



2022 Collegiate National Team alum Wyatt Langford became the first player this season to hit for the cycle, achieving the historic statline for the first time in his career in the Rangers' 11-2 win over the Orioles in Baltimore. Langford's first of four hits on the night was a triple driven into left in the top of the fourth, allowing him to score the third Texas run of the night on a single immediately afterwards. In the top of the fifth inning, Langford raked an RBI double into right that gave the Rangers a 6-2 lead, scoring a seventh run on another single in the same inning. He reached on an infield single in the sixth, and completed the cycle in the eighth inning by demolishing a 404-foot blast into left that punctuated the win with three more Texas runs. Langford is the first player ever to hit an inside-the-park home run, a grand slam, and hit for the cycle in a season, all the more impressive with Langford in the midst of his rookie season.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Lance Lynn moved to 4-3 on the season, awarded the win after going six innings on the mound in the Cardinals' 2-0 victory over the Reds. Lynn was lights-out during his shift, allowing just three Cincinnati players to reach the basepaths while maintaining the shutout. He retired six batters, including two in the second as Lynn helped retire the side.

2009 18U alum Nick Castellanos helped power the Phillies past the Marlins on Sunday in a 7-6 barnburner, posting a game-high four hits in a 4-for-5 performance at the plate to drive in three RBIs. Reaching on a single in the bottom of the first inning, Castellanos was left marooned at third as the Phillies were unable to add onto an early 2-1 lead. Castellanos found contact again in the fifth inning after Miami had jumped out to a 6-2 lead, raking an RBI double into left to begin Philadelphia's climb back into the game. He pulled his squad to within a run in the sixth inning, going left again on a single that scored a pair of runs and cut the Marlins lead to 6-5. Castellanos added his fourth and final run of the night in the eighth inning after the Phillies had pulled ahead 7-6, this time singling into center.

#### **JUNE 29**

CJ Abrams and the Nationals tallied six runs in the seventh frame and rolled to an 8-1 victory over Tampa Bay on Saturday at Tropicana Field. Abrams, a 2018 18U National Team alum, led the game off with a solo homer in the first at-bat of the game, putting his squad up 1-0 early. In the top of the seventh Abrams slapped a double to left field to increase the lead and start a six-run rally, scoring later in the inning himself. The shortstop finished his night going 2-for-3 with a homer, two RBIs and a walk in the contest. Abrams has now registered at least two hits in three of his last five games.

2019 Collegiate National Team member Heston Kjerstad crushed a grand slam in the fifth inning, leading Baltimore to a 6-5 victory over the Texas Rangers to register its fourth straight victory. Down 2-1 in the fifth, Baltimore loaded the bases on a double and two walks, allowing Kjerstad the opportunity to play hero. Kjerstad made his way to the plate and crushed a 395-foot home run to center field, giving the Orioles a 5-2 lead in the fifth. The former No. 2 overall pick added two walks to his line with one walk being intentional. In his last two games, Kjerstad has tallied seven total RBIs.

Will Smith, a 2023 World Baseball Classic alum, and the Dodgers went on a scoring outburst in the eleventh inning to top San Francisco in a tight extra-inning contest. With the Dodgers down 5-4 in the fourth, Smith slashed an infield single to even the game at five runs each. The two squads went back-and-forth, closing out the ninth frame locked at six runs apiece. After a tenth frame that saw each squad score one, the two went into an eleventh inning. Smith came through in the clutch and crushed a two-RBI double to center field, sparking a seven-run rally to make the lead insurmountable. Smith boasts a .264 batting average with 11 homers in the current season.





2023 World Baseball Classic alum Jeff McNeil pushed three runs across the plate in the Mets' 7-2 win over the Astros. With the score locked at two in the sixth inning, Mcneil and the Mets went on a four-run rally with three of the runs coming from a Mcneil three-run homer to right field. For good measure, Mcneil reached base on a single to center field, later scoring to increase the Mets' lead to five. In his last three games, Mcneil has registered five hits while tallying four RBIs in that span.

The Athletics' Shea Langeliers sparked a home run fest in the ninth inning to push Oakland over the Diamonds in a 9-4 victory. With the A's down 2-1 in the top of the third frame, Langeliers answered the call and evened the score with an RBI single to right field. The 2018 Collegiate National Team alum joined in on a home run contest in the top of the ninth, in an inning that saw three solo home runs in four at-bats. Langeliers launched his shot 386 feet to left field. The former first rounder now has 15 homers on the season.

2014 Collegiate National Team alum Bailey Ober tossed six innings in the Twins' 3-2 loss to the Mariners in extra innings on Friday, exiting with his side up 2-1. Ober posted a pair of strikeouts in three of his innings on the mound, with four coming in the fifth and sixth alone. He allowed two hits during his shift, the third time this season where Ober has gone six innings and surrendered two or fewer. This would be his first no-decision of that bunch, however, after having been awarded the win in the previous two instances.

2015 Professional Team alum Zach Eflin held the Nationals scoreless during his six innings on the mound, allowing the Rays to build a 3-0 lead and hold on for the win over the final three frames. Eflin was awarded his first win of the month, retiring six batters as he limited Washington to four hits and a walk during his time on the bump. The highlight of Eflin's night came in the fourth inning, where against four batters he fanned one while looking and caught two more on whiffs to bounce back from a single up the middle.

## **JUNE 27**

Toronto's George Springer cranked two homers to help push the Blue Jays over the Yankees on Thursday at Rogers Centre. Springer, a 2010 Collegiate National Team alum, started on fire early by crushing a threerun homer on a ball that traveled 391 feet to left field and giving his squad a five-run lead in the first. In the second inning, Springer replicated his first at-bat with another three-run shot, this time putting the Blue Jays up by eight. Springer would reach base again in the bottom of the fifth frame on a single to center field but would be left stranded. The former first round pick finished his night going 3-for-3 at the dish with six RBIs while scoring two runs himself. In back-to-back games, Springer has registered at least three hits while tallying eight RBIs in that span.

A trio of USA Baseball alums sparked the Orioles' 11-2 romp over the Rangers on Thursday in Baltimore, right from the start of the game. 2019 Collegiate Team alum Heston Kjerstad opened the scoring by driving an RBI single into right, reaching home as well as the Orioles jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Kjerstad was again the highlight in the third inning, crushing a two-run homer 415-feet into center for a 6-0 Baltimore lead. It was 2023 World Baseball Classic alum Cedric Mullins' turn to go long for Baltimore in the fourth inning, with the outfielder launching a 380-foot effort into right for the Orioles' seventh and eighth runs of the day. Adley Rutschmann became the third USA Baseball alum to homer in the game for Baltimore with a solo shot in the seventh inning, before he delivered Mullins home in the eighth inning on a sac fly for the Orioles' final run. In total, the three combined to go 7-for-11 with three homers, seven RBIs, and five runs in the win.





Nico Hoerner and the Chicago Cubs edged out the San Diego Padres 5-3 in a ten-inning thriller on Thursday at Oracle Park. With both teams headed into the top of the third frame scoreless, Hoerner made his way to the plate and delivered a booming two-run homer to put the Cubs up by two. In the top of the seventh Hoerner found his way to the bags again via a single to center field where he would later steal second but ultimately get stuck on the bases. The two-time USA Baseball registered another hit in the top of the ninth too. Hoerner now boasts a .248 batting average in the 2024 season.

2016 Collegiate National Team alum Jake Burger helped the Marlins to a 7-4 victory over the Phillies on Thursday, going 3-for-5 with a homer, two RBIs, and a run scored. With the game deadlocked at 4-4 in the top of the eighth inning, Burger decked what proved to be the winning run as he blasted a solo homer 374 feet into left, putting Miami ahead 5-4. He added the Marlins' seventh and final run in the ninth inning, going left again as he raked an RBI single.

#### **JUNE 26**

Kyle Higashioka had a monster afternoon for the Padres on Wednesday, crushing his first ever grand slam in San Diego's 8-5 win over the Nationals. Higashioka's grand slam was one of two homers on the day, as the 2023 Professional alum finished 3-for-4 with six RBIs and three runs scored. Higashioka opened the scoring with his first homer, a two-run shot into left in the bottom of the second to jumpstart the Padres' offense. Reaching on a single in the fourth inning, Higashioka scored on a single to give San Diego a 4-0 lead. The highlight came in the eighth inning, when Higashioka cranked his second home run 390-feet into left and cleared the bases for the first time in his career. The grand slam put the Padres ahead 8-0 and sealed the game, helping San Diego sweep Washington at Petco Park.

Making his second start this season, two-time USA Baseball alum Matthew Liberatore picked up his second win of the season as he went six innings in the Cardinals' 4-1 win over the Braves. Liberatore was terrific against a dangerous Atlanta lineup, limiting it to just two hits and a walk as he struck out eight batters. His highlight of the night was the sixth inning, where Liberatore punched out all three Braves who stepped to the plate to end his shift.

## JUNE 25

2014 15U National Team alum Mark Vientos smacked two solo homers in the Mets 9-7 win over the Yankees on Tuesday at Citi Field. With the Mets up by one, Vientos stepped up to the plate and delivered his first solo shot of the night over the left field wall. To add onto the scoring affair, Vientos smashed another homer in the fourth frame to increase the Mets lead to four. The third baseman now owns a .297 batting average and nine homers in the 2024 season.

Toronto's George Springer went 3-for-5, crushing a two-run homer while tallying two RBIs in the Blue Jays 9-4 victory over the Red Sox. Springer, as a part of a seven-run rally, began his night at the plate in the top of the third frame when he cranked a two-run shot over that traveled 388 feet, putting the Blue Jays up 7-2. Springer added a single to right field in the top of the night to cap off his day. The 2010 Collegiate National Team had a game-high three hits in the contest.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Mickey Moniak crushed his first career grand slam to power the Angels 7-5 win over Oakland on Tuesday. In the bottom of the fourth with the Angels down 2-1, Moniak became the man of the hour after he smacked a ball 375 feet to register his first grand slam, putting his team up 5-2 after the fourth frame. Moniak added a walk to his statline and would later find home, allowing the Angels to keep the lead. In his last three games, Moniak has recorded at least one hit and has collected five RBIs in that span.





Two-time USA Baseball alum Bryce Harper and 2019 Professional Team alum Alec Bohm combined to go 7-for-10 at the plate, powering the Phillies to an 8-1 win over Detroit. Both players went deep, contributing all eight of Philadelphia's RBIs and personally scoring half of the team's runs. Harper opened the scoring in the top of the first inning, slashing a two-RBI double into center to put the Phillies up 2-0 before Bohm blasted a two-run homer 385 feet into center immediately afterwards. It was Harper's turn to go deep in the sixth inning, as he decked a three-run shot that traveled 374 feet into right to give the Phillies a 7-1 lead. The pair combined for the final time in the eighth inning, as Bohm sent Harper home once again with an RBI double into left.

2013 Collegiate National Team alum Matt Chapman helped spark the Giants' five-run rally on Monday as San Francisco earned a 5-4 win over the Cubs at Oracle Park. Finishing 2-for-4 with a homer, an RBI, and a pair of runs, Chapman crushed a 410-foot solo blast to put the Giants on the board in the fifth inning after trailing 4-0. With San Francisco still trailing 4-2 in the ninth inning, Chapman led off with a double and advanced to third on a bunt. Scoring on a sac fly to cut the lead to 4-3, Chapman would be the first of three Giants to score in the bottom of the ninth and secure the comeback victory.

The Tennessee Volunteers were crowned College World Series champions in Omaha, Nebraska, on Monday night, with three USA Baseball alums on the roster. 2023 Collegiate National Team alumni Christian Moore and Drew Beam led Tennessee in the MCWS Final as the Volunteers defeated Texas A&M two games to one in a three-game series. Dropping the first game to the Aggies, Beam started for the Volunteers and went the first 4.0 innings of Tennessee's 4-1 win in Game Two, retiring seven batters and only allowing a run during his shift. Moore, the 2024 SEC Player of the Year, opened the third and final game of the series with a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning, setting the tone early as Tennessee earned a 6-5 win. Matthew Dallas, a 2022 18U National Team alum, will be waiting his turn to star for Tennessee as the Volunteers look to defend their title next season.

## **JUNE 23**

Two-time USA Baseball alum Sonny Gray picked up his second straight win on Sunday, moving to 9-4 on the season as the Cardinals defeated the Giants 5-3 in St. Louis. Gray was nearly perfect in his 7.0 innings of work, maintaining a no-hitter over the first six innings before he allowed a solo homer in the seventh. Racking up eight strikeouts, Gray limited San Francisco to just a single hit and no walks in what was arguably his best outing of the season so far, leaving the game with St. Louis leading 4-1.

2023 World Baseball Classic alum Kyle Freeland went 6.0 scoreless innings in his return from injury on Sunday, though the Rockies would ultimately fall short to the Nationals by a score of 2-1. Freeland exited with Colorado leading 1-0, having allowed just a lone hit and no walks during his shift on the mound. Freeland was denied the win, however, as the Nationals rallied in the ninth inning for a pair of runs that won the game.

Five-time USA Baseball alum Alex Bregman posted a season-high four hits as he went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate in the Astros' 8-1 win over the Orioles. Bregman reached base five times in Houston's fifth straight win, first on a double in the first inning that allowed him to score the Astros' second run in a 4-0 first inning surge. Bregman doubled again in the fourth inning, singled and scored in the sixth, and then singled for the second time in the eighth inning as Houston rolled.

Riley Greene went deep for the 15th time this season as the Tigers routed the White Sox in Detroit, 11-2.





Finishing 2-for-4 at the plate with a walk, Greene decked a 367-foot blast into left center in the second inning to score three runs and hand Detroit an early 9-0 advantage. The 2018 18U National Team alum is currently riding a six-game hitting streak.

### **JUNE 22**

2014 Collegiate National Team alum Bailey Ober recorded his first career complete game in the Twins' dominant 10-2 win over the Athletics on Saturday at the Oakland Coliseum. Ober fanned out ten batters in his career night, using just 89 pitches over nine innings of work. The 89-pitch complete game was the fewest pitches in a full-game performance since Carlos Silva in 2005. In Ober's outing, he only gave up four hits and did not walk a single batter. Ober moved to 7-4 on the season after the huge performance.

2019 Collegiate National Team alum Alec Burleson put up a monster performance for the Cardinals in a 9-4 win over the Giants, tying for the game high with three hits on four at-bats. Burleson stuffed the stat sheet with a pair of home runs, five RBIs, three runs scored, a walk, and a stolen base. Reaching on a single in the first inning, Burleson was one of two Cardinals runs to score early after St. Louis had fallen behind 3-0. He put the home side ahead with his first homer of the night in the fourth inning, crushing a three-run shot that traveled 407 feet into center and put the Cardinals ahead for the first time, 5-4. The next runs to score were also from a Burleson jack, as this time he decked a 416-footer into center that gave St. Louis a 7-4 advantage. Burleson's two-homer day, his first of the season, now has him sitting at 12 for the year.

Bryce Harper helped the Phillies get back on track after two straight losses as he went 4-for-5 at the plate with a homer and three RBIs in Philadelphia's 12-1 win over the Diamondbacks on Saturday. The two-time USA Baseball alum opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning, lasering an RBI single through center as the Phillies took a 1-0 lead and never looked back. Harper helped build the lead in the third inning, cranking a massive 427-foot home run into right center that scored a pair of runs for a 4-0 lead.

Nick Castellanos was also a huge part of the Phillies' offense in their 12-1 rout of the Diamondbacks, cracking a game-high five RBIs on Saturday at Citizens Bank Park. Castellanos, a 2009 18U National Team alum, started driving in runs early as he hit a booming sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning to drive in the Phillies second run of the game. In the bottom of the fifth frame, Castellanos went back to work, cracking a two-run homer that traveled 428 feet over the left field wall and moving the score to 8-1 in favor of the Phillies. Castellanos found his way to the bags again in the sixth, slashing a single to left field and tacking on two more runs for the Phillies. In his last five games, Castellanos has been a force at the plate, registering 10 total hits while collecting seven RBIs in that span.

2022 Collegiate National Team alum Wyatt Langford crushed his first Major League grand slam to cap off the Rangers' 6-0 win over the Royals on Saturday, finishing 2-for-4 with four RBIs at Globe Life Field. With Texas holding onto a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the eighth inning, Langford demolished a ball 415-feet into left to put the game away and send the home fans into celebration.

## JUNE 21

Just a day after delivering a walk-off homer for the Padres in San Diego's 7-6 win over the Brewers, Jake Cronenworth was at it again with a monster performance against Milwaukee on Friday in a 9-5 win. The 2019 Professional alum was a perfect 5-for-5 at the plate for the first time this season to lead all hitters, while going deep for the second straight game as well. Swatting a single in his first at-bat in the second inning, Cronenworth scored the Padres' first run of the game. After San Diego fell behind 4-1, Cronenworth sent a solo blast 376 feet into right to tie the game during the sixth inning as part of a four-run surge from the Padres. The Brewers tied the game at 5-5 in the top of the seventh, only to see Cronenworth haunt them





for the second straight game. He drove in what proved to be the game-winning RBI single to give San Diego a 6-5 lead, then rounded the bases as his side pulled ahead 8-5. Scoring the final run of the game in the ninth inning following a double into center, Cronenworth finished with four runs scored and a pair of RBIs.

Cronenworth wasn't the only USA Baseball alum to be perfect at the plate on Friday, as Adley Rutschman also finished 5-for-5 in the Orioles' 14-11 loss to the Astros. Similar to Cronenworth, this was the first time this season that Rutschman reached the five-hit plateau as he led all players in the game. Tallying four singles and a double, the 2018 Collegiate National Team alum scored in the fifth inning to give Baltimore a 3-2 lead and reached home once again in the eighth as the Orioles looked to mount a comeback while down late.

Washington teammates and former 18U National Team alums Lane Thomas and CJ Abrams combined for six hits, five RBIs, and four runs in the Nationals' 11-5 win over the Rockies on Friday. Thomas, an alum of the 2013 18U squad, drove in the opening RBI single and scored to hand Washington a 2-0 lead in the third inning, part of a 5-0 run. He helped increase the lead in the following inning, slashing an RBI double into left that sent Abrams home for the first time before Thomas scored again to make it 9-1. Abrams, an alum of the 2018 18U squad, delivered an RBI double of his own in the sixth inning and was scored by a triple from Thomas as the Nationals won their 10th game over the last 13. Thomas finished 3-for-6 with four RBIs and a pair of runs, and was a home run away from hitting for the cycle. Meanwhile, Abrams ended the game 3-for-5 with an RBI, a pair of runs, and a stolen base.

Shea Langeliers was the second alum of the 2018 Collegiate National Team to make a big impact on Friday, blasting the game-winning home run in the eighth inning as the Athletics topped the Twins by a score of 6-5. Langeliers played a part in Oakland's initial jump to a 4-1 lead in the fifth inning, lasering an RBI single into center for his first hit. After Minnesota rallied to take a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning, Langeliers emerged the hero as he launched a 397-foot shot into left that gave the Athletics a decisive 6-5 advantage.

## JUNE 20

Cedric Mullins and the Baltimore Orioles cruised to a 17-5 win over the New York Yankees on Thursday at Yankee Stadium. The Orioles struck first, collecting a 1-0 lead after the first inning. With the game going into the second, Mullins stepped up to the plate and delivered a two-run shot over the right field wall to spark a six-run inning for his squad. Mullins, a 2023 World Baseball Classic alum, added to his resume with a single in the top of the seventh where he would later find his way home. Mullins finished his night with a home run, two RBIs while scoring three runs himself.

Mullins wasn't the only Oriole that had himself a night at the plate. Adley Rutschman, a 2018 Collegiate National alum, went 3-for-5 swinging the bat, helping Baltimore plate 17 total runs. In his first at-bat, Rutschman singled to right field, finding his way home on a double in the next at-bat. After registering a ground-rule double, Rutschman smacked an infield single in the top of the fifth and was brought home on a home run later in the inning. The catcher found his way to first two more times via walks. Rutschman is now batting .293 on the season with 85 hits and 53 RBIs.

San Diego Padres' Jake Cronenworth crushed a walk-off homer, helping his team down the Brewers 7-6 on Thursday at Petco Park. Cronenworth started early in the bottom of the first frame, hitting an infield single and rounding the bags to put his squad up 3-1. With the score tied 6-6, Cronenworth made his way to the plate in hopes of securing the win for the Padres. After working his way to a full count, Cronenworth cranked a slider over the fence to clinch the 7-6 win.





Three-time USA Baseball Hunter Greene hurled 6.1 scoreless innings as the Reds fell 1-0 to the Pirates on Wednesday, stymying Pittsburgh during his time on the mound. Greene tied his season-high with nine strikeouts, while allowing just two hits and no walks in a stellar outing. Putting together three innings with two punchouts, Greene finished with a no-decision as he just missed out on his third straight win.

Bryce Harper was the Phillies' offense in a 5-2 loss to the Padres, jacking a pair of solo home runs as the two-time USA Baseball alum finished 2-for-4 with both of Philadelphia's runs and RBIs. Wednesday was the second time this season where Harper has gone deep multiple times in a game, and his first since April 2nd. His first blast came in the third inning, a 392-footer into left center to tie the game at 1-1. Harper's second effort came late with the Phillies down 5-1 in the eighth inning, as he sent another shot 381 feet into right.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Royce Lewis matched his season-high at the plate with three hits in the Twins' 3-2 loss in 10 innings to the Rays. Finishing 3-for-4, Lewis decked a 410-foot solo home run in the fifth inning to hand the Twins a 2-1 lead before a late Tampa Bay rally. In 13 games since his return from injury on June 4th, Lewis has slashed .354/.418/.833 with seven homers and 11 RBIs.

2014 Collegiate National alum Dansby Swanson tied his season-high by driving in three RBIs in the Cubs' 6-5 win over the Giants on Wednesday, while also homering for the second straight games. Swanson went deep in the fourth inning, a 375-foot solo blast to put Chicago up 2-0 after an earlier solo homer. He added his second and third RBIs in the seventh inning, swatting a single into center that handed the Cubs a 5-1 advantage.

## **JUNE 18**

Mark Vientos and the Mets extended their winning streak to seven games, downing the Texas Rangers 7-6 on Tuesday. Vientos got off to an early start, cranking a home run that traveled 409 feet and giving his team a 1-0 lead. The 2014 15U National Team alum got on the bags again with a single in the fifth where he would later score his second run of the day. With his team down 6-3, Vientos delivered another single and rounded the bases, cutting the deficit to two. Vientos finished his night going 3-for-5 with a home run, one RBI and three runs scored.

2009 14U National Team alum, J.P. Crawford homered to help elevate his Mariners over the Guardians 8-5 on Tuesday. In the top of the third with his team down 1-0, Crawford crushed a two-run homer to center field, putting the Mariners up 2-1. Crawford wasn't done yet as he quickly got active at the plate in the fourth inning with a hard-hit double to drive in another, pushing the score to 5-1. Crawford added two walks in the first and sixth inning respectively. He now owns a .201 batting average with 38 hits in 2024.

The Phillies' Nick Castellanos smacked a game-winning ground rule double in, securing a 4-3 win over San Diego on Tuesday at Citizens Bank Park. Castellanos, a 2009 18U National Team alum, started his night with a single in the bottom of the second and followed it up with a double in the fourth frame, later scoring to move the score to 1-0. In the fifth inning, Castellanos registered another single, but was left stranded in scoring position after advancing on a wild pitch. With the game tied 3-3 in the bottom of the ninth, Castellanos stepped up to the plate and saved the day, smacking a ground rule double to walk off the Padres. Castellanos now owns 30 RBIs on the season along with 58 total hits.

#### **JUNE 17**





Kyle Schwarber went long twice for the second time in June as the Phillies cruised to a 9-2 win over the Padres in Philadelphia. The two-time USA Baseball alum opened the scoring with his first homer in the third inning, a 441-foot moonshot into center to put the Phillies up 2-0. He struck again in the sixth inning, sending his second ball into the center field stands in the form of a 412-footer that scored another two runs. Schwarber would finish 2-for-3 with four RBIs and a pair of runs scored.

Phillies teammate and 2019 Professional Team alum Alec Bohm also went deep in the Phillies' win, finishing 3-for-5 with a home run, 3RBIs, and a run. Bohm launched his homer 357-feet into left center in the fifth inning with the Phillies holding onto a 3-1 lead, a three-run blast to hand Philadelphia a 6-1 advantage.

Two-time USA alum Masyn Winn was the hero in the Cardinals' 7-6 win in 12 innings over the Marlins, scoring twice and slashing what proved to be the game-winning home run. Winn made his first impact in the eighth inning, scoring one of two St. Louis runs that gave the team a 3-1 lead. After Miami had surged back to tie the game twice, Winn decked a two-RBI, 386-foot shot into left to give the Cardinals a decisive 7-5 lead in the top of the 12th inning.

Three-time alum Patrick Bailey was a big part of a late Giants' run as San Francisco stormed back with four runs in the final two innings to take a 7-6 win over the Cubs. Bailey led the fightback in the eighth inning with a towering solo blast into right, traveling 433 feet into right and pulling the Giants to within two runs with the score now 6-4.

## JUNE 16

2019 18U alum Tyler Soderstrom went 3-for-4 at the plate in the Athletics' 8-7 loss to the Twins, keeping his side close throughout the game. Racking up a season-high three hits, Soderstrom singled to lead off the second inning and would score on an error as the A's took their first lead of the game, 3-2. He found contact again in his second at-bat in the third inning, sending an absolute moonshot 421 feet over the centerfield wall to make it a 5-5 game. After the Twins pulled ahead again, Soderstrom again helped bring the Athletics back with an RBI single to cut the lead to one and advance the tying run to third.

Pete Alonso tallied a season-high five RBIs and went long as the Mets rolled to an 11-6 win over the Padres on Sunday in New York. Now winners of five straight, Alonso helped the Mets surge out to a 4-1 lead in the first inning with a 389-foot blast into left that scored three runs. Later, in the eighth inning as the Mets held a 9-6 lead, Alonso slashed a single into left that drove in another pair of runs and iced the game.

2019 Collegiate National Team alum Colton Cowser was one of four Orioles to go deep in Baltimore's 8-3 win over the Phillies, joining fellow USA Baseball alum Adley Rutschman. Cowser stuffed the statsheet on Sunday, going 2-for-2 at the plate with a homer, two RBIs, a run, a walk, and a stolen base in the winning effort. His home run, a monster 443-footer into center that added a pair of runs, put the Orioles up 3-0 in the second inning on the way to the win.

Daulton Varsho crushed his second grand-slam of the season on Sunday as the Blue Jays edged the Guardians in Toronto, 7-6. Varsho's blast traveled 398 feet into center, putting the Blue Jays up 6-2 before they would add a seventh run later in the inning. The grand-slam proved vital in providing insurance against a late Cleveland comeback attempt that ultimately fell short.

#### **JUNE 15**

2018 18U National Team alum Riley Greene homers twice, driving in six runs and registering his first four-hit game in his career in the Tigers 13-5 win over the Astros on Saturday at Minute Maid Park. Greene wasted





no time at the plate, cranking a 343-foot home run in his opening at-bat. The left fielder wasn't done yet, as a part of a six-run effort in the second inning, he slammed a three-run homer over the right field wall, moving the score to 7-0. With the Tigers already up 8-0 after three, Greene stepped up to the plate and delivered his third hit of the day, a single to center field which would register him another RBI on the night. After a solid night at the plate, Greene tallied a walk in the top of the eighth, capping off a career night. In his last four appearances, Greene has registered eight total hits and eight RBIS. He owns a .256 batting average on the season as well.

In Los Angeles, another member of the 2018 18U National Team helped their team to a win by going long. MJ Melendez had a big performance in the Royals' 7-2 win over the Dodgers, going 2-for-4 with his first career grand slam to drive in four RBIs. His moonshot couldn't have come at a better time, with Kansas City trailing 2-1 in the sixth inning before Melendez changed the game with a four-run blast that traveled 395 feet into right. Now up 5-2, the Royals would tack on two more runs in the following inning to seal the win.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Carson Kelly was also a key part of the Tigers' big day in Houston on Saturday, going 3-for-4 with a home run, an RBI, and three runs scored in Detroit's 13-5 win. Kelly's first run came in the second inning, scoring on one of Greene's second home run of the game to make it 7-0. He went long himself in the sixth inning, a 377-footer over the left field wall as the Tiger built a commanding 11-0 lead. Kelly's final run came in the eighth inning, strolling home thanks to a bases-loaded walk.

Atlanta's Jarred Kelenic hit one of four Braves home runs in their 9-2 victory over the Rays on Saturday. Kelenic, a two-time USA Baseball alum, recorded a game-high three hits in his outing. Kelenic's first hit came early in the bottom of the third inning where he reached on a single to right field, ultimately being left stranded. With the Braves down 1-0, Kelenic played hero, cranking a two-run homer to right center field and gaining the Braves first lead of the day, 2-0. Kelenic is currently on a three-game hitting streak, helping his Braves win out in that span.

## JUNE 14

Christian Moore, a 2023 Collegiate National Team alum, made history on Friday as he became just the second player in Men's College World Series history to hit for the cycle. The Tennessee second baseman completed the cycle in the sixth inning, when he clobbered a home run to dead center field that traveled 440 feet. In his first at-bat, Moore launched a triple in the bottom of the first and followed that up with a double in the second and a single in the fourth frame. The homer was his 33rd of the season which is tied for third most in SEC history. Moore finished his historic night going 5-for-6 with four RBIs to help push his Volunteers past Florida State, 12-11, to advance to the next round where they will square off with North Carolina.

2008 Collegiate National Team alum Kyle Gibson shut down the Cubs over 7.0 innings, helping the Cardinals earn a 3-0 shutout win on Friday. Gibson, now 5-2 on the season, limited Chicago to just two hits and walked a single batter during his shift as he retired six hitters. The pair of hits that Gibson allowed tied his season-low, while this was his second outing with zero earned runs allowed.

Alex Verdugo went deep in the Yankees' 8-1 romp over the Red Sox, part of a 3-for-5 night where the 2010 14U alum helped score five of New York's runs. Verdugo wasted no time getting started, crushing a two-out, two-run shot in the top of the first inning that traveled 406 feet into center. In the fifth inning with Yankees leading 3-1, Verdugo slashed an RBI double into left that would also advance a runner to third, later scoring to make it 5-1. He capped off the win with an RBI single in the final inning, sending the Yankees' eighth and final run of the game home.





2016 Collegiate National Team alum TJ Friedl swatted a game-high three hits in the Reds' 6-5 win over the Brewers, tallying two RBIs and scoring a pair of runs. Friedl broke the ice in the third inning, cranking a 385-foot home run into right to score the game's first run. He was also instrumental in what proved to be the winning run for Cincinnati, slashing a single into center in the sixth inning that made it 6-2.

A pair of USA Baseball alumni led the way for the Pirates in a 5-2 win over the Rockies on Friday, with Andrew McCutchen and Bryan Reynolds each launching home runs and going 2-for-4 at the plate. Reynolds, an alum of the 2014 Collegiate National Team, led off with a 432-foot moonshot in the first at-bat of the game. It would be McCutchen's turn with the game tied at 1-1 in the sixth inning, as the two-time alum managed to one-up Reynolds with a mammoth 448-foot blast to restore Pittsburgh's lead. The two linked up in the eighth inning for the Pirates' fifth run of the game, with McCutchen driving a double into left before being scored by Reynolds on an RBI single.

CJ Abrams had himself a day at the plate, registering a game-high three hits while tallying two RBIs in the Nationals 8-1 win over the Marlins on Friday at Nationals Park. In his first plate appearance, Abrams doubled to right field, but was caught stretching to third. Abrams, a 2018 18U National Team alum, went back to work in the bottom of the third inning, reaching on an infield single, making his way across the plate to push the score to 3-1 in favor of the Nationals. Continuing to find his way to the bags, Abrams singled again in the same inning, plating two more runs for his squad and helping his team go on a seven-run rally. Abrams ended his night by adding a walk and sealing the victory for the Nationals. In his last five appearances, Abrams has collected a total of eight hits.

#### **JUNE 13**

2015 15U National Team alum Justyn-Henry Malloy had a busy day at the plate, driving in three runs in the Tigers 7-2 win over the Nationals on Thursday at Comerica Park. With his team tied 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Malloy crushed a 407 feet home run to left field, regaining the lead for the Tigers. The third baseman added to his resume with a two-run double in the very next inning, moving the score to 7-2 in favor of the Tigers. Malloy went 2-for-3 in his outing with a home run and three RBIs.

The Phillies' Kyle Schwarber has been a pitcher's nightmare all season long and Thursday night was not much different. The two-time USA Baseball alum went 3-for-4, totaling three RBIs as the Phillies dropped 9-3 at the hands of the Red Sox. Schwarber started hot in the first inning, smacking a single on the very first pitch of the game, but ultimately was left stranded on second. His second plate appearance came in the top of the fourth frame and with the bases loaded, Schwarber crushed a double to push three runs home. Schwarber, a Middletown, Ohio native, added a walk and single to his statline in the last three frames. After his dominant hitting performance, the outfielder now owns five RBIs in his last three games.

Three-time alum Andrew Vaughn played a huge role in helping the White Sox overcome the Seattle Mariners in 10 innings, going 2-for-5 and being involved in two of Chicago's runs in a 3-2 win. Vaughn broke the initial deadlock in the third inning, putting the first run on the board with a 402-foot solo blast into center. With the game knotted at 2-2 in the first inning of extras, Vaughn delivered an RBI groundout that ultimately proved to be the winning run.

#### **JUNE 12**

Two-time USA Baseball alum Royce Lewis posted a season-high three hits as the Twins erupted on the Rockies in a 17-9 win, mashing his fourth home in eight games along the way. Lewis was part of a five run inning for Minnesota in the bottom of the first inning, singling to get aboard and scoring on a double shortly after. In the sixth inning, Lewis cranked a towering 424-foot blast into left center, a two-RBI shot to make





it 10-3 to the Twins. As Colorado fought back to cut the lead to 10-8, Lewis slashed a double into right that advanced another runner to third. A consecutive double allowed both runners to score, putting the Twins ahead 12-8 and sparking a seven-run inning to pull away.

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Sonny Gray moved to 8-4 on the season as he went 7.0 innings on the mound for the Cardinals in their 4-2 win over Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The alum of both the 2009 and 2010 Collegiate National Teams was terrific during his shift, retiring nine batters for the third time this season and allowing just four hits, a walk, and an earned run. Gray set the tone early, catching three straight Pittsburgh batters on whiffs with runners threatening on second and third in the opening inning. Gray would leave the mound having struck out at least two batters on swings in three of his seven frames.

2018 18U National Team alum Bobby Witt Jr. continued his strong playing at the plate, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs in the Royals 11-5 loss to the New York Yankees on Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium. In the bottom of the sixth frame, Witt Jr. was the kickstarter for the Royals offense as he doubled to collect an RBI. He would take advantage of his time on the bags and register another run by crossing the plate himself. The Colleyville, Texas native hit an RBI single to center field in his next plate appearance shortly after in the seventh frame as a part of a three-run inning for the Royals. Witt Jr. found his way home again on a wild pitch to register his second run scored of the day. The second-year shortstop is on fire this season and owns the second highest batting average in the MLB in 2024.

Witt Jr. wasn't the only alum from the 2018 18U squad to have a big game on Wednesday, with CJ Abrams going deep in a 2-for-5 performance with a pair of RBIs and a pair of runs scored in the Nationals' 7-5 win over the Tigers. Abrams crushed a solo effort 404 feet over the right center wall in the third inning to put Washington on the board, then raked a ground-rule double in the fifth inning to score the Nationals' third run of the day. Scoring on a single to make it 4-1 in the same frame, Abrams' second run helped set the Nationals on the way to their fifth straight win.

#### JUNE (I

Two USA Baseball alumni went toe-to-toe on the mound in a lights-out matchup on Tuesday as Paul Skenes' Pirates edged past Miles Mikolas' Cardinals in St. Louis. Mikolas, a member of the 2023 World Baseball Classic squad, and Skenes, a three-time alum, put on a pitching showcase between the veteran southpaw and an up-and-coming righty. Neither pitcher allowed a run in their time on the bump, with Mikolas putting together an especially strong showing as he allowed just one hit in 7.0 innings of work and struck out seven Pittsburgh batters. Skenes refused to be outdone, allowing only five hits in his 6.1 innings on the hill and retiring eight batters to keep pace.

The Diamondbacks' Randal Grichuk was a single short from hitting for the cycle in Arizona's 9-4 win over the Angels on Tuesday. Grichuk, a 2007 16U National Team alum, began his night with a booming triple to center field and later scored to plate the first run for the Diamondbacks. The Angels fought back to lock the game up at 2-2 but it wasn't long before the former first rounder cranked a two-run homer to regain the lead, 4-2. Later in the fifth frame, Grichuk battled to a full count and struck a double to left field. He scored his third run of the day on a wild pitch and added a walk to his statline later in the game. Grichuk finished his night going 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and three runs scored. Grichuk has registered five hits in his last two games.

Joining Grichuk in powering the Diamondbacks' offensive surge was 2018 18U alum Corbin Carroll, who finished 3-for-4 with an RBI, a walk, and a pair of runs scored against the Angels. Carroll's RBI came on the opening run of the game, a triple into center in the second inning that scored Grichuk for the first time on





Tuesday. Carroll himself would reach home to make it 2-0 thanks to a single right after. Similar to Grichuk, Carroll finished the game having fallen one hit short of a cycle as he added a double, a walk, and a single to his statline over the following seven innings. He'd score his second run in the seventh frame, rounding the bases after reaching on an infield single. Rounding into form after a slow start to the season, Carroll now has a trio of three-hit games under his belt, including two in the last five games.

2023 World Baseball Classic alum Will Smith helped key the Dodgers' offensive eruption in a 15-2 rout of the Rangers, posting a 3-for-4 line at the plate with a homer, three RBIs, and a pair of runs. With two aboard in the top of the first, Smith crushed a 375-foot shot into left center to give the Dodgers a 3-0 lead, and they wouldn't trail the rest of the way. Adding a pair of singles to his statline, Smith would score his second run of the night in the sixth inning as he was able to round the bases thanks to another Dodgers' long ball.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Kyle Schwarber registered a pair of home runs in the Phillies 4-1 win over Boston on Tuesday in a 2-for-4 outing at Fenway Park. Schwarber started the game off hot with a home run on the very first pitch of the game to take an early lead. The Red Sox evened the score on a sacrifice fly to increase the tension on the Phillies offense. Schwarber, a Middletown, Ohio native, made his way to the plate in the top of the fifth inning and cranked his second homer of the day on a ball that traveled 427 feet. The former fourth overall pick has record a hit in four straight games and now owns a .240 batting average on the 2024 season.

#### JUNE 10

The Padres' Jake Cronenworth fueled the San Diego offense with big-time hits in their 6-1 win over Oakland on Monday at Petco Park. Cronenworth, a 2019 Professional Team alum, started his night off in style by crushing a ball 422 feet to put the first runs on the board for his squad. Cronenworth would find himself on the bags again with a double in the bottom of the fifth inning. In the seventh, Cronenworth made his way to first after being hit by a pitch and would travel around the bases to score his second run of the day. In his last five games, Cronenworth has collected a total of eight hits and has registered three multi-hit games in that span.

James McCann tallied a pair of hits in the Orioles' 5-2 win over the Rays on Monday, crushing his second home run of the season in a 2-for-3 outing at the plate with an RBI, two runs scored, and a stolen base. The 2011 Professional Team alum's long ball came in the third inning with Baltimore trailing 2-1, a 401-footer launched into left center to tie the game. Reaching third via a single, a wild pitch, and another single, McCann was in perfect position to score what would prove to be the winning run on a double as Baltimore made it 4-2 in the inning.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Royce Lewis went deep in the Twins' 5-0 win over the Rockies, driving in a pair of RBIs and scoring twice. Reaching on a fielder's choice in the fourth inning, Lewis rounded the bases thanks to a groundout and a double to score Minnesota's second run. His crowning moment in the win came in the eighth inning, when Lewis demolished a 435-foot home run into the left center stands for a pair of scores and effectively iced the game.

# JUNE 9

Adley Rutschman was electric at the plate in the Orioles' 9-2 win over the Rays on Sunday, driving in a career-high six RBIs as part of a 3-for-5 day at the plate. Rutschman opened the scoring in the third inning with an RBI single for Baltimore, and they would hold the lead the rest of the way. The 2018 Collegiate National Team alum was instrumental in keeping his side ahead as Tampa Bay pulled to within a run in the sixth inning; with the Orioles holding onto a 3-2 advantage in the seventh inning, Rutschman smacked





another RBI single to extend the lead as part of a crucial two-run frame. And he wasn't done there; the 2019 Golden Spikes winner punctuated the win with a 390-foot grand slam in the eighth inning, the second of his career. Rutschman's bomb also made him just the second Orioles catcher since 2006 to reach the six-RBI plateau in a game.

**ALUMNI REPORT** 

Jake McCarthy had a big day at the plate for the Diamondbacks as they rolled past the Padres by a score of 9-3, with the 2017 Collegiate National Team alum going 3-for-4 with a two-run homer in the win. A constant thorn in San Diego's side, McCarthy got aboard four times and helped break the game wide open in a second-inning surge by Arizona. With his side up 5-1 thanks to four runs in the frame, McCarthy launched a 351-footer to tack on two more and hand the Diamondbacks a 7-1 advantage.

Two-time USA Baseball alum Jarred Kelenic attempted to spark a late comeback by the Braves as they ultimately fell to the Nationals by a score of 8-5. Facing a six-run deficit in the ninth inning, Kelenic stepped up to the plate with two Atlanta runners on and chose the perfect time to deliver his fourth home run this season for the Braves, a 413-foot blast into center that had suddenly cut the lead to three with no outs. Though Atlanta's comeback ultimately fell short, Kelenic's home run was nearly the late spark that his side needed as he finished the game 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored.

Trent Grisham mashed what proved to be the game-winning home run in the Yankees' 6-4 win over the Dodgers on Sunday, helping New York avoid the sweep. With his side trailing 3-2 in the sixth inning after leading early, Grisham crushed a three-run shot 394 feet into right to restore the Yankees' advantage. Now ahead 5-3 thanks to the 2014 18U National Team alum's second home run in four games, the Yankees would allow just one more run the rest of the way to seal the victory.

In the Single-A Florida State League, 2022 18U National Team alumni Max Clark and Kevin McGonigle were a key tandem on Sunday for the league-best Lakeland Flying Tigers in a thrilling 7-6 win over the Jupiter Hammerheads. Clark, selected No. 3 overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft by the Detroit Tigers, continued his tear through the minor leagues this season with a 3-for-4 day at the plate with an RBI and two runs scored. He put Lakeland on the board in the third inning with a 377-foot solo home run into center with two outs. Clark notched a pair of singles the rest of the way, including one to lead-off the bottom of the ninth inning as the Flying Tigers trailed 6-1. That single proved crucial, as Clark rounded the bases and scored on a sac fly to spark a stunning comeback. Another sac fly tied the game up at 6-6 with two outs, and put McGonigle in position to be the hero with a runner on third. He did not disappoint, scoring the sixth and final run of an incredible walk-off comeback with a single into right.

#### **JUNE 8**

Two-time USA Baseball alum Kevin Gausman was lights out in Toronto's 7-0 victory over Oakland on Saturday, going all nine innings on the mound in his career shutout. Gausman fanned 10 batters for the second time this season and the fourth time in his last four games, surrendering just five hits and a walk in a dominant performance. Gausman was especially strong during the third and fourth innings, registering five of his punchouts with just one hit. After a rocky start to the season, the Blue Jays have now gone 6-2 in Gausman's last eight starts.

Jake Cronenworth was one of several Padres to tee off in a 13-1 romp over the Diamondbacks in San Diego on Saturday, finishing 2-for-5 with a home run, four RBIs, and two runs scored. The 2019 Professional Team alum demolished a three-run bomb 422 feet into center in the fourth inning, as the Padres raced out to an early 7-0 lead. Cronenworth popped up again in the fifth inning, driving in San Diego's ninth run on the day with a single into left.





A familiar face at USA Baseball, Bryce Harper helped push the Phillies to a 7-2 win over the New York Mets in London. Harper got his bat going with a double in the first inning but would be left stranded. In the fourth, with his squad down by one, Harper smashed a homer to right field to even the score. The Las Vegas native continued to demonstrate his plate presence with an infield single in the fifth frame. Harper completed his night going 3-for-4 with a home run, one RBI and a run scored. His three hits were good for a game-high. Harper owns 15 homers to put him in the top-ten in the league.

## JUNE 7

Milwaulkee's Brice Turang led the way with four hits to secure a 10-0 blowout win over the Tigers on Friday at Comerica Park. Turang began his busy night with a single to left in the top of the second to drive in his first of two runs. In the same inning, the former first rounder pulled off an amazing play by stealing home to put his team up five runs through two frames. In the fourth, Turang doubled to right field and would later score, increasing the lead to seven. Continuing to fill up the statsheet, Turang singled to left field to push another run across the plate. His last plate appearance consisted of a single in the seventh inning. Turang finished his night going 4-for-5 with two RBIs, two runs and a stolen base.

Minnesota's Joe Ryan tossed seven innings while only allowing two hits in the Twins 3-0 loss to Pittsburgh on Friday at PNC Park. Ryan, a 2021 Olympic Team alum, tallied eight strikeouts in his appearance on the bump. In his last three outings on the mound, Ryan owns a total of 21 punchouts. The pitcher owns a 3.30 ERA which bests his career average (3.91).

Two-time USA Baseball alumni Bobby Witt Jr. continued his stellar play at the plate going 3-for-5 and scoring two runs in the Royals' 10-9 win over the Mariners on Friday. Witt Jr. started hot in the first inning with a single to center field and followed it up with another single in the fourth frame. Later in the fourth, Witt Jr. would score his first run of the day. In his last plate appearance, the Colleyville, Texas native tripled to left field to register an RBI. Witt Jr. finished his night scoring two runs and built up his already stellar batting average. He owns a .320 batting average which is good for third in the MLB.

The Royals' MJ Melendez crushed a three-run homer in Kansas City's 10-9 win over the Mariners on Friday at Kauffman Stadium. The left fielder began his action at the plate in the fourth frame where he smacked a ball 406 feet over the right field wall to drive in three runs. The 2016 18U National Team alum was not done driving in runs as he pushed another run across the plate in the bottom of the sixth and also added a walk to his day . The former second round pick had a game-high four RBIs and has 17 total on the 2024 season.

#### **JUNE 6**

2018 Collegiate National Team alum Adley Rutschman extended his hitting streak to ten straight games in the Orioles 6-5 loss to Toronto on Thursday at Rogers Centre. With the Orioles down 4-0 in the sixth frame, Rutschman flipped the switch with a solo home run to left center field which would mark the first runs for Baltimore on the night. The catcher was not done at the plate as he crushed a two-run shot that traveled 414 feet in the top of the eighth. The 2023 Silver Slugger recipient has three multi-hit games in his last five appearances while tallying five RBIs in that span.

Boston's Tanner Houck tossed seven innings and was credited with the win in the Red Sox dominant 14-2 victory over Chicago on Thursday. The Red Sox offense got out to a hot start with seven runs in four innings which let Houck command the mound comfortably. He responded by collecting an impressive nine punch outs while only giving up three hits. Houck, a three-time USA Baseball alum, owns a 1.91 ERA on the season.

Mookie Betts went deep in the Dodgers' 11-7 win over Pittsburgh on Thursday, slashing a pair of hits with





three RBIs, two runs, scored and a pair of walks. Betts, a member of the 2023 World Baseball Classic squad, helped put the Dodgers out of reach in the fifth inning with a big-time home run. With Los Angeles already having plated three runs in the inning to pull ahead of Pittsburgh, 7-4, Betts belted a three-run shot clear into center that traveled 410 feet and gave his side a commanding 10-4 advantage.

2018 18U alum Corbin Carroll tied for the game-high with three hits in the Diamondbacks' 4-3 win over the Padres, and he scored two of Arizona's runs in the contest while also swiping a stolen base. Carroll was instrumental in his side taking the lead in the top of the first inning, reaching first on a single before stealing second and capitalizing on an error to advance to third. A double allowed Carroll to complete his trip around the bags, giving the Diamondbacks a 1-0 advantage. Though Arizona tacked on two more runs, San Diego would storm back to knot the game up at 3-3. In the seventh inning, with two outs and nobody on base, it was Carroll who led the Diamondbacks back in front. Delivering a clutch double into right field, Carroll was in perfect position to take advantage of a single and error combination to race home and score what proved to be the decisive run for Arizona.

Another 18U alum showed out on the night, this time in New York as 2014 alum Trent Grisham went yard in the Yankees' 8-5 win over the Twins. Grisham, who finished 1-for-3 with three RBIs and a run scored, decked a two-run homer in the second inning to put New York on the board and answer a solo shot from Minnesota in the previous inning. With the Yankees up 7-5 in the fifth inning, Grisham popped up again for this third RBI of the game, a sac fly to drive in the final run of the night.

## JUNE 5

2016 Collegiate National Team alum TJ Friedl proved instrumental in Cincinnati's 12-7 win over the Rockies on Wednesday at Coors Field. Friedl found his way to the bags in the top of the first inning on a walk and would make his way to third, but ultimately be stranded. In the third frame, Friedl was hit by a pitch and would take advantage of the opportunity by stealing second which is good for his fourth on the season. The center fielder crossed the plate shortly after to put the first runs on the board for his squad. After getting on base twice without a hit, Friedl got his bat going by crushing a two-run homer to right center field that traveled 429 feet to even the score in the fifth frame. The Sewickley, Pennsylvania native stayed busy on the bags as he was hit by a pitch again in the ninth to advance to first. He would eventually score on a Spencer Steer homer to put his squad up. Friedl finished his night with a home run, two RBIs and three runs scored. In his last four games, Friedl has six total RBIs and at least one hit per game in that span.

Four-time USA Baseball alum Anthony Volpe took his hitting streak to five straight games as he tallied a game-high three in the Yankees' 9-5 win over the Twins on Wednesday. Volpe, who has now also scored at least a run in the last seven games, reached home twice against Minnesota to help New York pull away for their seventh straight victory. Over that stretch, the shortstop has racked up 10 hits, nine runs scored, and two RBIs.

Paul Skenes improved to 3-0 in his rookie season, pitching 5.0 innings and being credited with the win as the Pirates knocked off the Dodgers by a score of 10-6. As the Pirates offense unloaded to take a 7-0 lead in the second inning, Skenes held a dangerous Dodgers lineup to just three runs in response during his time on the mound and snuffed out any chance of a comeback with eight strikeouts. Coming out of the gates fearless, Skenes caught both Mookie Betts and Shohei Ohtani on whiffs in the first inning.

#### **JUNE 4**

Two-time USA Baseball alum Bobby Witt Jr. had a massive day at the plate for the Royals going 3-for-5 with two homers that traveled nearly 1,000 feet combined in his squads 8-5 loss to Cleveland on Tuesday at





Progressive Field. Witt Jr. began his superb night with a two-run shot over the center field wall in the top of the third frame. The Colleyville, Texas native wasn't done showing off his power as he hit another two-run homer just shortly after in the fourth inning. In his last five outings, Witt Jr. has been on a mean streak as he has tallied nine total RBIs and has three multi-hit games under his belt in that span.

The Cardinals' Masyn Winn filled up the statsheet in his squads 8-5 loss to the Houston Astros on Tuesday at Minute Maid Park. The two-time USA Baseball alum was perfect at the plate going 3-for-3 with two RBIs. In his first plate appearance, Winn walked, but was left stranded in the top of the second frame. The former second round pick got his bat going in the fourth inning with a single to center field. The strong showing continued for Winn as he crushed a ball that traveled 365 feet to left field which would plate two runs for his squad. Winn, who hails from Katy, Texas singled in the seventh inning to reach base once again. He demonstrated his elusiveness by stealing second shortly after. The shortstop has eight stolen bases on the year to go along with his .309 batting average which is tenth-best in the MLB.

Pittsburgh's Jared Jones continues to deepen the Pirates' already strong starting pitching staff after mounting another impressive night on the mound. Despite suffering some losses to his record early on in the season, the 2016 17U National Team member earned a win in shutout fashion over one of the most daunting lineups in the league. Jones shutout the Los Angeles Dodgers in his six innings of work in Pittsburgh, only giving up three hits to go along with his six punchouts.

#### **JUNE 3**

St. Louis' Nolan Gorman was one of two Cardinals to hit a homerun in the first inning in their 7-4 loss to the Houston Astros on Monday at Minute Maid Park. The 2017 18U National Team alum started his night at the plate by smashing a ball 407 feet to right center field in the first frame. The Phoenix, Arizona native wasn't done showing off his powerful swing as he homered to right center field again in the top of the fifth inning. Gorman finished his night going 2-for-3 with two home runs, two RBIs and a walk. Gorman has been on fire in his last two games by tallying five total RBIs and three homers.

Will Benson was a massive contributor in the Reds' 13-3 win over the Rockies going 2-for-3 with three RBIs on Monday at Coors Field. Benson began his hitting fest in the top of the third frame when he singled to center field. The 2015 18U National Team alum would make his way around the bags to score his first run of the night. Benson kept his bat hot with a triple to right field which would drive in two runs in the top of the fourth. In the same inning, the former first round pick made his way across the plate to tack on another run. Benson, who hails from Atlanta, Georgia, ended his career night with a sacrifice fly to left field to add another RBI to his resume. Benson has 20 RBIs in the 2024 season which is on pace to set a new career high for the outfielder.

2014 15U alum Mark Vientos put together his third game in the last four with at least two hits, filling up the stat sheet in the Mets' 8-7 win over the Nationals by going 2-for-3 with a home run, an RBI, 2 runs scored, and a pair of walks. Vientos' homer came in the fourth inning, as he mashed a solo effort 420 feet over the center field wall in Washington. In the fifth inning, Vientos helped the Mets score four runs and take the decisive lead as he reached on a walk and would round the bases to score as New York raced back in front, 7-4. Over his last 10 games, Vientos has notched a .342 average with four home runs, 8 RBIs, and 8 runs scored.

2019 15U National Team alum and UNC Tar Heel Matthew Matthjis came in and saved the day in Chapel Hill for Carolina. Facing elimination against a formidable LSU Tiger team in a win-or-go-home game, Matthjis





was called upon to relieve UNC's starter after the team got off to a rocky start. Entering in just the third inning and putting in a total 4.1 frames of work, Mattjis held down the fort, keeping the Tigers at bay by only giving up one earned run on two hits while also tossing three punchouts. Mattjis denied LSU for long enough for his offense to eventually send him and the rest of his team to the Super Regional round via a thrilling extra-innings victory.

#### JUNE 2

The Rumble Ponies' Brandon Sproat notched a career high 10 K's in Binghamton's 3-2 win over the Harrisburg Senators on Sunday. The Mets' No. 13 prospect commanded the mound for seven innings and demonstrated his efficiency by only allowing one hit. Sproat, a Collegiate National Team alum, kept the Senators at bay and had his ball control on display with one walk in the contest. Sproat is now 3-1 on the 2024 season, owning an outstanding 1.23 ERA in 51.1 frames pitched.

2017 18U National Team alum Nolan Gorman hit an early two-run homer in the top of the first frame to push the Cardinals over the Phillies, 5-4, on Sunday at Citizens Bank Park. The second baseman notched his eleventh home run of the season to put the first runs on the board of the game. The Phillies would fight back to even the score 4-4 which would lead the game to go into extra innings. Gorman took matters into his own hands with his single to right field to push the winning run across the plate in the top of the tenth frame. The Phoenix, Arizona native had three RBIs in the game and now has seven RBIs in his last five contests.

Houston's Alex Bregman, a five-time USA Baseball member, was one of two Astros to hit a homerun in their 4-3 loss to the Minnesota Twins on Sunday at Minute Maid Park. The third baseman launched a ball, which traveled 395 feet, over the left field wall in the bottom of the third inning to drive two runs in. Bregman has been on a hot streak as he has hit a homerun in three of the last four contests. Bregman, who hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico, has recorded a hit in his last six games with four of the games including multiple hits. He now has a .229 batting average and 28 RBIs on the season.

Florida's Jac Caglianone was a big contributor in the Gators' barnburning victory over Nebraska in the Stillwater regional on Sunday. The Collegiate National Team alumni and two-way star went 2-for-4 and tallied four RBIs, one of which came on a double. Meanwhile, Caglianone's other three RBIs came on a three-run jack in the second inning that separated the Gators from the Cornhuskers. From there, Florida was off to the races, outpacing Nebraska 17-11 by the end of the bout.

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2021 Collegiate National team alum Jace Jung came up big for the Toledo Mud Hens in a 3-2 walk-off victory over the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on Saturday. The Tigers' No. 3 prospect reached base on all five of his plate appearances, connecting on a pair of hits and drawing three walks. One of Jung's walks, coming with the bases loaded in the fifth inning, sent Toledo's first run home for his first RBI of the night. His second RBI proved to be decisive, a single in the bottom of the ninth to score the winning run for Toledo and earn a standing ovation from the home crowd.

Two-time MVP and USA Baseball mainstay Bryce Harper went 2-3 with 2 RBIs and three runs scored in the Phillies 6-1 win over the Cardinals on Saturday at Citizens Bank Park. The Phillies first baseman started his day at the plate with a single in the bottom of the first frame. He would score later in the inning to put the Phillies up 2-0. Harper got on base again in the bottom of the third and made his way around the bags to add to the Philly lead. In the seventh inning, Harper got behind a ball and sent it 415 feet to right field which would drive in two runs to put the game out of reach. The former No. 1 overall pick is batting .270 on the year with 14 homers and 44 RBIs.





2019 Professional Team alum Brent Rooker played a major role in the Athletics' 11-9 upset of the Braves on Saturday, posting a 2-for-5 statline with a home run, four RBIs, and a run scored. Rooker demolished a tworun blast in the fourth inning, 421-footer into the left field stands that gave Oakland an 8-3 lead. Finding his side trailing 9-8 in his next at-bat, Rooker stepped up and drove a double into right field, scoring what would prove to be the winning pair of runs as the Athletics took a 10-9 lead that they would carry for the rest of the game.

Ke'Bryan Hayes set the tone in the Pirates' 8-1 win over the Blue Jays with a 2-for-4 performance at the plate with a pair of RBIs and runs scored. Hayes crushed a 404-foot homer into left center in his first at-bat, a two-RBI shot that put Pittsburgh up 3-0. The 2014 18U alum scored again in the sixth inning, reaching home on a throwing error to tally the Pirates' sixth run and grow the lead.

Pittsburgh wasn't the only Pirate team to benefit from a USA Baseball alumni on Saturday. In a win-or-gohome game against a formidable Wake Forest squad, ECU ace Trey Yesavage put on a show in his 7.1 innings pitched in Greenville, North Carolina. The Collegiate National team alumni tossed six punchouts while giving up just one hit and one earned run, buying enough time for his Pirates to send the Demon Deacons home in epic fashion in the ninth inning of the elimination game.