

# National League

## 2017

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### Standings:

#### Eastern Division

Washington	97-64
Miami	77-85
Atlanta	72-90
NY Mets	70-92
Philadelphia	66-96

#### Central Division

Chicago	92-70
Milwaukee	86-76
St. Louis	83-79
Pittsburgh	74-87
Cincinnati	68-94

#### Western Division

Los Angeles	104-58	<b>ERA:</b> LA Dodgers	3.38
Arizona	93-69	<b>BA:</b> Colorado	.273
Colorado	87-75	<b>FA:</b> Miami	.988
San Diego	71-91		
San Francisco	64-98		

<b>Best home record:</b>	LA Dodgers	57-24	<b>Worst:</b> Atlanta, NY Mets	37-44
<b>Best road record:</b>	Washington	50-31	<b>Worst:</b> San Francisco	26-55

### League:

- New **Collective Bargaining Agreement** was made in early December. Pact included higher penalties for high-spending teams, a cap on signing bonuses for international amateurs, and home-field advantage for the World Series now goes to the league of the team that possesses the best season record. There would also be no international amateur draft.

The league that won the **All-Star Game** no longer determined World Series home field advantage.

MLB planned to eliminate the long-held ritual of **rookie hazing**.

After several foul-ball injuries – league discussed **extending the safety netting** beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base lines.

- White Sox' **Jose Abreu** and NY Mets' **Yoenis Cespedes** each testified about elite Cuban players smuggled illegally into US (through Mexico). Focus was on agents Burt Hernandez, trainer Julius Estrada, and Amin Latouff. Payoffs to each were great. Mid-March: Hernandez and Estrada were found guilty.
- **Highest payroll:** LA Dodgers (\$242.1 M); NY Yankees ranked #2 (\$201.5 M); San Francisco ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in NL (\$172.4 M) followed by the Chicago Cubs (\$172.2 M). **Lowest payroll:** Milwaukee (\$63.1 M).  
Washington signed arbitration-eligible OF Bryce Harper to \$21.65M/1-year.
- Former NY Yankee SS **Derek Jeter** and a group of investors purchased the Miami Marlins franchise.
- NL umpire **John Tumpane** and 2 others saved woman attempting to jump off Pittsburgh's Roberto Clemente bridge.
- Colorado P **Chad Bettis** returned from cancer treatments.
- **Hurricane Irma** fallout: Miami's 3G series with Brewers was shifted to Milwaukee. Marlins were the home team.
- **President Trump** created a stir by stating that any athlete who kneels during the national anthem should be fired.

**Fines and Suspensions:** Mets RP **Jeurys Familia** 15G for domestic violence; Pitt OF **Starling Marte** 80G for violating ML's drug policy; Giants RP **Hunter Strickland** 6G and Washington OF **Bryce Harper** 4G for on-field brawl on 5/29. LA OF **Yasiel Puig** 1G and fine for obscene gesture during a game; LA 1B **Yuli Gurriel** 5G for racial gesture during G3 of World Series.

**Arizona D'Backs** and coach **Ariel Prieto** were fined after Prieto was seen wearing an Apple watch during a game. Although no evidence was found in Prieto's watch, the act violated an on-field regulation.

- **Raul Mondesi**, 1994 NL Rookie of the Year, sent to Dominican Republic prison for corruption while serving as a mayor.

11/7/17: Former Philadelphia P **Roy Halladay** died in a plane accident. Halladay (203-105) was a 2X Cy Young Award winner.

**Trading Places:** RP Brett Cecil and OF Dexter Fowler (St L), OF Adam Eaton, C Matt Wieters (WA); P Edinson Volquez (Miami); RP Mark Melancon (SF); RP Wade Davis and OF Jon Jay (Chicago); 3B Travis Shaw (Mil); P Sergio Romo, OF Franklin Gutierrez, Yu Darvish, and Curtis Granderson (LA Dodgers) and OF JD Martinez (AZ).

**Streaks:** **LA Dodgers** (+10 twice) went 43-7 during a mid-summer stretch (best in ML since 1912), including 21-7 in June. LA then spiraled in August/September, losing 11 straight games, going 5-20 during that span.  
**Arizona** (+13)

### **Noteworthy games:**

- 4/2: **San Francisco** lost to Arizona 6-5. Giants P Madison Bumgarner homered twice in a losing cause.
- 4/3: **Washington** beat Miami 4-2. Game marked the 5<sup>th</sup> time Nats' Bryce Harper homered on Opening Day.
- 4/8: **Philadelphia** beat Washington 17-3. Phillies scored club-record 12 runs (without a HR) in the 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4/11: **NY Mets** beat Philadelphia 14-4. Mets' Yoenis Cespedes hit 3 of the team's 7 HRs. Club also hit 7 doubles.
- 4/30: **Washington** beat NY Mets 23-5. Nats' Anthony Rendon: 6-6/2B, 3 HRs & 10 RBIs; C Matt Wieters: 3-4/2 HRs & 4 RBIs. Nationals scored in every inning but the 2<sup>nd</sup> and totaled 23 hits, including 4 2Bs & 7 HRs.
- 5/7: **NY Yankees** beat Chicago Cubs 5-4 in 18 (Chason Shreve). ML-record 48 batters struck out (Cubs 26, NYY 22).
- 5/31: **Houston** beat Minnesota 17-6 (Michael Feliz). DH George Springer (4-4) hit 2 of the Astros' 6 HRs.  
**Miami** beat Philadelphia 10-2 (Dan Straily). Only 1,590 attended game – fewest on record since 9/5/89 (Atlanta).
- 6/6: **Cincinnati** beat St. Louis 13-1 (Tim Adleman). Reds' Scooter Gennett: 5-5/4 HRs (including a grand slam) & 10 RBIs.
- 6/11: **Washington** lost to Texas 5-1. Nats' Max Scherzer reached 2,000 strikeouts in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.
- 6/24: **Washington** beat Cincinnati 18-3 (Joe Ross) SS Trea Turner: 5-5/4 Runs; OF Michael Turner: 4-5/2 HRs & 3 RBIs.
- 7/15: **LA Dodgers** beat Miami 7-1 (Alex Wood). LA's Cody Bellinger: 5<sup>th</sup> Dodger (1<sup>st</sup> Dodger rookie) to hit for the cycle.
- 7/19: **Colorado** beat San Diego 18-4 (Jon Gray). Rockies' Nolan Arenado: 5-5/3 HRs & 7 RBIs. Colorado collected 21 hits.
- 7/26: **Miami** beat Texas 22-10 (Jose Urena). Christian Yellich (4-5) and Giancarlo Stanton (3-5) homered. Derik Dietrich and Marcel Ozuna each drove in 5 runs. Eight Marlins collected 2+ hits.
- 7/27: **Washington** beat Milwaukee 15-2 (Max Scherzer). Five of Washington's 8 HRs came in Nats' 7-run 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nats hit 6 HRs off Brewers' Michael Blazek. Bryce Harper and Ryan Zimmerman each homered twice.
- 8/3: **Arizona** beat Chicago 10-8 (Jake Barrett). D'Backs Paul Goldschmidt (3-4/6 RBIs) hit 3 of Arizona's 5 HRs.
- 8/16: **Denver** beat Atlanta 17-2 (Jon Gray). Rockies' Trevor Story: 2 HRs/6 RBIs; Mark Reynolds & Gerardo Parra: 4 RBIs/ea.
- 8/17: **Cincinnati** beat Cubs 13-10 (Drew Storen). Reds lost 9-0 lead and allowed 6 HRs. 1B Joey Votto hit 3-run HR.
- 8/23: **LA Dodgers** lost to Pittsburgh 1-0 in 10. LA P Rich Hill lost no-hitter in the 10<sup>th</sup> on Josh Harrison's 0-out HR.
- 9/4: **Arizona** beat LA Dodgers 13-0 (Robbie Ray). D'Backs JD Martinez (4-5/6 RBIs) hit 4 of the team's 6 HRs.
- 9/16: **Colorado** beat San Diego 16-0 (Tyler Anderson). Carlos Gomez (HR) & Jonathan Lucroy (3 Runs) each went 3-4.
- 9/26: **Pittsburgh** beat Baltimore 10-1 (Trevor Williams). Bucs' Andrew McCutcheon: 4-4/2 HRs & 8 RBIs.

**All Star Game:** NL lost 2-1 in 10 innings.

- MLB set a record for HRs in a single season.
- Philadelphia rookie OF **Rhys Hoskins** set ML record by hitting 10 HRs in 1<sup>st</sup> 17 games (previous record: 21 games).
- LA Dodgers **Cody Bellinger's** 39 HRs is new NL rookie record.
- Arizona OF **JD Martinez's** 16 HRs in September tied NL record set by Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner (1949). ML record is 17.

### **Playoffs:**

10/19: **LA Dodgers** beat Chicago Cubs 11-1 (Clayton Kershaw). Dodgers OF Enrique Hernandez: 3 HRs/7 RBIs.

10/29: World Series G5: **Houston** beat LA Dodgers 13-12 in 10 (Joe Musgrove for Dallas Keuchel). Astros hit 5 HRs.

**Last Year:** Pitchers Bronson Arroyo, Matt Cain; OF Carlos Beltran,

**First Year:** SS Paul DeJong, OF Rhys Hoskins, IF/OF Ian Happ, P Kyle Freeland, C Manny Pina, and 1B Josh Bell

**#1 Draft Pick:** SS Royce Lewis (Minnesota)

**Clemente Award:** 1B Anthony Rizzo, Chicago Cubs

**Rookie/Year:** 1B Cody Bellinger, LA Dodgers

**Exec of Year:** Chris Antonetti, Cleveland

**Mgr./Year:** Torey Lovullo, Arizona

**Comeback:** 3B Ryan Zimmerman, Washington

**MVP:** OF Giancarlo Stanton, Miami

**Cy Young:** Max Scherzer, Washington

**Hall of Fame:** C Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, IF Jeff Bagwell, OF Tim Lincecum, executives John Schuerholz and Bud Selig.  
Also included: Cartoon character Homer Simpson (*Homer at the Bat*).

**World Series:** Houston Astros beat the LA Dodgers in 7 games.