



# GAME NOTES

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### POSTGAME NOTES

#### PITTSBURGH PIRATES (65-69) VS. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (75-59) THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

INNINGS - 9	R	H	E	STARTING PITCHER	PITCHES/STRIKES	PITCHER OF RECORD	REC.
Pittsburgh	0	6	0	Joe Musgrove	92/68	<b>W</b> John Gant	(6-5)
St. Louis	5	7	1	John Gant	94/57	<b>L</b> Joe Musgrove	(5-8)
						<b>SV</b>	

**FIRST PITCH**  
6:15 PM

**GAMETIME WEATHER**  
80° - Haze

**TIME OF GAME**  
2:53

**ATTENDANCE**  
38,561

**SELLOUT**

#### HOME RUNS

TM	PLAYER	NO.	INN.	TYPE	COUNT	OUTS	PITCHER	DISTANCE	EXIT SPEED	CAREER HR
	Harrison Bader	10	3	Solo	1-1	1	Joe Musgrove	416 FT.	103 MPH	13th
	John Gant	2	3	Solo	2-1	1	Joe Musgrove	411 FT.	103 MPH	2nd

### CARDINALS NOTES

- JOHN GANT** made his 14th start (21 app.) of the season, third start against the Pirates in 2018 (1-1) and fourth start (6th app.) vs. the Pirates in his career (1-1)...has not allowed a home run to the Pirates in 14.2 career innings...has held his opposition to five total earned runs in his last five starts (3-1, 1.59 ERA, 28.1 IP), not allowing more than two in any start.
- JOHN GANT** has homered for his second career hit, both home runs at Busch Stadium...becomes the first player since **KYLE HIGASHIOKA** (7/3/2018) of the Yankees to homer for his first two MLB hits, and the 3rd pitcher in the Expansion Era since **JIM ROOKER** (1969, KC) and **DANNY GRAVES** (2000-01, CIN). (*Elias Sports Bureau*)
- HARRISON BADER** recorded his 100th career hit on a solo home run in the 3rd inning, his 10th home run of the season...his last two home runs have been hit at Busch Stadium after the first 11 career on the road...has an extra base hit in 4 of his last 6 games.
- JOSÉ MARTÍNEZ** extended his hitting streak to six games (9-24, .375) with a single in the 4th inning...tallied his team-leading 18th multi-RBI game of the season
- YADIER MOLINA** has hit safely in his last six games (7-26, .269) with a double in three consecutive games, second time this season (8/8-11)...has tallied 20 or more doubles in eight straight seasons.
- CARLOS MARTÍNEZ** pitched on consecutive days for the first time this season and for the first time since Oct. 11-12, 2014 vs. SF in the NLCS.
- THE CARDINALS** won by shutout for the 7th time this season...won their 10th straight series, matching the most recent mark by the 2009 Cardinals...hit their 7th set of back-to-back home runs as **HARRISON BADER & JOHN GANT** went back-to-back in the 3rd inning...it was the first instance involving a Cardinals pitcher since **SHELBY MILLER & MATT CARPENTER** (6/6/13 vs. ARI)...pitchers have hit five home runs this season, three off their club record of eight set in 1972.

### PIRATES NOTES

- JOE MUSGROVE** made his 16th start of the season (a new single-season high), second against the Cardinals in 2018 and in his career (1-1)...threw 7.0 scoreless innings in his previous start vs. STL (5/25) en route to an 8-1 win...had held his opposition to two runs or less in 4 of his last 6 starts...surrendered his first runs to the Cardinals on back-to-back home runs including his first career HR allowed to a pitcher (**John Gant**)...threw 21 straight strikes to start the game.
- FRANCISCO CERVELLI** has reached base safely in 13 straight games, his 2nd-longest on-base streak in 2018 (high is 14).
- STARLING MARTE** extended his hitting streak to six games (10-27, .370) with a bunt single in the 1st inning (5th bunt single)...tallied his eighth 3-hit game of the season, 2nd against the Cardinals.
- JOSH BELL** tied his season high with his 26th double of the season (also in 2017).
- THE PIRATES** were shutout for the 15th time this season, the most of any National League team and the second time by the Cardinals this season (6/3)...left 12 runners on base, their most in a game this season without scoring a run...trail the season series to the Cardinals 7-9 with three games to play in St. Louis...surrendered their 3rd set of back-to-back home runs of the season, only the Giants (1) and Cardinals (2) have allowed fewer sets.

