



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

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STINGY ON THE MOUND

Among pitchers to inherit at least 10 runners this season, three pitchers have not allowed an inherited runner to score including Steven Cruz of the Kansas City Royals; Hunter Gaddis of the Cleveland Guardians; and Brandyn Garcia of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Gaddis and Garcia have each inherited 13 runners, while Cruz has inherited 10 runners. Among all pitchers this season, Chase Silseth of the Los Angeles Angels has inherited a Major League-leading 40 runners, allowing 18 of them to score, which also leads the Majors.

Cruz has gone 2-2 with a 4.63 ERA in 33 appearances this season, and has posted scoreless relief 23 times. Of the four occasions in which he has inherited runners, Cruz has entered with the bases loaded twice, including April 1st against the Minnesota Twins and July 18th against the San Diego Padres. The other two appearances in which he entered the game with runners on base were May 26th against the New York Yankees and June 14th against the Houston Astros. Since inherited runners began being tracked in 1974, Cruz is seeking to become the sixth Royals reliever to inherit at least 10 runners in a season and allow none to score, joining Juan Gutierrez (2013 - 11 IR); Francisley Bueno (2012 - 14 IR); Horacio Ramirez (2008 - 10 IR); Joel Johnston (1991 - 10 IR); and Scott Bankhead (1986 - 10 IR).

Gaddis has pitched to a 1-2 record with a 2.45 ERA in 38 appearances this year, offering scoreless relief 30 times. He has entered seven contests with runners on base, including once with the bases loaded on July 8th at Minnesota. Gaddis entered the game with multiple runners on base on April 27th against the Tampa Bay Rays; May 19th at the Detroit Tigers; June 26th against the Seattle Mariners; and July 21st against the Twins. Gaddis is seeking to become the second Guardians reliever since 1974 to inherit at least 10 runners in a season and not permit any to score, joining Brad Hand's 2019 campaign when he inherited 14 runners.

Garcia has pitched to a 1.75 ERA across 31 games this year, posting scoreless relief 29 times. He inherited multiple runners on May 22nd against the Colorado Rockies; July 11th at the Los Angeles Dodgers; and July 17th and 18th against the St. Louis Cardinals. Garcia also inherited a runner on May 27th at the San Francisco Giants; June 21st against Minnesota; June 23rd at St. Louis; June 29th against San Francisco; and July 8th at San Diego. Garcia is attempting to become the third D-backs reliever since 1974 to inherit at least 10 runners in a season without allowing one to score, seeking to join Mike Feters (2004 - 11 IR) and Gregg Olson (1998 - 16 IR).

Randy Myers of the Toronto Blue Jays/San Diego Padres holds the record since 1974 of the most inherited runners while not allowing one to score, inheriting 22 runners during the 1998 season. Three additional pitchers have inherited 20 runners in a season and not allowed them to score, including Tanner Scott in 2024 for the Miami Marlins/Dodgers; Yusmeiro Petit in 2017 for the Angels; and Shane Greene in 2016 for Detroit.

2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER



League	2026 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	219-256	.245 (3,901-for-15,910)	4.47
National League	256-219	.249 (4,000-for-16,045)	4.16

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.

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SOMETHING IN THE DIRTY WATER

After splitting a doubleheader with the Baltimore Orioles yesterday, the Boston Red Sox saw their 15-game winning streak come to a close in the nightcap. It marked the longest winning streak in the Majors this season and tied for the longest in franchise history, matching a 15-game winning streak from April 25 through May 10, 1946.

When the streak began on July 3rd, the Red Sox were in last place in the AL East, sitting 14.5 games back of the Yankees and 6.5 games back of the Mariners for the final AL Wild Card. Entering play on Thursday, the Red Sox are now in third place in the AL East, 7.0 games behind the first-place Rays. Additionally, Boston is now in control of the final AL Wild Card position, leading the Mariners by 2.0 games.

It marked the eighth single-season winning streak of at least 15 games in the Divisional Era (since 1969) with the previous seven clubs all making the Postseason. The other streaks include the 2021 St. Louis Cardinals (17 G: 9/11-9/28); the 2017 Cleveland Indians (22 G: 8/24-9/14); the 2002 Oakland Athletics (20 G: 8/13-9/4); the 2001 Seattle Mariners (15 G: 5/23-6/8); the 2000 Atlanta Braves (15 G: 4/16-5/2); the 1991 Minnesota Twins (15 G: 6/1-6/16); and the 1977 Kansas City Royals (16 G: 8/31-9/15).

During the winning streak, Wilyer Abreu ranked third in the Majors in runs scored (14); and tied for fifth with 10 extra-base hits, while Caleb Durbin tied for fourth with 13 runs scored. Aroldis Chapman's seven saves were the most in the Majors since July 3rd, while rookie Jake Bennett's four wins also paced the Majors and his 26.1 innings were second-most. Sonny Gray's three wins were tied for second-most, while his 1.50 ERA was 10th-best among qualified starters.

Boston combined for a slash line of .251/.332/.446 with 23 homers, 86 RBI and a .778 OPS. Their pitchers are 15-1 since July 3rd with three shutouts, a 2.23 ERA, 134 strikeouts, a .213 opponents' batting average and a Major League-best 1.02 WHIP.





DEVELOPS

DEVELOPS ON THE DIAMOND

DERBY DUB: Jordan Walker put a stamp on his first All-Star appearance last week at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. The DREAM Series and Breakthrough Series alumnus participated in his first career T-Mobile Home Run Derby on Monday, July 13th against a field of sluggers. In the first round, Walker's 13 blasts tied Boston's Willson Contreras for the most homers in the round. In the semifinal, the Georgia native hit an emphatic walk-off homer, his sixth of the round, to knock off Tampa Bay's Junior Caminero and clinch his spot in the final to face Philadelphia's Kyle Schwarber. In the final, the hometown favorite Schwarber crushed 11 homers, leaving Walker needing 11 to tie and 12 to win. With six homers on the board through his first 12 swings, Walker caught fire, crushing six consecutive homers, including four straight T-Mobile Magenta Balls, to win the Derby and silence the Philadelphia crowd. Walker became the eighth Cardinals player to partake in the Derby and the first in franchise history to win it. Overall, the slugging outfielder crushed 31 homers, 21 of which went 420 feet-or-more, with an average distance of 428 feet and average exit velocity of 105.1 MPH. His 31 knocks combined for a total of 13,279 feet, with his longest shot going 470.



DEVELOPS IN THE DRAFT: Between the beginning of the 2026 MLB Draft presented by Nippon Express on Saturday, July 11th through its completion on Sunday, July 12th, 30 Develops alumni heard their name called, including four selections in the first round. The alumni selected in the first round included: Zion Rose (6th overall, KC); AJ Gracia (9th overall, ATL); Jacob Lombard (14th overall, MIA); and Cade Townsend (23rd overall, CHC). Other Develops alumni selected in the 2026 Draft include: Aiden Ruiz (2nd round, PIT); Myles Bailey (2C, CHC); Keon Johnson (3rd round, HOU); Kevin Roberts Jr. (4th round, BAL); LJ Mercurius (5th round, AZ); Kyle Johnson (6th round, TB); Sherman Johnson (7th round, CIN); Savion Sims (7th round, CLE); Tai Jones (9th round, TB); Reece Moroney (10th round, PHI); Fabio Bundi (11th round, MIA); Will Adams (11th round, DET); Ariston Veasey (11th round, CHC); Josiah Kemp (12th round, SF); Jacob Webster (12th round, BOS); Rob Evans (12th round, SD); Mathis Nayral (13th round, TOR); Daunte Bell II (14th round, MIL); Cameron Johnson (15th round, CWS); Anthony Murphy (16th round, WSH); Dalton Wentz (16th round, SF); Sebastian Rolon (16th round, CLE); Alex Kranzler (17th round, BOS); Ethan Offing (18th round, BOS); Anson Seibert (20th round, WSH); and Carsten Sabathia III (20th round, MIL). Bell II, along with Kenneth Ward (9th round, DET) are both alumni of the Nike Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Program.



HANK AARON INVITATIONAL UNDERWAY: On Sunday at the Historic Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Florida, the annual Hank Aaron Invitational began with nearly 250 diverse athletes from across the United States. The Invitational is a multi-week event that features players from the Classes of 2029 and 2030 for Week 1 (July 19-22); and players from the Classes of 2027 and 2028 for Week 2 (July 24-27). The 35-person coaching staff combines for over 240 MLB seasons, 10 All-Star selections, seven World Series Championships, an American League Manager of the Year Award and more. Following Week 2 of the Invitational, 44 athletes from that week will be selected to partake in the "Hank Aaron Invitational Showcase Game" on July 29th. Aiming to honor Hank Aaron's legacy and impact on Baseball, the game will stream live on MLB.TV, MLB.com and in the MLB App and will air on MLB Network on August 1st at 1:00 pm ET.



SOFTBALL BREAKTHROUGH SERIES ON THE HORIZON: Starting on Tuesday, July 28th, 32 elite youth softball athletes, identified from the Elite Development Invitational, Jennie Finch Classic presented by Arm & Hammer, and Nike RBI teams and MLB Youth Academies across the country will take part in the softball Breakthrough Series. The series, a joint effort on behalf of MLB and USA Softball will be held at the MLB Compton Youth Academy in Compton, California from July 28th-30th, with a six-game schedule set for Wednesday and Thursday against the Compton Youth Academy and outside organizations.



ATHLETES UNLIMITED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK PREVIEW: The defending champion Utah Talons earned the No. 1 seed after defeating the Chicago Bandits, 3-1, in Sunday’s regular-season finale, clinching the top seed by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker after both teams finished 16-9. Chicago will face the Portland Cascade in Thursday night’s Play-In Game after Portland clinched the final postseason berth this morning. The winner advances to face Utah in the best-of-three AUSL Championship Series in College Station. The 2026 AUSL season – the league’s second season and first with six teams competing in permanent home markets – culminates this weekend at Texas A&M’s Davis Diamond in College Station, Texas. Championship Week will feature the league’s inaugural awards reception and major fan activations from partners including Adidas and Sephora.



TALONS CHASE HISTORY: The defending champions earned another direct trip to the Championship Series. Two more wins will make Utah back-to-back champions in the AUSL’s first two seasons.

REDEMPTION AT STAKE FOR CHICAGO: The Bandits return to Championship Week one year after falling just short in the finals. A title would not only deliver the franchise’s first AUSL championship, but also reconnect one of softball’s most recognizable brands with the championship pedigree established during its previous iteration.



FIRST IMPRESSION FROM PORTLAND: In just one season, the Cascade have helped establish Portland as one of the AUSL’s strongest markets, consistently drawing sellout crowds and quickly building one of the league’s most engaged fan bases. Now, after clinching the final playoff berth, they have an opportunity to carry that momentum into a championship run.

MILESTONE MOMENT: Saturday’s Championship opener on ABC marks the first professional softball game ever broadcast on network television, presenting an unprecedented opportunity to introduce the sport to a broad mainstream audience.



ALL-STAR CUP ROSTER ANNOUNCED: On Wednesday, the AUSL announced the roster for the 2026 All-Star Cup. Showcasing 45 of the league’s top players, the Cup is a reimagined four-week competition that culminated in crowning an individual All-Star Cup champion. Through the fan vote, Reese Atwood, Rylie Boone, Alyssa Brito, Bri Ellis, Jayda Coleman, Megan Grant, Karlyn Pickens and Jordan Woolery earned a spot on the roster, along with Sis Bates and Dakota Kennedy who are unable to participate. The rest of the roster was selected by the Commissioner’s Office (see the full All-Star Cup roster [here](#)).

REGULAR SEASON FINAL STANDINGS			
TEAM	WIN/LOSS	PERCENTAGE	RUN DIFF.
Utah Talons	16-9	.640	+19
Chicago Bandits	16-9	.640	+36
Portland Cascade	14-11	.560	-5
Oklahoma City Spark	13-12	.520	+6
Carolina Blaze	9-16	.360	-8
Texas Volts	7-18	.280	-48

POSTSEASON SCHEDULE			
DATE	MATCHUP	LOCATION	TV
July 23	Cascade vs. Bandits	Davis Diamond	ESPN
July 25	TBD vs. Talons	Davis Diamond	ABC
July 26	Talons vs. TBD	Davis Diamond	ESPN
July 27	TBD vs. Talons*	Davis Diamond	ESPN 2

** If necessary*



WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Since June 16th, nine players have made their Major League debut, including seven pitchers and two position players.

There have now been 175 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 101 pitchers and 74 position players.

- 25-year-old Alex McFarlane, the Philadelphia Phillies 17th overall prospect, per *MLB Pipeline* toed the rubber for his debut outing on Wednesday night against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Citizens Bank Park. The fourth round selection in the 2022 Draft fired 12 pitches in a scoreless inning of relief in the Phillies loss. The Saint Thomas native became one of five pitchers born in the U.S. Virgin Islands to make their Major League debut and the first since fellow Saint Thomas native Jharel Cotton debuted with the Athletics in 2016.
- 24-year-old Khristian Curtis, the Pittsburgh Pirates 20th overall prospect, per *MLB Pipeline* made his debut with the Club on Saturday in the nightcap of a doubleheader against the Cleveland Guardians. In a relief appearance, the Beaumont, Texas native fired 5.0 scoreless innings. Curtis became one of six pitchers in Pirates franchise history, and the first since Luis Ortiz in 2022 to fire at least 5.0 scoreless innings while giving up two-or-less hits in a debut outing.

Overall, the Chicago White Sox pace the Majors with 13 players making their Major League debut this season followed by the Toronto Blue Jays with 11 and the Guardians and Minnesota Twins with nine. The Arizona Diamondbacks, Colorado Rockies and Texas Rangers have seen eight players make their debut. The teams with seven players making their debut include the Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals. The Athletics and San Francisco Giants have seen six players make their debut and the Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Angels, New York Mets, and Phillies have seen five. The teams with four players making their debut include the Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees, San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners. The Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals have had three players make their debut this season and the Chicago Cubs, Kansas City Royals, Dodgers and Tampa Bay Rays have each had two players make their MLB debut this season.

MLB Debuts, July 16 th -July 22 nd			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Lucas Spence	Houston Astros	OF	July 17 th
Emiliano Teodo	Texas Rangers	RHP	July 17 th
Yunior Tur	Athletics	RHP	July 17 th
CJ Van Eyk	Toronto Blue Jays	RHP	July 17 th
Tommy White	Athletics	3B	July 17 th
Khristian Curtis	Pittsburgh Pirates	RHP	July 18 th
Kohl Drake	Arizona Diamondbacks	LHP	July 21 st
Gerardo Carrillo	Arizona Diamondbacks	RHP	July 22 nd
Alex McFarlane	Philadelphia Phillies	RHP	July 22 nd



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

6,467 CHALLENGES
3,447 OVERTURNED
3,020 CONFIRMED

BATTERS

48%

OVERTURNS

2,999 CHALLENGES
1,433 OVERTURNED
1,566 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS

58%

OVERTURNS

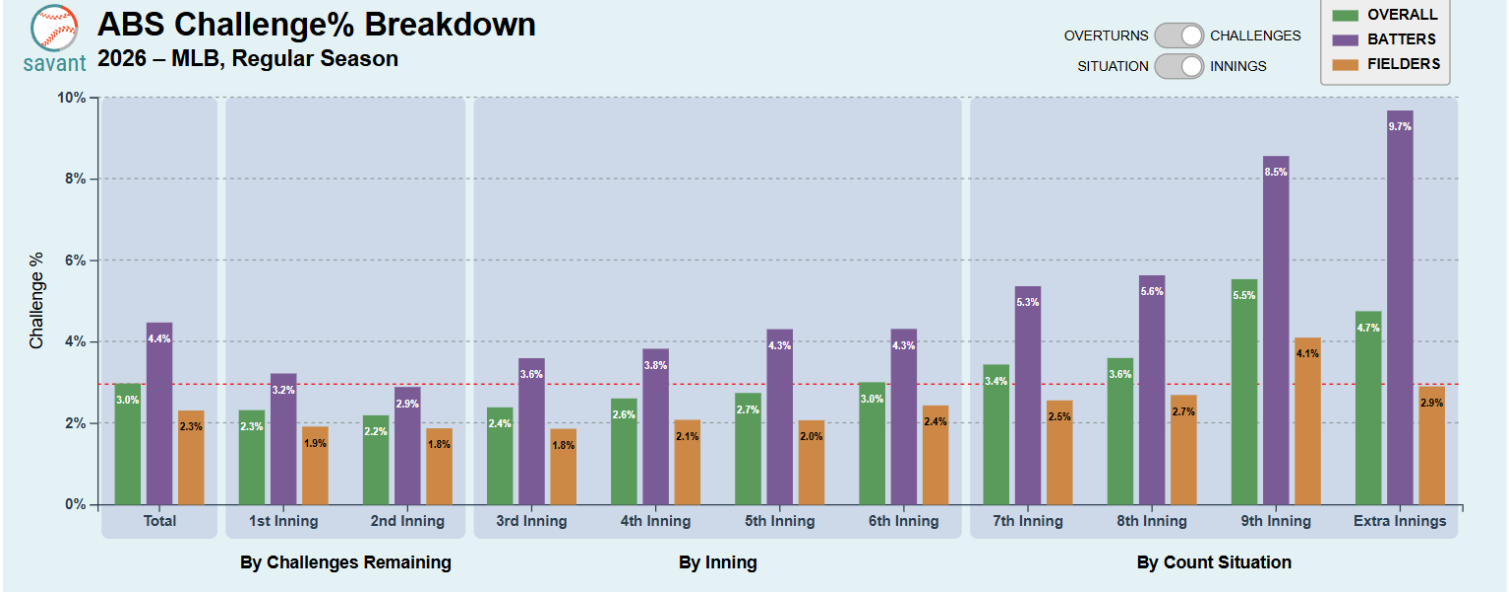
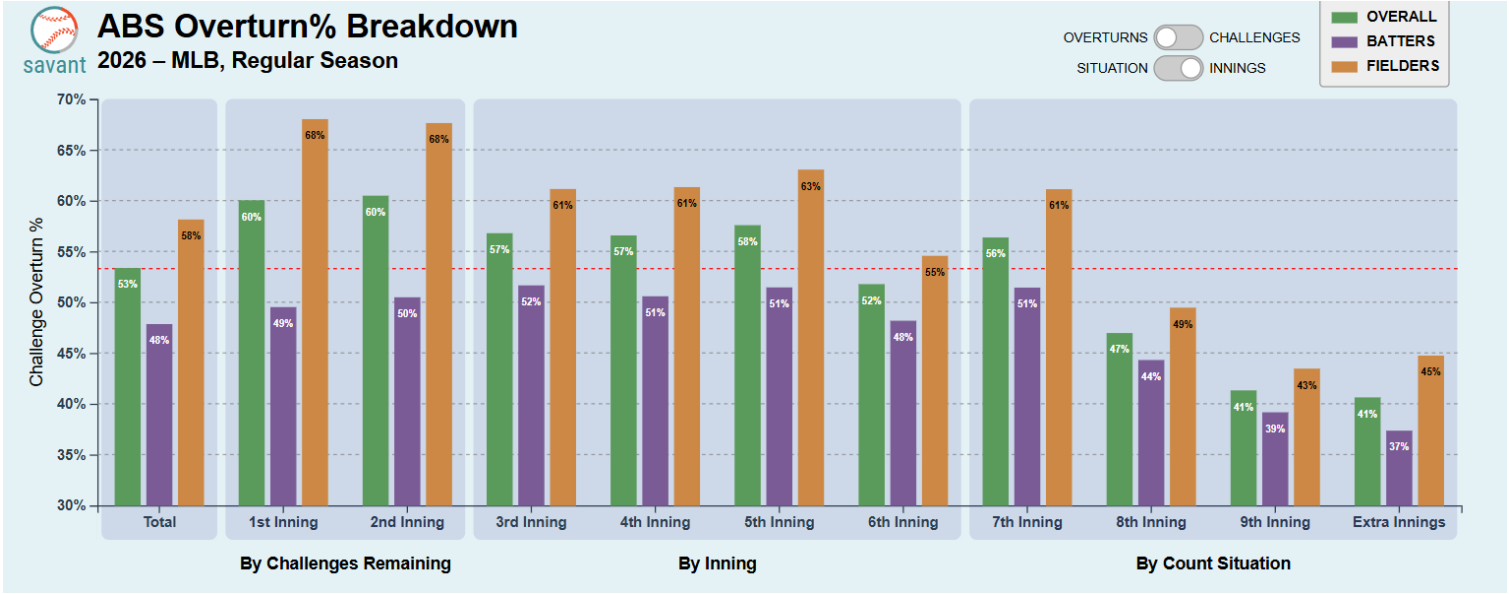
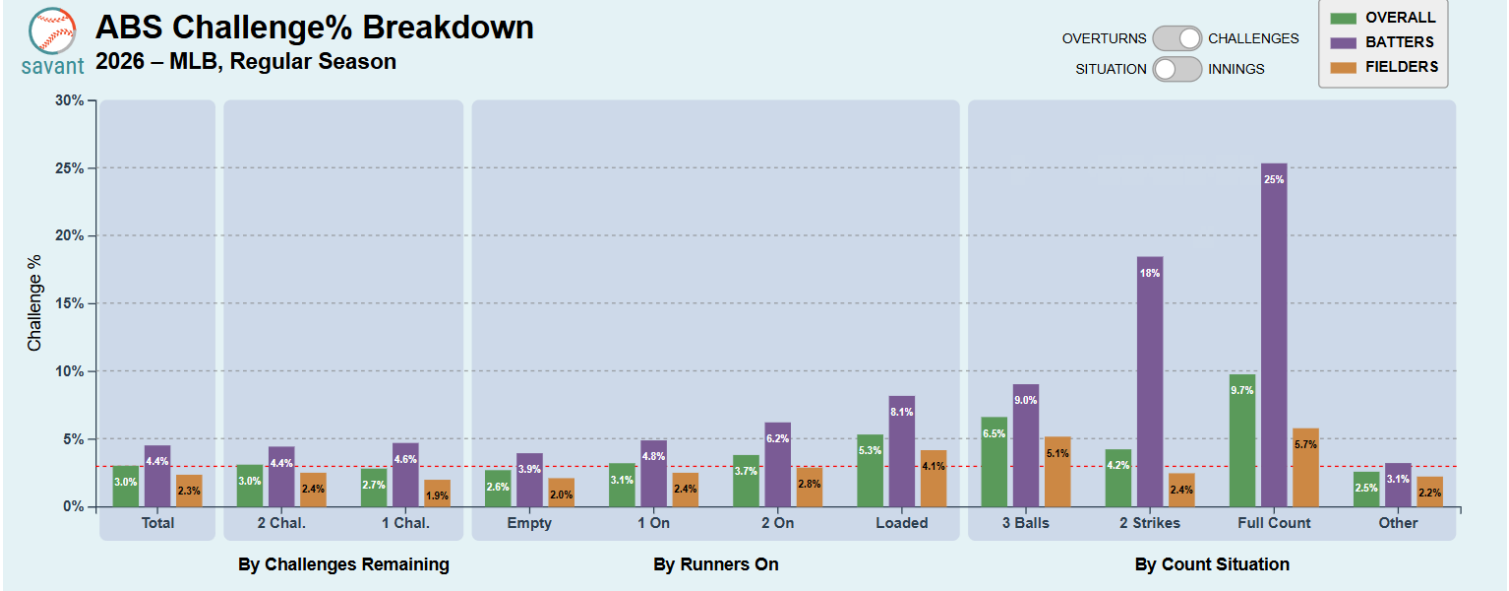
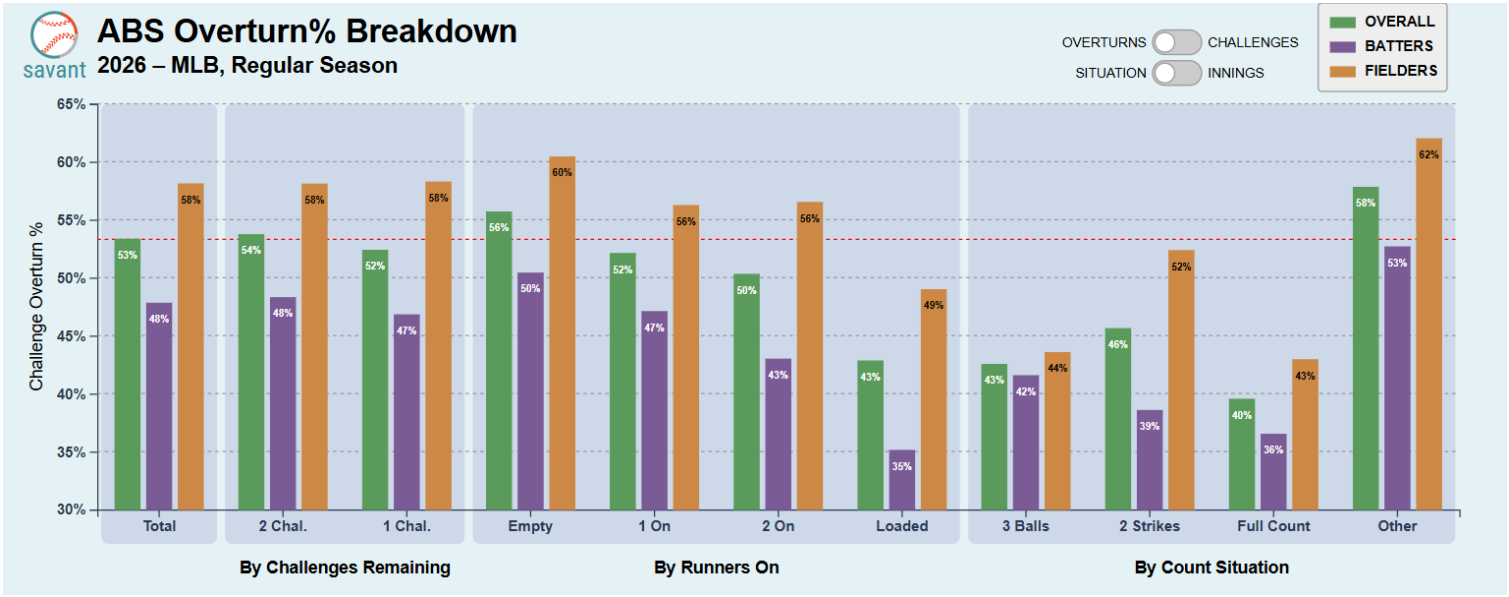
3,468 CHALLENGES
2,014 OVERTURNED
1,454 CONFIRMED

2026 ABS CHALLENGE TOTALS						
CLUB	CHALLENGES (BATTER)		CHALLENGES (FIELDER)		CHALLENGES (TOTAL)	
	Challenges	W-L	Challenges	W-L	Total Results (Batting & Fielding)	Win %
Cincinnati Reds	114	64-50	120	86-34	234 (150 overturned, 84 confirmed)	64.1%
Arizona Diamondbacks	92	52-40	86	59-27	178 (111 overturned, 67 confirmed)	62.4%
Detroit Tigers	97	51-46	99	66-33	196 (117 overturned, 79 confirmed)	59.7%
Texas Rangers	92	43-49	92	62-30	184 (105 overturned, 79 confirmed)	57.1%
Athletics	94	47-47	148	91-57	242 (138 overturned, 104 confirmed)	57.0%
Los Angeles Dodgers	104	55-49	91	56-35	195 (111 overturned, 84 confirmed)	56.9%
Kansas City Royals	91	49-42	124	71-53	215 (120 overturned, 95 confirmed)	55.8%
Minnesota Twins	127	61-66	162	100-62	289 (161 overturned, 128 confirmed)	55.7%
Miami Marlins	85	44-41	153	88-65	238 (132 overturned, 106 confirmed)	55.5%
Chicago Cubs	91	38-53	103	69-34	194 (107 overturned, 87 confirmed)	55.2%
Philadelphia Phillies	115	55-60	89	57-32	204 (112 overturned, 92 confirmed)	54.9%
New York Yankees	118	59-59	132	78-54	250 (137 overturned, 113 confirmed)	54.8%
Houston Astros	122	73-49	127	63-64	249 (136 overturned, 113 confirmed)	54.6%
Colorado Rockies	119	52-67	142	90-52	261 (142 overturned, 119 confirmed)	54.4%
St. Louis Cardinals	87	43-44	102	59-43	189 (102 overturned, 87 confirmed)	54.0%
Los Angeles Angels	115	50-65	125	76-49	240 (126 overturned, 114 confirmed)	52.5%
Boston Red Sox	94	46-48	92	51-41	186 (97 overturned, 89 confirmed)	52.2%
Toronto Blue Jays	95	47-48	97	53-44	192 (100 overturned, 92 confirmed)	52.1%
Tampa Bay Rays	88	38-50	114	67-47	202 (105 overturned, 97 confirmed)	52.0%
New York Mets	131	64-67	111	61-50	242 (125 overturned, 117 confirmed)	51.7%
San Diego Padres	71	29-42	115	67-48	186 (96 overturned, 90 confirmed)	51.6%
Seattle Mariners	102	45-57	102	60-42	204 (105 overturned, 99 confirmed)	51.5%
Milwaukee Brewers	71	31-40	159	86-73	230 (117 overturned, 113 confirmed)	50.9%
Baltimore Orioles	111	55-56	89	46-43	200 (101 overturned, 99 confirmed)	50.5%
Atlanta Braves	87	30-57	110	69-41	197 (99 overturned, 98 confirmed)	50.3%
San Francisco Giants	100	48-52	95	49-46	195 (97 overturned, 98 confirmed)	49.7%
Washington Nationals	79	33-46	126	67-59	205 (100 overturned, 105 confirmed)	48.8%
Chicago White Sox	87	41-46	160	73-87	247 (114 overturned, 133 confirmed)	46.2%
Cleveland Guardians	110	42-68	110	55-55	220 (97 overturned, 123 confirmed)	44.1%
Pittsburgh Pirates	110	48-62	93	39-54	203 (87 overturned, 116 confirmed)	42.9%



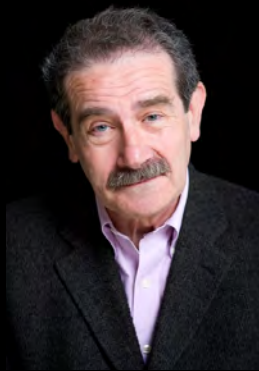
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AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME



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Remember your first time in a big-league ballpark? How dark and cool and secret it felt to prowl the caverns under the grandstand and, when you left the ramp to climb the aisle, that dazzling first view of the great green field?



Shibe Park in Philadelphia, shortly after completion, 1909

That experience has been largely the same for fans since 1909, when two concrete-and-steel ballparks replaced their wooden predecessors in Pennsylvania. The first was Shibe Park, in Philadelphia, ready for Opening Day after the Athletics' first years at Columbia Park.. It would be the grandest facility of its type ever conceived. The concrete grandstand and bleachers followed the first and third base foul lines, seating 20,000.



Forbes Field in Pittsburgh

The next was Forbes Field, in Pittsburgh, which replaced Exposition Park on June 30, 1909. It endured until the 1970s produced a string of multisport cookie-cutter stadia. Richie Hebner said, in that decade, "I stand at the plate in Philadelphia and I honestly don't know whether I'm in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, or Philly."

Both of those 1909 ballparks are long gone ... yet, oddly, Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama remains. It was built in 1910 as a minor-league park modeled on Forbes Field. Since 2020, when MLB recognized the Negro Leagues as majors, it became—as home to the Black Barons—the oldest major-league park, senior in construction to Fenway or Wrigley!



Rickwood Field was built in 1910 to host a team in the Class-A Southern League

What impelled club owners to build concrete-and-steel parks to replace their cities' firetraps? Because baseball seemed to them at last to be an enduring business, worthy of their investment.

Let's retreat to the primal idea of "the park in the city" (*rus in urbe*) which spurred entrepreneurs to create fields of play in or near urban environments, beginning with the young men at Camden or Hoboken, playing in the open. Long before baseball began to be played there, the Elysian Fields had been New York's favorite "place of general resort for citizens, as well as strangers, for health and recreation," wrote its proprietor, John Stevens, in 1824, mindful of the ravages of yellow fever in the city only two years prior. He petitioned the City of New York for "the capital requisite" for making improvements to his site.

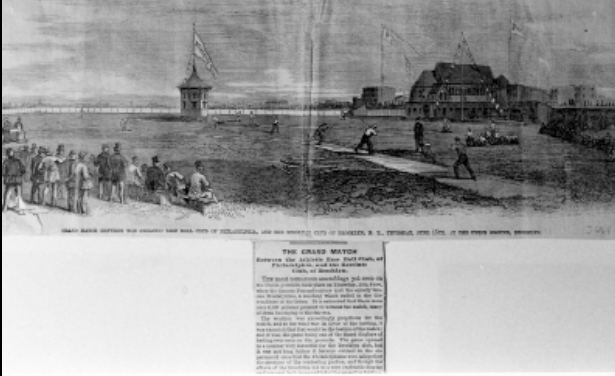
The city declined. But by asking New York to allocate funds to improve his site in New Jersey, Stevens thus established the notion of municipal support for ballparks, so prevalent today. The pre-1830s "pleasure gardens" of New York—i.e., hotels and saloons with ball courts that anticipated the Elysian Fields—led, in a winding path, to the establishment of Central Park, the rise of the enclosed ballpark, and the imaginative experience of an irretrievable past.



The Elysian Fields before baseball; wallpaper panel by Zube Manufactory, 1834

Thence the young men, burgeoning professionals, played ball within wooden fences and grandstands (permitting admission to be charged) in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and far-off Cincinnati. The story of how ballparks evolved is truly an American tale, going back to our beginnings as a nation and a sport.

Why did Chicago management—Phil Wrigley and Bill Veeck Sr.—plant vines on the brick walls of Wrigley Field? So that fans coming to see their Cubs cavort in God’s sunlight would feel as if they were going for a picnic on the green, or a nostalgic trip back to America’s Eden. After all, Wrigley was not a magnificent “stadium” or “coliseum” or “dome” but simply a *field* ... like Forbes and Crosley and Ebbets and, in baseball’s very beginning, the Elysian Fields or Camac’s Woods.



Union Base Ball and Cricket Grounds, spring 1865; the center-field “changing room” was in play

The first enclosed ballpark has long been regarded as William Cammeyer’s Union Park, a converted skating rink which opened for baseball on May 15, 1862. His brainstorm had been to drain and enclose the pond within a fence so that paying fans might be admitted and freeloaders kept out. Previously, clubs would pay a license for use of the field but anyone who wished to watch was welcome to do so. Cammeyer’s innovation assured that the most powerful man in the game was the one who owned the field.



Union Skating Pond, winter 1868; note the “changing room”

In 1871, professional league play commenced. All parks were enclosed and charged admission ... yet one of these, for the Forest City club of Rockford, Illinois, was perhaps the strangest big-league park ever. Ballpark historian Phil Lowry wrote:

Numerous trees behind the catcher and along both foul lines made catching foul pop-ups impossible. Third base was up on a hill; home plate was in a deep depression so that when tagging up from third to home, a runner was running downhill the whole way! All the way around the outfield, there was the first warning track ever. It was a deep gutter providing drainage from the adjacent quarter-mile horseracing track.

The wooden ballparks of the early period were firetraps — even those as gorgeous as Boston’s South End Grounds, which succumbed to flame in midgame on May 15, 1894. When the park was reopened for National League play two months later, it had only two of its original six spires. Fire also caused the demise of Chicago’s Lake Front Park in 1871, Brooklyn’s Washington Park in 1889, and countless minor-league parks; it was an ever-present threat.

The concrete-and-steel palaces that sprung up like dandelions as baseball boomed, beginning with Shibe and Forbes in 1909, became, if not national monuments, then museums of a million memories. My first ballgame was on May 12, 1957, when the Brooklyn Dodgers visited the New York Giants.



Boston’s South End Grounds, amid fire of May 15, 1894

Today, even when I see a panoramic view of an old ballpark into which I never set foot, I feel good about baseball, and America, and myself.



Polo Grounds Fire, April 14, 1911

It was the fire that consumed the Polo Grounds on April 14, 1911 that spelled the end for wooden ballparks, although Baker Bowl in Philadelphia and Sportsman’s Park in St. Louis lingered. The Yankees, who had hastily constructed a wooden park on Manhattan’s Upper West Side in 1903, moved in with the Giants for 1913 through 1922. Shibe and Forbes date to 1909, Comiskey and Rickwood to 1910; Griffith 1911, Fenway and Navin 1912, Ebbets 1913, Weeghman (Wrigley) and Braves 1914.



Before it became known as Wrigley Field, it began in 1914 as Weeghman Park

It’s interesting that until 1923, when the Yankees opened “the house that Ruth built” in the Bronx, baseball had no *stadium*. Before that, the places where professionals assembled to play went by the plain old names that today are applied to amateur lots in America’s hamlets and towns: park, grounds, and field. (Washington’s site, opened in 1911 as National Park, and only later came to be known as Griffith Stadium; Detroit’s Navin Field went on to become Briggs Stadium.)

Golden Era ballparks were built for fans to arrive by trolley, bus, or rail; as those parks deteriorated—particularly, in the 1950s, in Boston, Philadelphia, and St. Louis—fans stayed away. Milwaukee, Kansas City, and Baltimore, respectively, supplied a new model of municipally funded ballparks in the hinterlands, with ample parking lots.

Today, Fenway and Wrigley and Rickwood remain, as reminders of—uniquely in all of sport—our game’s distant past. Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles is, shockingly, MLB’s next oldest park.

WEEKLY AWARDS

All-Star catcher Drake Baldwin of the Atlanta Braves was selected the National League Player of the Week, and outfielder Wilyer Abreu of the Boston Red Sox was named the American League Player of the Week

Baldwin earned his first career honor, marking Atlanta’s first award of the season after the club had three players win the award in 2025, with Baldwin’s All-Star teammate Matt Olson being the last to win on September 22nd. Abreu also earned his first career award, marking the second honor of the year for Boston after Willson Contreras garnered honors on May 26th.



Drake Baldwin
Atlanta Braves



Wilyer Abreu
Boston Red Sox

Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Brandon Young earned his first career Play of the Week Award, marking the 15th award for the Orioles since the inception of the award in 2019. The Orioles 15 awards include a Major League-record eight honors from Cedric Mullins (8x: 9/20/2021, 5/8/2023, 7/10/2023, 8/14/2023, 9/18/2023, 4/8/2024, 4/22/2024 & 8/4/2025), joined by honors from Anthony Santander (6/8/2019); Austin Hays (2x: 9/23/2019 & 8/7/2023); Stevie Wilkerson (9/30/2019); and Gunnar Henderson (2x: 7/24/2023 & 9/5/2023). Young is the first pitcher to claim the Play of the Week Award since Tyler Matzek of the Braves on May 10, 2021. With no outs in the bottom of the first inning against the Houston Astros, Jose Altuve roped a ball back up the middle as Young deflected the ball with his foot and barehanded it in a hacky sack-style before throwing to first to retire Houston’s leadoff man.



Brandon Young
Baltimore Orioles

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, 13B, 4 R, .542 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Ildemaro Vargas, AZ .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 12 RBI, 1 2B, 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, 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 Misorowski, 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 Misorowski, 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/13.1.0 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
June 29 th	Junior Caminero, TB .423 (11-for-26), 7 HR, 15 RBI, 4 2B, 4 BB, 8 R, .500 OBP, 1.231 SLG	Luis García Jr., WSH .526 (10-for-19), 6 HR, 9 RBI, 2 2B, 3 BB, 8 R, .591 OBP, 1.579 SLG	Derek Hill's Home Run Robbery
July 6 th	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .435 (10-for-23), 4 HR, 11 RBI, 2 BB, 4 R, .462 OBP, .957 SLG	Otto Lopez, MIA .500 (14-for-28), 3 HR, 7 RBI,4 2B, 1 3B, 1 BB, 7 R, 1 SB, .500 OBP, 1.036 SLG	Casey Schmitt's Off-Balance Throw
July 13 th	Ben Rice, NYY .423 (11-for-26), 5 HR, 12 RBI, 1 3B, 4 BB, 6 R, .500 OBP, 1.077 SLG	James Wood, WSH .500 (10-for-20), 5 HR, 8 RBI, 1 2B, 9 BB, 11 R, .655 OBP, 1.300 SLG	Derek Hill's Diving Catch
July 20 th	Wilyer Abreu, BOS .357 (5-for-14), 4 HR, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 5 R, .471 OBP, 1.214 SLG	Drake Baldwin, ATL .714 (10-for-14), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 1 BB, 5 R, .733 OBP, 1.357 SLG	Brandon Young's Leg-Kick Deflection



MONTHLY AWARDS

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

June

AL – Junior Caminero, Tampa Bay Rays

.327 (32-for-98), 10 HR, 24 RBI, 4 2B,
13 BB, 19 R, .402 OBP, 673 SLG, 1.075 OPS

NL – Pete Crow-Armstrong, Chicago Cubs

.381 (40-for-105) 11 HR, 20 RBI, 5 2B, 2 3B,
17 BB, 21 R, .468 OBP, .781 SLG, 1.249 OPS



PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

June

AL – Drew Rasmussen, Tampa Bay Rays

3-2, 0.82 ERA (3 ER/33.0 IP), 5 GS
16 H, 4 BB, 39 SO, 0.61 WHIP, .142 OPP. AVG

NL – Logan Webb, San Francisco Giants

3-1, 0.71 ERA (3 ER/38.0 IP), 5 GS
19 H, 4 BB, 29 SO, 0.61 WHIP, .148 OPP. AVG



ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

June

AL – Kazuma Okamoto, Toronto Blue Jays

.286 (26-for-91) 7 HR, 20 RBI, 4 2B,
8 BB, 15 R, .353 OBP, .560 SLG, .913 OPS

NL – TJ Rumfield, Colorado Rockies

.316 (30-for-95) 5 HR, 12 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B,
12 BB, 14 R, .400 OBP, .589 SLG, .989 OPS



RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH

June

AL – Jacob Latz, Texas Rangers

1.13 ERA (2 ER/16.0 IP), 11-for-11 SV,
6 H, 4 BB, 19 SO, 0.63 WHIP, .113 OPP. AVG

NL – Jhoan Duran, Philadelphia Phillies

1.64 ERA (2 ER/11.0 IP), 9-for-10 SV,
9 H, 1 BB, 18 SO, 0.91 WHIP, .220 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
June	Nick Kurtz, ATH .333 (34-for-102), 5 HR, 26 RBI 7 2B, 1 3B, 21 BB, 21 R, 1.025 OPS	Spencer Arrighetti, HOU 4-1, 0.93 ERA (3 ER/29.0 IP), 5 GS, 16 H, 17 BB, 22 SO, 1.14 WHIP	Munetaka Murakami, CHW .244 (22-for-90), 8 HR, 18 RBI, 4 2B, 21 BB, 21 R, 1 SB, .938 OPS	Cade Smith, CLE 1.32 ERA (2 ER/13.2 IP), 13/13 SV, 9 H, 1 BB, 25 SO, 0.73 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
June	JJ Bleday, CIN .301 (31-for-103) 8 HR, 25 RBI, 8 2B, 1 3B, 15 BB, 17 R, 1.018 OPS	Cristopher Sánchez, PHI 4-0, 0.00 ERA (0 ER/39.0 IP), 5 GS 25 H, 3 BB, 45 SO, 0.72 WHIP	TJ Rumfield, COL .310 (27-for-87) 4 HR, 12 RBI, 3 2B, 10 BB, 13 R, .883 OPS	Mason Miller, SD 0.00 ERA (0 ER/9.2 IP), 7/7 SV, 4 H, 8 BB, 20 SO, 1.24 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 33rd home run of the season on Saturday. That's also his 220th since joining the Phillies. That tied Mark McGwire with the Cardinals for the second-most home runs by a player in his first five seasons with a team, behind only Babe Ruth (NYY: 235). And there's plenty of season left.

GO THE DISTANCE: Last year, Yoshinobu Yamamoto became the second pitcher to throw his first two career MLB complete games (reg or post) in the Postseason, joining Josh Beckett (G5 2003 NLCS & G6 2003 WS), according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Now, he has his first in the regular season, throwing one in the first game of a doubleheader on Sunday. Yamamoto became the first Dodgers pitcher with a complete game in either end of a doubleheader since July 3, 1992, when Bob Ojeda did so in game one and Pedro Astacio did so in game two.

FORTTHREE: Hunter Goodman hit three homers on Sunday — again. Goodman is the first player in Rockies history with multiple three-homer games in a season. The only other Rockies with multiple for a career are Larry Walker (three), Todd Helton and Carlos Gonzalez.

FIVE-STAR LEADER: Pete Crow-Armstrong made yet another five-star catch on Monday. That's a catch with a catch probability of 25% or below per Statcast. It was his 33rd career five star catch, breaking a tie with Kevin Kiermaier for the most since Statcast began tracking these in 2016. Entering Friday, he's up to 35 of them. And remember, he's just 24 years old.

SETTING THEM DOWN: Gerrit Cole racked up 11 strikeouts on Wednesday and did not issue a walk. It was his 29th game with at least 10 strikeouts since joining the Yankees, extending his franchise record. He now has six more such games than anyone else in franchise history. It was his 24th career game with at least 10 strikeouts and no walks. That's fifth-most since at least 1900, behind Randy Johnson (36), Max Scherzer (31), Curt Schilling (27) and Clayton Kershaw (27).

POWER: The Diamondbacks hit three home runs of at least 425 ft in the fifth inning on Wednesday — 431 ft from James McCann, 427 ft from Gabriel Moreno and 426 ft from Ryan Walschmidt. It was the third time a team has hit three homers of at least 425 ft in an inning under Statcast, joining the Twins in the eighth on April 27, 2019 and the A's on May 20, 2017 in the fifth.

ROYALTY: Salvador Perez hit his 317th career home run on Wednesday, tying George Brett for the Royals record. He is the fifth active player to lead a franchise in career home runs, joining Mike Trout for the Angels, Giancarlo Stanton for the Marlins, Pete Alonso for the Mets and Manny Machado for the Padres.

MAXIMUM MUNCY: Max Muncy hit his 20th home run of the season on Wednesday. It was his 229th since joining the Dodgers. That broke a tie with Ron Cey for the fifth-most home runs in Dodgers history. He trails Duke Snider (389), Gil Hodges (361), Eric Karros (270) and Roy Campanella (242).

THE STREAK THAT WAS: The Red Sox winning streak finally came to an end on Wednesday, after reaching 15 games, tying 1946 for the longest in franchise history. The Red Sox became the eighth team with a win streak of at least 15 games in the expansion era (1961). Their streak was also the third-longest in MLB history by a team under a manager who did not manage their opening game, per Elias. The only streaks longer were by teams before 1900 — the 1890 Phillies under Bob Allen and the 1884 St. Louis Maroons under Fred Dunlap, both at 16 straight.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 884 consecutive games entering Friday, dating to May 2, 2021. His streak is the 9th-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 966 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-six seconds. The 966 replay reviews consist of 838 Manager Challenges and 128 Crew Chief Reviews.

966 Replay Reviews
216 Confirmed (22.4%)
258 Stands (26.7%)
487 Overturned (50.4%)
3 Rules Check (0.3%)
2 Record Keeping (0.2%)
1:26 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

WAVING THE MAGIC (K)WAND: Steven Kwan has reached safely in 22 of his last 24 games since June 23, batting .368 (28-for-76) with six extra-base hits (four doubles, two triples) and a .922 OPS during that span. His .448 on-base percentage since June 23 leads the American League and ranks fourth in MLB (minimum 70 at-bats), trailing PIT's Nick Gonzales (.449), COL's TJ Rumfield (.452) and ARI's Gabriel Moreno (.455). After drawing two walks on Tuesday night, Kwan has now recorded 50 or more walks in each of his first five seasons. He is one of three active players with more walks than strikeouts in his career (290 BB/282 SO), joining NYM's Juan Soto (957 BB/881 SO) and SF's Luis Arraez (255 BB/233 SO).

TOP JEFF: Ryan Jeffers has reached base safely in 15 straight games, one short of his career-high 16-game streak from April 22-May 9, 2024. Over those 15 games, he is batting .294 (15-for-51) with six doubles, five home runs, 11 RBI, 10 walks, a .410 on-base percentage, a .706 slugging percentage and a 1.116 OPS. His 15-game on-base streak is the third-longest by a Twin this season, trailing Trevor Larnach (18 games, April 9-May 5) and Austin Martin (16 games, April 4-28). Over his last seven road games, Jeffers is batting .320 (8-for-25) with three doubles, three home runs, six RBI, four walks, a .414 on-base percentage, an .800 slugging percentage and a 1.214 OPS.

OTTO-PILOT: National League All-Star shortstop Otto Lopez continues to lead the majors in hits (130), batting average (.332; 130-for-391), multi-hit games (41) and doubles (27). He is also tied for third in triples (six) and tied for seventh in total bases (196). Lopez is four hits shy of tying his career high of 134, set over 143 games in 2025. He needs five hits to establish a new career high after playing 98 games so far this season. According to FanGraphs, Lopez leads all National League shortstops with 4.3 fWAR and is tied with WSH's James Wood for second among all qualified NL hitters, trailing only CHC's Pete Crow-Armstrong (5.9).

ERN DAWG: Ernie Clement singled in the first and sixth innings of Tuesday night's contest, finishing 2-for-4 with a run scored. The performance marked his team-leading 31st multi-hit game of the season, tied for the fourth-most in the American League entering tonight. Clement has recorded a hit in 11 of his last 12 games, batting .347 (17-for-49) with two extra-base hits, three RBI, six runs scored and an .806 OPS. In 53 games at Rogers Centre this season, he is batting .315/.344/.473 with 19 extra-base hits, 21 RBI, 26 runs scored and an .817 OPS. Entering wednesday's game, Clement ranks second in the American League in strikeout rate (9.4%), third in hits (113), third in batting average (.300), tied for third in doubles (23) and seventh in contact rate (83.9%).

ROCKET RILEY: Went 2-for-5 with an RBI last night. Both of his singles had exit velocities above 95 mph (97.3 mph and 109.0 mph), with each registering as a hard-hit ball. Riley's 75.0% hard-hit rate is the second-highest in Major League Baseball since the All-Star break. The only major-league batter with a higher hard-hit rate during that span is Pittsburgh's Esmerlyn Valdez (85.7%). Riley's average exit velocity since the break is 96.5 mph. Seven of Riley's batted balls since the break have left the bat at more than 105 mph, the most of any National League batter. Only Tampa Bay's Junior Caminero, with nine, has recorded more in the majors.

COUNT ON THE STARS:Two-time MVP Bryce Harper (2015 and 2021) has played in all 102 games for the Phillies this season. In the club's 56 wins, spanning 242 plate appearances, he is batting .318/.417/.632 with a 1.049 OPS, 36 walks and 37 strikeouts. In Philadelphia's 46 losses, spanning 187 plate appearances, he is batting .182/.294/.327 with a .621 OPS, 26 walks and 51 strikeouts. That represents a .428-point difference in OPS between wins and losses. Harper has also recorded 46 RBI and 47 runs scored in the Phillies' wins, compared with 14 RBI and 14 runs scored in their losses. Teammate Kyle Schwarber, who finished second in National League MVP voting last season, has played in 98 of Philadelphia's 102 games. In 54 wins, spanning 247 plate appearances, he is batting .338/.453/.760 with a 1.213 OPS, 26 home runs, 48 runs scored and 51 RBI. In 44 losses, spanning 188 plate appearances, he is batting .135/.245/.288 with a .533 OPS, seven home runs, 11 runs scored and 10 RBI. That represents a .680-point difference in OPS between wins and losses.

WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS HERE, MANN?: Infielder Manny Machado has reached base safely in 12 straight games, batting .326/.423/.674 with five home runs, 11 RBI, eight walks and eight runs scored during that span. Machado has homered in consecutive games for the first time since September 12-13, 2025. He has also recorded his 11th season with at least 20 home runs over the last 12 years, with the shortened 2020 season as the lone exception. He is the only MLB player to accomplish that feat since 2015. Machado went 2-for-5 with two home runs, two RBI and two runs scored on Tuesday night, recording the 45th multi-homer game of his career. He became the 22nd player in MLB history to record at least 45 career multi-homer games and ranks second among active players, trailing only Aaron Judge (47). Since June 20, Machado has hit 10 home runs over his last 26 games, tied for the third-most in the majors during that span. His seven road home runs over 14 games during the stretch are tied for the major-league lead.

TAP FOR SUCCESS: Astros hitters have won an MLB-best 72 ABS challenges and lead the majors with a 60% challenge success rate. Second baseman Jose Altuve has been successful on 15 of his 23 challenges (65%), ranking third in the majors in challenges won. Third baseman Isaac Paredes has been the team's most efficient regular challenger, going 11-for-12 after successfully challenging each of his first 11 calls this season.

100-GAME ERRORLESS STREAK: Entering Wednesday's game, Jacob Wilson owns a 101-game errorless streak, tied with the Mets' Rey Ordóñez for the second-longest streak by a shortstop in major-league history. Ordóñez's streak ran from June 14, 1999-March 29, 2000. The record is 110 consecutive games, set by Baltimore's Mike Bordick from April 11-September 29, 2002. Bordick handled 544 consecutive chances without an error, while Wilson's streak includes 294 errorless chances since his last error on July 6, 2025.

ON THE DOUBLE: Dillon Dingler (21 doubles), Riley Greene (20) and Kevin McGonigle (20) have each reached 20 doubles this season, making the Tigers the only American League team with three players to reach that mark. Across MLB, only the San Francisco Giants, with four players, have surpassed the Tigers' total so far in 2026.



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)

Friday, July 24 th :	New York Yankees @ Philadelphia Phillies Toronto Blue Jays @ Boston Red Sox	6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Apple TV Apple TV	
Saturday, July 25 th :	San Diego Padres @ Miami Marlins Los Angeles Dodgers @ New York Mets Seattle Mariners @ Texas Rangers	4:10 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	FS1 FOX FOX	
Sunday, July 26 th :	Cleveland Guardians @ Tampa Bay Rays New York Yankees @ Philadelphia Phillies	12:15 p.m. 7:20 p.m.	Peacock/NBCSN NBC/Peacock	
Monday, July 27 th :	Cleveland Guardians @ Cincinnati Reds	7:10 p.m.	ESPN	
Tuesday, July 28 th :	Chicago Cubs @ St. Louis Cardinals	7:45 p.m.	TBS	
Thursday, July 30 th :	Washington Nationals @ Atlanta Braves	7:15 p.m.	ESPN	
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Thursday, July 23rd:	San Diego Padres @ Atlanta Braves Kansas City Royals @ Detroit Tigers	12:15 p.m. 6:40 p.m.
Friday, July 24th:	Colorado Rockies @ Milwaukee Brewers Cleveland Guardians @ Tampa Bay Rays	4:10 p.m. 7:10 p.m.
Sunday, July 26th:	Los Angeles Angels @ San Francisco Giants	4:05 p.m.
Monday, July 27th:	Boston Red Sox @ Athletics	9:40 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28th:	Milwaukee Brewers @ San Francisco Giants	9:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29th:	Atlanta Braves @ New York Mets New York Yankees @ Chicago White Sox Seattle Mariners @ Los Angeles Dodgers	1:10 p.m. 7:40 p.m. 10:10 p.m.
Thursday, July 30th:	New York Yankees @ Chicago White Sox Seattle Mariners @ Los Angeles Angels	2:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m.



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Chicago White Sox	Channel 846	Cincinnati Reds	Channel 847
Cleveland Guardians	Channel 848	Colorado Rockies	Channel 849
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New York Yankees	Channel 859	Pittsburgh Pirates	Channel 861
Seattle Mariners	Channel 864	San Diego Padres	Channel 862
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