



# TORONTO BLUE JAYS



## POST GAME NOTES for Thursday, March 29, 2018 NEW YORK YANKEES (1-0) at TORONTO BLUE JAYS (0-1)

	R	H	E	LOB
NEW YORK	6	11	1	7
TORONTO	1	2	2	4

WP: Severino (1-0)      LP: Happ (0-1)      SAVE: NA

### BLUE JAYS NOTES:

- Have lost each of their last seven Home Openers, the longest such streak in franchise history...Were held to two hits, their lowest total ever for an Opening Day affair...The previous low was three hits on 4/9/90 vs. TEX...Are now 21-21 all-time in Opening Day games and 1-3 vs. NYY.
- J.A. HAPP** allowed two runs (one earned) over 4.2 innings of work...Marked his shortest outing since 7/9/17 vs. HOU (4.0)...Had his streak of 10 consecutive starts without a loss vs. New York come to end, which was the longest stretch by any pitcher since Chuck Findley (1996-1999).
- KEVIN PILLAR** homered to lead off the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, his 1<sup>st</sup> career Opening Day home run...Had a career-high 16 home runs last season...Also ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the AL last season in hits to lead off an inning (54).
- CURTIS GRANDERSON** walked and singled in his Blue Jays debut...His 4<sup>th</sup>-inning single was the Jays' only hit off Severino.
- JOHN AXFORD** made his Toronto debut as he took the mound in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning...In doing so he became 26<sup>th</sup> Canadian-born player to don a Blue Jays uniform (10<sup>th</sup> from Ontario).
- TYLER CLIPPARD** also made his Jays debut (1.0 IP, 1H, 1ER, 1K, 1HR).

Game at a Glance	
First Pitch .....	4:09 pm
Last Pitch .....	7:00 pm
<b>Game Time:</b> .....	<b>2:51</b>
Weather .....	20°C/68°F
Wind .....	NA
<b>Attendance:</b> .....	48,115
Rogers Centre Average:.....	48,115
Rogers Centre Total:.....	48,115
Home Record .....	0-1
Homestand .....	0-1
vs. NYY (Season) .....	0-1
vs. NYY (Series) .....	0-1
vs. RHS/LHS .....	0-1/0-0
1-run .....	0-0
Extra Innings .....	0-0
Come From Behind Wins .....	0
Dome Open .....	0-0
Dome Closed .....	0-1
Dome Open/Closed .....	0-0

### YANKEES NOTES:

- Snapped their six-game losing streak in season-opening contests, which was the longest such streak in team history and the longest active streak in the Majors...Are now 64-51-1 all-time in Opening Day games...Had lost five consecutive Opening Day road games, last winning on 4/3/06 at OAK.
- LUIS SEVERINO**, coming off a 2017 season in which he led AL pitchers in road ERA, threw 5.2 scoreless innings while allowing just one hitter...Had one one-hit start last season, 9/9 at TEX...Recorded a win vs. TOR for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, now 1-3 in eight career starts.
- GIANCARLO STANTON** became the 7<sup>th</sup> Yankee all-time with a multi-HR game on Opening Day...The last to do so was Joe Peptione on 4/9/63 at KC...Stanton homered in his 1<sup>st</sup> at-bat as a Yankee, a two-run shot to open the scoring in the first inning...Became the first player to hit a home run in his first at-bat as a Yankee since Tyler Austin and Aaron Judge both accomplished the feat on 8/13/16 vs. TB...The exit velocity was clocked at 117.3 mph, the fastest hit ever recorded at Rogers Centre and the hardest opposite-field shot ever recorded by StatCast...Stanton added a 3<sup>rd</sup> RBI with a double in the 5<sup>th</sup> (had 19 3+RBI games last season to lead the Majors) and a 4<sup>th</sup> RBI in the 9<sup>th</sup> with a solo shot (six 4+RBI games in 2017, T-3<sup>rd</sup> in MLB).
- BRETT GARDNER** led off the 7<sup>th</sup> inning with an opposite-field home run, his 2<sup>nd</sup> career Opening Day home run...His other also came against the Jays, doing so on 4/6/15 in New York.
- GARY SANCHEZ** doubled and drove in a run in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning...Had gone 0-for-5 in his only other Opening Day game, doing so last season.
- AARON BOONE** became the 11<sup>th</sup> manager in club history to win his managerial debut.

HOME RUNS	#	Type	Field	Count	Off	Inning	Score before	
Stanton	1 out	1	2R	RF	0-1	Happ	1 <sup>st</sup>	0-0
Gardner	0 out	1	1R	RF	2-2	Barnes	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-4
Pillar	0 out	1	1R	CF	0-0	Betances	8 <sup>th</sup>	0-5
Stanton	2 out	2	1R	CF	2-2	Clippard	9 <sup>th</sup>	1-5

### UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS: (All Times Eastern)

Friday, March 30 vs. New York Yankees, 7:07 pm...RHP Masahiro Tanaka (0-0, --) vs. RHP Aaron Sanchez (0-0, --)  
 Saturday, March 31 vs. New York Yankees, 4:07 pm...LHP CC Sabathia 0-0, --) vs. RHP Marco Estrada (0-0, --)  
 Sunday, April 1 vs. New York Yankees, 1:07 pm...RHP Sonny Gray (0-0, --) vs. RHP Marcus Stroman (0-0, --)

**New York Yankees 6, Toronto Blue Jays 1**  
**March 29, 2018**

**Yankees starting lineup:**

Brett Gardner (LF), Aaron Judge (RF), Giancarlo Stanton (DH), Gary Sanchez (C), Aaron Hicks (CF), Didi Gregorius (SS), Brandon Drury (3B), Neil Walker (2B), Tyler Austin (1B), Luis Severino (P),

**Blue Jays starting lineup:**

Devon Travis (2B), Josh Donaldson (3B), Justin Smoak (1B), Curtis Granderson (LF), Kendrys Morales (DH), Randal Grichuk (RF), Russell Martin (C), Kevin Pillar (CF), Aledmys Diaz (SS), J.A. Happ (P),

**Umpires** -- Kerwin Danley (HP), Paul Nauer (1B), Scott Barry (2B), David Rackley (3B), (LF), (RF).

**Gametime Weather:** 68 degrees, Roof Closed.

**Wind:** 0 MPH, None.

First pitch by J. Happ at 04:09 PM local time.

Yankees 1st (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- B. Gardner reaches on fielding error by C. Granderson. A. Judge strikes out swinging. G. Stanton hits a home run to right field on a 0-1 pitch, B. Gardner scores. G. Sanchez grounds out, J. Donaldson to J. Smoak. A. Hicks strikes out swinging.  
(2 Runs, 1 Hits, 1 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 1st (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- D. Travis strikes out swinging. J. Donaldson grounds out to T. Austin. J. Smoak walks. C. Granderson walks, J. Smoak to 2nd. K. Morales strikes out swinging.  
(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Yankees 2nd (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- D. Gregorius pops out to J. Donaldson in foul territory. B. Drury strikes out swinging. N. Walker pops out to D. Travis.  
(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 2nd (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- R. Grichuk flies out to A. Hicks. R. Martin grounds out, D. Gregorius to T. Austin. K. Pillar strikes out swinging.  
(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Yankees 3rd (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- T. Austin strikes out swinging. B. Gardner lines out to J. Smoak. A. Judge doubles down the left-field line. G. Stanton flies out to K. Pillar.  
(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 3rd (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- A. Diaz grounds out, D. Gregorius to T. Austin. D. Travis grounds out, D. Gregorius to T. Austin. J. Donaldson grounds out, D. Gregorius to T. Austin.  
(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Yankees 4th (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- G. Sanchez struck out looking. A. Hicks singles to third base. D. Gregorius flies out to C. Granderson. B. Drury singles to left field, A. Hicks to 2nd. N. Walker flies out to K. Pillar.  
(0 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Blue Jays 4th (Yankees 2, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Smoak struck out looking. C. Granderson singles to center field. With K. Morales batting, throwing error by L. Severino on the pickoff attempt, C. Granderson to 2nd. K. Morales flies out to B. Gardner. R. Grichuk grounds out, N. Walker to T. Austin.  
(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 1 Errors, 1 LOB)

Yankees 5th (Yankees 4, Blue Jays 0) -- T. Austin grounds out, J. Donaldson to J. Smoak. B. Gardner lines out to J. Smoak. A. Judge walks. Pitcher Change: J. Axford replaces J. Happ. G. Stanton doubles to center field, A. Judge scores. G. Sanchez doubles to left-center field, G. Stanton scores. A. Hicks struck out looking.  
(2 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 5th (Yankees 4, Blue Jays 0) -- R. Martin pops out to B. Drury. K. Pillar strikes out swinging. A. Diaz grounds out, B. Drury to T. Austin.  
(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Yankees 6th (Yankees 4, Blue Jays 0) -- Pitcher Change: A. Loup replaces J. Axford. D. Gregorius walks. B. Drury grounds into double play, A. Diaz to D. Travis to J. Smoak, D. Gregorius out at 2nd. N. Walker hits a ground rule double to left-center field. Yankees challenged (play at 1st), call on the field was upheld: T. Austin grounds out, J. Donaldson to J. Smoak.  
(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 6th (Yankees 4, Blue Jays 0) -- Defensive switch from 2nd to 1st for N. Walker. Defensive Substitution: T. Wade replaces first baseman T. Austin, batting 9th, playing 2nd. D. Travis strikes out swinging. J. Donaldson walks. J. Smoak struck out looking. Pitcher Change: C. Green replaces L. Severino. With C. Granderson batting, J. Donaldson steals 2nd base. C. Granderson strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Yankees 7th (Yankees 5, Blue Jays 0) -- Pitcher Change: D. Barnes replaces A. Loup. B. Gardner hits a home run to right field on a 2-2 pitch. A. Judge singles to center field. G. Stanton strikes out swinging. G. Sanchez grounds into double play, A. Diaz to D. Travis to J. Smoak, A. Judge out at 2nd.

(1 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 7th (Yankees 5, Blue Jays 0) -- K. Morales grounds out, N. Walker to C. Green. R. Grichuk strikes out swinging. R. Martin struck out looking.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Yankees 8th (Yankees 5, Blue Jays 0) -- Pitcher Change: S. Oh replaces D. Barnes. A. Hicks singles to first base. D. Gregorius flies out to R. Grichuk. B. Drury strikes out swinging. N. Walker reaches on fielding error by S. Oh, A. Hicks to 2nd. T. Wade grounds out, D. Travis to J. Smoak.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 1 Errors, 2 LOB)

Blue Jays 8th (Yankees 5, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: D. Betances replaces C. Green. K. Pillar hits a home run to left-center field on a 0-0 pitch. A. Diaz grounds out, T. Wade to N. Walker. D. Travis lines out to N. Walker. J. Donaldson pops out to N. Walker in foul territory.

(1 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Yankees 9th (Yankees 6, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: T. Clippard replaces S. Oh. B. Gardner lines out to K. Pillar. A. Judge struck out looking. G. Stanton hits a home run to right-center field on a 3-2 pitch. G. Sanchez pops out to R. Martin.

(1 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 9th (Yankees 6, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: A. Chapman replaces D. Betances. J. Smoak lines out to A. Judge. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter S. Pearce replaces C. Granderson. S. Pearce struck out looking. K. Morales strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

**Final:** Yankees 6, Blue Jays 1

**WP:** Luis Severino (1-0).

**LP:** J.A. Happ (0-1).

**Time:** 2:51.

**Attendance:** 48115.

**Official Scorer:** Roger Lajoie.

**New York Yankees (1-0) 6, Toronto Blue Jays (0-1) 1**  
**March 29, 2018**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
<b>NY Yankees</b>	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	6	11	1
<b>Toronto</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
<b>NY Yankees</b>												
Gardner, LF	.200	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Judge, RF	.500	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Stanton, DH	.600	5	3	3	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	0
Sanchez, G, C	.200	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	12	0
Hicks, CF	.500	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Gregorius, SS	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Drury, 3B	.250	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Walker, N, 2B-1B	.250	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Austin, 1B	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0
Wade, 2B	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Severino, L, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green, C, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Betances, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chapman, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.289</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>

**BATTING**

**2B:** Judge (1, Happ, J); Stanton (1, Axford); Sanchez, G (1, Axford); Walker, N (1, Loup).  
**HR:** Stanton 2 (2, 1st inning off Happ, J, 1 on, 1 out; 9th inning off Clippard, 0 on, 2 out); Gardner (1, 7th inning off Barnes, D, 0 on, 0 out).  
**RBI:** Stanton 4 (4); Sanchez, G (1); Gardner (1).  
**GIDP:** Drury; Sanchez, G.  
**Team RISP:** 1-for-6.  
**Team LOB:** 7.

**FIELDING**

**E:** Severino, L (1).

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
<b>Toronto</b>												
Travis, 2B	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Donaldson, 3B	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Smoak, 1B	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	0
Granderson, LF	.500	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
a-Pearce, PH	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Morales, K, DH	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Grichuk, RF	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Martin, R, C	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0
Pillar, CF	.333	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	0
Diaz, SS	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Happ, J, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Axford, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loup, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes, D, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oh, S, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clippard, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.069</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>

a-Struck out for Granderson in the 9th.

**BATTING**

**HR:** Pillar (1, 8th inning off Betances, 0 on, 0 out).  
**RBI:** Pillar (1).  
**Team RISP:** 0-for-4.  
**Team LOB:** 4.

**BASERUNNING**

**SB:** Donaldson (1, 2nd base off Green, C/Sanchez, G).

**FIELDING**

**E:** Granderson (1); Oh, S (1).  
**DP:** 2 (Diaz-Travis-Smoak 2).

	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
<b>NY Yankees</b>									
Severino, L (W, 1-0)	0.00	5.2	1	0	0	3	7	0	21
Green, C	0.00	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Betances	9.00	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
Chapman	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>

	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
<b>Toronto</b>									

Happ, J (L, 0-1)	3.86	4.2	4	3	2	1	5	1	20
Axford	27.00	0.1	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Loup	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
Barnes, D	9.00	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	1	4
Oh, S	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Clippard	9.00	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>

**Team ER:** off NY Yankees 1, off Toronto 5.

**BB:** off Severino, L 3 (Smoak, Granderson, Donaldson); off Happ, J (Judge); Loup (Gregorius).

**SO:** by Severino, L 7 (Travis, Morales, K, Pillar, Smoak, Pillar, Travis, Smoak); Green, C 3 (Granderson, Grichuk, Martin, R); Chapman 2 (Pearce, Morales, K); by Happ, J 5 (Judge, Hicks, Drury, Austin, Sanchez, G); Axford (Hicks); Barnes, D (Stanton); Oh, S (Drury); Clippard (Judge).

**Pitches-strikes:** Severino, L 91-60; Green, C 22-14; Betances 13-8; Chapman 10-8; Happ, J 96-58; Axford 14-9; Loup 11-6; Barnes, D 18-13; Oh, S 12-10; Clippard 21-11.

**Inherited runners-scored:** Green, C 1-0; Axford 1-1.

**Umpires:** HP: Kerwin Danley. 1B: Paul Nauert. 2B: Scott Barry. 3B: David Rackley.

**Official Scorer:** Roger Lajoie.

**Weather:** 68 degrees, roof closed.

**Wind:** 0 mph, None.

**First pitch:** 4:09 PM.

**T:** 2:51.

**Att:** 48,115.

**Venue:** Rogers Centre.

**March 29, 2018**

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