**2012 Major League Baseball Season**

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| **2012 MLB season** | |
| **League** | [Major League Baseball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball) |
| **Sport** | [Baseball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baseball) |
| **Duration** | March 28, 2012 – October 3, 2012 |
| **Regular season** | |
| **Season** [**MVP**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Most_Valuable_Player_Award) | [AL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League): [NL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_League): |
| **League postseason** | |
| [**AL**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_American_League_Championship_Series) **champions** | [Detroit Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers) |
| **AL runners-up** | [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees) |
| [**NL**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_National_League_Championship_Series) **champions** | [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) |
| **NL runners-up** | [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) |
| **World Series** | |
| [**MLB seasons**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Major_League_Baseball_seasons) | |
| [← 2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Major_League_Baseball_season)  [2013 →](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_Major_League_Baseball_season) | |

The **2012** [**Major League Baseball**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball) **season** began on March 28 with the first of a two game series between the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) and the [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) at the [Tokyo Dome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokyo_Dome) in Japan. On November 22, 2011, a new contract between [Major League Baseball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball) and its [players union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Players_Association) was ratified, and as a result, an expanded [playoff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_postseason) format adding two clubs will be adopted no later than 2013 according to the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. The new format was finalized for the 2012 season on March 2, 2012, and will use the 2–3 format for the Division Series for the 2012 season only. The stateside portion of the regular season started April 4 in [Miami, Florida](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami) with the opening of the new [Marlins Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlins_Park), as the newly renamed [Miami Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins) hosted the [defending World Series champion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_World_Series) [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals). The regular season ended on Wednesday, October 3. The entire master schedule was released on September 14, 2011.

The [Major League Baseball postseason](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_postseason) was expanded to include a second [wild card](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Wild_Card) team in each league beginning in the 2012 season. The season will mark the last for the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) as a member of the National League. Following the sale to new owner [Jim Crane](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Crane), the Astros agreed to move to the American League effective in the 2013 season, and will be assigned to the [American League West](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League_West), joining their [in-state rivals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lone_Star_Series), the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)).

The [Major League Baseball All-Star Game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_All-Star_Game)'s [83rd edition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Major_League_Baseball_All-Star_Game) was held on July 10 at [Kauffman Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kauffman_Stadium) in [Kansas City, Missouri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City,_Missouri), with the [National League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_League) winning the All-Star Game for the third consecutive year in an 8–0 shutout of the [American League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League). With the win, the National League champion will earn home field advantage for the [2012 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_World_Series), which begins on October 24 and is scheduled to end no later than November 1. The [Civil Rights Game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Rights_Game) was held on August 18 at [Turner Field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turner_Field), as the [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers) beat the host [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves), 6–2.

This will be the twelfth consecutive year a different World Champion will be crowned as the defending champion [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) were dethroned in game seven of the [2012 National League Championship Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_National_League_Championship_Series).

**Standings**

**American League**

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| [**AL Central**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League_Central) | [**W**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [**L**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [**Pct.**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winning_percentage) | [**GB**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Games_behind) | [**Home**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_(sports)) | [**Road**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_(sports)) |
| [Detroit Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) | 88 | 74 | .543 | — | 50–31 | 38–43 |
| [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Chicago_White_Sox_season) | 85 | 77 | .525 | 3 | 45–36 | 40–41 |
| [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Kansas_City_Royals_season) | 72 | 90 | .444 | 16 | 37–44 | 35–46 |
| [Cleveland Indians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cleveland_Indians_season) | 68 | 94 | .420 | 20 | 37–44 | 31–50 |
| [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Minnesota_Twins_season) | 66 | 96 | .407 | 22 | 31–50 | 35–46 |

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| [**AL West**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League_West) | [**W**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [**L**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [**Pct.**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winning_percentage) | [**GB**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Games_behind) | [**Home**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_(sports)) | [**Road**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_(sports)) |
| [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) | 94 | 68 | .580 | — | 50–31 | 44–37 |
| [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Texas_Rangers_season) | 93 | 69 | .574 | 1 | 50–31 | 43–38 |
| [Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim_season) | 89 | 73 | .549 | 5 | 46–35 | 43–38 |
| [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Seattle_Mariners_season) | 75 | 87 | .463 | 19 | 40–41 | 35–46 |

**National League**

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| * [**v**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:2012_NL_East_standings) * [**t**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template_talk:2012_NL_East_standings) * [**e**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Template:2012_NL_East_standings&action=edit)   [**NL East**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_League_East) | [**W**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [**L**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [**Pct.**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winning_percentage) | [**GB**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Games_behind) | [**Home**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_(sports)) | [**Road**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_(sports)) |
| [Washington Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) | 98 | 64 | .605 | — | 50–31 | 48–33 |
| [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Atlanta_Braves_season) | 94 | 68 | .580 | 4 | 48–33 | 46–35 |
| [Philadelphia Phillies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Philadelphia_Phillies_season) | 81 | 81 | .500 | 17 | 40–41 | 41–40 |
| [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Mets_season) | 74 | 88 | .457 | 24 | 36–45 | 38–43 |
| [Miami Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Miami_Marlins_season) | 69 | 93 | .426 | 29 | 38–43 | 31–50 |

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| [**NL Central**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_League_Central) | [**W**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [**L**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [**Pct.**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winning_percentage) | [**GB**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Games_behind) | [**Home**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_(sports)) | [**Road**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_(sports)) |
| [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) | 97 | 65 | .599 | — | 50–31 | 47–34 |
| [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) | 88 | 74 | .543 | 9 | 50–31 | 38–43 |
| [Milwaukee Brewers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Milwaukee_Brewers_season) | 83 | 79 | .512 | 14 | 49–32 | 34–47 |
| [Pittsburgh Pirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Pittsburgh_Pirates_season) | 79 | 83 | .488 | 18 | 45–36 | 34–47 |
| [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Chicago_Cubs_season) | 61 | 101 | .377 | 36 | 38–43 | 23–58 |
| [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Houston_Astros_season) | 55 | 107 | .340 | 42 | 35–46 | 20–61 |

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| [**NL West**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NL_West) | [**W**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [**L**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [**Pct.**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winning_percentage) | [**GB**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Games_behind) | [**Home**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_(sports)) | [**Road**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_(sports)) |
| [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) | 94 | 68 | .580 | — | 48–33 | 46–35 |
| [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Los_Angeles_Dodgers_season) | 86 | 76 | .531 | 8 | 45–36 | 41–40 |
| [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Arizona_Diamondbacks_season) | 81 | 81 | .500 | 13 | 41–40 | 40–41 |
| [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Diego_Padres_season) | 76 | 86 | .469 | 18 | 42–39 | 34–47 |
| [Colorado Rockies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Colorado_Rockies_season) | 64 | 98 | .395 | 30 | 35–46 | 29–52 |

**Postseason**

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|  | Wild Card Game TV: [TBS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_TBS) | | |  | | Division Series TV: [TBS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_TBS); [MLB Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MLB_Network) | | |  | | League Championship Series TV: [TBS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_TBS) ([ALCS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_American_League_Championship_Series)); Fox ([NLCS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_National_League_Championship_Series)) | | |  | | [World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_World_Series) TV: Fox | | |
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|  | 4 | [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) | 0 |  |  | 5 | [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees) | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **5** | [**Baltimore Orioles**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) | **1** |  |  | **American League** | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 5 | [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Wild Card Game**

**American League**

Main article: [2012 American League Wild Card Game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_American_League_Wild_Card_Game)

Friday, October 5, 2012 – 8:37 pm ([EDT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Time_Zone)) at [Rangers Ballpark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rangers_Ballpark_in_Arlington) in [Arlington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arlington,_Texas), [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas)

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| **Baltimore Orioles** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | **5** | **8** | **2** |
| Texas Rangers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **9** | **2** |
| [**WP**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win%E2%80%93loss_record_(pitching)#Winning_pitcher)**:** [Joe Saunders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Saunders) (1–0) [**LP**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win%E2%80%93loss_record_(pitching)#Losing_pitcher)**:** [Yu Darvish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yu_Darvish) (0–1) [**Home runs**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_run)**:** BAL: none TEX: none **Attendance:** 46,931 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**National League**

Main article: [2012 National League Wild Card Game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_National_League_Wild_Card_Game)

Friday, October 5, 2012 – 5:07 pm ([EDT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Time_Zone)) at [Turner Field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turner_Field) in [Atlanta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta), [Georgia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgia_(U.S._state))

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| **St. Louis Cardinals** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | **6** | **6** | **0** |
| Atlanta Braves | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **3** | **12** | **3** |
| [**WP**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win%E2%80%93loss_record_(pitching)#Winning_pitcher)**:** [Kyle Lohse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyle_Lohse) (1–0) [**LP**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win%E2%80%93loss_record_(pitching)#Losing_pitcher)**:** [Kris Medlen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kris_Medlen) (0–1) [**Sv**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Save_(baseball))**:** [Jason Motte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Motte) (1) [**Home runs**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_run)**:** STL: [Matt Holliday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Holliday) (1) ATL: [David Ross](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ross_(baseball)) (1) **Attendance:** 52,631 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Division Series**

**American League**

Main article: [2012 American League Division Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_American_League_Division_Series)

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 American League Division Series** [**New York Yankees**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) **defeat** [**Baltimore Orioles**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) **3–2** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (NYY-BAL) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 7 | [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 7, [Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) 2 | 1–0 | [Camden Yards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oriole_Park_at_Camden_Yards) | 47,841 | 3:31 | 52 degrees, overcast | | 2 | October 8 | [Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) 3, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 2 | 1–1 | Camden Yards | 48,187 | 3:11 | 51 degrees, cloudy | | 3 | October 10 | [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 3, [Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) 2\* | 2–1 | [Yankee Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yankee_Stadium) | 50,497 | 3:31 | 62 degrees, partly cloudy | | 4 | October 11 | [Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) 2, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 1\*\* | 2–2 | Yankee Stadium | 49,307 | 4:31 | 56 degrees, clear | | 5 | October 12 | [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 3, [Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Baltimore_Orioles_season) 1 | 3–2 | Yankee Stadium | 47,081 | 2:52 | 52 degrees, cloudy | |

\*: 12 innings  
\*\*: 13 innings

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 American League Division Series** [**Detroit Tigers**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) **defeat** [**Oakland Athletics**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) **3–2** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (OAK-DET) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 6 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 3, [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) 1 | 0–1 | [Comerica Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comerica_Park) | 43,323 | 2:56 | 49 degrees, cloudy | | 2 | October 7 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 5, [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) 4 | 0–2 | Comerica Park | 40,684 | 3:28 | 48 degrees, partly cloudy | | 3 | October 9 | [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) 2, [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 0 | 1–2 | [O.co Coliseum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O.co_Coliseum) | 37,090 | 2:33 | 65 degrees, partly cloudy | | 4 | October 10 | [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) 4, [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 3 | 2–2 | O.co Coliseum | 36,385 | 3:21 | 58 degrees, partly cloudy | | 5 | October 11 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Detroit_Tigers_season) 6, [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Oakland_Athletics_season) 0 | 2–3 | O.co Coliseum | 36,393 | 2:56 | 56 degrees, overcast | |

**National League**

Main article: [2012 National League Division Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_National_League_Division_Series)

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 National League Division Series** [**St. Louis Cardinals**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) **defeat** [**Washington Nationals**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) **3–2** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (WSH-STL) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 7 | [Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) 3, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 2 | 1–0 | [Busch Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Busch_Stadium) | 47,078 | 3:40 | 51 degrees, sunny | | 2 | October 8 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 12, [Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) 4 | 1–1 | Busch Stadium | 45,840 | 3:27 | 61 degrees, sunny | | 3 | October 10 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 8, [Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) 0 | 1–2 | [Nationals Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nationals_Park) | 45,017 | 3:32 | 64 degrees, partly cloudy | | 4 | October 11 | [Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) 2, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 1 | 2–2 | Nationals Park | 44,392 | 2:55 | 62 degrees, sunny | | 5 | October 12 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 9, [Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Washington_Nationals_season) 7 | 2–3 | Nationals Park | 45,966 | 3:49 | 54 degrees, partly cloudy | |

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 National League Division Series** [**San Francisco Giants**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) **defeat** [**Cincinnati Reds**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) **3–2** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (CIN-SF) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 6 | [Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) 5, [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 2 | 1–0 | [AT&T Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AT%26T_Park) | 43,492 | 3:27 | 61 degrees, clear | | 2 | October 7 | [Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) 9, [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 0 | 2–0 | AT&T Park | 43,505 | 3:14 | 59 degrees, partly cloudy | | 3 | October 9 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 2, [Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) 1\* | 2–1 | [Great American Ball Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_American_Ball_Park) | 44,501 | 3:41 | 59 degrees, partly cloudy | | 4 | October 10 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 8, [Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) 3 | 2–2 | Great American Ball Park | 44,375 | 3:35 | 58 degrees, sunny | | 5 | October 11 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 6, [Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cincinnati_Reds_season) 4 | 2–3 | Great American Ball Park | 44,142 | 3:52 | 57 degrees, sunny | |

\*: 10 innings

**League Championship Series**

**American League**

Main article: [2012 American League Championship Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_American_League_Championship_Series)

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 American League Championship Series** [**Detroit Tigers**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) **defeat** [**New York Yankees**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) **4–0** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (NYY-DET) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 13 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 6, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 4\* | 0–1 | [Yankee Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yankee_Stadium) | 47,122 | 4:54 | 49 degrees, cloudy | | 2 | October 14 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 3, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 0 | 0–2 | Yankee Stadium | 47,082 | 3:18 | 72 degrees, sunny | | 3 | October 16 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 2, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 1 | 0–3 | [Comerica Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comerica_Park) | 42,970 | 3:28 | 53 degrees, clear | | 4 | October 18† | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) 8, [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_New_York_Yankees_season) 1 | 0–4 | Comerica Park | 42,477 | 3:27 | 59 degrees, partly cloudy | |

\*: 12 innings  
†: postponed from October 17 due to rain

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 National League Championship Series** [**San Francisco Giants**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) **defeat** [**St. Louis Cardinals**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) **4–3** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (SF-STL) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 14 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 6, [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 4 | 0–1 | [AT&T Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AT%26T_Park) | 42,534 | 3:21 | 61 degrees, partly cloudy | | 2 | October 15 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 7, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 1 | 1–1 | AT&T Park | 42,679 | 3:10 | 69 degrees, clear | | 3 | October 17 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 3, [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 1 | 1–2 | [Busch Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Busch_Stadium) | 45,850 | 3:02 (3:28 delay) | 65 degrees, cloudy | | 4 | October 18 | [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 8, [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 3 | 1–3 | Busch Stadium | 47,062 | 3:17 | 58 degrees, cloudy | | 5 | October 19 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 5, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 0 | 2–3 | Busch Stadium | 47,075 | 3:03 | 51 degrees, cloudy | | 6 | October 21 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 6, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 1 | 3–3 | AT&T Park | 43,070 | 2:55 | 62 degrees, cloudy | | 7 | October 22 | [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) 9, [Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_St._Louis_Cardinals_season) 0 | 4–3 | AT&T Park | 43,056 | 3:35 | 62 degrees, cloudy | |

**World Series**

Main article: [2012 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_World_Series)

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **2012 World Series** [**San Francisco Giants**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) **0,** [**Detroit Tigers**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) **0** | | | | | | | | | Game | Date | Score | Series (SF-DET) | Location | Attendance | Time | Weather (°F) | | 1 | October 24 | [Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Detroit_Tigers_season) at [Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_San_Francisco_Giants_season) |  | [AT&T Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AT%26T_Park) |  |  |  | | 2 | October 25 | Tigers at Giants |  | AT&T Park |  |  |  | | 3 | October 27 | Giants at Tigers |  | [Comerica Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comerica_Park) |  |  |  | | 4 | October 28 | Giants at Tigers |  | Comerica Park |  |  |  | | 5† | October 29 | Giants at Tigers |  | Comerica Park |  |  |  | | 6† | October 31 | Tigers at Giants |  | AT&T Park |  |  |  | | 7† | November 1 | Tigers at Giants |  | AT&T Park |  |  |  | |

†: if necessary

**Managerial changes**

**General managers**

**Off-season**

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| **Team** | **Former GM** | **New GM** | **Former job** |
| [**Boston Red Sox**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) | [Theo Epstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theo_Epstein) | [Ben Cherington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Cherington) | Cherington previously served as the Assistant General Manager of the Red Sox. |
| [**Chicago Cubs**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) | [Randy Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randy_Bush) | [Jed Hoyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jed_Hoyer) | Hoyer previously served as the General Manager of [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres). |
| [**San Diego Padres**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) | [Jed Hoyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jed_Hoyer) | [Josh Byrnes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josh_Byrnes) | Byrnes previously served in the Vice President of Baseball Operations for the Padres. |
| [**Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim) | [Tony Reagins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Reagins) | [Jerry DiPoto](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_DiPoto) | DiPoto previously served in several scouting departments, most recently with the [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks). |
| [**Minnesota Twins**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins) | [Bill Smith](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Smith_(baseball_executive)) | [Terry Ryan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Ryan_(baseball)) (interim) | Ryan previously served as General Manager of the Twins from 1994–2007. |
| [**Baltimore Orioles**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) | [Andy MacPhail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_MacPhail) | [Dan Duquette](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan_Duquette) | Duquette previously served as General Manager of the [Montreal Expos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montreal_Expos) from 1991–1995 and Boston Red Sox from 1995–2002. |
| [**Houston Astros**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) | [Ed Wade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Wade) | [Jeff Luhnow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Luhnow) | Lunhow had previously been employed by the [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals). |

**Field managers**

**Off-season**

The following managers were hired for the 2012 season after the former manager retired from baseball.

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| **Team** | **Former manager** | **New manager** | **Story** |
| [**Miami Marlins**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins) | [Jack McKeon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_McKeon) | [Ozzie Guillén](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ozzie_Guill%C3%A9n) | On September 28, 2011, the Marlins announced that Ozzie Guillén has signed a four year contract to manage the team beginning in the 2012 season. He replaces Jack McKeon, who served as interim manager since June 2011. Two minor league prospects were sent to the [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox) in exchange for Guillén's rights. |
| [**St. Louis Cardinals**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) | [Tony La Russa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_La_Russa) | [Mike Matheny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Matheny) | On October 31, just three days after winning the [2011 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_World_Series), Tony La Russa announced his retirement. The Cardinals announced the hiring of former catcher Mike Matheny as its new manager on November 13. Matheny, who had no previous managerial experience, played in 13 Major League seasons from 1994–2006, and was a four-time [Gold Glove Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold_Glove_Award) winner. |

At the end of the 2011 season, the following teams made replacements to their managers.

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| **Team** | **Former manager** | **New manager** | **Story** |
| [**Boston Red Sox**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) | [Terry Francona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Francona) | [Bobby Valentine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby_Valentine) | On September 30, 2011, the Red Sox decided not to exercise their 2012 option on Terry Francona's contract and both parties decided to part ways. Francona led the team to two World Series championships in [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004_World_Series), which ended the [Curse of the Bambino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curse_of_the_Bambino), and [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_World_Series). However, in [2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Boston_Red_Sox_season), the Red Sox went 7–20 in the month of September, blowing a 9-game wild card lead as they were eliminated from playoff contention. Valentine, whose previous managerial jobs were with the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) from 1985–92 and the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) from 1996–2002, was an analyst for [Sunday Night Baseball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunday_Night_Baseball) on [ESPN](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ESPN_Major_League_Baseball) at the time of his hiring. Ironically, on December 6, Francona would take over for Valentine on SNB in 2012, after working as a color commentator for the first two games of the [2011 ALCS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_American_League_Championship_Series) on [Fox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_Fox). |
| [**Chicago Cubs**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) | [Mike Quade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Quade) | [Dale Sveum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dale_Sveum) | The Cubs hired Dale Sveum as their new manager on November 17, replacing Mike Quade. Sveum had been a coach for the [Milwaukee Brewers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers) at various capacities (bench, third base, hitting) since 2006, and was also a former third base coach of the [Boston Red Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) from 2004–05. His previous managerial experience was as an interim manager for the Brewers late in [2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_Major_League_Baseball_season), guiding the Brewers to a [wild card](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Wild_Card) berth that year. Quade served as manager of the Cubs from August 2010 until September 2011, succeeding [Lou Piniella](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lou_Piniella); however his only full season saw the Cubs finish 71–91 and in fifth place in the NL Central. |
| [**Chicago White Sox**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox) | [Ozzie Guillén](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ozzie_Guill%C3%A9n)/[Don Cooper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Cooper) | [Robin Ventura](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robin_Ventura) | On October 6, 2011, the White Sox named Robin Ventura as their new manager. Ventura, a former two-time All-Star third baseman, played for the White Sox from 1989 till 1998. Cooper served as the White Sox' interim manager for the last two days of the season, after Ozzie Guillen was hired as the Miami Marlins' new manager. |

**In-season changes**

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| **Date** | **Team** | **Former manager** | **Reason** | **Replacement** | **Previous Job and Story** |
| **August 18** | [**Houston Astros**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Houston_Astros_season) | [Brad Mills](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brad_Mills_(manager)) | Fired | [Tony DeFrancesco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_DeFrancesco) (interim) | At the time of promotion, DeFrancesco was serving as manager of the Astros' [AAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triple-A_(baseball)) [Pacific Coast League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Coast_League) affiliate [Oklahoma City RedHawks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma_City_RedHawks). Mills was fired after two-plus seasons at the helm, which included a franchise-record 106 losses in 2011. Hitting coach [Mike Barnett](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Barnett_(baseball)) and first base coach [Bobby Meacham](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby_Meacham) were also fired. |
| **September 27** | [**Cleveland Indians**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Cleveland_Indians_season) | [Manny Acta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manny_Acta) | Fired | [Sandy Alomar, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandy_Alomar,_Jr.) (interim) | Alomar was serving as Acta's bench coach when Acta was fired. |

**League leaders**

**American League**

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| **Hitting leaders**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Stat** | **Player** | **Total** | | [AVG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_Average) | [Miguel Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miguel_Cabrera) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)) | .330 | | [HR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_run) | [Miguel Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miguel_Cabrera) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)) | 44 | | [RBI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_batted_in) | [Miguel Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miguel_Cabrera) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)) | 139 | | [R](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_(baseball)) | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)) | 129 | | [H](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hit_(baseball)) | [Derek Jeter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derek_Jeter) ([NYY](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees)) | 216 | | [SB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_base) | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)) | 49 | | **Pitching leaders**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Stat** | **Player** | **Total** | | [W](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [David Price](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Price_(baseball)) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays)) [Jered Weaver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jered_Weaver) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)) | 20 | | [L](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [Ubaldo Jimenez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubaldo_Jimenez) ([CLE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland_Indians)) | 17 | | [ERA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earned_run_average) | [David Price](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Price_(baseball)) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays)) | 2.56 | | [K](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strikeout) | [Justin Verlander](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin_Verlander) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)) | 239 | | [IP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Innings_pitched) | [Justin Verlander](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin_Verlander) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)) | 238.1 | | [SV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Save_(baseball)) | [Jim Johnson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Johnson_(right-handed_pitcher)) ([BAL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles)) | 51 | |

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| **Hitting leaders**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Stat** | **Player** | **Total** | | [AVG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batting_Average) | [Buster Posey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buster_Posey) ([SF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants)) | .336\*\* | | [HR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_run) | [Ryan Braun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Braun) ([MIL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers)) | 41 | | [RBI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_batted_in) | [Chase Headley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chase_Headley) ([SD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres)) | 115 | | [R](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_(baseball)) | [Ryan Braun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Braun) ([MIL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers)) | 108 | | [H](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hit_(baseball)) | [Andrew McCutchen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_McCutchen) ([PIT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Pirates)) | 194 | | [SB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_base) | [Everth Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everth_Cabrera) ([SD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres)) | 44 | | **Pitching leaders**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Stat** | **Player** | **Total** | | [W](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Win_(baseball)) | [Gio Gonzalez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gio_Gonzalez) ([WAS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Nationals)) | 21 | | [L](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_(baseball)) | [Tim Lincecum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Lincecum) ([SF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants)) | 15 | | [ERA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earned_run_average) | [Clayton Kershaw](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clayton_Kershaw) ([LAD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers)) | 2.53 | | [K](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strikeout) | [R.A. Dickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.A._Dickey) ([NYM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets)) | 230 | | [IP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Innings_pitched) | [R.A. Dickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.A._Dickey) ([NYM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets)) | 233.2 | | [SV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Save_(baseball)) | [Craig Kimbrel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craig_Kimbrel) ([ATL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves)) [Jason Motte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Motte) ([STL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals)) | 42 | |

\*\* [Melky Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melky_Cabrera) of the [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) is ineligible to win the batting title, at his request, due to being suspended for testing positive for testosterone. He finished the season with a .346 average.

**Milestones**

**Reached**

**Batters**

* [Adam Dunn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Dunn) ([CWS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox)):
  + Tied the Major League record for most opening-day home runs by hitting his eighth against the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) on April 6. He tied the record held by [Frank Robinson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Robinson) and [Ken Griffey Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Griffey_Jr.).
  + Set the Major League record to [strikeout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strike_out) at least once in each of his team's first 15 games of a season, by striking out in the first inning against the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) on April 22. He broke the record that was held by [Howie Goss](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howie_Goss), who struck out in each of Houston's first 14 games in 1963. Dunn continued to 32 games before not striking out May 11 against the [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals).
  + Recorded his 1000th career RBI in the ninth inning on August 13 against the [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays). He became the 273rd player to reach this mark.
  + Hit his 400th career home run against the [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals) on August 18. He became the 50th player to reach this mark.
* [José Reyes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Reyes_(shortstop)) ([MIA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins)):
  + Recorded his 100th career [triple](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triple_(baseball)) in the ninth inning against the [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds) on April 8. He became the 162nd player to reach this mark.
* [Alex Rodriguez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alex_Rodriguez) ([NYY](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees)):
  + Tied [Ken Griffey Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Griffey_Jr.) for fifth place on the career home run list with his 630th home run on April 13. Then one week later on April 20, Rodriguez hit his 631st home run to pass Griffey for fifth place on the career home run list.
  + Tied [Lou Gehrig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lou_Gehrig) for most career [grand slams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_slam_(baseball)) with his 23rd against the [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) on June 12.
* [Adrian Beltre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian_Beltre) ([TEX](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball))):
  + Scored his 1000th career run in the ninth inning against the [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins) on April 14. He became the 314th player to reach this mark.
* [Todd Helton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todd_Helton) ([COL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies)):
  + Recorded his 350th career home run in the ninth inning against the [Milwaukee Brewers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers) on April 21. He became the 85th player to reach this mark.
* [Rafael Furcal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rafael_Furcal) ([STL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals)):
  + Scored his 1000th career run in the eighth inning against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) on April 24. He became the 315th player to reach this mark.
* [Paul Konerko](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Konerko) ([CWS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox)):
  + Hit his 400th career home run against the [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) on April 25. He became the 48th player to reach this mark.
* [Miguel Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miguel_Cabrera) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)):
  + Collected his 1000th RBI against the [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees) on April 27. He became the 272nd person to reach that mark.
  + Hit his 300th career home run on July 22 against the [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox).
* [Torii Hunter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torii_Hunter) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels)):
  + Scored his 1000th career run in the fourth inning against the [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins) on May 2. He became the 316th player to reach this mark.
* [Josh Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josh_Hamilton) ([TEX](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball))):
  + Hit four home runs in a game against the [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) on May 8. He became the 16th player in Major League history to accomplish this feat.
  + Became the first player in Rangers' franchise history to exceed 20 home runs by the end of May.
* [Placido Polanco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Placido_Polanco) ([PHI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Phillies)):
  + Recorded his 2000th career hit with a two-run home run in the eighth inning against the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) on May 14. He became the 269th player to reach this mark.
* [Jamie Moyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamie_Moyer) ([COL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies)):
  + With his two-run single against the [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks) on May 16, Moyer became the oldest player in Major League history to record an RBI.
* [Albert Pujols](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Pujols) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)):
  + Hit his 450th career home run against the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) on May 24, becoming the 35th player and fourth-youngest to reach this mark.
* [Melky Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melky_Cabrera) ([SF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants)):
  + Set the Giants' franchise record for most hits in May with his 50th hit on May 29 against the [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks). He broke the record that was set by [Willie Mays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willie_Mays). On May 30, Cabrera singled in the eighth inning and tied the franchise record for most hits in any month with 51 that was set by [Randy Winn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randy_Winn) in September 2005.
* [Steve Lombardozzi, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Lombardozzi,_Jr.)/[Bryce Harper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryce_Harper) ([WAS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Nationals)):
  + Became the first pair of rookies in Major League history to hit back-to-back home runs beginning with a first-inning leadoff shot on June 3 against the [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves).
* [Carlos Beltran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_Beltran) ([STL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals)):
  + Became the first switch hitter in Major League history with 300 home runs and 300 steals with his stolen base on June 15 against the [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals).
* [Ichiro Suzuki](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ichiro_Suzuki) ([NYY](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees))/([SEA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners)):
  + Recorded his 2500th career hit in the first inning against the [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks) on June 19. He became the 95th player to reach this mark.
* [Jim Thome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Thome) ([BAL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles))/([PHI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Phillies)):
  + Hit his 13th career walk-off home run of his Major League career against the [Tampa Bay Rays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays) on June 23. The home run set a Major League record for most career walk-off home runs, breaking the record he shared with [Babe Ruth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babe_Ruth), [Jimmie Foxx](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmie_Foxx), [Stan Musial](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stan_Musial), [Mickey Mantle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mickey_Mantle) and [Frank Robinson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Robinson).
* [Jose Bautista](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jose_Bautista) ([TOR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays)):
  + With his home run against the [Boston Red Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) on June 27, Bautista set the Jays' franchise record for most home runs in a calendar month with 13. He broke the record that he shared with [Carlos Delgado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_Delgado) (August 1999), [José Cruz, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Cruz,_Jr.) (August 2001) and himself from May and August of 2010. Bautista finished the month with 14 home runs.
* [Aaron Hill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron_Hill_(baseball)) ([ARI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks)):
  + [Hit for the cycle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Major_League_Baseball_players_to_hit_for_the_cycle) on June 18 against the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) and on June 29 against the [Milwaukee Brewers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers). Hill became the fourth player to hit for the cycle twice in the same season, and the first to do so in a calendar month since [John Reilly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Reilly_(baseball)) in 1883.
* [Yasmani Grandal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yasmani_Grandal) ([SD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres)):
  + Became the first player in Major League history to hit a home run from each side of the plate for his first two Major League hits.
* [David Ortiz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ortiz) ([BOS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox)):
  + Hit his 400th career home run in the fourth inning against the [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) on July 4. He became the 49th player to reach this mark.
* [Derek Jeter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derek_Jeter) ([NYY](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees)):
  + With two hits on August 11 against the [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays), Jeter increased his season total to 150 and joined [Hank Aaron](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hank_Aaron) as the only players in Major League history to post 150 or more hits in each of 17 consecutive seasons.
* [David Wright](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Wright_(baseball)) ([NYM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets)):
  + Hit his 200th career home run on August 24 against the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros), becoming only the third player in Mets history do accomplish this feat.
  + Set the franchise record for most hits in team history on September 26 with 1,420. He broke the record that was held by [Ed Kranepool](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Kranepool).
* [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim))
  + With his 25th home run on August 28 against the [Boston Red Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox), Trout became the youngest player in Major League history and first rookie to amass 25 home runs and 40 stolen bases in a single season.
  + Became the first rookie in Major League history to amass at least 30 home runs and 40 stolen bases in a season. He also became the youngest player in Major League history with a 30-30 season. Trout is 21 years old.
  + Became the first player in Major League history to hit 30 homers, steal 45 bases and score 125 runs in one season.
* [Bryce Harper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryce_Harper) ([WAS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Nationals)):
  + Became the third teenager in Major League history to record at least two multi-homer games in a single season with this two home runs against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) on September 5. The other teenagers that accomplished this feat were [Mel Ott](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mel_Ott) (1928) and [Ken Griffey Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Griffey_Jr.) (1989).
* [Ryan Braun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Braun) ([MIL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers)):
  + With his 200th career home run on September 16 against the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets), Braun reached the combination of 200 home runs and 100 stolen bases faster than anyone else in Major League history (five years, 114 days after his major-league debut).
* [Ryan Howard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Howard) ([PHI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Phillies)):
  + With his 300th home run against the [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) on September 22, Howard (also the 135th player to reach this mark) reached the 300-homer plateau in his 1093rd game, which is the second-fewest games that any player in Major League history has needed to get to that milestone. [Ralph Kiner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Kiner) needed 1087 games to hit 300 home runs.

**Pitchers**

[**Perfect games**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Major_League_Baseball_perfect_games)

* [Philip Humber](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Humber) ([CWS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox)):
  + Threw the [21st perfect game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Humber%27s_perfect_game) in Major League history, defeating the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) 4–0 on April 21. This was the third perfect game in the White Sox's history, the last being [Mark Buehrle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Buehrle)'s [perfect game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Buehrle%27s_perfect_game) on July 23, 2009.
* [Matt Cain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Cain) ([SF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants)):
  + Threw the [22nd perfect game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Cain%27s_perfect_game) in Major League history, defeating the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) 10–0 on June 13. This was the first perfect game in the Giants' history. Cain tied [Sandy Koufax](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandy_Koufax)'s strikeout record in a perfect game with 14.
* [Félix Hernández](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9lix_Hern%C3%A1ndez) ([SEA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners)):
  + Threw the [23rd perfect game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9lix_Hern%C3%A1ndez%27s_perfect_game) in Major League history, defeating the [Tampa Bay Rays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays) 1–0 on August 15. This was the first perfect game in the Mariners' history, and the franchise's fourth no-hitter. It also marked the first time three perfect games were thrown in one season.

[**No-hitters**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Major_League_Baseball_no-hitters)

* [Jered Weaver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jered_Weaver) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)):
  + Threw the 10th no-hitter in Angels history by defeating the [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins) 9–0 on May 2. This was Weaver's first career no-hitter. Weaver allowed a [passed ball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passed_ball) on [Chris Parmelee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Parmelee) and a [walk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Base_on_balls) on [Josh Willingham](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josh_Willingham) while striking out nine.
* [Johan Santana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_Santana) ([NYM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets)):
  + Threw the first no-hitter in Mets history by defeating the [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) 8–0 on June 1. This was Santana's first career no-hitter. He walked five batters while striking out eight. With the Mets' first no-hitter (in their 8,020th game), the [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) are the only remaining team without a no-hitter. This was also the first no-hitter to be thrown against a defending World Series champion since the [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_Oakland_Athletics_season) in their [1990](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_American_League_Championship_Series) pennant season.
* [Kevin Millwood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Millwood)/[Charlie Furbush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Furbush)/[Stephen Pryor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Pryor)/[Lucas Luetge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucas_Luetge)/[Brandon League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brandon_League)/[Tom Wilhelmsen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Wilhelmsen) ([SEA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners)):
  + Threw the third no-hitter in Mariners history by defeating the [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers) 1–0 on June 8. Each pitcher earned their first career no-hitter except for Millwood, who pitched his second. The Mariners pitching staff combined for three walks and nine strikeouts. The combined no-hitter was the first since the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) used six pitchers against the [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees) in 2003, also in [interleague play](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interleague_play). The Mariners tied the all-time league record of the former for the most pitchers used in a no-hitter, while recording a new [American League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_League) record previously set by Oakland in 1975 and Baltimore in 1991.
* [Homer Bailey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homer_Bailey) ([CIN](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds)):
  + Threw the 15th no-hitter in Reds history by defeating the [Pittsburgh Pirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Pirates) 1–0 on September 28. This was Bailey's first career no-hitter. Only two men reached base, [Clint Barmes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clint_Barmes) on a fielding error by [Scott Rolen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Rolen) in the third and a walk by [Andrew McCutchen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_McCutchen) in the seventh. [Todd Frazier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todd_Frazier)'s sacrifice fly, scoring [Brandon Phillips](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brandon_Phillips) in the first was the lone run of the game. Bailey struck out ten during his 115 pitch effort. Bailey's effort tied the modern era record for most no-hitters in a season, matching only the [1990](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_Major_League_Baseball_season) and [1991](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1991_Major_League_Baseball_season) seasons with seven no-hitters.

**Other accomplishments**

* [Edwin Jackson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_Jackson) ([WAS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Nationals)):
  + Became the first pitcher since 1900 to record a win as a starter for seven different teams before turning 29 years old by defeating the [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds) on April 14.
* [Jamie Moyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamie_Moyer) ([COL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies)):
  + With his victory against the [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) on April 17, Moyer became the oldest pitcher (700149000000000000049 years, 7002151000000000000151 days) in Major League history to win a game. He broke the record that was held by [Jack Quinn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Quinn_(baseball)) (49 years, 70 days) who set the record on September 13, 1932 for the [Brooklyn Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brooklyn_Dodgers).
* [R.A. Dickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.A._Dickey) ([NYM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets)):
  + Set the Mets' franchise record for most consecutive scoreless innings at 32 2⁄3 breaking the record that was held by [Jerry Koosman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Koosman). Koosman set the record at 31 2⁄3 innings in 1973. He finished with 44 2⁄3 innings without allowing an earned run when [Mark Teixeira](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Teixeira)'s sacrifice fly ended the streak on June 24 against the [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees).
  + Became the first pitcher in modern Major League history (since 1900) to throw back-to-back complete games while striking out 10-or-more batters and allowing either one hit or no hits in each game.
* [Steve Delabar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Delabar) ([TOR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays)):
  + Became the first pitcher in Major League history to record four strikeouts in an extra inning in one game on August 13 against the [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox).
* [Milwaukee Brewers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Brewers):
  + Became the first pitching staff in Major League history to record 10 or more strikeouts in seven straight games in modern-day (since 1900) history. They broke the record (six games) that was previously held by the 1990 [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_New_York_Mets_season), the 2006 [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Chicago_Cubs_season) and 2008 [Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_Chicago_Cubs_season).
* [Félix Hernández](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9lix_Hern%C3%A1ndez) ([SEA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners)):
  + With his 1–0 shutout on August 27 against the [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins), this was his third 1–0 shutout for the month, tying the Major League record for most 1–0 shutouts in a calendar month. He tied the record that is held by [Carl Hubbell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Hubbell) (July 1933) and [Dick Rudolph](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick_Rudolph) (August 1916).
* [Zack Greinke](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zack_Greinke) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)):
  + Became the first pitcher since 1900 to strike out 13-or-more batters while pitching five-or-fewer innings in a game on September 25 against the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners).
* [Zack Greinke](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zack_Greinke)/[Garrett Richards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrett_Richards)/[Scott Downs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Downs)/[Kevin Jepsen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Jepsen)/[Ernesto Frieri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernesto_Frieri) ([LAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim)):
  + Became the fourth team to achieve 20 strike outs in a nine inning game on September 25 against the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners). They are the first to do it with multiple pitchers, as it was previously done twice by [Roger Clemens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Clemens) and once by [Kerry Wood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerry_Wood).
* [Doug Fister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doug_Fister) ([DET](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers)):
  + Set an American League record by striking out nine consecutive batters in his start against the [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals) on September 27. The previous record of eight was previously done on multiple occasions (by [Nolan Ryan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nolan_Ryan) twice, [Ron Davis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Davis_(pitcher)), [Roger Clemens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Clemens), and [Blake Stein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blake_Stein)).
* [David Price](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Price_(baseball)) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays)):
  + With his victory on September 30 against the [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox), Price became the first 20-game winner in franchise history. He finished the season with a 20–5 record.
* [Kris Medlen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kris_Medlen) ([ATL](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves)):
  + With the Braves victory on September 30 against the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets), the Braves won for a Major League record 23rd straight time in games started by Medlen. This broke the record that was held by [Whitey Ford](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitey_Ford) and [Carl Hubbell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Hubbell).
* [Fernando Rodney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_Rodney) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays)):
  + Set the Major League record for the lowest ERA with at least 50 appearances at 0.60. Rodney broke the record of 0.61 that was set by [Dennis Eckersley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dennis_Eckersley) in 1990.

**Miscellaneous**

* [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays)/[Cleveland Indians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland_Indians):
  + Played the longest opening-day game ever in the major leagues on April 5. The game lasted 16 innings and the Blue Jays won 7–4. The game eclipsed the previous longest openers between Cleveland and Detroit on April 19, 1960 (15 innings), and between Philadelphia and Washington on April 13, 1926 (15 innings).
* [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds):
  + Became the sixth franchise to reach 10,000 wins in Major League history with a 9–4 win against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) on April 20. The Reds amassed a record of 10,000–9,710.
* [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals):
  + With their loss to the [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays) on April 23, the Royals lost all ten games on their homestand. Only two other teams in Major League history went 0–10 or worse on a homestand: the [Seattle Pilots](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Pilots) went 0–10 on a homestand in August 1969, and the [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks) went 0–11 on a homestand in July 2004.
* [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles):
  + Became the first American League team in Major League history to start a game with three consecutive home runs by doing this against the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) on May 10 in the first game of the doubleheader. [Ryan Flaherty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Flaherty), [J.J. Hardy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J.J._Hardy) and [Nick Markakis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nick_Markakis) hit the record setting home runs against [Colby Lewis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colby_Lewis).
  + With their victory on September 13 against the [Tampa Bay Rays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays), the Orioles won their 81st game of the season which officially ended a franchise-record run of 14 consecutive losing seasons.
* [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers):
  + By being shutout in the three-game series against the [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) June 25 through June 27, this marked the first time in franchise history that the Dodgers failed to score in a series of three or more games.
* [New York Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees):
  + Set a franchise record by scoring at least three runs in their 39th consecutive game on July 15 against the [Los Angeles Angels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim). This broke a team record set in 1933. Only two other Major League teams have scored three runs or more in each of at least 39 straight games in one season: the 1994 [Indians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland_Indians) (48 games) and 1930 [Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) (41). The streak ended at 43 games after a 3–2 loss to the [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) on July 20.
* [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals):
  + Tied a Major League record seven [doubles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double_(baseball)) in one inning in the seventh inning against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) on July 21. They tied the mark set by the [Boston Bees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) in 1936. The 12 runs they scored in the inning also tied a franchise record set by the [1926 Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1926_St._Louis_Cardinals_season).
* [Washington Nationals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Nationals):
  + Became the third team in Major League history to hit at least six home runs in consecutive games on September 4 and September 5 against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs), joining the 2003 [Los Angeles Angels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim) and the 1996 [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers).
* [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs)/[Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros):
  + On September 11, 2012, the Cubs and Astros combined to use 11 pitchers in a game in which Houston came away with a 1–0 victory at [Minute Maid Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minute_Maid_Park). It is the most pitchers used in a 1–0 nine-inning game in Major League history breaking the record of ten pitchers in games of that type: [Colorado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies) vs. [San Diego](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) on September 17, 2008, [San Francisco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) vs. San Diego on September 10, 2010 and the [Pittsburgh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Pirates) vs. Houston on June 14, 2011.
* [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics):
  + Set the American League record for most team strikeouts in a season by passing the record of 1,324 strikeouts that the [Tampa Bay Rays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays) set in 2007. [Chris Carter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Carter_(right-handed_hitter)) was the victim as the [Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) right-handed pitcher [Roy Oswalt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy_Oswalt) struck out Carter in the third inning on September 26. The Major League record is 1,529 strikeouts and is currently held by the 2010 [Arizona Diamondbacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Diamondbacks).
  + Set the Major League record for wins by rookie pitchers with their 53rd win against the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) on October 2.
* [Pittsburgh Pirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Pirates):
  + With their loss to the [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds) on September 30, the Pirates extended their record for most consecutive losing season to 20. Their last winning record was in 1992.
* [Division Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Division_Series):
  + This postseason marks the first time that all four division series went the full five games since the divisional round and wild cards were introduced in 1995.

**Awards and honors**

**Regular season**

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| [**Baseball Writers Association of America**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baseball_Writers_Association_of_America) **Awards** | | | | | | | | |
| **BBWAA Award** | **National League** | **American League** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Rookie of the Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Rookie_of_the_Year_Award) | Nov. 12 | Nov. 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Cy Young Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cy_Young_Award) | Nov. 14 | Nov. 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Manager of the Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manager_of_the_Year) | Nov. 13 | Nov. 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Most Valuable Player](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Most_Valuable_Player_Award) | Nov. 15 | Nov. 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**Gold Glove Awards**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold_Glove_Awards) | | | | | | | | |
| **Position** | **National League** | **American League** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pitcher | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catcher | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Base | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2nd Base | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3rd Base | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shortstop | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outfield | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| [**Silver Slugger Awards**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silver_Slugger_Awards) | | | | | | | | |
| Pitcher/Designated Hitter | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catcher | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Base | TBA | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Other awards**

* Comeback Players of the Year: [Fernando Rodney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_Rodney) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays), American); [Buster Posey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buster_Posey) ([SF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants), National)
* [Hank Aaron Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hank_Aaron_Award): TBA, American); TBA, National)
* [Roberto Clemente Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roberto_Clemente_Award) (Humanitarian): TBA
* Delivery Man of the Year (Best Reliever): [Fernando Rodney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_Rodney) ([TB](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays))
* [Warren Spahn Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_Spahn_Award) (Best left-handed pitcher): TBA

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| [**Fielding Bible Awards**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fielding_Bible_Awards) | | | | | | | | |
| **Position** | **Player** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pitcher | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catcher | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Base | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2nd Base | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3rd Base | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shortstop | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Left Field | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Center Field | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Right Field | TBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Monthly Awards**

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| **Player of the Month**  Main article: [Major League Baseball Player of the Month Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Player_of_the_Month_Award)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Month** | **American League** | **National League** | | **April** | [Josh Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josh_Hamilton) | [Matt Kemp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Kemp) | | **May** | [Josh Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josh_Hamilton) | [Giancarlo Stanton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giancarlo_Stanton) | | **June** | [José Bautista](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Bautista) | [Andrew McCutchen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_McCutchen) | | **July** | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) | [Andrew McCutchen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_McCutchen) | | **August** | [Miguel Cabrera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miguel_Cabrera) | [Chase Headley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chase_Headley) | | **September** | [Adrián Beltré](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adri%C3%A1n_Beltr%C3%A9) | [Chase Headley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chase_Headley) | | **Pitcher of the Month**  Main article: [Major League Baseball Pitcher of the Month](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Pitcher_of_the_Month)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Month** | **American League** | **National League** | | **April** | [Jake Peavy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jake_Peavy) | [Stephen Strasburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Strasburg) | | **May** | [Chris Sale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Sale) | [Gio Gonzalez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gio_Gonzalez) | | **June** | [Matt Harrison](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Harrison_(baseball)) | [R.A. Dickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.A._Dickey) | | **July** | [Jason Vargas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Vargas) | [Jordan Zimmermann](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan_Zimmermann) | | **August** | [Félix Hernández](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9lix_Hern%C3%A1ndez) | [Kris Medlen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kris_Medlen) | | **September** | [Justin Verlander](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin_Verlander) | [Kris Medlen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kris_Medlen) | | **Rookie of the Month**  Main article: [Major League Baseball Rookie of the Month Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Rookie_of_the_Month_Award)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Month** | **American League** | **National League** | | **April** | [Yu Darvish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yu_Darvish) | [Wade Miley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wade_Miley) | | **May** | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) | [Bryce Harper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryce_Harper) | | **June** | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) | [Andrelton Simmons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrelton_Simmons) | | **July** | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) | [Anthony Rizzo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_Rizzo_(baseball)) | | **August** | [Mike Trout](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Trout) | [Todd Frazier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todd_Frazier) | | **September** | [Yoenis Cespedes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoenis_Cespedes) | [Bryce Harper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryce_Harper) | |

**Uniforms**

**Wholesale changes**

Five teams have made wholesale changes to their uniforms in 2012, while a sixth has new road uniforms. Two other teams added alternate uniforms to their existing set.

The [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) were the first team to announce changes to their logos and uniform set on November 9. The new primary features the "SD" cap logo inside a navy circle with the words "San Diego Padres Baseball Club" encircling it. The "swinging friar" logo was also revived, albeit in the current colors. Another secondary logo features the Padres script from last season below the depiction of [Petco Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petco_Park) in sand and above the year of establishment; a blue and white version is used on the away and alternate uniforms. The front of the home uniform remains the same, except that the sand trim in "Padres" is now in trim instead of a drop shadow and the addition of navy piping. Originally they'll use the sand Petco patch on the left sleeve, but upon unveiling the uniforms, the "swinging friar" patch was placed instead. The road uniforms now feature "San Diego" in an arched position with navy piping. The alternate blue uniforms feature the "SD" cap logo on the left chest with white piping. All three uniforms now feature the block numerals on the reverse side. The digital camouflage uniforms were retained, save for the change to block numerals. The caps with the sand "SD" were retired.

The Marlins unveiled their changes on November 11, 2011, as the team is being rebranded as the [Miami Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins), complete with a new logo featuring a stylized Marlin jumping over an [art deco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_deco) colored "M" in coral, yellow and blue. "MIAMI" will grace the primary white uniform, and there will be an orange home alternate which feature the team name, while the black alt is being reduced to road alternate jersey. The black cap will be used for the regular home, away and black alternates, while the orange cap will be paired with the orange alternates. The Marlins become the second team to use the city (or state) name on the home uniforms, after the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)).

November 15 saw the [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) redesign their road and home uniform sets and returned to a version of the cartoon logo used from the mid-1960s to 1988. The home caps are white in front and black on the back with an orange bill, while the away caps will be all black with an orange bill, both featuring the cartoon bird. They also unveiled a modernized version of the orange alternate uniforms last worn in [1992](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1992_Major_League_Baseball_season), and will be worn on select home games, but retained the black alternate uniforms paired with the black and orange cap with the "O's" script.

As part of their golden anniversary season, the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) have modified their home and road uniforms to resemble the style worn in [1962](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1962_Major_League_Baseball_season), having their unveiling November 16. The black drop-shadow trim has been removed from the team/city script logos, player numerals and name lettering on the off-white pinstriped home uniforms (now the primary home uniform), the white alternate home uniforms, and the grey road uniforms, all of which will be worn only with the team's traditional blue cap with orange "NY" crest and blue undersleeves, belts and socks. In addition, the black alternate jersey (which will be worn occasionally on the road in 2012) is being phased out, to be replaced by a blue alternate starting in 2013. The solid black cap with the blue/white/orange crest will also be retained for one more season, to be worn only with the black alternate jersey. The black cap with blue bill and blue/orange crest has been eliminated. In addition, the Mets have removed the color black from their batting-practice jerseys and caps; both will be blue with orange lettering/logos outlined in white.

The [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays) unveiled new uniforms on November 18, returning to a variation of their vintage logo used from 1977 through 1996. The new logo is similar to the original used from 1977–96, with a few exceptions: a more prominent [maple leaf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maple_leaf), a sleeker-looking [blue jay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_jay), [serifed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serif) modern lettering on the team name, and a split-line blue circle enclosing the logo. The new uniforms are similarly based on the set used from 1989–96; a white home uniform with "Blue Jays", a grey road uniform with "Toronto", and a blue alternate uniform with "Blue Jays". The team/city name is arched above the secondary logo of the blue jay with the maple leaf, sans the baseball, situated on the left side. The secondary logo is also placed in the blue cap. The uniforms will use the breathable double-knit polyester fabric, claiming the previously lighter Climate Base fabric became too heavy, once players began to sweat.

The [Colorado Rockies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies) replaced their purple road pinstripes with a more traditional solid gray uniform which was unveiled at Rockies Fest in Denver on January 2012.

The [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) and [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) added alternate uniforms to their set. The Giants will wear a Sunday road game grey alternate based on the road uniforms they wore during their [1989 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1989_World_Series) run, with the interlocking 'SF' logo on the left chest and black neck-hoop piping. The black piping was also incorporated into the team's normal road gray uniforms. The Braves will wear a cream (heritage white) home alternates based on the uniforms worn in their [first season in Atlanta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1966_Atlanta_Braves_season). The uniform has the 'Braves' wordmark without the [tomahawk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomahawk_(axe)) with the uniform number below on the left chest and navy piping. The sleeves will have a logo commemorating the Braves franchise's first season in 1876.

**Dodgers logo**

A new, slightly altered [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers) logo made its way to the Dodgers’ dugout wall at [Dodger Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dodger_Stadium) and for their "Social September" promotion in September 2011. The baseball and flight lines have been thickened, while the "o" in the script "Dodgers" no longer has a line on the bottom left. The home uniform script continues to use the previous script, though.

**Caps and jerseys**

After reviving the popular Northwest Green jerseys at home, the [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) are bringing back their navy with teal bill caps, last worn in 2002, for Monday and Friday home contests. Also, their navy road alternate will now have "SEATTLE" on the jersey front.

The Royals unveiled minor tweaks to their light blue home alternate jersey, with all numbers and lettering now white with royal trim, and a revamped away uniform (changed to a darker blue-gray color and a revamped "Kansas City" script). In addition, the team has dropped their light blue caps.

The [Cleveland Indians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleveland_Indians) made minor tweaks to the home and alternate uniforms. The white home uniform features navy collar piping and the 'Indians' script in red and navy trim, removing the white inner trim as well as the navy piping on the button lines. The navy alternate features gray collar piping and the 'Indians' script in red and white trim, removing the navy inner trim as well as the grey piping on the button lines.

The [Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim) revert to the silver halo after changing it to gold the previous year. They also added a sleeve patch that says 'Angels Baseball' with the foundation year (1961) separated by the current logo in between. The logo is wrapped in a red, navy and silver circle. This patch will be placed on all uniforms.

**Throwbacks**

As part of their 40th anniversary in [Arlington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arlington,_Texas), the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) will wear replicas of the four different uniforms they've worn throughout the team's history, the most notable of which are the two uniforms worn during the ownership of then-future [President of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States) [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush).

As part of their 50th anniversary, the Astros will wear throwbacks throughout the season, including a game with [Colt .45s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros#1962.E2.80.9364:_The_Colt_.45s_era) uniforms.

The [Red Sox and the Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yankees%E2%80%93Red_Sox_rivalry) wore [1912](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1912_Major_League_Baseball_season) throwbacks on April 20 to mark the 100th anniversary of [Fenway Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenway_Park). It marked only the second time the Yankees have worn throwbacks; the first was in 1996, when they wore [New York Black Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Black_Yankees) uniforms at a Negro League tribute game in Detroit.

The Red Sox and Athletics wore [1936](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1936_Major_League_Baseball_season) uniforms on May 2 at Fenway Park.

The Twins wore [Minneapolis Millers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis_Millers) uniforms on June 30 in the second game of a make-up doubleheader against the Royals, who wore the uniforms of the [Kansas City Blues](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Blues_(American_Association)).

The Nationals wore the uniforms of the 1924 [Washington Senators](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Washington_Senators) on July 5 against the Giants, who wore the 1924 New York Giants uniforms.

The Athletics wore the PCL [Oakland Oaks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Oaks_(PCL)) uniforms, and the Mariners the [Rainiers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Rainiers), on July 8.

The Brewers will wear [Milwaukee Bears](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_Bears) Negro League uniforms on July 28.

The Diamondbacks will wear a throwback uniform on September 15. Fans decided online that their [1998](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998_Major_League_Baseball_season) purple uniform will be worn.

The White Sox are wearing [1972](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1972_Major_League_Baseball_season) uniforms on Sundays at home this season.

The [Detroit Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers) and [Pittsburgh Pirates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Pirates) wore throwback uniforms paying tribute to the [Negro league baseball](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Negro_league_baseball) teams [Detroit Stars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Stars) and [Pittsburgh Crawfords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pittsburgh_Crawfords) on May 19.

The [Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_of_Anaheim) and [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) wore throwback uniforms of defunct [Pacific Coast League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Coast_League) teams [Los Angeles Angels](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels_(PCL)) and [Seattle Rainiers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Rainiers) on May 26.

The [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) and [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) wore [1912](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1912_Major_League_Baseball_season) throwback uniforms on June 2.

The Pirates and Royals wore Negro League uniforms on June 9 – the Pirates, the [Homestead Grays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homestead_Grays) and the Royals, the [Kansas City Monarchs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Monarchs).

The [Tampa Bay Rays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_Bay_Rays) wore 'faux-back' 1979 throwback jerseys on June 30 against the Tigers, who also wore throwback jerseys from the same year. Due to the fact the Rays did not exist as a franchise in 1979, their uniform design was inspired from popular uniform styles such as pullovers and two-tone caps.

The San Diego Padres and New York Mets wore 1989 throwback uniforms on August 3.

The St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Brewers celebrated the 30th anniversary of the [1982 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1982_World_Series) by wearing throwback uniforms on August 4. The Cardinals also added a 30th anniversary patch commemorating their World Series victory, exclusive to their throwback uniforms. The next night, the Cardinals wore their road blue uniforms against the Brewers.

The [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds) and [Philadelphia Phillies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Phillies) wore throwback uniforms from the [1991](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1991_Major_League_Baseball_season) season on August 22. Ironically, on June 16, 1991, the Reds and Phillies had worn [1957](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1957_Major_League_Baseball_season) uniforms at [Veterans Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Stadium). The Reds won both games.

**Other uniforms**

The Cardinals wore special uniforms to commemorate their [2011 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_World_Series) win on April 13–14. The 'STL' on the caps was gold with navy trim, while the word 'Cardinals' and the block numbers on the uniforms were gold with navy trim. The Cardinals wore them during the unfurling of their championship flag on April 13, and the presentation of the championship trophy and rings on April 14.

MLB players wore No. 42 on April 15, the 65th anniversary of [Jackie Robinson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie_Robinson)'s MLB debut. The Dodgers wore a Brooklyn-era cap and batting helmet that day, as well.

The Pirates and Orioles donned camouflage uniforms during [Memorial Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day) weekend.

The Brewers wore an Italian-language batting practice uniform with the word "Birrai" on July 1; their opponents Arizona Diamondbacks ('I D-Backs') also wore Italian-language uniforms. They also wore the Cerveceros uniforms on June 2 against the Pirates ('Piratas').

Players wore special caps on Memorial Day and [Independence Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States)); the Blue Jays also wore special caps on [Canada Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_Day), along with a specialized red uniform. This year, a [camouflage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_camouflage) design was used in lieu of the [American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_United_States) and [Canadian flags](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Canada).

In commemoration of the [September 11 attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks), all American teams wore caps with the American flag sewn on the left; the Blue Jays sported both the American and Canadian flags on both sides of their caps.

As part of [Cinco de Mayo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinco_de_Mayo) the [San Francisco Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Giants) ("Gigantes") and [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) ("Los Astros") wore Spanish-language home uniforms for the game.

On July 6, the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) ("Los Mets") wore blue Spanish-language jerseys for the game against the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs). They wore the uniforms again on August 24 against the Astros.

The [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox) wore a variation of their home uniforms on September 7 against the Royals, as part of the "Halfway to [St. Patty's](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Patrick%27s_Day_in_the_United_States)" promotion. The uniform substitutes the traditional black color for green.

The Athletics and Diamondbacks wore Spanish-language uniforms in celebration of [Mexican Independence Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_War_of_Independence) on September 16, against the Orioles and Giants, respectively. The A's used their primary home uniform, with "Atléticos" substituting for "Athletics", while the D-Backs used their black alternate uniform, with "Los D-Backs" substituting for the secondary "A" logo.

**Patches**

**Anniversaries and special events**

The following teams will wear commemorative patches for special occasions:

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| **Team** | **Special occasion** |
| [Boston Red Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) | 100th Anniversary of [Fenway Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenway_Park) and #6 patch after the death of [Johnny Pesky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Pesky) |
| [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers) | 50th Anniversary of [Dodger Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dodger_Stadium) |
| [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) | 20th Anniversary of [Oriole Park at Camden Yards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oriole_Park_at_Camden_Yards) |
| [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) | 50th Anniversary of the franchise |
| [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) | 50th Anniversary of the franchise |
| [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) | 35th Anniversary of the franchise |
| [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)) | 40th Anniversary in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex |
| [Kansas City Royals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Royals) | Host city of the [2012 MLB All-Star Game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_MLB_All-Star_Game) |
| [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) | To commemorate their [2011 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_World_Series) championship 30th Anniversary of their [1982 World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1982_World_Series) championship (worn only from August 4–5) |
| [Miami Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins) | Inaugural season of [Marlins Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlins_Park) |
| [Colorado Rockies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies) | 7-20 patches to remember all who lost their lives during the [Aurora shooting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Aurora_shooting). (Worn only on the night of July 20.) |

**Memorials**

* The [Seattle Mariners](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle_Mariners) honored outfielder [Greg Halman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greg_Halman) with a patch, following his murder in the [Netherlands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands) on November 21, 2011.
* The [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) wore a patch honoring [Gary Carter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gary_Carter), who died of brain cancer on February 16, 2012. The patch features a black inverted home plate with Carter's number 8 and "KID" inscribed on it.
* The [Chicago White Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_White_Sox) sported two black diamond patches on the right sleeve in honor of [Bill Skowron](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Skowron) (BMS) and [Kevin Hickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Hickey) (HIC MAN). Skowron died on April 27 of heart failure following a long battle with lung cancer, while Hickey died on May 16 of undisclosed causes.
* The Major League [umpires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umpire_(baseball)) wore black patches honoring former umpires [Marty Springstead](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marty_Springstead) (MS), who died January 17, 2012, and [Harry Wendelstedt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Wendelstedt) (HW), who died March 9, 2012.
* The [San Diego Padres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Padres) added a black circle patch with the number 48 in honor of the passing of bullpen coach [Darrel Akerfelds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darrel_Akerfelds) on June 28.
* The [Boston Red Sox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) added a black circle patch with the number 6 in honor of legend [Johnny Pesky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Pesky), who died on August 13. The patch only applies to their home and alternate uniforms; the road uniforms were fitted with a black armband. On August 21, against the Angels, all Red Sox players and coaches wore No. 6 in Pesky's memory, similar to the approach of all players and coaches wearing No. 42 during [Jackie Robinson Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie_Robinson_Day). The Angels also wore the same black patch in Pesky's memory for the game, even though Pesky never worked for the Angels.
* The [Oakland Athletics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Athletics) added a black circle patch with the initials "GJN" for pitcher [Pat Neshek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pat_Neshek)'s day-old son, Gehrig John, who passed away right before the playoffs.

**New stadium**



Opening day at [Marlins Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlins_Park).

The Florida Marlins vacated [Sun Life Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_Life_Stadium) at the end of the 2011 season and moved into [Marlins Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlins_Park), which was built on the site of the old [Orange Bowl stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Orange_Bowl). The team officially adopted its new name of [Miami Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins) on November 11, 2011.

**Anniversaries**

The 2012 season is the 100th anniversary of the opening of [Boston's](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Red_Sox) [Fenway Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenway_Park). In addition, [Dodger Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dodger_Stadium)—home of the [Los Angeles Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Dodgers)—celebrates its 50th Anniversary, and the [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Orioles) home, [Oriole Park at Camden Yards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oriole_Park_at_Camden_Yards), will also commemorate its 20th anniversary.

**Mets, Astros golden anniversaries**

The 2012 season also marks the 50th anniversary for the [New York Mets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets) and the [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros), but the 51st season for both teams.

The Mets began play four years after the [Brooklyn Dodgers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Brooklyn_Dodgers) and [New York Giants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_New_York_Giants_(NL)) [moved west](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_relocation_of_1950s%E2%80%931960s#The_exit_of_the_National_League_from_New_York_City) in [1958](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1958_Major_League_Baseball_season), leaving [New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City) with only one MLB team in the [Yankees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees). In [1959](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1959_Major_League_Baseball_season), New York City attorney [William Shea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Shea), with support from baseball figures including former Dodgers executive [Branch Rickey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branch_Rickey), proposed a third major league called the [Continental League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continental_League). Houston and New York City were both among the announced CL cities. MLB responded to the threat by placing new franchises in several of these cities, and offered a National League franchise to the owners of the proposed New York CL team, who accepted. With Shea's goal of bringing a second major-league team to New York successful, he abandoned the new league, which officially folded in [1960](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_Major_League_Baseball_season) without ever playing a game. The Mets began play in 1962 at the Giants' former home of the [Polo Grounds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polo_Grounds) in [Manhattan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan), moved in [1964](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1964_Major_League_Baseball_season) to [Shea Stadium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shea_Stadium) (named after the aforementioned William Shea) in [Queens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queens), and opened their current home of [Citi Field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citi_Field), adjacent to the former Shea Stadium site, in [2009](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_Major_League_Baseball_season).

The Astros were also enfranchised as a direct response to the plans to launch the CL. They began play in 1962 as the Houston Colt .45s; following a dispute with [Colt Firearms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colt%27s_Manufacturing_Company) over revenues from souvenir sales and licensing fees, the team moved to the [Astrodome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliant_Astrodome) in [1965](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1965_Major_League_Baseball_season) and renamed itself the Astros. In [2000](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_Major_League_Baseball_season), they opened their current home, now known as [Minute Maid Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minute_Maid_Park). In honor of the Astros' 50th anniversary, they will don different throwback uniforms at home on Friday night themed to each decade.

**Television**

**National**

Major League Baseball enters the 6th year of seven year contracts it signed with its broadcast partners prior to the 2007 season. This year, [Fox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_Fox) will televise the Saturday Game of the Week (which will be shown in prime time each week from May 19 to July 7), the All-Star Game, the National League Championship Series, and the World Series. [TBS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_on_TBS) will show a Sunday Game of the Week, the All-Star Selection Show, all but two Division Series games, the American League Championship Series, and the new wild card elimination games. [ESPN](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ESPN_Major_League_Baseball) will show games on [Sunday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunday_Night_Baseball), [Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monday_Night_Baseball), and [Wednesday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wednesday_Night_Baseball) nights (with Monday and Wednesday Night Baseball airing on [ESPN2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ESPN2) during April, May and early June due to ESPN's priority to the [NBA regular season and playoff coverage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NBA_on_ESPN), and then Monday Night Baseball moving to form either a Wednesday night doubleheader or a simultaneous airing of a Monday Night game on ESPN and a Wednesday Night game on ESPN2 when the NFL season starts, to accommodate [Monday Night Football](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monday_Night_Football)), and the All-Star [Home Run Derby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_Run_Derby). They will also air 10 [spring training](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_training) games, as well as five nationally televised games on [Opening Week](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opening_Day) from April 4–6. The [MLB Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MLB_Network) will air a national [Game of the Week broadcast every Thursday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thursday_Night_Baseball) and the two Division Series games not shown on TBS. [Major League Baseball International](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MLB_International) will air in [syndication](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadcast_syndication) the All-Star Game, the ALCS, and the World Series to global markets.

**Local**

The Padres have switched from [Cox Cable](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cox_Cable)-owned [4SD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/4SD) to a new channel called [Fox Sports San Diego](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Sports_San_Diego), which the Padres also have a minority stake in.

This is the last season of [Houston Astros](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Astros) games on [Fox Sports Houston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Sports_Houston) and [KTXH](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KTXH). Starting next season, all games will be on [Comcast SportsNet Houston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comcast_SportsNet_Houston), a new channel the Astros will co-own with the [Houston Rockets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston_Rockets).

The [Mid-Atlantic Sports Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mid-Atlantic_Sports_Network) (MASN), which broadcasts Orioles and Nationals games, became the latest network to adjust its score box to the [16:9](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/16:9) [aspect ratio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspect_ratio) for [high-definition television](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-definition_television) broadcasts. The adjustment, which began with Fox Sports' MLB coverage in 2010, was later adopted to other networks, notably ESPN, TBS, [Fox Sports Net](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Sports_Net) (except [Fox Sports South](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Sports_South) and some [terrestrial television](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrestrial_television) broadcasts produced by Fox Sports), and [Root Sports](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root_Sports) during the 2011 season. As of this season, only the [YES Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YES_Network), [New England Sports Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_England_Sports_Network), [Comcast SportsNet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comcast_SportsNet), [SportsNet New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SportsNet_New_York) and [Sports Time Ohio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SportsTime_Ohio) have yet to move to the newly adjusted high definition broadcast.

**Team purchases**

* On March 27, 2012, the Dodgers were sold to [Guggenheim Baseball Management LLC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guggenheim_Partners), a group that included [NBA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NBA) legend [Magic Johnson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic_Johnson) for $2.1 billion. The new management team, to include baseball executive [Stan Kasten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stan_Kasten), still had to await approval by two different courts—one handling the Dodgers' bankruptcy, and the other overseeing the divorce of former owners [Frank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_McCourt_(executive)) and [Jamie McCourt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamie_McCourt). The sale was finalized on May 1, at which time the new management team officially took over.
* The San Diego Padres were sold to a group headed by [Ron Fowler](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Fowler), golfer [Phil Mickelson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phil_Mickelson) and [Peter O'Malley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_O%27Malley), the former owner of the Dodgers for US $800 million in August.

**Retirements**

* [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) third baseman [Chipper Jones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chipper_Jones) announced on March 22, 2012 that he will retire after 19 seasons at the conclusion of the 2012 season.
* Catcher [Iván Rodríguez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iv%C3%A1n_Rodr%C3%ADguez) officially announced his retirement on April 23, 2012. Playing for six different teams in a 21-year career, most notably with the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Rangers_(baseball)), Rodríguez set a record for most [Gold Glove Awards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rawlings_Gold_Glove_Award) at catcher with 13, while earning [AL MVP](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball_Most_Valuable_Player_Award) honors in [1999](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999_Major_League_Baseball_season) and a [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_World_Series) World Series title with the [Florida Marlins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami_Marlins). He also appeared in 14 All-Star Games and won seven [Silver Slugger Awards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silver_Slugger_Award) at catcher, while appearing in 2,543 games behind the plate, a Major League record.
* Pitcher [Kerry Wood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerry_Wood) of the [Chicago Cubs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Cubs) announced his retirement on May 18, 2012.
* [Detroit Tigers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Tigers) outfielder [Magglio Ordóñez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magglio_Ord%C3%B3%C3%B1ez) retired from baseball on June 3, 2012.
* Shortstop [Omar Vizquel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omar_Vizquel) stated on June 26 that he plans to retire at the end of the season after a 24-year career.
* Pitcher [Dontrelle Willis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dontrelle_Willis) announced his retirement on July 2.
* Outfielder [Jay Gibbons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Gibbons) announced his retirement on July 9.
* Pitcher [Ben Sheets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Sheets) announced his retirement on October 2 that he will start the [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) regular-season finale on October 3 and then will retire after the start.

**Retired numbers**

* The [St. Louis Cardinals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_Cardinals) retired former manager [Tony La Russa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_La_Russa)'s No. 10 prior to the May 11 game against the [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves). La Russa served as manager from 1996–2011 and managed in three World Series for the Cardinals, winning in [2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_World_Series) and [2011](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_World_Series).
* The [Atlanta Braves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlanta_Braves) retired [John Smoltz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Smoltz)'s No. 29 and inducted him into the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame prior to the June 8 game against the [Toronto Blue Jays](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Blue_Jays). Smoltz retired with a career record of 213–155 with a 3.33 ERA and 3,084 strikeouts. He also added 154 saves and was 15–4 in the post-season.
* The [Cincinnati Reds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cincinnati_Reds) retired [Barry Larkin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barry_Larkin)'s No. 11 prior to the August 25 game against the St Louis Cardinals at [Great American Ball Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_American_Ball_Park). Larkin played [shortstop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shortstop) for his hometown from 1986 to 2004 and was one of the pivotal players on the [1990 Reds' World Series championship team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_World_Series). Larkin was elected to the [National Baseball Hall of Fame](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Baseball_Hall_of_Fame_and_Museum) in January 2012 and was inducted on July 22. Larkin is considered one of the top players of his era, winning nine Silver Slugger awards and three Gold Glove awards. He was selected to the Major League All-Star Game twelve times, and was elected the 1995 National League MVP.
* The [Minnesota Twins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Twins) retired former manager [Tom Kelly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Kelly_(baseball))'s No. 10 prior to the September 8 game against the Cleveland Indians at [Target Field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Target_Field). Kelly served as manager from 1986–2001, and led the Twins to their only [World Series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Series) victories in [1987](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987_World_Series) and [1991](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1991_World_Series).

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