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Great Performances

.455 slugging percentage. Sisler knocked out 1.67 hits per game, playing in all 154 of the Browns games; Ichiro rapped 1.63 hits per game while playing in all but one of the Mariners 162 games. On the other hand, Ichiro did break the record while playing half his games in the best pitchers' park in the league in 2004, while Sisler had the benefit of a favorable environment for hitters at his home park in 1920. In fact, Ichiro hit .405 on the road in breaking the record in 2004, becoming the first hitter to hit .400 on the road in a season since Lou Boudreau in 1920, while Sisler hit .473 at home and .341 on the road in 1920. And there's no doubt that Ichiro faced far tougher pitching than Sisler ever did, and no one had even come close to challenging Sisler's mark since 1930. Ichiro's month-by-month hit totals and batting average are shown below (IS) alongside Sisler's 1920 (GS).

Month	IS H	AVG	GS H	AVG	Month	IS H	AVG	GS H	AVG
April	26	.255	12	.333	August	56	.463	42	.400
May	50	.400	39	.355	September	44	.373	57	.442
Jun	29	.274	40	.526	October	6	.429	7	.500
July	51	.432	60	.325	Total	262	.372	257	.407

Consecutive Games Played

It was only twenty years ago that most people considered Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record to be unbreakable. Then ironman Cal Ripken came along and eventually surpassed Gehrig's record by a wide margin. Even Ripken's record is breakable, but it will take a unique combination of fortitude and luck to surpass it. Miguel Tejada, another shortstop, holds the longest consecutive games played streak of any active player, with 918 consecutive games at the end of 2005. Tejada would need to play every game of the next ten seasons and 95 games of the season after that to break Cal Ripken's record.

Player	Games	Years	Player	Games	Years
Cal Ripken	2,632	1982-98	Miguel Tejada	918	2000-present
Lou Gehrig	2,130	1925-39	Stan Musial	895	1952-57
Everett Scott	1,307	1916-25	Eddie Yost	829	1949-55
Steve Garvey	1,207	1975-83	Gus Suhr	822	1931-37
Billy Williams	1,117	1963-70	Nellie Fox	798	1955-60
Joe Sewell	1,103	1922-30			

Four-Homer Games

Only fifteen players have hit 4 home runs in a game, and only twelve of those players did it in a regulation nine-inning game. Some great players are on the list, but there are also a few surprises: Mark Whiten, who hit only 105 home runs in his career, and Pat Seerey, who hit only 85 home runs. Carlos Delgado slugged his way onto this short list during the last week of the 2003 season.

Player, Team	Date
Bobby Lowe, Bos NL	May 30, 1894
Ed Delahanty, Phi NL	July 13, 1896
Lou Gehrig, NY AL	June 3, 1932
Chuck Klein, Phi NL	July 10, 1936 (10 inn)
Pat Seerey, Chi AL	July 18, 1948 G1 (11 inn)
Gil Hodges, Bro NL	Aug. 31, 1950
Joe Adcock, Mil NL	July 31, 1954
Rocky Colavito, Cle AL	June 10, 1959
Willie Mays, SF NL	Apr. 30, 1961
Mike Schmidt, Phi NL	Apr. 17, 1976 (10 inn)
Bob Horner, Atl NL	July 6, 1986
Mark Whiten, STL NL	Sept. 7, 1993 G2
Mike Cameron, Sea AL	May 2, 2002
Shawn Green, LA NL	May 23, 2002
Carlos Delgado, Tor AL	Sept. 25, 2003

Career Grand Slam Home Run Leaders

The grand slam is not just another home run; it has an identity of its own as the rarest type of home run. A grand slam usually changes the very complexion of a game since a team that's already ahead usually has an impenetrable lead once a grand slam is hit, and a team that is behind can use a grand slam to suddenly make the game competitive again. A grand slam is by far the biggest single scoring event in any major pro sport.

Baseball fans might reasonably expect the career grand slams leaders list to look similar to the all-time home run leader list, but there are significant differences. Lou Gehrig has four more grand slams than any other player in baseball history, despite not being among the top twenty in career home

runs. Some of the top home run hitters of all-time, including Barry Bonds, Frank Robinson and Sammy Sosa, have hit less than half as many grand slams as Gehrig. And several players who didn't even reach the 300-career home run mark are among the leaders in grand slams.

Player	Career GS	Player	Career GS	Player	Career GS
Lou Gehrig	23	Babe Ruth	16	Jeff Kent	13
Manny Ramirez	20	Ken Griffey Jr.	14	Ralph Kiner	13
Eddie Murray	19	Gil Hodges	14	Ernie Banks	12
Willie McCovey	18	Mark McGwire	14	Don Baylor	12
Robin Ventura	18	Mike Piazza	14	Rogers Hornsby	12
Jimmie Foxx	17	Harold Baines	13	Rafael Palmeiro	12
Ted Williams	17	Albert Belle	13	Joe Rudi	12
Hank Aaron	16	Joe DiMaggio	13	Matt Williams	12
Dave Kingman	16	George Foster	13	Rudy York	12

The Single-Season Home Run Record

Widespread perception to the contrary, the major league single-season home run record has actually changed quite often over the course of baseball history. Despite all the hoopla over Mark McGwire setting the home run record in 1998, he held the mark for the shortest length of time of any individual since the 1880s.

Year	Player, Team	HR	Year	Player, Team	HR
1876	George Hall, Phi NL	5	1921	Babe Ruth, NY AL	59
1879	Charley Jones, Bos NL	9	1927	Babe Ruth, NY AL	60
1883	Buck Ewing, NY NL	10	1961	Roger Maris, NY AL	61
1884	Ed Williamson, Chi NL	27	1998	Mark McGwire, STL NL	70
1919	Babe Ruth, Bos AL	29	2001	Barry Bonds, SF NL	73
1920	Babe Ruth, NY AL	54			

The Home Run Records of Bonds, McGwire, Maris, and Ruth

Three years after Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa electrified the world with their great home run chase in 1998, Barry Bonds shattered the highest-profile record in sports with his 73 home runs. Babe Ruth made the home run baseball's dominant offensive stratagem in 1920 by hitting an unheard of 54 round-trippers, and The Bambino's 60 home runs in 1927 invested a unique magic in that mark.

The lists below detail the all-time home run record seasons since 1927. "Gm" indicates the team game number in which the home run was hit. Left-handed pitchers are asterisked. Pitchers who allowed multiple home runs in a game are listed only once. Daggers after the opposing teams indicate road games.

Bonds played in 153 of the Giants 162 games in 2001. McGwire played in 155 of the Cardinals 163 games in 1998. Maris played in 161 of the Yankees 163 games in 1961. Ruth played in 151 of the Yankees 155 games in 1927.

Bonds' 73 Home Runs (2001)

HR (Gm)	Date	Off (Pitcher/Team)	HR (Gm)	Date	Off (Pitcher/Team)
1 (1)	Apr. 2	Woody Williams SD	37 (70)	June 19	Adam Eaton SD
2 (9)	Apr. 12	Adam Eaton SD	38 (71)	June 20	Rodney Myers SD
3 (10)	Apr. 13	Jamey Wright Mil	39 (74)	June 23	Darryl Kile SL
4 (11)	Apr. 14	Jimmy Haynes Mil	40 (89)	July 12	Paul Abbott Sea
5 (12)	Apr. 15	David Weathers Mil	41 (95)	July 18	Mike Hampton* Col
6 (13)	Apr. 17	Terry Adams LA	42 (95)	July 18	
7 (14)	Apr. 18	Chan Ho Park LA	43 (103)	July 26	Curt Schilling Ari
8 (16)	Apr. 20	Jimmy Haynes Mil	44 (103)	July 26	
9 (19)	Apr. 24	Jim Brower Cin	45 (104)	July 27	Brian Anderson* Ari
10 (21)	Apr. 26	Scott Sullivan Cin	46 (108)	Aug. 1	Joe Beimel* Pit
11 (24)	Apr. 29	Manny Aybar Chi	47 (111)	Aug. 4	Nelson Figueroa Phi
12 (26)	May 2	Todd Ritchie Pit	48 (113)	Aug. 7	Danny Graves Cin
13 (27)	May 3	Jimmy Anderson* Pit	49 (115)	Aug. 9	Scott Winchester Cin
14 (28)	May 4	Bruce Chen* Phi	50 (117)	Aug. 11	Joe Borowski Chi
15 (35)	May 11	Steve Trachsel NY	51 (119)	Aug. 14	Ricky Bones FL
16 (40)	May 17	Chuck Smith Fla	52 (121)	Aug. 16	A.J. Burnett Fla
17 (41)	May 18	Mike Remlinger* Atl	53 (121)	Aug. 16	Vic Darenbourg* Fla
18 (42)	May 19	Odalis Perez* Atl	54 (123)	Aug. 18	Jason Marquis Atl
19 (42)	May 19	Jose Cabrera Atl	55 (127)	Aug. 23	Graeme Lloyd* Mon
20 (42)	May 19	Jason Marquis Atl	56 (131)	Aug. 27	Kevin Appier NY
21 (43)	May 20	John Burkett Atl	57 (135)	Aug. 31	John Thomson Col
22 (43)	May 20	Mike Remlinger* Atl	58 (138)	Sept. 3	Jason Jennings Col
23 (44)	May 21	Curt Schilling Ari	59 (139)	Sept. 4	Miguel Batista Ari
24 (45)	May 22	Russ Springer Ari	60 (141)	Sept. 6	Albie Lopez Ari
25 (47)	May 24	John Thomson Col	61 (144)	Sept. 9	Scott Elarton Col
26 (50)	May 27	Denny Neagle* Col	62 (144)	Sept. 9	
27 (53)	May 30	Robert Ellis Ari	63 (144)	Sept. 9	Todd Beitz* Col
28 (53)	May 30		64 (147)	Sept. 20	Wade Miller Hou
29 (54)	June 1	Shawn Chacon Col	65 (150)	Sept. 23	Jason Middlebrook SD
30 (57)	June 4	Bobby J. Jones SD	66 (150)	Sept. 23	
31 (58)	June 5	Wascar Serrano SD	67 (151)	Sept. 24	James Baldwin LA
32 (60)	June 7	Brian Lawrence SD	68 (154)	Sept. 28	Jason Middlebrook SD
33 (64)	June 12	Pat Rapp Ana	69 (155)	Sept. 29	Chuck McElroy* SD
34 (66)	June 14	Lou Pote Ana	70 (159)	Oct. 4	Wilfredo Rodriguez* Hou
35 (67)	June 15	Mark Mulder* Oak	71 (160)	Oct. 5	Chan Ho Park LA
36 (67)	June 15		72 (160)	Oct. 5	
			73 (162)	Oct. 7	Dennis Springer LA

