

## **ALUMNI REPORT**

### **WEEK OF JULY 24**

#### Professional (July 24-30)

Two-time USA Baseball Kyle Schwarber crushed two homers in the Phillies' impressive 12-5 win over the Yankees on July 25. With Philadelphia down two runs, Schwarber swatted the first of his homers in the top of the fifth frame that came in the form of a two-run shot to right-center field. His momentum didn't stop there as he slammed another two-run shot in the eighth inning to put his squad up by three runs. Schwarber now owns 37 homers on the year to push his career total to 321.

Brady Singer struck out eight as the Cincinnati Reds nabbed a 2-1 over the Tampa Bay Rays on July 27. Through 7.1 innings of action on the mound Singer was impeccable, only allowing three hits throughout his outing. The flamethrower allowed a single run that occurred in the top of the eighth frame via a solo homer. With his dominant performance, Singer collected his eighth win of the season

2015 12U alum Nick Kurtz continued to put up stellar numbers the past three weeks — making history on July 25. Going 6-for-6 against the Houston Astros, Kurtz became the 20th player in MLB History to record a four-homer game and the first rookie in MLB history to do so. In his six-hit performance, he also became the first player in MLB history to have a four-homer game, with six plus hits, and eight plus RBIs in a game. As his numbers continue to fluctuate, Kurtz has an average of .302 and an OPS of 1.039, leading all rookies in home runs with 23 in just 70 games.

#### **WEEK OF JULY 14**

#### Professional (July 17-23)

Following his dominant week last week, 2015 12U Alum Nick Kurtz continued his hitting streak and is now up to 10 games. Going 11-for-22 with nine extra-base hits and six RBIs during the week, including two home runs. Kurtz continues to lead all rookies in home runs with his total up to 19 after his incredible week. Overall during the week, Kurtz had a .500 batting average, a .550 on base percentage, and a 1.182 slugging percentage.

In his first start of the second half, Joe Ryan (2021 Pro) had a phenomenal showing on the bump for the Twins in a 7-1 win over the Colorado Rockies on July 20. After his scoreless performance in the All-Star Game, Ryan carried his command into the victory over Colorado. The flamethrower tossed seven frames of one-run baseball, yielding five hits throughout the course of his outing. His 11 strikeouts in the win marked a new career-high strikeout mark.

2024 Premier12 alum Drake Baldiwn had a record night, tallying a career-high six RBIs in the Braves' 9-5 win over San Francisco on July 21. The first half of Baldwin's RBIs came from a three-RBI double to center field in the bottom of the first frame to put his side up early. He continued his dominant performance with another hit to center field that would score two more. His final RBI came in the bottom of the sixth via a fly ball to left field to put Atlanta up by six runs. The young star finished his day going 3-for-5 while also scoring two runs.

#### WEEK OF JULY 7

#### Professional (July 10-16)

Four-time USA Baseball alum Pete Crow-Armstrong (2014 12U, 2017 15U, 2018 & 2019 18U) continued his



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MVP-caliber season with two home runs in the Cubs' 8-1 win over the Twins on July 10. In the victory, Crow-Armstrong became the fastest player in Cubs history to reach at least 25 homers and 25 steals in a season. While his pair of homers was impressive, the young star contributed a well-rounded performance with three RBIs and three runs scored. On the season, Crow-Armstrong is batting .265 with 71 RBIs.

Washington's Brady House (2015 12U, 2018 15U) has been phenomenal since being called up to the big leagues. On July 12, the 22-year-old rookie crushed the first two homers of his young career. His first career home run was a 427-foot solo bomb to give the Nationals a 2-0 advantage while his second homer came in the eighth frame. In the contest, House became the first Nationals player to hit his first two home runs in the same game since 2012. Along with the homers, House added three RBIs and two runs scored to add yet another impressive performance to his rookie campaign.

Athletics Nick Kurtz (2015 12U) continues to show why he was called up to the big leagues at 22 years old. Currently, the rookie phenom is riding a four-game hit streak that he took into the All-Star break. During that four-game span, Kurtz hit three home runs, leading the Athletics to a 3-1 record during that time. Overall, Kurtz went 6-for-16 while picking up five RBIs. Kurtz owned an incredible slash line of .429/.529/1.143 and averaged a home run for every five at-bats. Upping his season total to 17 big flies, putting him first amongst all rookies in the major leagues.

#### **WEEK OF JUNE 30**

#### Professional (July 3-9)

George Springer (2010 CNT) continued on his hot streak against the New York Yankees on July 3. The Toronto Blue Jays standout erupted for a three hit night, going 3-for-4 with two home runs, four RBIs, three runs scored and a walk. Springer punished the Yankees pitching from start to finish in a statement night at the plate, and helped secure the series sweep.

Four-time USA Baseball alum Pete Crow-Armstrong and the Chicago Cubs set off plenty of fireworks in their record-setting 11-3 victory over the Cardinals on July 4. In the contest, Crow-Armstrong blasted two home runs as part of an eight-homer outing for the Cubs as a whole. The pair of homers came in the first and third innings, but the young star didn't stop there as he went 4-for-4 on the day while also scoring a game-high four runs. With the addition of two bombs, Crow-Armstrong currently owns 23 homers in his 2025 campaign.

2023 World Baseball Classic alum Pete Alonso went absolutely nuclear in the Mets' dominant 12-6 win over the Yankees on July 5. After a quiet first half of the game, Alonso exploded onto the scene with a two-run blast to right center field that traveled 382 feet to put his side up by five runs. It took only two more innings for Alonso to make his mark again, this time a three-run shot that carried nearly 400 feet. In the win, Alonso added five RBIs to his season totals while also tallying three runs scored and a walk.

2023 World Baseball Classic alum Kyle Higashioka drove in five runs and was perfect at the plate, nearly setting a career-high mark in the Rangers 7-4 victory over San Diego on July 5. With his team down a run, Higashioka stepped up to the plate and delivered a two-run shot to give his side the lead in the top of the third frame. From there on, he made consistent contact at the dish by registering a pair of RBI singles and a sacrifice fly that would extend the Rangers' lead. Finishing 3-for-3, Higashioka also collected his third stolen base of his career in the match.