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## American League

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### Five Years Ago

- 8/15: **Boston** beat Seattle 22-10 (Wade Miley). Red Sox' OF Jackie Bradley Jr.: 5-6/2 HRs, 3 2Bs & 7 RBIs.  
8/16: **Seattle** beat Boston 10-8 (Rob Rasmussen). Franklin Gutierrez: 2-4/2 HRs; Robinson Cano(5-7) and Nelson Cruz homered.  
8/29: **Toronto** beat Detroit 15-1 (Drew Hutchison). Blue Jays DH Edwin Encarnacion: 3-5/3 HRs and 9 RBIs.  
8/30: **NY Yankees** beat Atlanta 20-6 (Nathan Eovaldi). Stephen Drew: 4-4/HR & 4 RBIs; Chase Headley: 3-3/HR & 4 RBIs.

### Ten Years Ago

- 8/4: **NY Yankees** beat Toronto 5-1 (Phil Hughes). Yankees 3B Alex Rodriguez hit his 600<sup>th</sup> career HR.  
8/7: **Toronto** beat Tampa Bay 17-11 (Brian Tallet). Blue Jays hit 8 HRs – 2 short of ML record (1987).  
8/10: **Baltimore** beat Cleveland 14-8 (Jake Arrieta). HRs by Felix Pie, Corey Patterson, Matt Wieters, and Luke Scott.  
8/20: **Toronto** beat Boston 16-2 (Brett Cecil). Lyle Overbay: 4-5/2 HRs & 7 RBIs; John McDonald homered and drove in 3.

### Twenty Years Ago

- 8/9: **Chicago** beat Seattle 19-3 (Mike Sirotko). Frank Thomas: 3-4/2 HRs & 5 RBIs; Tony Graffanino: HR & 4 RBIs.  
8/14: **Boston** beat Tampa Bay 7-3 (Derek Lowe) on Rico Brogna's 9<sup>th</sup> inning grand slam. Carl Everett: 2-4/2B.  
8/15: **NY Yankees** beat Texas 10-2 (David Cone). Scott Brosius, David Justice, and Paul O'Neill homered. Derek Jeter: 3-5.  
8/22: **Cleveland** beat Oakland 14-6 (Chuck Finley). Sandy Alomar, Jim Thome (2B), and Manny Ramirez (HR) each drove in 3.

### Thirty Years Ago

- 8/4: **Cleveland** beat NY Yankees 17-3 (Bud Black). Cory Snyder (4 RBIs), Candy Maldonado, Jeff Manto & Dion James homered.  
8/9: **Texas** beat Cleveland 13-5 (Bobby Witt). Pete Incaviglia: HR/4 RBIs; Jeff Kunkel: 3-6/2B & 3 RBIs. Julio Franco drove in 2.  
8/17: G2 of DH. **Chicago** beat Texas 4-2 (Melido Perez). C Carlton Fisk's 328<sup>th</sup> HR broke Johnny Bench's ML mark for catchers.  
8/31: **Seattle** beat Kansas City 5-2 (Randy Johnson). Ken Griffey Sr. joined his son Ken Griffey Jr. in outfield. Both went 1-4.

### Forty Years Ago

- 8/11: **NY Yankees** beat Chicago 3-1 (Rudy May). Yankees OF Reggie Jackson hit his 400<sup>th</sup> career HR.  
8/17: **Kansas City** beat Toronto 8-3 (Paul Splitteroff). Royals 3B George Brett's 4 hits raised his BA to .400.  
Brett's BA remained at .400 as late as 9/19 but ended up 5 hits short of .400.  
Teammate Willie Wilson's 705 at-bats was ML record. Wilson's season: 230 hits, 15 triples, and .326 BA.  
8/29: **Detroit** beat Milwaukee 8-2 (Milt Wilcox). Steve Kemp: 3-5/HR & 3 RBIs. John Wockenfuss: 2-4/Run & RBI.

### Fifty Years Ago

- 8/19: **Chicago** beat Boston 13-5 (Wilbur Wood) scoring 11 runs in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Ken Berry: 4-5; Bill Melton: 3-5/HR.  
8/25: **Minnesota** lost to Boston 1-0 (Ken Brett). Players and fans at the Met (Minnesota) endured a mid-game bomb scare.  
8/30: G1: **Boston** beat Chicago 21-11 (Ken Brett). Red Sox led 13-6 after 3 innings; six Red Sox players collected at least 2 hits.

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