



# POST-GAME NOTES

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## TEXAS RANGERS 4 (76-76) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 2 (74-79)

Thursday, September 21, 2017 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Texas Rangers	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	7	0	6
Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	1	3
First Pitch: 7:10	Time of Game: 2:45			Temp: 62 F, N/NE @ 2mph			Attendance: 14,849						

WP: Cole Hamels (11-4, 3.80) LP: James Paxton (12-5, 3.03) SV: Keone Kela (2)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
Adrian Beltre	17	Dan Altavilal	6	0	0	1-1	369 ft, LF
Shin-Soo Choo	20	Emilio Pagan	7	0	2	1-0	402 ft, RF
Nelson Cruz	35	Cole Hamels	7	0	0	1-1	375 ft, RF
Robinson Cano	22	Keone Kela	9	0	1	0-0	438 ft. CF

### SEATTLE MARINERS:

- **Nelson Cruz** (1x3, R, HR, RBI, BB) has hit at least 35 home runs in each of the last 4 seasons (2014: 40 HR, 2015: 44 HR, 2016: 43 HR, 2017: 35 HR)...he is the 4th player in Major League history to hit 35+ home runs in at least 4 consecutive seasons at age-33 or older, joining Babe Ruth (1928-32), Rafael Palmeiro (1998-2003) and Barry Bonds (2000-04).
  - Has homered in back to back games for the 8<sup>th</sup> time this season, has homered in 3 consecutive games 3 times so far this year.
  - Pushed his career-high RBI season total to 112, which leads the AL and ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the majors.
- **Robinson Cano** (1x4, HR, RBI) hit his 300<sup>th</sup> career home run... He is the 8<sup>th</sup> player to hit his 300<sup>th</sup> career home run as a Mariner, joining Willie Horton, Ken Griffey Jr. Jay Buhner, Edgar Martinez, Richie Sexson, Raul Ibanez, and Nelson Cruz.
  - Has recorded a hit in 14 of 19 games this month, batting .360 (27x75) with 10 runs, 5 doubles, 3 home runs, and 15 RBI.
- **Dan Altavilla** tossed his 5<sup>th</sup> outing over his last 9 games in which he has recorded 4+ outs.
  - Tied his career-high with 4 strikeouts (also: 8/27/17 vs NYY).
- **Jean Segura** (2x4) is batting .320 (77x241) with 37 runs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, 7 home runs, 26 RBI and 8 walks at home this season.
  - Recorded his 44<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of the season, T1st on the club with Robinson Cano.
  - Was caught stealing for the 8<sup>th</sup> time this season, ranks T2nd in the AL for most times caught stealing (most: Elvis Andrus, 9).
- **James Paxton** made his second start since returning from the DL and tossed 3.2 innings allowing 2 runs on 4 hits with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.
  - Allowed all four of his hits in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning.
  - Finished the game with an ERA of 3.03... First time since July 19<sup>th</sup> he as finished a start with an ERA.
- Seattle has lost 6 straight games following a 3-game winning streak.
- Seattle is now 5 games out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AL Wildcard spot with 9 games to go.

### TEXAS RANGERS:

- The Rangers have won 4 straight games and are .500 for the first time since 9/12 (72-72).
- Texas picked up its first series sweep at Safeco Field since 8/26/13 – 8/28/13.
- **Adrian Beltre** (2x4, R, HR, RBI) hit a solo home run to lead off the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, bringing his career total to 462 home runs, ranks T35th all-time with Jose Canseco, Adam Dunn, and Miguel Cabrera.
  - Recorded his 30<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of the season despite spending 61 games on the DL.
- **Cole Hamels** recorded his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive quality start and struck out a season-high 8 batters (Previous high: 7, done 2x).
  - Picked up his 11<sup>th</sup> win of the season, his 8<sup>th</sup> season with 11+ wins... ranks T11th among active pitchers for the most 11+ win season in their career (most: CC Sabathia, 14 seasons).
  - Has tossed 7+ innings and allowed 2 or fewer runs in back to back starts.
- **Elvis Andrus** (1x4, R) has reached base safely in 21 of his last 25 games, including 19 games with at least 1 hit, and 1 hit in each of his last 5 games (8/25-current)...during this stretch he is batting .337 (34x101) with 18 runs scored, 9 doubles, 1 triple, 4 home runs, 20 RBI, 6 walks and 1 stolen base.
  - Over his last 14 road games (8/25-current), he is batting .391 (25x64) with 12 runs, 5 doubles, 1 triple, 2 home runs, 10 RBI, 1 walk and 1 stolen base.

### NEXT GAME

Seattle Mariners vs. Cleveland Indians – Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:10 pm (ROOT Sports)

RHP Erasmo Ramirez (5-6,4.56)

vs.

RHP Trevor Bauer (16-9, 4.41)

- **Carlos Gomez** (2x3, 2B, 2 RBI, BB) is batting .375 (12x32) in September with 2 home runs, 6 doubles, 7 runs batted in, and 6 runs in 10 games.
  - Reached base safely 3+ times for the 15<sup>th</sup> time this season, 12 of those games have also been multi-hit games.
  - Recorded his 13<sup>th</sup> multi-RBI game of the season (last: 8/30 vs HOU).
- **Shin-Soo Choo** (2x4, 2 R, HR, RBI) hit his 20<sup>th</sup> home run of the season, 5<sup>th</sup> season of his career with at least 20 home runs (most: 2010, 22 HR).
  - Recorded his 37<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of the season.



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## TEXAS MANAGER JEFF BANISTER:

### On getting what he wanted from Cole Hamels tonight:

“Yeah, you know, big time player, and we’ve seen this so many times before out of him. Situations like this, where it’s a big time start, we were limited on the back end of the bullpen really, so he stepped up and delivered. Had everything going tonight. Four-seam fastball up, the cutter in, two-seam sinker down, changup really played up and well for him tonight he was able to get some put aways with it, and then the breaking ball was sharp for the put away also.”

### On the bullpen being limited and Kela being able to close it out:

“Yeah, huge for (Kela). Especially where he’s been, in limited time back. Looked very sharp tonight. An explosive fastball. I think that the home run was a changeup to Cano. Really the curveball, fastball combo tonight was extremely efficient for him. We needed for somebody to be able to step up in the absence of Claudio and Diekman, and he did that.”

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