

POSTGAME NOTES



2016 A.L. WILD CARD | 2014 A.L. EAST CHAMPS | 2012 A.L. WILD CARD | 1997 A.L. EAST CHAMPS | 1996 A.L. WILD CARD | 1983 WORLD CHAMPS | 1979 A.L. CHAMPS | 1974 A.L. EAST CHAMPS | 1973 A.L. EAST CHAMPS | 1971 A.L. CHAMPS | 1970 WORLD CHAMPS | 1969 A.L. CHAMPS | 1966 WORLD CHAMPS

Sunday • July 25, 2021 • Game #98 • Home Game #46
Washington Nationals (45-53) vs. Baltimore Orioles (34-64)
FIRST PITCH: 1:06 p.m. • TEMP: 88 degrees • TIME OF GAME: 3:18

	R	H	E	LOB	WP: Sulser (3-1)	Attendance: 15,690
Nationals	4	7	0	9	LP: Hand (5-4)	Season Total: 441,321
Orioles	5	9	0	6	SV: None	Season Average: 10,030

UNDER REVIEW: Orioles Manager **Brandon Hyde** challenged the call of **CF Cedric Mullins** caught stealing second base in the third inning...Upon review, the call on the field stood...Nationals Manager **Dave Martinez** challenged the call of **LF Ryan McKenna** safe at home plate in the ninth inning...Upon review, the call on the field stood.

ORIOLES NOTES

- The Orioles beat the Nationals by a score of 5-4 today at Oriole Park, improving to 34-64 overall this season and 16-30 at home...Recorded their third series sweep of the season (last: 6/28-30 at HOU), and their first three-game sweep at home since 7/31-8/2/20 against Tampa Bay; is the first time the O's have swept the Nationals in a three-game series at home since 6/25-27/10...Have recorded multiple home runs in four-straight games, matching their season-high, done twice prior (last: 6/17-20); improved to 21-13 when hitting multiple homers in a game this year...It was their third walk-off win of the year (last: 4/29)...Improved to 1-51 when trailing after the eighth inning, and are now 6-15 in one-run games this season.
- LHP John Means** did not factor in the decision, throwing 6.2 innings, allowing four runs on five hits and one walk, while striking out two...Gave up a three-run homer to **DH Ryan Zimmerman** in the sixth inning to give the Nats a 4-3 lead; has allowed at least one home run in six-straight games, one shy of his career-high...Hit a career-high three batters with two of those coming around to score; entering today, Means hit three batters total in his past 15 games dating back to 9/20/20...He is the fifth O's starter in franchise history (since 1954) to record at least three hit-by-pitches in a start, and the first since Miguel González on 7/25/12...Has allowed four-or-more runs in back-to-back starts for the second time in his career (also: 8/7-13/19)...Has pitched into the seventh inning in eight of his 14 starts this year; all other O's starters have done so once total...Threw 75 pitches, 46 strikes.
- 1B Trey Mancini** hit his 18th home run of the season in the first inning; homered in back-to-back games for the third time this year (last: 5/19-20) and the 13th time in his career...The ball traveled 455 feet, the second-farthest home run of his career, trailing a 459-foot homer on 7/20/17...Is the farthest home run by an Oriole since Jonathan Villar on 5/27/19 (456 ft.), and tied for the 12th-farthest at Oriole Park since 2015...Singled in the eighth inning and has now recorded multiple hits in five of his past nine games; extended his hitting streak to a season-high-tying eight games (also: 5/12-21); is batting .394 (13-for-33) with two doubles, two home runs, three RBI, and eight runs scored during this span.
- 3B Maikel Franco** hit his 10th home run of the season in the second inning, his first home run since 6/21, and his first hit since being reinstated from the Injured List on 7/23...Hit by a pitch in the ninth inning and scored the tying run on a **SS Pat Valaika** sacrifice fly.
- LF Ryan McKenna** hit his first-career home run on a 3-2 count in the fourth inning of his 50th career game; the ball traveled 398 feet...Is the third O's player to hit his first-career home run in his 50th-career game, joining Gene Brabender (1986) and Glenn Gulliver (1982); is the 11th Oriole to a hit home run in his 50th-career game, others include Cal Ripken, Jr. (1982) and Boog Powell (1962)...Singled in the ninth inning to put the tying run in scoring position; marked his third multi-hit game of the season and first since 6/27...Scored the winning run on a fielder's choice by **PH Ramón Urías**.
- PH Ramón Urías** recorded his second-career walk-off (last: 4/13 vs. SEA [G2]) on a fielder's choice with one out in the ninth inning to score **LF Ryan McKenna**...Is the first Oriole to record a walk-off RBI as a pinch-hitter since Nolan Reimold on 7/24/16 against Cleveland...Seven of his 21 RBI this year have come in the seventh inning-or-later.

NATIONALS NOTES

- The Nationals suffered their sixth series sweep of the season (last: 7/9-11 at SF) at the hands of the Orioles in today's 5-4 loss...It was the first time the Nats were swept by the O's since 8/7-9/20, and the first time at Camden Yards since 5/8-9/17 (G2)...It was the first three-game sweep against the Nationals in Baltimore since 6/25-27/10...The Nationals are now 11-14-7 in overall series this season, while this year's Beltway series ends tied, 3-3...Washington is now 18-28 on the road this year, and 14-11 in one-run games.
- RHP Paulo Espino** faced the Orioles for the first time in his career and allowed three runs on five hits (three home runs) and one walk with a career-high six strikeouts through 5.0 innings in the no decision...Was just his third start on the road in his career (last: 7/9 at SF), of 10 total career starts...Had never given up three homers in a contest before today, previously appeared in three games (two starts) with two home runs...Four of his seven starts this season have been 5.0 innings-or-more...Threw 79 pitches, 51 strikes.
- DH Ryan Zimmerman** launched a three-run homer to center field in the sixth inning to give the Nationals a 4-3 lead...It was his 11th longball of the season and 99th career go-ahead home run...The extra-base-hit snapped a 0-for-9 skid dating to 7/20 vs. Miami, and was his first home run since 7/17 vs. San Diego...Drove in an additional run when he reached on a fielder's choice in the first inning for a season-high four RBI on the day; was his 27th career game with four-or-more RBI.
- SS Trea Turner** singled to left field in the opening frame and knocked a base-hit into center field in the sixth inning for his second-straight multi-hit game...He has tallied multiple hits in four of his last six contests...Turner has recorded two-or-more hits in six of 12 games played against the Orioles since the start of the 2020 season; he is batting .327 (17-for-52) against the O's in that span with two doubles, one home run, six RBI, three walks, and eight runs scored.
- 2B Alcides Escobar** was hit by a pitch twice in today's contest for the first time in his career...Has been hit by five pitches over his last six games, the most in any six-game span of his career; previous high was three times.