



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

June 25, 2026



20-20 VISION

Entering play on Thursday, 17 players across the Majors have already hit at least 10 home runs and registered at least 10 stolen bases. The group includes CJ Abrams and James Wood of the Washington Nationals; Cody Bellinger and Jazz Chisholm Jr. of the New York Yankees; Pete Crow-Armstrong and Dansby Swanson of the Chicago Cubs; Oneil Cruz of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Jarren Duran of the Boston Red Sox; Zach Neto of the Los Angeles Angels; José Ramírez of the Cleveland Guardians; Julio Rodríguez of the Seattle Mariners; rookie Sal Stewart of the Cincinnati Reds; Brice Turang of the Milwaukee Brewers; Miguel Vargas of the Chicago White Sox; Jordan Walker of the St. Louis Cardinals; and Bobby Witt Jr. of the Kansas City Royals.

Last season a Major League-record 24 players achieved 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases, seven of whom also set a record by achieving a 30-30 season. Individually, Kyle Schwarber and Matt Olson have both reached the 20-homer mark for a sixth consecutive season, which is tied for the longest active streak in the Majors, with 18 other players bidding for a sixth consecutive 20-homer campaign. Ramírez has reached the 20-steal mark for the sixth consecutive season, which is the longest active streak in the Majors, with Randy Arozarena (19 SB) also seeking to achieve the feat for a sixth straight year. Below is a further look at players who have at least 10 home runs and 10 stolen bases, as well as how their clubs have performed through the first 81 games of the season as MLB reaches its halfway mark:

CJ Abrams (17 HR/13 SB) & James Wood (20 HR/13 SB), Washington Nationals

Abrams and Wood have helped the Nationals to a 41-40 start, marking the first time the Club is over .500 through their first 81 games of the season since also starting 41-40 en route to winning the World Series in 2019. Abrams is bidding for his second 20-20 season after hitting a career-high 20 home runs in 2024 to go along with 31 stolen bases. He has swiped at least 30 bags in each of the last three seasons, joining Witt (each of last 4 seasons), De La Cruz, and Arizona's Corbin Carroll as the only players to achieve the feat. Abrams is seeking to become the fifth player in Expos/Nationals' history with at least 30 stolen bases in four consecutive seasons, attempting to join Tim Lincecum Sr. (10 seasons, 1981-1990); Marquis Grissom (1991-94); Delino DeShields (1990-93); and most recently Trea Turner (2016-19).

Wood is seeking his first 20-20 season after hitting 31 homers and swiping 15 bags during his All-Star campaign last year. The Rockville, Maryland native is bidding to become the fourth player in Expos/Nationals history to reach 20-20 in an age 23 season (age as of June 30th), joining Hall of Famer Andre Dawson (25 HR/28 SB in 1978); Bryce Harper (24 HR/21 SB in 2016); and Abrams (20 HR/31 SB in 2024). Abrams and Wood are bidding to become the seventh duo under the age of 26 to reach the 20-20 mark in the same season, seeking to join Jesse Barfield and George Bell of the 1985 Toronto Blue Jays; Kal Daniels and Eric Davis of the 1987 Reds; Mark Reynolds and Justin Upton of the 2009 Arizona Diamondbacks; Andrew Benintendi and Mookie Betts of the 2017 Red Sox; Francisco Lindor and Ramírez of the 2018 Guardians; and Geraldo Perdomo and Carroll of the 2025 D-backs.

Cody Bellinger (11 HR/10 SB) & Jazz Chisholm Jr. (12 HR/23 SB), New York Yankees

Bellinger and Chisholm have helped the Yankees to an AL-best 48 wins so far this season. If the Yankees win each of their next two games, it would be the 41st time in franchise history that the Yankees won at least 50 of their first 81 games in a season. Even if New York loses its next two games, their 48 wins would mark their most through the first 81 games of the campaign since winning the American League pennant in 2024.

Bellinger is bidding for his second career 20-20 season after hitting 26 home runs to go along with a career-high 20 stolen bases in 2023 with the Cubs. Chisholm is seeking his third career and third consecutive 20-20 campaign after hitting 24 homers and swiping a career-high 40 bases in 2024, followed by registering 31 homers and 31 stolen bases last year. Chisholm is one of 12 players to have reached 20-20 in each of the last two seasons and one of four left-handed hitters, joining Carroll, Cruz and Ohtani.

Together, Bellinger and Chisholm are seeking to become the first pair of left-handed hitting Yankees to reach 20-20 in a single season and just the third left-handed hitting duo all-time to accomplish the feat, following Barry Bonds and Andy Van Slyke for the 1987 Pirates; and Kyle Tucker and Crow-Armstrong last season for the Cubs.

Pete Crow-Armstrong (17 HR/18 SB) & Dansby Swanson (11 HR/10 SB), Chicago Cubs

Crow-Armstrong and Swanson have highlighted a strong week for Chicago, who are seeking to complete a four-game sweep of the Mets tonight at Citi Field in their 81st game of the year. Regardless of the outcome, it is the second consecutive season that Chicago won at least half of their first 81 games of the season after going 48-33 last year.

Crow-Armstrong is bidding for his second 20-20 campaign after reaching career highs in 2025 with 31 home runs and 35 stolen bases. He is currently on pace for 34 home runs and 36 stolen bases, which would mark the fourth 30-30 season in Cubs' history joining his 2025 campaign and Sammy Sosa's 1993 and 1995 seasons. The 24-year-old is seeking to become the third player in Baseball history with multiple 30-30 campaigns in an age 24-or-younger season, joining Witt (2023 & 2024) and Rodríguez (2023 & 2025). Regardless of age, there have been 18 players in Major League history to record multiple 30-30 seasons.

On the heels of his two-homer, 11-RBI performance in Wednesday's doubleheader at Citi Field, Swanson is also pursuing his second straight 20-20 season after stealing a career-high 20 bases last year to go along with 24 homers, the third-most of his career. It would mark the first time in Cubs' history that a pair of teammates reached 20-20 in consecutive seasons.

Oneil Cruz (14 HR/21 SB), Pittsburgh Pirates

Cruz is six homers away from achieving his third consecutive 20-20 season after hitting 21 homers and stealing 22 bases in 2024, followed by a 20-homer 38-steal campaign in 2025. Cruz is attempting to become the third Pirates player with three consecutive 20-20 seasons, joining Andrew McCutchen (2011-13) and Barry Bonds (1990-92). Overall, his three campaigns would match McCutchen for second-most 20-20 seasons as a Pirate behind only Bonds' four campaigns. The Pirates, who won their 81st game of the season today, are over .500 through the first 81 games of a season for the first time since 2015, when they went 47-34 in their first 81 games en route to making the Postseason.

Jarren Duran (12 HR/11 SB), Boston Red Sox

Duran is on pace for his second 20-20 season after hitting 21 home runs and stealing 34 bases in 2024, which is his lone All-Star campaign. He is attempting to become the third Red Sox player with multiple 20-20 seasons, which would join Mookie Betts (3x: 2016-18) and Jackie Jensen (2x: 1954 & 1959).

Zach Neto (17 HR/11 SB), Los Angeles Angels

Neto is seeking his third career and third consecutive 20-20 season after hitting 23 home runs to go with a career-high 30 stolen bases in 2024, followed by a 26-homer, 26-stolen base season in 2025. The 25-year-old is seeking to be the first Angels player with three consecutive 20-20 seasons since Mike Trout from 2016-18. Additionally, he is already one of three Angels players with a 20-20 season in an age 25-or-younger season, joining Trout (4x: 2012-13, 2016-17) and Devon White (1987). Neto is one of six players in Baseball history to have multiple seasons under the age of 26 in which he appeared in at least 100 games at shortstop and reached the 20-20 mark, joining Witt, Hanley Ramirez, Alex Rodriguez, De La Cruz and Francisco Lindor.

José Ramírez (10 HR/24 SB), Cleveland Guardians

Ramírez, who went on the Injured List on June 14th, will need 10 home runs when he returns in order to extend his franchise record of seven 20-20 seasons. He previously accomplished the feat in 2018-19 and 2021-25. Currently, his seven 20-20 campaigns are tied with Hall of Famers Carlos Beltrán and Eric Davis for fourth-most all-time behind only Barry Bonds (10 seasons); Bobby Bonds (10 seasons); and Bobby Abreu (9 seasons). The Guardians claimed a 4-3 win on Wednesday night in Chicago to secure a winning record through their first 81 games of the campaign.

Julio Rodríguez (14 HR/10 SB), Seattle Mariners

Rodríguez has helped the first place Mariners to a 41-40 record through their first 81 games of the season as Seattle has now posted a winning record through the first 81 games in each of the last three seasons. The 25-year-old is on his way towards his fifth 20-20 season after going 30-30 for the second time in his career last year (also: 2023). Along with Witt, he is seeking to become the first player to reach the 20-20 mark in each of the first five seasons in his career, with the duo already becoming the first players to achieve the feat in each of their first four career seasons. Their four seasons of at least 20 homers and 20 stolen bases are tied for the most by player in their age 25-or-younger season, matching Mike Trout, Grady Sizemore, Darryl Strawberry and Vada Pinson.

Sal Stewart (14 HR/11 SB), Cincinnati Reds

After making his Major League debut last September, Stewart is at the top of this year’s rookie class, pacing qualified rookies in RBI (55) and extra-base hits (31); ranking second in total bases (133); third in walks (42) and home runs (14); fourth in hits (74); and fifth in runs scored (41). He is seeking to be the first Reds player to achieve a 20-20 season in their rookie campaign, and the first rookie overall to achieve the feat since Milwaukee’s Jackson Chourio in 2024. Stewart is currently on pace for 28 home runs and 22 stolen bases through Cincinnati’s first 79 games of the year and if he is able to reach the 30-30 mark, he would join Mike Trout (2012) as the only players to go 30-30 in a rookie campaign.

Brice Turang (11 HR/13 SB), Milwaukee Brewers

Turang has helped the Brewers out to a 49-29 start as they have guaranteed a winning record through their first 81 games of the season for a ninth consecutive year (since 2017). With at least one win across their three-game set against the Cubs this weekend, Milwaukee can reach the 50-win mark through the first 81 games of the season for the first time in franchise history. Currently, the Club’s 49 wins are tied for the most through their first 81 games of the year, matching 2014. Turang is seeking his first 20-20 campaign, having come just two homers away from the mark in 2025 (18 HR/24 SB). If he reaches the 20-steal mark, he would join Hall of Famer Paul Molitor as the only players in Brewers’ history with four consecutive seasons of at least 20 stolen bases, with Molitor achieving five straight 20-steal campaigns from 1985-89.

Miguel Vargas (17 HR/10 SB), Chicago White Sox

Vargas is having a breakout season, setting career-best marks in home runs and stolen bases. He has helped the White Sox to a 41-38 start, matching Cleveland at the top of the AL Central standings. With 41 wins in their first 79 games, Chicago has already secured a winning record through their first 81 games of the season for the first time since 2021 and just the third time since 2011 (also: 2016 & 2012). The White Sox have hit 110 home runs this year, second-most in the Majors to only the Yankees’ 119 longballs. Vargas is bidding for the eighth 20-20 season in franchise history and the first since Luis Robert Jr. hit 38 homers and stole 20 bases in 2023. Others to achieve the feat include Alex Rios (2x: 2010 & 2012); Tim Anderson (2018); Magglio Ordóñez (2001); Ray Durham (2001); and Tommie Agee (1966).

Jordan Walker (18 HR/10 SB), St. Louis Cardinals

Walker has set a new career-high in home runs and matched his career-best in stolen bases from a year ago, helping the Cardinals to a 42-36 start, currently tied for second in the NL Central. It is the third consecutive season in which St. Louis will have a winning record through the first 81 games of the season after going 44-37 last year and 42-39 in 2024. Since 2000, they have only finished their first 81 games of a campaign under .500 six times. Walker is aiming for the 11th 20-20 season in Cardinals’ history and is looking to join Fernando Tatis Sr. (1999) as the only players to achieve the feat in an age 24-or-younger season (age as of June 30th). Tommy Pham was the last Cardinals player with a 20-20 season, hitting 23 homers and swiping 25 bags in 2017.

Bobby Witt Jr. (10 HR/28 SB), Kansas City Royals.

Witt, who leads the American League and ranks second in the Majors in stolen bases (Nasim Nuñez - 31 SB), is aiming for his fifth straight 20-20 season. He is seeking to become the third Royals player with five straight 30-steal seasons, joining Willie Wilson (11 straight from 1979-88) and Freddie Patek (8 straight from 1971-78). Along with Rodríguez, he is seeking to become the first player to reach the 20-20 mark in each of the first five seasons in his career, with the duo already becoming the first players to achieve the feat in each of their first four career seasons. Their four seasons of at least 20 homers and 20 stolen bases are tied for the most by player in their age 25-or-younger season, matching Mike Trout, Grady Sizemore, Darryl Strawberry and Vada Pinson.



2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2026 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	165-209	.243 (3,041-for-12,521)	4.45
National League	209-165	.249 (3,139-for-12,603)	4.14

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.



2026 ALL-STAR GAME COACHES & STAFF

Major League Baseball today announced the honorary coaches and staffs who will be a part of the 2026 All-Star Game presented by Mastercard, to be played on Tuesday, July 14th at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. National League manager Dave Roberts of the defending World Series Champion Los Angeles Dodgers has invited manager Oliver Marmol of the St. Louis Cardinals and interim manager Don Mattingly of the host Philadelphia Phillies to serve as honorary coaches alongside the Dodgers' coaching staff for the NL. American League manager John Schneider of the reigning AL Champion Toronto Blue Jays has asked manager Derek Shelton of the Minnesota Twins to work alongside the Blue Jays' coaching staff in the AL dugout.

Roberts will lead the NL All-Star squad for a second consecutive year and for the fifth time overall after managing the team in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2025. Currently in his 11th season as manager of the Dodgers, the 2004 World Series Champion has guided Los Angeles to three World Series titles (2020, 2024, 2025) while leading the club to the Postseason in each of his previous 10 seasons along with five NL pennants and nine NL West Division crowns. Roberts earned the NL Manager of the Year Award in his first season with the team in 2016. Marmol, who is in his fifth season as manager of the Cardinals, will make his first Midsummer Classic appearance. In his first season with St. Louis in 2022, the Cardinals won 93 games and claimed the NL Central division crown. Mattingly, who served as Schneider's bench coach for the AL Champion Blue Jays in 2025, became interim manager of the Phillies in late April. The 2020 NL Manager of the Year spent five seasons as the manager of the Dodgers (2011-15) and seven seasons as the manager of the Miami Marlins (2016-22) before serving each of the last three seasons on Toronto's coaching staff. Mattingly, a six-time All-Star during his 14-year playing career, will make his third coaching appearance at the Midsummer Classic after serving on Bruce Bochy's NL staff in 2015 at Cincinnati and on Joe Maddon's NL staff in 2017 at Miami.

Schneider, in his fifth season managing the Blue Jays, will make his first appearance at the Midsummer Classic as a manager or coach. Schneider has led Toronto to the Postseason in three of his first four seasons, highlighted by the Blue Jays' 94-win season in 2025 en route to the AL Pennant. He will become the club's first manager to lead the AL All-Star squad since Cito Gaston at the 1994 All-Star Game in Pittsburgh. Shelton, currently in his first season with the Twins following six seasons as manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates (2020-25), will make his second coaching appearance in the All-Star Game after serving on Rob Thomson's NL staff at the 2023 Midsummer Classic in Seattle.

The athletic trainers for the National League will be Paul Buchheit of the Phillies and Yosuke Nakajima of the Dodgers. Morgan Gregory of the Phillies will serve as the NL's strength and conditioning coach, while Phil Sheridan of the Phillies will be the NL's clubhouse manager. The AL's athletic trainers will be Jeff Collins of the Athletics and Eric Munson of the Angels. Scott Weberg of the Blue Jays will manage the AL's strength and conditioning, while Kevin Steinhour of the Phillies will serve as the AL's clubhouse manager.





DEVELOPS

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IMMORTALIZED: On Thursday, the College Baseball Hall of Fame announced the 2026 Hall of Fame class. Alongside legendary baseball names like Buster Posey, Barry Bonds and Jeff Brantley, longtime MLB Develops coach Marquis Grissom's name will forever be linked to college baseball. In his two seasons spent at Florida A&M University, Grissom compiled a .408 career batting average, .909 slugging percentage and earned the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's tournament's Most Outstanding Player in 1988 after hitting a remarkable .643 with four homers while pitching two complete games. Following his collegiate career, Grissom went on to spend 17 years in the Majors, appearing for six different Clubs on his way to amassing 2,251 hits, 227 homers and 967 RBI. Grissom's induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame joins his previous inductions into the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Mid-Easterns Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2014.



SHOWING OUT IN PHOENIX: At Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona, the MLB Draft Combine started on Tuesday and will run through Friday. A total of 335 total Draft prospects are showing off their skills in front of former Major League players, coaches, members of Club baseball operations departments, scouting directors and other Club personnel. The roster include 195 athletes coming from collegiate programs and 140 athletes are coming from high schools. Among the 335 prospects are 31 alumni of MLB Develops events, with one receiving a special shoutout after his day one performance. Following day one, MLB Pipeline released their list of standout prospects. Among the list, was ID Tour, Hank Aaron Invitational, Breakthrough Series and High School All American Game alumni Aiden Ruiz. The Vanderbilt commit, who currently attends The Stony Brook High School in New York, was referred to as, "perhaps the best defensive shortstop in the class." In his showcase, Ruiz crushed 10 pitches 100 MPH or harder off the bat.



CHAMPIONS: On Tuesday night, the Oklahoma Sooners became NCAA champions, defeating the North Carolina Tar Heels 13-2 in the decisive game of the best-of-three series. Appearing twice in the series on the mound for the 2026 champions, was Develops alumni LJ Mercurius. Mercurius, the alum of Breakthrough Series, Hank Aaron Invitational and DREAM Series, tossed 1.2 scoreless innings with two punchouts in Game 1 of the Series, and fired 5.2 innings, allowing a run on four hits with five strikeouts in the championship-clinching Game 3. Since Oklahoma began regional play on May 30th, Mercurius has fired 19.2 innings, allowing three runs on 12 hits with 17 strikeouts. Along with Mercurius, teammates and fellow Develops alumni Jaden Barfield, Cam Johnson and Xander Mercurius also took home a ring with the Sooners.



MONEY MIKE: The Atlanta Braves' Michael Harris II has caught fire recently and in his bid to make his first career All-Star Game. The Hank Aaron Invitational, Breakthrough Series and DREAM Series alumni put together a nine-game hitting streak from June 12-23rd and has improved his batting average to .306, a mark that ranks sixth-best in the National League and eighth-best in all of Major League Baseball. As of Monday's All-Star Game fan balloting update, the 2022 National League Rookie of the Year Award winner currently ranks fourth in All-Star Game fan voting among all National League outfielders, a mark good enough for him to advance to the second phase of voting to determine who makes the All-Star teams and starts for each league.



A NEW STANDARD: In the Texas Rangers 4-3 win over the Miami Marlins on Monday at loanDepot park, DREAM Series alumni Kumar Rocker set a new career-best in strikeouts. Across his 5.0 innings pitched, the Watkinsville, Georgia native fanned nine Marlins hitters, six swinging and three looking. Rocker's nine strikeouts in the outing surpassed his previous career high of eight, a mark he set against the Los Angeles Angels on April 17, 2025.



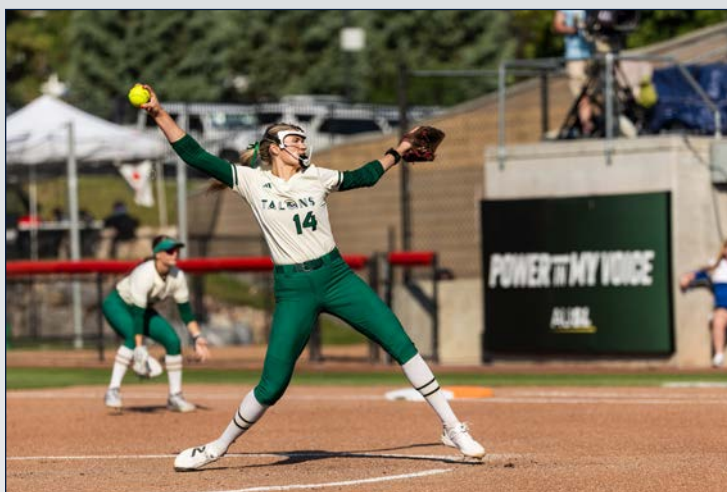
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ALL-STAR CUP FAN VOTE UPDATE: Tuesday, June 23rd marked the halfway point of the fan voting for the AUSL All-Star Cup. The Cup will feature three teams and be played August 8th-30th. Fans can vote for one pitcher, one catcher, one utility two corner infielders, two middle infielders, and three outfielders once daily. Per Tuesday's update, the Carolina Blaze's Reese Atwood leads all catchers, the Blaze's Karlyn Pickens leads all pitchers, the Portland Cascade's Megan Grant leads all utilities, the Utah Talons Bri Ellis and Jordan Woolery lead all corner infielders, the Cascade's Sis Bates and Texas Volts' Tiare Jennings lead all middle infielders and Jayda Coleman of the Talons, Bubba Nickles-Camarena of the Spark and Rylie Boone of the Volts lead all outfielders. See [here](#) for the full fan-vote standings.

THE LEGEND GROWS: On Thursday night, Utah Talons ace Montana Fouts set an AUSL record. On June 14th, Portland Cascade pitcher Kenzie Brown set a new AUSL single-game strikeout record with 10. Fast forward to Thursday night, Fouts broke the record with 12. In her complete game outing, Fouts faced 26 total batters, retiring 16 in a row at one point and recording an out on every single batter in the Texas Volts lineup. Fouts currently leads the AUSL with 28 strikeouts, with the next closest to her being Brown and Amber Fiser with 20.

AGBAYANI FAMILY MAKES HISTORY: As MLB and the AUSL celebrated Father's Day this past Sunday, a special duo was highlighted. Ailana Agbayani, a third round pick in the 2026 AUSL Draft by the Chicago Bandits, along with her father, former MLB player Benny Agbayani, made history as the first-ever father-daughter duo to play in MLB and the AUSL. Benny spent five seasons playing in the Majors, his first four with the New York Mets and final season with the Colorado Rockies and Boston Red Sox. In his career, Benny amassed 299 hits, 39 homers and 156 RBI. Through her first 10 career games with the Bandits, Ailana is hitting .250 with a triple and three RBI. Ailana also earned the 2025 Rawlings Gold Glove Award at second base in her senior season at the University of Oklahoma.

SOUTHPAW BEHIND THE DISH: Chicago Bandits rookie and Golden Ticket recipient from the University of Florida Jocelyn Erickson is doing something rarely done in professional baseball and softball. Throwing left handed, Erickson is the first AUSL southpaw catcher and the first professional left handed catcher in the AUSL or MLB since Mike Squires strapped on the gear for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1980.



AUSL Standings			
TEAM	WIN/LOSS	PERCENTAGE	RUN DIFF.
Utah Talons	8-3	.727	22
Craolina Blaze	8-3	.625	16
Portland Cascade	5-4	.556	-3
Oklahoma City Spark	5-6	.455	1
Chicago Bandits	4-6	.400	-11
Texas Volts	2-7	.222	-25



2026 AUSL OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE			
DATE	MATCHUP	LOCATION	TV
June 25	Talons @ Blaze	Durham Bulls Athletic Park	ESPN
June 26	Talons @ Blaze	Durham Bulls Athletic Park	CBS Sports Network
June 26	Cascade @ Volts	Dell Diamond	ESPN U
June 27	Talons @ Blaze	Durham Bulls Athletic Park	ESPN
June 27	Bandits @ Spark	Tom Heath Field	CBS Sports Network
June 27	Cascade @ Volts	Dell Diamond	MLB.TV
June 28	Cascade @ Volts	Dell Diamond	ESPN
June 28	Bandist @ Spark	Tom Heath Field	MLB Network
June 29	Blaze @ Spark	Tom Heath Field	ESPN 2
June 30	Cascade @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	ESPN U
June 30	Volts @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	CBS Sports Network
July 1	Blaze @ Spark	Tom Heath Field	ESPN 2
July 1	Volts @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	MLB.TV
July 2	Cascade @ Bandits	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	ESPN
July 3	Blaze @ Talons	Dumke Family Softball Stadium	MLB.TV



WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Since June 18th, nine players have made their Major League debut, including four pitchers and five position players.

There have now been 144 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 83 pitchers and 61 position players.

- 24-year-old José Cabrera made his Major League debut with the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday against the Minnesota Twins at Chase Field. In his debut outing, the Yaguatape, Dominican Republic native became one of seven Diamondbacks to pitch at least 5.0 innings without allowing a run, and one of three to do so without allowing a walk. Cabrera also became just the fourth Dominican-born pitcher to start a debut game for the Club and the first since Christian Mena did so in July of 2024.
- 22-year-old Mitch Bratt, the Arizona Diamondbacks 14th overall prospect per *MLB Pipeline*, toed the rubber for his Major League debut on Wednesday against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. In his debut outing, the fifth-round selection in the 2021 Draft tossed 3.0 innings, allowing a run on two hits with two walks and three strikeouts. The Newmarket, Ontario, Canada native made history in his debut, becoming the first Canadian-born Diamondbacks player to debut on the mound. Bratt is also just the second Canadian-born pitcher to debut this season in the Majors, joining Eric Cerantola of the Kansas City Royals who debuted on May 6th.

Overall, the Chicago White Sox pace the Majors with 13 players making their debut followed by the Toronto Blue Jays with nine and the Cleveland Guardians with eight, The teams with seven players making their debut this week include the Boston Red Sox, Colorado Rockies, Miami Marlins and Minnesota Twins. The teams with six players making their debut include the Arizona Diamondbacks and St. Louis Cardinals while the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Angels, Milwaukee Brewers, Pittsburgh Pirates and San Francisco Giants have had five players make their debut. The Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners and Texas Rangers have seen four players make their debut followed by the Athletics with three. The teams with two players making their debut include the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, Kansas City Royals and Tampa Bay Rays. The Los Angeles Dodgers and Washington Nationals remain the sole two teams with one player making their debut.

MLB Debuts, June 18 th -June 24 th			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Junior Perez	Chicago White Sox	LF/RF	June 18 th
Max Rajcic	St. Louis Cardinals	RHP	June 18 th
Kahlil Watson	Cleveland Guardians	RF	June 18 th
Trei Cruz	Detroit Tigers	RF	June 19 th
Blake Hunt	San Diego Padres	C	June 19 th
José Cabrera	Arizona Diamondbacks	RHP	June 21 st
Julian Garcia	Cincinnati Reds	RPH	June 23 rd
Ben Malgeri	Detroit Tigers	OF	June 23 rd
Mitch Bratt	Arizona Diamondbacks	LHP	June 24 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

4,976 CHALLENGES
2,646 OVERTURNED
2,330 CONFIRMED

BATTERS
47%
OVERTURNS

2,318 CHALLENGES
1,096 OVERTURNED
1,222 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS
58%
OVERTURNS

2,658 CHALLENGES
1,550 OVERTURNED
1,108 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	91	50-41	81	57-24	172 (107 overturned, 65 confirmed)	62.2%
Arizona Diamondbacks	63	36-27	67	44-23	130 (80 overturned, 50 confirmed)	61.5%
Detroit Tigers	81	43-38	71	48-23	152 (91 overturned, 61 confirmed)	59.9%
Los Angeles Dodgers	79	42-37	79	50-29	158 (92 overturned, 66 confirmed)	58.2%
Chicago Cubs	76	32-44	84	59-25	160 (91 overturned, 69 confirmed)	56.9%
Miami Marlins	58	29-29	131	78-53	189 (107 overturned, 82 confirmed)	56.6%
Texas Rangers	72	35-37	66	43-23	138 (78 overturned, 60 confirmed)	56.5%
Kansas City Royals	76	40-36	105	62-43	181 (102 overturned, 79 confirmed)	56.4%
Athletics	74	40-34	116	67-49	190 (107 overturned, 83 confirmed)	56.3%
San Diego Padres	54	24-30	85	54-31	139 (78 overturned, 61 confirmed)	56.1%
St. Louis Cardinals	66	31-35	77	49-28	143 (80 overturned, 63 confirmed)	55.9%
Minnesota Twins	108	52-56	118	73-45	226 (125 overturned, 101 confirmed)	55.3%
New York Yankees	87	43-44	94	57-37	181 (100 overturned, 81 confirmed)	55.2%
Philadelphia Phillies	84	39-45	72	46-26	156 (85 overturned, 71 confirmed)	54.5%
Houston Astros	94	56-38	92	45-47	186 (101 overturned, 85 confirmed)	54.3%
Milwaukee Brewers	54	22-32	121	70-51	175 (92 overturned, 83 confirmed)	52.6%
Boston Red Sox	71	32-39	62	37-25	133 (69 overturned, 64 confirmed)	51.9%
Tampa Bay Rays	73	33-40	93	53-40	166 (86 overturned, 80 confirmed)	51.8%
New York Mets	86	42-44	88	48-40	174 (90 overturned, 84 confirmed)	51.7%
Colorado Rockies	86	34-52	106	65-41	192 (99 overturned, 93 confirmed)	51.6%
Seattle Mariners	77	33-44	86	51-35	163 (84 overturned, 79 confirmed)	51.5%
Atlanta Braves	67	25-42	91	56-35	158 (81 overturned, 77 confirmed)	51.3%
Los Angeles Angels	86	35-51	102	61-41	188 (96 overturned, 92 confirmed)	51.1%
San Francisco Giants	78	38-40	82	43-39	160 (81 overturned, 79 confirmed)	50.6%
Baltimore Orioles	85	42-43	68	33-35	153 (75 overturned, 78 confirmed)	49.0%
Toronto Blue Jays	77	36-41	68	33-35	145 (69 overturned, 76 confirmed)	47.6%
Chicago White Sox	71	35-36	119	55-64	190 (90 overturned, 100 confirmed)	47.4%
Washington Nationals	67	29-38	90	43-47	157 (72 overturned, 85 confirmed)	45.9%
Cleveland Guardians	93	36-57	81	41-40	174 (77 overturned, 97 confirmed)	44.3%
Pittsburgh Pirates	84	32-52	63	29-34	147 (61 overturned, 86 confirmed)	41.5%



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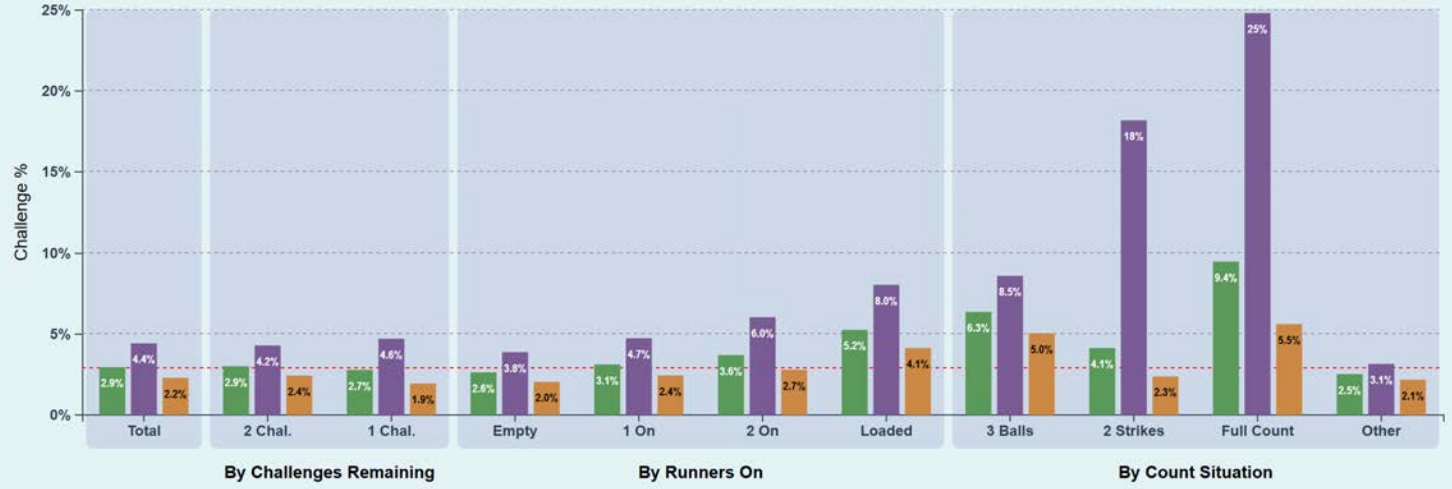
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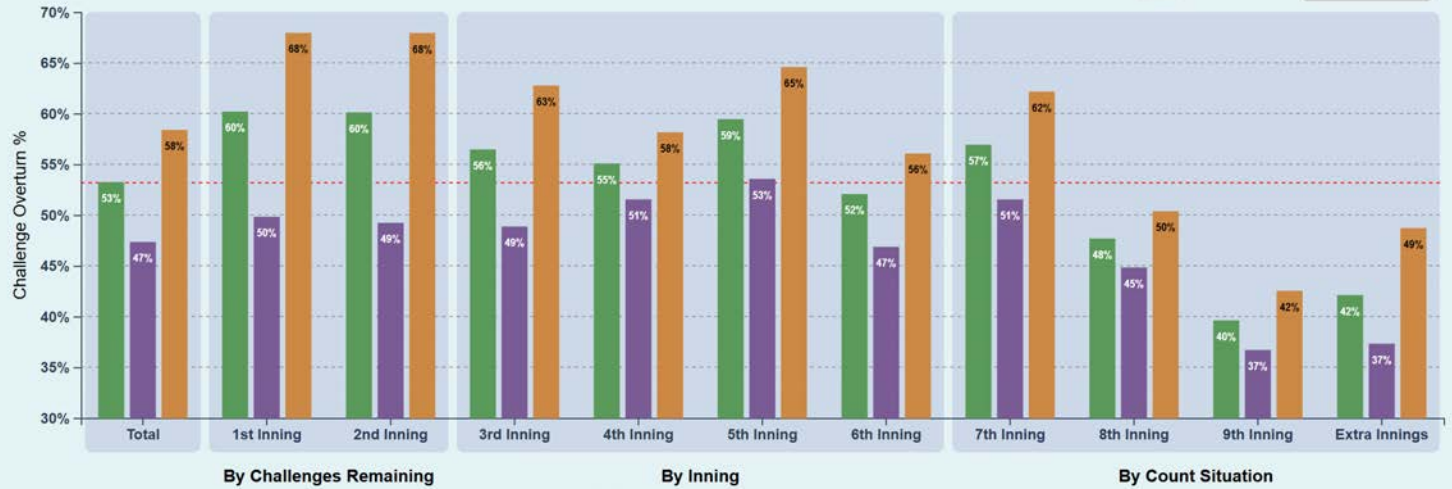
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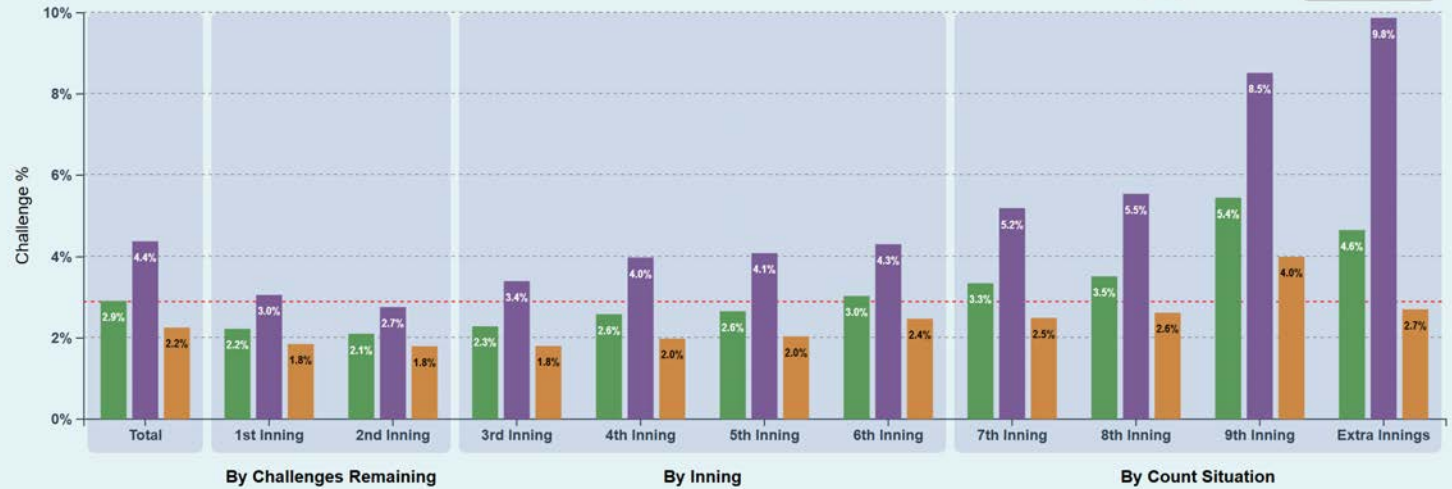
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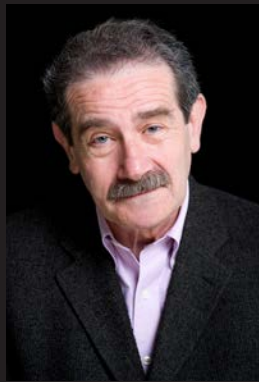
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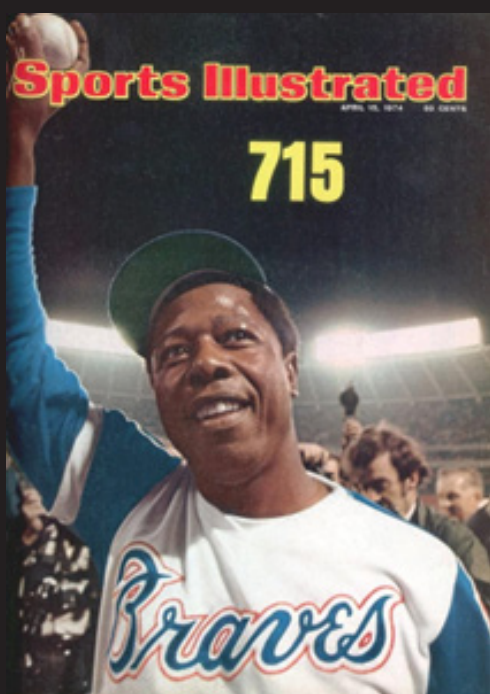
By John Thorn | Official Historian of Major League Baseball

On April 8, 1974, Henry Aaron broke Babe Ruth's career record for home runs. What follows is a paean to Aaron but also a review of Ruth's prior place atop all players in on-field performance. For "greatness," however, some—myself included—have proposed Jackie Robinson as the epitome. Yet Aaron, despite the comparisons with Ruth, lived his life in the wake of Robinson.

Was Ruth greater than all who had preceded him? Yes. The question that arose in the 1970s: Was Aaron greater than Ruth?

In 1999, the 25th anniversary of Henry's 715th homer, a "blue-ribbon panel" (on which I served) selected the 100 all-time greats from whom the fans, in a nationwide poll, would choose 25. The outcome was fascinating, as much for who was out as who was in. Ruth, dead for half a century, pulled in the most votes, with 1,158,044, but Aaron trailed him by less than 1,300.

And yet, an asterisk attaches to Ruth. He hit against pitchers who threw complete games about half the time (today it is well under 1 percent), and thus faced the same delivery three, four, and five times a game. Ruth faced no relievers as they were used in Aaron's day, let alone ours. Ruth never had to hit at night. African Americans never graced the same field as Ruth; had they done so, the overall level of competition would have risen and white players might have lost their places. Ruth may have been better than any baseball player ever was or will be; yet it defies reason to claim that his opposition was likewise better.



Sports Illustrated cover, April 15, 1974

Who was Henry Aaron? Born in Mobile, Alabama in 1934, he signed with the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League in 1952, to play shortstop for \$200 a month. In the biography he wrote with Lonnie Wheeler, he recounted the day he left home, with sandwiches his mom made, and boarded the train:

It was the first time I had been around white people. After a while I got up the courage to walk up and down the aisle. I wanted to see what a dining car looked like, and I needed somebody to tell me where I wasn't allowed to go. Then I sat back down, listened to those wheels carrying me farther away from home, and tried to talk myself out of getting off at the next stop and going back.



The day Aaron left Mobile to join the Clowns

The truly competitive era of the Negro Leagues had ended with the integration of the majors and the demise of the Negro National League after 1948. The Clowns were a barnstorming outfit—the Harlem Globetrotters of baseball—never once during Aaron's time with them playing in Indiana.

With the Clowns, Aaron recalled a meal before a Sunday rainout in Washington, DC.

We had breakfast while we were waiting for the rain to stop, and I can still envision sitting with the Clowns in a restaurant behind Griffith Stadium and hearing them break all the plates in the kitchen after we were finished eating. What a horrible sound. Even as a kid, the irony of it hit me: here we were in the capital in the land of freedom and equality, and they had to destroy the plates that had touched the forks that had been in the mouths of black men. If dogs had eaten off those plates, they'd have washed them.

In midseason the Clowns sold his contract to the Boston Braves, who sent him to the Class-C Northern League club in Eau Claire. There he played 87 games, hitting .336 with nine home runs and 61 RBIs.

The following year Aaron was sent to Class-A Jacksonville to break the color line in the South Atlantic League. Moved from shortstop to second base, Aaron led that league in hitting, with a .362 average; in RBIs, 125; runs, 115; and hits, 208. He hit 22 home runs and struck out only 22 times.

Expected to play the 1954 season at either Toledo or Atlanta—he was hoping not to integrate another Southern league—Aaron was a courtesy invite to the Braves' spring training (they had left Boston for Milwaukee in 1953). On Saturday, March 13, Bobby Thomson broke a leg. The next day Aaron started for the Braves in Thomson's place in left field, soon moving to right.

Aaron's debut season in Milwaukee was marked by only 13 homers. But 1957 was his breakout year. In late September, Aaron hit an extra-inning homer that clinched the pennant. "I galloped around the bases, and when I touched home plate the whole team was there to pick me up and carry me off the field.... I had always dreamed about a moment like Bobby Thomson had in '51, and this was it." The city set an attendance record and Aaron, who hit 44 homers, was named Most Valuable Player. The Braves became world champions, defeating the Yankees in seven games.

Although Aaron maintained his prowess, Milwaukee's attendance plummeted. The team relocated to Atlanta in 1966; on Opening Day there, the biggest cheer came after the scoreboard flashed a message that said "April 12, 1861: First Shots Fired on Fort Sumter ... April 12, 1966: The South Rises Again."

Things changed forever for Aaron as he changed his focus: "I would be on trial in Atlanta, and I needed a decisive way to win over the white people before they thought of a reason to hate me." He slugged 44 and 39 homers, respectively, in his first two years there. He was 34 years old and had 481 lifetime home runs, and neither he nor anyone else was thinking about Babe Ruth's mark.

By 1972, however, reporters began asking about Ruth. Meanwhile, the FBI investigated death threats and a plot to kidnap Aaron's daughter from her college dorm; the hate mail accelerated. Aaron finished 1973 with 40 homers, leaving him at 713.

The next year began with controversy. The Braves wanted

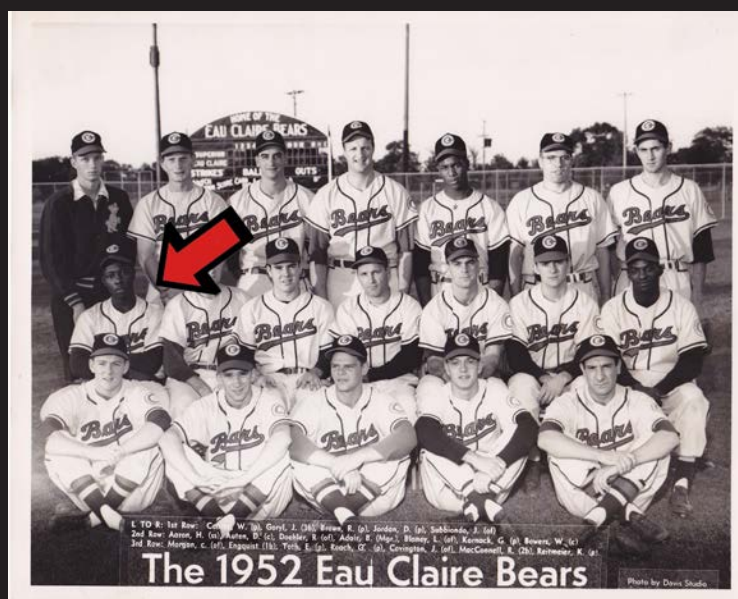
to hold Aaron out of the lineup for their first three games in Cincinnati so he could tie or break Ruth's record in Atlanta. After MLB's Commissioner ordered them to play Aaron in at least two of the road games, Aaron hit homer 714 off Jack Billingham in his first at bat of the season. He sat out the second game, and in the third he struck out twice and grounded out once against Clay Kirby.

The Braves returned home and, on April 8, a crowd of 53,775 people showed up for the game—an Atlanta attendance record. In Aaron's first at bat, the Dodgers' Al Downing had walked him. The Braves were trailing, 3–1, in the fourth and Aaron was again at bat. With a man on first, Downing didn't want to walk him again. Aaron deposited a low slider into the Braves' bullpen in left field. As the fans cheered, Aaron's mother embraced him at the plate. "I never knew my mother could hug so tight," he said. She had feared someone might shoot him.

Vin Scully addressed the racial tension in his call of the home run:

What a marvelous moment for baseball; what a marvelous moment for Atlanta and the state of Georgia; what a marvelous moment for the country and the world. A Black man is getting a standing ovation in the Deep South for breaking a record of an all-time baseball idol. And it is a great moment for all of us, and particularly for Henry Aaron.... And for the first time in a long time, that poker face in Aaron shows the tremendous strain and relief of what it must have been like to live with for the past several months.

Henry Aaron later said, "I believed, and I still do, that there was a reason why I was chosen to break the record. It's my task to carry on where Jackie Robinson left off."



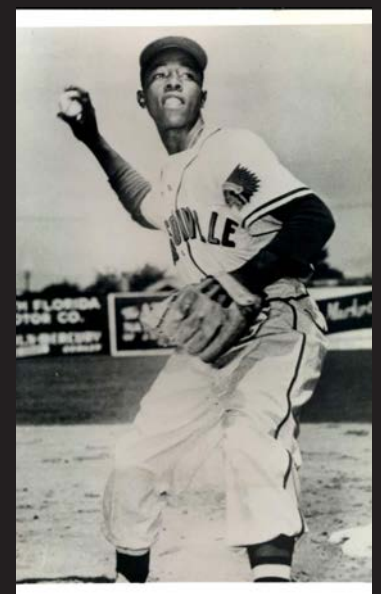
Eau Claire: Aaron with Black players Wes Covington and Julie Bowers



Aaron's homer wins the 1957 pennant



Aaron with the Clowns; he would be the last in MLB to have started in the Negro Leagues



Henry Aaron, Jacksonville 1953

WEEKLY AWARDS

Center fielder Pete Crow-Armstrong of the Chicago Cubs was unanimously selected the National League Player of the Week, and starting pitcher Logan Gilbert of the Seattle Mariners was named the American League Player of the Week

Crow-Armstrong earned his second career honor after also winning for the first time in his career on June 8th. It is the third award for Chicago this season, with Crow-Armstrong joining his teammate Nico Hoerner (April 20th). It is the second consecutive season in which the Cubs have had a player win multiple awards (Seiya Suzuki last year), and the first time a Cubs player has won multiple awards in a single month since Derrek Lee in May 2005. Gilbert earned his second career award after previously winning on July 10, 2023. It marks the first award for Seattle since Cal Raleigh garnered the honor on June 23rd last year.


**PLAYER
OF THE WEEK**



Pete Crow-Armstrong
Chicago Cubs



Logan Gilbert
Seattle Mariners

Athletics outfielder Colby Thomas earned his first career Play of the Week Award, marking the 11th award for the Athletics since the inception of the award in 2019. The Athletics' 11 awards are tied with Toronto for fourth-most among all Clubs, trailing only Baltimore (14); Atlanta (12); and Milwaukee (12). It is the first award for the A's since Denzel Clarke garnered honors in four consecutive weeks last June. Thomas is the seventh A's player to earn the award, joining Ramón Laureano (4/21/2019); Elvis Andrus (4/5/2021); Tony Kemp (2x: 5/24/2021 & 5/16/2022); Matt Chapman (6/16/2021); Max Schuemann (5/13/2024); and Clarke (6/2, 6/9, 6/16 & 6/23/2025). With two outs in the top of the first inning, Jo Adell hammered a ball to deep right field as Thomas ranged back and made a leaping catch before landing on top of the wall and falling to the ground.


**PLAY
OF THE WEEK**



Colby Thomas
Athletics

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, 1 2B 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, 1 3B, 4 R, .542 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Ildemaro Vargas, AZ .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 12 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 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, 1 2B, 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, 1 2B, 1 BB, 8 R, 3 SB, .429 OBP, 1.053 SLG	Gavin Sheets, SD .625 (10-for-16), 4 HR, 8 RBI, 1 2B, 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, 1 2B, 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
June 15 th	Bryon Buxton, MIN .458 (11-for-24), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 3 2B, 2 BB, 6 R, .500 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Jackson Chourio, MIL .448 (13-for-29), 5 HR, 10 RBI, 1.418 OPS Jacob Misiorowski, MIL 1-0, 9.0 IP, 1 H, 15 SO	Brayan Rocchio's Diving Stop Double Play
June 22 nd	Logan Gilbert, SEA 2-0, 1.35 ERA(2 ER/13.10 IP), 5 H, 3 BB, 18 K, 0.60 WHIP, .116 OPP AVG	Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC .550 (11-for-20), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 4 BB, 5 R, 2 SB, .600 OBP, 1.300 SLG	Brayan Rocchio's Diving Stop Double Play

SAVE ME

The Tampa Bay Rays lead Major League Baseball this season with 31 saves, converting 72.1% of their opportunities. Seven different pitchers have tallied a save for the Rays this season, which are tied for seventh-most among clubs. The Minnesota Twins, who are tied for 12th with 22 saves, pace the Majors with 11 different players recording a save this season. The Washington Nationals lead Major League Baseball with 47 save opportunities, converting 24 of their 47 chances. Their 23 blown saves are six more than the next closest clubs, with Detroit, Chicago and the Athletics tied for the most blown saves in the American League with 17.

2026 AMERICAN LEAGUE SAVES			
CLUB	SAVES	OPP.	# OF PITCHERS W/ SV
Tampa Bay Rays	31	43	7
Cleveland Guardians	27	35	4
Toronto Blue Jays	25	37	5
Athletics	23	40	8
Houston Astros	23	28	6
Chicago White Sox	22	39	7
Minnesota Twins	22	32	11
Texas Rangers	22	29	4
Kansas City Royals	21	37	5
New York Yankees	20	32	4
Seattle Mariners	20	33	5
Baltimore Orioles	17	27	6
Boston Red Sox	15	23	2
Detroit Tigers	15	32	5
Los Angeles Angels	8	24	4

2026 NATIONAL LEAGUE SAVES			
CLUB	SAVES	OPP.	# OF PITCHERS W/ SV
Milwaukee Brewers	25	38	7
San Diego Padres	25	34	4
Philadelphia Phillies	24	33	4
St. Louis Cardinals	24	37	5
Washington Nationals	24	47	9
Atlanta Braves	23	30	6
Miami Marlins	22	32	9
Arizona Diamondbacks	21	31	4
Los Angeles Dodgers	21	29	6
Cincinnati Reds	18	33	9
Colorado Rockies	17	30	7
Pittsburgh Pirates	17	33	5
San Francisco Giants	15	24	8
New York Mets	13	22	3
Chicago Cubs	11	23	7

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.

SCHWARBS: Kyle Schwarber hit his MLB-leading 29th home run of the season on Sunday after a three-homer game on Saturday. That's also his 216th since joining the Phillies. He has the third-most home runs by a player in his first five seasons with a team, behind only Babe Ruth (NYY: 235) and Mark McGwire (STL: 220). And there's plenty of season left.

ELECTRIC ENDING: Jake McCarthy hit a three-run walk-off triple on Monday. That's not something you see everyday. It was the sixth walk-off triple when trailing by two runs in the divisional era (1969). He joined Grady Sizemore (Aug. 11, 2006), Juan Beniquez (Sept. 26, 1987), Dave Collins (April 14, 1980), Manny Mota (Sept. 3, 1971) and Joe Torre (May 29, 1971).

HOMECOMING: Jac Caglianone hit two home runs on Tuesday at Tropicana Field, where he grew up going to games as a Rays fan. Those two gave him six home runs in his last five games through that day. That's tied for the most in a five-game span in Royals history, with 1999 Jermaine Dye, 1995 Gary Gaetti, 1990 Bo Jackson and 1975 John Mayberry. It was Caglianone's third multi-homer game in June. That's tied for the most in a calendar month in Royals history, with June 2021 Salvador Perez, Aug 2019 Hunter Dozier and Sept 1969 Ed Kirkpatrick.

YOUNG GOLDY: Paul Goldschmidt hit his fourth leadoff homer of the season on Wednesday, giving him now each of the four oldest leadoff homers in Yankees history. His four leadoff home runs are the fourth-most in a season at age 38 or older, per Elias. He trails only 2004 Craig Biggio (seven), 2006 Biggio (six) and 1991 Brian Downing (five).

NO FREE PASSES: Wednesday was Braxton Ashcraft's second game with at least 10 strikeouts and no walks this season, making him the first Pirates pitcher since at least 1900 with two such games in a season. It's tied for the most such games in a career for the Pirates in that span, with Paul Skenes, Gerrit Cole and Bob Veale.

DANSBY'S RBI FEST: Dansby Swanson is up to 15 RBI in the first three games of a four-game series against the Mets. Swanson is the 18th instance of a player with at least 15 RBI in a series since RBI became official (1920). It's the 12th of those in a series of four-or-fewer games. The only other players with this many RBI in a series in the last 45 years were 2016 Danny Espinosa and 2008 Cody Ross. Swanson had 11 RBI in Wednesday's doubleheader, setting a Cubs record. It was the most RBI by a player in a doubleheader since Mark Whiten had 13 on Sept. 7, 1993 – 12 of those in his four-homer game in the second game.

WHEEEEE! The Phillies won on both Tuesday and Wednesday despite being down to their final strike in each game. They became the third team to win consecutive games after being down to their last strike in each since 2000, per Elias. They joined the Giants in April 2011 and the Rockies in August 2001. It's also the first time in at least the expansion era (1961) the Phillies have won consecutive games despite trailing with two outs in the final scheduled inning or later in each.

DRAMATIC FINISH: The Giants entered the bottom of the ninth on Wednesday trailing, 1-0, before a Rafael Devers home run tied the game and a Victor Bericoto homer won it. Bericoto had saved a run earlier in the game when it was tied at zero with an outfield assist. Bericoto became the first player with a walk-off home run and an outfield assist in the same game since Brent Rooker on May 12, 2023. He's the third Giant to do it in the last 50 years, joining Barry Bonds on his birthday – July 24 – in 2003 and Jack Clark on Sept. 4, 1981.

JUNIOR FOR THREE: Junior Caminero recorded his first career three-homer game on Thursday. That was almost the second-most notable feat in the game, as the Rays took a no-hit bid into the ninth inning, courtesy of Casey Legumina and Ian Seymour. There's never been a no-hitter and an individual with three home runs in the same game, per Elias. The Rays are the second team in at least the expansion era to have an eight inning or longer no-hit bid and an individual three-homer game in the same game, joining the Reds on June 27, 2025.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 861 consecutive games entering Friday, 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).

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UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through Wednesday night's games, Major League Baseball has had 762 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-six seconds. The 762 replay reviews consist of 662 Manager Challenges and 100 Crew Chief Reviews.

762 Replay Reviews
175 Confirmed (23.0%)
212 Stands (27.8%)
372 Overturned (48.8%)
3 Rules Check (0.4%)
0 Record Keeping (0.0%)
1:26 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

O'YEAH: Ryan O'Hearn was 4-for-5 with a career-high three doubles, three RBI and two runs on Wednesday vs. Seattle. He was the ninth Pirate since RBI became official in 1920 with four hits, including three doubles, three RBI and two runs in a game, joining Cotton Tierney (May 7, 1923 vs. St. Louis), Frank Thomas (May 2 [G2], 1954 at Chicago), Lee Walls (May 2, 1956 at St. Louis), Willie Stargell (August 1, 1970 at Atlanta), Bill Robinson (June 9, 1978 vs. Cincinnati), Kevin Young (August 4, 1998 vs. Colorado), Corey Dickerson (June 26, 2019 at Houston) and Starling Marte (July 24, 2019 vs. St. Louis). O'Hearn is 37-for-123 (.301) with an .893 OPS at PNC Park this year.

CATCHING UP WITH CARTER: Rookie Carter Jensen has a career-best 15-game hit streak, during which he is slashing .350/.397/.617 (21-for-60) with 10 XBH for a 1.014 OPS. Jensen's 15-game hit streak is the longest active run in the Majors, the longest by a Royal this season, the longest by any catcher in the Majors this season and the longest by a rookie catcher in franchise history, besting a nine-game streak by Salvador Perez from September 5-15, 2011. It is tied for the second-longest hit streak in franchise history by any player age 22 or younger, trailing Salvy's Royals-record 17-game run from August 22-September 13, 2012.

THE STORY OF FERDINANDO: Fernando Tatis Jr. has reached base safely in 17 straight games, the sixth-longest active streak in the Majors and the longest by a Padre since Jake Cronenworth from July 25-August 15, 2025 (19 G). During this stretch, he has hit .338 (24-for-71) with seven doubles, two home runs, 10 RBI, five walks and 11 runs scored. Since May 24 (27 G), he is slashing .366/.400/.527 with 14 multi-hit games and five three-plus-hit games. His .366 average during this span is the fourth-highest in the Majors.

GETTING ON WITH THINGS: Kazuma Okamoto reached base safely a career-high five times on Tuesday, drawing walks in the first and fifth innings before recording singles in the seventh, eighth and 11th frames. He became the first Blue Jays rookie to reach base safely five times in a game since Will Wagner on August 31, 2024 at MIN. Okamoto finished the game 3-for-4 with three RBI and a run scored, his 17th multi-hit and first career three-hit effort. Over his last 27 games, he is slashing .295/.382/.579 with six doubles, seven home runs, 22 RBI, 10 walks, 15 runs scored and a .961 OPS.

MVP-CALIBER: Yordan Alvarez has had a torrid first half to his season, currently leading all of baseball with a 1.076 OPS. Additionally, he leads the AL in batting average (.325), SLG (.640), OBP (.436) and TB (185), is T-first in HR (25) and T-second in RBI (56). Alvarez, who was the AL Player of the Month for May, is hitting .397 (29-for-73) in June with five HR and 17 RBI with a 1.152 OPS (.494 OBP/.658 SLG). Per Elias, Yordan Alvarez's 25 HR are tied for the third-most in franchise history through the club's first 81 games. The record for HR through the club's first 81 games is 27, set by Lance Berkman in 2002.

JOSHIN' AROUND: Josh Bell has reached safely in nine straight games. Over his last 22 games, he is hitting .342 (26-for-76) with five doubles, four home runs, 17 RBI, a .398 on-base percentage, a .566 slugging percentage and a .963 OPS. Since June 14, he has reached base safely in 18 of 37 plate appearances (.486 OBP). He leads the club with 49 RBI. 17 of those RBI have come in his last 17 games. With one RBI, he will reach the 50-RBI mark for the ninth time in his career.

NAS(H)IM: Nasim Nuñez is 15-for-28 (.536) with a double, two triples, six RBI, four walks, six stolen bases and seven runs scored over his last nine games. He has hit safely in a career-best nine straight games and has produced six multi-hit efforts with a .594 on-base percentage and a .714 slugging percentage during this stretch. He has reached base safely in a career-high 15 straight games, hitting .420 (21-for-50) with a .473 on-base percentage (five BB) and a .540 slugging percentage (two doubles, two triples). The 15-game streak is the longest on-base streak by a Nationals player this season. On the season, he leads Major League Baseball with 31 stolen bases and trails only Trea Turner (35 in 2017) for the most stolen bases prior to the All-Star break in Nationals history (2005-present).

FAST AND FURIOUS: Yankees baserunners have recorded 83 SB this season, the most in the AL and tied for the second-most in the Majors, trailing only Miami (88 SB). It marks their most stolen bases through their first 78 games of a season in the last 25 seasons (since 2002) and most since recording 87 SB in 2001. It marks only the fourth time in the last 110 years (since 1917) the Yankees have recorded as many stolen bases through their first 78 games of a season (87 SB in 2001, 93 SB in 1998 and 95 SB in 1976). Jazz Chisholm Jr. ranks third in the AL and fourth in the Majors with 23 SB this season. He is only the second Yankee in the last 25 years (since 2002) to record at least 23 SB through the club's first 78 games of a season, joining only Brett Gardner (24 SB in 2010). INF/OF José Caballero is tied for fifth in the AL and tied for tenth in the Majors with 17 SB. Entering Wednesday, The Yankees have recorded 12 SB over their last four games.

NAME A BETTER PAIR PART II: Since Zack Wheeler's debut this season on April 25, he and Cristopher Sánchez have made 21 starts, and the Phillies are 17-4 in those games (.810 win pct.). Since Wheeler's debut, they have combined to go 14-2 with a 1.68 ERA (26 ER/139.2 IP) with 147 strikeouts against 28 walks (5.25 SO/BB ratio) and a 0.86 WHIP. Together, they have faced 530 batters and limited them to a .185/.233/.302 slash line and .535 OPS. Over the last year-plus (since June 9, 2025), Wheeler and Sánchez have combined to make 58 starts, and the Phillies are 41-17 in those games (.707 win pct.).

WALKING IT OUT: Baltimore has drawn at least one walk in 72 straight games since April 6, the second-longest active streak in the Majors this season behind St. Louis (77). The Birds have been held without a free pass only once this season, on April 5 at Pittsburgh. The Orioles join the Brewers as the only teams in MLB to have only one game with zero walks. Baltimore is 29-25 when drawing three-plus walks, compared to 9-18 when drawing two or fewer free passes.

HOMER HAPPY: The White Sox are tied for second in the Major Leagues with 108 home runs and are on pace to hit 224, which would be their most since 2008 (235). The 108 homers are the third-highest total in Sox history after 78 games. Colson Montgomery (first, 20), 3B Miguel Vargas (T-first, 17) and 1B Munetaka Murakami (T-second, 20) rank among the MLB leaders in home runs at their respective positions. The Sox lead MLB with six pinch-hit home runs, are tied for the lead with three walk-off homers and tied for second with five grand slams. They have hit back-to-back home runs five times, tied for third-most in MLB.




MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)



Friday, June 26th:	Chicago Cubs @ Milwaukee Brewers Los Angeles Dodgers @ San Diego Padres	7:45 p.m. 9:45 p.m.	Apple TV Apple TV
Saturday, June 27th:	New York Yankees @ Boston Red Sox	1:10 p.m.	ABC
Sunday, June 28th:	Athletics @ Los Angeles Angels New York Yankees @ Boston Red Sox	3:15 p.m. 7:20 p.m.	Peacock/NBCSN NBC/Peacock
Monday, June 29th:	Texas Rangers @ Cleveland Guardians	7:10 p.m.	ESPN
Tuesday, June 30th:	Detroit Tigers @ New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.	TBS
Wednesday, July 1st:	Cincinnati Reds @ Milwaukee Brewers	8:10 p.m.	ESPN

AL-BEST YANKEES TAKE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT THREE TIMES
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Thursday, June 25th:	Kansas City Royals @ Tampa Bay Rays New York Yankees @ Boston Red Sox	12:10 p.m. 7:10 p.m.	
Friday, June 26th:	Seattle Mariners @ Cleveland Guardians Atlanta Braves @ San Francisco Giants	7:10 p.m. 10:15 p.m.	
Saturday, June 27th:	Philadelphia Phillies @ New York Mets Los Angeles Dodgers @ San Diego Padres	4:10 p.m. 8:40 p.m.	
Sunday, June 28th:	Cincinnati Reds @ Pittsburgh Pirates	1:35 p.m.	
Monday, June 29th:	San Francisco Giants @ Arizona Diamondbacks	9:40 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 30th:	Los Angeles Angels @ Seattle Mariners	9:40 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 1st:	Chicago White Sox @ Baltimore Orioles	12:35 p.m.	
Thursday, July 2nd:	Pittsburgh Pirates @ Philadelphia Phillies San Diego Padres @ Los Angeles Dodgers	12:35 p.m. 10:10 p.m.	

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Los Angeles Angels	Channel 853	New York Mets	Channel 858
Minnesota Twins	Channel 857	Philadelphia Phillies	Channel 860
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