in each of the last three years.

**SALVY IN SELECT COMPANY:** Salvador Perez's 26<sup>th</sup> home run of the season was a walk-off grand slam in Friday night's win over the Twins, and he's now just one home run shy of matching his Major League single-season best, set last year. He is one of nine players in team history to hit at least 25 homers in consecutive seasons, joining: Eric Hosmer (2016-17), Carlos Beltrán (2002-03), Mike Sweeney (2000-01), Jermaine Dye (1999-2000), Bo Jackson (1989-90), Danny Tartabull (1987-88), Steve Balboni (1984-86) and John Mayberry (1972-73). He's also the first big league catcher to do it since Hall of Famer Iván Rodríguez did so in three straight years (1999-2001) and Hall of Famer Mike Piazza in eight straight (1995-2002).

**20/30 VISION:** With 19 home runs and 32 stolen bases, Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Starling Marte is one homer shy of becoming just the third player in team history to produce at least 20 home runs and 30 steals in the same season. Seven-time MVP Barry Bonds accomplished the feat four times (1987, 1990-92) and Andy Van Slyke did it twice (1987-88).

**KINGS OF K:** Carlos Carrasco's performance last night marked the 29<sup>th</sup> start by an Indians pitcher this season in which he tallied at least 10 strikeouts, the most in the Majors this season. The 29 such outings rank fourth-most in MLB history, trailing the 2001 Arizona Diamondbacks (35), 1973 California Angels (32) and the 2002 Diamondbacks (30).

**CONSISTENT NOLAN:** For the fourth consecutive season, All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado has logged at least 30 home runs and 100 RBI. Arenado is the fourth Rockie with four such seasons (also: Todd Helton, Vinny Castilla and Larry Walker), and the third Rockie with four consecutive years (also: Castilla and Helton).

**GAME NO. 100:** Tuesday night marked Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr.'s 100<sup>th</sup> career game. The rookie outfielder has logged 55 extra-base hits since his debut. Over the last 110 seasons, only five players in history had more through 100 games, including Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio, who posted a record 69 extra-base hits.

**JOSELITO AND THE BULL:** All-Star second baseman Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros has scored 640 runs in his career, which ranks tied for eighth in franchise history along with Bob Watson (640). The duo immediately trail Terry Puhl (676) for seventh place on the all-time list.

**HERE AND THERE:** The Red Sox enter play today with 54 wins at home and 49 wins on the road. The Club has never won 50-or-more games both at home and on the road. The last Major League teams to do that were the 2011 Philadelphia Phillies (52 home/50 road) and 2008 Los Angeles Angels (50/50).

**PALKA POWER:** Outfielder Daniel Palka of the Chicago White Sox ranks tied for fourth in White Sox single-season history among rookies with 26 home runs (also Matt Davidson; 26 in 2017). The 26 homers are the most ever by a White Sox left-handed hitting rookie.

**30/20:** On Tuesday night, All-Star and MVP candidate Christian Yelich of the Milwaukee Brewers recorded his 20<sup>th</sup> stolen base of the season to go along with his 31 home runs. Yelich joined his teammate Ryan Braun (2009, 11-12) and Tommy Harper (1970) as the only players in franchise history to post a 30/20 campaign.

**BOMBS AWAY:** With infielder Neil Walker hitting his 10<sup>th</sup> HR of the season on Tuesday against the Boston Red Sox, the 2018 Yankees tied a Major League record with 11 players with double-digit home runs. The Club is the fifth team in Major League history to accomplish the feat, joining the Houston Astros in 2015 and 2017, the Minnesota Twins in 2016 and the Detroit Tigers in 2004.

**MR. NO DAYS OFF:** The Philadelphia Phillies are in the midst of 17 consecutive games without an off day to finish their season. This marks the longest stretch this year for the Club without an off day. According to Elias, this is the first time the Phillies have finished a season with at least 17 straight games and no days off since the year 2000, when they also finished with 17 straight from September 15<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADRIÁN ON THE ALL-TIME LISTS:** Texas Rangers third baseman Adrián Beltré had two hits on Friday at San Diego to pass Hall of Famer George Brett and move into 15<sup>th</sup> place on the all-time hits list. He now has the most hits in Major League history for any player to appear primarily at third base in their career. With 475 career homers, Beltré is tied with Hall of Famers Stan Musial and Willie Stargell for 30<sup>th</sup> on the all-time home run list.

## 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)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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)
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Verlander, HOU (2-0, 1.93 ERA, 14.0 IP, 21 SO, 2 BB)	Yasiel Puig, LAD (.429, 7 R, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 1.190 SLG)



## **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)
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)

## **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)
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)