



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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On July 6, 1933 — 90 years ago — Major League Baseball held its first All-Star Game.

Dreamed up by Arch Ward, the sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, and held at Comiskey Park to coincide with the Century of Progress World Exposition also going on that year in Chicago, the event was supposed to be a one-time event. But it proved to be so popular that they held another one the next year in New York. And then another one in Cleveland, the year after that.

On Tuesday, July 11, Major League Baseball will play its 93rd All-Star Game in Seattle.

ALL-STAR GAME RESULTS

1933	Comiskey Park, Chicago	AL 4-2
1934	Polo Grounds, New York	AL 9-7
1935	Municipal Stadium, Cleveland	AL 4-1
1936	Braves Field, Boston	NL 4-3
1937	Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.	AL 8-3
1938	Crosley Field, Cincinnati	NL 4-1
1939	Yankee Stadium, New York	AL 3-1
1940	Sportsman's Park, St. Louis	NL 4-0
1941	Briggs Stadium, Detroit	AL 7-5
1942	Polo Grounds, New York	AL 3-1
1943	Shibe Park, Philadelphia	AL 5-3
1944	Forbes Field, Pittsburgh	NL 7-1
1945	Canceled because of World War II	
1946	Fenway Park, Boston	AL 12-0
1947	Wrigley Field, Chicago	AL 2-1
1948	Sportsman's Park, St. Louis	AL 5-2
1949	Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N.Y.	AL 11-7
1950	Comiskey Park, Chicago	NL 4-3
1951	Briggs Stadium, Detroit	NL 8-3
1952	Shibe Park, Philadelphia	NL 3-2
1953	Crosley Field, Cincinnati	NL 5-1
1954	Municipal Stadium, Cleveland	AL 11-9
1955	County Stadium, Milwaukee	NL 6-5
1956	Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.	NL 7-3
1957	Busch Stadium, St. Louis	AL 6-5
1958	Memorial Stadium, Baltimore	AL 4-3
1959	Forbes Field, Pittsburgh	NL 5-4
1959	Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles	AL 5-3
1960	Municipal Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.	NL 5-3
1960	Yankee Stadium, New York	NL 6-0
1961	Candlestick Park, San Francisco	NL 5-4
1961	Fenway Park, Boston	TIE 1-1
1962	D.C. Stadium, Washington, D.C.	NL 3-1
1962	Wrigley Field, Chicago	AL 9-4
1963	Municipal Stadium, Cleveland	NL 5-3
1964	Shea Stadium, New York	NL 7-4
1965	Metropolitan Stadium, Bloomington, Minn.	NL 6-5
1966	Busch Memorial Stadium, St. Louis	NL 2-1
1967	Anaheim Stadium, Anaheim, Calif.	NL 2-1
1968	Astrodome, Houston	NL 1-0
1969	R.F.K. Stadium, Washington, D.C.	NL 9-3
1970	Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati	NL 5-4
1971	Tiger Stadium, Detroit	AL 6-4
1972	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Ga.	NL 4-3
1973	Royals Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.	NL 7-1
1974	Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	NL 7-2
1975	County Stadium, Milwaukee	NL 6-3
1976	Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia	NL 7-1

BIRTH OF A SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Chicago was hosting a world's fair. Eager to attract visitors, even at the depth of the Great Depression, Mayor Edward Kelly asked Colonel Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, if he could sponsor a major athletic event to coincide with the fair.

McCormick put his sports editor, Arch Ward, on the project. Arch proposed

what he referred to as a "Game of the Century" but officially be named the "Midsummer Classic" — a one-time battle between the best players of each of the two major baseball leagues. Proceeds from the game would go to a charity for retired baseball players.

Ward then set out to talk team owners and the presidents of each league into participating. Everyone thought it was a great idea. Ward became so convinced

the game would be a success that he told McCormick to take any losses out of Ward's own paycheck.

Ward had fans vote on which players to invite: He talked editors of 54 other newspapers into printing ballots. Several hundred thousand votes were cast — White Sox outfielder Al Simmons led the American League with 346,291 votes.

Chuck Klein of the Philadelphia Phillies led the National League with 342,283.

On the appointed day — July 6, 1933 — 47,595 fans packed into Chicago's Comiskey Park to watch the American League defeat the National League 4-2, with Babe

Ruth's home run in the third inning providing the margin of victory.

The All-Star Game has been played every year since, except for 1945 and 2020. In four years — 1959 though 1962 — two All-Star Games were held.



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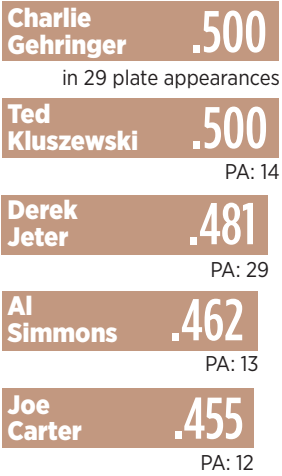
First baseman Jimmie Foxx of the Philadelphia Athletics, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig of the Yankees, and center fielder Al Simmons of the Athletics at the 1933 "Midsummer Classic."

ALL-STAR GAME SUPERLATIVES

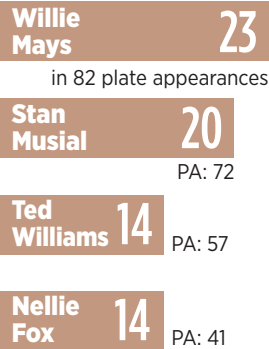
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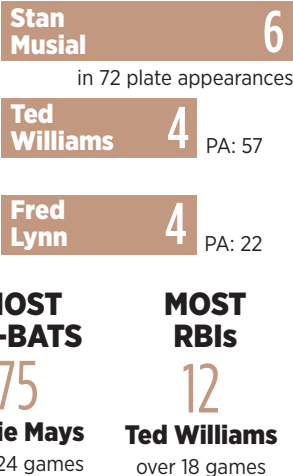
BATTING AVERAGE



MOST HITS



MOST HOME RUNS



MOST GAMES PITCHED



MOST GAMES STARTED



MOST INNINGS PITCHED



MOST STRIKEOUTS



MOST HITS GIVEN UP



MOST GAMES PLAYED



MOST TIMES AS MANAGER



MOST WINS AS MANAGER



HIGHEST ATTENDANCE



LONGEST GAME IN INNINGS



1977	Yankee Stadium, New York	NL 7-5
1978	San Diego Stadium	NL 7-3
1979	Kingdome, Seattle	NL 7-6
1980	Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles	NL 4-2
1981	Municipal Stadium, Cleveland	NL 5-4
1982	Olympic Stadium, Montreal	NL 4-1
1983	Comiskey Park, Chicago	AL 13-3
1984	Candlestick Park, San Francisco	NL 3-1
1985	Metrodome, Minneapolis	NL 6-1
1986	Astrodome, Houston	AL 3-2
1987	Oakland-Alameda County Stadium, Calif.	NL 2-0
1988	Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati	AL 2-1
1989	Anaheim Stadium, California	AL 5-3
1990	Wrigley Field, Chicago	AL 2-0
1991	SkyDome, Toronto	AL 4-2
1992	Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego	AL 13-6
1993	Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore	AL 9-3
1994	Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	NL 8-7
1995	The Ballpark at Arlington, Texas	NL 3-2
1996	Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia	NL 6-0
1997	Jacobs Field, Cleveland	AL 3-1
1998	Coors Field, Denver	AL 13-8
1999	Fenway Park, Boston	AL 4-1
2000	Turner Field, Atlanta	AL 6-3
2001	Safeco Field, Seattle	AL 4-1
2002	Miller Park, Milwaukee	TIE 7-7
2003	U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago	AL 7-6
2004	Minute Maid Park, Houston	AL 9-4
2005	Comerica Park, Detroit	AL 7-5
2006	PNC Park, Pittsburgh	AL 3-2
2007	AT&T Park, San Francisco	AL 5-4
2008	Yankee Stadium, New York	AL 4-3
2009	Busch Stadium, St. Louis	AL 4-3
2010	Angel Stadium of Anaheim, Calif.	NL 3-1
2011	Chase Field, Phoenix	NL 5-1
2012	Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.	NL 8-0
2013	Citi Field, New York	AL 3-0
2014	Target Field, Minneapolis	AL 5-3
2015	Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati	AL 6-3
2016	Petco Park, San Diego	AL 4-2
2017	Marlins Park, Miami	AL 2-1
2018	Nationals Park, Washington, D.C.	AL 8-6
2019	Progressive Field, Cleveland	AL 4-3
2020	Canceled because of pandemic	
2021	Coors Field, Denver	AL 5-2
2022	Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles	AL 3-2
2023	T-Mobile Park, Seattle	Tuesday, July 11
2024	Globe Life Field, Arlington, Texas	Tuesday, July 16

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