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### Chapter 14

# Sandlot Stats

The interesting facts for **Chapter 14** consist of rookie records, unusual records, and famous firsts for foreign-born players.

## Rookie Records

The rookie records were obtained from the book “*The SABR Baseball List & Record Book*” by The Society for American Baseball Research. The criteria provided, in that book, for a player to qualify as a rookie is:

- From 1900 to 1970, a batter was considered a rookie if he had less than 90 previous at-bats.
- From 1971 to the present, a batter is considered a rookie if he had less than 130 previous at-bats.

Even though the National League was founded in 1876, our records will only consider the years beginning in 1900.

- **Most Base-On-Balls in a Season by a Rookie** – Record is held by *Ted Williams (1939)*. The record is **107 base-on-balls**.
- **Most Hits in a Season by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Ichiro Suzuki (2001)*. The record is **242 hits**.
- **Most Home Runs in a Season by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Mark McGwire (1987)*. The record is **49 home runs**.
- **Highest Batting Average in a Season by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Benny Kauff (1914)*. The record is a **batting average of .370**.

**\*Joe Jackson had a .408 BA in 1911\***. Before 1911, Joe had 115 at-bats which would disqualify him for consideration.

- **Highest On-Base-Percentage in a Season by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Benny Kauff (1914)*. The record is **an on-base-percentage of .447**.
  - **Highest Slugging Average in a Season by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Mark McGwire(1987)*. The record is **a slugging average of .618**.
- The Longest Consecutive-games Hit Streak by a Rookie** - Record is held by *Benito Santiago(1987)*. The record is **34 games**.

### Unusual Records (Since 1900)

- Satchel Paige was the oldest player to appear in a Major League game at the age of 59.
- Brooks Robinson and Carl Yastrzemski spent the most years with one franchise (23 years).
- Bobby Cox was the manager ejected the most from a Major League game (131 times)
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- Most Lopsided Win – A difference of 23 runs occurred three times. The latest occurrence was on April 23, 1955 between the Chicago White Sox (29 runs) and Kansas City (6 runs).
- Most Lopsided Shutout – A difference of 22 runs occurred twice. The latest occurrence was on August 31, 2004 between the Cleveland Indians (22 runs) and **surprisingly** the New York Yankees (0 runs).
- Most Wins in a Season by a Team – A tie between Chicago (NL 1906) and Seattle (AL 2001) at 116 wins.
- Most Loses by a Team in a Season – The New York Mets lost 120 games in their first season (1962).
- Most Consecutive Wins by a Team in a Season – New York (NL 1916) won 26 straight games.
- Most Consecutive Loses by a Team in a Season – Philadelphia (NL 1961) lost 23 straight games.

### Famous Firsts for Foreign-Born Players

- Batting Champion – Bobby Avila                      Mexico                      1954

- Rookie of the Year – Luis Aparicio                      Venezuela      1956
- Most Valuable Player – Zoilo Versalles                  Cuba                1965
- Hall of Famer – Roberto Clemente                      Puerto Rico      1973

**Six Hits in One Nine-Inning Game (since 1900):**

From 1900 to the end of the 2008 season there were 63 players who had at least 6 hits in one nine-inning game.

- Shawn Green (05/23/2002) included four home runs in going 6 for 6.
- Ty Cobb (05/05/1925), Walker Cooper (07/06/1949), and Edgardo Alfonzo (08/30/1999) included three home runs in their 6 hits.
- Doc Cramer (06/20/1932 and 07/13/1935) and Jim Bottomley (09/16/1924 and 08/05/1931) got 6 hits in one game twice.
- Rennie Stennett (09/16/1975) was the only player to have 7 hits when he went 7 for 7.
- The only player to achieve this feat in 2008 was Johnny Damon (06/07/2008) when he went 6 for 6.