



OFFICIAL 2017 POSTSEASON INFORMATION CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 A.L. DIVISION SERIES WORKOUT DAY NOTES CLEVELAND INDIANS (91-71) vs. HOUSTON ASTROS (103-59) ALDS Game 1 Preview » Thursday, October 4, 2018 » Minute Maid Park

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK DIVISION CHAMPS

» The Cleveland Indians won their third consecutive A.L. Central title in 2018, marking their 10th overall since the 1994 realignment... Indians won the first ever A.L. Central crown in '95, adding the others in '96, '97, '98, '99, '01, '07, '16 & '17...marks the fourth time in six seasons that Cleveland has earned a Postseason berth (also 2013 A.L. WC Game, 2016 World Series, 2017 ALDS).

» Cleveland's 10 A.L. Central titles are most by any of the five current members, followed by Minnesota (6), Detroit (4), Chicago-AL (3) and Kansas City (1)...their active run of three straight division titles is the 2nd-longest in franchise history, behind their streak of five consecutive A.L. Central crowns from 1995-1999.

» Tribe finished with a 13.0-game lead over 2nd-place Minnesota, holding the division lead for each of the final 163 days of the season (from April 21 onward)...overall, the Tribe spent 168 total days in 1st place, their most in a single season since logging 180 days at the top in 1999.

HEADING WEST ON I-90

» The Indians posted their sixth consecutive winning season (*longest since 8 straight, 1994-2001*), finishing the 2018 campaign 91-71 (.562).

» Marks the club's third consecutive season with 90+ wins, just the third such streak in franchise history (1950-55, 1999-2001).

» Cleveland joins New York-AL as one of only two A.L. teams to finish above .500 in each of the last six seasons (2013-18), and one of just five teams in the Majors to do so along with Los Angeles-NL, St. Louis & Washington...Tribe's combined 545-425 (.562) record over the last six seasons is tops in the American League and 2nd-highest in MLB (Los Angeles-NL: 565-408, .581).

THE STORY OF OCTOBER | CLEVELAND POSTSEASON HISTORY

» Cleveland has gone 56-50 (.528) all-time in Postseason games, the 4th-highest winning pct. of any A.L. team since 1901 and 6th-highest by any team in the Majors...Cleveland's 106 Postseason games are 5th-most played by any A.L. team since 1901, 10th-most in the Majors.

» Cleveland's longest Postseason winning streak is 6 games (started 2016 PS 6-0, Oct. 6-17), while longest Postseason losing streak is 4 games, done twice (Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 1954 - 4G WS sweep - & Oct. 18, 2007-Oct. 2, 2013).

» Cleveland has appeared in the World Series on six separate occasions, winning titles in 1920 (5-2 over Brooklyn Robins) & 1948 (4-2 over Boston Braves)...Tribe came up on the losing end in Fall Classics played in 1954 (4-0 to NY Giants), 1995 (4-2 to Atlanta), 1997 (4-3 to Florida) & 2016 (4-3 to Chicago-NL)...the 1903 World Series is considered to be Major League Baseball's first modern installment of the event.

THAT FIRST STEP | INDIANS ALDS HISTORY

» Cleveland is set to make the club's 10th appearance in the ALDS, 3rd-most all-time among A.L. teams behind only New York-AL (21) & Boston (13)...only N.L. teams with more Division Series appearances than the Indians are Atlanta (14), Los Angeles-NL (13) and St. Louis (13)...Houston has 10 combined DS appearances between the N.L. (7) & A.L. (3)...these numbers include 2018 match-ups...the Division Series was first implemented as a solution to the 1981 mid-season strike, but did not resurface again until 1995.

» Combining all ALDS & NLDS, Cleveland's 38 Division Series games played are 6th-most by any MLB team behind the Yankees (81), Cardinals (51), Braves (50), Dodgers (45) and Red Sox (44), 3rd-most by any A.L. team...the Indians have gone 22-16 (.579) all-time in those 38 ALDS games...Tribe's 22 DS wins are 2nd-most in the A.L. & 4th-most in the Majors behind the Yankees (47), Cardinals (33) & Braves (27).

» The Indians have won 5 of the 9 ALDS they have played all-time ('95, '97, '98, '07, '16)...Cleveland has had home field advantage in the ALDS six times ('95, '98, '99, '07, '16, '17), going 4-2 in those series; club is 1-2 when opponent has home field in ALDS...tomorrow's contest will be the Tribe's first road Game 1 in any Postseason series since the 2007 ALCS vs. Boston (hosted five straight series openers over the ensuing 10 seasons).

» Four of the Tribe's ALDS have gone 5 games ('97, '99, '01, '17), with Cleveland winning just one of those...three have gone 4 games (2-1: '96, '98, '07), while two were three-game sweeps ('95, '16, both wins).

TITO'S BUILT FOR OCTOBER

» TERRY FRANCONA has led teams to the MLB Postseason on nine separate occasions - including four of his six campaigns with Cleveland, joining 2013 (lost A.L. WC), 2016 (lost WS in 7G) & 2017 (lost ALDS in 5G)...Francona owns an all-time winning pct. of .606 (40-26) in the play-offs, which stands as the 3rd-best mark in MLB history (min 40G) behind Joe McCarthy at .698 (30-13) and Sparky Anderson at .618 (34-21)...Francona is one of just 17 managers in MLB history who have managed two or more teams in a World Series.

» Francona owns 14 consecutive winning seasons, the longest streak by any active MLB manager and longest by any skipper since Joe Torre's 14-year streak (1996-2009)...in 6 seasons with Cleveland, has posted the A.L.'s best record (2nd-best in MLB) from 2013-18 at 545-425 (.562) with four Postseason berths...owns the 2nd-most wins of any manager in Cleveland history thru his first six seasons behind only Al Lopez (570 wins from 1951-56).

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

» Cleveland is expected to announce club's ALDS roster at the MLB deadline on Friday morning.

» The Indians finished the 2018 regular season with 28 different players who have appeared in at least one career Postseason game for a combined total of 328 games of Postseason experience; the Indians also had 28 players with prior Postseason experience to end the 2017 regular season with a combined total of 304 games...Cleveland has 15 different players with at least 10 career games of Postseason experience, down from 17 in 2017...this year's club is paced by JOSH DONALDSON with 31 games, followed by EDWIN ENCARNACION (23) and MELKY CABRERA (22)...JASON KIPNIS ranks 4th on the team with 21 career Postseason games, all with Cleveland (T8th-most in franchise history)...tomorrow's starter COREY KLUBER is poised to make his ninth career Postseason start, 3rd-most in Cleveland history.

ABOUT LAST YEAR

» The Indians entered the 2017 Postseason with a 102-60 record, claiming the top overall seed on the American League side of the playoff bracket...the Tribe was paired in the ALDS with the New York Yankees, who defeated the Minnesota Twins in the A.L. Wild Card Game.

» The Indians claimed each of the first two contests at Progressive Field, including a dramatic 9-8, 13-inning Game 2 victory which saw Cleveland erase an 8-3 deficit...however, New York-AL won the final three games of the series by a combined 13-5 margin, cutting short the Indians' Postseason run...marked the first time Cleveland squandered a 2-0 lead in a playoff series since falling to the Boston Red Sox in a similar manner in the 1999 ALDS.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

» Cleveland enters the 2018 Postseason seeking to end the longest active World Series drought in Major League Baseball at 69 years (*last WS title in 1948*)...the next-closest dry spell belongs to the Texas Rangers, who have gone without a World Series title throughout all 58 seasons of the franchise's existence (1961-2018)...of the other nine teams in the Postseason field this season, five others enter with World Series droughts greater than 20 seasons: Milwaukee (49 seasons, franchise inception in 1969), Los Angeles-NL (29, 1988), Oakland (28, 1989), Colorado (25, franchise inception in 1993) and Atlanta (22, 1995)...Houston, Chicago-NL, Boston and New York-AL have all won the World Series within the past 10 seasons.

FIRST-TIME FOES

» Cleveland & Houston are set to contest their first-ever Postseason matchup, in a battle between the last two winners of the American League pennant.

» This ALDS matchup represents just the fourth Postseason series in American League history featuring the two most recent pennant winners...the 1973 ALCS featured Baltimore (1971 A.L. champions) and Oakland (1972), while Cleveland (1995, 1997) and New York-AL (1996) faced each other in the same manner in both the 1997 ALDS and 1998 ALCS...the rare feat has also occurred five times on the National League side, most recently in the 2016 Wild Card Game between San Francisco (2014) and New York-NL (2015).

» Houston will become the 12th different franchise that Cleveland has played in the Postseason...the Indians hold a 6-5 record in their first-ever playoff series against an opponent.

HOUSTON, WE HAVE A MATCHUP

» Cleveland went 3-4 in their regular-season series vs. Houston, going 1-2 in a series at Minute Maid Park (May 18-20) and 2-2 in a four-game set at Progressive Field (May 24-27)...despite being outscored 45-29 across the seven contests, Cleveland was victorious in the final two games, punctuated on May 27 by a GREG ALLEN walk-off homer in the bottom of the 14th inning that gave the Tribe a dramatic 10-9 win.

» Since Terry Francona became Tribe manager in 2013, the Indians have gone 27-14 (.659) vs. the Astros.

» COREY KLUBER went 1-0 with a 1.35 ERA (2ER/13.1IP) in two starts this season against the Astros, recording 17 strikeouts...EDWIN ENCARNACION paced Tribe hitters, batting .346 (9-26) in seven games vs. Houston with two homers, two doubles, five RBI and five runs scored...TREVOR BAUER holds a 7-0 record with a 3.18 ERA (18ER/51.0IP) in eight career starts against the Astros.

ROTATION DOMINATION

» The Indians' most consistent force throughout the 2018 regular season was dominant starting pitching...the rotation posted a 76-42 (.644) record with a 3.39 ERA, leading the Majors in starter wins and finishing third in starter ERA (Houston - 3.16; Los Angeles-NL - 3.19)...Cleveland was one of just two teams in MLB (with Houston) to feature five pitchers with at least 10 wins.

» The Indians became the first team in Major League history to feature four pitchers with at least 200 strikeouts, with CARLOS CARRASCO (231, 4th in A.L.), COREY KLUBER (222, 5th), TREVOR BAUER (221, 6th) and MIKE CLEVINGER (207, 10th) achieving the feat...only four other teams in MLB history have had three such pitchers, including the 2018 Astros (Verlander, Cole, Morton).

» Cleveland starters combined to fan 1,066 batters over the course of the season, equalling their single-season franchise record set in 2017...all 162 games were started by right-handers, marking the second season in club history with no starts by LHP (also 1932).

TRIBE TIDBITS

» JOSÉ RAMÍREZ (39 HR) and FRANCISCO LINDOR (38 HR) each broke the single-season franchise record for home runs by a switch-hitter (Carlos Santana - 34 in 2016), becoming the first pair of switch-hitting teammates in MLB history to each hit 30 homers...Ramirez became the third 30HR/30SB player in franchise history, joining Grady Sizemore (2008) and Joe Carter (1987)...both Ramirez and Lindor have collected 80+ extra-base hits in each of the last two seasons, becoming the first pair of teammates to do so since New York-AL's Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig in 1936-37 (*ESPN Stats & Info*)...they also became the third-ever pair of MLB teammates to record 35 HR & 25 SB each (1998 Blue Jays: Canseco/Green & 1987 Mets: Johnson/Strawberry).

» Cleveland finished the 2018 season with 135 stolen bases, leading the Majors in steals for the first time in franchise history...four different Indians players (Ramirez, Lindor, Davis, Allen) stole at least 20 bags, the first such Cleveland quartet since the 1911 season.

» Tribe hitters slugged 216 home runs this year, 4th-most in the American League and 6th-most in MLB...marked the team's most longballs in a season since belting 221 in 2000...the club finished with three 30-homer hitters (J. Ramirez, Lindor, Encarnacion) for just the fifth time in franchise history (first since 1999: M. Ramirez, Sexson, Thome).

» For a third straight season, Cleveland's A.L. Central title was facilitated by success within the division...the Tribe finished their 76-game divisional slate with a 49-27 (.645) record, matching the 2016 club for their 2nd-most A.L. Central wins since the division's inception in 1994 (went 50-26 in 2017)...the Indians posted a 2.92 intradivisional ERA, the lowest mark by any MLB team against their own division this season.

INDIANS AT A GLANCE				
vs. AL:	Central	West	East	
79-63	49-27	14-18	16-18	
vs. NL:	Central	West	East	
12-8	12-8	0-0	0-0	
In Series:	Home	Road	Total	
Overall	15-8-4	10-10-6	25-18-10	
Openers	13-14	13-13	26-27	
Finals	21-6	16-10	37-16	
Rubber	8-3	4-4	13-7	
Lead after:	Home	Road	Total	
6 inn.	43-6	37-4	80-10	
7 inn.	43-3	39-2	82-5	
8 inn.	43-1	41-4	84-5	
Trail after:	Home	Road	Total	
6 inn.	2-18	0-26	2-44	
7 inn.	2-25	0-30	2-55	
8 inn.	2-27	0-27	2-54	
Tied after:	Home	Road	Total	
6 inn.	4-7	5-10	9-17	
7 inn.	4-3	3-7	7-10	
8 inn.	4-3	1-8	5-11	
Decided...	Home	Road	Total	
7th-or-later	11-16	7-17	18-33	
Final AB	10-5	2-13	12-18	
Extra-Innings	3-4	1-5	4-9	
One-run G's	11-8	11-16	22-24	
Walk-offs	7	13	7-13	
vs. RH starter	37-21	32-29	69-50	
vs. LH starter	12-11	10-10	22-21	

TRIBE BY THE NUMBERS			
Overall Record	91-71		
Standing in A.L. Central	1st, +13.0G		
Days in 1st (2-3-4-5)	168 (10-7-1-0)		
Largest 1st-place Lead	16.5G (9/8)		
Largest 1st-place Deficit	-2.0G (4/5)		
Most G Above .500	+21G (8/21: 73-52)		
Most G Below .500	-2G (4/7: 3-5)		
Times at .500	12 (5/26: 25-25)		
Current Streak	W1		
Following a Win	47-43		
Following a Loss	44-27		
Last 5 games	3-2		
Last 10 games	6-4		
Last 15 games	9-6		
Last 20 games	10-10		
Longest 'W' Streak	7 (6/17-6/24)		
Longest 'L' Streak	4 (3x, 8/22-8/26)		
Come-from-Behind Wins	32		
Losses After Holding Lead	36		
Team Saves	41-for-58 (71%)		
Record Before All-Star Break	52-43		
Record After All-Star Break	39-28		
Home Record	49-32		
Road Record	42-39		
Day Games	36-23		
Night Games	55-48		
vs. RH starters	69-50		
vs. LH starters	22-21		
vs. Opp. At-or-Above .500	27-36		
vs. Opp. Below .500	64-35		
CLE scores first	65-29		
Opp. scores first	26-42		
CLE out-hits Opp	65-10		
Opp. out-hits CLE	19-55		
CLE/Opp. hits even	7-6		
CLE 3-or-fewer runs	17-41		
CLE 4-or-more runs	74-30		
CLE 5-or-more runs	62-9		
CLE 5 hits-or-fewer	10-19		
CLE 6-9 hits	35-38		
CLE 10-or-more hits	46-14		
CLE hits home run(s)	75-41		
CLE does not homer	16-30		
CLE allows home run(s)	45-64		
No HR by Opp	46-7		
CLE charged with error(s)	28-32		
CLE no error(s)	63-39		
CLE starter goes 6.0+IP	74-39		
Players Used (Pitchers)	49 (27)		
Avg. Time-of-Game (Overall)	3:03		
..... 29,721 min/162 G			
Avg. Time-of-Game (9.0IP)	2:58		
..... 26,278 min/148 G			
CLE challenges overturned	16 of 38		
Mon	12-7	March	1-1
Tues	14-11	April	14-11
Wed	18-6	May	15-13
Thurs	8-8	June	14-12
Fri	11-15	July	14-11
Sat	12-14	August	19-9
Sun	16-10	Sept	14-14

UPCOMING PROBABLES & BROADCAST INFORMATION

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers - Cleveland vs. Opponent	First Pitch	TV/Radio
Fri. Oct. 5	ALDS G1 at Houston	RHP Corey Kluber (20-7, 2.89) vs. RHP Justin Verlander (16-9, 2.52)	2:05PM ET/1:05PM CT	TBS, WTAM/WMM/IRN
Sat. Oct. 6	ALDS G2 at Houston	RHP Carlos Carrasco (17-10, 3.38) vs. RHP Gerrit Cole (15-5, 2.88)	4:37PM ET/3:37PM CT	TBS, WTAM/WMM/IRN
Sun. Oct. 7		Workout Day (Progressive Field; Cleveland, Ohio)		
Mon. Oct. 8	ALDS G3 vs. Houston	RHP Mike Clevinger (13-8, 3.02) vs. LHP Dallas Keuchel (12-11, 3.74)	TBD	TBS, WTAM/WMM/IRN

