



POST-GAME NOTES

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HOUSTON ASTROS 0 (67-41) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 2 (63-43)

Monday, July 30, 2018 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Houston Astros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5
Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	5
First Pitch: 7:10	Time of Game: 2:19			Temp: 80 F, W 3mph			Attendance: 35,198						

WP: James Paxton (9-4, 3.49) LP: Gerrit Cole (10-3, 2.55) Save: Edwin Díaz (40)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
None							

MARINERS NOTES:

- The Mariners improve to 35-19 (.648) at Safeco Field, the 4th-best home winning percentage in the Majors.
 - They also move to 14-3 (.824) in 2-run games, the best 2-run winning percentage in MLB. ... the Mariners are 41-17 (.707) this season in games decided by 1 or 2 runs, the highest winning percentage in the Majors.
- Since July 6, the Mariners have been held to 3 or fewer runs in 13 of 18 games, going 7-11 during that span.
 - Seattle is also 19-30 (.388) when held to 3 or fewer runs, which is the 2nd-highest winning percentage in the Majors in that category.
- James Paxton** (7.0 IP), **Alex Colomé** (1.0 IP) and **Edwin Díaz** (1.0 IP) combined for the Mariners 8th shutout of the season (last: 7/11 at LAA).
- James Paxton** set a single-season career high in strikeouts with his strikeout of J.D. Davis in the 2nd inning...with 8 strikeouts tonight, brings his season total to 163, surpassing his previous-career high of 156, set in 2017.
 - Improves to 3-0 with an 0.87 ERA (2 ER, 20.2 IP) with 21 strikeouts and 4 walks in 3 starts vs. Houston this season...is now 5-1 with a 1.29 ERA (6 ER, 42.0 IP) with 41 strikeouts and 10 walks in 7 starts against the Astros since the beginning of 2017...in 11 career starts against Houston, is 6-3 with a 2.59 ERA (19 ER, 66 IP) with 64 strikeouts and 15 walks.
 - Is now 5-1 with a 2.47 ERA (16 ER, 58.1 IP) with 79 strikeouts and 13 walks over his last 9 starts at Safeco Field, dating back to April 16.
 - He finishes July with a record of 2-2 and a 2.84 ERA (7 ER, 22.2 IP).
- Nelson Cruz** (1x3, 2B, 2 RBI, HBP, K) had his 18th game this season with multiple RBI, tying **Mitch Haniger** for the most multi-RBI games on the club this season.
 - Extended his hitting streak to 4 games, going 6-for-16 .375 in that span.
- Edwin Díaz** notched his 40th save of the year tonight, becoming the 4th pitcher in club history to record at least 40 saves in a season...he joins Fernando Rodney (48, 2014), Kazuhiro Sasaki (45, 2001) and J.J. Putz (40, 2007)... is tied for 3rd-most saves in single-season club history (also: Putz, 2007).
- Denard Span** (1x4, R) is now batting .385 (10x26) with 2 doubles, 1 home run and 3 RBI when batting third in the lineup this season.
- Alex Colomé** struck out 2 in a scoreless 8th inning, extending his scoreless innings pitched streak to 12.2.
- Ryon Healy** (1x3) snapped an 0x15 skid with a single in the seventh.

ASTROS NOTES:

- The Astros were shut out for the 7th time this season (last: 7/9 vs. OAK).
- Gerrit Cole** is now 2-3 with a 2.98 ERA (10 ER, 30.2 IP) in his career against Seattle...is 1-1 with a 1.36 ERA (2 ER, 13.2 IP) this season.
 - In July, went 1-1 with a 2.77 ERA (9 ER, 29.2 IP).
- Alex Bregman** (1x4, K) has reached base safely in 61 of his last 63 games, dating back to May 15.
- George Springer** (0x3, BB, 2 K)
 - has recorded 7 runs, 2 doubles, 3 home runs, 5 walks and 9 RBI in 9 games played.
- Yuli Gurriel** (1x4) snapped an 0x10 skid with a 1st-inning single.

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ASTROS MANAGER A.J. HINCH:

On James Paxton

"He was doing what he's done all year, except when he's been on the DL. It's pretty electrifying stuff. From the getgo, we were inches away from a 3-0 lead in the first. After that, we had a tough time piecing things together, obviously. He was pretty dominant."

On the offense

"Big picture, we have to get better, obviously. We just got shutout. I know tonight we had a little bit of a rough start, but I believe in these guys. This is not indicative of anything other than a really rough stretch. Losing sucks. The frustration is mounting a little bit. Nobody is going to show up feeling great tomorrow because of how things have gone, but I think we will be fine."

On the Mariners' timely hits in the sixth and Gerrit Cole's pitching

"It was the timing of hits that was key tonight. They timed up their hits about as perfect as you can with the infield single and then Span hits the breaking ball to centerfield. And then the one pitch that he (Gerrit Cole) didn't execute the entire evening was the slider to (Nelson) Cruz... Gerrit threw the ball extremely well. He was fantastic. It's a sour taste in your mouth at the end of a game like this when you throw like that and get burned, like on the pitch to Cruz, but he threw the ball really well."

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