



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

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LIAM & THE RAYS

Designated hitter/catcher Liam Hicks, who was acquired by the Tampa Bay Rays from the Miami Marlins at the Trade Deadline on August 3rd, has gone 8-for-26 (.308) in his first eight games with Tampa Bay. During the stretch he has five extra-base hits including two homers to go with nine RBI and a 1.092 OPS.

In his first game with the club on August 5th, he connected on his first career grand slam, marking Tampa Bay's first grand slam of the season as he became the first player in franchise history to hit a grand slam in his club debut. He added a home run on Wednesday in Sacramento against the Athletics, becoming the first player with eight hits and multiple home runs in his first eight games with the club since Randy Arozarena had eight hits and four homers in 2020. Removing his two games in which he appeared as a pinch-hitter (going 0-for-2 with a walk in those contests), Hicks is the seventh Rays player with at least eight hits and two home runs in his first six games as a starter with the club. He is the first to accomplish the feat since Colby Rasmus in May 2017.

Overall, the Toronto native has reached in seven of his eight games with the Rays so far and has helped the club extend its winning streak to nine games. At 74-46, Tampa Bay has the best record in the American League after going 9-0 on a 10-day road trip at Colorado, Seattle and the Athletics in Sacramento. It marked the first undefeated road trip of at least three series in franchise history, and they became the 13th club in the Modern Era (since 1900) to go 9-0-or-better on a single road trip. They are just the fifth club to accomplish the feat since 2003, joining the 2026 Red Sox (9-0); the 2021 Braves (9-0); the 2018 Astros (10-0); and the 2017 Indians (11-0).

Tampa Bay has gone 33-28 on the road this season, matching the Brewers and Nationals for the fifth-most road wins in Baseball behind the Dodgers (37); Yankees (37); Cubs (36) and Red Sox (35). After going 6-17 on the road between May 24th and July 19th, Tampa Bay has gone 12-1 away from Tropicana Field since July 20th. Since the start of 2025, the Rays' 69 wins away from home are tied with the Tigers and Braves for ninth-most in the Majors.

SUPPORTING CAST

Entering play on Thursday, Braxton Ashcraft of the Pittsburgh Pirates leads all qualified starting pitchers this season with 118 runs of support, while Taj Bradley, who will toe the rubber tonight for the Minnesota Twins in MLB at Field of Dreams, leads the American League with 87 runs of support. Ryan Weathers of the New York Yankees has received just 46 runs of support during his starts this season, the lowest mark of any qualified starter. Michael King of the San Diego Padres has the lowest mark among qualified starters in the National League, getting 49 runs of support. Ashcraft's 8.03 average run support (RSA) is the best mark among qualified pitchers, while Tyler Mahle of the San Francisco Giants/Atlanta Braves has received an average of 3.12 runs in his starts, the lowest of any qualified Major League pitcher this year.

Ashcraft, who received 13 runs of support in his three-hit complete game earlier today to add to his Major League lead, has been backed by multiple runs in 21 of his 24 starts this season with at least five runs of support in 13 of his starts, at least eight runs in nine of his starts, and double-digit runs now three times, including a 10-run outbust on May 9th and 12 runs on June 17th. The right-hander has started just three games this season in which the Pirates did not score any runs behind him. The 26-year-old improved his average run support on the year to 8.34 with his start on Thursday, which would be the second-highest mark for a qualified pitcher in a single season since data became available in 1974 behind only Shawn Estes, who averaged 8.65 runs per start with the Giants in 2000.

Bradley's offense has provided him with at least one run in 21 of his 23 starts, at least four runs in 10 of his starts and at least seven runs in five of his starts, including a 16-run outburst on June 20th, his only start of the season with double-digit run support. Weathers has received no run support in nine of his starts this season and has been supported by at least four runs in just four of his starts. King's offense has gone scoreless in five of his starts this year and he has received at least four runs in four of his starts.

The Chicago Cubs have scored 402 runs with their starting pitcher in the game this season, the most of any Major League club, followed by the Los Angeles Dodgers (396), Pirates (386), Twins (373) and Washington Nationals (363). The Nationals are the only club to provide an average of at least six runs to their starting pitchers, leading Baseball with a clip of 6.15 average runs, while the Chicago White Sox rank second and pace the American League at 5.76 average runs for their starting pitchers. The Toronto Blue Jays are last in the Majors in run support and run support average, supporting their starters with 224 runs at a clip of 3.51 runs per start. The Nationals lead Baseball with 373 runs scored between the first and fifth innings, while the White Sox rank sixth (2nd in AL) with 331 runs. The Blue Jays are last in the Majors with 230 runs between the first and fifth innings, but are tied for 10th-most runs between the sixth and ninth innings (233 R). The Nationals, Cubs and Dodgers, who rank first, second and third respectively in the Majors in total runs scored, are the only clubs to be within the top-five of both runs scored between the first and fifth innings and the sixth and ninth innings.

2026 STARTING PITCHER RUN SUPPORT BY CLUB		
Club	Run Support	RSA
Chicago Cubs	402	5.72
Los Angeles Dodgers	396	5.36
Pittsburgh Pirates	386	5.70
Minnesota Twins	373	5.24
Washington Nationals	363	6.15
Milwaukee Brewers	358	5.22
Atlanta Braves	353	5.08
Miami Marlins	352	5.07
Arizona Diamondbacks	349	4.70
Houston Astros	346	5.24
Philadelphia Phillies	341	4.72
Detroit Tigers	338	4.88
Baltimore Orioles	333	4.68
Chicago White Sox	333	5.76
Boston Red Sox	330	4.82
New York Yankees	322	4.50
St. Louis Cardinals	322	4.58
Cincinnati Reds	321	4.72
Colorado Rockies	321	5.08
Los Angeles Angels	319	4.75
San Francisco Giants	319	4.42
Tampa Bay Rays	318	4.79
Texas Rangers	318	4.58
Seattle Mariners	317	4.12
Athletics	308	4.71
Kansas City Royals	303	4.25
Cleveland Guardians	301	4.07
New York Mets	278	4.31
San Diego Padres	265	4.31
Toronto Blue Jays	224	3.51

Notes: chart above sorted by run support; all charts include data through Wednesday's games

2026 Top-10 Qualfied Starters (Run Support)			
Player	W-L	ERA	Run Support
Braxton Ashcraft, PIT	11-5	4.08	118
Cade Cavalli, WSH	9-5	3.57	113
Foster Griffin, WSH/CLE	13-4	3.25	103
Cristopher Sánchez, PHI	15-4	2.54	100
Sandy Alcantara, MIA	13-6	3.52	96
Chase Burns, CIN	13-2	2.61	93
Paul Skenes, PIT	9-11	3.88	88
Taj Bradley, MIN	9-4	3.76	87
Andre Pallante, STL	12-6	3.46	86
Will Warren, NYY	8-6	4.42	85

2026 Top-10 Qualfied Starters (Average Run Support)			
Player	W-L	ERA	Average Run Support
Braxton Ashcraft, PIT	11-5	4.08	8.03
Cade Cavalli, WSH	9-5	3.57	7.90
Ryan Feltner, COL	5-6	5.59	7.34
Chase Burns, CIN	13-2	2.61	6.75
Foster Griffin, WSH/CLE	13-4	3.25	6.70
Max Meyer, MIA	9-1	2.68	6.65
Will Warren, NYY	8-6	4.42	6.52
Bailey Ober, MIN	7-0	4.64	6.45
J.T. Ginn, ATH	8-6	3.41	6.38
Colin Rea, CHC	8-8	4.59	6.35



2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2026 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	257-302	.242 (4,530-for-18,731)	4.39
National League	302-257	.248 (4,686-for-18,877)	4.05

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.



DEVELOPS

DEVELOPS ON THE DIAMOND

ALL EYES ON THE NIKE RBI WORLD SERIES

ATLANTA BRAVES NIKE RBI TAKE CROWN IN HISTORIC SENIOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: The Nike RBI World Series comes to a conclusion at the historic Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Florida today, but not before it provided everything from homers, upsets, and the longest championship contest in World Series history. In the Senior Baseball division, the Atlanta Braves Nike RBI topped Dodgers Dreamteam Nike RBI 7-4 in extra innings at Holman Stadium to claim their first Senior World Series championship since 1998. Following multiple rain and lightning delays, the championship contest took a Nike RBI World Series championship game record nine hours and 32 minutes to complete. Following six shutout innings, Atlanta rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh before the Dodgers knotted the game at 4-4, leaving the bases loaded and forcing extras. Atlanta would tally three in the top of the eighth, keep the Dodgers Dreamteam off the board in the bottom half of the frame, and claim their 15th overall Nike RBI championship, joining four previous wins in the Junior Baseball division, eight in the Softball division and Senior Baseball championships in 1993 and 1998.



CHICAGO WHITE SOX NIKE RBI PROVE THEY ARE THE TEAM TO BEAT IN JUNIOR BASEBALL DIVISION: In the Junior Baseball division of the Nike RBI World Series, the Chicago White Sox Nike RBI continued in their dominant ways, claiming their fourth championship in the past five years, and fifth in the past seven. The Junior Baseball division crown gives Chicago their sixth in the division, and ninth overall, joining 2018, 22, and 24 championships in the Senior Baseball division. Chicago's six championships at the Junior Baseball level are the most by any team since the inception of the Nike RBI World Series in 1993. The champions topped the Detroit Tigers Nike RBI, 3-1, to complete their perfect run in Vero Beach, which included wins over Houston Astros Nike RBI, Durham Triple Play Nike RBI, and Atlanta Braves Nike RBI.



JANIYA PILLOW HONORED WITH THE JENNIE FINCH EMPOWERMENT AWARD PRESENTED BY ARM & HAMMER: Following the conclusion of the softball games on Wednesday, legendary Olympic Gold medalist and MLB Ambassador Jennie Finch made a special guest appearance to present the fourth and final Jennie Finch Empowerment Award presented by Arm & Hammer of the year to the athlete who best showcases leadership, integrity, and community commitment on and off the field. Janiya Pillow, an infielder for the Royals Elite Nike RBI earned the award, along with a \$10,000 college scholarship and trip to the 2026 MLB World Series presented by Capital One.



THE STAGE IS SET IN SOFTBALL: Today, U.S. Virgin Islands Nike RBI and Houston Astros Nike RBI will set off for the softball championship. Houston punched their ticket on Wednesday morning, completing a perfect 3-0 run to the championship contest with wins over Detroit Tigers Nike RBI, Roberto Clemente Nike RBI and U.S. Virgin Islands Nike RBI. Houston is looking for their sixth overall Softball division championship, with their five ranking second most for any program, trailing only the Atlanta Braves Nike RBI's eight championships in the division. The U.S. Virgin Islands won their first two matchups over Royals Elite Nike RBI and Atlanta Braves Nike RBI before dropping their first game of the World Series to the Houston Astros Nike RBI. With a 4-3 win over the Detroit Tigers Nike RBI in a tightly contested matchup, they earned a rematch with Houston in the championship. U.S. Virgin Islands are looking to capture their first ever Nike RBI World Series championship across all three divisions.





Since August 6th, seven players have made their Major League debut, including five pitchers and two position players.

There have now been 202 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 115 pitchers and 87 position players.

- 23-year-old Kaelen Culpepper, the Minnesota Twins second-best prospect per *MLB Pipeline*, made his Major League debut on August 7th at Milwaukee. The shortstop homered in his second career at-bat, becoming the 13th player in franchise history to homer in his first career game and the first since Matt Wallner in September 2022. He became the fifth Twin to homer in his debut while under the age of 24 and the first since 23-year-old Eddie Rosario in May 2015.
- 24-year-old Brett Bateman, who is currently ranked 20th in the Toronto Blue Jays system per *MLB Pipeline*, made his debut on August 7th at Philadelphia, reaching base safely three times behind a double and a pair of walks. He became the second Blue Jays player with an extra-base hit and multiple walks in his Major League debut, joining Devon Travis, who had a homer and two walks on April 6, 2015.

Overall, the Chicago White Sox pace the Majors with 14 players making their Major League debut this season followed by the Blue Jays with 12, and the Cleveland Guardians and Twins with 10 each. The Colorado Rockies, Texas Rangers, and San Francisco Giants have had nine players make their debut this season, while the Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Mets, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals have had eight. The teams with seven players making their debut include the Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers and Los Angeles Angels. The teams with six players making their debut include the Athletics, Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies. The Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees and Washington Nationals have had five player make their debut while the Chicago Cubs, San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners and Tampa Bay Rays have seen four. The Atlanta Braves are the lone team with three players making their debut this season and the Kansas City Royals and Los Angeles Dodgers have each had two players make their Major League debut in 2026.

MLB Debuts, August 6 th -August 12 th			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Brett Bateman	Toronto Blue Jays	CF	August 7 th
Kaelan Culpepper	Minnesota Twins	SS	August 7 th
Blake Weiman	Los Angeles Angels	LHP	August 7 th
Trent Harris	San Francisco Giants	RHP	August 8 th
Hagen Smith	Chicago White Sox	LHP	August 9 th
Jack Weisenburger	New York Mets	RHP	August 9 th
Jackson Kent	Washington Nationals	LHP	August 12 th



ABS OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW

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

54%

OVERTURNS

7,737 CHALLENGES

4,152 OVERTURNED

3,585 CONFIRMED

BATTERS

48%

OVERTURNS

3,563 CHALLENGES

1,727 OVERTURNED

1,836 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS

58%

OVERTURNS

4,174 CHALLENGES

2,425 OVERTURNED

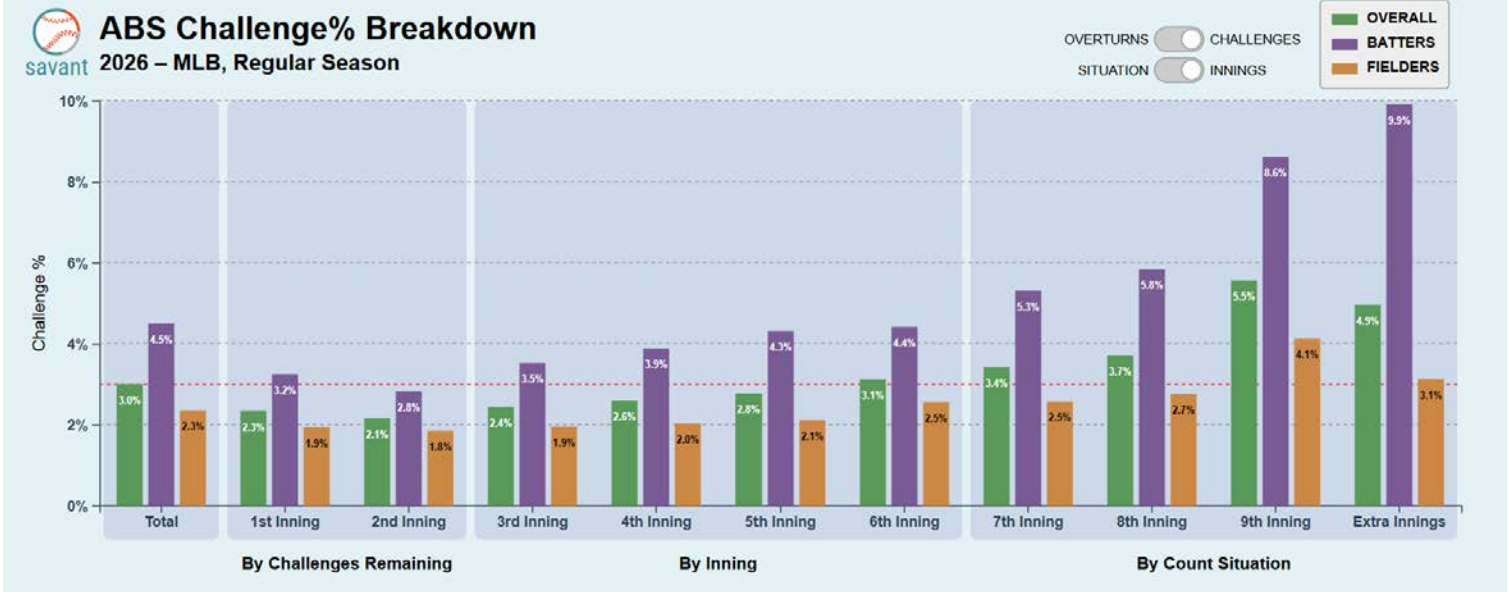
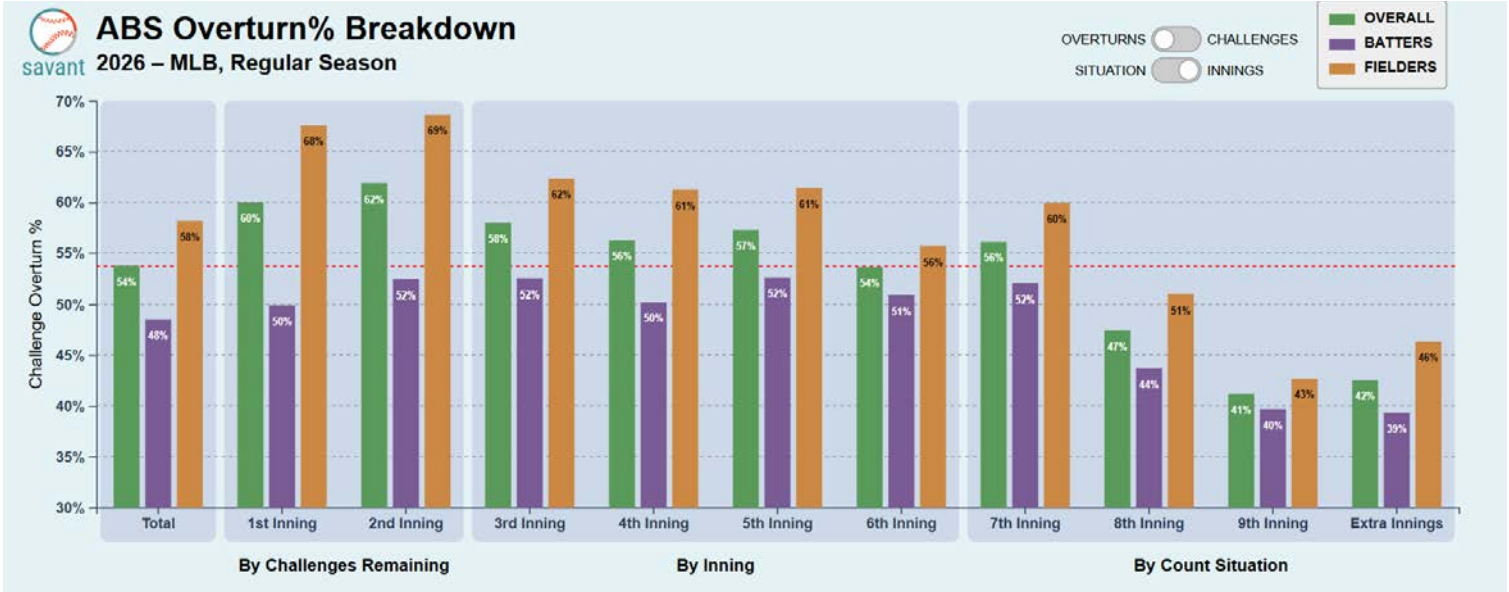
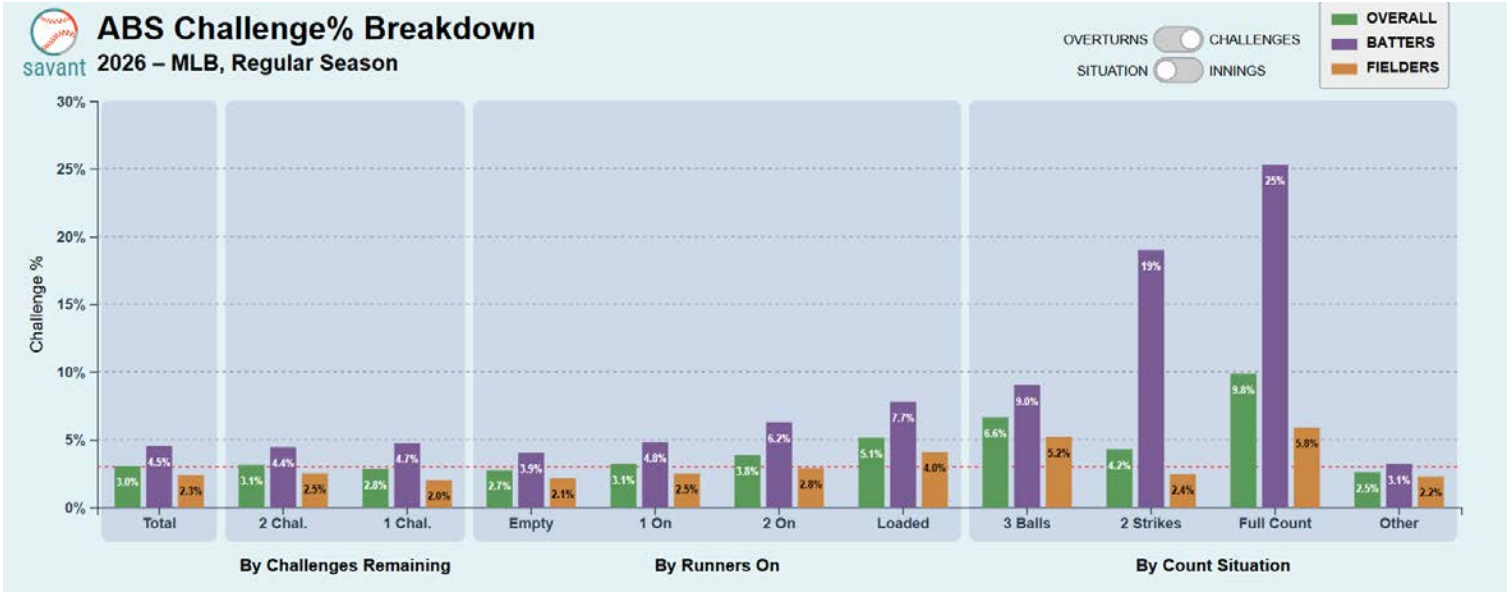
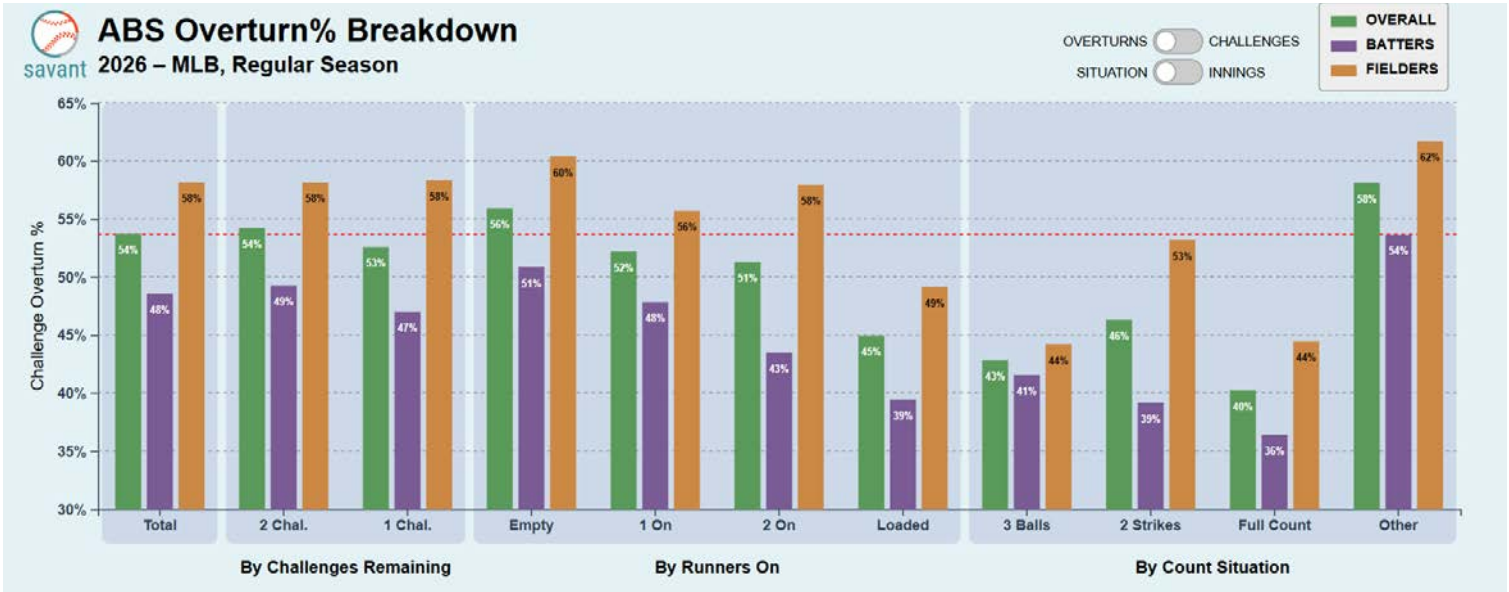
1,749 CONFIRMED

2026 ABS CHALLENGE TOTALS						
CLUB	CHALLENGES (BATTER)		CHALLENGES (FIELDER)		CHALLENGES (TOTAL)	
	Challenges	W-L	Challenges	W-L	Total Results (Batting & Fielding)	Win %
Cincinnati Reds	129	71-58	140	99-41	269 (170 overturned, 99 confirmed)	63.2%
Arizona Diamondbacks	103	58-45	115	75-40	218 (133 overturned, 85 confirmed)	61.0%
Detroit Tigers	124	67-57	116	79-37	240 (146 overturned, 94 confirmed)	60.8%
Chicago Cubs	116	57-59	118	79-39	234 (136 overturned, 98 confirmed)	58.1%
Athletics	107	53-54	172	108-64	279 (161 overturned, 118 confirmed)	57.7%
Texas Rangers	106	53-53	113	72-41	219 (125 overturned, 94 confirmed)	57.1%
Kansas City Royals	119	67-52	142	81-61	261 (148 overturned, 113 confirmed)	56.7%
Miami Marlins	108	54-54	177	106-71	285 (160 overturned, 125 confirmed)	56.1%
Philadelphia Phillies	137	67-70	109	71-38	246 (138 overturned, 108 confirmed)	56.1%
Los Angeles Dodgers	125	65-60	105	63-42	230 (128 overturned, 102 confirmed)	55.7%
Minnesota Twins	145	69-76	194	119-75	339 (188 overturned, 151 confirmed)	55.5%
New York Yankees	141	71-70	161	94-67	302 (165 overturned, 137 confirmed)	54.6%
Colorado Rockies	133	58-75	159	100-59	292 (158 overturned, 134 confirmed)	54.1%
Boston Red Sox	116	58-58	117	68-49	233 (126 overturned, 107 confirmed)	54.1%
Houston Astros	136	77-59	145	74-71	281 (151 overturned, 130 confirmed)	53.7%
Los Angeles Angels	137	62-75	143	88-55	280 (150 overturned, 130 confirmed)	53.6%
Toronto Blue Jays	112	56-56	137	76-61	249 (132 overturned, 117 confirmed)	53.0%
Tampa Bay Rays	108	49-59	133	78-55	241 (127 overturned, 114 confirmed)	52.7%
San Diego Padres	92	41-51	148	84-64	240 (125 overturned, 115 confirmed)	52.1%
St. Louis Cardinals	102	48-54	114	64-50	216 (112 overturned, 104 confirmed)	51.9%
New York Mets	152	76-76	142	76-66	294 (152 overturned, 142 confirmed)	51.7%
Atlanta Braves	104	41-63	128	78-50	232 (119 overturned, 113 confirmed)	51.3%
Seattle Mariners	122	53-69	115	68-47	237 (121 overturned, 116 confirmed)	51.1%
Baltimore Orioles	127	63-64	113	58-55	240 (121 overturned, 119 confirmed)	50.4%
San Francisco Giants	118	57-61	121	63-58	239 (120 overturned, 119 confirmed)	50.2%
Washington Nationals	97	41-56	156	86-70	253 (127 overturned, 126 confirmed)	50.2%
Milwaukee Brewers	90	39-51	189	101-88	279 (140 overturned, 139 confirmed)	50.2%
Cleveland Guardians	118	48-70	134	70-64	252 (118 overturned, 134 confirmed)	46.8%
Chicago White Sox	109	50-59	195	90-105	304 (140 overturned, 164 confirmed)	46.1%
Pittsburgh Pirates	130	58-72	123	57-66	253 (115 overturned, 138 confirmed)	45.5%



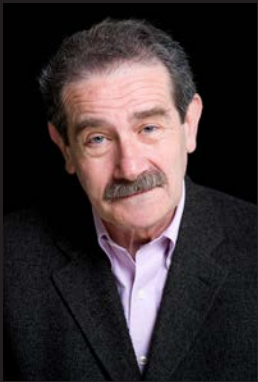
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AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME



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Baseball returns to its roots, real and imagined, with the Field of Dreams game. Scholars may argue over whether the game's origin is rural or urban, but fans find it impossible to resist that trope of players, past and present, emerging from a cornfield in Dyersville, Iowa.

For this year's edition, the Minnesota Twins play the Philadelphia Phillies in what counts as a regular-season game, thus rendering the remote location an MLB ballpark in the record books. Field of Dreams becomes one of many such sites, going back to Walte's Pasture in Keokuk, Iowa. In an odd coincidence, the Twins' first home, Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, was likewise built in a cornfield.

Build it and he will come.

Central to the legend behind the Field of Dreams game is that Shoeless Joe—the title of Bill Kinsella's novel upon which the film is based—gets to play again, long after his disgraced exit from the game. For both film and book, this is a story of fathers and sons, the baseball of now and then, and guilt, and hope. It is about the transformative power of fable and dream. (President George W. Bush named the film his favorite because it reminded him of playing catch with his father.)

For so many of us, the dream is to keep on playing, past the inevitable detours of life. In a way, Commissioner Manfred's ruling last year enabled Joe Jackson and the Black Sox, along with Pete Rose, to do just that: they are still in the game, eligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame despite their lifetime banishment.

But this essay will not be about Shoeless Joe—or Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) or Terence Mann (James Earl Jones)—but instead about Archibald “Moonlight” Graham, portrayed in the film by Burt Lancaster in his last on-screen role. Costner and Jones drive to Chisholm, Minnesota, to find Graham, who had become a physician there. He had played in only one game, on June 29, 1905 (in the film, in the last game of 1922), never coming to bat after being installed as a defensive replacement in right field amid an 11-1 win over Brooklyn.

As a “cup of coffee” player, Graham was not alone, though the novel's author found his curious stat line by flipping through The Baseball Encyclopedia. Of the more than 23,000 men who have played in MLB since 1876, 1,437 played in only one game. Of these, 725 were pitchers. (Totals may be adjusted upward to reflect late-season callups.) As MLB's historian, I have long had favorite one-gamers in addition to Graham. These have included Horace Davis and Douglas Rhone, each of whom who hit a home run in his only game, and:



Babe Ruth with George H.W. Bush of Yale

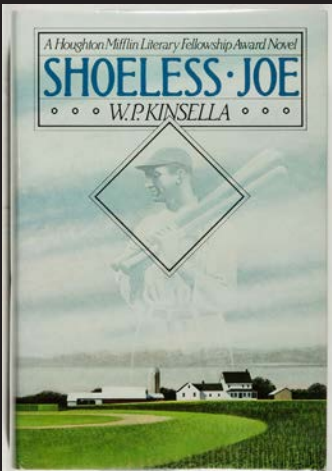
Phil Cooney, a 17-year minor leaguer who became the Yankees' first Jewish player in 1905 (born “Cohen,” as were MLBers Sammy Bohné, Harry Kane, and Reuben Ewing);

Clarence Dow, called in from the stands in 1884 to record three hits, then becoming a baseball statistician for the *Boston Globe*;

John Paciorek, who reached base in all five of his plate appearances in 1963, scoring four runs and driving in three;

Charlie Lindstrom (son of Hall of Famer Freddie), who in 1958 hit a triple, retiring with a slugging percentage of 3.00 and an OPS of 4.000;

Larry Yount (brother of Hall of Famer Robin), who was announced to pitch in a game in September 1971 but never threw a pitch.



The novel by W.P. Kinsella



Gary Cieradkowski's latest edition of his Infinite Card Set: Moonlight Graham

I have even posted on X, recently, about the Phillies’ honoring phantom players—those who were on the roster, dressed to play, but didn’t (in the tradition of NBA Hall of Famer Bill Sharman, who was on the Brooklyn Dodger bench in September 1951).

Poking around for this story, I found new info about a few gents I had formerly regarded as one-gamers. Before the Niekros and the Perrys, the answer to the trivia question “Which brother combination had the most victories” had been the Mathewsons—Christy 373, Henry 0. But it turns out that while Henry lost the only game he started in 1906, he did pitch another in relief 1907.

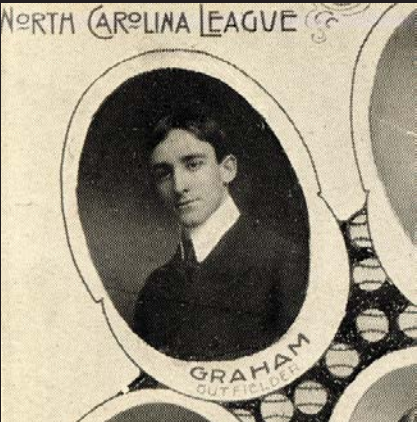
I had long believed that Billy Parks was the game’s most unusual one-gamer, having played for Boston in MLB’s very first game, on April 22, 1876—and then never again. But it turns out that he continued to play for the Red Stockings—in non-League contests only. At last, in July, he decided the game was up and relocated to a strong club in Easton, PA, where he had been born and was to die.

But of all MLB’s one-gamers, Graham is uniquely a literary figure, in a way no less fictional than Roy Hobbs or Henry Wiggen or Joe Hardy or Alibi Ike. Like them, Graham may well have been the best baseball player in his hometown. His dream to play in the big leagues—even for the proverbial cup of coffee—is what has animated such indefatigable competitors as the Mets’ Jefry Yan.

Roy Hobbs, like Yan, is an unlikely phenom, an old boy from the hinterlands who at an advanced age somehow becomes a rookie ... like Hoyt Wilhelm, Jim Morris, Wilcy Moore, Monte Irvin ... even, strangely, Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige. That is the aging fan’s dream: to be a player.

In “reel baseball,” 50-year-old real-estate salesman Joe Boyd, a long-suffering fan of the Washington Senators, is transformed into Joe Hardy, a 21-year-old whose only baseball experience is the sandlot ball he purportedly played in his hometown of Hannibal, Missouri; thus the song “Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, MO,” which provides further connection to Field of Dreams, also a renamed novel (The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant, by Douglass Wallop).

Baseball not only links generations but also, within oneself, the ages of man.



Moonlight Graham with Charlotte in 1902



Tab Hunter as Joe Hardy, Gwen Verdon as Lola; Damn Yankees, film version (1958)

NEW HAVEN vs. BOSTON.												
The Elm City team achieved their first victory over the Bostons in a poorly played game, and one which caused much dissatisfaction, at Providence, R. I., April 27. The score:												
NEW HAVEN.	R.	1b.	PO.	A.	E.	Boston.	R.	1b.	PO.	A.	E.	
Fleet, 2d b.....	1	1	2	3	4	Leonard, 2d b...	1	0	2	4	1	
Waite, r. f.....	3	3	2	0	0	O'Rourke, l. f...	1	0	3	0	1	
Pabor, l. f.....	3	1	2	0	3	Murnan, 1st b...	2	1	9	0	2	
Cassidy, 1st b...	0	1	10	0	1	Schafer, 3d b...	2	1	3	1	2	
Goldthwaite, c. f.	0	3	2	0	1	McGinley, c....	1	1	2	1	4	
Wright, s. s....	1	1	2	1	0	Morrill, a. s....	0	2	3	1	4	
Spence, 3d b....	2	0	1	2	5	Manning, r. f...	1	1	1	0	3	
Seward, c.....	1	2	6	1	1	Josephs, p.....	0	1	1	1	3	
Nichols, p.....	2	1	0	2	4	Parks, c. f.....	0	1	3	1	1	
Totals.....	13	13	27	9	19	Totals.....	8	8	27	9	21	
New Haven....	2	1	1			2	0	0	5	0	2-13	
Boston... ..	2	0	0			1	1	0	1	0	3-8	
Passed balls—McGinley, 4; Morrill, 2; Seward, 1. Wild pitches—Nichols, 2; Josephs, 2; Manning, 1. Umpire, J. A. Cross of the Brown University nine. Time, 2h. 25m.												

Parks played on April 27, 1876 against New Haven, a pro club excluded from the NL in favor of Hartford

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.												
es	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. c.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. c.				
k-	New-York.....	47	18	723	Cincinnati.....	34	29	549				
k-	Philadelphia.....	38	24	612	St. Louis.....	25	39	591				
xt	Pittsburg.....	39	23	600	Boston.....	19	42	511				
nd	Chicago.....	37	28	568	Brooklyn.....	17	48	582				
The Giants won another easy victory over Brooklyn at Washington Park yesterday by a score of 11 to 1. Eason started in to pitch for the Superbas, but was relieved in the fourth inning, after the Giants had piled up six runs. Doescher, who took his place, was also hit freely. Matthewson, who was in the box for the Giants, was relieved by Elliott in the fifth inning. Only two hits were made off his delivery. Elliott also pitched an effective game, with the exception of the final inning.												
The fielding of the Giants was errorless and their batting was the heaviest seen at the grounds this season. McGann carried off the chief honors at the bat. He made two hits in his three times at bat. One was a home run in the third inning, which scored two men before him, and the other was a three-bagger. Clarke, who relieved Bowerman in the eighth inning, also covered himself with glory by knocking out a home run in the final inning. Dahlen made three safe hits in four times at bat. The score follows:												
	NEW-YORK.				BROOKLYN.							
	ab r lb po a e				ab r lb po a e							
	Browne, rf...	3	2	1	0	0	Dobbs, cf....	4	0	1	0	0
	Graham, rf...	0	0	0	0	0	Hall, lf....	4	0	1	0	1
	Dorlin, cf...	4	2	2	1	0	Lumley, rf....	4	1	1	3	0
	McGann, lb...	3	1	2	3	1	0	Batch, 2b....	4	0	1	2
	Strang, 1b...	2	0	0	3	0	Malay, 2b....	4	0	1	5	2
	Mertes, lf...	3	1	0	2	0	0	Babb, ss....	0	0	0	3
	Dahlen, ss...	4	2	3	1	1	0	Mitchell, lb...	4	0	1	0
	Devlin, 3b...	3	0	0	1	0	0	Ritter, c....	3	0	0	4
	Gilbert, 2b...	4	1	2	2	3	0	Eason, p....	1	0	0	0
	Bowerman, c	3	1	1	7	0	0	Doescher, p...	2	0	0	0
	Clarke, c....	2	1	1	6	0	0	Bergen.....	1	0	0	0
	Matthewson, p	3	0	1	1	1	0					
	Elliott, p....	2	0	0	0	0	0	Totals.....	31	1	4	27
	Totals.....	36	11	13	27	6	0					
*Batted for Doescher in the ninth inning.												
	New-York.....	0	1	6	0	0	3	0	0	1-11		
	Brooklyn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1		
	Left on bases—Brooklyn, 8; New-York, 7. First base											

The Moonlight Graham game

WEEKLY AWARDS

Outfielder Jake McCarthy of the Colorado Rockies was named the National League Player of the Week, and outfielder Wilyer Abreu of the Boston Red Sox was selected the American League Player of the Week.

McCarthy earned his first career award, marking the first honor for the Rockies since his teammate Hunter Goodman won on September 8th of last season. He is Colorado's first outfielder to win the award since his former teammate Brenton Doyle on July 8, 2024. Abreu garnered honors for the second time in his career after previously winning earlier this season on July 20th. It marks the fourth award for the Red Sox this season with Abreu's pair of awards joining honors for Willson Contreras on May 26th and Ceddanne Rafaela last week. Abreu is the first Red Sox player to win multiple awards in a single season since Adam Duvall in 2023. Boston is the first club to win the award in consecutive weeks since the Phillies on August 25th (Ranger Suarez) and September 2nd (Kyle Schwarber) of last season, and it is the first time an American League club has achieved the feat since Nick Kurtz won back-to-back awards for the Athletics on July 21st/28th last season. It is the first time the Red Sox have won the award in consecutive weeks since 2011, when Boston won three straight awards with honors for Carl Crawford on May 30th, Hall of Famer David Ortiz on June 5th and Jacoby Ellsbury on June 12th.



Jake McCarthy
Colorado Rockies



Wilyer Abreu
Boston Red Sox

Milwaukee Brewers rookie right fielder Luis Lara earned his first career Play of the Week Award and Milwaukee's 13th honor since the inception of the award in 2019, marking the second-most in the Majors behind only the Baltimore Orioles' 14 awards. Other Brewers to win include Lorenzo Cain (3x – 3/28/2019, 4/26/2019, 7/22/2019); Jackie Bradley Jr. (5/17/2021); Luis Urías (2x – 6/7/2021 & 7/19/2021); Jonathan Davis (7/5/2022); Sal Frelick (4x – 9/11/2023, 5/20/2024, 6/24/2024 & 9/16/2024); and Jackson Chourio (5/19/2025). After making a remarkable catch to end the sixth inning, Lara flashed the leather again in the top of the 10th as Kody Clemens stepped to the plate with a runner at second base and one out, hitting a ball to deep right field that would have given the Twins the lead.



Luis Lara
Milwaukee Brewers

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's 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' 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/13.10 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	Colby Thomas' Home Run Robbery
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
July 27 th	Jeremy Peña, HOU .500 (13-for-26), 5 HR, 8 RBI, 10 R, .500 OBP, 1.077 SLG	CJ Abrams, WSH .577 (15-for-26), 6 HR, 12 RBI, 2 2B, 1 BB, 8 R, 2 SB, .593 OBP, 1.364 SLG	Nico Hoerner's Run-Saving Diving Play
August 3 rd	Ceddanne Rafaela, BOS .419 (13-for-31), 5 HR, 11 RBI, 2 2B, 2 SB,7 R, 2 SB, .419 OBP, .968 SLG	Sandy Alcantara, MIA 2-0, 0.00 ERA(0 ER/13.0 IP), 8 H, 3 BB, 10 K, 0.85 WHIP, .167 OPP AVG	Dane Myers' Game-Ending Leaping Catch
August 10 th	Wilyer Abreu, BOS .438 (7-for-16), 3 HR, 9 RBI, 1 2B, 5 BB,7 R, 1 SB, .522 OBP, 1.063 SLG	Jake McCarthy, COL .529 (14-for-27), 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 2B, 8 R, 3 SB, .500 OBP, .852 SLG	Luis Lara's Run-Saving Leaping Catch

THIS IS IOWA

Derek Hill of the Philadelphia Phillies, who has won Play of the Week twice this season, will return to his home state of Iowa for the Field of Dreams game against the Minnesota Twins tonight. If Hill appears in the game, he will become the first player born in Iowa to appear in a regular season game played in Iowa, per Elias. The 30-year-old was acquired by Philadelphia in a trade with the Chicago White Sox on June 11th and has appeared in 38 games with Philadelphia so far, slugging five homers with 14 RBI.



MONTHLY AWARDS

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

July

AL – Yordan Alvarez, Houston Astros

.360 (31-for-86), 9 HR, 22 RBI, 4 2B,
17 BB, 15 R, .467 OBP, .721 SLG, 1.188 OPS

NL – CJ Abrams, Washington Nationals

.348 (31-for-89) 10 HR, 23 RBI, 5 2B, 11 BB,
17 R, 6 SB, .408 OBP, .742 SLG, 1.150 OPS



PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

July

AL – Dylan Cease, Toronto Blue Jays

3-1, 1.00 ERA (4 ER/36.0 IP), 5 GS
15 H, 11 BB, 46 SO, 0.72 WHIP, .125 OPP. AVG

NL – Chris Sale, Atlanta Braves

4-0, 2.00 ERA (6 ER/27.0 IP), 5 GS
18 H, 4 BB, 34 SO, 0.81 WHIP, .186 OPP. AVG



ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

July

AL – Chase DeLauter, Cleveland Guardians

.298 (28-for-94) 4 HR, 14 RBI, 6 2B,
11 BB, 12 R, .368 OBP, .489 SLG, .857 OPS

NL – Esmerlyn Valdez, Pittsburgh Pirates

.250 (23-for-92) 8 HR, 25 RBI, 5 2B, 13B,
15 BB, 17 R, .355 OBP, .587 SLG, .942 OPS



RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH

July

AL – Aroldis Chapman, Boston Reds

0.78 ERA (1 ER/12.0 IP), 10-for-10 SV,
9 H, 5 BB, 17 SO, 1.17 WHIP, .205 OPP. AVG

NL – Mason Miller, San Diego Padres

0.82 ERA (1 ER/11.0 IP), 7-for-7 SV,
5 H, 2 BB, 19 SO, 0.64 WHIP, .135 OPP. AVG



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
May	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 (2 ER/9.2 IP), 7/7 SV, 4 H, 8 BB, 20 SO, 1.24 WHIP
July	Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC .381 (40-for-105) 11 HR, 20 RBI, 5 2B, 3 3B, 17 BB, 21 R, 1.249 OPS	Logan Webb, SF 3-1, 0.71 ERA (3 ER/38.0 IP), 5 GS 19 H, 4 BB, 29 SO, 0.61 WHIP	TJ Rumfield, COL .316 (30-for-95) 5 HR, 12 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B, 12 BB, 14 R, .989 OPS	Jhoan Duran, PHI 1.64 ERA (2 ER/11.0 IP), 9/10 SV, 9 H, 1 BB, 18 SO, 0.91 WHIP

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
May	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
June	Junior Caminero, TB .327 (32-for-98), 10 HR, 24 RBI 4 2B, 13 BB, 19 R, 1.075 OPS	Drew Rasmussen, TB 3-2, 0.82 ERA (3 ER/33.0 IP), 5 GS, 16 H, 4 BB, 39 SO, 0.61 WHIP	Kazuma Okamoto, TOR .286 (26-for-91), 7 HR, 20 RBI 4 2B, 8 BB, 15 R, .913 OPS	Jacob Latz, TEX 1.13 ERA (2 ER/16.0 IP), 11/11 SV, 9 H, 1 BB, 18 SO, 0.91 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.

AMONG THE GREATS: Max Scherzer reached 3,516 career strikeouts on Saturday. That put him into sole possession of 10th-most strikeouts all-time, per Elias. He passed Walter Johnson, who had 3,515. Quite the accomplishment.

NOBODY BEATS THE MIZ: Jacob Misorowski became the first pitcher to reach 200 strikeouts this season on Sunday, and he got there in a hurry. Misorowski got there in 129.1 innings, the second-fewest to the mark in a season in MLB history, per Elias. Only Spencer Strider reached 200 strikeouts in a season in fewer innings, in 123.1 in 2023.

JUNIOR: Junior Caminero hit his 35th home run of the season on Tuesday. At 23 years and 37 days, he became the second-youngest player with consecutive 35-HR seasons, by age on day of second 35th, per Elias. Only Eddie Mathews was younger, at 22 years and 328 days in 1954.

KEEPING IT 100: Corbin Carroll hit his 100th career home run in his 606th game on Wednesday. He's just the third player in MLB history with at least 100 home runs and 50 triples before 610th career game, joining Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio. Talk about good company.

BREGMAN FOR THREE: Alex Bregman had his first career three-homer game on Wednesday. He was also walked twice. Bregman became the 20th player since at least 1900 with three home runs and multiple walks in a game (21st if we include postseason). He was the first since Will Smith on July 5, 2024 and he's the first Cubs player on the list.

SHOTIME: Shohei Ohtani hit another homer on Wednesday. He's up to 136 homers with the Dodgers total. That's the fourth-most home runs by a player in his first three seasons with a team, behind Mark McGwire (STL: 159), Alex Rodriguez (TEX: 156) and Babe Ruth (NYY: 148).

EFFICIENCY: Braxton Ashcraft threw his first career complete game on Thursday, and he did it on just 85 pitches. It was just the third nine-inning complete game on 85-or-fewer pitches since the start of 2015, joining Framer Valdez on May 30, 2025 and Kyle Hendricks on May 3, 2019. It's the third such game by a Pirates pitcher since pitch counts have been tracked (1988), along with Jeff Karstens on July 15, 2011 and Doug Drabek on Sept. 30, 1990.

NO STRIKEOUTS, NO PROBLEM: The Tigers threw a shutout on Thursday, and they did it without striking out a single batter. They became the first MLB team to throw a shutout without striking out a batter since...July 1, 2014, when they did so. It's just the ninth such game in the Wild Card era.

IT'S CROWDED: Junior Caminero, Matt Olson, Kyle Schwarber and Yordan Alvarez are tied for the most home runs in MLB. It's the first time there's been a four-way tie (or more) for the MLB home run lead this late in a season (excl 2020) since the end of the day on Sept. 8-9, 1982, when Gorman Thomas, Reggie Jackson, Dale Murphy and Dave Kingman all had 34, per Elias.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 903 consecutive games entering Friday, dating to May 2, 2021. His streak is the 8th-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 1,138 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-five seconds. The 1,138 replay reviews consist of 992 Manager Challenges and 146 Crew Chief Reviews.

1,138 Replay Reviews
258 Confirmed (22.7%)
303 Stands (26.6%)
570 Overturned (50.1%)
4 Rules Check (3.5%)
3 Record Keeping (2.6%)
1:25 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS: C.J. Abrams, the National League Player of the Month for July, ranks among the Major League and National League leaders in several offensive categories. Over his last 32 games, Abrams is batting .320 with a .648 slugging percentage, seven doubles, one triple, 11 home runs and a 1.028 OPS. With 91 RBI this season, Abrams has matched Ian Desmond's 2014 total for the most RBI by a shortstop in a single season in Nationals history since 2005. With nine more RBI, Abrams would become the 12th player in Nationals history to record 100 RBI in a season and the first since Anthony Rendon (126) and Juan Soto (110) in 2019. With seven more stolen bases, Abrams would become the second player in Nationals history to record a 30-home run, 30-stolen base season, joining Alfonso Soriano, who hit 40 home runs and stole 41 bases in 2006.

JULIOOOOO: Julio Rodríguez hit his 19th home run of the season on Tuesday night and reached base three times, adding two walks. With his next home run, Rodríguez would record at least 20 home runs in each of his first five Major League seasons, becoming just the 20th player in MLB history to accomplish the feat. He would also become just the 11th player to do so by age 25-or-younger, joining Joe DiMaggio, Eddie Mathews, Frank Robinson, Orlando Cepeda, Tony Conigliaro, Eddie Murray, Darryl Strawberry, Albert Pujols, Jay Bruce and Giancarlo Stanton. Each of the first four players on that list, and five of the first six, are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

ALL TOGETHER NOW: The Red Sox have an American League-best four players with at least 15 home runs and 60 RBI: Willyer Abreu, Willson Contreras, Jarren Duran and Ceddanne Rafaela. That is tied with Atlanta, the Cubs and Washington for the most in the Majors. Since the All-Star break, Red Sox players lead the American League in several offensive categories: Abreu in slugging percentage (.598), home runs (10) and runs scored (21); Abreu and Rafaela are tied in extra-base hits (14); Rafaela leads in RBI (24) and total bases (64); and Andruw Monasterio leads in doubles (nine). Since the break, Boston also has three players ranked among the American League's top 10 in batting average (Monasterio, Caleb Durbin and Rafaela), on-base percentage (Contreras, Monasterio and Durbin), slugging percentage (Abreu, Rafaela and Monasterio) and OPS (Monasterio, Abreu and Contreras).

NEED FOR SPEED: The Marlins rank second in the Majors with 125 stolen bases and are the only team with four players who have recorded at least 15 stolen bases: Esteury Ruiz (28), Otto Lopez (23), Jakob Marsee (19) and Xavier Edwards (18). The 2026 Marlins are attempting to join the 2002 club as the only teams in franchise history to have four players record at least 20 stolen bases. The Cubs and Red Sox both accomplished the feat during the 2025 season. Miami also ranks second in MLB with 27 triples, trailing only Arizona with 31. Lopez is tied for second in the Majors with seven triples, while Edwards is tied for sixth with six.

HAGEN MAKES HISTORY: Hagen Smith is the first White Sox pitcher since at least 1969 to record a win and either a hold or save in each of his first two career appearances, according to Elias. Smith also struck out the side in his first career inning on Sunday against Cleveland, joining Tanner Banks on April 10, 2022, at Detroit and Ravelo Manzanillo on September 25, 1988, against Kansas City as the only pitchers in White Sox history to accomplish the feat, according to Stats Perform.

GOING FOR 10K!: Cleveland currently sits at 9,999 wins in franchise history. With its next victory, Cleveland will become the 11th Major League franchise and third American League team to reach 10,000 wins. Cleveland finished among the top three MLB teams in wins during both the 1950s, ranking third with 904, and the 1990s, ranking third with 823. The franchise also ranked seventh in the 2010s with 855 wins, sixth in the 1940s with 800 and fifth in the 1930s with 824. Cleveland has recorded three 100-win seasons: 1954 (111), 1995 (100) and 2017 (102). The club has also posted 24 seasons with at least 90 wins, most recently in 2024 with 92. Since 2013, Cleveland has recorded 1,160 wins, the third most in the Majors, trailing only the Dodgers (1,295) and Yankees (1,196).

COMFORTS OF...THE ROAD: Since June 1, the Cubs pitching staff has posted a 3.63 ERA, allowing 111 earned runs across 275.1 innings on the road. That is the lowest road ERA among National League teams during that span and ranks fourth among all Major League staffs. Overall this season, Chicago's 36 road wins are the third most in the Majors, while its .581 road winning percentage ranks fourth. According to Ed Hartig, the Cubs have won nine consecutive road series this season, tying the longest such streak in franchise history. Chicago also accomplished the feat in 1912. The Cubs additionally won nine straight road series spanning the final seven road series of 1908 and the first two of 1909. The Cubs most recently won or tied 11 consecutive road series in 1945.

MERRY GRISHMAS: Trent Grisham drove in four of the Yankees' 10 runs on Wednesday against Seattle, hitting a solo home run in the fifth inning, a go-ahead RBI double in the seventh and a two-run home run in the eighth. It marked the ninth multi-home run game of his career, his seventh as a Yankee and his second of the season. His four RBI were his second most in a game this season. Grisham has also recorded multiple hits in a career-high-tying three straight games and has seven RBI over his last three games. Over his last four games, he is batting .471/.471/1.235 (8-for-17) with five runs, four doubles, three home runs and seven RBI. Nine of his last 11 hits have gone for extra bases.

JAC-POT: Jac Caglianone has recorded a hit in all 11 games this month, batting .409 (18-for-44) during that span. He ranks among the Major League leaders in August in total bases (34), extra-base hits (eight, tied for first), OPS (1.195, second), slugging percentage (.773, second), RBI (13, tied for third) and hits (17, tied for third). Through the end of May, Caglianone had five home runs, 11 RBI and a .685 OPS in 54 games. In 59 games since the start of June, he has 16 home runs, 42 RBI and a .902 OPS. His 16 home runs since June 1 rank second in the American League behind Junior Caminero (22), while he ranks fourth in RBI and fifth in OPS during that span. Caglianone's 21 home runs are the most by a Royals outfielder, among players who have appeared in at least 50 percent of the team's games, since Alex Gordon hit 23 in 2011.

NEXT MAN UP: Spencer Miles recorded his first career Major League save Tuesday night, working a scoreless ninth inning while allowing one hit on 14 pitches, nine of which were strikes. The Blue Jays have recorded five saves over their last seven games, each by a different reliever: Chase Lee, Tyler Rogers, Lazaro Estrada, Louis Varland and Miles. In 31 relief appearances this season, Miles has posted a 1.89 ERA, allowing 13 earned runs across 62.0 innings.



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Thursday, August 13 th :	Philadelphia Phillies @ Minnesota Twins	7:30 p.m.	Netflix
Friday, August 14 th :	St. Louis Cardinals @ Chicago Cubs New York Yankees @ Toronto Blue Jays	2:20 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Apple TV Apple TV
Saturday, August 15 th :	Washington Nationals @ New York Mets Boston Red Sox @ Pittsburgh Pirates Arizona Diamondbacks @ Atlanta Braves Milwaukee Brewers @ Los Angeles Dodgers	4:10 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	FS1 FOX FOX FOX
Sunday, August 16 th :	Baltimore Orioles @ Tampa Bay Rays St. Louis Cardinals @ Chicago Cubs Seattle Mariners @ Houston Astros	12:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 7:20 p.m.	Peacock/NBCSN ABC NBC/Peacock
Monday, August 17 th :	Detroit Tigers @ Pittsburgh Pirates	7:05 p.m.	ESPN
Tuesday, August 18 th :	Chicago White Sox @ Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m.	TBS
Thursday, August 20 th :	Washington Nationals @ Texas Rangers	8:05 p.m.	FS1

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Saturday, August 15 th :	Chicago White Sox @ Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
Sunday, August 16 th :	New York Yankees @ Toronto Blue Jays	1:37 p.m.
Tuesday, August 18 th :	Toronto Blue Jays @ Tampa Bay Rays	6:40 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19 th :	San Diego Padres @ New York Mets New York Yankees @ Baltimore Orioles	1:10 p.m. 6:35 p.m.
Thursday, August 20 th :	Seattle Mariners @ Milwaukee Brewers	2:10 p.m.



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