



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

September 3, 2026





2026 POSTSEASON OUTLOOK

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2026 Postseason Television Schedule Sept./Oct.		September 29 ALWCA (G1) – NBC/Peacock ALWCB (G1) – NBC/Peacock NLWCA (G1) – NBC/Peacock NLWCB (G1) – NBC/Peacock	September 30 ALWCA (G2) – NBC/Peacock ALWCB (G2) – NBC/Peacock NLWCA (G2) – NBC/Peacock NLWCB (G2) – NBC/Peacock	October 1 ALWCA (G3) – NBC/Peacock ALWCB (G3) – NBC/Peacock NLWCA (G3) – NBC/Peacock NLWCB (G3) – NBC/Peacock	2	3 ALDS A (G1) – TBS ALDS B (G1) – TBS NLDS A (G1) – FOX/FS1 NLDS B (G1) – FOX/FS1
4 NLDS A (G2) – FOX/FS1 NLDS B (G2) – FOX/FS1	5 ALDS A (G2) – TBS ALDS B (G2) – TBS	6 NLDS A (G3) – FOX/FS1 NLDS B (G3) – FOX/FS1	7 ALDS A (G3) – TBS ALDS B (G3) – TBS NLDS A (G4) – FOX/FS1 NLDS B (G4) – FOX/FS1	8 ALDS A (G4) – TBS ALDS B (G4) – TBS	9 NLDS A (G5) – FOX/FS1 NLDS B (G5) – FOX/FS1	10 ALDS A (G5) – TBS ALDS B (G5) – TBS
11 NLCS (G1) – FOX/FS1	12 ALCS (G1) – TBS NLCS (G2) – FOX/FS1	13 ALCS (G2) – TBS	14 NLCS (G3) – FOX/FS1	15 ALCS (G3) – TBS NLCS (G4) – FOX/FS1	16 ALCS (G4) – TBS NLCS (G5) – FOX/FS1	17 ALCS (G5) – TBS
18 NLCS (G6) – FOX/FS1	19 ALCS (G6) – TBS NLCS (G7) – FOX/FS1	20 ALCS (G7) – TBS	21	22	23 World Series (G1) FOX	24 World Series (G2) FOX
25	26 World Series (G3) FOX	27 World Series (G4) FOX	28 World Series (G5) FOX	29	30 World Series (G6) FOX	31 World Series (G7) FOX

Notes:
All games listed as TBS are also available on truTV, HBO MAX and TUDN; All games listed as FOX/FS1 are also available on FOX One and FOX Deportes
ALWC/NLWC A – #3 seed vs. #6 seed; ALWC/NLWC B – #4 seed vs. #5 seed
ALDS/NLDS A – #1 vs. #4/5 seed; ALDS/NLDS B – #2 vs. #3/6 seed;
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AMERICAN LEAGUE POSTSEASON PICTURE

Division Races

AL East	W-L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	83-56	.597	—
New York	80-60	.571	3.5
Boston	75-65	.536	8.5
Toronto	69-71	.493	14.5
Baltimore	69-71	.493	14.5
AL Central	W-L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	73-66	.525	—
Cleveland	70-69	.504	3.0
Minnesota	67-73	.479	6.5
Detroit	64-75	.460	9.0
Kansas City	62-78	.443	11.5
AL West	W-L	PCT.	GB
Houston	71-69	.507	—
Texas	69-71	.493	2.0
Seattle	66-74	.471	5.0
Athletics	54-86	.386	17.0
Los Angeles	53-87	.379	18.0



AL Wild Card Race

(GB column reflects games behind the third Wild Card team)

Club	W-L	PCT.	GB
New York	80-60	.571	—
Boston	75-65	.536	—
Cleveland	70-69	.504	—
Texas	69-71	.493	1.5
Toronto	69-71	.493	1.5
Baltimore	69-71	.493	1.5
Minnesota	67-73	.479	3.5
Seattle	66-74	.471	4.5
Detroit	64-75	.460	6.0
Kansas City	62-78	.443	8.5
Athletics	54-86	.386	16.5
Los Angeles	53-87	.379	17.5

BOS trails NYY by 5.0 G

CLE trails BOS by 4.5 G; trails NYY by 9.5 G



American League Head-to-Head Records for Tie-Breakers

2026	BAL	BOS	CWS	CLE	DET	HOU	KC	MIN	NYY	TB	TEX	TOR	SEA
vs. BAL		5-4 (4)	2-4 (0)	3-1 (3)	2-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-3 (0)	8-2 (3)	5-8 (0)	4-2 (0)	4-3 (6)	4-3 (0)
vs. BOS	4-5 (4)		0-6 (0)	1-2 (3)	2-5 (0)	5-1 (0)	0-3 (3)	5-1 (0)	7-6 (0)	5-5 (3)	1-2 (3)	9-4 (0)	3-3 (0)
vs. CWS	4-2 (0)	6-0 (0)		4-6 (3)	3-6 (4)	4-2 (1)	3-7 (3)	4-6 (3)	4-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	2-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-3 (0)
vs. CLE	1-3 (3)	2-1 (3)	6-4 (3)		2-7 (4)	4-2 (0)	5-5 (3)	6-5 (2)	4-2 (0)	5-1 (0)	4-2 (0)	3-2 (1)	3-4 (0)
vs. DET	4-2 (0)	5-2 (0)	6-3 (4)	7-2 (4)		5-2 (0)	7-6 (0)	7-2 (4)	2-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	2-1 (3)	2-4 (0)
vs. HOU	5-1 (0)	1-5 (0)	2-4 (1)	2-4 (0)	2-5 (0)		1-2 (3)	4-2 (0)	3-3 (0)	1-2 (3)	4-9 (0)	3-3 (0)	9-2 (2)
vs. KC	5-1 (0)	3-0 (3)	7-3 (3)	5-5 (3)	6-7 (0)	2-1 (3)		5-8 (0)	6-0 (0)	5-2 (0)	5-1 (0)	1-2 (3)	1-5 (0)
vs. MIN	3-3 (0)	1-5 (0)	6-4 (3)	5-6 (2)	2-7 (4)	2-4 (0)	8-5 (0)		1-2 (3)	5-1 (0)	0-3 (3)	3-4 (0)	4-2 (0)
vs. NYY	2-8 (3)	6-7 (0)	3-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	4-2 (0)	3-3 (0)	0-6 (0)	2-1 (3)		6-3 (4)	2-4 (0)	6-7 (0)	2-4 (0)
vs. TB	8-5 (0)	5-5 (3)	2-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	4-2 (0)	2-1 (3)	2-5 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-6 (4)		1-2 (4)	4-9 (0)	1-5 (0)
vs. TEX	2-4 (0)	2-1 (3)	4-2 (0)	2-4 (0)	4-2 (0)	9-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-0 (3)	4-2 (0)	2-1 (4)		0-4 (3)	3-7 (3)
vs. TOR	3-4 (6)	4-9 (0)	5-1 (0)	2-3 (1)	1-2 (3)	3-3 (0)	2-1 (3)	4-3 (0)	7-6 (0)	9-4 (0)	4-0 (3)		2-4 (0)
vs. SEA	3-4 (6)	3-3 (0)	3-3 (0)	4-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	2-9 (2)	5-1 (0)	2-4 (0)	4-2 (0)	5-1 (0)	7-3 (3)	4-2 (0)	

Note: Number in parentheses indicates number of games remaining between two teams

NATIONAL LEAGUE POSTSEASON PICTURE

Division Races

NL East	W-L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	83-57	.593	—
Philadelphia	79-61	.564	4.0
Miami	71-69	.507	12.0
Washington	67-75	.472	17.0
New York	63-77	.450	20.0
NL Central	W-L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	87-53	.621	—
Chicago	78-62	.557	9.0
St. Louis	70-70	.500	17.0
Pittsburgh	68-72	.486	19.0
Cincinnati	67-73	.479	20.0
NL West	W-L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	82-57	.590	—
Arizona	74-67	.525	9.0
San Diego	73-67	.521	9.5



NL Wild Card Race

(GB column reflects games behind the third Wild Card team)

Club	W-L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	79-61	.564	—
Chicago	78-62	.557	—
Arizona	74-67	.525	—
San Diego	73-67	.521	9.5
Miami	71-69	.507	12.0
St. Louis	70-70	.500	17.0
Pittsburgh	68-72	.486	19.0
Cincinnati	67-73	.479	20.0
Washington	67-75	.472	17.0
New York	63-77	.450	20.0
San Francisco	58-82	.414	15.5

CHC trails PHI by 1.0 G
AZ trails CHC by 4.5 G; trails PHI by 5.5 G



National League Head-to-Head Records for Tie-Breakers

2026	ATL	AZ	CHC	CIN	LAD	MIA	MIL	PHI	PIT	SD	STL	WSH
vs. ATL		4-3 (0)	1-2 (3)	1-2 (3)	1-5 (0)	2-8 (3)	3-3 (0)	1-5 (7)	1-5 (0)	4-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	4-8 (1)
vs. AZ	3-4 (0)		4-2 (0)	2-4 (0)	6-7 (0)	3-0 (3)	4-2 (0)	3-3 (0)	3-3 (0)	5-5 (3)	2-5 (0)	4-2 (0)
vs. CHC	2-1 (3)	2-4 (0)		3-7 (3)	2-4 (0)	0-0 (6)	6-3 (4)	1-6 (0)	5-5 (3)	1-5 (0)	7-6 (0)	3-3 (0)
vs. CIN	2-1 (3)	4-2 (0)	7-3 (3)		0-0 (7)	4-3 (0)	6-1 (6)	3-3 (0)	7-6 (0)	3-3 (0)	8-5 (0)	5-1 (0)
vs. LAD	5-1 (0)	7-6 (0)	4-2 (0)	0-0 (7)		2-1 (3)	4-3 (0)	2-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-7 (3)	4-1 (1)	0-3 (3)
vs. MIA	8-2 (3)	0-3 (3)	0-0 (6)	3-4 (0)	1-2 (3)		5-1 (0)	8-5 (0)	2-4 (0)	3-0 (3)	2-4 (0)	4-9 (0)
vs. MIL	3-3 (0)	2-4 (0)	3-6 (4)	1-6 (6)	3-4 (0)	1-5 (0)		1-2 (3)	6-4 (3)	4-2 (0)	2-8 (3)	4-2 (0)
vs. PHI	5-1 (7)	3-3 (0)	6-1 (0)	3-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	5-8 (0)	2-1 (3)		2-5 (0)	0-6 (0)	2-4 (0)	2-4 (0)
vs. PIT	5-1 (0)	3-3 (0)	5-5 (3)	6-7 (0)	5-1 (0)	4-2 (0)	4-6 (3)	5-2 (0)		3-3 (0)	6-4 (3)	3-4 (0)
vs. SD	3-4 (0)	5-5 (3)	5-1 (0)	3-3 (0)	7-3 (3)	0-3 (3)	2-4 (0)	6-0 (0)	3-3 (0)		4-3 (0)	2-1 (3)
vs. STL	2-4 (0)	5-2 (0)	6-7 (0)	5-8 (0)	1-4 (1)	4-2 (0)	8-2 (3)	4-2 (0)	4-6 (3)	3-4 (0)		1-2 (3)
vs. WSH	8-4 (1)	2-4 (0)	3-3 (0)	1-5 (0)	3-0 (3)	9-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	4-2 (0)	4-3 (0)	1-2 (3)	2-1 (3)	

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IF THE POSTSEASON BEGAN TODAY...

AL Wild Card Series

(best of three series, all at higher seed)



Cleveland (#6)

@



Houston (#3)



Boston (#5)

@



New York (#4)

AL Division Series

(best of five series)



HOU/CLE

@



Chicago (#2)



NYN/BOS

@



Tampa Bay (#1)

NL Wild Card Series

(best of three series, all at higher seed)



Arizona (#6)

@



Los Angeles (#3)



Chicago (#5)

@



Philadelphia (#4)

NL Division Series

(best of five series)



LAD/AZ

@



Atlanta (#2)



PHI/CHC

@



Milwaukee (#1)

World Series Home Field Priority

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Milwaukee | 7. Chicago (NL) |
| 2. Tampa Bay | 8. Boston |
| 3. Atlanta | 9. Chicago (AL) |
| 4. Los Angeles (NL) | 10. Arizona |
| 5. New York (AL) | 11. Houston |
| 6. Philadelphia | 12. Cleveland |



World Series

2026

Capital One



IRON MEN

Nine players have appeared in all of their club’s games this season, including Ozzie Albies and Matt Olson of the Atlanta Braves; Pete Alonso of the Baltimore Orioles; Junior Caminero of the Tampa Bay Rays; Pete Crow-Armstrong of the Chicago Cubs; Rafael Devers of the San Francisco Giants; Bryce Harper of the Philadelphia Phillies; Bryan Reynolds of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Sal Stewart of the Cincinnati Reds.

Of the group, Alonso, Caminero, Devers, Harper and Olson have started all of thier club’s games so far this season, while Albies, Crow-Armstrong and Stewart have started all but one game this season. Alonso and Olson are the only players to have previously appeared in all of their team’s games in a single season with Alonso appearing in 162 for the New York Mets in 2024 and 2025, and Olson appearing in 162 games in 2018 and 60 games in 2020 with the Athletics, before appearing in 162 games in all four seasons from 2022-25 with Atlanta. Devers appeared in 163 games last season between the Boston Red Sox and San Francisco Giants.

Olson has now played in 922 consecutive games since May 2, 2021, marking the eighth-longest streak in Major League history. He is 181 games shy of tying Joe Sewell (1,103 G) for the seventh-longest streak in Baseball history. The 32-year-old could finish the 2026 campaign with 944 consecutive games played, which would be 159 games short of matching Sewell, with 22 games remaining on the Braves’ 2026 schedule. Since Opening Day of 2025, Albies and Olson have appeared in all but five Atlanta’s 302 games due to Albies suffering a fractured hamate on September 20th last season.

Alonso has appeared in 556 consecutive games since June 18, 2023, which is the second-longest active streak in the Majors behind Olson. He is bidding to become the first Orioles player to appear in all 162 games for Baltimore since Jonathan Villar in 2019. Here is a look at the last time each franchise in the mix had a player appear in 162 games:

- Caminero is attempting to become just the fourth Rays player to appear in 162 games in a season, joining Evan Longoria (2014); Delmon Young (2007); and Aubrey Huff (2003).
- Crow-Armstrong, who is bidding for the seventh 40-40 season all-time and the first by a Cubs player, is aiming to be the first Cub to appear in 162 games since Starlin Castro in 2012. He is two home runs and eight stolen bases shy of reaching the 40-40 mark, seeking to join Shohei Ohtani (54 HR/59 SB in 2024); Ronald Acuña Jr. (41 HR/73 SB in 2023); Alfonso Soriano (46 HR/41 SB in 2006); Alex Rodriguez (42 HR/46 RBI in 1998); Barry Bonds (42 HR/40 SB in 1996); and Jose Canseco (42 HR/40 SB). Rodriguez’s 161 games, which were 100% of Seattle’s games in 1998, are the most ever by a player who achieved 40-40.
- Devers, who has hit safely in each of his last 10 games, is attempting to become the sixth player (seventh occurrence) in Giants’ history to appear in every game of the season and the first since Hunter Pence played 162 games in 2013 and 2014.
- Harper, who has reached base safely in 35 consecutive games since July 26th is attempting to become the third Phillies player in the last three seasons to appear in 162 games following Kyle Schwarber in 2025 and Nick Castellanos in 2024. It would mark the first time the Phillies had a player appear in 162 games in three straight seasons. Previously a Phillies player appeared in 100% of the club’s games in four straight seasons 1979-1982, including Pete Rose in 1979, 1980 and 1981 before he was joined by Gary Matthews Sr. in 1982.
- Reynolds, who has reached base safely in a Major League-best 120 games this season, is attempting to become the first Pirates player to appear in 162 games since Jason Bay in 2005.
- Stewart, who leads Baseball with 105 RBI, is looking to follow his teammate Elly De La Cruz, who played 162 games in 2025. Cincinnati has not had a player with 162 games played in back-to-back seasons since Pete Rose did so in four straight years between 1974-77).



2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2026 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	296-342	.241 (5,159-for-21,385)	4.38
National League	342-296	.248 (5,358-for-21,577)	4.04

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.



BEAR PACK

Pete Crow-Armstrong and Alex Bregman helped power the Chicago Cubs to a franchise-record 62 home runs in August, marking the second-most in a single month by a franchise in Baseball history, behind only the New York Yankees, who hit 74 homers in August 2019.

Per Elias, Crow-Armstrong (14 HR) and Bregman (12 HR) became the fourth pair of teammates with at least 12 home runs in the same calendar month, joining Hall of Famer Iván Rodríguez and Rafael Palmeiro in August 1999 for the Texas Rangers; and Roger Maris and Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle, who turned the trick twice (June 1960 & July 1961) for the New York Yankees. They accounted for 41.9% of Chicago's home runs in August and have hit 31.5% (62 of 197) of the Cubs' homers this season. Overall, the duo have accounted for 1.3% of all home runs hit (4,808) in Major League Baseball in 2026.

Bregman and Crow-Armstrong each recorded a three-homer game in August with Bregman hitting three home runs on August 12th and August 31st, and Crow-Armstrong hitting three homers on August 29th. Chicago was also on the other side of Joshua Báez's three-homer game on August 15th for the St. Louis Cardinals. Overall, there have been four three-homer performances by Cubs players this season, the most by any club since the Milwaukee Brewers also had four in 2001.

Chicago's 197 home runs this season are the most in the Majors, followed by the Washington Nationals (193 HR); New York Yankees (192 HR); Cincinnati Reds (186 HR); Houston Astros (185 HR); and Chicago White Sox (181 HR). The Cubs and Nationals have each hit 105 home runs at home this season, which lead the Majors, while the Yankees pace the American League with 101 longballs at home, with Nationals Park (220 HR) and Wrigley Field (219 HR) being the only ballparks this season with at least 200 homers. Of the 4,808 homers hit this season entering play on Thursday, 380 (7.9%) have been hit at Wrigley Field or Rate Field.

With 2,099 of the 2,430 scheduled games played in 2026 entering Thursday, Baseball is on pace for 5,566 home runs this year, slightly fewer than the 5,650 hit in 2025, but more than the 5,453 homers in 2024. Since 2000 and excluding the 60-game 2020 season, there have been an average of 5,269 home runs each year with 17 seasons of at least 5,000 home runs.





DEVELOPS

DEVELOPS ON THE DIAMOND

DEVELOPS PREGAME: Prior to the Atlanta Braves and Colorado Rockies game at Truist Park on Friday, the MLB Develops footprint was prevalent during the Braves' HBCU Night pregame ceremony. First, the Atlanta Braves Nike RBI Senior Baseball team was recognized following their Nike RBI World Series championship. The players and coaches received a recognition on-field before being surprised with new City Connect sneakers. Following the Nike RBI recognition, longtime MLB Develops coach and recent College Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Marquis Grissom was honored and threw out the first pitch. The Florida A&M University product, who recorded the final out of the Braves' 1995 World Series championship, led the NCAA Division I in runs scored and triples per game in his final season before being inducted into the FAMU Hall of Fame, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. After Grissom's ceremonial first pitch, fellow MLB Develops coach and 10-year MLB veteran Marvin Freeman was awarded the honor of starting the game with, "PLAY BALL!" on the mic. The Jackson State University alumni most recently served as a coach during the Hank Aaron Invitational.



THE BEST ON THE FARM: On Monday, the Nationals announced their Minor League Awards Winners. Amongst the group were MLB Develops alumni Miguel Sime Jr. and Eli Willits. At the time of his receiving the Pitcher of the Year award, the 19-year-old Sime led Washington's Minor League system with 130 strikeouts and tied for second with 23 starts on the year. Amongst all Minor League arms (min. 65.0 innings pitched), Sime paced all pitchers with 16.18 strikeouts per 9.0 innings, and ranked second with 4.73 hits per 9.0 innings and a .153 opponents' batting average. Through his first season in the pros with time spent with the Single-A Fredericksburg Nationals and the High-A Wilmington Blue Rocks, the alumni of DREAM Series and Breakthrough Series has pitched to a 2-3 record with a 2.99 era and has allowed just three homers across his 72.1 innings pitched. The Poly Prep Country Day School product currently sits as the Nationals 10th overall prospect and fourth overall pitching prospect, per *MLB Pipeline*. Sime's teammate and first-overall selection in the 2025 Draft Eli Willits earned the Baserunner of the Year award. The States Play alumni, who also spent time with Fredericksburg and Wilmington this season, led the organization with 57 stolen bases and his 96 runs scored, which ranked 13th-most at the time of his receiving the award. The 18-year-old swiped 29 bags in 47 games with Fredericksburg and 28 bags in 59 games with Wilmington. The Nationals top prospect and fourth overall prospect in MLB per *MLB Pipeline* ranked first in on-base percentage (.407); sixth in doubles (23) and hits (103); seventh in OPS (.854) and ninth in RBI (68) among all Nationals Minor Leaguers.



DEBUT DINGER: States Play alumni Yohandy Morales made his Major League debut with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday in a 9-5 win over the Atlanta Braves. In the win, Morales connected on a double, homer and scored two runs across his five at-bats. The 24-year-old Morales joined Brandon Watson and Ian Desmond as the only players in franchise history to homer and double in their debut game, and became the only player in franchise history to record a single, double and homer in a debut game.



CENTURY MARK: On Monday night at Daikin Park, Houston Astros outfielder and Hank Aaron Invitational alumni Cam Smith recorded his 100th career RBI. The 23-year-old hooked a changeup into left field, scoring Yordan Alvarez and Isaac Paredes for his 100th and 101st career RBI in his 270th career game.

ON FIRE IN WILMINGTON: 23-year-old Jacob Walsh, an alumni of the Breakthrough Series, DREAM Series and Hank Aaron Invitational put together a 14-game hitting streak with the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Beginning on August 13th and finally snapping on September 2nd, recording multiple hits in 10 of the 16 contests and 26 RBI during the streak.





WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Since August 27th, 18 players have made their Major League debut, including nine pitchers and nine position players.

There have now been 237 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 137 pitchers and 100 position players.



- 24-year-old Yohandy Morales made his Major League debut with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday against the Atlanta Braves at Nationals Park. In the Nationals’ win, the MLB Develops alumni collected three hits and scored two runs across five plate appearances. The Miami, Florida native joined Delino DeShields, Milton Bradley and his teammate Andrés Chaparro as the only players in franchise history to record three hits in a debut game. Morales became the first player to connect on three hits, including a homer, in a debut.
- 21-year-old Lázaro Montes, the Seattle Mariners fifth overall prospect and 56th overall prospect in Baseball per *MLB Pipeline* made his debut on Tuesday against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park. The La Habana, Cuba native became one of six in franchise history to homer in a debut game, and stands alone as the only hitter in franchise history to homer and collect multiple hits in a debut game. The debut homers from Morales and Montes marked the 14th and 15th homers hit by debuting players this season, the most ever in a single season, surpassing 13 homers in 2022 (see next page for more details).

Overall, the Chicago White Sox and San Francisco Giants pace the Majors with 15 players making their debut this season, followed by the Toronto Blue Jays with 13. The Colorado Rockies and Minnesota Twins follow with 12 players making their debut, trailed by the St. Louis Cardinals with 11 and Cleveland Guardians with 10. The teams with nine players making their debut include the Detroit Tigers, Miami Marlins, New York Mets, Texas Rangers and Nationals. The teams with eight players making their debut include the Arizona Diamondbacks, Red Sox, Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates, followed by the Los Angeles Angels, Mariners and Milwaukee Brewers with seven each. The teams with six players making their debut include the Athletics, Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies. The Chicago Cubs and San Diego Padres have each seen five players make their debut while the Braves and Tampa Bay Rays have seen four. The Kansas City Royals and Los Angeles Dodgers are the lone teams with two players making their Major League debut this season.

MLB Debuts, August 27 th -September 2 nd			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Walker Jenkins	Minnesota Twins	CF	August 28 th
Braxton Roxby	San Francisco Giants	RHP	August 28 th
Seth Lonsway	San Francisco Giants	LHP	August 29 th
Yunior Marté	San Francisco Giants	RHP	August 29 th
Cade Winqwest	St. Louis Cardinals	RHP	August 29 th
John Peck	Detroit Tigers	SS	August 31 st
Leo Bernal	St. Louis Cardinals	C	September 1 st
Blake Burkhalter	Atlanta Braves	RHP	September 1 st
Luis De León	Baltimore Orioles	LHP	September 1 st

MLB Debuts, August 27 th -September 2 nd			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
Lazaro Montes	Seattle Mariners	DH	September 1 st
Yohandy Morales	Washington Nationals	1B/DH	September 1 st
BJ Murray Jr.	Chicago Cubs	DH	September 1 st
Cesar Perdomo	San Francisco Giants	LHP	September 1 st
Ben Ross	Minnesota Twins	2B/3B	September 1 st
Dylan Ross	New York Mets	RHP	September 1 st
Jared Serna	Miami Marlins	2B	September 1 st
Jared Simpson	Washington Nationals	LHP	September 1 st
Ethan Salas	San Diego Padres	C	September 2 nd



NO BETTER WAY TO START

A MAJOR LEAGUE-RECORD 15 PLAYERS HAVE HOMERED IN THEIR REGULAR SEASON MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUTS THIS SEASON.

After homers by Lazaro Montes of the Seattle Mariners and Yohandy Morales of the Washington Nationals in their Major League debuts on Tuesday night, a Major League record 15 players have hit a home run in their first career regular season game this season. The 15 players broke the previous record of 13 players in 2022 (Brett Baty, Joe Dunand, Nate Eaton, Jerar Encarnacion, Vaughn Grissom, Gunnar Henderson, Josh Jung, Joey Meneses, Christopher Morel, James Outman, Rene Pinto, Spencer Steer & Matt Wallner).

Of the 15 players to homer in their Major League debut this year, Joshua Báez of the St. Louis Cardinals; Jose Fernandez of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Chase DeLauter of the Cleveland Guardians each hit multiple home runs, marking the first time that multiple players homered multiple times in their Major League debut in the same season. Overall, Báez’s three-homer game on August 15th marked the eighth time in Baseball history that a player hit multiple home runs in his Major League debut.

Báez is one of four players this season to homer in his first career regular season at-bat, joined by DeLauter, Eduardo Valencia of the Detroit Tigers and Felix Reyes of the Philadelphia Phillies. The four such home runs are tied for fourth-most all-time in a single season with 2000 and 2004, trailing 2022 (6 players w/ HR in first career AB); 2006 (5 players); and 2010 (5 players). The Cardinals are just the fourth team in Baseball history to have four players homer in their Major League debut in the same season, joining the 1898 Phillies, the 1981 Minnesota Twins and 2009 Diamondbacks. Below is a look at all 15 players who have homered in their Major League debut in 2026.

PLAYERS TO HOMER IN MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUT, 2026			
PLAYER	CLUB	DEBUT DATE	DEBUT PERFORMANCE
Lazaro Montes	Seattle Mariners	September 1 st	2-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 BB
Yohandy Morales	Washington Nationals	September 1 st	3-for-5, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 2B
Joshua Báez	St. Louis Cardinals	August 15 th	3-for-4, 3 HR, 5 RBI
Kaelen Culpepper	Minnesota Twins	August 7 th	1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 RBI
George Lombard Jr.	New York Yankees	August 4 th	1-for-2, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 BB
Eduardo Valencia	Detroit Tigers	July 9 th	1-for-1, 1 HR, 1 RBI
Braden Montgomery	Chicago White Sox	June 9 th	2-for-5, 1 HR, 3 RBI
Charles McAdoo	Toronto Blue Jays	May 29 th	1-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI
Bryan Torres	St. Louis Cardinals	May 23 rd (G1)	2-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 BB
Félix Reyes	Philadelphia Phillies	April 18 th	1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 RBI
Jose Fernandez	Arizona Diamondbacks	March 31 st	3-for-4, 2 HR, 4 RBI
Chase DeLauter	Cleveland Guardians	March 26 th	3-for-5, 2 HR, 2 RBI
Carson Benge	New York Mets	March 26 th	1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 SB, 2 BB
Munetaka Murakami	Chicago White Sox	March 26 th	1-for-2, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 2 BB
JJ Wetherholt	St. Louis Cardinals	March 26 th	1-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI

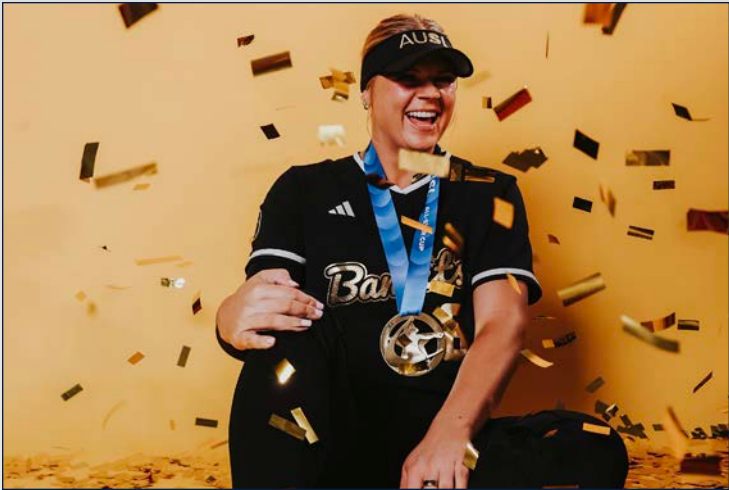


KILFOYL CROWNED 2026 AUSL ALL-STAR CUP CHAMPION: Chicago Bandits right-handed pitcher Lexi Kilfoyl was named the 2026 AUSL All-Star Cup Champion following a dominant four Series. Kilfoyl finally claimed the top spot following a second-place finish during her 2024 Rookie of the Year season, and ninth overall in last year’s Cup. Leading the pack with 1,072 points, Kilfoyl amassed 750 of those in win points, 162 stat points and 160 MVP points, voted on by players and fans. The Oklahoma State University product tossed 17.1 innings, pitching to a 3-1 record with the fourth-best ERA among all pitchers (1.98). Behind the champion Kilfoyl in the final standings were the Blaze’s infielder Baylee Klingler with 1,040 points and the Cascade’s right-handed pitcher Sam Landry with 908 points. Overall, Klingler paced the All-Star Cup selections in win points with 840, Kenzie Brown, who ranked 19th overall led the way in stat points with 240, and Sami Williams, who places 21st led all players in MVP points with 200.



GETTING THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES: Following a successful inaugural season, the AUSL doubled down and is seeing the attention the league and its players deserve. In the second season, the AUSL saw:

- A 183% increase in viewership across regular-season games on ESPN platforms.
- 732,000 average viewers for Game 1 of the AUSL Championship, marking both the first pro softball game on broadcast television as well as the most watched pro softball game ever.
- 453 million social impressions, a 97% increase across league social platforms from last season.
- 137 millions social video views, a 139% increase across league social platforms from last season.
- 25 sellout crowds with 23 coming during the regular season and two coming in the Championship Series.
- An 110% increase in merchandise sales, more than double the total from last season.



ADAPTIVE SOFTBALL CLINIC IN ROSEMONT: At the Parkway Bank Sports Complex in Rosemont, Illinois, the home of the AUSL All-Star Cup, eight AUSL athletes helped bring softball to over 45 participants at an Adaptive Softball Clinic. Ailana Agbayani, Kat Sandercock and Sami Williams of the Bandits; Amari Harper and Jessi Warren of the Spark; Sam Landry and Sydney Stewart of the Cascade; and Aliyah Binford of the Volts taught softball to the 48 participants with a range of neurodivergence and physical abilities, including autism and Down syndrome, in partnership with the Beautiful Lives Project.



ALL-STAR CUP FINAL LEADERBOARD				
PLAYER	TOTAL PTS	WIN PTS	STAT PTS	MVP PTS
Lexi Kilfoyl	1072	750	162	160
Baylee Klingler	1040	840	80	120
Sam Landry	908	630	178	100
Hannah Flippen	890	810	40	40
Georgina Corrick	882	630	212	40
Michaela Edenfield	870	840	30	0
Kendra Falby	870	810	60	0
Jadelyn Allchin	868	780	88	0
Ailana Agbayani	818	750	68	0
Sharlize Palacios	790	540	170	80

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

9,028 CHALLENGES

4,846 OVERTURNED

4,182 CONFIRMED

BATTERS

49%

OVERTURNS

4,130 CHALLENGES

2,011 OVERTURNED

2,119 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS

58%

OVERTURNS

4,898 CHALLENGES

2,835 OVERTURNED

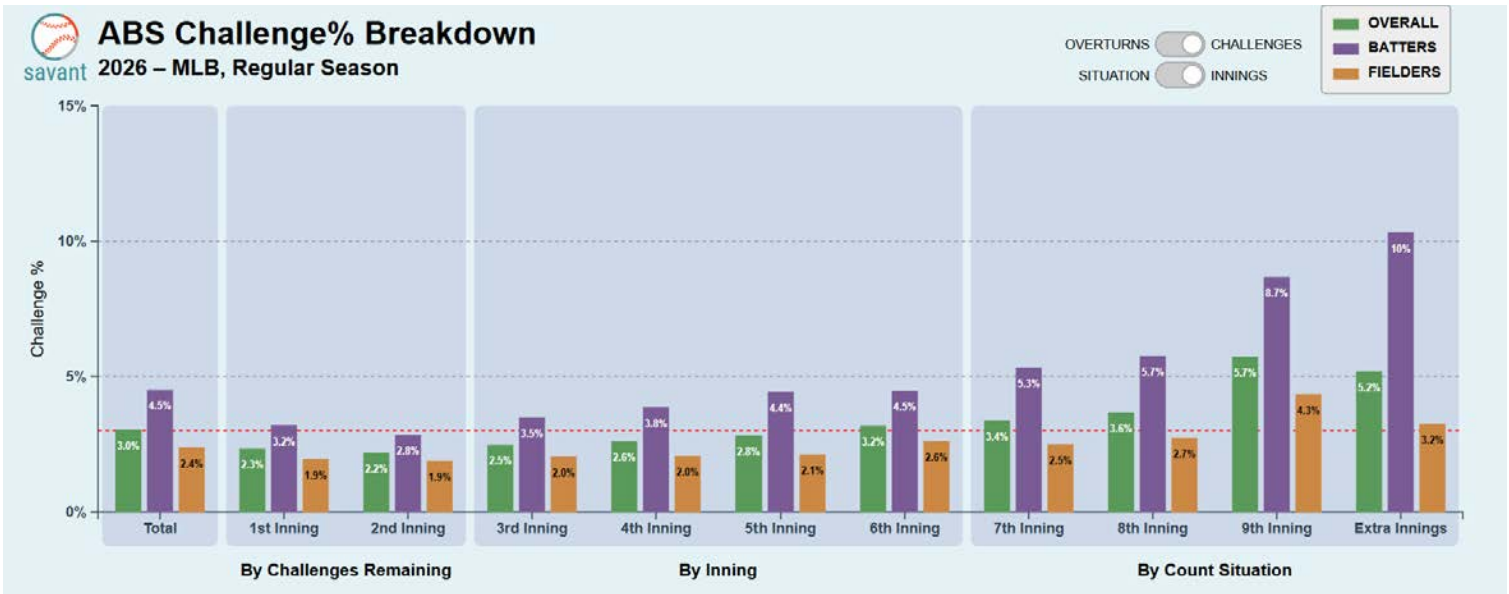
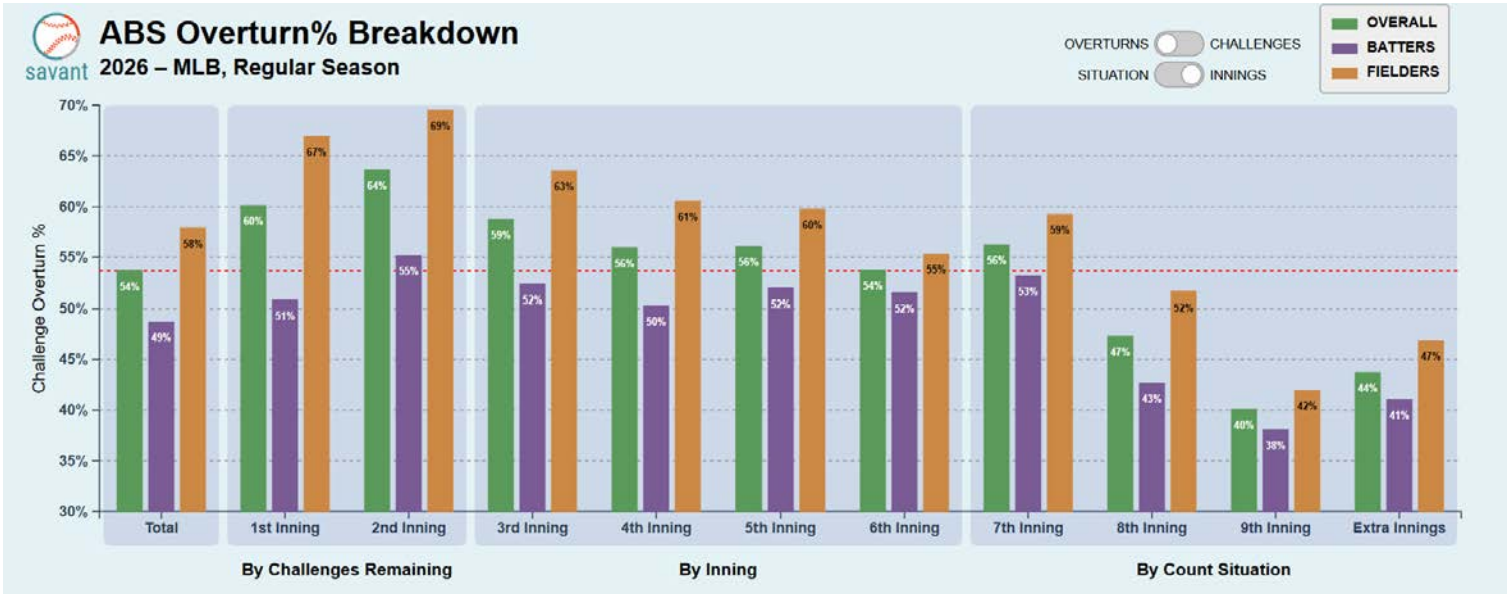
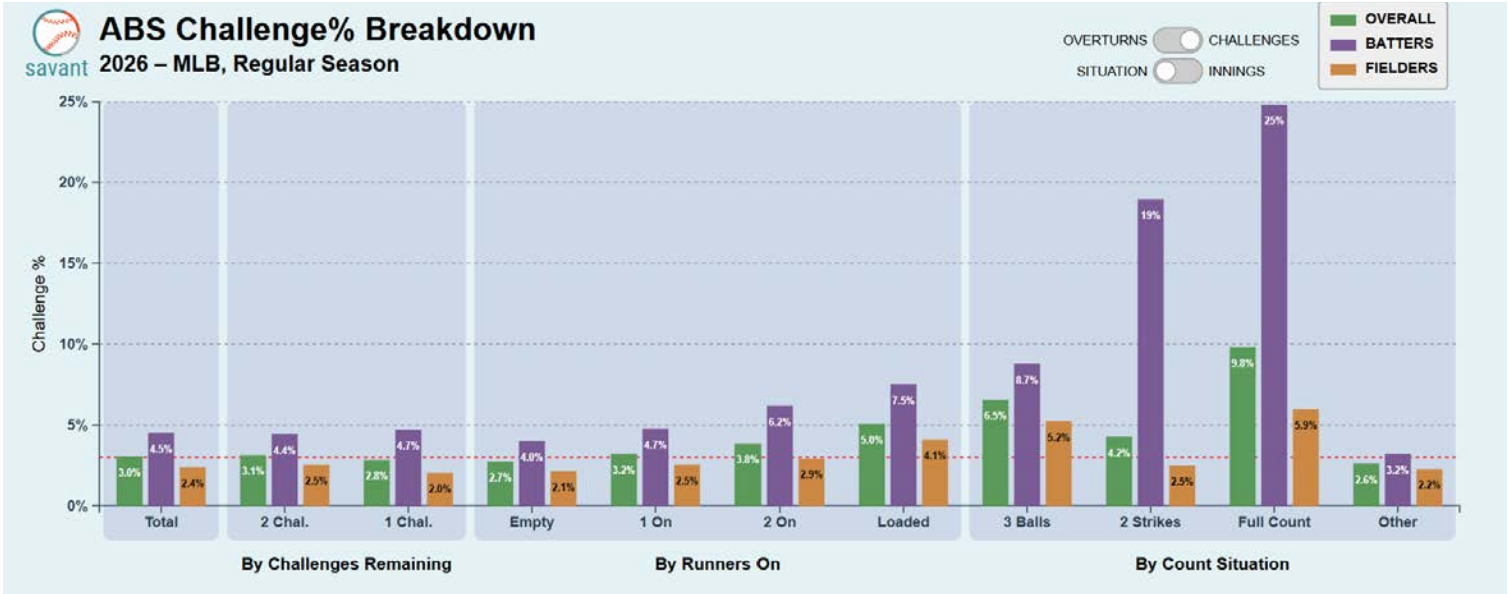
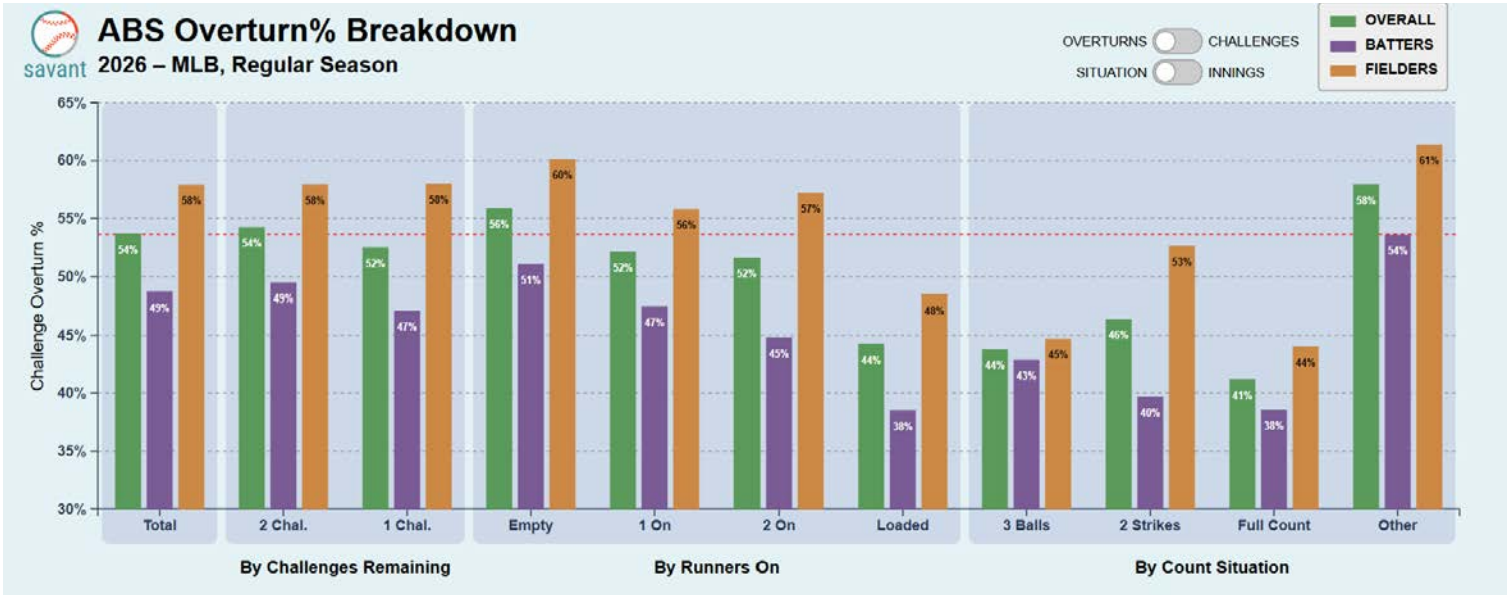
2,063 CONFIRMED

2026 ABS CHALLENGE TOTALS						
CLUB	CHALLENGES (BATTER)		CHALLENGES (FIELDER)		CHALLENGES (TOTAL)	
	Challenges	W-L	Challenges	W-L	Total Results (Batting & Fielding)	Win %
Cincinnati Reds	153	87-66	172	118-54	325 (205 overturned, 120 confirmed)	63.1%
Arizona Diamondbacks	120	67-53	145	91-54	265 (158 overturned, 107 confirmed)	59.6%
Chicago Cubs	142	72-70	148	100-48	290 (172 overturned, 118 confirmed)	59.3%
Athletics	128	70-58	197	122-75	325 (192 overturned, 133 confirmed)	59.1%
Detroit Tigers	145	77-68	135	86-49	280 (163 overturned, 117 confirmed)	58.2%
Texas Rangers	123	62-61	135	88-47	258 (150 overturned, 108 confirmed)	58.1%
Miami Marlins	132	67-65	211	127-84	343 (194 overturned, 149 confirmed)	56.6%
Philadelphia Phillies	162	79-83	121	81-40	283 (160 overturned, 123 confirmed)	56.5%
Los Angeles Dodgers	139	71-68	126	76-50	265 (147 overturned, 118 confirmed)	55.5%
Kansas City Royals	130	71-59	153	85-68	283 (156 overturned, 127 confirmed)	55.1%
New York Yankees	168	87-81	182	104-78	350 (191 overturned, 159 confirmed)	54.6%
Minnesota Twins	161	78-83	224	131-93	385 (209 overturned, 176 confirmed)	54.3%
Boston Red Sox	144	71-73	138	82-56	282 (153 overturned, 129 confirmed)	54.3%
Toronto Blue Jays	128	69-59	158	85-73	286 (154 overturned, 132 confirmed)	53.8%
Houston Astros	162	86-76	169	91-78	331 (177 overturned, 154 confirmed)	53.5%
Los Angeles Angels	153	68-85	163	100-63	316 (168 overturned, 148 confirmed)	53.2%
Colorado Rockies	158	66-92	180	113-67	338 (179 overturned, 159 confirmed)	53.0%
Atlanta Braves	112	45-67	149	93-56	261 (138 overturned, 123 confirmed)	52.9%
Tampa Bay Rays	129	57-72	155	92-63	284 (149 overturned, 135 confirmed)	52.5%
New York Mets	168	85-83	165	87-78	333 (172 overturned, 161 confirmed)	51.7%
San Diego Padres	114	52-62	169	93-76	283 (145 overturned, 138 confirmed)	51.2%
St. Louis Cardinals	114	54-60	122	66-56	236 (120 overturned, 116 confirmed)	50.8%
Milwaukee Brewers	106	47-59	216	116-100	322 (163 overturned, 159 confirmed)	50.6%
Baltimore Orioles	151	73-78	133	70-63	284 (143 overturned, 141 confirmed)	50.4%
San Francisco Giants	129	59-70	157	85-72	286 (144 overturned, 142 confirmed)	50.3%
Seattle Mariners	139	59-80	142	82-60	281 (141 overturned, 140 confirmed)	50.2%
Washington Nationals	111	48-63	179	94-85	290 (142 overturned, 148 confirmed)	49.0%
Chicago White Sox	137	67-70	237	116-121	374 (183 overturned, 191 confirmed)	48.9%
Cleveland Guardians	127	53-74	163	85-78	290 (138 overturned, 152 confirmed)	47.6%
Pittsburgh Pirates	145	64-81	154	76-78	299 (140 overturned, 159 confirmed)	46.8%



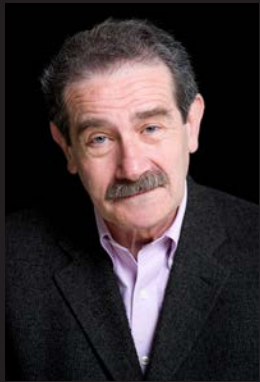
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AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME



By John Thorn | Official Historian of Major League Baseball



Bill James

George Berkeley is said to have said, “If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?” Perhaps; even if unsaid, that would be a logical conclusion one might draw from his 1710 *Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*. Without an ear or a mind to perceive the sound, or even the vibrations, the event may be said, in the human sense, not to exist. But Berkeley was a clergyman and might have thought that because God watches all, the universe somehow remains intact. Even when a human record of the event is impossible, the tree falls; in that cosmic sense, perception and reality are not quite the same thing.

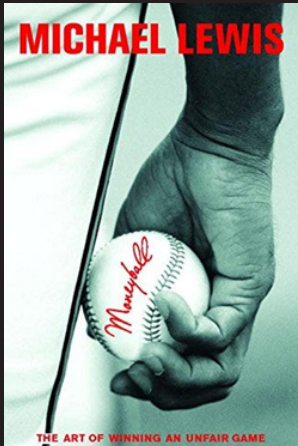
Two and a half centuries after Berkeley, empiricism had not yet entered baseball, a sport in a bell jar. Everything was judged visually, aided by counting statistics: how many errors, homers, runs scored and allowed, victories. Averages, especially of the weighted sort (era, home park, competition) were as yet in the distance. Analytic or sabermetric stats had barely gained a foothold when Bill James turned the baseball world on its ear by requiring evidence for intangibles or uncalculated probabilities. Baseball heroes were replaceable if one could replicate their run value; that was the principle of *Moneyball*, both the book and the film.

An analytical bent, dating from Bill James to Billy Beane and beyond, makes today’s fan skeptical—and that is a good thing. Is the shortstop who often makes backhand stops as valuable as the one who prudently alters his positioning? Is the midgame sacrifice bunt a good play, trading an out for the possibility of a run? I could go on in this vein, but then again, I have done so: in *The Hidden Game of Baseball* (1984) and *Total Baseball* (1989), both with Pete Palmer.

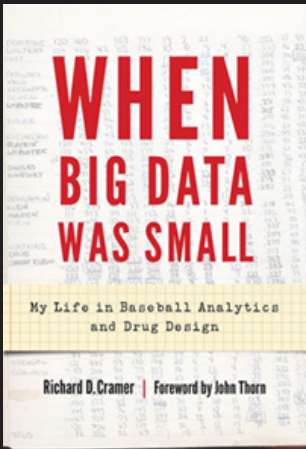
Like Bill, Pete counted up Berkeley’s fallen trees. So had, in their turn, Henry Chadwick, F.C. Lane, Allan Roth, George Lindsey, David Neft, Earnshaw Cook, Dick Cramer, and others mentioned in *Hidden Game*. Beane, so prominent in *Moneyball*, recently said: “The dominant thought process in the game today is basically what they were writing 25 years ago.”

Cramer wrote of *moneyball* that it “became a general label for an emphasis on measurable quantities over subjective opinions when making organizational decisions.” This concept bled into economic theory, particularly that of investment—including the preference of John Henry, the Red Sox owner who hired Bill James.

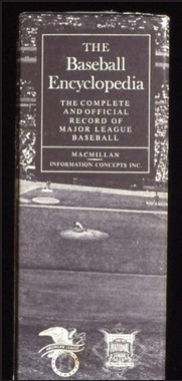
James has remarked that a meeting of baseball analysts at, say, a SABR convention in the early 1980s could have been—and, more or less, was—held in a hotel room. We were barely a tributary, miles from the mainstream. Today it’s hard to find a baseball professional who does not see the value of reviewing all the data available.



Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game



When Big Data Was Small, Dick Cramer, Nebraska, 2019



David Neft's landmark, nearing its 60th birthday

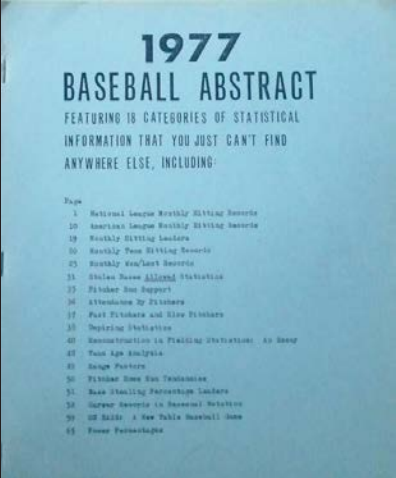
As general managers and managers came to understand that outs and runs are the currency of the game—as they always have been—they began to value on-base percentage, which measures not just the base that a batter reaches but the value of not using up an out. Keeping track of pitch counts was not merely a way to preserve your own pitchers’ arms, it was also a weapon: by having his batters work deep into counts, a manager might force the hand of his opposing number and sooner get the starting pitcher to withdraw.

The charm of the grand old game is that it appears to be the same as it ever was, or at least the same as in President McKinley’s day, but it has changed radically while charmingly retaining its essence. In terms of strategy the game is now hardly about baserunning and fielding at all, though recent sabermetric work in these areas may alter the balance yet again.

My personal Mt. Rushmore of baseball analysts consist of Bill James, Dick Cramer, Pete Palmer, and David Neft. All are well along in age, and younger fans might consider Sean Forman (baseball-reference.com) or Dave Smith

(Retrosheet.org) or Gary Huckabay (founder of Baseball Prospectus) or Larry Lester (Negro Leagues stats). Others may play, too!

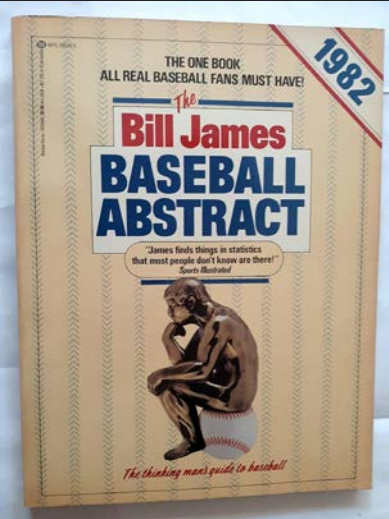
For me, first among these luminaries is Bill James, not for a particular statistical innovation but for the habits of mind—skepticism, reason, empiricism, rigor—that produced all of them. In short, he is hardly a statistician at all but, by his coinage of the term sabermetrics, he honored analysis based on evidence ... of precisely the sort that George Berkeley would have admired.



1977 Baseball Abstract; the compendium sold 70 copies by mail order

James was a night watchman in the Stokely-Van Camp baked-bean plant in Lawrence, Kansas. “I’d spend five minutes an hour making sure the furnaces didn’t blow up,” he later recalled, “and 55 minutes working on my numbers.” The result was the 1977 *Baseball Abstract* — *Featuring 18 Categories of Statistical Information that You Just Can’t Find Anywhere Else*. The 68-page pamphlet sold 70 copies via mail order for \$3.50 apiece, plus 50 cents for postage. Sales rose to 780 copies of the 1978 *Abstract* and, after an article in *Esquire*, spiked to about 2,200. He continued to work on the loading dock.

Dan Okrent, impressed with the *Baseball Abstracts* of 1977-1981, introduced him to the nation in *Sports Illustrated*, then inspired a commercial publication of the Abstract, by Ballantine Books, in 1982. It became a *New York Times* bestseller, inspiring a flood of analytical works that followed, including *Hidden Game* (under way at the time).



Dan Okrent’s article in Sports Illustrated in 1981 led to book publication of the Abstract

Teens who read James grew up to work in baseball, including Theo Epstein, whose Boston Red Sox hired him before the 2003 season. During their tenure the Bosox of James and Epstein won four World Series (after none since 1918).

More than forty years ago I observed that James had “revolutionized the way fans think about the game and the way professionals write about it.” Yet the Base Ball Writers Association of America (BBWAA), founded in 1908—and limiting its membership to writers covering MLB for daily newspapers, wire services and web outlets—has recognized only a handful of beat writers with a stats orientation: Hugh Fullerton, Joe Reichler, Leonard Koppett, Jayson Stark, and Tom Boswell. (Have I omitted some stats-loving scribbler? Apologies in advance.)

Since 1962, when the BBWAA instituted its Spink Award (recently renamed), only one nonmember of the organization has ever won its annual prize: Roger Angell in 2014. Bill James might one day be another, although if Chadwick earned a bronze plaque in Cooperstown as “The Father of the Game,” so might James, no less influential. Each has had a half-century’s career of unparalleled influence.

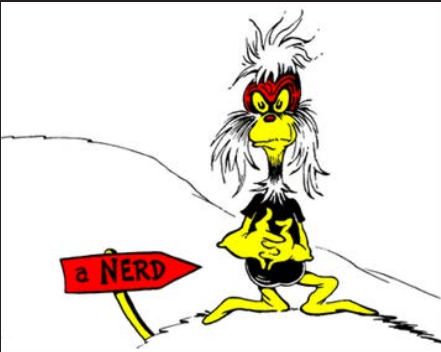
In 2009 SABR instituted a Henry Chadwick Award that in some measure “fills in the gaps” between the bronze citations of the Hall of Fame and the BBWAA. SABR’s “Chaddies” have often gone to stats folk:

Pete Palmer, Bill James, Lee Allen, Sean Forman, Dave Smith, F.C. Lane, John Thorn, John Tattersall, Cory Schwartz, Ernie Lanigan, Bill Deane, Dick Cramer, John Dewan, Larry Lester, Tom Ruane, Allan Roth, Leonard Koppett, Alan Nathan, Gary Ashwill, Tom Tango, Sarah Langs, Gary Gillette, Brian Kenny.

I remember the boyhood arguments about who was the better New York center fielder. Voices would rise until one of us would declare the matter settled in favor of Willie, Mickey, or the Duke. Wielding such cudgels as home runs, batting averages, RBIs, and World Series rings, we schoolyard scientists would settle nothing at all. The debate would be put aside to rage another day, maybe to invoke clutch performance or character.



Henry Chadwick, baseball reporter for The Clipper, ca. 1868



Dr. Seuss invented Nerd: the word and the critter, in “If I Ran the Zoo,” 1950

Baseball writers of that day were no better than large schoolboys, and by and large they hated stats geeks or nerds. But the “gee whiz” school of baseball writing, while not yet extinct, was on its way out. It is time to honor Bill James.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Catcher Cal Raleigh of the Seattle Mariners was named the American League Player of the Week, and outfielder Daylen Lile of the Washington Nationals was selected the National League Player of the Week.

Raleigh earned his third career award after previously winning twice in 2025 on June 2nd and June 23rd. It is the second award of the season for Seattle after his teammate Logan Gilbert won on June 22nd, and is the first award by a Mariners position player since his own pair of awards last June. Lile garnered honors for the first time in his career, marking the fifth award of the season for the Nationals along with James Wood (April 13th & July 13th); Luis García Jr. (June 29th); and CJ Abrams (July 27th). Washington's five awards are its most in a single season since the club also won five times in 2018.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Cal Raleigh
Seattle Mariners



Daylen Lile
Washington Nationals

Los Angeles Angels outfielder Wade Meckler earned his first career Play of the Week Award, marking the second honor of the season for the Angels after Jo Adell garnered honors on April 6th. Overall, it is the Angels' sixth honor since the inception of the award in 2019 and the second time the club has won multiple awards in a single season, joining 2024. Los Angeles garnered honors on August 17, 2020 (David Fletcher); August 21, 2023 (team triple play); July 8, 2024 (Kevin Pillar); August 5, 2024 (Pillar); and April 6, 2026 (Adell). With the Angels leading 3-1 with one out in the top of the ninth inning and runners on first and second base, Bryson Stott connected on a fly ball to deep right field as Meckler made a leaping catch at the wall, nearly falling into the stands to secure the catch and take away the go-ahead homer.



PLAY OF THE WEEK



Wade Meckler
Los Angeles Angels

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), 3 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
August 17 th	Pete Alonso, BAL .545 (12-for-22), 2 HR, 5 RBI, 1 2B, 4 BB, 5 R, .630 OBP, .864 SLG	Corbin Carroll, AZ .409 (9-for-22), 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 2B, 2 3B, 5 R, 1 SB, .519 OBP, 1.000 SLG	Tyler Tolbert's Diving Catch
August 24 th	Zach Neto, LAA .500 (14-for-28), 2 HR, 9 RBI, 4 2B, 1 3B, 5 R, 2 SB, .500 OBP, .929 SLG	Fernando Tatis Jr., BAL .480 (12-for-25), 4 HR, 11 RBI, 2 2B, 1 BB, 6 R, 1 SB, .481 OBP, 1.040 SLG	Fernando Tatis Jr.'s Grand Slam Robbery
August 31 st	Cal Raleigh, SEA .389 (7-for-18), 5 HR, 6 RBI, 1 2B, 5 BB, 6 R, .522 OBP, 1.278 SLG	Daylen Lile, WSH .458 (11-for-24), 3 HR, 10 RBI, 2 2B, 1 3B, 5 BB, 7 R, 1 SB, .533 OBP, 1.000 SLG	Wade Meckler's Home Run Robbery

MONTHLY AWARDS

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

August

AL – Jac Caglianone, Kansas City Royals

.411 (39-for-95), 6 HR, 26 RBI, 8 2B,
2 BB, 17 R, 3 SB, .429 OBP, .684 SLG, 1.113 OPS

NL – Pete Crow-Armstrong, Chicago Cubs

.280 (33-for-118), 14 HR, 28 RBI, 6 2B, 1 3B, 16 BB,
29 R, 6 SB, .366 OBP, .703 SLG, 1.069 OPS



PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

August

AL – Noah Cameron, Kansas City Royals

4-0, 1.87 ERA (7 ER/33.2 IP), 5 GS
18 H, 9 BB, 24 SO, 0.80 WHIP, .155 OPP. AVG

NL – Jesús Luzardo, Philadelphia Phillies

3-0, 1.31 ERA (5 ER/34.1 IP), 5 GS
21 H, 9 BB, 46 SO, 0.87 WHIP, .172 OPP. AVG



ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

August

AL – Tristan Peters, Chicago White Sox

.320 (24-for-75), 6 HR, 14 RBI, 6 2B,
10 BB, 14 R, .414 OBP, .640 SLG, 1.054 OPS

NL – Sal Stewart, Cincinnati Reds

.304 (35-for-115), 8 HR, 21 RBI, 2 2B,
7 BB, 21 R, .349 OBP, .530 SLG, .879 OPS



RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH

August

AL – Josh Hader, Houston Astros

0.00 ERA (0 ER/14.1 IP), 7-for-7 SV,
4 H, 1 BB, 15 SO, 0.35 WHIP, .085 OPP. AVG

NL – Trevor Megill, Milwaukee Brewers

0.00 ERA (0 ER/12.0 IP), 8-for-8 SV,
2 H, 3 BB, 7 SO, 0.42 WHIP, .053 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 (0 ER/9.2 IP), 7/7 SV, 4 H, 8 BB, 20 SO, 1.24 WHIP
June	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
July	CJ Abrams, WSH .348 (31-for-89) 10 HR, 23 RBI, 5 2B, 11 BB, 21 R, 6 SB, 1.249 OPS	Chris Sale, ATL 4-0, 2.00 ERA (6 ER/27.0 IP), 5 GS 18 H, 4 BB, 34 SO, 0.81 WHIP	Esmerlyn Valdez, PIT .250 (23-for-92) 8 HR, 25 RBI, 5 2B, 1 3B, 15 BB, 17 R, .942 OPS	Mason Miller, SD 0.82 ERA (1 ER/11.0 IP), 7/7 SV, 5 H, 2 BB, 19 SO, 0.64 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
July	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .360 (31-for-86), 9 HR, 22 RBI 4 2B, 17 BB, 15 R, 1.188 OPS	Dylan Cease, TOR 3-1, 1.00 ERA (4 ER/36.0 IP), 5 GS, 15 H, 11 BB, 46 SO, 0.72 WHIP	Chase DeLauter, CLE .298 (28-for-94), 4 HR, 14 RBI 6 2B, 11 BB, 12 R, .857 OPS	Aroldis Champan, BOS 0.78 ERA (1 ER/12.0 IP), 10/10 SV, 9 H, 5 BB, 17 SO, 1.17 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.

PCA: Pete Crow-Armstrong's 14 homers in August were the most by a player at age 24 or younger in a calendar month since Ken Griffey Jr. hit 15 in May 1994. On Sunday, he became the second Cubs player this year with five homers in a two-game span, joining Dansby Swanson. The Cubs are the second team in MLB history with two instances in one season, joining the 1947 Pirates, with Ralph Kiner doing it both times, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

NORTH SIDE POWER: The Cubs hit a franchise-record nine home runs on Monday, marking the fifth time in MLB history a team hit at least nine in a game. They finished August with 62 home runs, the second-most in a calendar month in MLB history behind only the Yankees' 74 in August 2019.

WHAT A DEBUT: On Tuesday, Lazaro Montes became the sixth player in Mariners history to homer in his MLB debut, joining 2019 Kyle Lewis, 2006 Kenji Johjima, 2004 Greg Dobbs, 1984 Alvin Davis and 1983 Jamie Nelson. At 21 years and 314 days, Montes is the youngest on the list. Montes was the first Mariners player with multiple hits in his MLB debut since Ichiro Suzuki in 2001.

WALK(ER) THIS WAY: Jordan Walker hit his 55th career home run on Tuesday. He's yet to homer off a specific pitcher twice. His 55 homers off 55 different pitchers is the second-longest streak of home runs off different pitchers to start a career, behind only Willy Adames' first 57.

RAFI: Rafael Devers hit his 32nd home run of the season on Wednesday. From 2005-24, no Giants player hit 30 homers for the team in a season. In 2025, Willy Adames got there on the final day of the season. This year, Devers got there before September. His 65 extra-base hits through Wednesday are the most by a Giants player in the team's first 140 games since 2004 Barry Bonds (66).

NO. 200: Ronald Acuña Jr. hit the 200th home run of his career on Wednesday. He also has 225 stolen bases in his career. By hitting his 200th homer in his 904th career game, Acuña became the fastest player in MLB history by games to reach at least 200 home runs and 200 stolen bases. He surpassed Alfonso Soriano, who got there in 929 games.

LEADOFF ROYALTY: Wednesday was Carter Jensen's sixth career leadoff homer. They have all been while playing catcher and come this year. That's two more leadoff homers as catcher in a career than anyone else in MLB history.

KEEPING RUNS OFF THE BOARD: Cam Schlittler allowed just one run on Wednesday...again. It was his 19th start this season allowing one or no runs, the most in a season in Yankees history. He broke a tie at 18 with 1978 Ron Guidry, 1964 Whitey Ford and 1904 Jack Chesbro. He has a 1.14 ERA on the road this year. That's the third-lowest ERA in a pitcher's first 16 road starts of a season since earned runs became official (1913), per Elias. He trails only 1968 Bob Gibson (0.81) and 1914 Claude Hendrix (0.94).

SUPER SAL: Sal Stewart leads MLB with 105 RBI entering Thursday. Just two rookies have led at least their league in RBI for a season (RBI official since 1920): 1950 Walt Dropo (144 RBI) and 1939 Ted Williams (144 RBI per Elias). Both led MLB. Will Stewart become the third? He hit his 30th home run on Saturday. Stewart is the 14th rookie in MLB history with at least 30 homers and 100 RBI in a season. The nine previous players to do it since the Rookie of the Year Award began (1947) all won it.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 922 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 1,296 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-six seconds. The 1,296 replay reviews consist of 1,129 Manager Challenges and 167 Crew Chief Reviews.

1,296 Replay Reviews
295 Confirmed (22.8%)
357 Stands (27.6%)
636 Overturned (49.1%)
4 Rules Check (0.3%)
4 Record Keeping (0.3%)
1:26 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

WALK THIS WAY: The White Sox rank third in the American League with 501 walks. They are on pace to finish with 584, which would be their third-highest total since 2000. Miguel Vargas ranks fourth in the American League with 86 walks, while rookie Munetaka Murakami ranks sixth with 81. They are attempting to become the first White Sox duo to draw at least 100 walks in the same season since Tony Phillips (125) and Frank Thomas (109) in 1996. Adam Dunn, with 105 walks in 2012, was the last White Sox player to reach 100. Murakami's 81 walks are a franchise rookie record, surpassing the previous mark of 79 set by Thurman Tucker in 1943. Vargas has drawn a walk in 15 of his last 18 games, including 10 consecutive games from August 19-29, the longest such streak by a White Sox player since Nick Swisher also walked in 10 straight games from July 11-25, 2008.

YOU DON'T KNOW JO: In 19 games since August 11, Jo Adell has recorded an American League-leading 21 RBI, trailing only the Cubs' Alex Bregman (28) for the most in the Majors during that span. Over that same stretch, Adell is batting .423 (11-for-26) with runners in scoring position. His 26 at-bats with runners in scoring position since August 11 are tied for the third most in the American League and tied for the fourth most in the Majors. As a team, the Guardians are batting .256 (45-for-176) with runners in scoring position during that span, ranking seventh in the American League. Adell's 83 RBI this season are tied with Minnesota's Josh Bell for the fifth most in the American League.

WONDERS NEVER CEASE: Dylan Cease earned his 10th win of the season last night, tossing 6.0 scoreless innings while allowing four hits and no walks with four strikeouts on 83 pitches, including 56 strikes. Cease has allowed just one run over his last seven road outings, posting a 0.18 ERA with one earned run allowed across 48.2 innings, along with a 0.70 WHIP, 34.7 percent strikeout rate and 35.9 percent chase rate while holding opponents to a .107 batting average. His 0.18 ERA marks the lowest road ERA over a seven-start span within a single season in the Majors since 1913, ahead of Roger Clemens (0.20 in 2005), Bob Gibson (0.28 in 1968) and Gaylord Perry (0.30 in 1977). Cease's 221 strikeouts are the second most through a pitcher's first 26 games of a season in franchise history, trailing only Roger Clemens' 226 in 1997.

THREE LETTERS COME TO MIND...: Pete Crow-Armstrong's fWAR has increased to 9.3 and continues to lead the Majors. Per Baseball-Reference, his 8.3 WAR also leads the Majors. Crow-Armstrong has nine leadoff home runs this season, the second most in a single season in Cubs history, trailing only Alfonso Soriano's 12 in 2007. In August, Crow-Armstrong hit 14 home runs, tied for the fifth most in a calendar month in Cubs history, trailing Sammy Sosa's 20 in June 1998, 17 in August 2001 and 15 in August 1999, as well as Andre Dawson's 15 in August 1987. According to MLBStats, Crow-Armstrong's five games this season with at least 10 total bases are tied for the second most in a single season in Major League history, trailing Nelson Cruz's six in 2019. Crow-Armstrong has recorded six games with at least one home run and one stolen base this season, the most such games in the Majors, ahead of Jackson Merrill (five). Crow-Armstrong went 1-for-3 with two walks and two runs scored Wednesday. His home run and RBI totals remain at 38 and 91, respectively.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: The Giants enter today tied for the Major League lead with 15 players having made their debuts this season, along with the White Sox. San Francisco can match its San Francisco-era record, dating to 1958, of 16 players if catcher Zach Morgan appears in a game. Of the 28 players on San Francisco's active roster, nine have made their Major League debuts this season. Additionally, 13 of the 28 players on the active roster still have rookie status. If Morgan appears at catcher, he would become the seventh Giants catcher used this season, tying the franchise's San Francisco-era record set in 2022. It would also mark just the sixth time in franchise history the Giants have used seven catchers in a season, joining 1884, 1892, 1915, 1926 and 2022. On Tuesday, left-hander Cesar Perdomo became the 63rd player to appear in a Giants uniform this season. San Francisco is approaching the franchise record of 66 players used in 2022.

GOOD SCHLITT: Cam Schlichter has gone 12-6 with a 2.04 ERA, allowing 39 earned runs across 171.2 innings with 210 strikeouts in 29 starts this season. Schlichter has allowed three runs or fewer in 25 of his 29 starts this season and two runs or fewer in 22 of those starts. He has allowed one run or fewer in a Major League-best 19 starts, establishing a new single-season franchise record after entering Wednesday tied with Ron Guidry (18 in 1978), Whitey Ford (18 in 1964) and Jack Chesbro (18 in 1904). Schlichter is one of four Yankees pitchers, five times overall, in franchise history to record at least 200 strikeouts in a season at age 25 or younger, joining Luis Severino (230 in 2017 and 220 in 2018), Al Downing (217 in 1964) and Bob Turley (210 in 1955). He is also only the second pitcher drafted and signed by the Yankees to record 200 strikeouts in a season, joining Ron Guidry, who accomplished the feat in 1978 and 1979.

GIVE ME A BREAK: In 43 games since the All-Star break, Francisco Lindor is batting .244 with 25 runs scored, six doubles, one triple, 10 home runs, 24 RBI and 21 walks. Lindor went 1-for-6 Wednesday against Tampa Bay. That compares to a .216/.298/.373 slash line with 22 runs scored, three doubles, three triples, five home runs, 12 RBI, 16 walks and a .671 OPS over 40 games in the first half of the season.

AMERICA'S SHORTSTOP: In 27 games since returning from the injured list on August 4, Bobby Witt Jr. is batting .305 (32-for-105) with 27 runs scored. Witt went 1-for-4 with one run, one walk and one stolen base last night against Miami. Witt, who has won the American League Rawlings Gold Glove Award at shortstop in each of the last two seasons and the American League Platinum Glove Award last year, leads players at all positions with 24 Outs Above Average in 2026. Witt ranks among the American League leaders in fWAR and remains one of the top position players in the Majors this season. Since his 2022 debut, he leads the Majors with 186 stolen bases.

MORILLO'S SILENT AUGUST: Juan Morillo recorded 11 scoreless appearances in August, allowing eight hits and four walks with 10 strikeouts across 10.2 innings. He became just the third Diamondbacks reliever to record at least 10 scoreless appearances in August, joining Joe Paterson in 2011 and J.J. Putz in 2012. Morillo has carried that run into September, tossing another scoreless inning Wednesday against Philadelphia to earn his third save of the season. He allowed no hits and one walk while striking out two, extending his scoreless streak to 17 consecutive appearances.



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)



Thursday, September 3rd:	Boston Red Sox @ Baltimore Orioles Milwaukee Brewers @ Chicago Cubs	7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	FOX FOX
Friday, September 4th:	Los Angeles Angels @ Pittsburgh Pirates Detroit Tigers @ Cleveland Guardians	6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Apple TV Apple TV
Saturday, September 5th:	Arizona Diamondbacks @ Houston Astros New York Yankees @ San Diego Padres	7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	FOX FOX
Sunday, September 6th:	Atlanta Braves @ Philadelphia Phillies Minnesota Twins @ Chicago White Sox	1:10 p.m. 6:20 p.m.	NBC/Peacock Peacock/NBCSN
Monday, September 7th:	St. Louis Cardinals @ San Francisco Giants	8:10 p.m.	NBC/Peacock
Tuesday, September 8th:	Houston Astros @ Philadelphia Phillies	6:40 p.m.	TBS

POSTSEASON RACES HEATING UP IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

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

Thursday, September 3rd:	Toronto Blue Jays @ Cleveland Guardians Athletics @ Seattle Mariners	1:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.
Friday, September 4th:	Detroit Tigers @ Cleveland Guardians San Francisco Giants @ New York Mets	2:10 p.m. 7:10 p.m.
Saturday, September 5th:	Chicago Cubs @ Miami Marlins	4:10 p.m.
Sunday, September 6th:	Washington Nationals @ Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
Monday, September 7th:	Los Angeles Angels @ Boston Red Sox Washington Nationals @ San Diego Padres	1:35 p.m. 5:10 p.m.
Tuesday, September 8th:	Texas Rangers @ Seattle Mariners	9:40 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9th:	Minnesota Twins @ Detroit Tigers Texas Rangers @ Seattle Mariners Tampa Bay Rays @ Atlanta Braves Cincinnati Reds @ Los Angeles Dodgers	1:10 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 10:10 p.m.
Thursday, September 10th:	Houston Astros @ Philadelphia Phillies Colorado Rockies @ New York Yankees	1:05 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

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