# CLEVELAND INDIANS 6 (0-1) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 5 (1-0)

Saturday, March 31, 2018 • Safeco Field

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Cleveland Indians	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	4
Seattle Mariners	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	10	0	5
First Pitch: 1:10 pm	Time of Game: 2:47			Temp: 48 F, W/SW 3mph				Attendance: 35,881					

WP: Carlos Carrasco (1-0, 7.94) LP: James Paxton (0-1, 11.57) Save: Cody Allen (1)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	NO. PITCHER		MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
Yonder Alonso	1	James Paxtonn	1	3	2	1-0	376 ft, RF
Mitch Haniger	1	Carlos Carrasco	2	0	2	1-2	391 ft, LF
Yan Gomes	1	James Paxton	4	1	1	2-2	414, ft CF
Nelson Cruz	2	Carlos Carrasco	6	1	1	0-0	412 ft, CF

### **MARINERS NOTES:**

- The Mariners bullpen combined to retire 13 consecutive hitters to end the game while recording 4 strikeouts (Casey Lawrence: 2.2 IP, Marc Rzepczynski: 0.2 IP, Dan Altavilla: 1.0 IP).
- 5 of the 7 runs scored by the Mariners this season have come via home run.
- **Ichiro Suzuki** recorded his 3,801<sup>st</sup> and 3,082<sup>nd</sup> career hit in Majors, surpassing Hall of Famer Cap Anson for 21<sup>st</sup> most all-time.
  - Picked up his first multi-hit game of the season and his 907<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of his career... Now trails Carl Yastrzemski by 4 games for 13<sup>th</sup> most all-time.
- **Nelson Cruz** has homered in back to back games... marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> time in his career he has homered in back to back games, longest streak: 5 games (done 2x, last: 7/31-8/4/15)... **Cruz** is now 1 of 10 Mariners to homer in back to back games to start a season (last: Robinson Canó, 2016).
  - Was pinch-hit for in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning... left the game with a twisted right ankle.
- Robinson Cano made his 2000th career appearance... He ranks 5th among active players in games played.
  - Recorded his first RBI of the season with a single in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning... ranks 7<sup>th</sup> among AL RBI leaders since joining the Mariners in 2014 with 361 RBI during that span (2014 c).
  - Is now batting .391 (9x23) against Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco and holds a career .330 (111x336) batting average against the Indians.
  - Recorded his first multi-hit game of the season, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on the team with 47 multi-hit games in 2017.
- Mitch Haniger hit his first home run of the season.
  - Has gone 4x6 to start the season and now holds a career .364 (31x85) batting average in March/April.
- Casey Lawrence tossed 2.2 scoreless innings, the longest scoreless outing of his career (previous: 2.0, 2x, last: 9/20/17 vs. TEX).
  - Has not allowed an earned run in 7 straight appearances dating back to last season (9/9/17-c)...during that span he has tallied 9 strikeouts in 9.2 innings pitched.

### **INDIANS NOTES:**

- Yonder Alonso hit his 3<sup>rd</sup> career grand slam in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning (last: 6/6/15 vs. CIN)... marks the first grand slam for the Indians since 8/27/17 when Yan Gomes homered vs. KC.
  - o Reached base safely 3+ times for the 94<sup>th</sup> time in his career (last: 9/26/17 vs. OAK).
- Yan Gomes recorded his 1st home run of the season.
  - o Has recorded a RBI in both games this season.
- Carlos Carrasco picked up his first win of the season, tossing 5.2 innings and allowing 5 runs on 7 hits with 4 strikeouts... was T1st in the majors with 18 wins in 2017 (also: Corey Kluber, Jason Vargas, and Clayton Kershaw).

#### **CLEVELAND MANAGER TERRY FRANCONA:**

# On the patient at bats early in the game:

"I thought Raj had a terrific at bat to allow Yonder to come to the plate, and then one big hit. And then also I thought when they started coming back and Gomer answered it was huge. Give them a lot of credit. They were coming right up to the last out."

## On Carrasco being able to get out of it:

"We got a break on the Cruz line drive, but once that happened he settled down a little bit and understood that if he made pitches he was going to be okay because with his stuff he should stay away from bigger innings."

#### On McAllister:

"I though he did a great job, and wanting to get him in there in one of those situations because I think it would be good for his confidence because we're going to need him. We're going to need all of them, but Mac, I think, is going to play a big part."