



CHICAGO WHITE SOX

2018 GAME NOTES AND INFORMATION

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX (20-39) at MINNESOTA TWINS (26-32)

RHP James Shields (1-4, 4.48) vs. RHP José Berrios (6-5, 3.86)
Games #60/Road #31 • Thursday, June 7 • 12:10 p.m. • Target Field
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WHITE SOX AT A GLANCE

- The Chicago White Sox have won four of their last six games as they continue a seven-game, six-day trip this afternoon with the finale in Minnesota.
- RHP James Shields, who owns a 2.86 ERA (9 ER/28.1 IP) over his last four starts, takes the mound for the White Sox.
- The Sox have won two of the first three games of this series, rallying last night for a 5-2 victory after splitting a doubleheader on Monday.
- Following today's game, the White Sox conclude the trip with three games at Boston (6/8-10) before returning home for seven games vs. Cleveland (6/11-14) and Detroit (6/15-17).
- The Sox went 2-1 on their last homestand vs. Milwaukee from 6/1-3 and 1-5 on the last trip to Detroit (1-2) and Cleveland (0-3) from 5/25-30.

TODAY'S STORYLINES

- The White Sox are looking to win their first series at Target Field since a three-game sweep from 4/11-14/16.
- Sox starting pitchers own a 2.10 ERA (7 ER/30.0 IP) over the last five games ... the bullpen owns a 2.83 ERA (24 ER/76.1 IP) over the last 23.
- James Shields has thrown at least 6.0 IP in eight starts, including 7.0-plus IP in his last four ... Shields has made four quality starts in a row, his longest streak since 6/29-7/26/16 (six).
- José Abreu has 33 RBI in 40 career games at Target Field.
- Daniel Palka is hitting .333 (10-30) with three home runs and six RBI over his last nine games.

ROSTER MOVES

- Prior to today's game, the White Sox purchased the contract of LHP Xavier Cedeño from Class AAA Charlotte.
- Cedeño, 31, takes the roster spot of LHP Aaron Bummer, who was optioned to Charlotte following last night's win over the Twins ... he will wear uniform No. 52.
- Chicago's 40-man roster increases to 40.

LAST NIGHT'S RECAP

- Tim Anderson's two-run single highlighted a four-run, sixth-inning rally as the White Sox recorded a 5-2 victory at Minnesota.
- Trailing, 2-1, entering the sixth, the Sox loaded the bases on singles by Yolmer Sánchez, José Abreu and Kevan Smith ... after a wild pitch scored Sánchez with the tying run, Anderson followed with his game-winning single off Ryan Pressly.
- Héctor Santiago (2 ER/5.0 IP) earned the victory, while Bruce Rondón (1.1 IP), Jace Fry (0.2), Nate Jones (1.0) and Joakim Soria (1.0) combined for 4.0 scoreless IP in relief ... Soria posted his sixth save of the season and second in as many games.

BIG GAME JAMES

- RHP James Shields owns a 2.86 ERA (9 ER/28.1 IP) over his last four starts and a 3.45 ERA (18 ER/47.0 IP) over his last six.
- Shields is allowing 0.83 home runs per 9.0 IP in 2018, down from 2.08 in 2017, and has lowered his opponents average from .252 to .229.
- He reached the 40,000-pitch milestone on 5/27 at Detroit (postseason included) and needs 12.1 IP for 2,500 in his career ... Shields ranks 69th all-time with 2,131 strikeouts.

SOX DRAFT RECAP

- The White Sox selected 20 pitchers (12 RHP and eight LHP), five catchers, 10 infielders and five outfielders in the 2018 First-Year Player Draft ... the Sox drafted 29 collegiate players and 11 from high school.
- The White Sox opened the draft on Monday by taking Oregon State INF Nick Madrigal in the first round (fourth overall) and Oklahoma OF Steele Walker in the second round (46th overall).

LONG BALL

- José Abreu hit his 134th career home run in Tuesday's nightcap, a two-run shot off Zack Littell, to tie Jim Thome for 13th in White Sox history ... Minnie Miñoso is 12th in Sox history with 135 home runs, José Valentín is 11th with 136 and Ron Kittle is 10th with 140.
- Yoán Moncada hit his third leadoff homer of the season in Tuesday's opener, already tied for the 11th-highest, single-season total in franchise history ... Ray Durham holds the Sox record with six in 2001.

STOP! THIEF!

- The White Sox lead the major leagues with 53 stolen bases this season and rank second with an 82.8 (53-64) success rate.
- The Sox are on pace to steal 146 bases this season, which would be two less than their combined total of 148 from 2016-17 ... they have not led the majors in steals since 1966 (153).

WHITE SOX VS. MINNESOTA

- The Twins lead the season series, 5-3, going 2-2 at Target Field (three PPD) and 3-1 at Guaranteed Rate Field.
- The Sox are batting .228/.273/.384 (61-268) with a 4.24 ERA (33 ER/70.0 IP) and have been outscored, 37-30.
- Chicago is 3-12-2 in the last 17 season matchups (2001-17).
- The White Sox trail the all-time series, 428-478 ... they are 231-221 at home (117-102 at Guaranteed Rate Field) and 197-257 on the road (38-42 at Target Field).

SOX-TWINS CONNECTIONS

- HOF Jim Thome played for both the White Sox (2006-09) and Twins (2010-11) and hit a game-winning homer in Chicago's 1-0 victory vs. Minnesota in Game 163 of the 2008 season.
- White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper (1981-82) and bullpen catcher Mark Salas (1985-87) both played for the Twins.
- Sox OF Daniel Palka played in the Twins organization in 2017.
- Twins LHP Zach Duke (2015-16), INF Eduardo Escobar (2011-12) and RHP Addison Reed (2011-13) played for the Sox.

LOOKING FOR CENTRAL COMMAND

- The White Sox are 9-15 against the American League Central in 2018, going 1-6 at home and 8-9 on the road.
- Chicago has lost 15 of its last 22 games vs. the AL Central, and is 17-30 in its last 47 road games against the division.
- The Sox are 300-392 vs. the AL Central since 2009, posting a losing record every season except 2012 (37-35).

NO REST FOR THE WEARY

- The White Sox are in the beginning of a stretch from 6/5-24 where they play 21 games in 20 days from 6/5-24 (2-1 so far) ... they also are in the middle of a stretch from 5/25-6/10 where they play 13 of 16 games on the road.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY

- The White Sox have made a major-league leading 1,339 quality starts since the start of the 2003 season, three more than the second-place New York Mets (1,336) and 44 more than Oakland (1,295), the next-closest American League team.

SOUTHERN STARS

- OF Eloy Jiménez, SS Danny Mendick, RHP Ian Hamilton, and C's Zack Collins and Seby Zavala will represent Class AA Birmingham in the 2018 Southern League All-Star Game.
- Those five will play for the North Division All-Stars on 6/19 at Birmingham's Regions Field.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STARS

- Class A Kannapolis will send seven players plus manager Justin Jirschele to the South Atlantic League All-Star Game.
- RHPs Blake Battenfield, Jake Elliott and Tyler Johnson, OFs Craig Dedelow and Luis González and INFs Tate Blackman and Laz Rivera will represent the Intimidators at the All-Star Game on 6/19 in Greensboro, S.C.

30/30 THREAT

- SS Tim Anderson (11 HR/13 SB) is one of three players in the major leagues this season with at least 10 home runs and 10 stolen bases, joining Boston's Mookie Betts (17/13) and the Angels Mike Trout (19/13).
- Anderson is on pace to record career highs with 30 homers and 36 stolen bases ... the 30 home runs would be the most by a shortstop in Sox history, and the 36 steals would be the most since Ozzie Guillén in 1989 (36).

TRIPLE THE FUN

- The White Sox lead the American League and rank fourth in the majors this season with 18 triples ... the Sox led the AL with 37 triples last season, their highest total since 1999 (also 37).
- Yolmer Sánchez is tied for the major-league lead with six triples in 2018 after ranking sixth last season with eight.

NO RISP, NO REWARD

- The White Sox rank 13th in the American League and 26th in the majors with a .229 (105-456) average with RISP in 2018.
- The Sox are hitting .190 (22-116) with RISP in their last 16 road games (since 5/1).

ON DECK: BOSTON RED SOX

- The White Sox conclude the trip this weekend with three games at Fenway Park ... RHP Dylan Covey (1-1, 2.82) is scheduled to start the series opener.
- The White Sox went 1-6 against the Red Sox in 2017, winning the opener before dropping the final six ... Boston's four-game sweep on 8/3-6/17 was its first against the White Sox at Fenway Park since 7/21-24/88.

WHITE SOX 2018 BREAKDOWN

Sox After 59 60 in 2017	25-34 26-34
Streak	Won 2
Current Trip	2-1
Last Homestand	2-1
Last 10 Games	4-6
Series Record	4-14-1
Series First Game	6-14
First Second Half	20-39 0-0
Home Road	10-19 10-20
Day Night	8-21 12-18
Opp. At-Above Below .500	6-20 14-19
vs. RHS LHS	15-30 5-9
vs. AL East/Central/West	4-6/9-15/4-9
Interleague	3-9
Comeback W's L's After Leading	14 17
Extra Innings	1-2
One-Run Two-Run Games	5-14 3-5
Ahead After 6 7 8	14-7 13-6 18-3
Behind After 6 7 8	4-29 4-31 0-36
Tied After 6 7 8	2-3 3-2 2-0
Sox Opp. Score First	7-16 13-23
Sox Opp. Score 4+	15-14 5-32
Sox Opp. Score 3 or Less	3-25 15-7
April May June	8-18 8-19 4-2
Average Time of Game	3:08

UPCOMING PROBABLES

AT MINNESOTA TWINS	
Thursday: 12:10 p.m. CT WGN-TV	RHP James Shields (1-6, 4.48) vs. RHP José Berrios (6-5, 3.86)
AT BOSTON RED SOX	
Friday: 6:10 p.m. CT WGN-TV	RHP Dylan Covey (1-1, 2.82) vs. LHP Chris Sale (5-3, 3.00)
Saturday: 3:05 p.m. CT NBCSCH	TBA vs. LHP David Price (6-4, 4.08)
Sunday: 12:05 p.m. CT NBCSCH	RHP Reynaldo López (1-4, 3.42) vs. RHP Rick Porcello (8-2, 3.59)

WHITE SOX VS. MINNESOTA (3-5)

Date	H/R	Result	WP	LP
4/12	R	L, 0-4	Berrios	Giolito
4/13	R	PPD rain; rescheduled as DH on 6/5		
4/14	R	PPD snow; rescheduled as DH on 9/28		
4/15	R	PPD snow; rescheduled for 8/20		
5/3	H	W, 6-5	Jones	Reed
5/4	H	L, 4-6	Berrios	Fulmer
5/5	H	L, 4-8	Lynn	Santiago
5/6	H	L, 3-5	Duke	Rondón
6/5-1	R	L, 2-4	Duffey	Jones
6/5-2	R	W, 6-3	Giolito	Littell
6/6	R	W, 5-2	Santiago	Odorizzi
6/7	R	12:10 p.m. CT		WGN
6/26	H	7:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
6/27	H	7:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
6/28	H	1:10 p.m. CT		WGN
8/20	R	6:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
8/21	H	7:10 p.m. CT		WGN
8/22	H	1:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
9/28	R	1:10 p.m. CT		WGN
	R	7:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
9/29	R	6:10 p.m. CT		NBCSCH
9/30	R	2:10 p.m. CT		WGN

SOX ON THE TRIP (2-1)

at MIN/BOS	2-1/0-0
Runs Scored Allowed	13 9
AVG OBP SLG HR	.245 .298 .377 2
ERA	3.12 (9 ER/26.0 IP)
Quality Starts	2

MLB PITCHING LEADERS SINCE 2007

Pitcher	GS
Justin Verlander	366
James Shields	363
Cole Hamels	351
Félix Hernández	345
Jon Lester	345
Pitcher	IP
Justin Verlander	2,435.0
James Shields	2,363.0
Cole Hamels	2,302.0
Félix Hernández	2,301.1
CC Sabathia	2,209.1

WHITE SOX CAREER HR LEADERS

Player	HR
10. Ron Kittle	140
11. José Valentín	136
12. Minnie Miñoso	135
13. José Abreu	134
Jim Thome	134

WORST STARTS IN SOX HISTORY

Year	59 Games
1948	19-40
2018	20-39
1931	20-39
Four teams tied	21-38

