



POST-GAME NOTES

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CLEVELAND INDIANS 1 (0-1) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 2 (1-0)

Thursday, March 29, 2018 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Cleveland Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	7
Seattle Mariners	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	3
First Pitch: 7:10 pm	Time of Game: 2:35			Temp: 55 F, NE 2 MPH			Attendance: 47,149						

WP: Félix Hernández (1-0, 0.00) LP: Corey Kluber (0-1, 2.25) Save: Edwin Díaz (1)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
Nelson Cruz	1	Corey Kluber	1	1	2	0-0	412 ft, CF

MARINERS NOTES:

- The Mariners are now 25-17 in season openers and have won 11 of their last 14 season openers.
- The Mariners have held opponents to 3 or fewer runs in 12 consecutive Opening Day games (2007 – c), the longest such streak in MLB history.
- Tonight's attendance of 47,149 marks the largest regular season attendance in Safeco Field history.
- **Félix Hernández** made his 11th Opening Day start, tossing 5.1 innings without allowing a run on 2 hits and 1 walk with 4 strikeouts.
 - Marks Hernández's 6th career Opening Day start allowing 1 or fewer runs, tied for 2nd-most all-time (also: Juan Marichal and Tom Seaver)...trails only Walter Johnson (8).
 - Lowered his career Opening Day ERA to 1.52 (13 ER, 76.2 IP), 2nd-lowest all-time among pitchers with at least 70.0 innings pitched on Opening Day (Walter Johnson, 1.31/18 ER, 124.0 IP).
 - Holds a career 2.50 ERA (119 ER, 427.1 IP) in March/April.
 - Is now 4th all-time in the Majors with 78 strikeouts on Opening Day (most: Randy Johnson, 107).
- **Félix Hernández** is now the 7th pitcher in Major League history to record 10 consecutive Opening Day starts, the longest active streak in the Majors.
- **Nelson Cruz** (1x3, R, HR, RBI) homered on the first pitch he saw... marks the 4th time he has hit a home run on Opening Day... is now T3rd most Opening Day home runs in the majors since he made his debut in 2005.
 - Is batting .303 (10x33) in his 10 Opening Day starts.
 - Has homered in 7 of his last 12 games dating back to last season (9/20/17 – c).
- **Mitch Haniger** (3x3, 2B) went 3x3 with a double... in 2017 he batted .342 with (27x79) with 20 runs, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 4 home runs and 16 RBI in March/April.
 - Is the 20th player in club history (done 22x) to record at least 3 hits on Opening Day (last: Seth Smith, 4/6/15 vs. LAA - 3 H).
 - Is now batting .714 (5x7) against Cleveland starter Corey Kluber.
 - Recorded his 11th career 3+ hit game (last: 9/11/17 vs. TEX).
- **Juan Nicasio** made his Mariners debut and pitched a scoreless 8th inning.
 - Holds a career 2.29 ERA (18 ER, 70.2 IP) with 74 strikeouts in the 8th inning.
- **Ichiro Suzuki** (0x2) made his 12th Opening Day start for the Mariners, 3rd most by any player in franchise history... trails only Edgar Martinez (15) and Ken Griffey Jr. (13).

INDIANS NOTES:

- Cleveland is now 60-58 all-time on Opening Day.
- **Corey Kluber** made his fourth consecutive Opening Day start, becoming the 4th pitcher in franchise history to make 4 consecutive Opening Day starts.
 - Is 0-3 with a 4.46 ERA (13 ER, 26.2 IP) on Opening Day.
 - Tossed 8 innings and allowed 2 runs on 6 hits with 8 strikeouts.
 - Marks the 38th time in his career pitching 8+ innings and giving up 2 or fewer runs (last: 9/12/17 vs. DET).
- **Edwin Encarnacion** (1x2) has hit safely in 4 consecutive Opening Day starts.
 - Made his 13th straight Opening Day start.
- **Rajai Davis** came in as a pinch runner in the 9th inning and picked up his 1st stolen base of the season...Davis tallied 29 stolen bases in 2017.

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CLEVELAND MANAGER TERRY FRANCONA:

On Félix Hernández:

"You know, everybody talks about the way he spins the ball, and he is really good at that. I just thought the way he made his fastball and his changeup go the other way, it gave him two different directions, two different speeds. He commanded the baseball so well. His feel for what he wanted to do was so good."

On Corey Kluber:

"He hung a breaking ball to Canó first pitch, and he mislocated a fastball the next pitch, and that was it. I mean, I thought we played some really good defense. Frankie saved us a run up the middle, but he settled down and pitched just like you hope. I thought he was in command of himself. He worked ahead for the most part. I thought he was really good."

On how Rajai Davis impacted the as a pinch runner:

"I mean that's kind of why we got him. You know, there will be a game when we win because of that. We didn't tonight, but we will. We gave ourselves a chance."

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