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Not everything that counts can be counted; not everything that is counted is worth counting.
Albert Einstein

SHUTOUTS—FEWEST AND MOST

Below are some of the results of Bob Tiemann's detailed look into major league shutouts.

Fewest Times Shut Out

The following teams went through an entire season (obviously of varying lengths) without being shut out. From the National Association: 1871---ATH, BOS, CHI, ROK, MUT, OLY, AND TRO. 1872---BOS, NAT, TRO. 1873---ATH, PHI. 1874---CHI. From the American Association: 1887---PHI. From the National League: 1894---BOS, PHI. From the American League: 1932---NY.

These teams, along with 19 from the National Association, suffered only one shutout in a season.

1877 HAR NL by Joe Blong, STL
 1878 BOS NL by Will White, CIN
 1889 CHI NL by John Clarkson, BOS (seven-inning 0-0 tie)
 1889 BKL AA by Elton Chamberlain, STL
 1890 BKL PL by Ben Sanders, PHI
 1891 MIL AA by Charlie Buffinton, BOS
 1893 PHI NL by Kid Nichols, BOS
 1893 PIT NL by Gus Weyhing, PHI
 1895 BOS NL by Pink Hawley, PIT
 1895 PHI NL by Ted Breitenstein, STL
 1896 CIN NL by Adonis Terry, CHI
 1901 PIT NL by Red Donahue, PHI
 1927 NY AL by Lefty Grove, PHI
 1933 NY AL by Lefty Grove, PHI
 1939 NY AL by Tommy Bridges, DET
 1953 BKL NL by Al Worthington, NY
 1970 CIN NL by Milt Pappas, CHI
 1979 MIL AL by Jerry Koonsman, MIN (Final game of season)
 1982 MIL AL by Jack O'Connor and Ron Davis, MIN
 1993 TOR AL by Fernando Valenzuela, BAL (Also by Curt Schilling in WS)
 1994 CLE AL by Pat Hentgen, TOR
 1995 BOS AL by Sean Bergman, DET (Also by Orel Hershiser and 3 others in ALDS)
 1996 CLE AL by Wilson Alvarez and Roberto Hernandez, CHI

Most Times Shut Out

33 STL NL 1908	26 STL NL 1907(1)	23 WAS NL 1888
30 WAS AL 1909(1)	26 NY NL 1967	23 CLE AL 1905
30 NY NL 1963	25 BOS NL 1910	23 STL NL 1906
28 BOS NL 1906	25 CHI AL 1910(1)	23 PHI NL 1909
28 BOS AL 1906	25 STL AL 1910	23 BOS AL 1917
27 WAS AL 1904(2)	24 BKL NL 1908	23 CIN NL 1920(1)
27 STL AL 1906(2)	24 CIN NL 1908	23 HOU NL 1963
27 BKL NL 1907(1)	24 PHI NL 1908(1)	23 LA NL 1968
27 NY AL 1914	24 CLE AL 1914	23 CHI AL 1968
27 PIT NL 1916	24 BOS NL 1943	23 SD NL 1969
27 TEX AL 1972	24 PHI AL 1943	23 CAL AL 1971
26 DET AL 1904(4)	24 WAS AL 1955	23 SD NL 1976
26 STL AL 1904(1)	24 ATL NL 1978	

(Numbers in parens indicate scoreless ties played.)

MOST GAMES & GAMES STARTED

Courtesy of Tom Ruane, here are the franchise pitching leaders in Games and Games Started. These are for franchises, which gives us Christy Mathewson as San Francisco's leader in Games Started, and Walter Johnson as Minnesota's leader in both categories.

<u>ANAHEIM ANGELS</u>		<u>BALTIMORE ORIOLES</u>		<u>BOSTON RED SOX</u>	
G Chuck Finley	436	G Jim Palmer	558	G Bob Stanley	637
GS Chuck Finley	379	GS Jim Palmer	521	GS Roger Clemens	382
<u>CHICAGO WHITE SOX</u>		<u>CLEVELAND INDIANS</u>		<u>DETROIT TIGERS</u>	
G Red Faber	669	G Mel Harder	582	G John Hiller	545
GS Ted Lyons	484	GS Bob Feller	484	GS Mickey Lolich	459
<u>KANSAS CITY ROYALS</u>		<u>MINNESOTA TWINS</u>		<u>NEW YORK YANKEES</u>	
G Jeff Montgomery	686	G Walter Johnson	803	G Dave Righetti	522
GS Paul Splittorff	392	GS Walter Johnson	666	GS Whitey Ford	438
<u>OAKLAND ATHLETICS</u>		<u>SEATTLE MARINERS</u>		<u>TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS</u>	
G Eddie Plank	525	G Mike Jackson	335	G Roberto Hernandez	139
G Dennis Eckersley	525	GS Randy Johnson	266	GS Rolando Arrojo	56
GS Eddie Plank	458				
<u>TEXAS RANGERS</u>		<u>TORONTO BLUE JAYS</u>		<u>ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS</u>	
G Jeff Russell	445	G Duane Ward	452	G Gregg Olson	125
GS Charlie Hough	313	GS Dave Stieb	408	GS Andy Benes	66
<u>ATLANTA BRAVES</u>		<u>CHICAGO CUBS</u>		<u>CINCINNATI REDS</u>	
G Phil Niekro	740	G Charlie Root	605	G Pedro Borbon	531
GS Warren Spahn	635	GS Ferguson Jenkins	347	GS Eppa Rixey	356
<u>COLORADO ROCKIES</u>		<u>FLORIDA MARLINS</u>		<u>HOUSTON ASTROS</u>	
G Curt Leskanic	356	G Rob Nen	269	G Dave Smith	563
GS Kevin Ritz	98	GS Pat Rapp	115	GS Larry Dierker	320
<u>LOS ANGELES DODGERS</u>		<u>MILWAUKEE BREWERS</u>		<u>MONTREAL EXPOS</u>	
G Don Sutton	550	G Dan Plesac	365	G Tim Burke	425
GS Don Sutton	533	GS Jim Slaton	268	GS Steve Rogers	393
<u>NEW YORK METS</u>		<u>PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES</u>		<u>PITTSBURGH PIRATES</u>	
G John Franco	485	G Robin Roberts	529	G Roy Face	802
GS Tom Seaver	395	GS Steve Carlton	499	GS Bob Friend	477
<u>ST. LOUIS CARDINALS</u>		<u>SAN DIEGO PADRES</u>		<u>SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS</u>	
G Jesse Haines	554	G Trevor Hoffman	411	G Gary Lavelle	647
GS Bob Gibson	482	GS Randy Jones	253	GS Christy Mathewson	550

CHAN HO PARK

Add Chan Ho Park's name to the list of record-setters that appeared in the last issue. Walt Wilson points out that on April 23 the Dodger pitcher tied a 109-year-old record when he surrendered two grand slams in one inning to the Cardinals' Fernando Tatis.

The only other pitcher to issue two slams in one inning was Bill Phillips of Pittsburgh. He did it against Chicago on August 16, 1890. The blows came in the fifth inning and were struck by Tom Burns and Bill Dahlen.

Walt double-checked the four other games that had two grand slams in one inning, and in all cases they were off different pitchers.

A 100-RBI SEASON WHILE PLAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE TEAM

Lee Sinins furnished this list of players who, like Harold Baines and Tony Batista this past season, managed 100 RBI during a season in which they were traded; in Mike Piazza's case, traded twice. Batista, Mark McGwire, and Greg Vaughn are the only ones to do it after being traded across leagues.

Goose Goslin	1930	138	WAS (AL)	38	STL (AL)	100	
Gus Zernial	1951	129	CHI (AL)	4	PHI (AL)	125	
Mark McGwire	1997	123	OAK (AL)	81	STL (NL)	42	
Cecil Fielder	1996	117	DET (AL)	80	NY (AL)	37	
Greg Vaughn	1996	117	MIL (AL)	95	SD (NL)	22	
Ralph Kiner	1953	116	PIT (NL)	29	CHI (NL)	87	
Ray Boone	1953	114	CLE (AL)	21	DET (AL)	93	
Moose Solters	1935	112	BOS (AL)	8	STL (AL)	104	
Mike Piazza	1998	111	LA (NL)	30	FLA (NL)	5	NY (NL) 76
Charlie Hickman	1902	110	BOS (AL)	16	CLE (AL)	94	
Buster Adams	1945	109	PHI (NL)	8	STL (NL)	101	
Smead Jolley	1932	106	CHI (AL)	7	BOS (AL)	99	
Chuck Klein	1936	104	CHI (NL)	18	PHI (NL)	86	
Harold Baines	1999	103	BAL (AL)	81	CLE (AL)	22	
Willie Montanez	1975	101	PHI (NL)	16	SF (NL)	85	
Fred McGriff	1993	101	SD (NL)	46	ATL (NL)	55	
Jack Glasscock	1893	100	STL (NL)	26	LOU (NL)	74	
Tony Batista	1999	100	ARI (NL)	21	TOR (AL)	79	

MOST HOME RUNS IN A SEASON—ALL IN ONE BALLPARK

This list is from home run maven Dave Vincent.

25	Fred Pfeffer	1884	Chicago NL	Lake Front Park
19	Gavvy Cravath	1914	Philadelphia NL	Baker Bowl
18	Mel Ott	1942	New York NL	Polo Grounds
17	Cliff Lee	1922	Philadelphia NL	Baker Bowl
13	Heinie Manush	1928	St. Louis AL	Sportsman's Park
13	Johnny Vergez	1931	New York NL	Polo Grounds
12	Jerry Denny	1888	Indianapolis NL	Seventh Street Park
12	Herman Long	1900	Boston NL	South End Grounds
11	Joe Sewell	1932	New York AL	Yankee Stadium
11	Ted Uhlaender	1970	Cleveland AL	Cleveland Stadium
11	Babe Young	1942	New York NL	Polo Grounds
10	Dave Brain	1907	Boston NL	South End Grounds
10	Greg Goossen	1969	Seattle AL	Sick's Stadium
10	Tilly Walker	1919	Philadelphia AL	Shibe Park

WADE LEFLER

Wade Lefler's brief major league career consisted of six games in 1924, one for the Boston Braves and five as a September callup for the pennant-bound Washington Senators. *Total Baseball* shows him with five hits in nine at bats, three doubles, and four runs batted in. The RBI total is incorrect. While researching Lefler's career, Bill Moose found that he actually had six runs batted in. The details of Lefler's five games and six runs batted in for the Senators are from the *Washington Post*.

September 18 at Cleveland: Lefler pinch hit for pitcher Allan Russell in the fourth inning with Roger Peckinpaugh on third and Muddy Ruel on second. He singled, scoring both runners. (2)

September 20 at St. Louis: Lefler pinch hit for pitcher Walter Johnson in the second inning with Peckinpaugh on second and grounded out.

September 26 at Boston: Lefler pinch hit for center fielder Earl McNeely in the eighth inning with Nemo Leibold on second. He doubled, scoring Leibold. (1)

September 27 at Boston: Lefler pinch hit for pitcher Fred Marberry in the fifth inning with the bases loaded. Goose Goslin was on third, Joe Judge on second, and Ruel on first. Lefler doubled, scoring all three runners. (3)

September 30 at Boston: Lefler started in right field this last game of the season (Washington had already clinched) and had a single and a double with no RBI in four at bats.

ROBIN ROBERTS AND CAMILO PASCUAL

During the twentieth century, three franchises relocated twice. The Atlanta Braves started in Boston and made a stop in Milwaukee; the Baltimore Orioles started in Milwaukee and made a stop in St. Louis; and the Oakland A's started in Philadelphia and made a stop in Kansas City.

Joe Mackay discovered that Robin Roberts and Camilo Pascual were the only two pitchers to defeat a team in each of their locations. Roberts did it to the Braves, and Pascual did it to the A's. The Orioles long stay in St. Louis made it impossible for anyone to accomplish the feat against that franchise.

Roberts's record was 12-6 against Boston, 21-24 against Milwaukee, and 1-0 against Atlanta.

Pascual's record was 1-2 against Philadelphia, 27-23 against Kansas City, and 3-0 against Oakland.

Joe noted that Pascual's win against Philadelphia was his first as a major leaguer, while Roberts's win against Atlanta was his last.

