

POSTGAME NOTES

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Monday, September 22, 2025 – Truist Park – Atlanta, Ga.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Nationals	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	8
Braves	1	1	5	1	0	3	0	0	x	11	14	0	13

Win: Chris Sale (6-5, 2.63) | Loss: MacKenzie Gore (5-15, 4.17) | Save: José Suárez (1)

First Pitch: 7:17 p.m. | Game Time Temp.: 82 degrees | Time of Game: 3:12 | Attendance: 35,248

Home Runs

	Player (No.)	Off	Inn.	Outs	Count	Runners	Statcast (EV/Launch Angle/Distance)
WSH:	Nuñez (4)	Sale	1	0	0-0	---	97.2 mph/33°/361 ft.
	Crews (10)	Sale	4	2	1-2	---	105.0 mph/33°/389 ft.
ATL:	Acuña Jr. (19)	Gore	1	2	1-2	---	106.5 mph/33°/402 ft.

Information

Braves vs. Nationals: Atlanta has won five consecutive games against Washington, dating to the start of last week’s series on September 15...The two clubs are set to play seven times in a span of 10 days, following the four-game series at Nationals Park last week...The Braves have played to an 8-3 record against the Nationals this year.

Washington Nationals (64-93)

Mackenzie Gore: Made the ninth start of his career against Atlanta and took the loss after allowing four hits, four runs and four walks over just 2.0+ innings...It tied the second-shortest start of his major league career, matching a 2.0-inning turn on July 20 of last season vs. Cincinnati...The left-hander was named to his first All-Star team this season after pitching to a 3.02 ERA (37 ER/110.1 IP) over his first 19 turns of the year...In 11 starts since the break, he is now 1-7 with a 6.75 ERA (37 ER/49.1 IP), allowing the exact same number of earned runs in 61 fewer innings.

Nasim Nuñez: Went 3-for-4 with a walk, highlighted by his first career leadoff home run...Homered on the first pitch of the game, the fourth time a National has done so this year...The other three occurrences were logged by CJ Abrams...Signified Nuñez’s fourth home run and Washington’s ninth leadoff home run this year, tied for fifth most in MLB behind Los Angeles-NL (13), New York-AL (11), Los Angeles-AL (11) and New York-NL (10)...Nuñez graduated from Collins Hill HS, located approximately 30 miles from Truist Park.

Atlanta Braves (74-83)

Winning Streak: The Braves tonight won their ninth consecutive game, the club’s longest streak this season...It’s the longest active winning streak in the majors...The team last achieved a nine-game streak from June 24-July 3, 2023, when in matched that mark.

Chris Sale: Picked up his first career win against the Nationals as he completed 5.0 innings and allowed five runs, all earned...The southpaw struck out six and walked two...Entering play, Washington was one of just four teams Sale had yet to beat in his MLB career...The last clubs standing are Miami (0-2 in three games), St. Louis (0-0 in in two games) and Atlanta (0-2 in two games).

Sale II: Surrendered a leadoff home run on the game’s first pitch...Since joining Atlanta prior to the 2024 season, he has allowed five leadoff home runs, tied for second-most in the majors...Zack Littell is the only pitcher to allow more in that time (6)...In that same period, Sale has third-lowest ERA (2.48) among qualifiers behind Paul Skenes (PIT, 2.00) and Tarik Skubal (DET, 2.31).

Drake Baldwin: Went 2-for-4 with a pair of runs and RBI...Became the first rookie catcher in MLB history (since 1920, when RBI became official) to record at least one extra-base hit and one RBI in six consecutive games...Research inspired MLB Network.

Baldwin II: Dating to the 1947 season, when the first national Rookie of the Year award was presented by the BBWAA, Baldwin is just the eighth rookie to reach 35 extra-base hits and 78 RBI while playing over half his games behind the plate, and the first to do so since J.P. Arenchibia in 2011...Of the first seven such catchers to reach Baldwin's counting stats in their rookie seasons, five were named Rookie of the Year.

Michael Harris II: Went 3-for-5 with a run, double, three RBI and three stolen bases, which tied his career high...He stole a trio of bags on July 16, 2022 in Washington...Since August 9, Harris’ 32 RBI are tied for fourth in MLB in RBI behind Juan Soto (NYM, 39), Vinnie Pasquantino (KC, 38) and Kyle Schwarber (PHI, 34).

Ronald Acuña Jr.: Homered in the first inning to collect his only hit, but reached base five times after drawing three walks and absorbing a fastball in his lower back...Marked the second time this season he’s reached base at least five times, joining his effort on August 27 at Miami...Tampa Bay’s Yandy Díaz is the only other player with multiple such games in that span...Since Acuña Jr. snapped his career-worst 0-for-25 spell on September 8, has slashed .360/.500/.620 (18-for-50) with 13 runs, eight RBI and 13 walks.

Ha-Seong Kim: Finished the night 1-for-4 with two runs and a walk...His second-inning single extended his hitting streak to 10 games, which stands as the second-longest of his career...He hit safely in a career-best 16 straight games from July 24-August 11, 2023 while with the San Diego Padres...Kim is a lifetime .304 hitter at Truist Park with an .842 OPS.

Ozzie Albies: Left tonight’s game due to a fractured hamate bone in his left hand.