

Baseball tidbits newsletter – interesting and random stuff, fodder for bar bets.

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Good morning baseball fans,

Welcome to half way.

Cruising through the standings Saturday morning—Baltimore Orioles 42-44, .488 winning %.

Would you have guessed on opening day that 13 teams would have worse records than the Orioles half way through the season?

Grab a coffee. Some odd and fun stuff this morning, **Justin Verlander** chases 300, plus a history lesson about **Turkey Stearnes**, a tribute to **Keith Hernandez** and of course, trivia.

Enjoy.

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA CHALLENGE

44 players have hit 100 or more HRs for the Yankees.

12 of them also hit 100 or more home runs as non-Yankees.

How many of the 12 can you name?

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

Building on the Orioles comment above—Friday night's win was Baltimore's sixth straight victory and third walk-off win in the span of the week.

They became just the fourth team in the last 20 years to win three straight games in which they trailed entering the ninth inning. The O's have twice this season provided Camden Yards with three walk-off victories within the span of a week. Their eight walk-off wins trail only the Yankees' 10.

The Orioles find themselves just three games under .500 (41-44), five games back of second place in the vaunted AL East and just 4 1/2 back of an AL Wild Card spot -- all three spots currently inhabited by their divisional rivals.

It took the Orioles 85 games to win their 41st this season; it took the 2021 team 131 to do so. Will it last? We'll find out but wanted to give them some love while they are playing way above expectations. Oh, and on Saturday the O's won their 7th straight.

San Diego's desire for power is acute. The team entered Wednesday ranked 26th in the majors in slugging (a collective .375) and 24th in home runs. Only **Manny Machado** (12) and **Luke Voit** (10) had cracked double digits in dingers.

In real life, **Ted Williams** never faced **Bob Gibson**. But Williams' record against Hall of Fame pitchers is ludicrous. Williams faced 12 Hall of Fame pitchers over his career, from **Jim Bunning** to **Hoyt Wilhelm**.

His slash line against Hall of Famers: .330/.457/.585.

The Florida/Miami Marlins have existed for 29 seasons. 0 Cy Young winners.

Aaron Judge reached a home run milestone marker Wednesday, and he did it in grand fashion.

The Yankees' center fielder, who leads the Major Leagues in home runs, extended his total further with a torched grand slam in the eighth inning against former New York teammate **Manny Bañuelos** in a 16-0 win over the Pirates. It was Judge's 30th dinger of the season, and it put him in elite company among the Yankees' storied ranks.

With the slam, Judge tied **Alex Rodriguez** (2007) and, well, himself ('17) for the second-most home runs before the All-Star break in Yankees history. **Roger Maris'** 33 homers in 1961 still stands as the record to beat. (**Babe Ruth** hit 32 in three seasons -- '21, '28 and '30 -- but all came before the first All-Star Game in '33.)

Judge is also the third player in American League history with multiple seasons of 30 or more homers before the All-Star break, joining **Ken Griffey Jr.** ('94, '97 and '98) and **Mark McGwire** ('87 and '97).

Want a break from the troubles of the world? Subscriber submission of the week, worth a look.

<https://mobile.twitter.com/baseballquotes1/status/1146762806404026369?s=10&t=-kaepMcZsJbBafqoyowlQA>

Jogging through some Stats

Texas catcher **Jonah Heim** has 2 HRs and ,792 OPS. (Be honest, how many of you/us know this guy?)

Yankees 1B **Anthony Rizzo** has 22 HRs and .844 OPS. (pretty good signing)

Twins infielder **Luis Arraez** as of Thursday is batting .354, 27 points ahead of **Raphael Devers**. He also leads the league in on base %.

Last brothers to start an All-Star game--**Roberto Alomar and Sandy Alomar Jr.** in 1992.

Raphael Devers of the Red Sox will start his second consecutive All-Star game. No Boston third baseman has done that since **Wade Boggs** started 7 straight 1986-1992.

Don't look now—Pirates starters are 10-30. Ouch. However, The Pirates are 6-2 against the Dodgers and Yankees.

Angels tie MLB record for strikeouts in 9-inning game, get swept by Astros

The Los Angeles Angels tied the MLB record by striking out 20 times in a nine-inning game, losing to the Houston Astros 4-2 last Sunday. With the game tied at two, Astros shortstop **Jeremy Peña** hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth, securing the Houston victory.

In their last 27 innings, the Angels have struck out 48 times, recording just eight hits. The Angels also set a franchise record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game.

Los Angeles becomes the eighth team to strike out 20 times in a nine-inning game. The Detroit Tigers were the last team to reach the mark, doing so against the Chicago White Sox on May 28, 2019.

Speaking of strikeouts--Most career games with double-digit strikeouts and no runs allowed since 1901: **Nolan Ryan** (58), **Randy Johnson** (44), **Roger Clemens** (31), **Pedro Martinez** (30), and **Max Scherzer** (26).

The Minnesota Twins pulled off a historic triple play on Monday – one that appropriately summed up the misery their opponents, the Chicago White Sox, have experienced this season.

In the bottom of the seventh inning and the game tied at 2-2, Chicago had runners on first (**Yoan Moncada**) and second (**Adam Engel**) with no one out as **A.J. Pollock** came up to the plate. Pollock got a hold of a pitch and barreled it into right-center field, the hit looking like at least extra bases, but **Byron Buxton** ran it down and made an excellent catch against the wall.

The runners, however, appeared to not think a catch was even possible, as they both took off immediately on the crack of the bat and didn't stop. Therefore, when the catch was made, Engel was past third, and Moncada was not far behind him.

Buxton then threw the ball to **Gio Urshela**, who tagged Moncada as he was trying to run back to first, then stepped on second to force Engel out. A triple play.

And not just any triple play – an 8-5 triple play, the first of that kind in MLB history. The feat also marked the 16th triple play in Twins history, and the second involving only two players, joining a 2-6 triple play that occurred back on July 25, 1976 -- also against the White Sox.

Larry Doby was the first Black player to homer in the World Series. He hit it against **Johnny Sain** of the Boston Braves (Game 4 of the 1948 World Series)

This will be the 40th season the Manager of the Year award has existed. No Mets manager has ever won it. And the only two Yankees managers to win are **Buck Showalter** (1994) and **Joe Torre** (won outright in 1998, shared it with **Johnny Oates** in 1996).

Every day from 1939 to 1988, the Sox had a Hall of Famer playing left field. **Ted Williams**. **Carl Yastrzemski**. Then **Jim Rice**. That's *50 seasons*. When **Mike Greenwell** replaced Rice, he was runner-up for AL MVP in 1988.

How many of the six MLB hitters with the most career grand slams can you name. **1. Alex Rodriguez (25); 2. Lou Gehrig (23); 3. Manny Ramirez (21); 4. Eddie Murray (19); 5. (tie) Willie McCovey and Robin Ventura (18).**

Counting the Wild Card Game last fall, ace righthander **Gerrit Cole** has started nine games against the Sox since joining the Yankees in 2020. He has a 5.27 ERA and has allowed 41 hits over 41 innings, nine of them home runs. Cole also has a 5.85 ERA in eight career starts at Fenway including the playoff game last season.

Cards reliever **Jordan Hicks** was clocked this week at 103.8 mph, fastest in the majors this year. A relief pitcher for the first 2 1/2 seasons of his career, Hicks threw a 105 mph pitch in 2018 against the Phillies -- a pitch that was close to tying closer **Aroldis Chapman's** 105.1 mph pitch against the Orioles in 2016, which is the fastest in MLB history during the Statcast era (since 2015). On May 31, 2019, Hicks nearly accomplished the feat again by throwing a 104.3 mph pitch on his final throw of the night.

Mookie Betts recorded his 19th career multi-HR game out of the leadoff spot, tying **Alfonso Soriano** for most all time.

The World Baseball Classic is returning in 2023 for the first time since 2017. And if all goes well, we could get a laughably stacked Dominican Republic team

1B: Vlad Jr.

2B: Wander Franco

SS: Manny Machado

3B: Jose Ramirez

OF: Tatis Jr., Julio Rodríguez, Juan Soto

DH: Rafael Devers

Gold Gloves, Silver Sluggers, MVPs, and All-Stars everywhere.

Add Cy Young favorite **Sandy Alcántara** as the ace, with **Frankie Montas, Framer Valdez, and Luis Castillo** as well, and we have GOAT baseball team potential.

Shohei Ohtani highlights as he turns 28:

In his career, he's recorded strikeouts on pitches as fast as a 101 mph four-seam fastball and as slow as a 69.7 mph curveball. That's a gap of more than 31 mph -- one that can leave hitters' heads spinning.

Over Ohtani's Major League career, opponents have gone a ridiculous 22-for-244 (.090) with a .135 slugging percentage in at-bats ending on splitters. About 62% of those at-bats (151) have resulted in strikeouts. Since Ohtani arrived in 2018, no other pitcher has held batters to below a .100 average or .200 slugging percentage on any individual pitch type (minimum 200 at-bats).

Over Ohtani's career, his 41 homers hit with at least a 110 mph exit velocity are more than any hitter besides **Giancarlo Stanton, Joey Gallo and Bryce Harper**. He is also tied for 10th in that span with 17 big flies launched 440-plus feet. On June 25 against the Mariners, Ohtani became only the fourth hitter in the Statcast Era to blast a ball at least 118 mph and 460 feet. (And don't forget his 513-footer in last year's Home Run Derby, either).

His average sprint speed ranked above the 90th percentile in both 2020 and '21, and while it's down some this season, the man can absolutely still turn on the jets when he needs to. Ohtani has beat out three infield singles this season by getting down the line in under 4 seconds.

A year ago, Ohtani's two-way contributions led to the highest total WAR in MLB. He's in the top 10 again in 2022, which is not surprising when you consider that his offensive contributions roughly match those of **Giancarlo Stanton** and **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.**, while his pitching numbers approximate those of **Gerrit Cole and Kevin Gausman**.

Babe Ruth was one of the top pitchers in baseball from 1915-19, winning 87 games with a 2.16 ERA. He made 1,322 plate appearances during that time and had a .985 OPS. In his last five starts, Ohtani is 5-0 and allowed one earned run on 16 hits over 33⅓ innings while striking out 46. Meanwhile, he has a 1.004 OPS over the last month as a hitter with seven home runs and 21 RBIs in 24 games. Oh, and he has 10 stolen bases in 10 attempts.

Ohtani has a 2.90 ERA the last two seasons and a .917 OPS over 986 plate appearances. But he's in a 30-team league with extensive travel and players from all over the world.

You have to go back 42 years for the last Dodger to start the All-Star game at shortstop. **Bill Russell** in 1980. He was part of a great infield—**1B Steve Garvey, 2B Davey Lopes, SS Russell and 3B Ron Cey**.

Read a fun reminder this week—October 2, 1978. **Bucky Dent** breaks his bat during playoff game at Fenway Park. I have a signed photo of Dent crossing home plate receiving congrats from **Chris Chambliss** and **Roy White** after his historic homer. But it was **Mickey Rivers** in the on-deck circle who gave Dent his bat that delivered the HR off **Mike Torrez** that cleared the Green Monster.

Tip of the cap to **Paul Goldschmidt** of the Cards who really earned his All-Star spot. Goldschmidt is an All-Star for the seventh time in his career, but it will be his first appearance in the Midsummer Classic as a Cardinal. He made the NL All-Star team every year from 2013-18 while with the D-backs.

Goldschmidt, 34, is enjoying the finest season of his MLB career. He entered Friday leading the NL in batting average (.342), on-base percentage (.427), slugging (.619), bWAR (4.8) and hits (105). He ranked second in RBIs (65), second in doubles (28) and seventh in home runs (19).

Goldschmidt, the NL Player of the Month in May, received 67 percent of the Phase 2 fan voting for the starting first-base job. A leading candidate for the NL MVP Award, Goldschmidt was rewarded for his stellar first half of the season as he easily beat out Mets first baseman **Pete Alonso** (33 percent).

4TH OF JULY

First time Yankees had July 4 off since 1941.

Two Hall of Fame pitchers, in different years, recorded their 3,000th strikeouts on July 4--**Nolan Ryan** (1980) and **Phil Niekro** (1984)

July 4, 1982: There have been countless memories made at ballparks on July 4, but it's hard to beat July 4, 1982. The Denver Bears of the American Association played in Mile High Stadium on that day, and 65,666 fans came to watch the Bears, and of course, fireworks. It was the largest crowd ever to see a Minor League game.



LEGACY ALL-STARS – SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO

Albert Pujols and Miguel Cabrera: Two of the greatest right-handed hitters in baseball history and locks for the Hall of Fame. Each is planning to retire soon -- Pujols after this season and Cabrera after the next. But before they do, one of the ways they will receive a proper send-off will take place at this year's All-Star Game on July 19 at Dodger Stadium.

The All-Star selection is the 11th in Pujols' career and the 12th for Cabrera. Pujols, who spent his first 11 MLB seasons with the Cardinals, played the next 10 seasons with the Angels before a brief stint with the Dodgers in 2021. He then returned to St. Louis for one final season in '22. He will represent the Cardinals as an All-Star for the 10th time, with his other selection coming while with the Angels in 2015.

Over a 22-year career, Pujols has launched 683 home runs, which ranks fifth all-time and is 13 homers shy of **Alex Rodriguez**, who is in fourth place. Pujols' 3,326 hits are 10th most in MLB history. In addition to his 11 All-Star selections, he is a three-time NL MVP (2005, '08 and '09), a two-time NL Gold Glove Award winner at first base and a two-time World Series champion with the Cardinals (2006 and '11).

Pujols was the MVP of the 2004 NL Championship Series against the Astros and became the third player to hit three home runs in a World Series game during Game 3 of the 2011 Fall Classic (one player has done it since -- **Pablo Sandoval** in the 2012 World Series).

Cabrera spent the first five seasons of his big-league career with the Marlins, helping them win the 2003 World Series by hitting four homers that postseason as a rookie. He was then traded

to the Tigers and has spent the past 15 seasons with Detroit. After four All-Star selections with the Marlins, Cabrera has now been named an All-Star eight times as a Tiger.

Cabrera is a two-time AL MVP (2012 and '13) and in 2012, he became the first player since **Carl Yastrzemski** in 1967 to win the Triple Crown, leading the AL in batting average (.330), home runs (44) and RBIs (139). He was the 10th player to win the Triple Crown since RBIs became an official statistic in 1920, and he remains the most recent to do so.

Pujols and Cabrera share a remarkable distinction as two of the three players in MLB history to collect 3,000 hits, 500 home runs and 600 doubles -- the other is Hall of Famer **Hank Aaron**.

JAYSON STARK FINDS THE MOST INTERESTING STUFF

AIR YORDAN'S GOT GAME: As I type this, **Yordan Alvarez** has a 200 OPS+. If we toss out seasons shortened by strikes and pandemics, no player *not* tainted by performance-enhancing drugs has had an OPS+ of 200 or better (i.e., at least 100 percent above league average) since **George Brett** — *in 1980*. And Brett is the only player who can say that in the last six decades.

But also feel free to take a long look at quality of contact, as measured by Statcast's Expected Stats metrics.

Entering Thursday night, Alvarez's Expected Weighted On-Base Average, which measures quality of contact but also factors in walk and strikeout rates, was a ridiculous .491 — which would be the highest ever in the Statcast era. Judge's .457 is incredible, but it has been done before (by **Mike Trout** in 2019).

Meanwhile, **Aaron Judge**'s Expected Slugging was at .742. And that's spectacular. Except Alvarez was at an even more-unfathomable .753. That's *314 points above league average* — a level we've never seen since this stat has been recorded (over the last eight seasons).

Now factor in that no qualifying hitter in the Statcast era has ever even gotten to .700 over a full season. That means Aaron Judge is awesome. But Yordan Alvarez is in an orbit nobody should be able to reach without an assist from NASA.

ALVAREZ VS. JUDGE: So after spending hours looking at all of this, I asked myself: How would I justify still handing this prestigious half-trophy to Judge? I had a hard time answering that.

Defense? True, Judge plays the field every day and Alvarez has started just 45 percent of his games in the outfield. But Judge has graded out at minus-2 Defensive Runs Saved, according to Sports Info Solutions, while Alvarez is at plus-3. So only volume and positional adjustments make Judge appear to be the superior defender. But we're talking about a very small sample.

Offense? Alvarez leads the league in slugging, OPS, position-player bWAR, Win Probability Added and Runs Created per Game. Judge leads the AL in home runs and runs scored — but doesn't rank above Alvarez in a single significant rate stat.

Paul Goldschmidt. HE'S HAVING A LOU GEHRIG YEAR! All right, now that I have your attention, here's what I mean. Let's look at the season Goldschmidt would have if he kept producing at this pace.

.343/.427/.620/1.047, 199 OPS+
37 HR, 125 RBI, 89 XBH, 118 RUNS

Now let's look at all the first basemen in the live-ball era who have had that season:

Lou Gehrig (1927, 1930, 1934)

Jimmie Foxx (1932, 1933)

And that'll do it!

If we lower the OPS+ bar, **Todd Helton** (2000 season) joins the club (along with two more Gehrig seasons). But I know what you're thinking: *Coors Field!*

BEST 1B OPS+, LIVE-BALL ERA, RH HITTERS*

216: Mark McGwire, 1998

207: Jimmie Foxx, 1932

201: Jimmie Foxx, 1933

199: Dick Allen, 1972

*(*strike-shortened seasons not included)*

Depending on which bars we lower, we also could loop **Jeff Bagwell** (1994 strike season), **Frank Thomas** (1994 strike season) and **Miguel Cabrera** (pick your favorite Miggy season) into this argument. Plus, we should acknowledge **Hank Greenberg's** 1937.

(Albert Pujols came close).

He leads the league in ... average, on-base, slugging, OPS, OPS+, weighted Runs Created Plus, hits, runs, extra-base hits, times reaching base, Win Probability Added and run expectancy. And besides all that thump, he's a four-time Gold Glover who is also ranked by FanGraphs as a top-25 baserunner in the sport.

From the “maybe we signed the wrong shortstop” file--**Javier Biaz**. Tigers free agent signing. six years and \$140 million.

Going into Thursday's game, he had hit .211, *with a .249 on-base percentage!* The last Tiger with an average and OBP that low in a season in which he had enough plate appearances to qualify for the batting title: **Bobby Lowe** (.208/.236) — in 1904!

Javy against right-handed pitching: .168, with a .219 OBP.

- Javy in Detroit: .168, with a .241 slugging percentage.
- Javy versus the rest of the AL Central: 18 for 98 (.184), with two homers, three walks and 30 strikeouts.
- Javy versus sliders, according to Baseball Savant: .113, with a (gulp) 51-percent whiff rate.
- Javy's chase rate on pitches outside the strike zone: 47.5 percent, second-worst in baseball.
- Javy's percentage of swings that whiffed: 36.1, second-worst in the AL behind human air conditioner **Joey Gallo**.
- Javy with the glove: Even that hasn't followed the plan. He's at minus-3 Defensive Runs Saved, slightly below his *plus-31* at shortstop for the 2019 Cubs.

How bad is it in Cincinnati?

Heading into Thursday, the Reds had been outhomered 115 to 73. They'd been outslugged .451-.375. And they'd already been outscored by 105 runs, which puts them in position to get out-plated by 200 runs for the first time since **Ivey Shiver**'s 1934 Reds put up an attractive run differential of minus-211.

But enough about that big picture. This is about a lineup that was supposed to hit — but instead has descended to the bottom of the Big Red Ravine. Did you know ...

- That Reds position players have been worth *minus-8.4 Wins Above Average* this season, according to Baseball-Reference. How'd you guess that's last in their league?
- That 14 position players on this team have a negative Wins Above Replacement, according to Baseball-Reference? I'm graciously not even including eight more who have been worth 0.0. You're welcome.

- That those 14 include ... the great **Joey Votto**, who has had a rough time of it (.210, with a 90 OPS+) ... and the reigning NL rookie of the year, **Jonathan India** (.204/.268/.283) ... and the former No. 2 overall pick, **Nick Senzel** (74 OPS+) ... and **Mike Moustakas** (currently in Year 3 of a four-year, \$64 million deal, with seven total homers in Great American Ball Park in those three seasons — two of them in his first week in town).

No need to keep running down the list. But those 22 position players ranked at 0.0 or worse in bWAR gives these Reds a shot at their modern franchise record for that sort of thing — which is also 22, held for over a century by **Fritz Von Kolnitz's** 1914 Redlegs.

Does that Rays Cy Young assembly line ever sleep? **David Price. Blake Snell. Chris Archer. James Shields. Charlie Morton.** They've all landed top-five Cy Young finishes since 2010. And now here comes **Shane Bieber** in just his second full season — as dominating as any of them, believe it or not.

THIS DUDE LETS IT FLY: Bieber's average fastball travels at 96.9 mph. Only one starting pitcher in the AL (**Gerrit Cole**) throws harder. But here's the scary part: That fastball *is his fourth-best pitch*. Of Bieber's league-leading 133 strikeouts, only 32 of them have come against his fastball. Because ...

HIS OFF-SPEED ARSENAL ISN'T EVEN FAIR: How has the league fared against his curveball, slider and changeup? Oh, how about 101 strikeouts, 35 hits, according to Statcast. That's how.

- Against his change: 40 Ks, 12 hits.
- Against his curve (which features a 53.5-inch vertical drop): 43 Ks, 13 hits.
- Against his slider: 18 Ks, 10 hits.

So "that's four plus pitches," says Rays president of baseball ops Erik Neander, "that he's executing the way he wants in any count. He's grown up really fast."

But now let's get to the Why He's the Cy Young part:

HE'S A LEFT-HANDED PEDRO: Halfway through this breakout season, Bieber leads the AL in ERA+ (at 204!) and strikeouts (133). Ready for the list of every qualifying pitcher in the 2000s who has led his league in Ks and had a full-season ERA+ of 200 or better (2020 pandemic season not included)? Here it comes:

Pedro Martínez, 2000 and 2002

End of list.

HE'S LEADING THE LEAGUE IN BASICALLY EVERYTHING: Halfway through this season, McClanahan leads the AL in those two categories above, plus (take a deep breath now) WHIP (0.81), pitcher bWAR (3.2), opponent AVG (.179), opponent OPS (.510), ERA (1.74), strikeout percentage (35.9 percent) and strikeout/walk ratio (7.8 Ks per BB). And those are just the highlights.

In the divisional era, 11 qualifying starter pitchers have had seasons in which they led the league in ERA, WHIP, strikeouts and opponent average. Every one of them won the Cy Young, with the exception of the still-debatable 2002 AL award that went to Barry Zito over Pedro.

HE'S HEADED FOR TWICE AS MANY K'S AS HITS: OK, so McClanahan still has a little whiffing work to do to make that happen. But at 133 strikeouts, 63 hits, he could very easily join one of the most surreal lists ever — the Twice as Many Ks as Hits Club (among starting pitchers with at least 200 strikeouts and 140 IP).

Year	Pitcher K's	Hits
2000	Pedro Martínez	284 128
2001	Randy Johnson	372 181
2017	Max Scherzer	268 126
2018	Max Scherzer	300 150
2018	Chris Sale	237 102
2019	Justin Verlander	300 137
2019	Gerrit Cole	326 142

Ah, but how many starting pitchers have ever done that *and* had an ERA below 2.00? Only one: 2000 Pedro (1.74). So that's the territory Shane McClanahan could conceivably be bound for in three months.

16 starts. 19 total runs allowed. 133 strikeouts. No pitcher ever can match those three to start a season.

Sandy Alcántara takes the ball for Miami and then ignores the memo that he's supposed to give it back.

Here's just a taste of the modern-day Old Hoss Alcántara act he's been grinding out over the last two months:

- He has spun off 11 starts in a row with at least seven innings pitched. It's the longest streak by anybody in eight years — since Clayton Kershaw fired off 17 in a row in 2014. But how many other active *right-handed pitchers* have ever had a streak this long? Yep. That would be none.
- In those 11 starts, Alcántara is 7-1, with a 1.33 ERA. Since Y2K, only four other pitchers have had an 11-start stretch in a single season with that many wins, no more than one loss, an ERA that good and as many innings (87 2/3), pitches thrown (1,177) and batters faced (324) as Alcántara. You've heard of them: **Randy Johnson** in 2000, **Chris Carpenter** in 2005, **Cliff Lee** in 2011 and **CC Sabathia** in 2008.
- And no right-handed starter has had an 11-start span with that heavy a workload — the innings, pitches and batters faced — in over a decade. **Roy Halladay, Verlander and James Shields** all did it in 2011.

But it's not merely all those seven-inning starts that separate Alcántara from the pack. He has also pitched eight innings or more eight times already. Only **Adam Wainwright and Aaron Nola** have that many eight-inning starts *over the last three seasons combined*.

Then there are Alcántara's 10 starts of 100-plus pitches, not to mention the seven starts in which he was permitted by the proper authorities to face at least the top of the lineup *a fourth time*. I know you thought fourth-time-through starts had been banned by now, but nope. Manager **Don Mattingly** has let his ace face a total of 33 hitters a fourth time in his starts. And Sandy Alcántara has allowed a total of three hits to those 33 hitters.

In other news, did you know opposing leadoff hitters have a .259 OBP against him — and have scored exactly one run in 17 starts? Did you know opposing cleanup hitters are hitting .143, with no home runs, against him? And did you know Alcántara has faced 160 more hitters this year than **Tony Gonsolin**, 55 more than **Corbin Burnes**, and over 100 more than **Joe Musgrove** and **Zack Wheeler**?

Seattle rookie **Julio Rodriguez. THE POWER:** Since May 1, Julio had bopped 15 home runs going into Thursday night. The only AL hitters with more: Judge (24), Yordan (19), Trout (18), Giancarlo Stanton (17) and Buxton (16).

THE WHEELS: Since May 1, Julio had also stolen 12 bases. Only three AL players had more in that category: Randy Arozarena (15), **Cedric Mullins** (13) and **Jorge Mateo** (13).

THE ALL-AROUND PACKAGE: So with 15 bombs and 12 steals, Rodriguez is one of only five players in baseball with double figures in each. The others: **Trea Turner** (10-12), **Kyle Tucker** (12-12), **Marcus Semien** (10-12) and Swanson (13-10). Excellent group.

But in truth, it's the rookie center fielder in Seattle who has been the most dangerous power-speed force in the game since then. How many players have double-figure steals and a .550 slugging percentage in that span? Just one. Yep, Julio.

THE GIFT TO HIT: Julio's Weighted Runs Created Plus since May 1: How about 162! To give you an idea what that means, the only AL hitters above him are Yordan, Devers, **Alejandro Kirk**, Judge, **Jose Altuve** and Arraez.

So if this keeps up, this man is headed for a 30-homer, 40-steal season — at age 21. And how many players as young as him have ever had one of those? Only one: **Mike Trout** (at 20).

JUSTIN VERLANDER AND THE PURSUIT OF 300 WINS

Joe Posnanski

Asked last year, he said he can get there. **Justin Verlander** had just turned 39 and he had 226 victories — that's some difficult math. Only 10 pitchers in baseball history have won 74 games after turning 39 years old, and two of them were knuckleballers (**Phil Niekro** and **Charlie Hough**), a third was a spitballer (that's **Jack Quinn**, who was grandfathered in and allowed to throw spitballs after they were outlawed) and a fourth was **Cy Young** himself. It seemed a long, long road for Verlander.

And it still does ... but the road is definitely a bit shorter. Verlander leads the American League with 10 wins, so he's at 236 now, and though he's striking out fewer batters, he's proving as hard to hit as ever (the league is hitting .183 against him and slugging .298). Verlander is a leading Cy Young candidate at age 39.

There are 24 pitchers who have won 300 games in MLB. That's the entity MLB. The list does not include other 300-game winners — such as **Satchel Paige**, who according to his Hall of Fame plaque won “hundreds” of games, suggesting a number so vast they couldn't even begin to estimate it. The Encyclopedia Britannica writes that when you include all the Negro league games, all the barnstorming, all the exhibitions, all of it, Paige is “reputed to have pitched a total of 2,500 games ... winning 2,000 of them.”

Several Negro leaguers probably won 300 games when you include all their games.

In Japan, **Masaichi Kaneda** won 400 games. He's joined by six other 300-game winners in Japanese ball — **Tetsuya Yoneda, Masaaki Koyama, Keishi Suzuki, Takehiko Bessho and Victor Starffin**. There are surely 300 game-winners in other countries as well — for example, when you add up all the wins for **Dolf Luque** in MLB, Cuba and Mexico ...

But let's get back to the 24 300-game winners in MLB history.

Seven of them were 19th-century pitchers, including our good friend **Old Hoss Radbourn**, who won 60 of those games in 1884. Five of the seven pitched in the 1870s and 1880s, when pitchers basically started every other day.

- **Pud Galvin** (365 wins — averaged 62 starts between 1879 and 1884)
- **Tim Keefe** (342 wins — averaged 58 starts between 1884 and 1887)
- **John Clarkson** (329 wins — averaged 62 starts between 1885 and 1889)
- Old Hoss Radbourn (310 wins — averaged 58 starts between 1882 and 1887)
- **Mickey Welch** (307 wins — averaged 52 starts between 1880 and 1886)

Those five played under very different rules from the game now — they pitched in a box, not on a mound, and they pitched from 50 feet away instead of 60 feet, 6 inches. They threw underhand, for the most part, and the number of balls it took for a walk was constantly changing.

The other two 19th century pitchers on the list — **Kid Nichols and Cy Young** — pitched in more modern circumstances. They still started a lot of games every year, but over his career Nichols averaged roughly 40 starts per season, while Young average 39 or so. That's a lot different from Galvin and Old Hoss.

Then came Deadball. Four of the remaining 17 300-game winners spend most or all of their careers pitching during Deadball, which ended around 1920.

Those four:

Walter Johnson: 417 wins

Christy Mathewson and Pete Alexander: 373 wins

Eddie Plank: 326 wins

The compelling part of this era was not so much how many starts they made each year but how many complete games they threw. Walter Johnson completed 531 of his 666 starts, while Alexander completed 436 games and Mathewson completed 435.

To give you an idea of Johnson's 531 complete games — MLB pitchers in total the last 5 1/2 seasons have completed 238 games. That's EVERYBODY.

In 1941, **Lefty Grove** became the first pitcher to win 300 games after Deadball. He won EXACTLY 300 games.

Then you have to wait 20-plus years to get to the next 300-game winner. There's a simple reason for this: World War II. Had it not been for the war, I believe there would have been THREE 300-game winners in that era.

The first is obvious: **Bob Feller** won 266 games and missed three full seasons and most of a fourth while serving in the Navy. Feller carried around a projection of what his lifetime stats might have been if not for the war, and it estimated he would have won 373 games.

Red Ruffing won 273 games and missed two seasons while serving in the military. He was at the end of his career, so it's not entirely certain that he would have won 27 more games. But it's a good bet.

And the third — nobody really talks about **Ted Lyons** as a potential 300-game winner. But he definitely was. He won 260 games and missed three seasons because of the war. The year before he went into the army, he led the American League in ERA. I think he would have done it.

In any case, the next 300-game winner — **Warren Spahn** — also served. He did not get into the big leagues until he was 25 years old. But he made up for it on the other end of his career — he pitched until he was 44 years old. In total, he won 363 games.

Early Wynn also served during World War II — for one year when he was 25 — and like Lefty Grove, ended up with exactly 300 wins.

Then came the golden era of 300-game winners. It's not entirely clear why so many great pitchers proved to be so durable during the 1960s, 1970s and into the 1980s. But it's really quite incredible, especially because while the six 300-game winners of the time were contemporaries, they were each so different.

— **Steve Carlton (329 wins)** was a fitness freak, and he would do all these wild exercises, like twist his wrist in a bucket of dried rice and work with martial arts gurus. I don't know if that's why he was able to pitch for so long (709 starts over 24 years). But it's as good a theory as any.

— Speaking of theories, my theory about **Nolan Ryan (324 wins)** is that he was simply too stubborn to get hurt or miss a start. There doesn't seem any other explanation for a pitcher who probably threw harder than anyone ever making an impossible 807 starts over his career.

— I don't even pretend to understand the longevity of **Don Sutton (324 wins)**. He made 30-plus starts every year but one from 1966 to 1987 — and the one year he didn't was the strike season. His 20 seasons with 30-plus starts is the most in baseball history. He just never got hurt. Sutton treated baseball like a job ("It was not an emotional experience for me," he would say), and he was just one of those guys who showed up for work every time.

— **Phil Niekro (318 wins)** might be the easiest one to understand — he was, after all, throwing the knuckleball, which is not as hard on the arm. Niekro did not play his first full season in the big leagues until he was 28, but he averaged 37 starts for the next 13 seasons and made 716 starts in his career.

— **Gaylord Perry (314 wins)** famously threw (or didn't throw) spitballs. I don't know how hard the spitball is on the arm, but you would have to say that Perry was extremely savvy about the way he worked his way through games, never overthrowing, always coming up with new and innovative ways of getting in the heads of batters. He made 690 starts in his career, 30 of them when he was 44 years old.

— I think the key with **Tom Seaver (311 wins)** was his pitch-perfect form. As was often said about him in his prime, Seaver was basically a pitching instruction book come to life. He had

powerful legs, which he always said was the key to his pitching success — he gained his power more from his legs than his shoulder or elbow. Of course, I'm just guessing here. Seaver's ability to stay healthy is as mysterious as all the rest. He made 647 starts in his career.

In addition to those guys, you have near-300 game winners like **Jim Kaat and Tommy John**. The fact that Tommy John — the name behind the surgery — won 288 games and made 700 starts utterly blows my mind. There was just something odd about that time.

The last four 300-game winners pitched mostly in the 1990s — I've always found it ironic that an era known for offense was, in retrospect, the golden era for starting pitchers. The 300-game winners were **Greg Maddux** (355 wins), **Roger Clemens** (354 wins), **Tom Glavine** (305 wins) and **Randy Johnson** (303 wins). They are four of the best pitchers in baseball history, with Maddux, Clemens and Johnson having legitimate arguments for best ever.

But I'd actually like to talk about **Pedro Martinez**. He was, at his best, the greatest pitcher I ever saw. But he made only 409 starts in his career and, as such, only won 219 games. I want to show you something about those five pitchers:

Number of times each pitcher made 34-plus starts in a season:

1. **Greg Maddux**, 15
2. **Tom Glavine**, 9
3. **Randy Johnson**, 8
4. **Roger Clemens**, 6
5. **Pedro Martinez**, 0

As the years have gone along, you can see how teams have used baseball's best pitchers. Since 1901, here are a few stars and how many starts they made:

1901: **Iron Joe McGinnity** made 43 starts

1921: **Stan Coveleski** made 40 starts

1941: **Bob Feller** made 40 starts

1961: **Whitey Ford** made 39 starts

1971: **Ferguson Jenkins** made 39 starts

1982: **Dave Stieb** made 38 starts

1991: **Greg Maddux** made 37 starts

2001: **Curt Schilling and Tom Glavine** made 35 starts

2011: **Justin Verlander** made 34 starts

2021: **Walker Buehler** made 33 starts

You see that slow, steady decline of starts? I think Pedro was a pivotal figure in that decline — he put up stat rates like the game had never seen before, struck out more batters, walked fewer, put up ERA+ numbers that still boggle the mind. But he also pitched fewer times than the aces of old. Nobody has ever been better than he was from 1997 to 2000, and over those four seasons, he averaged just 30 starts per season. He had a lot of nagging little injuries, but the point is managers determined that Martinez was more valuable making fewer (and better) starts.

That's how it has been ever since. **Clayton Kershaw** has never made 34 starts in a season, either. Neither has **Jacob deGrom or Gerrit Cole**. Last year, **Corbin Burnes** won the Cy Young Award having made just 28 starts.

And this is at the heart of the chase for 300-wins. The fewer the starts, the fewer the wins. A good pitcher on generally good teams *might* win half his career starts. Verlander, for example, has 236 wins in 469 starts — that's almost precisely half.

So, simple math — to win 300 games, you pretty much HAVE to start 600 games.*

For many pitchers, it's actually more than that. **Zack Greinke is the active leader with 500 starts. But instead of 250 wins — half of 500 — he has only 221, thanks to the fact he's played on some lousy teams through the years. (He's also the only other active pitcher with more than 200 wins.)*

And what are the chances of a starter in today's game getting 600 starts? Well, if you look over the last decade, the chances are 0.0%. The last pitcher to get 600 starts was **Jamie Moyer**, and he retired in 2010 (he briefly came back in 2012).

Yes, I think this is the whole ballgame: Can a top-level pitcher start enough 600 games in today's era? CC Sabathia pitched forever; he didn't start 600 games. **Mark Buehrle** started his career during the Johnson administration; he didn't even start 500 games. **Roy Halladay** was a first-ballot Hall of Famer; he didn't start 400 games. **Johan Santana** was probably the best pitcher of his time; he didn't start 300 games.

Verlander has made 469 starts.

Does he have 131 starts left in him to get those 64 wins? To achieve that, he would need to be a full-time starter for the rest of this season and probably three-and-a-half to four more years.

Is that realistic for a pitcher turning 40 in February?

No, it's probably not realistic. But it's not *realistic* to win 300 games in today's major leagues. We have to let go of the word "realistic" and instead ask if it's *possible*. And it is possible. Verlander looks good, he looks healthy, he's still driven, he plays for a good hitting team, it's possible that he gets to 600 starts.

And with that, it's possible that he wins 300 games.

As I said at the top, people have been calling the 300-game winner dead for a long time. Heck, there was a story when Warren Spahn retired saying he might be the last of the 300-game winners. So, yeah, always best to never say never.

Still, I think it's fair to say that if Verlander falls short of 300, it will be a long, long, long time for the next possibility.

MORE POSNANSKI WITH A HISTORY LESSON

(I had never heard of him)

Everybody said they called him Turkey because of the way he ran. **Norman Stearnes** was apparently a sight to see when he was in full flight; he would bob his head and flap his arms a bit. After watching Stearnes run, there really was nothing else for the other players to do but call him Turkey.

Of course, nicknames were a vital part of the Negro leagues. A quick tour through James A. Riley's essential *Biographical Encyclopedia of the Negro Baseball Leagues* gives you a nice sample — **Fat Barnes and Skinny Barnhill, Ready Cash, Piper Davis, Strangler Forbes, Jelly Gardner, Jeep Jessup, Tin Can Kincannon, Ice Cream Linares, Biz Mackey** (so named for giving hitters "the business" while they tried to hit), **Satchel Paige** (obviously), **Double Duty Radcliffe** (for pitching one end of a doubleheader and catching the other), **Mule Suttles, Satan Taylor** (though his mother loathed the nickname, so out of respect teammates started calling him **Jelly Taylor**), **Trickshot Washington, Shack Pappy Young** and the best nickname of them all, **Cool Papa Bell**.

The names meant something extra for many — some of the players would talk about how their nickname was like a second identity in that difficult time. They would suffer horrifying indignities off the field, but on the field, they were Monarchs and Giants and Stars, they were **Bullet Joe Rogan and Smokey Joe Williams and Pop Lloyd** and the Black Babe Ruth.

Turkey Stearnes, in an interview he gave late in his life, would say he did not get his famous nickname from the way he ran but rather from the potbelly he had as a boy. I asked Buck O'Neil about this once, and he said it was possible Stearnes first got the nickname as a child but then "it was quite a coincidence that he ran like a turkey."

Here's the thing about Turkey Stearnes and real turkeys — they're both much faster than you would expect. Turkeys apparently can run 25 mph. And Turkey Stearnes, though he built his reputation as a power hitter, was one of the fastest players in the Negro leagues. There were some who thought he was as fast as Cool Papa Bell himself, the man so fast he could turn out the light and be under the covers before the room got dark.

"Cool Papa WAS faster," Double Duty Radcliffe said. "But Turkey could go get those fly balls better than even Cool Papa. You couldn't hit a ball over his head."

At the plate, Stearnes had this crazy, wide-open batting stance. Remember Tony Batista's wild stance?

Apparently, Stearnes' stance was a little something like that, but from the left side. Plus he would dig his left heel into the dirt, the way kids do when they're trying to create a makeshift football tee. It was like playing Baseball Twister. Turkey looked a bit like he had arrived at the

game by accident and asked a spectator, “Pray tell, what sport is this?” And that someone then handed him a bat and told him to try and hit the ball.

But with that stance, Stearnes became one of the greatest power hitters in the history of baseball.

Negro leagues statistics are, as everyone knows, still incomplete. They can conceal as much as they reveal. But according to the brilliant research from the folks at Seamheads, the top five home run hitters in the Negro leagues were:

- 1. Josh Gibson**
- 2. Oscar Charleston**
- 3. Turkey Stearnes**
- 4. Mule Suttles**
- 5. Willie Wells**

Legends. All of them. But while the fame of Gibson and Charleston has only grown in recent years, Turkey Stearnes has largely been forgotten. Even in his time, he was often overlooked. And it’s a shame, because he was as colorful and brilliant as anyone who played in the Negro leagues; there should be a movie about him.

“How many home runs do you think you hit?” the author John B. Holway asked a year or two before Stearnes died.

“I hit so many,” Turkey said, “I never counted them.”

Norman Thomas Stearnes was born in Nashville, 1901. His father died when he was 15, and he went to work to help support the family as a janitor, farmhand, grocery-store stocker, or any other job he could find. He played ball on the weekends when there wasn’t any money to be made.

As a ballplayer, he was entirely self-taught. This is what led to the many wonderful quirks that made him such a unique baseball player. Let’s take just a moment to lament how homogenized the game has become. Nobody teaches themselves on the sandlots now. There are always coaches, always parents, always books to teach you the “right way” to play ball. And so most

players essentially hit the same, pitch the same, field the same, throw the same. They have the fundamentals down, which is good.

But so many wonders of baseball, like **Bob Gibson's** violent windup or **Stan Musial's** peek-a-boo batting stance or **Mel Ott's** leg-up-in-the-air style, or Turkey Stearnes' open batting stance and running form are all but gone.

Some travel coach undoubtedly would have seen Stearnes run when he was 10 and told him to calm down all that flapping and bobbing. They would have seen that wild stance he used and straightened him out. That would have been the end of that. And baseball would be just a little bit less vivid and interesting.

Turkey Stearnes was not a big man (he never did weigh more than 170 or 175 pounds), but he had natural power. He lived until 1979, and that meant that he got to watch the similarly sized Carl Yastrzemski hit 400 home runs and win a couple of MVP awards. And when he watched Yaz, he would say: "Yeah, that's what I was like."



Let's talk a little bit more about the batting stance. As a left-handed hitter, Stearnes would plant his right foot WAY to the right, almost like he was facing the pitcher for an old-West gunfight. But as mentioned, it was even weirder than that. He would plant his right heel in the dirt and point his toes up toward the sky. He said that gave him leverage.

He also choked up on the bat, much like how **Barry Bonds** did late in his career. This allowed him to turn on fastballs with a cobra-quick swing.

“He could get around on you,” Satchel Paige said.

Stearnes came to Detroit in 1923 and, according to Seamheads research, he hit .366 and slugged .723 with 20 doubles, 15 triples and 18 home runs in just 72 league games. He was credited with the home run title that year, though Seamheads has found that Heavy Johnson and Candy Jim Taylor (two more great nicknames) actually hit more. He definitely did lead the league in triples. But then, he just about always led the league in triples ... he did so six times, which is the record for Black or white baseball.

Stearnes led the league in triples again in '24, finished one homer behind Oscar Charleston in '25, hit .383 and led the league in doubles in '26. It was like this year after year; he was usually near or at the top of the league in all the major hitting categories. And if you counted all the barnstorming games, all the exhibition games, all the games against white players, he probably cranked 50 or 60 homers more or less every year, which is why he stopped counting.

That was OK, though, because Stearnes wasn't interested in just hitting home runs. He played to win games. “If [the home runs] did not win a ball game,” he always said, “they didn't amount to anything.”

I will admit that my favorite part of the Turkey Stearnes story is that he talked to his bats. Buck O'Neil used to love telling stories about that. Stearnes seemed to think of baseball bats as living, breathing things — in this way, he was a lot like another Hall of Fame, left-handed slugger named **Johnny Mize**.

In 1940, when he was still playing for the Cardinals, Mize had 43 different bats, one for every occasion. When the clubhouse folks complained that they couldn't travel with 43 bats, Mize grumped: “How do you expect me to work without my tools?”

Stearnes did not have nearly that many bats — that wasn't a real possibility in the Negro leagues — but he had several; they were his tools, too. He would carry them around in cases to make sure they were well preserved. And he would choose his bat specifically for the occasion,

depending on who was pitching, how hard they were throwing, where the wind was blowing, what park they were playing in and so on.

After the game, back at the hotel, teammates would sometimes overhear him thanking his bats for delivering big hits or reprimanding certain bats for failing to deliver in the big moments or admonishing himself for choosing the wrong bat for the occasion.

“I used you and only hit the ball up against the fence,” **Buck O’Neil** recalled him saying to one bat, and then Turkey turned to the other. “If I had picked you, I would have hit a home run.” He was known, Buck said, to threaten a slumping bat with an ax.

Turkey Stearnes was at his best for mediocre ballclubs; he didn’t star for famous teams the way Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard and Satchel Paige did. That is one of the reasons he was overlooked. He also came along earlier than a lot of the Negro league stars who have endured in memory; he played in the 1920s, while Gibson, Leonard, Paige, **Monte Irvin** and others you may know played in the 1930s and ’40s.

There’s a sadness for players like Josh Gibson who starred just before baseball finally integrated. But there’s also a special sadness for star players like Turkey Stearnes, Bullet Rogan, Oscar Charleston, Mule Suttles, John Beckwith, Jud Wilson and others who were largely forgotten by the time **Jackie Robinson** played for the Dodgers in ’47.

Stearnes himself had been retired for years by the time Robinson and Larry Doby broke through. He stayed in Detroit; he was a big Tigers fan. He would sit in the bleachers and, if someone asked, he might tell stories about his playing days. He was as apt as any former ballplayer to complain about the new players and exaggerate the old days, but he was always modest about his own accomplishments. Alas, not a lot of people asked.

When Negro leaguers started getting elected to the Hall of Fame — beginning with Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson — Turkey Stearnes did believe he would get the call. He waited by the phone on election days. The years passed.

1971: Satchel Paige

1972: Josh Gibson

1973: Monte Irvin

1974: Cool Papa Bell

1975: Judy Johnson

1976: Oscar Charleston

1977: Martin Dihigo and Pop Lloyd

Then the faucet turned off and for a while, Negro leagues players stopped getting elected. The Baseball Hall of Fame was ready for some progress, but not quite that much — some of them really believed that adding more than eight Negro leaguers would water down the Hall of Fame. This, shamefully, was happening at the same time that the Hall of Fame was adding just about every white player who picked up a bat for the New York Giants in the 1920s or early '30s.

In 1979, Turkey Stearnes went to the first big Negro leagues reunion. The other players saw that he was already sick. He died two months later. It would be more than two decades after Turkey's death that one of the greatest to ever play the game was finally elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

KEITH HERNANDEZ GETS HIS DUE

Just as the deadline day trade of **Tom Seaver** had ended a long competitive era for the [Mets](#), the deal six years later for Keith Hernandez started one.

Hernandez's No. 17 will be enshrined Saturday afternoon on Citi Field's left-field façade — just the fourth player in Mets history to earn that honor, following **Tom Seaver, Mike Piazza and Jerry Koosman**. (**Managers Casey Stengel and Gil Hodges** have done so as well.) He'll be the first player so honored from the best team in franchise history, the 1986 champions.

Hernandez earned that distinction with his tenure as a player for the Mets over six and a half seasons — a time in which the franchise transformed from a half-decade of losing into the preeminent force in the National League. During Hernandez's tenure in Queens, no major-league team won more games than the Mets.

Hernandez made three All-Star teams, had three top-eight MVP finishes and won five Gold Gloves while with the Mets. He's third in franchise history in batting average and on-base percentage, 10th in RBIs.

He's furthered his legacy in Queens with a second career with the team, as a broadcaster for SNY since 2006. That's endeared him to more generations of Mets fans, as he's now been connected to the organization for most of the last 40 years.

The Mets added a bobblehead giveaway for good measure, ensuring the largest crowd of the season after the home opener.

With Mr. Met sporting a mustache and No. 17 mown into the center-field grass, the Mets introduced Hernandez's extended family as well as a collection of former teammates, including **Mookie Wilson and Ed Lynch**. Even Piazza made the trip to pay his respects to the first captain in team history (and, during a sweet speech, Hernandez's late co-captain, **Gary Carter**). The gifts for Hernandez included a mosaic made out of 6,000 baseball cards of the first baseman, as well as Strat-O-Matic cards for the 1986 Mets — a perfect touch for the aficionado of the game.

Starred in a 2 part Seinfeld episode.

Huge B-52s fan—loved singing on the team plane.

Full time broadcaster for the Mets starting in 2006.

He has been part of the Mets franchise for 40 of the team's 61 years.

He played in 2,088 games over 17 seasons. MVP, 2 silver sluggers. Batted .296, 196 HRs, 1,071 RBIs in 7370 at bats.

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER

44 players have hit 100 or more HRs for the Yankees.

12 of them also hit 100 or more home runs as non-Yankees.

How many of the 12 can you name?

	<u>As Yankees</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Alex Rodriguez	351	345	Mariners, Rangers
Jason Giambi	209	209	A's, Rockies, Indians
Mark Teixeira	206	203	Braves, Rangers, Angels
Dave Winfield	205	240	Padres, Jays, Twins, Angels, Indians
Robinson Cano	204	131	Mariners, Mets
Tino Martinez	192	147	Mariners, Rays, Cards
Joe Gordon	153	100	Indians
Reggie Jackson	144	419	A's, Orioles, Angels

Alfonso Soriano	121	291	Cubs, Nationals, Rangers
Curtis Granderson	115	229	Tigers, Mets, Jays, Dodgers, Marlins, Brewers
Nick Swisher	105	140	White Sox, A's, Indians, Braves
Giancarlo Stanton	101	267	Marlins

IF YOU GUESSED THESE GUYS, YOU WERE CLOSE

	<u>As Yankees</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Graig Nettles	250	83	Twins, Padres, Indians, Expos, Braves
Roger Maris	203	72	Cards, A's, Indians
Paul O'Neil	185	96	Reds
Bobby Murcer	175	77	Giants, Cubs

OTHER 100 HR HITTING YANKEES WHO DID NOT HIT 100 HRS WITH ANOTHER TEAM(S)

	<u>As Yankees</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Babe Ruth	659	55	Red Sox, Braves
Mickey Mantle	536	0	
Lou Gehrig	493	0	
Joe DiMaggio	361	0	
Yogi Berra	358	0	
Bernie Williams	287	0	
Jorge Posada	275	0	
Derek Jeter	260	0	
Don Mattingly	222	0	
Bill Dickey	202	0	
Aaron Judge	188	0	
Charlie Keller	183	5	Tigers
Tommy Henrich	183	0	
Tony Lazzeri	169	9	Dodgers, Giants, Cubs
Joe Pepitone	166	53	Cubs, Braves, Astros
Moose Skowron	165	46	White Sox, Senators, Dodgers, Angels
Elston Howard	161	6	Red Sox
Roy White	160	0	
Hank Bauer	158	6	A's
Tom Tresh	140	13	Tigers
Hideki Matsui	140	35	Angels, A's, Rays
Brett Gardner	139	0	
Gary Sanchez	138	9	Twins
Thurman Munson	113	0	
Gil McDougald	112	0	
George Selkirk	108	0	
Mike Pagliarulo	105	17	Twins, Padres, Orioles, Rangers

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