



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

September 24, 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	96-62	.608	—
AL Central	W-L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	82-76	.519	—
Chicago	81-77	.513	1.0
AL West	W-L	PCT.	GB
Houston	78-80	.494	—
Texas	78-80	.494	—
Seattle	74-84	.468	3.0



AL Wild Card Race

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

Club	W-L	PCT.	GB
New York	91-67	.576	—
Boston	85-73	.538	—
Chicago	81-77	.513	—
Texas	78-80	.494	3.0
Baltimore	78-81	.491	3.5

BOS trails NYY by 6.0 G

CWS trails BOS by 4.0 G; trails NYY by 10.0 G



THURSDAY & FRIDAY CLINCH SCENARIOS

- The Cleveland Guardians can clinch a Postseason berth today with a win at Boston OR a loss by the Rangers vs. New York Mets OR a loss by the Astros at the Athletics.
- The Chicago White Sox can clinch a Postseason berth today with a win at Kansas City.
- The Boston Red Sox can clinch the #5 seed in the American League today with a win vs. Cleveland OR a loss by the White Sox at Kansas City.
- The Cleveland Guardians can clinch the AL Central tomorrow with wins today at Boston and tomorrow at Kansas City AND losses by the White Sox today vs. New York Mets and tomorrow at Minnesota.
- The Houston Astros can clinch the AL West tomorrow with wins today and tomorrow at the Athletics AND losses by the Rangers today vs. New York Mets and tomorrow at Minnesota.

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

2026	BAL	BOS	CWS	CLE	HOU	NYY	SEA	TB	TEX
vs. BAL		9-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	4-3 (0)	1-5 (0)	8-2 (3)	4-3 (0)	5-8 (0)	4-2 (0)
vs. BOS	4-9 (0)		0-6 (0)	2-3 (1)	5-1 (0)	7-6 (0)	3-3 (0)	7-6 (0)	3-3 (0)
vs. CWS	4-2 (0)	6-0 (0)		6-7 (0)	5-2 (0)	4-3 (0)	3-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	2-4 (0)
vs. CLE	3-4 (0)	3-2 (1)	7-6 (0)		4-2 (0)	4-2 (0)	3-4 (0)	5-1 (0)	4-2 (0)
vs. HOU	5-1 (0)	1-5 (0)	2-5 (0)	2-4 (0)		3-3 (0)	10-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	4-9 (0)
vs. NYY	2-8 (3)	6-7 (0)	3-4 (0)	2-4 (0)	3-3 (0)		2-4 (0)	7-5 (1)	2-4 (0)
vs. SEA	3-4 (0)	3-3 (0)	3-3 (0)	4-3 (0)	3-10 (0)	4-2 (0)		5-1 (0)	8-5 (0)
vs. TB	8-5 (0)	6-7 (0)	2-4 (0)	1-5 (0)	2-4 (0)	5-7 (1)	1-5 (0)		3-4 (0)
vs. TEX	2-4 (0)	3-3 (0)	4-2 (0)	2-4 (0)	9-4 (0)	4-2 (0)	5-8 (0)	4-3 (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	93-65	.589	-
NL Central	W-L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	99-59	.627	-
NL West	W-L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	97-61	.614	-



NL Wild Card Race

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

Club	W-L	PCT.	GB
San Diego	88-70	.557	-
Chicago	87-71	.551	-
Philadelphia	87-71	.551	-
Arizona	84-74	.532	4.0

CHC/PHI trail SD by 1.0 G



THURSDAY & FRIDAY CLINCH SCENARIOS

- The Chicago Cubs can clinch a Postseason berth today with a win vs. Miami OR a loss by the Diamondbacks at Colorado.
- The Philadelphia Phillies can clinch a Postseason berth today with a win vs. Milwaukee AND a loss by either the Diamondbacks at Colorado or the Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers.
- The Milwaukee Brewers can clinch the #1 seed in the National League and home-field advantage throughout the Postseason today with a win at Philadelphia AND a loss by the Dodgers vs. San Diego.
- The Los Angeles Dodgers can clinch a bye in the Wild Card Series and home-field advantage in the Division Series today with a win vs. San Diego OR a loss by the Braves vs. Cincinnati.

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

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

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

IF THE POSTSEASON BEGAN TODAY...

AL Wild Card Series

(best of three series, all at higher seed)



Chicago (#6)

@



Houston (#3)



Boston (#5)

@



New York (#4)

AL Division Series

(best of five series)



HOU/CWS

@



Cleveland (#2)



NYN/BOS

@



Tampa Bay (#1)

NL Wild Card Series

(best of three series, all at higher seed)



Philadelphia (#6)

@



Atlanta (#3)



Chicago (#5)

@



San Diego (#4)

NL Division Series

(best of five series)



ATL/PHI

@



Los Angeles (#2)



SD/CHC

@



Milwaukee (#1)

World Series Home Field Priority

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



World Series

2026

Capital One



LET’S GET WILD

Since the Wild Card began in 1995, 16 teams have made it to the World Series after entering the Postseason as a Wild Card, with eight of those teams going on to win the World Series. In 2023, the Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers played in the third-ever all-Wild Card World Series, joining the 2014 and 2002 Fall Classics. Thirty-three Wild Card teams have made it to at least their League Championship Series, most recently the New York Mets in 2024, falling to the Los Angeles Dodgers (4-2) in the NLCS. Since the start of the Wild Card Game in 2012, 15 teams have made it to at least their League Championship Series.

The group of 16 Wild Card teams to appear in the World Series consists of the 2023 Rangers and Diamondbacks; the 2022 Philadelphia Phillies; the 2019 Washington Nationals; the 2014 San Francisco Giants and Kansas City Royals; the 2011 St. Louis Cardinals; the 2007 Colorado Rockies; the 2006 Detroit Tigers; the 2005 Houston Astros; the 2004 Boston Red Sox; the 2003 Florida Marlins; the 2002 Anaheim Angels and Giants; the 2000 Mets; and the 1997 Marlins. Of the 16 teams, the ‘23 Rangers; the ‘19 Nationals; the ‘14 Giants; the ‘11 Cardinals; the ‘04 Red Sox; the ‘03 and ‘97 Marlins; and the ‘02 Angels have each won the World Series.

Entering play on Thursday, the Tampa Bay Rays and New York Yankees are the only clubs to have their Postseason seeds locked in with Tampa Bay holding the top seed in the AL and New York guaranteed to host a Wild Card Series as the fourth seed. The Cleveland Guardians and Chicago White Sox are battling it out for the AL Central title, while the Rangers and Houston Astros are currently tied for the AL West lead.

The Milwaukee Brewers, Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves have all won their division with Milwaukee having clinched a first-round bye on the cusp of their first 100-win season in franchise history. Entering play on Thursday, the Dodgers are two wins behind the Brewers for the top seed (with Milwaukee holding the head-to-head tie-breaker).



Wild Card Teams in World Series		
Year	Team	World Series Result
2023	Texas Rangers	Won, 4-1 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
2023	Arizona Diamondbacks	Lost, 4-1 vs. Texas Rangers
2022	Philadelphia Phillies	Lost, 4-2 vs. Houston Astros
2019	Washington Nationals	Won, 4-3 vs. Houston Astros
2014	San Francisco Giants	Won, 4-3 vs. Kansas City Royals
2014	Kansas City Royals	Lost, 4-3 vs. San Francisco Giants
2011	St. Louis Cardinals	Won, 4-3 vs. Texas Rangers
2007	Colorado Rockies	Lost, 4-0 vs. Boston Red Sox
2006	Detroit Tigers	Lost, 4-1 vs. St. Louis Cardinals
2005	Houston Astros	Lost, 4-0 vs. Chicago White Sox
2004	Boston Red Sox	Won, 4-0 vs. St. Louis Cardinals
2003	Florida Marlins	Won, 4-2 vs. New York Yankees
2002	Anaheim Angels	Won, 4-3 vs. San Francisco Giants
2002	San Francisco Giants	Lost, 4-2 vs. Anaheim Angels
2000	New York Mets	Lost, 4-1 vs. New York Yankees
1997	Florida Marlins	Won, 4-3 vs. Cleveland Indians



2026 INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2026 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	325-379	.240 (5,665-for-23,572)	4.32
National League	379-325	.247 (5,885-for-23,778)	4.01

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.

20/20 VISION

Entering play on Thursday, 16 players have already achieved a 20/20 season including CJ Abrams and James Wood of the Washington Nationals; Ronald Acuña Jr. of the Atlanta Braves; Randy Arozarena and Julio Rodríguez of the Seattle Mariners; Corbin Carroll of the Arizona Diamondbacks; Jackson Chourio of the Milwaukee Brewers; Pete Crow-Armstrong of the Chicago Cubs; Oneil Cruz of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Elly De La Cruz of the Cincinnati Reds; Jarren Duran of the Boston Red Sox; Jackson Merrill and Fernando Tatis Jr. of the San Diego Padres; Zach Neto of the Los Angeles Angels; Miguel Vargas of the Chicago White Sox; and Jordan Walker of the St. Louis Cardinals. The 16 players are currently the fifth-most of any season all-time trailing the record 24 players who reached the mark in 2025; and 19 players each in 1999, 2023 and 2024.

Since Major League Baseball introduced new rules at the start of 2023, there have been 78 instances of a player hitting 20 home runs and stealing 20 bases in a season, compared to 38 instances in the prior four full seasons from 2018-2022. Since Baseball expanded to 30 teams in 1998, there were 231 player seasons of at least 20 homers and 20 stolen bases, which averages to 9.2 players per Major League season. Comparitively, there have been 19.5 players per season to reach 20/20 from 2023-2026.

Of the 16 players to already achieve 20/20 this year, six are under the age of 25, including Crow-Armstrong (24); De La Cruz (24); Walker (24); Wood (23); Merrill (23); and Chourio (22). The six such players are the third-most in a single season, trailing 2025 (9 players under 25 with 20/20 season); and 2024 (8 players). Since 2023, 28 of the 78 campaigns have come from players under the age of 25 (35.9%) compared to 17.3% (40) of the 231 seasons of 20 homers and 20 stolen bases from 1998-2022.

Entering the weekend, there are six players who are within at least three home runs and/or three stolen bases including rookie Carson Benge (19 HR/22 SB) of the New York Mets; Jazz Chisholm Jr. (19 HR/41 SB) of the New York Yankees; Dansby Swanson (19 HR/17 SB) of the Cubs; Brice Turang (20 HR/19 SB) of the Brewers; Trea Turner (19 HR/21 SB) of the Philadelphia Phillies; and Bobby Witt Jr. (18 HR/43 SB) of the Kansas City Royals.

If Swanson and Turang both reach the mark, there would be five teams with multiple 20/20 players including the Nationals, Mariners, Padres, Cubs and Brewers. In 2025, the Cubs, Mariners, Diamondbacks and Mets each had at least two 20/20 players, tying 1999 (HOU, SEA, ATL, PIT) and 1987 (CIN, DET, NYM, PIT) for the most clubs in a single season with teammates to reach 20/20. 2026 marks the eighth time in Baseball history that at least three clubs had teammates reach 20/20, per Elias.

Leading the group of 20/20 players is Crow-Armstrong, who swiped his 40th bag of the season earlier today. He has now stolen eight bases in September, matching June for his most in a single month this season, and has three stolen bases in his last four games. It marks the seventh time in Baseball history that a player hit at least 40 home runs and stole 40 bases with Crow-Armstrong joining Shohei Ohtani (54 HR/59 SB in 2024); Acuña (41 HR/73 SB in 2023); Alfonso Soriano (46 HR/41 SB in 2006); Alex Rodriguez (42 HR/46 SB in 1998); Barry Bonds (42 HR/40 SB in 1996); and Jose Canseco (42 HR/40 SB in 1988). Of the group, Crow-Armstrong is the third-youngest to accomplish the feat, younger than only Rodriguez (age 22 season) and Canseco (age 23 season). His 45 home runs are the most by a player aged 24-or-younger in franchise history, surpassing Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, who had 44 homers in 1955 in his age-24 season.

PLAYERS WITH 17+ HR & 17+ SB IN 2026		
Player	HR	SB
Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC	45	39
Miguel Vargas, CWS	33	20
CJ Abrams, WSH	33	33
James Wood, WSH	30	21
Elly De La Cruz, CIN	29	29
Jordan Walker, STL	28	21
Zach Neto, LAA	26	23
Jackson Merrill, SD	26	26
Randy Arozarena, SEA	26	25
Fernando Tatis Jr., SD	25	36
Jackson Chourio, MIL	24	22
Corbin Carroll, AZ	22	21
Julio Rodríguez, SEA	21	22
Brice Turang, MIL	20	19
Jarren Duran, BOS	20	20
Oneil Cruz, PIT	20	28
Ronald Acuña Jr., ATL	20	20
Trea Turner, PHI	19	21
Dansby Swanson, CHC	19	17
Jazz Chisholm Jr., NYY	19	41
Carson Benge, NYM	19	22
Bobby Witt Jr., KC	18	43

Chart sorted by HR

ALL-TIME 40/40 SEASONS			
Player	Year	HR	SB
Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC	2026	45	39*
Shohei Ohtani, LAD	2024	54	59
Ronald Acuña Jr., ATL	2023	41	73
Alfonso Soriano, WSH	2006	46	41
Alex Rodriguez	1998	42	46
Barry Bonds, SF	1996	42	40
Jose Canseco, OAK	1988	42	40

*Stats entering Thursday; PCA reached 40 SB Thursday afternoon





FAREWELL, JV

Three-time Cy Young Award winner, two-time World Series Champion and 2011 American League Most Valuable Player Justin Verlander is set to make his final start of his 21-year career on Saturday against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The 43-year-old right-hander, who has been on the Injured List since early April, was named to the American League All-Star team as a “Legend Pick”, and was honored during the festivities of the 96th All-Star Game in Philadelphia. In 556 starts across 21 Major League seasons, Verlander has compiled a career record of 266-159 with a 3.33 ERA. Following his start on Sunday, he will finish his career with 382 starts with the Tigers, 130 starts with the Houston Astros, 29 starts with the San Francisco Giants and 16 starts with the New York Mets.

One of the most accomplished pitchers in the National Pastime’s history, Verlander registered 3,554 strikeouts in 3,571.1 innings pitched while tossing 26 complete games, including nine shutouts. The Virginia native burst onto the scene in 2006, winning 17 games and helping propel the Tigers to the Fall Classic before taking home the Jackie Robinson AL Rookie of the Year Award. Verlander produced a historic 2011 season, going 24-5 with a 2.40 ERA and 250 strikeouts in 251.0 innings to claim the AL’s pitching Triple Crown while being named a unanimous Cy Young Award winner and the first starting pitcher to win the AL MVP in 25 years.

The second overall pick in the 2004 MLB Draft added 17 wins and a 3.58 ERA across 226.0 innings pitched in his Postseason career. Verlander pitched parts of seven seasons with the Houston Astros and helped the franchise to World Series titles in 2017 and 2022 while also claiming his second and third AL Cy Young Awards in 2017 and 2021. His 5.21 career Cy Young shares rank third all-time behind only Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson.

One of only 11 pitchers in Major League history to eclipse 3,500 career strikeouts, Verlander ranks eighth all-time in strikeouts and his 266 victories are tied for 36th all-time. The Old Dominion product tossed three no-hitters during his legendary career, making him one of just six pitchers in history to accomplish the feat on at least three occasions.

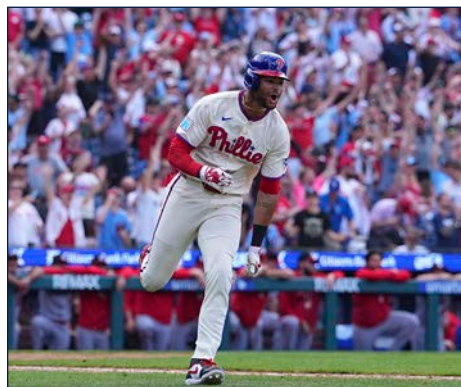




DEVELOPS

2026 MLB DEVELOPS DEBUTS

JUSTIN CRAWFORD: The 2026 season saw nine MLB Develops alumni realize their Big League dreams. On Opening Day, Justin Crawford made his Major League debut with the Philadelphia Phillies in centerfield following four years in the Minor Leagues with the Phillies organization. The Hank Aaron Invitational, DREAM Series and Breakthrough Series alumni has played in over 90 percent of the Phillies games this season, making a name for himself in center with a .996 fielding percentage, a mark that ranks in the top 15 of the National League.



CAMERON FOSTER: On April 16th, Cameron Foster toed the rubber for the Baltimore Orioles in his debut, tossing a scoreless 1.2 frames with three strikeouts. The DREAM Series and Houston Astros Nike RBI alumni received the call to the Big Leagues following four seasons in the Minors, having spent time in both the Mets and Orioles organizations.

TRAVIS BAZZANA: On April 28th, the first overall selection in the 2024 Draft and the Cleveland Guardians top prospect, Travis Bazzana made his debut following three seasons in the Minors. The International College Showcase alumni did nothing but hit since his debut, becoming the fifth Guardians rookie and fourth Australian-born player to be named an All-Star. The 24-year-old joined Oscar Mercado (2019) as the only rookies in Guardians franchise history to record 20-or-more doubles, 15-or-more homers, and 15-or-more stolen bases.



ELMER RODRIGUEZ: One day following Bazzana's debut, Elmer Rodriguez took the mound as the New York Yankees starting pitcher against the Rangers. The Nike RBI alumni was named the Yankees' 2025 Minor League Player of the Year by Baseball America a season before making his debut and became the third Yankees pitcher since 2008 to make his Major League debut as a starting pitcher at age 22-or-younger.

LuJAMES GROOVER: On June 5th, LuJames Groover made his MLB debut with the Arizona Diamondbacks following four seasons in the Minors. At the time of his promotion, the Breakthrough Series alumni was hitting .322 with an .873 OPS for the Triple-A Reno Aces.

BRADEN MONTGOMERY: Four days following the promotion of Groover, the switch-hitting Braden Montgomery made his long-awaited debut with the Chicago White Sox. In one of the most historic debuts in recent history, the Breakthrough Series and Hank Aaron Invitational alumni became just the fifth player in MLB history to hit a walk-off homer in their debut game. Montgomery finished his debut going 2-for-5 with three RBI and has been an everyday player since debuting.



GEORGE LOMBARD JR: On August 4th, New York Yankees top prospect George Lombard Jr. made his debut following four seasons in the Minors. A year after fellow Develops alumni Elmer Rodriguez earned Baseball America's Yankees Minor League Player of the Year, Lombard earned the recognition for 2026 and has been productive for the Yankees since his debut. Across just 40 games, the Hank Aaron Invitational alumni has connected on six homers and driven in 21 runs while tying for sixth-most defensive runs saved (seven, per FanGraphs) among all Major League shortstops, despite playing only 355.2 innings at the position.

YOHANDY MORALES: On September 1st, Yohandy Morales, a States Play alumni, debuted with the Washington Nationals following four seasons in the Minors. Morales was named the Puerto Rican Winter League Finals MVP and Caribbean Series All-Star in the winter of 2025-26 before debuting and became the eighth player in Nationals history to homer for his first hit. Through just 15 games, the 24-year-old has collected 12 hits, four homers and 10 RBI.



SCOTT BANDURA: On September 13th, Scott Bandura marked the final Develops debut of the season as he debuted with the San Francisco Giants. The Breakthrough Series and Philadelphia Phillies Nike RBI alumni became the fourth Giants hitter and the first since 2017 to record at least one hit, run and walk in a debut game since 2000.

ROOKIE RECAP



**Kevin McGonigle,
Detroit Tigers**

22-year-old Kevin McGonigle was one of eight rookies to make their debut on March 26th, and just one of four rookies to be selected to an All-Star team. At 21 years, 220 days old, he became the second-youngest player in franchise history to make a debut on Opening Day. The Media, Pennsylvania native proved to be an all-around asset for Detroit at the plate this season, joining Hall of Famer Ted Williams as the only rookies in Baseball history with at least 95 runs, 27 doubles, 17 homers, 70 RBI and 94 walks in a rookie campaign. The 37th overall selection in the 2023 Draft worked three walks against the Blue Jays on September 15th, giving him 91 walks on the season and making him the eighth player in MLB history to exceed both 90 walks and runs in a rookie season. As of September 24th, McGonigle's 6.9 bWAR is the best mark by any position player in the American League and the third-highest mark amongst all position players, trailing only Pete Crow-Armstrong (9.8) and Brice Turang (7.2).

22-year-old Walbert Ureña toed the rubber for his Major League debut on March 26th in a relief role and made his first start on April 19th. As of September 24th Ureña's .203 opponents' batting average ranks second and his 2.74 ERA ranks third among all MLB rookies. The Mao, Dominican Republic native's 140 strikeouts are the second-most by a pitcher in their first MLB season in Angels history. Ureña has nine wins to go along with his 2.74 ERA as he is vying to become the third American League pitcher in MLB history to finish a season with nine-or-more wins and a sub-3.00 ERA in an age 22-or-younger season (Francisco Liriano, 2006 & Trevor Cahill, 2010). Announced on Saturday, Ureña became the first rookie to win the Club's Nick Adenhart Pitcher of the Year Award. The right-hander is the first Angels rookie to record nine wins in a season since Jaime Barria's 10 wins in 2018.



**Walbert Ureña,
Los Angeles Angels**



**Munetaka Murakami,
Chicago White Sox**

26-year-old Munetaka Murakami began his MLB career following a successful, eight-year career in Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball. Joining the White Sox as a highly touted international prospect, Murakami's power has been on full display in his rookie season. As of September 24th, the Kumamoto, Japan native's 33 homers are tied for the MLB rookie lead and are the third-most homers by a rookie in White Sox history, trailing only José Abreu, who hit 36 during his 2014 Rookie of the Year campaign and Ron Kittle, who also earned Rookie of the Year honors after slugging 35 homers in 1983. The first baseman became the fourth Japanese-born player in MLB history to record a 30-homer season, joining Shohei Ohtani, Seiya Suzuki and Hideki Matsui. Murakami's 91 walks are a White Sox rookie record as he worked a walk in nine consecutive games from July 11th-24th, marking the longest streak since Jim Thome walked in nine consecutive games in 2009. Murakami became the ninth rookie All-Star in franchise history and the first Japanese-born All-Star in White Sox history.



22-year-old Sal Stewart entered his rookie season after appearing in 18 games with the Reds at the end of last season. The Miami, Florida native quickly became an essential part of the Reds offense, setting a Reds single-season rookie record as he appeared in his 158th game of the season on Wednesday. The Westminster Christian High School product's 32 homers are the second-most by a rookie in franchise history and trail only Hall of Famer Frank Robinson's 38 during his 1956 rookie campaign. His 161 hits lead all National League rookies and are the most by a Reds hitter in a rookie season since Pete Rose connected on 170 base knocks in 1963. The 32nd overall pick in the 2022 Draft earned National League Rookie of the Month honors both in March/April and August, becoming the first Reds rookie to earn the monthly honor multiple times in a season. The infielder leads all Reds hitters with 32 homers, 110 RBI and 161 hits. His 100 RBI are tied with Baltimore's Pete Alonso and trail only St. Louis' Alec Burleson as the 2026 All-Star aims to join Hall of Famer Ted Williams and Walt Dropps as the third rookie since 1920 to lead the Majors in RBI.



**Sal Stewart,
Cincinnati Reds**



**Carson Benge,
New York Mets**

23-year-old Carson Benge made his Major League debut on Opening Day with the New York Mets following just two seasons in the Minors. Having earned the role of an everyday player, the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma native has appeared in 152 games (as of September 24th). With his 159 base knocks on the season, the Oklahoma State University product surpassed Pete Alonso's Mets rookie record for hits and his 22 stolen bases are the third-most by a Mets rookie, trailing only teammate and fellow rookie A.J. Ewing and Mookie Wilson. Aside from his .275/.338/.420 slash line, Benge has proven to be an asset in the field, as his nine outfield assists are tied for the third-most in the Majors and are tied for the fourth-most by a rookie in Mets franchise history. Among all National League rookies, Benge ranks second in fWAR (3.8) and homers (19); tied for second in hits (159); third in RBI (62), extra-base hits (43) and average (.275); and sixth in OPS (.758).

24-year-old JJ Wetherholt made his debut on Opening Day with the St. Louis Cardinals following two seasons and 138 games in the Minor Leagues across Single-A, Double-A and Triple-A. The Baltimore, Maryland native has appeared in 136 games, with 128 spent at second base and 12 spent at shortstop. Along with teammates Masyn Winn and Thomas Saggese, the trio of 24-year-olds combined for their 300th defensive appearance at second base and shortstop this season on Wednesday, matching the previous record of games played at the position by players aged 24-or-younger set in 1941 by Marty Marion and Frank Crespi. The West Virginia University product's 64 walks from the leadoff spot are the second-most by a Cardinals rookie behind only Dan Blasingame's 70 in 1956 and are the most by any rookie since Mike Trout worked 67 walks in his 2012 American League Rookie of the Year campaign. His 89 runs scored are the most by a Cardinals rookie since Albert Pujols' 112 in 2001 and his four leadoff homers are the most ever by a Cards rookie. Aside from his hitting accolades, the middle infielder ranks second in all of Baseball in Fielding Run Value (22), runs prevents (18) and outs above average (24).



**JJ Wetherholt,
St. Louis Cardinals**





WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Since September 17th, four players have made their Major League debut, including two pitchers and two position players.

There have now been 254 players to make their Major League debut this season, including 145 pitchers and 109 position players.

- 24-year-old Bo Davidson, the San Francisco Giants’ eighth overall prospect per *MLB Pipeline* made his Major League debut on Monday at Oracle Park against the Minnesota Twins. In the Giants’ 5-2 victory, Davidson became just the second player in Giants franchise history to steal a base, record a hit and score a run in their MLB debut, joining Johnny Vergez, who did so in his debut game on April 14, 1931.
- 29-year-old Josh Hendrickson made his debut with the Houston Astros on Wednesday against the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park. In his debut outing, the 38th round pick of the 2019 Draft fired 2.0 innings in relief, allowing one run on two hits with three strikeouts. The Perth, Australia native became the 26th Australian-born pitcher to debut in the Major Leagues and the first in Astros franchise history.

Overall, the Giants pace the Majors with 17 players making their debut this season, followed by the Toronto Blue Jays with 16 and the Chicago White Sox with 15. The Twins have seen 14 players make their debut and the St. Louis Cardinals have had 13. The Colorado Rockies follow with 12 players making their debut, trailed by the Cleveland Guardians and Washington Nationals with 10. The teams with nine players making their debut include the Detroit Tigers, Astros, Miami Marlins, New York Mets and Texas Rangers. The teams with eight players making their debut include the Arizona Diamondbacks, Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Mariners, followed by the Cincinnati Reds, Los Angeles Angels and Milwaukee Brewers with seven each. The teams with six players making their debut include the Athletics, Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays. The Chicago Cubs and San Diego Padres have each seen five players make their debut while the Atlanta Braves have seen four. The Los Angeles Dodgers have had three players make their debut and the Kansas City Royals are the lone team with two players making their Major League debut this season.

MLB Debuts, September 17 th -September 23 rd			
PLAYER	CLUB	POSITION	DEBUT DATE
José Rodríguez	Toronto Blue Jays	RHP	September 18 th
Bo Davidson	San Francisco Giants	RF/DH	September 21 st
Aaron Sabato	Minnesota Twins	1B	September 21 st
Josh Hendrickson	Houston Astros	LHP	September 23 rd



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

10,310 CHALLENGES
5,563 OVERTURNED
4,747 CONFIRMED

BATTERS

49%

OVERTURNS

4,666 CHALLENGES
2,285 OVERTURNED
2,381 CONFIRMED

FIELDERS

58%

OVERTURNS

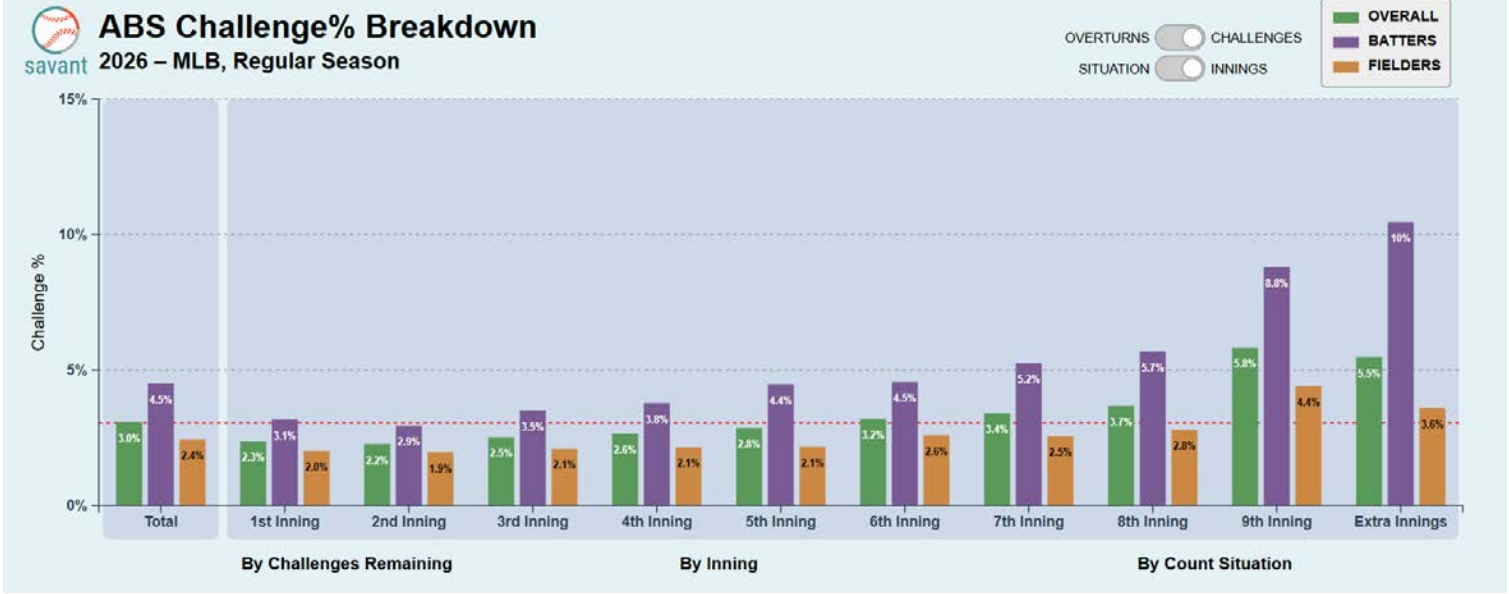
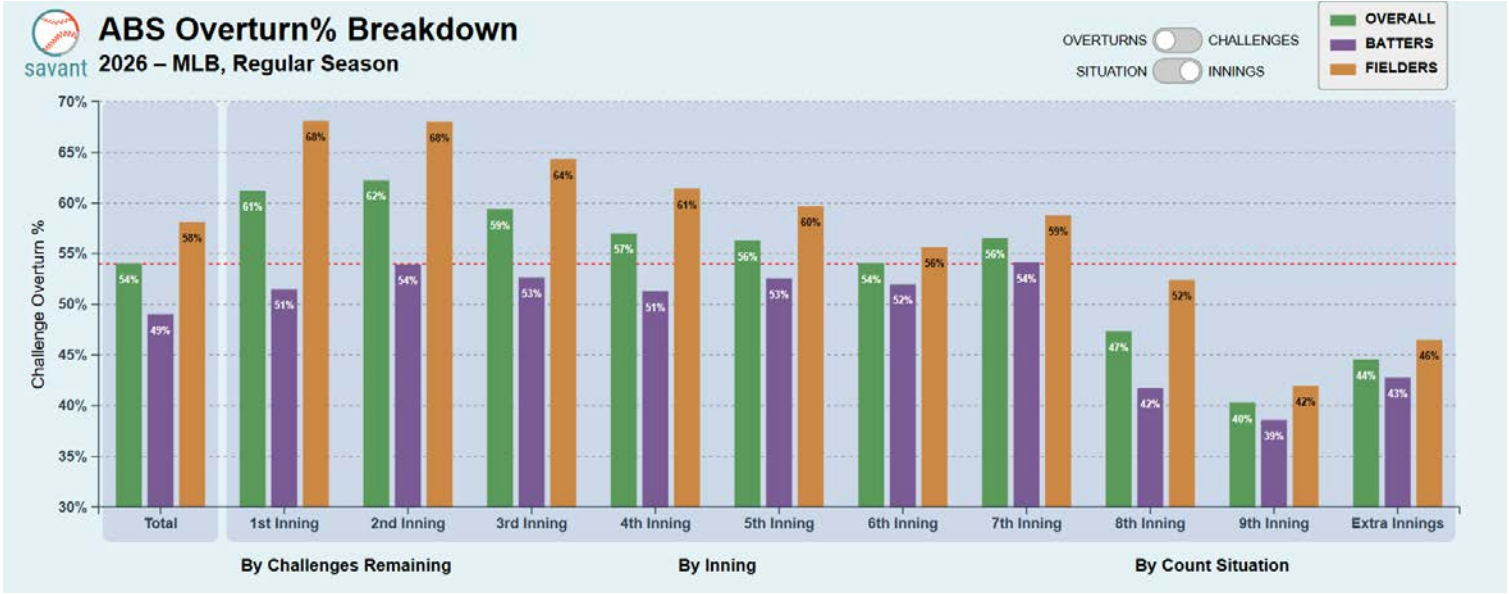
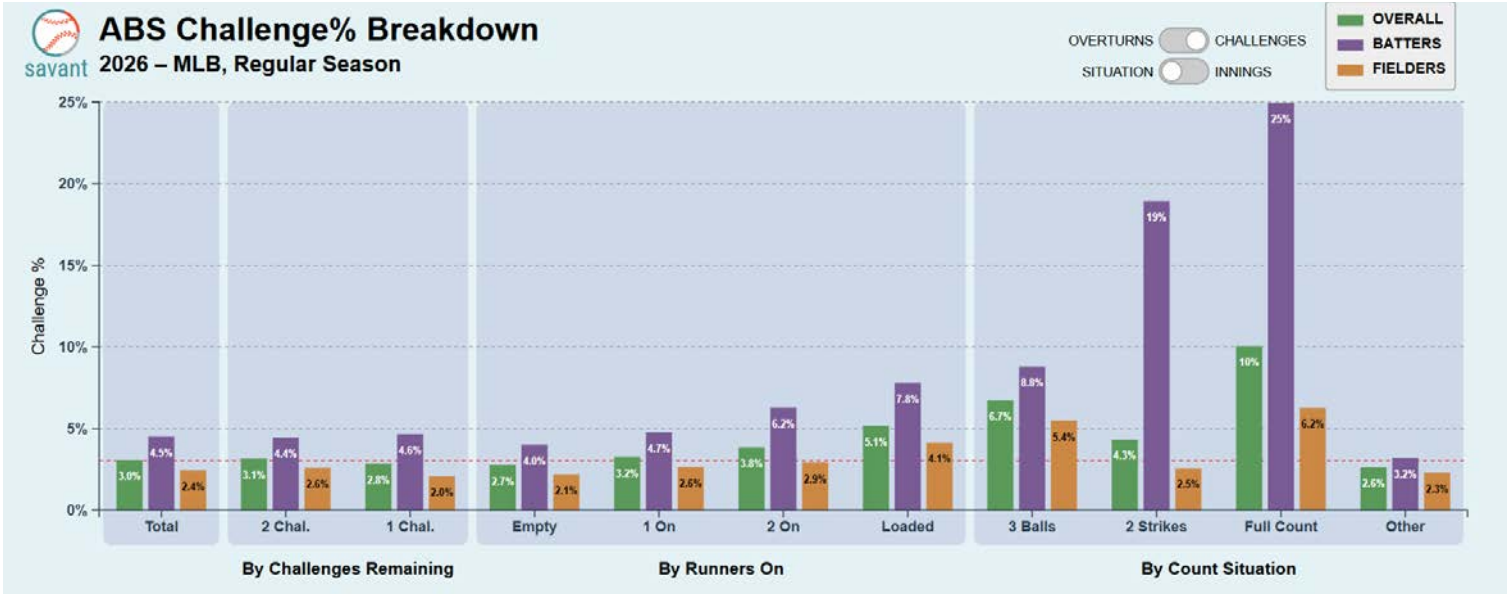
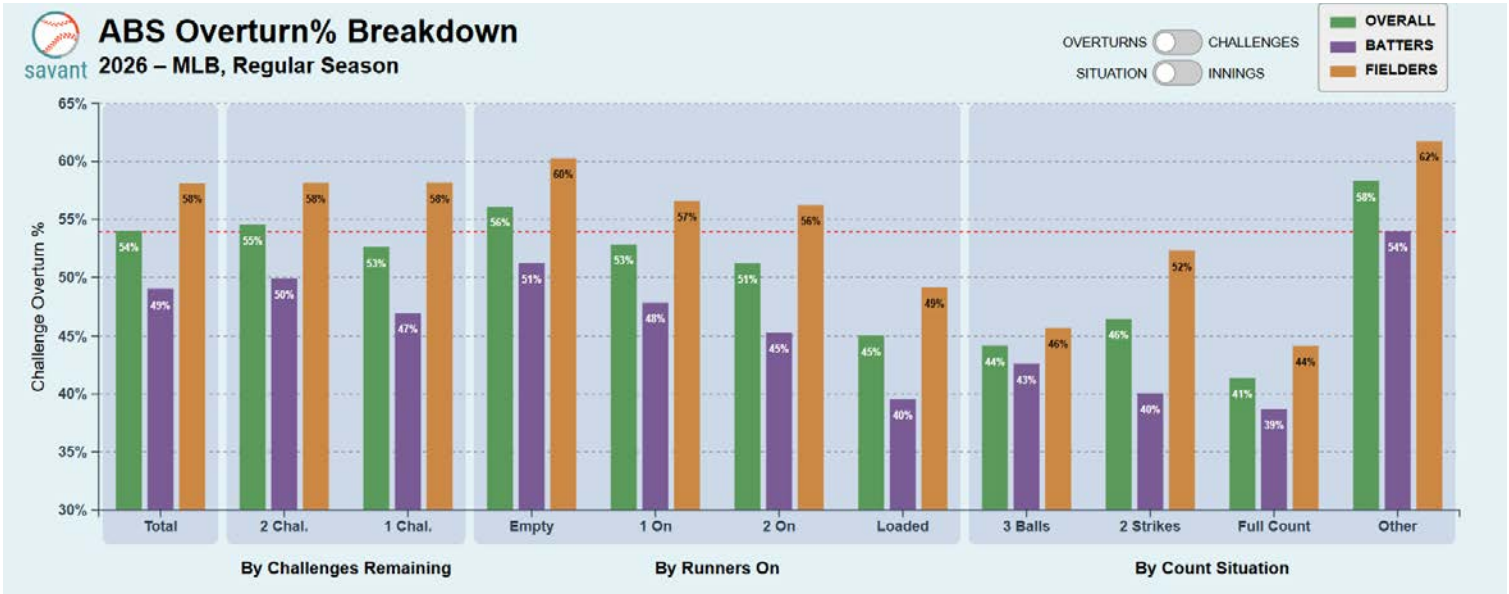
5,644 CHALLENGES
3,278 OVERTURNED
2,366 CONFIRMED

2026 ABS CHALLENGE TOTALS						
CLUB	CHALLENGES (BATTER)		CHALLENGES (FIELDER)		CHALLENGES (TOTAL)	
	Challenges	W-L	Challenges	W-L	Total Results (Batting & Fielding)	Win %
Cincinnati Reds	164	90-74	195	131-64	359 (221 overturned, 138 confirmed)	61.6%
Athletics	150	86-64	215	135-80	365 (221 overturned, 144 confirmed)	60.5%
Arizona Diamondbacks	142	81-61	157	98-59	299 (179 overturned, 120 confirmed)	59.9%
Chicago Cubs	159	81-78	173	116-57	332 (197 overturned, 135 confirmed)	59.3%
Texas Rangers	136	69-67	148	96-52	284 (165 overturned, 119 confirmed)	58.1%
Detroit Tigers	170	91-79	152	95-57	322 (186 overturned, 136 confirmed)	57.8%
Miami Marlins	157	79-78	239	144-95	396 (223 overturned, 173 confirmed)	56.3%
Philadelphia Phillies	179	84-95	140	95-45	319 (179 overturned, 140 confirmed)	56.1%
Kansas City Royals	152	83-69	174	98-76	326 (181 overturned, 145 confirmed)	55.5%
Toronto Blue Jays	151	83-68	184	102-82	335 (185 overturned, 150 confirmed)	55.2%
Los Angeles Dodgers	157	81-76	146	86-60	303 (167 overturned, 136 confirmed)	55.1%
New York Yankees	184	95-89	208	121-87	392 (216 overturned, 176 confirmed)	55.1%
Minnesota Twins	178	89-89	264	154-110	442 (243 overturned, 199 confirmed)	55.0%
Boston Red Sox	167	81-86	156	95-61	323 (176 overturned, 147 confirmed)	54.5%
Colorado Rockies	175	73-102	206	133-73	381 (206 overturned, 175 confirmed)	54.1%
Los Angeles Angels	172	80-92	189	115-74	361 (195 overturned, 166 confirmed)	54.0%
Atlanta Braves	118	49-69	178	110-68	296 (159 overturned, 137 confirmed)	53.7%
Tampa Bay Rays	150	69-81	182	108-74	332 (177 overturned, 155 confirmed)	53.3%
Houston Astros	181	91-90	194	105-89	375 (196 overturned, 179 confirmed)	52.3%
Milwaukee Brewers	123	58-65	245	134-111	368 (192 overturned, 176 confirmed)	52.2%
New York Mets	186	95-91	190	99-91	376 (194 overturned, 182 confirmed)	51.6%
San Francisco Giants	144	68-76	181	99-82	325 (167 overturned, 158 confirmed)	51.4%
Seattle Mariners	160	67-93	164	98-66	324 (165 overturned, 159 confirmed)	50.9%
San Diego Padres	126	57-69	205	111-94	331 (168 overturned, 163 confirmed)	50.8%
Washington Nationals	129	57-72	204	110-94	333 (167 overturned, 166 confirmed)	50.2%
St. Louis Cardinals	131	59-72	147	79-68	278 (138 overturned, 140 confirmed)	49.6%
Baltimore Orioles	168	79-89	155	81-74	323 (160 overturned, 163 confirmed)	49.5%
Chicago White Sox	157	78-79	273	134-139	430 (212 overturned, 218 confirmed)	49.3%
Cleveland Guardians	141	61-80	193	101-92	334 (162 overturned, 172 confirmed)	48.5%
Pittsburgh Pirates	159	71-88	187	95-92	346 (166 overturned, 180 confirmed)	48.0%



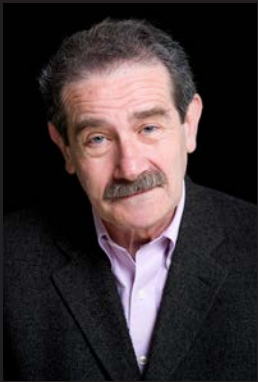
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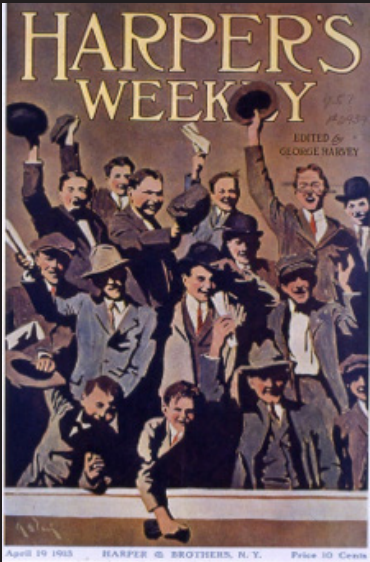


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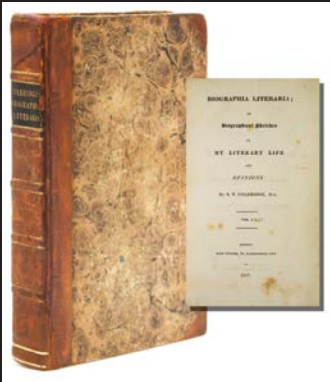


Who doesn't love a comeback?

Everyone loves an improbable tale. For my final essay in the 2026 series, “America’s National Game,” let’s talk about comebacks, so appealing to a nation of immigrants and so alluring to the diehard baseball fan. Pulling oneself up “by the bootstraps,” no matter the odds, is the American legend, even if its origin is sarcastic.

Insanity has been defined as repeating the same thing and expecting different results—not by Einstein, to whom so many wise sayings are attributed, but by Narcotics Anonymous in 1981. And yet persistence remains a virtue, in our land and in baseball. Just wait till next year, or tomorrow, or even later today.

A reversal of fortune—what today we would term a comeback—involves, in Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s phrase, a “willing suspension of disbelief.” (I knew my poetic studies would be useful, some day.) When he coined that phrase in 1817, he meant it as the moment when a reader might disregard belief to accept unusual elements in an otherwise credible work.



Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *Biographia Literaria* (1817)

In baseball terms, that suspension of disbelief is a mixture of blind faith and forlorn hope: with rally cap or crossed fingers, we might think back to Tug McGraw’s “Ya gotta believe” or Yogi’s “It ain’t over till it’s over.” It was such an exemplar of faith and hope, expressed over decades, that preceded the Boston Red Sox miracle of 2004. Not only did they come back from three games behind to sweep the American League Championship Series against the Yankees, but they also won the World Series for the first time since 1918. (In the next year, these two teams had created the “Curse of the Bambino” via the sale of Babe Ruth to New York.)



Cassidy Lent at Hall of Fame holds 1919 promissory note transferring Ruth to Yankees

Enduring the dry spells is the measure of the fan, whether season after season or during a midsummer drubbing, when one must stay till the end ... in case something happens. Attending Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, I confess that I thought to exit after the top of the tenth.

With fandom, faith and fortitude are linked. Staying until the game is over may win you points in heaven. The players are important, but the outcome of the game depends upon you. Remember that.



Johnny Damon starred in 2004

Generations of Red Sox fans did. In the long history of Major League Baseball, no team had ever come back from a three-game deficit in a best-of-seven series, until Boston in 2004. No team has done it since. By now that story has been well trod, so I'll spare you the details (if interested, see: <https://bit.ly/46VjeyG>). A team coming back from down 3-0 has happened only five times in major North American professional sports: four times in the NHL and never in the NBA. (The NFL has a different playoff structure.)

Even postseason comebacks from 3-1 are rare: as a boy, I thought the 1958 comeback by the Yanks against the Milwaukee Braves was so great that it had no precedent; later I learned that this scenario had obtained in 1925, when the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Washington Senators. (In each instance the trailing team defeated the prior year's champion.) That 3-1 World Series deficit has since been overcome by Detroit in 1968, Pittsburgh in 1979, Kansas City in 1985, and the Chicago Cubs in 2016, breaking a century-long curse of their own.



Cubs Win! World Series of 2016

Writing this essay, spurred by the events of 2004, has set me to wondering about the greatest single-game comebacks, when late-inning fans were few. The largest single-game comeback in MLB history is from a 12-run deficit, which has been

overcome three times, most recently on August 5, 2001. Cleveland fell behind 12-0 early and trailed 14-2 after five innings against the Seattle Mariners, who would go on to win 116 games if not this one. Cleveland chipped away with seven runs in the seventh, four in the ninth (tying the game at 14-14), and won 15-14 in 11 innings. (Rallies from 12-run deficits also occurred in 1911 and 1925.)

Baseball-Reference has calculated that the greatest comeback in regular-season play, as measured by win expectancy, was the 0.01% that the Chicago Cubs faced in the game of June 29, 1952. They trailed Cincinnati 8-2 with two outs in the top of the ninth, yet rallied for seven runs to win. The postseason comeback with the greatest run deficit and lowest win expectancy was the Cubs' reversal of an 8-0 deficit versus the Philadelphia Athletics with one out in the seventh inning on October 12, 1929.

But the game that piques my interest is when a team is compelled to score ten in the final inning. One such has been known to me for half a century: the very first major-league game of the Detroit Tigers, at home against the Milwaukee Brewers on April 25, 1901. This game is excluded from the Baseball-Reference study because play-by-play (and thus win expectancy) is not yet complete for seasons before 1910.

Ban Johnson was head of the minor-circuit American League of 1900, renamed from the Western League of 1899. By 1901 the AL withdrew from the National Agreement, which enabled his clubs to sign players under contract to National League teams. He also transferred clubs to NL sites Boston and Philadelphia, as well as establishing franchises in the former cities of Baltimore and Washington, after the NL had contracted from twelve teams to eight. By the time the AL started its 1901 campaign, the only two cities left in the circuit from the Western League of only two years earlier were the Detroit Tigers and Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers—who would relocate to St. Louis Browns after this season, becoming the Browns—led 13-4 when the Tigers came to bat in the final inning of Detroit's home opener. Bennett Park had welcomed so many fans that some had to stand, ringing the outfield. As the innings wore on, fans left ... but there were enough in the outfield for the bottom of the ninth to start with Doc Casey's ground-rule double into the crowd. Jimmy Barrett and Kid Gleason (later the manager of the 1919 Black Sox) singled, then the next three batters doubled. The score was now 13-9.

A new Milwaukee pitcher, Bert Husting, was summoned to register the first out. The standees had by this time encroached further and had to be moved back, a time-consuming maneuver. The Tigers scored their tenth run before Husting retired another batter.

With two outs and the score 13-12, first baseman Pop Dillon was up again. He already had three ground-rule doubles on the day, and struck a fourth as Casey and Gleason came home with the tying and winning runs. The box score below appears courtesy of Retrosheet.org.

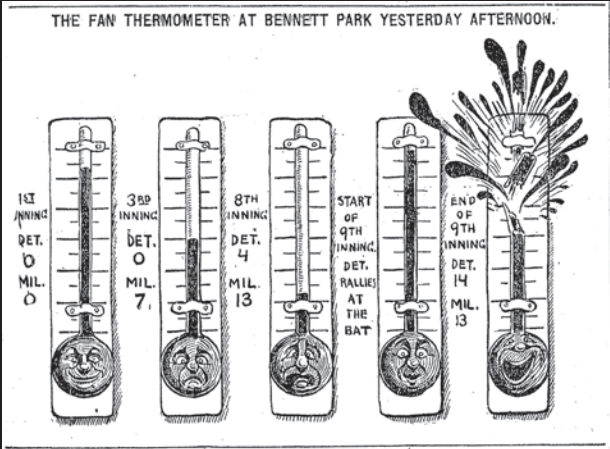
Don't stop believing.



Detroit's Bennett Park, with fans in the outfield (not from 1901)



Western League ballparks of 1899



Thermometer of fan temperature during the home opener, Detroit News, April 26, 1901

WEEKLY AWARDS

Infielder Jake Cronenworth of the San Diego Padres was named the National League Player of the Week, and 2026 All-Star third baseman Miguel Vargas of the Chicago White Sox was selected the American League Player of the Week.

Cronenworth earned the honor for the second time in his career after previously winning with the Padres on June 28, 2021. It is the second straight week that San Diego has garnered honors following Jackson Merrill’s award, with Cronenworth’s award marking the fourth honor of the season for the Padres along with Gavin Sheets (May 18th) and Fernando Tatis Jr. (August 24th). It is the first time the Padres have won the award in consecutive weeks since 2021, when Eric Hosmer won on April 5th and Joe Musgrove won on April 12th. Vargas also won the award for the second time in his career after previously winning last year on May 19th, which also marked the most recent award for the White Sox.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Jake Cronenworth
San Diego Padres

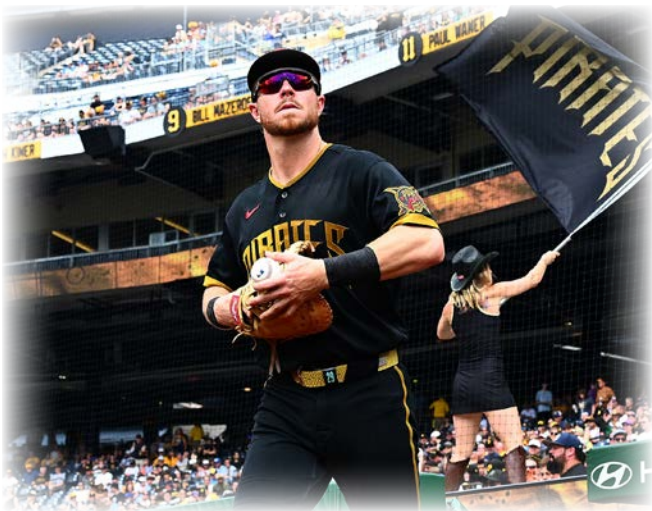


Miguel Vargas
Chicago White Sox

Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Ryan O’Hearn earned his first career Play of the Week Award, marking the Pirates’ fourth honor since the inception of the award in 2019. Other Pirates to garner honors include Ke’Bryan Hayes (6/28/2021); Gregory Polanco (8/9/2021); and Ben Gamel (8/1/2022). With one out and Pittsburgh leading the Kansas City Royals 4-2, Michael Massey laid down a bunt with a runner on third base as O’Hearn fielded the ball and picked it up with his glove, flipping between his legs to Brandon Eisert for the second out of the inning.



PLAY OF THE WEEK



Ryan O’Hearn
Pittsburgh Pirates

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, 8 RBI, 5 R, .353 OBP, 1.059 SLG	Sal Stewart, CIN .700 (7-for-10), 1 HR, 2 RBI, 3 2B, 3 BB, 2 R, .769 OBP, 1.300 SLG	Nasim Nuñez's Acrobatic Diving Stop
April 6 th	Yordan Alvarez, HOU .471 (8-for-17), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 7 BB, 7 R, .615 OBP, 1.118 SLG	Andy Pages, LAD .583 (14-for-24), 2 HR, 7 RBI, 2 2B, 2 BB, 5 R, 1 SB, .615 OBP, .917 SLG	Jo Adell's Game-Saving Home Run Robbery
April 13 th	José Soriano, LAA 2-0, 0.60 ERA(1 ER/15.0 IP), 5 H, 3 BB, 20 K, 0.53 WHIP, .102 OPP AVG	James Wood, WSH .545 (12-for-22), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 6 BB, 8 R, 2 SB, .655 OBP, 1.091 SLG	Jordan Beck's Home Run Robbery
April 20 th	José Ramírez, CLE .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 5 RBI, 1 2B 8 BB, 8 R, 5 SB, .533 OBP, .955 SLG	Nico Hoerner, CHC .346 (9-for-26), 2 HR, 11 RBI, 1 BB, 4 R, 2 SB, .357 OBP, .577 SLG	Jackson Merrill's Home Run Robbery
April 27 th	Carlos Cortez, ATH .542 (13-for-24), 3 HR, 7 RBI, 2 2B, 13B, 4 R, .542 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Ildemaro Vargas, AZ .364 (8-for-22), 4 HR, 12 RBI, 1 2B, 13B,7 R, 5 SB, .364 OBP, 1.045 SLG	Nico Hoerner's Heads-Up Barehanded Snag
May 4 th	Byron Buxton, MIN .345 (10-for-29), 5 HR, 7 RBI, 1 2B, 3 BB, 9 R, 2 SB, .406 OBP, .897 SLG	Alec Burleson, STL .407 (11-for-27), 2 HR, 11 RBI, 3 2B, 4 BB, 8 R, .484 OBP, .741 SLG	Nathan Church's Game-Saving Leaping Catch
May 11 th	Bobby Witt Jr., KC .407 (11-for-27), 3 HR, 4 RBI, 2 2B, 2 BB, 7 R, 2 SB, .448 OBP, .815 SLG	Cristopher Sánchez, PHI 2-0, 0.00 ERA (0 ER/15.0 IP), 9 H, 1 BB, 17 K, 0.67 WHIP, .170 OPP. AVG	Jim Jarvis' Full-Extension Diving Catch
May 18 th	Angel Martínez, CLE .368 (7-for-19), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 1 2B, 1 BB, 8 R, 3 SB, .429 OBP, 1.053 SLG	Gavin Sheets, SD .625 (10-for-16), 4 HR, 8 RBI, 1 2B, 7 BB, 6 R, 1 SB, .739 OBP, 1.438 SLG	Julio Rodríguez'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	Byron Buxton, MIN .458 (11-for-24), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 3 2B, 2 BB, 6 R, .500 OBP, 1.083 SLG	Jackson Chourio, MIL .448 (13-for-29), 5 HR, 10 RBI, 1.418 OPS Jacob Misorowski, MIL 1-0, 9.0 IP, 1 H, 15 SO	Brayan Rocchio's Diving Stop Double Play
June 22 nd	Logan Gilbert, SEA 2-0, 1.35 ERA(2 ER/13.1.0 IP), 5 H, 3 BB, 18 K, 0.60 WHIP, .116 OPP AVG	Pete Crow-Armstrong, CHC .550 (11-for-20), 4 HR, 7 RBI, 1 2B, 13B, 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, 13B, 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
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
September 8 th	Carter Jensen, KC .421 (8-for-19), 3 HR, 6 RBI, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 BB, 6 R, .476 OBP, 1.158 SLG	Rafael Devers, SF .385 (10-for-26), 6 HR, 13 RBI, 2 2B, 7 BB, 8 R, .515 OBP, 1.154 SLG	Colton Cowser's Game-Ending Home Run Robbery
September 14 th	Victor Mesa Jr., TB .556 (10-for-18), 3 HR, 6 RBI, 2 2B, 1 3B, 4 BB, 8 R, 2 SB, .636 OBP, 1.278 SLG	Jackson Merrill, SD .480 (12-for-25), 3 HR, 12 RBI, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 BB, 5 R, .636 OBP, 1.278 SLG	Luis Lara's Home Run Robbery
September 21 st	Miguel Vargas, CHW .348 (8-for-23), 3 HR, 9 RBI, 1 2B, 8 BB, 5 R, .500 OBP, .783 SLG	Jake Cronenworth, SD .464 (13-for-28), 2 HR, 8 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 BB, 8 R, .516 OBP, .786 SLG	Ryan O’Hearn’s Between the Legs Glove Flip

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.

MORE HISTORY FOR SALAS: At 20 years and 110 days on Saturday, Ethan Salas became the youngest MLB player with a walk-off hit since his current teammate Manny Machado on Sept. 13, 2012 (20y 69d). He was also the youngest player with a pinch-hit walk-off hit since 18-year-old Ed Kirkpatrick in 1963 and fourth-youngest since RBI became official in 1920, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

WHAT A TURNAROUND: The Red Sox clinched a postseason berth on Sunday. They were 31-44 through 75 games. That's the worst 75-game start by a team to make the playoffs in MLB history. The Red Sox joined the 1914 Miracle Braves, 1974 Pirates and 2005 Astros as the only teams to reach the postseason after falling as many as 14 games under .500.

POLAR PETE: Pete Alonso hit his 39th and 40th homers of the season on Monday. That means he's now hit at least 40 home runs in his first season with both the Mets and Orioles. Alonso is the fourth player in MLB history with 40-plus home runs in his first year with a franchise multiple times, according to Elias. He joined Nelson Cruz (three times), Juan Soto and Jim Thome.

RICE, RICE, BABY: Ben Rice hit his 40th and 41st home runs of the season on Wednesday. He's the second Yankees draft pick with at least one 40-homer season, joining Aaron Judge. He's also the third player in franchise history with a 40-homer campaign within his first three career seasons, along with Judge in 2017 and Joe DiMaggio in 1937.

K ZONE FOR SALE: Chris Sale recorded his 200th strikeout of the season on Wednesday, marking his ninth season with at least 200 strikeouts. He's the ninth pitcher in MLB history with at least nine 200-strikeout seasons, joining Nolan Ryan (15), Randy Johnson (13), Roger Clemens (12), Tom Seaver (10), Max Scherzer, Justin Verlander, Pedro Martínez and Bob Gibson.

REMARKABLE ROOKIE: Logan Henderson finished his regular season with a 0.84 WHIP after his start on Wednesday. That's the lowest by a rookie in a season, minimum 15 starts, per Elias. It was Henderson's 23rd career outing, all of which have been starts allowing three or fewer runs. That's tied for the longest such streak to begin a career since the mound was moved to its current distance (1893), with Zac Gallen.

RUN, CORBIN, RUN: Corbin Carroll notched his 60th career triple on Wednesday in his 640th career game. He became just the second player in MLB history with at least 60 triples and 100 homers in his first 640 career games, joining Lou Gehrig. That's stellar company.

SANDY IN THE NINTH AGAIN: Sandy Alcantara leads MLB with 213 innings. He got the save on Wednesday for the second week in a row. He became the first pitcher to get a save on a day he entered with at least a share of the MLB lead in innings pitched multiple times (saves official since 1969), per Elias. The only others to even do so once are Orel Hershiser in May 1987, Phil Niekro in July 1978 and Andy Messersmith in May 1975. But finishing the season leading in innings and having recorded a save is an entirely different ballgame. The only pitcher to lead MLB in innings for an entire season where he got a save is Niekro. Alcantara will very likely join that list officially at season's end and be the only one to do so with multiple saves.

PCA: Pete Crow-Armstrong joined the 40-40 club on Thursday, becoming the seventh player in MLB history with at least 40 homers and 40 stolen bases in a season. He joined 2024 Shohei Ohtani, 2023 Ronald Acuña Jr., 2006 Alfonso Soriano, 1998 Alex Rodriguez, 1996 Barry Bonds and 1988 Jose Canseco. Crow-Armstrong, Ohtani and Soriano are the only ones to have at least 45 home runs in those seasons.

CURRENT IRONMAN: Matt Olson has played 940 consecutive games entering Thursday, dating to May 2, 2021. His streak is the eighth-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 1,465 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-five seconds. The 1,465 replay reviews consist of 1,274 Manager Challenges and 191 Crew Chief Reviews.

1,465 Replay Reviews
334 Confirmed (22.8%)
410 Stands (27.9%)
713 Overturned (48.7%)
4 Rules Check (0.3%)
4 Record Keeping (0.3%)
1:25 Average Time

LINE DRIVES

Compiled from Club Game Notes

HISTORY AT THE HOT CORNER: Miguel Vargas needs three walks to become the fourth White Sox player since 2000 to record 100 walks in a season, joining Adam Dunn (105 in 2012), Jim Thome (107 in 2006) and Frank Thomas (100 in 2003 and 112 in 2000). Robin Ventura, who drew 105 walks in 1997, is the only third baseman in White Sox history to reach the 100-walk mark. Vargas' 33 home runs are tied with Bill Melton, who hit 33 in both 1970 and 1971, for the third most in franchise history by a third baseman. Vargas is the first White Sox player since Thome (108) and Jermaine Dye (103) in 2006 to score 100 runs in a season. He has also joined Sammy Strang (102 in 1902) and Harry Lord (103 in 1911) as the only White Sox third basemen to score at least 100 runs in a season. Vargas was named American League Player of the Week for the period of September 14-20 after batting .348/.500/.783 (8-for-23) with three home runs, nine RBI, five runs scored and eight walks in seven games.

RODOMINANT: Carlos Rodón earned his 100th career win in Game 1 on Tuesday after tossing 8.0 scoreless innings, allowing three hits with no walks and eight strikeouts. It marked the sixth time in his career he has thrown at least 8.0 scoreless innings in a start and the second time as a Yankee, also doing so with 8.0 scoreless innings on July 11, 2025, against the Cubs. Rodón also struck out Jonny DeLuca in the eighth inning for the 1,500th strikeout of his career. He has allowed three runs or fewer in each of his last 26 starts dating to August 6, 2025, the longest such streak in Yankees franchise history. His 26-start streak is tied with Corey Kluber's run from 2017-18 and Chris Short's from 1967-68 for the fifth longest in Major League history. Rodón has also allowed two runs or fewer in each of his last eight starts dating to June 28, going 3-1 with a 1.67 ERA, allowing eight earned runs across 43.0 innings with 45 strikeouts during that span.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: The Cubs currently have five players with at least 70 RBI this season: Pete Crow-Armstrong (107), Alex Bregman (89), Seiya Suzuki (85), Michael Busch (77) and Nico Hoerner (71). Their five players with at least 70 RBI are tied with the Braves for the most by any team in the Majors. Chicago also has five players with at least 20 home runs this season, tied for the most in the Majors.

STEAK DINNER: Alec Burleson's career-high and Major League-leading 113 RBI are three more than Sal Stewart and Pete Alonso, who each have 110. The last Cardinals player to lead the Majors in RBI was Joe Torre, who drove in 137 runs in 1971. According to Elias, only one left-handed Cardinals batter has led the Majors in RBI: Enos Slaughter, who had 130 in 1946. Burleson's 112 RBI are the most by a left-handed Cardinals batter since Stan Musial recorded 126 in 1954. His 111 RBI while playing first base are also the most by a left-handed Cardinals first baseman since Johnny Mize had 130 in 1940.

GABI EYEING .300: Gabriel Moreno is batting .310 this season after going 3-for-4 on September 23. His .310 average ranks third in the Majors, behind Yordan Álvarez (.316) and Luis Arráez (.312), and ahead of Chandler Simpson (.309) and Otto López (.304). Moreno is looking to become the first catcher qualified for the batting title, with at least 81 games at catcher and 502 plate appearances, to hit at least .300 since 2017, when Buster Posey hit .320. In 2016, Yadier Molina and Wilson Ramos each hit .307, while J.T. Realmuto hit .303. Posey hit .318 in 2015 and .311 in 2014, while Jonathan Lucroy hit .301 in 2014.

SELECT COMPANY: Walbert Ureña has nine wins and a 2.97 ERA this season after allowing five earned runs over 4.0 innings on September 23. The last pitcher to finish a season with at least nine wins and an ERA below 3.00 in his age-22 season or younger was Paul Skenes in 2024. Over the last 30 years, only two American League pitchers have accomplished the feat at age 22 or younger: Francisco Liriano with Minnesota in 2006 and Trevor Cahill with Oakland in 2010. Since the start of July, Walbert Ureña has pitched to a 2.82 ERA, allowing 24 earned runs across 76.2 innings. He has allowed one run or fewer in nine of his 14 starts during that span. Ureña allowed five earned runs over 4.0 innings at the Athletics on September 23. During that stretch, he is 4-0 with a 1.30 ERA, allowing six earned runs across 41.2 innings in seven starts at Angel Stadium, but is 0-5 with a 4.63 ERA, allowing 18 earned runs across 35.0 innings in seven road starts.

JUAN OF A KIND: Over his last five games, Juan Soto is batting .381/.458/.714 (8-for-21) with three runs scored, one double, two home runs, seven RBI, three walks and a 1.173 OPS. Soto was intentionally walked three times yesterday, tying a Mets franchise record. It marked the first time a Mets player was intentionally walked three times in a game since David Wright on July 18, 2009, at Atlanta. Soto has 27 home runs this season and is looking to record his fifth season with at least 30 home runs. He would become the 18th player in Major League history to record five 30-home run seasons before turning 28.

THAT'S A SPICY MEATBALL: Dominic Canzone extended his career-best hitting streak to 11 games (9/10-c), going 1-for-4 last night and tying Cole Young (11 G, 5/27-6/8) for the longest hitting streak by a Mariners hitter this season. During the streak, Canzone is batting .333 (14x42) with seven runs, three doubles, two triples, one home run, seven RBI, five walks, a .396 OBP and a .571 SLG for a .967 OPS. Canzone has had a breakout season, batting .261 (119x456) with 57 runs, 27 doubles, four triples, 22 home runs, 72 RBI and an .814 OPS in 141 games.

CLIMBING THE RANKS: Eugenio Suárez last night at Atl belted his 350th career home run to become the 10th active player to reach that mark. It was his 214th homer as a Red, ranking ninth on the club's all-time list. Suárez opened the season in 13th place on the Reds' all-time HR list and has since passed Brandon Phillips (4/15 vs. SF), Barry Larkin (7/11 vs. Chc), Eric Davis (8/7 at Wsh) and Ken Griffey Jr. (9/7 at LAD). He has now hit 25 HR in a season eight times, including four times with Cin. Suárez needs six more RBI to become the ninth player in Reds history with 1,000 games, 200 HR, 600 RBI and 500 runs scored.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: Chase DeLauter owns a .292 (140-for-479) batting average this season, second among MLB rookies and third in the American League. If he were to finish in the top 10 in batting average, he would become the seventh rookie in club history to finish in the top 10 in the American League in batting average. Joe Jackson (1911) is the only Cleveland rookie to finish in the top five. DeLauter is the 10th Cleveland rookie in the Divisional Era (since 1969) to produce 200 total bases. His 220 total bases are the fifth-most by a Cleveland rookie since 1969. DeLauter has recorded 42 multi-hit games this season, the third-most by a Cleveland rookie over the last 45 seasons (since 1982), trailing STEVEN KWAN (43, 2022) and Kenny Lofton (48, 1992).



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK

(All Times ET)



Thursday, September 24th: Cincinnati Reds @ Atlanta Braves 7:15 p.m. FS1

Saturday, September 26th: Tampa Bay Rays @ Philadelphia Phillies 7:15 p.m. FOX
Baltimore Orioles @ New York Yankees 7:15 p.m. FOX

2026 REGULAR SEASON NATIONAL SLATE WRAPS UP WITH GAMES ON FOX

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Thursday, September 24th: St. Louis Cardinals @ Pittsburgh Pirates 12:35 p.m.
Arizona Diamondbacks @ Colorado Rockies 3:10 p.m.
San Diego Padres @ Los Angeles Dodgers 10:10 p.m.

Friday, September 25th: Baltimore Orioles @ New York Yankees 7:05 p.m.
Arizona Diamondbacks @ San Diego Padres 9:40 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th: Pittsburgh Pirates @ Detroit Tigers 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta Braves @ Miami Marlins 4:10 p.m.



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2026 SERIES FINALES

Chicago Cubs @ Boston Red Sox
Pittsburgh Pirates @ Detroit Tigers
Tampa Bay Rays @ Philadelphia Phillies
New York Mets @ Washington Nationals
Baltimore Orioles @ New York Yankees
Cincinnati Reds @ Toronto Blue Jays
Atlanta Braves @ Miami Marlins
Cleveland Guardians @ Kansas City Royals
Colorado Rockies @ Chicago White Sox
St. Louis Cardinals @ Milwaukee Brewers
Texas Rangers @ Minnesota Twins
Houston Astros @ Athletics
Arizona Diamondbacks @ San Diego Padres
Los Angeles Angels @ Seattle Mariners
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