



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

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YOUTH MOVEMENT

Seventy-nine hitters under the age of 24 have appeared in a game this season across Major League Baseball with five players aged 23-or-younger recording at least 65 hits. Those players include Daylen Lile (72 H) and James Wood (71 H) of the Washington Nationals; Kevin McGonigle (69 H) of the Detroit Tigers; Nick Kurtz (68 H) of the Athletics; and Junior Caminero (68 H) of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Daylen Lile, Washington Nationals

Lile is hitting .266 (72-for-271) with eight homers, 35 RBI, 15 doubles, two triples, 23 walks 40 runs scored, seven stolen bases and a .747 OPS. Lile racked up four hits and two stolen bases in Washington's game at San Francisco on Wednesday, becoming the seventh player (10th occurrence) in Nationals' history (2005-present) to reach those marks in a single game and first since his teammate CJ Abrams on September 19, 2024. Lile is on pace for 169 hits this season, which would be fourth-most in Nationals' history (since 2005) behind Ryan Zimmerman (176 H in 2006, 174 H in 2007) and Bryce Harper (172 H in 2015).

James Wood, Washington Nationals

Wood is batting .271 (71-for-262) with 18 homers, 43 RBI, 15 doubles, 56 walks, 62 runs scored, 12 stolen bases and a .941 OPS. Wood is on pace for 166 hits, and along with Lile, the pair could become the first duo of teammates with a "baseball age" (based on player's age as of June 30th) under 24 years old to eclipse 165 hits in a single season since 2021 when Bo Bichette (191 H) and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (188 H) turned the trick for the Toronto Blue Jays. Overall, the feat has been accomplished just 11 times since 1976. After being named an All-Star and participating in the T-Mobile Home Run Derby in 2025, Wood, along with Caminero, is bidding to join a list of 12 active players with multiple All-Star selections in a season aged 23-or-younger (age as of June 30th). Currently the list includes: Ronald Acuña Jr., Cody Bellinger, Elly De La Cruz, Guerrero Jr., Bryce Harper, Francisco Lindor, Manny Machado, Julio Rodríguez, Corey Seager, Juan Soto, Gleyber Torres and Mike Trout. Among all qualified Major League players, Wood leads the Majors in runs scored; ranks fourth in on-base percentage (.407), OPS and walks; is tied for fifth in total bases (140); and ranks sixth in extra-base hits (33).

Kevin McGonigle, Detroit Tigers

McGonigle is batting .286 (70-for-245) with four homers, 24 RBI, 15 doubles, 42 walks, 44 runs scored, nine stolen bases and an .814 OPS. The 21-year-old is on pace for 164 hits this season, and is seeking to become the third Tigers player under the age of 22 with at least 150 hits in a single season, joining Hall of Famers Ty Cobb (2x: 212 H in 1907 & 188 H in 1908) and Al Kaline (2x: 200 H in 1955 and 194 H in 1956). McGonigle, who will celebrate his 22nd birthday on August 18th, is also on pace for 100 walks. He is on pace to become the eighth player (ninth occurrence) with at least 150 hits and 100 walks in an age 21-or-younger season (based on age as of June 30th). Juan Soto was the last to accomplish the feat, tallying 153 hits and 108 walks en route to the 2019 World Series with the Nationals. The 37th overall pick in the 2023 Draft is seeking to be just the third Tigers player under the age of 22 to be named to an All-Star team, attempting to join Hall of Famers Hal Newhouser and Kaline.

Nick Kurtz, Athletics

Kurtz is hitting .283 (68-for-240) with 15 homers, 49 RBI, 12 doubles, a triple, 64 walks, 46 runs scored, seven stolen bases and a .967 OPS. He leads qualified players in on-base percentage (.438) and walks (64), and is tied for fifth in RBI. He is on pace for 162 hits this season, and is bidding to become the fifth A's player (sixth occurrence) since the American League adopted the 162-game schedule in 1961 to average at least one hit per game in an age 23-or-younger season (based on age as of June 30th). Others to achieve the feat include Ben Grieve (168 H in 1998); Jose Canseco (2x: 162 H in 1987 & 187 H in 1988); and Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson (179 H in 1980). Since June 11th of last season, his 46 home runs are tied with Aaron Judge for second-most in the Majors, behind only Kyle Schwarber's 60 longballs. Kurtz, who was named the American League Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year in 2025, is seeking his first All-Star appearance. Across the last 20 seasons, Kurtz is seeking to become the 18th Rookie of the Year Award winner to be named an All-Star in the following season, joining: Paul Skenes (2024 All-Star); Gunnar Henderson (2024); Julio Rodríguez (2023); Ronald Acuña Jr. (2019); Judge (2018); Michael Fulmer (2017); Corey Seager (2017); Kris Bryant (2016); Jacob deGrom (2015); Mike Trout (2013); Bryce Harper (2013); Craig Kimbrel (2012); Andrew Bailey (2010); Evan Longoria (2009); Dustin Pedroia (2008); Ryan Braun (2008); and Justin Verlander (2007).

Junior Caminero, Tampa Bay Rays

Caminero is hitting .278 (68-for-245) with 14 homers, 30 RBI, 11 doubles, 40 walks, 41 runs scored and an .872 OPS. Overall, he has a hit in 51 of his 65 games this season, including 29 of his 36 contests since April 29th, and has reached base safely in 54 of his 65 games. With Caminero already one shy of his career-high 41 walks last season, he is on pace for 99 walks, he could become just the second Rays player ever with 100 walks in a season, joining Carlos Peña's 2007 campaign (103 BB). Caminero is one of 22 players entering play on Thursday to have appeared in every game for his club this season. He is joined by José Ramírez (70 G) of the Cleveland Guardians; Pete Alonso (69 G) of the Baltimore Orioles; Jo Adell of the Los Angeles Angels; Seattle Mariners teammates Randy Arozarena, Rodríguez and Cole Young (69 G); Rafael Devers (69 G) of the San Francisco Giants; Wood (69 G) of the Nationals; Atlanta Braves teammates Austin Riley, Matt Olson and Ozzie Albies (68 G); Pete Crow-Armstrong (68 G) of the Chicago Cubs; Riley Greene (68 G) of the Tigers; Bobby Witt Jr. (68 G) of the Kansas City Royals; Xavier Edwards (68 G) of the Miami Marlins; Harper (68 G) of the Philadelphia Phillies; Bryan Reynolds (68 G) of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Sal Stewart (67 G) of the Cincinnati Reds; New York Mets teammates Bo Bichette and Marcus Semien (67 G); and Iván Herrera (65 G) of the St. Louis Cardinals. Of the 22 players, Caminero, Stewart, Wood and Young are all under the age of 24, and 12 of the 22 players are aged 27-or-older.

2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2026 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	138-173	.239 (2,487-for-10,388)	4.31
National League	173-138	.244 (2,546-for-10,436)	4.06

In 2025, American League teams defeated National League teams 367 times in an MLB-record 720 Interleague games (previous record: 690 G in 2023 and 2024).

It was the third year of MLB's balanced schedule.





WALK-OFF MAGIC

Bryce Eldridge hammered a walk-off grand slam yesterday as the San Francisco Giants scored 10 runs in their final two trips to the plate to claim an 11-10 win over the Washington Nationals at Oracle Park. With the victory, the Giants became the sixth team in the Divisional Era (since 1969) to win when trailing by eight-or-more runs entering the eighth inning and the first to accomplish the feat since the Cleveland Indians came back from a 10-2 deficit against the Tampa Bay Rays to win 11-10 on May 25, 2009.

Per Sarah Langs, at 21 years, 233 days old, Eldridge became the youngest player in Major League history to hit a walk-off grand slam, surpassing Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente, who hit an inside-the-park walk-off grand slam on July 25, 1956 at 21 years, 342 days. It was the second walk-off slam in Giants' history when coming to the plate trailing by three runs, joining Bobby Thomson on June 16, 1952. Overall, it was the eighth walk-off grand slam in Giants' history and the first since Patrick Bailey on September 12, 2025 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

San Francisco leads Major League Baseball with seven grand slams this season, all of which have been hit since May 17th. Per Langs, the Giants are just the second team to hit seven grand slams in a span of 23 games in a season, joining the 2006 New York Mets (July 8-August 6).

It was the fifth walk-off grand slam of the season, marking the most since 2024. Since 1982, there has been a walk-off grand slam in 45 consecutive MLB seasons, making the epic feat feel less rare than you might think. Of those 45 seasons, there have been multiple walk-off slams in all but two (1994 & 2005), and the feat has happened at least three times in 37 of the 45 seasons; at least four times 29 of the 45; and at least five times 18 of the 45. If a sixth walk-off grand slam is hit this season, it would be the most since 2021. The nine walk-off grand slams in 2019 were the most in a single season in Major League history.

The homer marked the Giants' first walk-off blast of the year, with 21 of the 30 clubs now achieving the feat this season and 28 of the 30 clubs winning in walk-off fashion at least once (except Minnesota & Washington). The nine clubs without a walk-off home run are the Boston Red Sox (last: Ceddanne Rafaela on 7/11/2025); Cleveland Guardians (last: Brayan Rocchio on 9/28/2025); Houston Astros (last: Yainer Diaz on 5/30/2025); Minnesota Twins (last HR: Luke Keaschall on 8/10/ 2025, last walk-off: Keaschall sac-fly on 9/12/2025); Philadelphia Phillies (last: Kyle Schwarber on 6/9/2023); Seattle Mariners (last: Leo Rivas on 9/10/2025); Tampa Bay Rays (last: Jonathan Aranda on 4/19/2025); Texas Rangers (last: Josh Jung on 8/4/2025); and Washington Nationals (last HR: James Wood on 6/19/2025, last walk-off: CJ Abrams single on 8/6/2025).

The Phillies' current 491 game streak without a walk-off home run is the fourth-longest in franchise history and longest since a 741-game streak from September 1940 to July 1945, per Elias. It is the longest streak since Tampa Bay went 550 games without a walk-off homer from May 2014 to August 2017. Since MLB expanded to 30 clubs in 1998, there have only been three seasons in which every club had a walk-off home run: 2003, 2014 and 2019.

2026 WALK-OFF WINS	
TEAM	WALK-OFFS (HR)
Chicago Cubs	8 (1)
Seattle Mariners	6 (0)
Chicago White Sox	5 (3)
San Diego Padres	5 (3)
New York Mets	5 (2)
Los Angeles Angels	5 (1)
St. Louis Cardinals	5 (1)
Arizona Diamondbacks	4 (2)
Atlanta Braves	4 (2)
Cincinnati Reds	4 (1)
Detroit Tigers	4 (1)
Toronto Blue Jays	4 (1)
Baltimore Orioles	3 (2)
Los Angeles Dodgers	3 (2)
Miami Marlins	3 (2)
Kansas City Royals	3 (1)
New York Yankees	3 (1)
Philadelphia Phillies	3 (0)
Athletics	2 (1)
Colorado Rockies	2 (1)
Milwaukee Brewers	2 (1)
Pittsburgh Pirates	2 (1)
San Francisco Giants	2 (1)
Tampa Bay Rays	2 (0)
Texas Rangers	2 (0)
Boston Red Sox	1 (0)
Cleveland Guardians	1 (0)
Houston Astros	1 (0)
Minnesota Twins	0 (0)
Washington Nationals	0 (0)



DEVELOPS

DEVELOPS ON THE DIAMOND

DEBUT FOR THE AGES: On Tuesday afternoon, news broke that Braden Montgomery, the Chicago White Sox number two prospect and number 21 prospect in MLB per *MLB Pipeline*, was being called up to the Majors. A few hours later, the Breakthrough Series, DREAM Series, and Hank Aaron Invitational alumni entered his name into Major League Baseball's history books. In his debut game, the 23-year-old went 2-for-5, ripping an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth inning and driving a walk-off two-run homer over the wall in left field to give the White Sox a 6-5 win in 10 innings. In just his first game in the Majors, Montgomery collected his first hit, RBI, home run, walk-off and walk-off home run. Per Sarah Langs, Montgomery became the fifth player in MLB history to hit a walk-off homer in their debut game, joining Billy Parker (1971); Josh Bard (2002); Miguel Cabrera (2003); and Carlos Perez (2015). Montgomery also joined Lee Tannehill, who accomplished the feat on April 22nd, 1903, as the only players in White Sox franchise history to record two hits and three RBI in a debut game. See [here](#) for the highlights from Montgomery's debut and see [here](#) for the message Montgomery left for his future self to see on the day of his Major League debut.



GROOVIN' TO THE SHOW: LuJames Groover, the Arizona Diamondbacks' number 10 prospect per *MLB Pipeline*, made his Major League debut with the Club on Friday night. The Breakthrough Series alumni got the call following 56 games with the Triple-A Reno Aces in which he slashed .322/.421/.452 with three homers, 39 RBI, 16 doubles, a triple, 37 runs scored and two stolen bases. In his second game in the Majors, the 24-year-old tallied his first career hit and RBI, and has strung together a three-game hitting streak since. See Groover's first career hit and RBI [here](#).



ALL AMERICANS: With the collegiate baseball season coming to an end, Perfect Game released their picks for this year's All-American first, second and third teams. Among the members of those teams are multiple alumni of MLB Develops. Receiving first-team honors were Louisville's Tague Davis, an alumni of the 2022 States Play, and Zion Rose, an alumni of the Hank Aaron Invitational, Breakthrough Series, DREAM Series and High School All-American Game; along with the University of Virginia's AJ Gracia, an alumni of the Hank Aaron Invitational. See [here](#) for Perfect Game's full 2026 All-American teams.

2026 PERFECT GAME COLLEGE BASEBALL
 ★★ COLLEGIATE ★★
ALL-AMERICANS
 FIRST TEAM

C	VAHN LACKEY GEORGIA TECH	SP	MASON EDWARDS USC
1B	TAGUE DAVIS LOUISVILLE	SP	JACKSON FLORA UC SANTA BARBARA
2B	JARREN ADVINCULA GEORGIA TECH	SP	DYLAN VOLANTIS TEXAS
3B	ACE REESE MISSISSIPPI STATE	SP	DAX WHITNEY OREGON STATE
SS	ROCH CHOLOWSKY KANSAS	SP	MAXX VEHL WEST VIRGINIA
IF	TYSON LEBLANC LOUISIANA STATE	RP	SAM COZART TEXAS
OF	DREW BURRESS GEORGIA TECH	RP	CADEN GLAUBER NORTH CAROLINA
OF	LONDON HAIRSTON ARIZONA STATE	RP	ALBERT ROBLEZ OREGON STATE
OF	CADEN SORRELL TEXAS A&M	2W	EVAN DEMPSEY FGCU
DH	DANIEL JACKSON GEORGIA	UT	QUINTON COATS CINCINNATI

EDI ON THE HORIZON: At the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Florida on June 23rd-27th, over 120 female athletes will take part in the 12th consecutive Elite Development Invitational, hosted by Major League Baseball and USA Baseball. Held last year at the Kansas City Urban Youth Academy, the event will combine girls' baseball and softball for the third consecutive year, with over 60 athletes participating in each. The softball side of the event will consist of on-field development and game play paired with off-field development sessions that cover college recruiting, mental health and women in sports. The baseball side of the event will consist of on-and-off-field position-specific work, strength and conditioning and mental performance, amongst other things. The coaching staff slated for the event consists of 12 baseball and 13 softball coaches. Amongst the star-studded staff are four MLB Ambassadors and over 10 USA Women's National Team alumni, including Jennie Finch and Natasha Watley.





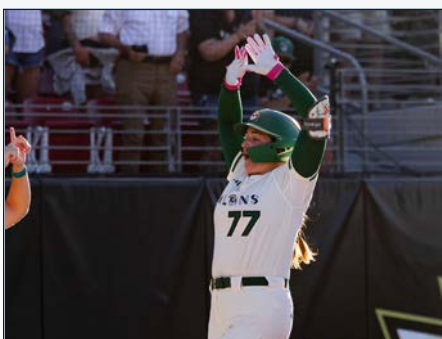
SEASON TWO UNDERWAY

At Smith Family Stadium in North Carolina, the Carolina Blaze's Aleshia Ocasio fired a first pitch to the Portland Cascade's Sierra Sacco-Ferrie, and with that, season two of AUSL action is underway. In an action packed Opening Day, the Blaze took home a 4-1 win over the Cascade, the Oklahoma City Spark claimed a 13-5 win over the Texas Volts in six innings and the Utah Talons earned a 5-2 win over the Chicago Bandits. Highlights of the day included Maya Johnson tossing a complete game in her first professional outing, leading the Sparks to a win; Maya Brady tallying five RBI on three hits in the Sparks' win; and the Talons' Montana Fouts continuing her dominance on the mound, allowing two runs on two hits across a complete game outing.

On day two of the AUSL's first season with six teams and home stadiums, the Volts picked up their first win of the season with an 8-5 win over the Spark. Alyssa Denham fired 6.0 innings, allowing three runs with three strikeouts en route to the win, and Aminah Vega added three RBI for Texas. The Blaze came alive at the plate, tallying 11 runs en route to an 11-2 win in five innings over the Cascade. Karlyn Pickens pitched all 5.0 innings for Carolina, striking out five; Aleshia Ocasio added four RBI; and the reigning Rookie of the Year Ana Gold added three RBI of her own in the win. In the final game of the day, the Talons pitched a shutout and came away with a 1-0 win over the Bandits to start their season 2-0. Sarah Willis tossed the first 5.0 innings and Megan Faraimo's 2.0 scoreless innings in relief kept the shutout intact. The lone RBI of the game came off the bat of Bri Ellis, who opened her season 4-for-5 from the plate with four RBI, a double, triple, homer and walk.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE



2026 AUSL OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE			
DATE	MATCHUP	LOCATION	TV
June 11 th	Cascade @ Blaze	Smith Family Stadium	CBS Sports Network
June 11 th	Volts @ Spark	Tom Heath Field	MLB.TV
June 11 th	Bandits @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	ESPN U
June 13 th	Volts @ Blaze	Smith Family Stadium	ESPN
June 13 th	Spark @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	ESPN 2
June 13 th	Cascade @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	CBS Sports Network
June 14 th	Spark @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	ESPN 2
June 14 th	Cascade @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	MLB Network
June 15 th	Volts @ Blaze	Smith Family Stadium	ESPN 2
June 15 th	Cascade @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	ESPN 2
June 16 th	Spark @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	ESPN U
June 17 th	Blaze @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	CBS Sports Network
June 18 th	Talons @ Volts	Dell Diamond	ESPN 2
June 18 th	Spark @ Cascade	Hillsboro Ballpark	ESPN 2
June 19 th	Talons @ Volts	Dell Diamond	MLB.TV
June 19 th	Spark @ Cascade	Hillsboro Ballpark	ESPN 2



WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Since June 4th, eight players have made their Major League debut, including four pitchers and four position players.

There have now been 125 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 74 pitchers and 51 position players.

- 23-year-old Braden Montgomery, the Chicago White Sox second-best prospect and 21st overall prospect in MLB, per *MLB Pipeline* made his Major League debut on Tuesday against the Atlanta Braves at Rate Field. In his debut game, the MLB Develops alumni went 2-for-5 with an RBI double in the fourth inning and walk-off two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th. The Des Moines, Iowa native's two-hit, three-RBI effort joined him with Lee Tannehill in 1903 as the only players in White Sox history to record each, and his walk-off homer made him one of five in MLB history to hit a walk-off homer in their Major League debut. Along with Montgomery's debut, fellow MLB Develops alumni LuJames Groover made his debut with the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday against the Washington Nationals at Chase Field. The 24-year-old Georgia native tallied his first hit and RBI on Saturday and has strung together a three-game hit streak since.
- 26-year-old Samy Natera made his Major League debut with the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium. The Ciudad Juarez, Mexico native fired 2.0 scoreless innings in his debut outing, facing seven batters and striking out three with a walk. The 17th round pick in the 2022 Draft became just the fifth Mexican-born pitcher to debut for the Angels and is one of 21 Mexican-born players in MLB history to record three-or-more strikeouts in a debut outing

Overall, the White Sox pace the Majors with 12 players making their Major League debut this season followed by the Toronto Blue Jays with nine and the Boston Red Sox and Miami Marlins with seven. The Cleveland Guardians and Minnesota Twins have seen six players make their debut while the Colorado Rockies and San Francisco Giants have had five players make their debut. The teams with four players making their debut include the Diamondbacks, Baltimore Orioles, Houston Astros, Angels, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates, Seattle Mariners, St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers. The teams with three players making their debut include the Athletics, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies and San Diego Padres. The Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals and Tampa Bay Rays have had two players make their debut while the Dodgers and Nationals are the lone teams with one player making their debut this season.

MLB Debuts, June 4 th -June 10 th			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Chad Dallas	Toronto Blue Jays	RHP	June 4 th
Collin Price	Houston Astros	C	June 5 th
LuJames Groover	Arizona Diamondbacks	1B/3B	June 5 th
Beck Way	Kansas City Royals	RHP	June 5 th
Kade Morris	Athletics	RHP	June 6 th
Samy Natera Jr.	Los Angeles Angels	LHP	June 6 th
Cole Carrigg	Colorado Rockies	CF	June 9 th
Braden Montgomery	Chicago White Sox	RF	June 9 th



ABS OVERVIEW

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MLB introduced the Automated Ball-Strike (ABS) Challenge System powered by T-Mobile beginning with the 2026 season. The system will rely on the same Hawk-Eye tracking technology that fuels MLB's Statcast data. *What to know about the challenge system:*

- Only batters and pitchers/catchers may initiate a challenge. Managers, coaches and other players may not be involved.
- Each team starts the game with two challenges. Teams will lose the ability to challenge after they do so incorrectly twice. Teams will start each extra inning with a challenge regardless of whether they have already exhausted their challenges in the first nine innings.
- The ABS zone is set as follows: The width is 17 inches, identical to home plate. The top of the zone is set at 53.5% of a player's measured height without cleats. The bottom is set at 27% of the player's measured height. The strike zone is captured as the ball passes through the middle of the plate, not the front.
- In MLB, challenges will not be permitted when a position player is pitching.

SEASON DATA

OVERALL
53%
OVERTURNS

4,232 CHALLENGES
2,255 OVERTURNED
1,977 CONFIRMED

BATTERS
47%
OVERTURNS

1,964 CHALLENGES
929 OVERTURNED
1,035 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS
58%
OVERTURNS

2,268 CHALLENGES
1,326 OVERTURNED
942 CONFIRMED

2026 ABS CHALLENGE TOTALS

CLUB	CHALLENGES (BATTER)		CHALLENGES (FIELDER)		CHALLENGES (TOTAL)	
	Challenges	W-L	Challenges	W-L	Total Results (Batting & Fielding)	Win %
Cincinnati Reds	80	43-37	66	46-20	146 (89 overturned, 57 confirmed)	61.0%
Arizona Diamondbacks	56	31-25	59	39-20	115 (70 overturned, 45 confirmed)	60.9%
Chicago Cubs	67	30-37	73	53-20	140 (83 overturned, 57 confirmed)	59.3%
Detroit Tigers	74	37-37	58	41-17	132 (78 overturned, 54 confirmed)	59.1%
Los Angeles Dodgers	60	32-28	70	44-26	130 (76 overturned, 54 confirmed)	58.5%
Miami Marlins	48	26-22	119	71-48	167 (97 overturned, 70 confirmed)	58.1%
Texas Rangers	59	31-28	54	34-20	113 (65 overturned, 48 confirmed)	57.5%
Kansas City Royals	60	32-28	88	53-35	148 (85 overturned, 63 confirmed)	57.4%
Athletics	66	37-29	95	55-40	161 (92 overturned, 69 confirmed)	57.1%
St. Louis Cardinals	54	24-30	67	45-22	121 (69 overturned, 52 confirmed)	57.0%
San Diego Padres	48	22-26	81	50-31	129 (72 overturned, 57 confirmed)	55.8%
Milwaukee Brewers	48	20-28	103	63-40	151 (83 overturned, 68 confirmed)	55.0%
Philadelphia Phillies	69	32-37	63	40-23	132 (72 overturned, 60 confirmed)	54.5%
New York Yankees	76	38-38	79	46-33	155 (84 overturned, 71 confirmed)	54.2%
Minnesota Twins	87	40-47	95	58-37	182 (98 overturned, 84 confirmed)	53.8%
New York Mets	68	34-34	76	43-33	144 (77 overturned, 67 confirmed)	53.5%
Houston Astros	71	41-30	78	38-40	149 (79 overturned, 70 confirmed)	53.0%
Atlanta Braves	60	23-37	83	51-32	143 (74 overturned, 69 confirmed)	51.7%
Colorado Rockies	76	31-45	89	54-35	165 (85 overturned, 80 confirmed)	51.5%
Los Angeles Angels	74	32-42	84	49-35	158 (81 overturned, 77 confirmed)	51.3%
Seattle Mariners	67	28-39	76	45-31	143 (73 overturned, 70 confirmed)	51.0%
Tampa Bay Rays	60	27-33	83	46-37	143 (73 overturned, 70 confirmed)	51.0%
Toronto Blue Jays	64	31-33	57	29-28	121 (60 overturned, 61 confirmed)	49.6%
Baltimore Orioles	73	38-35	48	22-26	121 (60 overturned, 61 confirmed)	49.6%
San Francisco Giants	71	34-37	68	34-34	139 (68 overturned, 71 confirmed)	48.9%
Boston Red Sox	60	25-35	47	27-20	107 (52 overturned, 55 confirmed)	48.6%
Chicago White Sox	58	27-31	104	50-54	162 (77 overturned, 85 confirmed)	47.5%
Washington Nationals	60	26-34	74	35-39	134 (61 overturned, 73 confirmed)	45.5%
Cleveland Guardians	80	30-50	74	39-35	154 (69 overturned, 85 confirmed)	44.8%
Pittsburgh Pirates	70	27-43	57	26-31	127 (53 overturned, 74 confirmed)	41.7%



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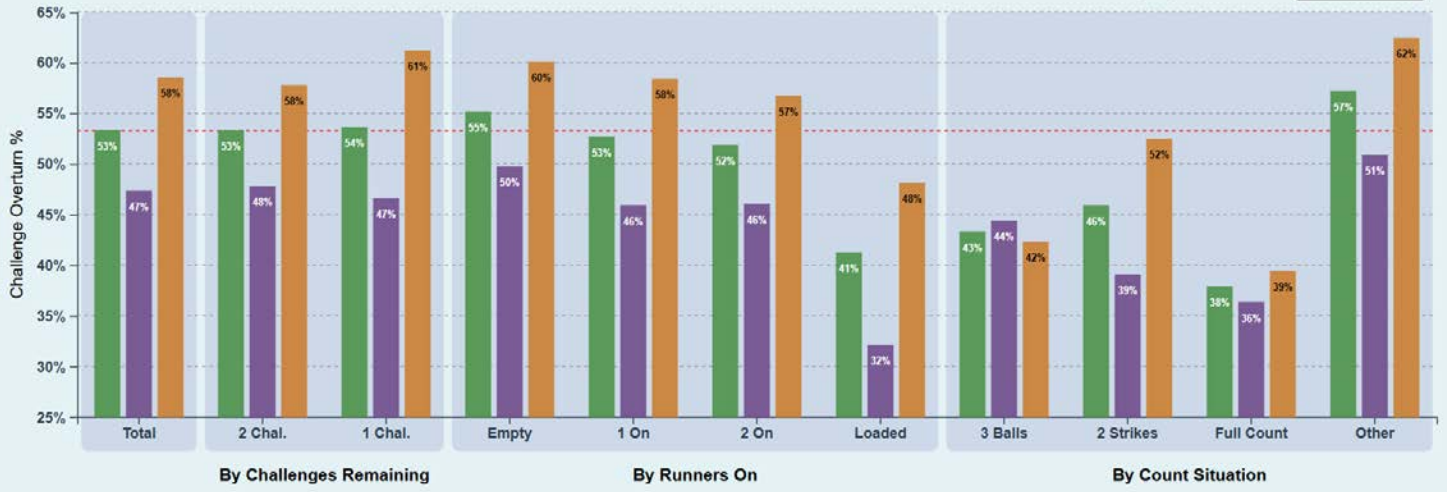


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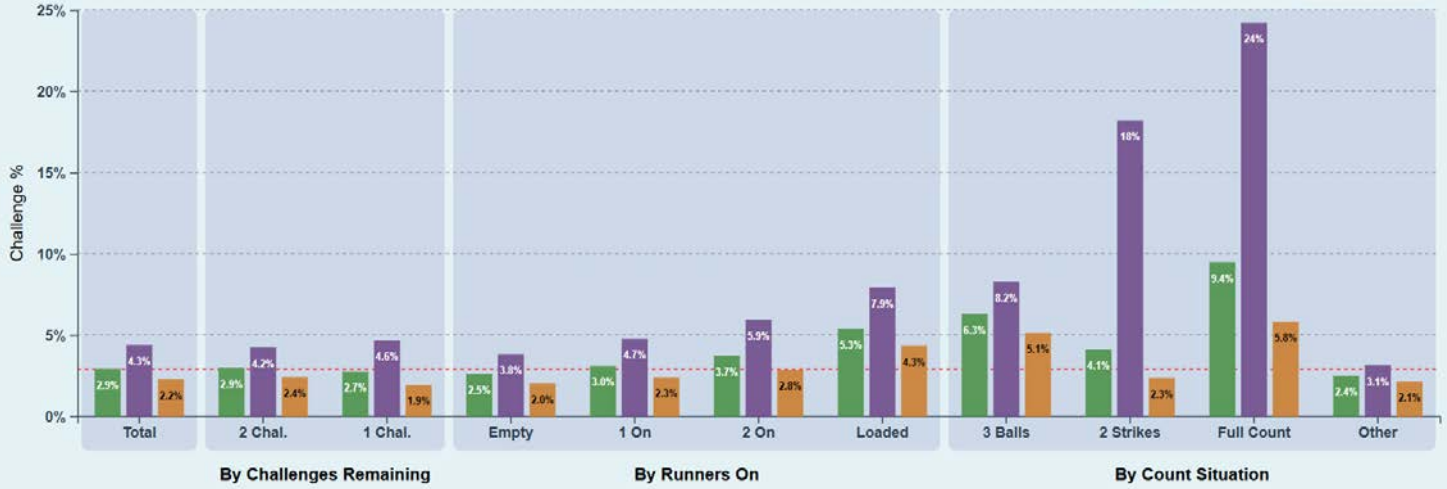


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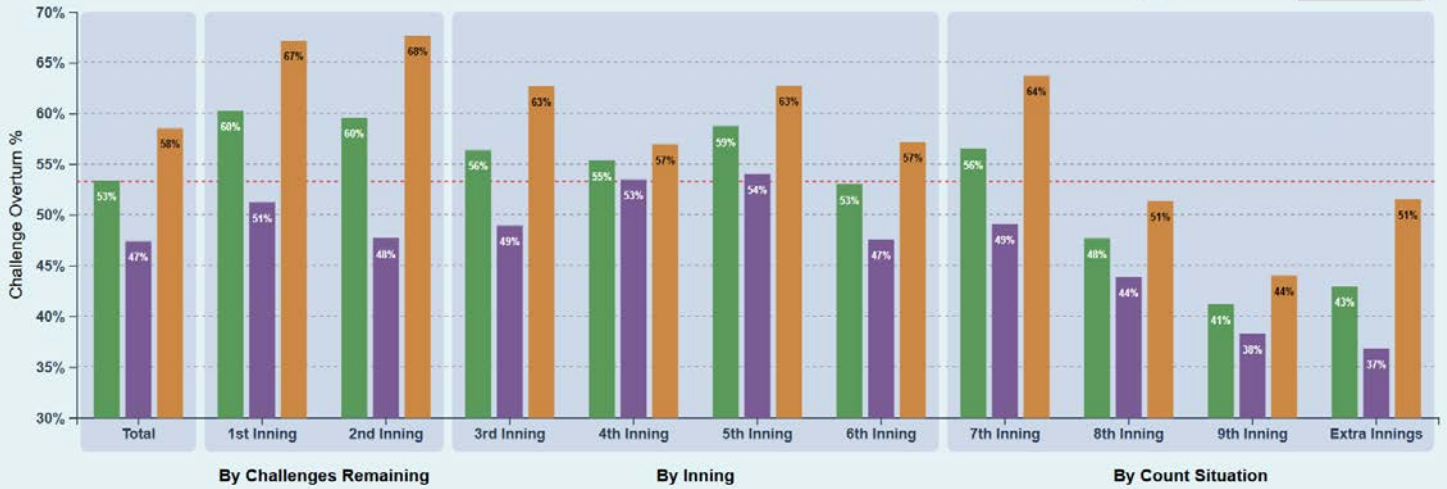


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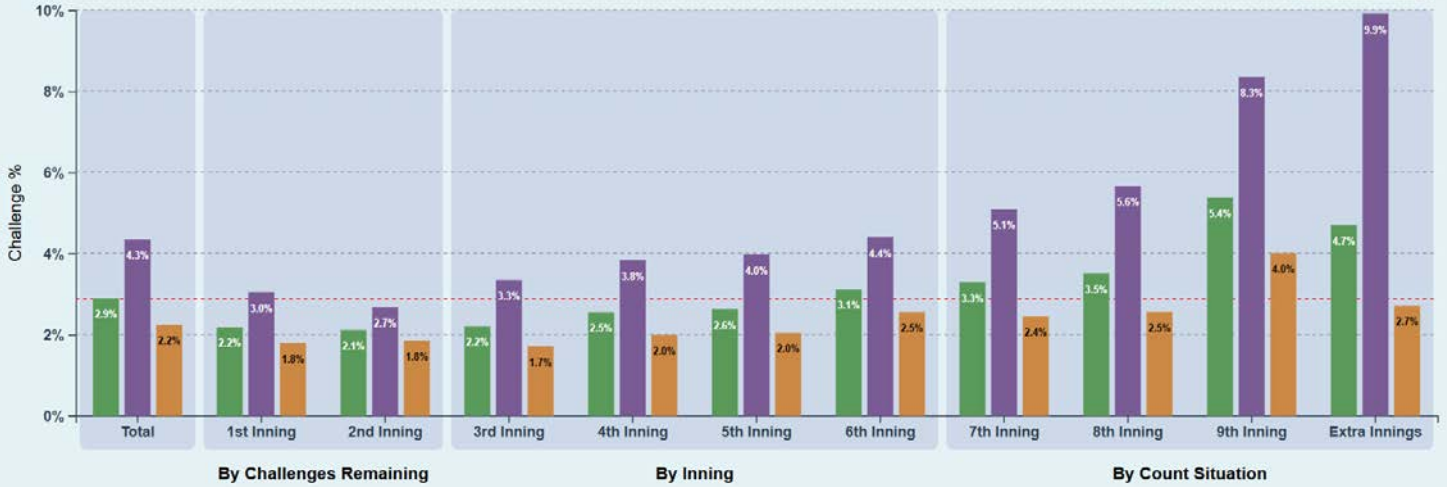


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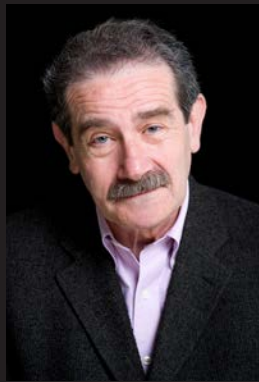
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AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME



By John Thorn | Official Historian of Major League Baseball

To this point in the series we have reviewed the cross currents between Baseball and American life. Yet no closer relation may exist than that between man and wife when each is a celebrity.

Before Taylor and Travis, there was Marilyn and Joe ..., and David Justice and Halle Berry, or Justin Verlander and Kate Upton and so many others, a mix of sport and cinema, and earlier diversions. This story of shooting-star couples goes back far earlier, at least to John Ward and Helen Dauvray (his teammate on the Giants, pitcher Tim Keefe, married her sister).

Let's start with Joe and Marilyn, she in the centennial year of her birth as Norma Jeane Mortenson. DiMaggio, at 37, had retired after the 1951 campaign, at the peak of his fame, and met Monroe, 25, still on the rise in 1952. They would wed two years later, an unlikely pairing of one who projected heat—novelist Saul Bellow called it “incandescence under the skin”—with one whose cool demeanor was legendary.

In February 1954, as newlyweds on a trip in Japan, the bride took a detour to Korea to entertain the troops. Upon her return, Marilyn said: “It was so wonderful, Joe. You never heard such cheering.” He replied, “Yes, I have.”

The marriage lasted just nine months but captivated America. Of the break-up Oscar Levant said: “It proves that no man can be a success in two national pastimes.”

The marriage of Ward and Dauvray may be largely forgotten, but unlike Marilyn she came to love baseball as much as she did her mate, commissioning Gorham Silver to produce a loving cup (long since lost; see: <http://bit.ly/3QuV9dr>) for the winner of the 1887 World Series, as well as financing gold medals for each of the victorious Detroit Wolverines. The couple were soon seen bickering and, after some years of separation, they divorced.



Joe and Marilyn at Banff, before they wed. She was filming *River of No Return*.

Mike Donlin married vaudeville star Mabel Hite. He had been a hero with the champion New York Giants of 1905 when he married Hite the following year. Will Rogers recalled it as “the most popular wedding New York ever had.” The couple went on to form a successful vaudeville act together, appearing in the production *Stealing Home*. Their marriage lasted until Hite's death of cancer at age 29 in 1912.

Rube Marquard married Blossom Seeley. A ragtime singer, she was by far the bigger star and breadwinner ... until he won 19 straight games in 1912. Afterward they trod the boards in a skit featuring her composition “The Marquard Glide.” Tabloid romance ensued and they married in 1913, had a child, and divorced in 1920.

Joe Laurie, the famous vaudevillian, who saw Marquard's act, remembered that he sang very well. The *Sporting News*, commenting on their follow-up, “The Suffragette Pitcher,” stated that as an actor, Marquard was one of the greatest living lefthanded pitchers.



Dauvray Cup, front view, from the Gorham Manufacturing Company archives

One might even pair these baseball vaudevillians with Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth. She was already a Follies star when she married Jack Norworth, a performer and, more significantly, lyricist of the game's anthem, “Take Me Out to the Ball Game.”

What makes for these odd pairings of baseball and theater or song? It is not merely the wish of one impecunious partner to share in the income of the other, but instead that both were regarded, by polite society, as outcasts. In the years before 1920, those who had embarked on careers in baseball or the stage were shunned by respectable people who would neither sup nor stay with them at first-class establishments.

Reflecting their ancient origins in sport and theater, both were termed “players.” Baseballists were regarded as uncouth members of a lower caste, along with actors and card sharps and women of flexible virtue.

It is a story far older than baseball. In Rome the actors, or histriones, were always either freedmen, strangers, or slaves, and they were regarded with a combination of awe and contempt, no matter how well they were paid. In the later Empire, women took part in the performances, and at the Floralia, loo-sest of the Roman festivals, the spectators claimed it as their right that the female dancers play naked. (Recall Marilyn’s nude calendar photos.)

Let’s return to more recent times. Even before the famous weddings cited above, players and managers (especially John McGraw) had been doing vaudeville skits since the 1890s. Bill Hallman of the Phillies was perhaps the most prominent of these, as an accomplished song-and-dance man, though others tried their hand at drama or recitations, from Cap Anson and King Kelly to Rube Waddell and Babe Ruth.

Marty McHale, a pitcher for the Red Sox and Yankees who threw three consecutive no-hitters in college, and whom Variety dubbed “The Baseball Caruso,” recalled:

Damon Runyon once wrote a story about me, saying this fellow McHale, who is not the greatest ballplayer that ever lived, is probably the most versatile man who ever took up the game. This was in the 1920s, after I had left baseball. So Johnny Kieran of the New York Times asked Babe Ruth about it ...listing my accomplishments until the Babe interrupted to say, “Well, I don’t know about all those things, but he was the best goddamn singer I ever heard!”

Christy Mathewson is credited as the co-playwright, with Rida Johnson Young, of *The Girl and the Pennant*, if that credit is to be believed. More plausible is the drama by yet another future Hall of Famer, Bud Fowler, entitled *The Retired Black Planter*, copyrighted in 1912 but written in 1894. Unlike Matty’s play, Fowler’s has never been performed. Hugh MacDougall found it and wrote to me:

At first a bit suspicious of its origin, on reading the “play” I am increasingly convinced that it is really from “Bud Fowler” (aka John W. Jackson), from such things as the extensive reference to Galveston, Texas (where Fowler once spent a winter directing a black baseball team and trying unsuccessfully to organize a Black Texas Baseball League), to the extensive biblical references, and of course to the biracial implications of the text.

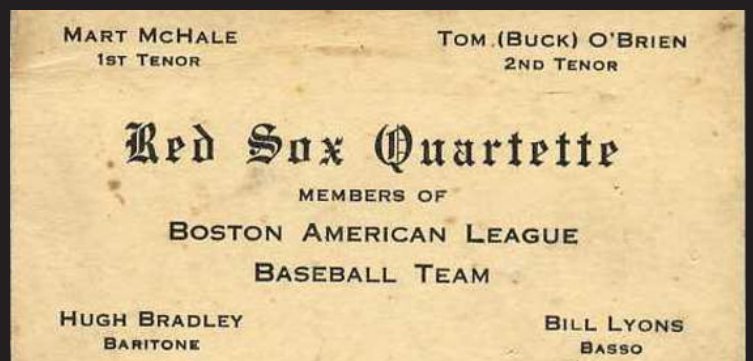
The story of baseball players on the boards begins not with Ward, Donlin, Marquard or the others, but all the way back before Major League Baseball itself. In 1859, Brooklyn Excelsior left fielder Arthur Markham left the team to become an actor; he never looked back. After having a small part in an 1859 production of *Richelieu* that featured Edwin Booth, he began to focus his attention on acting, adopting the stage name of Frank Mordaunt. His Broadway credits lasted another 40 years, concluding with roles in the premieres of *Quo Vadis* and *Ben Hur*.



Gus Zernial introduced Marilyn to Joe



Bud Fowler at about the time he copyrighted his play



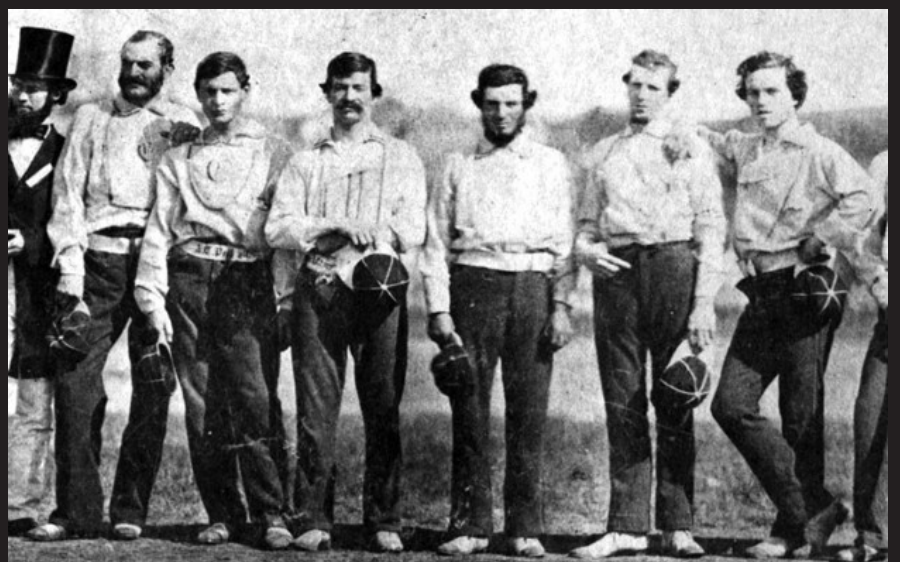
The Red Sox Quartette consisted of McHale, Bradley, O'Brien, and Lyons



“Stealing Home” was their signature act



Rube Marquard and Blossom Seeley



Arthur Markham stands at right in this photo of the Brooklyn Excelsiors, on June 30, 1859

WEEKLY AWARDS

Designated hitter Yordan Alvarez of the Houston Astros was selected the American League Player of the Week, and center fielder Pete Crow-Armstrong of the Chicago Cubs was named the National League Player of the Week.

Alvarez earned his fifth career award and his second of the season after also winning on April 6th. Prior to this season, Alvarez was honored on June 6, 2022; September 19, 2022; and August 12, 2024. Alvarez's five career awards are tied with his teammate Jose Altuve for second-most in Astros' history behind only Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell, who earned six career honors. Crow-Armstrong earned his first career honor, marking the second award for Chicago this season after his teammate Nico Hoerner won on April 20th.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK



PLAY OF THE WEEK

Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Miguel Rojas earned his first career Play of the Week Award, marking the sixth award for the Dodgers since the inception of the award in 2019. Rojas is the fifth Dodgers player to garner the honor, joining two-time winner Mookie Betts (8/3/2020 & 4/19/2021); Chris Taylor (8/10/2020); AJ Pollock (8/30/2021); and Justin Turner (7/18/2022). With no outs in the top of the third inning, Nick Madrigal hit a ball back towards Roki Sasaki, who deflected it on the mound as Rojas, who was playing second base, chased down the deflection and in a single motion made a barehanded catch and an off-balance throw to record the out as a fully-extended Freddie Freeman received the throw.



Yordan Alvarez
Houston Astros



Pete Crow-Armstrong
Chicago Cubs



Miguel Rojas
Los Angeles Dodgers

2026 WEEKLY AWARDS

DATE	AL PLAYER OF THE WEEK	NL PLAYER OF THE WEEK	PLAY OF THE WEEK
March 30 th	Chase DeLauter, CLE .353 (6-for-17), 4 HR, 5 RBI, 5 R, .353 OBP, 1.059 SLG	Sal Stewart, CIN .700 (7-for-10), 1 HR, 2 RBI, 3 2B, 3 BB, 2 R, .769 OBP, 1.300 SLG	Nasim Nuñez's Acrobatic Diving Stop
April 6 th	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .471 (8-for-17), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 7 BB, 7 R, .615 OBP, 1.118 SLG	Andy Pages, LAD .583 (14-for-24), 2 HR, 7 RBI, 2 2B, 2 BB, 5 R, 1 SB, .615 OBP, .917 SLG	Jo Adell's Game-Saving Home Run Robbery
April 13 th	José Soriano, LAA 2-0, 0.60 ERA(1 ER/15.0 IP), 5 H, 3 BB, 20 K, 0.53 WHIP, .102 OPP AVG	James Wood, WSH .545 (12-for-22), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 6 BB, 8 R, 2 SB, .655 OBP, 1.091 SLG	Jordan Beck's Home Run Robbery
April 20 th	José Ramírez, CLE .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 5 RBI, 12B, 8 BB, 8 R, 5 SB, .533 OBP, .955 SLG	Nico Hoerner, CHC .346 (9-for-26), 2 HR, 11 RBI, 1 BB, 4 R, 2 SB, .357 OBP, .577 SLG	Jackson Merrill's Home Run Robbery
April 27 th	Carlos Cortez, ATH .542 (13-for-24), 3 HR, 7 RBI, 2 2B, 13B, 4 R, .542 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Ildemaro Vargas, AZ .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 12 RBI, 12B, 13B, 7 R, 5 SB, .364 OBP, 1.045 SLG	Nico Hoerner's Heads-Up Barehanded Snag
May 4 th	Byron Buxton, MIN .345 (10-for-29), 5 HR, 7 RBI, 12B, 3 BB, 9 R, 2 SB, .406 OBP, .897 SLG	Alec Burleson, STL .407 (11-for-27), 2 HR, 11 RBI, 3 2B, 4 BB, 8 R, .484 OBP, .741 SLG	Nathan Church's Game-Saving Leaping Catch
May 11 th	Bobby Witt Jr., KC .407 (11-for-27), 3 HR, 4 RBI, 2 2B, 2 BB, 7 R, 2 SB, .448 OBP, .815 SLG	Cristopher Sánchez, PHI 2-0, 0.00 ERA (0 ER/15.0 IP), 9 H, 1 BB, 17 K, 0.67 WHIP, .170 OPP AVG	Jim Jarvis' Full-Extension Diving Catch
May 18 th	Angel Martínez, CLE .368 (7-for-19), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 12B, 1 BB, 8 R, 3 SB, .429 OBP, 1.053 SLG	Gavin Sheets, SD .625 (10-for-16), 4 HR, 8 RBI, 12B, 7 BB, 6 R, 1 SB, .739 OBP, 1.438 SLG	Julio Rodríguez' Home Run Robbery
May 26 th	Willson Contreras, BOS .458 (11-for-24), 2 HR, 8 RBI, 2 3B, 1 BB, 5 R, .480 OBP, .875 SLG	Ketel Marte, AZ .536 (15-for-28), 3 HR, 12 RBI, 4 2B, 3 BB, 11 R, .563 OBP, 1.000 SLG	Nico Hoerner's Home Run Robbery
June 1 st	Ben Rice, NYY .462 (12-for-26), 1 HR, 11 RBI, 4 2B, 2 3B, 4 BB, 8 R, .533 OBP, .885 SLG	Jacob Misiorowski, MIL 2-0, 0.64 ERA(1 ER/14.0 IP), 5 H, 1 BB, 20 K, 0.43 WHIP, .106 OPP AVG	Carter Jensen's Inning-Ending Diving Catch
June 8 th	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .476 (10-for-21), 2 HR, 9 RBI, 12B, 5 BB, 6 R, .577 OBP, .810 SLG	Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC .440 (11-for-25), 4 HR, 6 RBI, 1 BB, 4 R, 2 SB, .481 OBP, .920 SLG	Miguel Rojas's Barehanded Stop and Throw

MONTHLY AWARDS

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

MAY

AL – Nick Kurtz, Athletics

.333 (34-for-102), 5 HR, 26 RBI, 7 2B, 1 3B,
21 BB, 21 R, 3 SB, .456 OBP, .569 SLG, 1.025 OPS

NL – JJ Bleday, Cincinnati Reds

.301 (31-for-103) 8 HR, 25 RBI, 8 2B, 1 3B,
15 BB, 17 R, .387 OBP, .631 SLG, 1.018 OPS



PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

MAY

AL – Spencer Arrighetti, Houston Astros

4-1, 0.93 ERA (3 ER/29.0 IP), 5 GS
16 H, 17 BB, 22 SO, 1.14 WHIP, .165 OPP. AVG

NL – Cristopher Sánchez, Philadelphia Phillies

4-0, 0.00 ERA (0 ER/39.0 IP), 5 GS
25 H, 3 BB, 45 SO, 0.72 WHIP, .181 OPP. AVG



ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

MAY

AL – Munetaka Murakami, Chicago White Sox

.244 (22-for-90) 8 HR, 18 RBI, 4 2B,
19 BB, 21 R, 1 SB, .382 OBP, .556 SLG, .938 OPS

NL – TJ Rumfield, Colorado Rockies

.310 (27-for-87) 4 HR, 12 RBI, 3 2B,
10 BB, 13 R, .400 OBP, .483 SLG, .883 OPS



RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH

MAY

AL – Cade Smith, Cleveland Guardians

1.32 ERA (2 ER/13.2 IP), 13-for-13 SV,
9 H, 1 BB, 25 SO, 0.73 WHIP, .184 OPP. AVG

NL – Mason Miller, San Diego Padres

0.00 ERA (0 ER/9.2 IP), 7-for-7 SV,
4 H, 8 BB, 20 SO, 1.24 WHIP, .118 OPP. AVG



OTHER 2026 AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Month	AL Player of the Month	AL Pitcher of the Month	AL Rookie of the Month	AL Reliever of the Month
March/ April	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .356 (42-for-118), 12 HR, 27 RBI, 9 2B, 21 BB, 25 R, 1.199 OPS	José Soriano, LAA 5-1, 0.84 ERA (4 ER/42.2 IP), 7 GS, 24 H, 16 BB, 49 SO, 0.94 WHIP	Kevin McGonigle, DET .328 (38-for-116) 2 HR, 13 RBI, 11 2B, 2 3B, 19 BB, 22 R, .935 OPS	Louis Varland, TOR 0.56 ERA (1 ER/16.0 IP), 4/4 SV, 12 H, 4 BB, 26 SO, 1.00 WHIP

OTHER 2026 NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Month	NL Player of the Month	NL Pitcher of the Month	NL Rookie of the Month	NL Reliever of the Month
March/ April	Ildemaro Vargas, AZ .378 (34-for-90) 6 HR, 20 RBI, 6 2B, 2 3B, 3 BB, 19 R, 1.087 OPS	Shohei Ohtani, LAD 2-1, 0.60 ERA (2 ER/30.0 IP), 5 GS 17 H, 9 BB, 34 SO, 0.87 WHIP	Sal Stewart, CIN .281 (32-for-114) 9 HR, 29 RBI, 6 2B, 18 BB, 20 R, .943 OPS	Mason Miller, SD 1.17 ERA (2 ER/15.1 IP), 10/10 SV, 6 H, 3 BB, 29 SO, 0.59 WHIP

SARAH'S FAVORITE NOTES OF THE WEEK

I'm Sarah Langs, a researcher for MLB.com, and I'm honored to have this space to share some of my favorite notes to wrap up each week of this wonderful sport.

FREDDIE SAYS WALK OFF: Freddie Freeman hit a walk-off homer on Friday to give the Dodgers a 1-0 win. It was his 20th career walk-off hit, tying Andre Dawson and Albert Pujols for the sixth-most career walk-off hits including postseason since RBI became official (1920), according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He trails Frank Robinson (26), David Ortiz (23), Dusty Baker (21), Tony Perez (21) and Roberto Clemente (21).

NOBODY BEATS THE MIZ: Jacob Misiorowski pitched on Saturday and lowered his ERA over his last seven starts to a minuscule 0.20. The only pitchers with a lower ERA in a seven-start span since earned runs became official (1913), excluding openers, are 1968 Bob Gibson (0.14) and 1968 Don Drysdale (0.15) in the year of the pitcher, which led to the mound being lowered for the following season.

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER GETTING IT DONE: The bottom four spots in the Angels' order went 13-for-15, including starting 11-for-11, on Sunday. It was the first time in at least the expansion era (1961) a team's 6-7-8-9 spots started a game 10-for-10 or better, according to Elias. They finished the game with a .867 batting average, the highest by 6-9 in a game since at least 1900. The previous highest by those spots in a game was .833 (15-18), by the A's on July 9, 1928.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES: Spencer Jones hit his first career home run on Tuesday, and it was crushed — 443 feet and 112.2 mph off the bat. That's the hardest-hit first career home run by a Yankees player under Statcast (2015) and the second-longest first career home run by a Yankee in that span behind Aaron Judge (446 ft), according to research by MLB's Jason Bernard.

HIGH-SCORING INNINGS: The Dodgers had a 10-run inning on Tuesday, after a nine-run first inning on Saturday. They batted in just 22 innings in between, the fourth-shortest span between innings with at least nine runs in Dodgers history, per Elias. They went two innings between on July 10, 1943, 12 innings between from June 25 to 26 in 1949 and 21 innings between from May 17 to 21, 1952.

WELCOME TO THE SHOW: Braden Montgomery had a storybook debut on Tuesday, hitting a walk-off homer. He became just the fifth player in MLB history to hit a walk-off home run in his MLB debut, per Elias. He joined Carlos Perez on May 5, 2015, Miguel Cabrera on June 20, 2003, Josh Bard on Aug. 23, 2002 and Billy Parker on Sept. 9, 1971.

SLAM FRANCISCO: The Giants pulled off an epic comeback on Wednesday, winning despite trailing, 9-1, entering the eighth inning. The comeback was capped off by Bryce Eldridge's grand slam with the Giants down by three in the ninth. Eldridge, at age 21 years and 233 days old today, became the youngest player in MLB history to hit a walk-off grand slam, per Elias. He surpassed Roberto Clemente on July 25, 1956 (21 years 342 days). Clemente's was his inside-the-park walk-off grand slam.

SCHWARBS: Kyle Schwarber hit his MLB-leading 24th home run of the season on Wednesday. That's also his 211th since joining the Phillies. He has the fourth-most home runs by a player in his first five seasons with a team, behind only Babe Ruth (NYY: 235), Mark McGwire (STL: 220) and Ralph Kiner (PIT: 215). And there's plenty of season left.

TWO TO START: Tyler Callihan hit his first career home run on Wednesday — off none other than Shohei Ohtani. Then, in the eighth, he hit a go-ahead homer. Callihan became the 13th player in Pirates history to hit each of his first two career home runs in the same game and first since Ryan Doumit in 2005. The first player in franchise history to do this? 1886 Doggie Miller.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 850 consecutive games entering Thursday, dating to May 2, 2021. His streak is the ninth-longest in MLB history. The only other streaks of at least 700 consecutive games to begin in the divisional era (1969) are, of course, 1982-98 Cal Ripken Jr. (2,632 games), as well as 1975-83 Steve Garvey (1,207), 2000-07 Miguel Tejada (1,152), 1978-83 Pete Rose (745) and 1981-86 Dale Murphy (740).

For more great notes and baseball tidbits, follow Sarah on Twitter ([@SlangsOnSports](#))



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through Wednesday night's games, Major League Baseball has had 643 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-six seconds. The 643 replay reviews consist of 556 Manager Challenges and 87 Crew Chief Reviews.

643 Replay Reviews
141 Confirmed (21.9%)
179 Stands (27.8%)
320 Overturned (49.8%)
3 Rules Check (0.5%)
0 Record Keeping (0.0%)
1:26 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

HE'S A 5-TOOL GUY: Pete Crow-Armstrong is currently riding a season-high 14-game on-base streak dating to May 26, batting .356 (21-for-59) with three doubles, one triple, five home runs, nine RBI and a 1.119 OPS during the stretch. Per Fangraphs, his 3.0 WAR ranks second among NL position players (sixth overall). PCA joins O'Neil Cruz as the two lone major leaguers with at least 11 home runs and 13 stolen bases this season. Crow Armstrong leads the majors in fielding run value (13), is tied for second in outs above average (11) and is fifth in defensive runs saved (12). He also ranks in the 100th percentile in the majors in arm value (3), the 95th percentile in sprint speed (29.3 mph) and arm strength (92.5 mph) and the 88th percentile in hard-hit rate (49.7%).

LATE NIGHT BURGER: Jake Burger entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the fifth inning last night, drawing a walk before hitting a game-tying solo HR to lead off the seventh. It was just the third HR by a Ranger this season that either tied the game or gave the Rangers a lead in the 7th-or-later. Burger's long ball extended a season-long run of success for him in the 7th-and-later, as he is batting .342/.384/.532/.916 (27-79) w/ three HR, six doubles, 15 RBI in those PA's this year. He ranks among A.L.'s best in the 7th-and-later in BA (fourth, .342) and hits (fifth, 27).

OTTO-MATIC: Otto Lopez continues to lead the Majors in AVG (.342), hits (91) and multi-hit games (28), with multiple hits in his last four games (longest streak of career) and in six of eight games to start the month of June. His MLB-leading 28 multi-hit games are also tied for the second most by a Marlin through 68 games in club history with Dee Strange-Gordon in 2015, Marcell Ozuna in 2017 and Luis Arraez in 2023, trailing only Miguel Cabrera (30 in 2006). His nine games with three-or-more hits also lead MLB and are the most for a Marlin in the team's first 67 games since Dee Strange-Gordon had 14 in 2015. Per FanGraphs, Lopez leads all NL shortstops in fWAR (2.7), ranking second to only KC's Bobby Witt Jr. (3.8). His 137 wRC+ ranks second in MLB and the NL to Washington's C.J. Abrams (150).

THE TONIGHT SHOW: In 36 games since the start of May, Carson Benge is batting .305/.364/.474 with 25 runs, seven doubles, five homers, 20 RBI, 10 walks and an .839 OPS. His .305 average is tied for ninth in the NL in that span, while his 43 hits are tied for the fourth-most. Over his last 12 games, Benge is batting .327 (16-49) with nine runs, two doubles, one triple, four homers, eight RBI, three walks and one steal with a .365 OBP and a .653 SLG.

CATCHER RISING STAR: Dillon Dingler is tied for tenth in all of baseball with a 2.9 fWAR this season. He is tied with Nick Kurtz for the third-best fWAR among all A.L. position players, trailing only Bobby Witt Jr. (3.8 fWAR) and Yordan Alvarez (3.4 fWAR). The next closest catcher on the AL All-Star ballot is Shea Langeliers, who plays on the moon, and is well behind Dingler at a 2.5 fWAR. Dingler leads major league catchers with 49 RBI and ranks second in the AL with 16 homers, a .520 slugging percentage and an .847 OPS. Metrics show that Dingler has received 119.17 called strikes looking above expected called strikes, by far the best number in the Majors (New York's Austin Wells is second at 92.73). With 68 team games in the books, Dingler is on pace for 38 home runs and 117 RBI this season. The single-season franchise records by a primary catcher?: 33 homers by Lance Parrish in 1984 and 114 RBI by Lance Parrish in 1983.

ON BASE MACHINE: Yordan Alvarez is on a 17-game on-base streak. During the streak, he's batting .362 (21-for-58) with 16 runs, two doubles, seven home runs, 17 RBI, 15 walks and a 1.252 OPS. It is his second-longest on-base streak this season, behind a 22-game on-base streak from April 4-28. Alvarez leads the Majors in OPS (1.074), SLG (.642) and total bases (156) and leads the AL in home runs (22). Also in the AL, he ranks tied for first in extra-base hits (25), second in RBI (48), second in OBP (.432), second in hits (77), second in batting average (.317), fourth in walks (46) and fifth in runs (46).

VERY ON BRAND-ON: Brandon Valenzuela picked up his first career walk-off hit on Tuesday night, singling home the winning run off Jhoan Duran in the bottom of the ninth inning. He became the first Blue Jays rookie with a walk-off hit since Addison Barger on Aug. 23, 2024 vs. LAA. Over his last 32 contests, he is slashing .292/.390/.551 with five doubles, six home runs, 15 RBI, 15 runs scored, 15 walks, and a .941 OPS. His .941 OPS during that span ranks sixth in the AL (min. 100 PA), trailing Nick Kurtz (1.069), Yordan Alvarez (.971), Willson Contreras (.971), Byron Buxton (.968), and Yandy Diaz (.955). The 25-year-old catcher leads all Blue Jays batters in fWAR (1.6), ranking 4th among AL rookies. Among AL rookies this season (min. 100 PA), ranks third in ISO (.211), fourth in SLG (.463), and sixth in OPS (.799). Among MLB catchers, he ranks first in framing runs (6) and tied for third in fielding run value (7).

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH: At 35 years old, J.T. Realmuto has the fastest average pop time to second base among all catchers in baseball at 1.85 seconds – 26-year-old Henry Davis and 27-year-old Patrick Bailey are T-2nd behind Realmuto at 1.86 seconds. Realmuto is averaging 86.4 MPH on his throws which ranks sixth in MLB – the next closest catcher (age 35 or older) to Realmuto in MPH is Travis d'Arnaud at 82.1 MPH. Using Sprint Speed, Realmuto is the second-fastest catcher in the sport at 28.2 feet/sec – he trails only 28-year-old Shea Langeliers at 28.6 feet/sec – the next closest catcher (age 35 or older) to Realmuto in Sprint Speed is Tyler Heineman at 26.0 feet/sec.

MOOVING ALONG: Colton Cowser is slashing .316/.375/.649 (18-for-57) with one double, six home runs, 12 runs, 15 RBI and six walks in 21 games since May 17. Over his last 21 games, he is hitting .343 (12-for-35) with one double, three home runs and a 27.0 percent strikeout rate on breaking and off-speed pitches. Prior to that period, he was 4-for-48 (.083) with zero extra-base hits and a 47.1 percent strikeout rate on such offerings. His six home runs this season have traveled an average distance of 418 ft., the furthest average home run distance in MLB (min. five HR) ahead of HOU's Cam Smith (417 ft., also six HR).

REAP 'EM AND WEEP: With last night's outing, Mason Miller (1.0 IP, two SO) has not allowed an extra-base hit in 48-straight outings (50.0 IP). Since the Expansion Era (since 1961), it is: The longest streak by games pitched, surpassing the previous record held by Alan Embree from June 18, 1997-May 9, 1998. Tied for the third-longest streak by innings with Tom Murphy (July 2-Aug. 6, 1968). On June 5, he recorded his 50th strikeout within his first 100 batters faced on the season. Per Elias, he became the first Padres pitcher to strike out at least 50 of his first 100 batters faced of a season and only the second pitcher in ML history to record such numbers in multiple seasons, joining Josh Hader.



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)



Thursday, June 11th:	Seattle Mariners @ Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.	ESPN
Friday, June 12th:	Arizona Diamondbacks @ Cincinnati Reds Atlanta Braves @ New York Mets	7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Apple TV Apple TV
Saturday, June 13th:	Philadelphia Phillies @ Milwaukee Brewers	7:10 p.m.	FS1
Sunday, June 14th:	Miami Marlins @ Pittsburgh Pirates Chicago Cubs @ San Francisco Giants Texas Rangers @ Boston Red Sox	12:15 p.m. 3:10 p.m. 7:20 p.m.	Peacock/NBCSN ABC NBC/Peacock
Monday, June 15th:	Tampa Bay Rays @ Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.	ESPN
Tuesday, June 16th:	San Diego Padres @ St. Louis Cardinals	7:45 p.m.	TBS

CUBS AND GIANTS MATCHUP MARKS FIRST OF THREE GAMES TO BE AIRED ON ABC IN 2026

Please note: Games on FS1 and TBS are available locally on Regional Sports Networks and/or via Club DTC products for fans watching in the Clubs' market

Thursday, June 11th:	Arizona Diamondbacks @ Miami Marlins	1:10 p.m.
Friday, June 12th:	New York Yankees @ Toronto Blue Jays	7:37 p.m.
Saturday, June 13th:	St. Louis Cardinals @ Minnesota Twins Tampa Bay Rays @ Los Angeles Angels	2:10 p.m. 10:07 p.m.
Sunday, June 14th:	New York Yankees @ Toronto Blue Jays	1:37 p.m.
Monday, June 15th:	New York Mets @ Cincinnati Reds	7:10 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16th:	Baltimore Orioles @ Seattle Mariners	9:40 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17th:	New York Mets @ Cincinnati Reds Chicago White Sox @ New York Yankees	12:40 p.m. 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, June 18th:	Toronto Blue Jays @ Boston Red Sox New York Mets @ Philadelphia Phillies	1:35 p.m. 6:40 p.m.



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