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**FIVE PLAYERS MOVE INTO POSITION TO ADVANCE TO THE STARTERS ELECTION
IN LATEST GOOGLE MLB ALL-STAR BALLOT UPDATE FOR AL AND NL**

Bellinger Continues to Pace Majors; Trout Leading American Leaguers;

**Santana, Chirinos in Top Three at First Base and Catcher, Respectively in AL;
Braves Teammates Donaldson, Markakis in Position at Third Base and Outfield in NL;
Grandal Jumps Two Spots to Join NL Leaders at Catcher;**

Ten AL Clubs on Pace to Send Players to Starters Election;

**Several Close Races Remain as Final Days of "The Primary" Approach;
Voting During "The Primary" Available Until this Friday at 4:00 p.m. (ET)**

First baseman **Carlos Santana** of the host Cleveland Indians, catcher **Robinson Chirinos** of the Houston Astros and Atlanta Braves teammates **Josh Donaldson** and **Nick Markakis** have all joined the leaders at their positions in the latest balloting update for the 2019 MLB All-Star Game presented by Mastercard. The balloting update for both the American League and National League was announced earlier today on MLB Network. The 2019 Google MLB All-Star Ballot, which is available exclusively online and via mobile devices at MLB.com, all 30 Club sites, the MLB At Bat and MLB Ballpark mobile apps and on Google Search (U.S. and Canada only) will be accessible until the "The Primary" voting period ends on Friday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m. (ET).

In a bid for his first All-Star selection, Santana (560,836) is closely followed for third place among AL first basemen by two-time All-Star José Abreu of the Chicago White Sox (517,473), who was among the leaders at the position last week. Santana is joined at first base by fellow leaders and first-time All-Star hopefuls **Luke Voit** of the New York Yankees (696,164) and **C.J. Cron** of the Minnesota Twins (586,303). Behind the plate, Chirinos (487,868) holds a slim lead over Jason Castro (444,533) after overtaking the Twins backstop for third place at the position this week. Chirinos, vying for his first All-Star selection, is joined by 2017 All-Star **Gary Sánchez** of the Yankees (1,357,340) and **James McCann** of the Chicago White Sox (580,394).



A close race has emerged at shortstop in the AL with a pair of potential first-time All-Stars battling for the third position as Tim Anderson of the White Sox (510,337) chases **Gleyber Torres** of the Yankees (565,728) of the Yankees. Torres is joined among the AL shortstop leaders by Minnesota's **Jorge Polanco** (818,082) and Houston's **Carlos Correa** (656,995). Other highlights of the AL ballot include:

- Houston's **Michael Brantley** (924,173) has moved ahead of Tampa Bay's **Austin Meadows** (887,946) into third place among AL outfielders, trailing only overall AL leader **Mike Trout** of the Los Angeles Angels (1,904,273) and Astros teammate **George Springer** (1,495,817). All four players remain on pace to advance to the Starters Election along with fellow AL outfielders **Mookie Betts** of the Boston Red Sox (777,642), **Eddie Rosario** of the Twins (687,515), **Aaron Judge** of the Yankees (577,640), **Joey Gallo** of the Texas Rangers (537,934) and Houston's **Josh Reddick** (511,903). Twins teammates Max Kepler (435,789) and Byron Buxton (418,287) remain in contention as they try to move into the top nine at outfield in the final days of voting during "The Primary."
- At third base, the fourth-ranked Rafael Devers of the Red Sox (335,635) is trying to chase down **Hunter Dozier** of the Kansas City Royals (424,028) and **Gio Urshela** of the Yankees (502,614) behind positional leader **Alex Bregman** of the Astros (1,322,935).
- At second base, **Tommy La Stella** of the Angels (1,020,912), **Jose Altuve** of the Astros (923,117) and **DJ LeMahieu** of the Yankees (739,074) remain on pace to advance, outdrawing Minnesota's Jonathan Schoop (362,504) and Kansas City's Whit Merrifield (247,903).
- At designated hitter, Boston's **J.D. Martinez** (893,689), **Hunter Pence** of the Rangers (602,766) and Minnesota's **Nelson Cruz** (506,211) continue to lead with Shohei Ohtani of the Angels (362,947) and Aledmys Díaz of the Astros (935,015) within striking distance.

In the NL, three-time All-Star Donaldson (550,947) has overtaken 2017 All-Star Justin Turner of the Los Angeles Dodgers (512,237) for third place at the hot corner to join fellow leaders **Nolan Arenado** of the Colorado Rockies (1,475,825) and **Kris Bryant** of the Chicago Cubs (850,758). Washington's Anthony Rendon (378,761) remains close behind in fifth place at the position.

Donaldson's teammate Markakis (614,358) jumped from 11th place to sixth place among NL outfielders to join the leaders on pace to advance to the Starters Election. In the tightest NL race, Philadelphia Phillies outfielder and six-time All-Star Bryce Harper (498,100) remains in 10th place, closely behind **Charlie Blackmon** of the Rockies (530,342), and within 100,000 votes of the final three outfielders in the top nine, which also includes **Joc Pederson** of the Dodgers (598,909) and **Kyle Schwarber** of the Cubs (585,997). NL MVP favorites **Cody Bellinger** of the Dodgers (2,184,251) and **Christian Yelich** of the Milwaukee Brewers (2,065,382) remain the top two vote-getters in all of Baseball as the rest of the top nine in the NL outfield includes **Ronald Acuña Jr.** of the Atlanta Braves (1,229,200), **Albert Almora** of the Cubs (645,291) and **Jason Heyward** of the Cubs (614,823).

Behind the plate in the NL, Brewers backstop **Yasmani Grandal** (513,412) moved from fifth place to third place over the last week, jumping ahead of Yadier Molina of the Cardinals (375,690) and Philadelphia's J.T. Realmuto (438,390), to join Chicago's **Willson Contreras** (1,555,490) and Atlanta's **Brian McCann** (725,484) in the top three. Other highlights of the NL ballot include:

- In a closely contested race at shortstop, Colorado's Trevor Story (457,159) is closing in on injured Dodgers shortstop **Corey Seager** (494,546) for third place at the position, behind **Javier Báez** of the Cubs (1,672,062) and Atlanta's **Dansby Swanson** (764,663).
- A trio of second basemen – including Kiké Hernández of the Dodgers (455,704), César Hernández of the Phillies (424,379) and Daniel Descalso of the Cubs (410,122) – are trying to track down **Ketel Marte** of the Arizona Diamondbacks (554,524) for third place at the position behind Atlanta's **Ozzie Albies** (1,011,132) and Milwaukee's **Mike Moustakas** (966,391).
- At first base, **Josh Bell** of the Pittsburgh Pirates (1,106,186), **Freddie Freeman** of the Braves (1,022,535) and **Anthony Rizzo** of the Cubs (948,047) remain on pace to advance to the Starters Election ahead of Max Muncy of the Dodgers (446,704) and rookie Pete Alonso of the New York Mets (319,256).

AMERICAN LEAGUE BALLOTING LEADERS

Position	Player	Team	Vote Total	2019 Stats
C	Gary Sánchez	Yankees	1,357,340	.260, 20 HR, 43 RBI, .531 SLG
1B	Luke Voit	Yankees	696,164	.264, 17 HR, 45 RBI, 47 R
2B	Tommy La Stella	Angels	1,020,912	.301, 15 HR, 39 RBI, 42 R
3B	Alex Bregman	Astros	1,322,935	.269, 19 HR, 48 RBI, 10 2B, 47 R
SS	Jorge Polanco	Twins	818,082	.332, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 21 2B, 5 3B
OF	Mike Trout	Angels	1,904,273	.285, 19 HR, 46 RBI, 16 2B, 55 R
OF	George Springer	Astros	1,495,817	.308, 17 HR, 43 RBI, 9 2B, 41 R, .643 SLG
OF	Michael Brantley	Astros	924,173	.311, 10 HR, 39 RBI, 19 2B, 34 R
DH	J.D. Martinez	Red Sox	893,689	.298, 16 HR, 39 RBI, 14 2B, 41 R, .559 SLG

NATIONAL LEAGUE BALLOTING LEADERS

Position	Player	Team	Vote Total	2019 Stats
C	Willson Contreras	Cubs	1,555,490	.287, 13 HR, 37 RBI, 10 2B, 32 R
1B	Josh Bell	Pirates	1,106,186	.321, 19 HR, 65 RBI, 27 2B, 52 R
2B	Ozzie Albies	Braves	1,011,132	.281, 10 HR, 35 RBI, 15 2B, 3 3B, 44 R
3B	Nolan Arenado	Rockies	1,475,825	.321, 17 HR, 57 RBI, 16 2B, 52 R
SS	Javier Báez	Cubs	1,672,062	.286, 17 HR, 46 RBI, 18 2B, 45 R
OF	Cody Bellinger	Dodgers	2,184,251	.355, 23 HR, 58 RBI, 13 2B, 8 SB, 54 R
OF	Christian Yelich	Brewers	2,065,382	.343, 26 HR, 57 RBI, 13 2B, 16 SB, 56 R
OF	Ronald Acuña Jr.	Braves	1,229,200	.296, 16 HR, 47 RBI, 10 2B, 9 SB, 49 R

The voting period for "The Primary" concludes this Friday at 4:00 p.m. ET. Later that evening, during the *MLB Network Showcase* telecast of the New York Yankees hosting the Houston Astros, the top three vote-getters at each position (and the top nine outfielders) in each League will be revealed on MLB Network, and they will move on to the second phase of voting. During the initial voting period, fans can submit up to five ballots per 24-hour period on MLB platforms, and can vote for every position, or up to 17 unique players per day on Google.

"The Starters Election" will begin at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on Wednesday, June 26th, with fans voting among the finalists at each position during a 28-hour window that at 4:00 p.m. (ET) on Thursday, June 27th. Results of "The Starters Election" will be announced at 7:00 p.m. (ET) that night on ESPN on "Google MLB All-Star Election Night." During this second phase of voting, in which fans can vote once on MLB platforms and submit up to 17 unique player votes on Google, vote totals will reset (i.e., vote totals from "The Primary" do not carry over) and the winner at each position (including three outfielders per League) will be named a starting position player for the 2019 Midsummer Classic.



The AL All-Star Team, which will be managed by Alex Cora of the defending World Series Champion Boston Red Sox, will have nine elected starters via the fan balloting program, while the NL All-Star Team, led for a second consecutive year by Dave Roberts of the defending NL Champion Los Angeles Dodgers, will have eight fan-elected starters. The pitchers and reserves for both squads – totaling 24 for the NL and 23 for the AL – will be determined through a combination of “Player Ballot” choices and selections made by the Commissioner’s Office. The balance of the All-Star rosters will be announced on Sunday, June 30th at 5:30 p.m. ET on ESPN during the “Google MLB All-Star Selection Show.”



During each phase of voting, the 2019 Google MLB All-Star Ballot will be available when fans search in English and Spanish. The ballot at MLB.com and Club sites also offers audio CAPTCHA functionality for visually impaired fans. Banco BHD León once again sponsors online All-Star balloting in the Dominican Republic, making Spanish-language ballots available to fans in the D.R. via LasMayores.com, the official Spanish-language web site of Major League Baseball.

Fans will once again have the opportunity to participate in the official voting for the Ted Williams All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Award presented by Chevrolet. During the Midsummer Classic, fans can vote exclusively at MLB.com and the 30 Club sites – online or via their mobile devices – with the 2019 All-Star Game MLB.com MVP Vote, and their collective voice will represent 20 percent of the official vote determining this year’s recipient of the Arch Ward Trophy.

MLB All-Star Week includes the MLB All-Star Game presented by Mastercard at Progressive Field (July 9th), Gatorade All-Star Workout Day featuring the T-Mobile Home Run Derby (July 8th), All-Star Sunday featuring the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game and All-Star Celebrity Softball Game (July 7th), PLAY BALL PARK at the Huntington Convention Center (July 5th-9th), plus a lineup of additional events taking place around the city. The 90th Midsummer Classic will be televised nationally by FOX Sports; in Canada by Rogers Sportsnet and RDS; and worldwide by partners in more than 180 countries. FOX Deportes will provide Spanish language coverage in the U.S., while ESPN Radio and ESPN Radio Deportes will provide exclusive national radio coverage of the All-Star Game. MLB Network, MLB.com and SiriusXM also will provide comprehensive All-Star Week coverage. For more information about MLB All-Star Week and to purchase tickets, please visit www.allstargame.com and follow @MLB and @AllStarGame on social media.

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2019 AMERICAN LEAGUE ALL-STAR BALLOTING UPDATE #2

Monday, June 17th

CATCHERS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Gary Sánchez	Yankees	1,357,340
2.	James McCann	White Sox	580,394
3.	Robinson Chirinos	Astros	487,868
4.	Jason Castro	Twins	444,533
5.	Christian Vazquez	Red Sox	302,686
6.	Jonathan Lucroy	Angels	268,710
7.	Roberto Pérez	Indians	176,976
8.	Josh Phegley	Athletics	151,679
9.	Mike Zunino	Rays	128,345
10.	Martín Maldonado	Royals	113,525

FIRST BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Luke Voit	Yankees	696,164
2.	C.J. Cron	Twins	586,303
3.	Carlos Santana	Indians	560,836
4.	José Abreu	White Sox	517,473
5.	Yuli Gurriel	Astros	433,692
6.	Albert Pujols	Angels	384,322
7.	Miguel Cabrera	Tigers	362,659
8.	Edwin Encarnación	Mariners	205,040
9.	Mitch Moreland	Red Sox	193,609
10.	Ji-Man Choi	Rays	168,723

SECOND BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Tommy La Stella	Angels	1,020,912
2.	Jose Altuve	Astros	923,117
3.	DJ LeMahieu	Yankees	739,074
4.	Jonathan Schoop	Twins	362,504
5.	Whit Merrifield	Royals	247,903
6.	Brandon Lowe	Rays	237,277
7.	Michael Chavis	Red Sox	236,526
8.	Jason Kipnis	Indians	137,724
9.	Dee Gordon	Mariners	119,799
10.	Yolmer Sánchez	White Sox	110,786

THIRD BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Alex Bregman	Astros	1,322,935
2.	Gio Urshela	Yankees	502,614
3.	Hunter Dozier	Royals	424,028
4.	Rafael Devers	Red Sox	335,635
5.	Marwin Gonzalez	Twins	290,264
6.	Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	Blue Jays	269,492
7.	Matt Chapman	Athletics	267,590
8.	Yoán Moncada	White Sox	262,416
9.	David Fletcher	Angels	192,712
10.	José Ramírez	Indians	136,766

SHORTSTOPS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Jorge Polanco	Twins	818,082
2.	Carlos Correa	Astros	656,995
3.	Gleyber Torres	Yankees	565,728
4.	Tim Anderson	White Sox	510,337
5.	Francisco Lindor	Indians	460,952
6.	Xander Bogaerts	Red Sox	410,134
7.	Andrelton Simmons	Angels	274,181
8.	Elvis Andrus	Rangers	166,275
9.	Adalberto Mondesi	Royals	148,843
10.	Willy Adames	Rays	126,583

DESIGNATED HITTEES

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	J.D. Martinez	Red Sox	893,689
2.	Hunter Pence	Rangers	602,766
3.	Nelson Cruz	Twins	506,211
4.	Shohei Ohtani	Angels	362,947
5.	Aledmys Díaz	Astros	353,015
6.	Giancarlo Stanton	Yankees	295,326
7.	Avisaíl García	Rays	282,170
8.	Khris Davis	Athletics	251,191
9.	Daniel Vogelbach	Mariners	237,238
10.	Yonder Alonso	White Sox	147,177

OUTFIELDERS

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1.	Mike Trout	Angels	1,904,273
2.	George Springer	Astros	1,495,817
3.	Michael Brantley	Astros	924,173
4.	Austin Meadows	Rays	887,946
5.	Mookie Betts	Red Sox	777,642
6.	Eddie Rosario	Twins	687,515
7.	Aaron Judge	Yankees	577,640
8.	Joey Gallo	Rangers	537,934
9.	Josh Reddick	Astros	511,903
10.	Max Kepler	Twins	435,789

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11.	Byron Buxton	Twins	418,287
12.	Brett Gardner	Yankees	259,179
13.	Andrew Benintendi	Red Sox	258,476
14.	Jackie Bradley Jr.	Red Sox	234,302
15.	Tommy Pham	Rays	223,250
16.	Aaron Hicks	Yankees	221,578
17.	Trey Mancini	Orioles	206,620
18.	Shin-Soo Choo	Rangers	194,328
19.	Kole Calhoun	Angels	168,971
20.	Kevin Kiermaier	Rays	158,609

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4.	J.T. Realmuto	Phillies	438,390
5.	Yadier Molina	Cardinals	375,690
6.	Austin Barnes	Dodgers	344,745
7.	Tony Wolters	Rockies	204,641
8.	Wilson Ramos	Mets	167,879
9.	Buster Posey	Giants	146,905
10.	Yan Gomes	Nationals	101,584

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2.	Freddie Freeman	Braves	1,022,535
3.	Anthony Rizzo	Cubs	948,047
4.	Max Muncy	Dodgers	446,704
5.	Pete Alonso	Mets	319,256
6.	Rhys Hoskins	Phillies	249,341
7.	Paul Goldschmidt	Cardinals	234,176
8.	Jesús Aguilar	Brewers	188,332
9.	Eric Hosmer	Padres	149,749
10.	Daniel Murphy	Rockies	112,317

SECOND BASEMEN			
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1.	Ozzie Albies	Braves	1,011,132
2.	Mike Moustakas	Brewers	966,391
3.	Ketel Marte	D-backs	554,524
4.	Kiké Hernández	Dodgers	455,704
5.	César Hernández	Phillies	424,379
6.	Daniel Descalso	Cubs	410,122
7.	Robinson Canó	Mets	179,750
8.	Kolten Wong	Cardinals	163,237
9.	Brian Dozier	Nationals	156,129
10.	Ryan McMahon	Rockies	109,692

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2.	Kris Bryant	Cubs	850,758
3.	Josh Donaldson	Braves	550,947
4.	Justin Turner	Dodgers	512,237
5.	Anthony Rendon	Nationals	378,761
6.	Manny Machado	Padres	207,354
7.	Eduardo Escobar	D-backs	185,561
8.	Travis Shaw	Brewers	148,322
9.	Maikel Franco	Phillies	138,948
10.	Matt Carpenter	Cardinals	132,248

SHORTSTOPS			
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2.	Dansby Swanson	Braves	764,663
3.	Corey Seager	Dodgers	494,546
4.	Trevor Story	Rockies	457,159
5.	Jean Segura	Phillies	286,287
6.	Fernando Tatis Jr.	Padres	246,374
7.	Orlando Arcia	Brewers	233,953
8.	Paul DeJong	Cardinals	195,357
9.	Trea Turner	Nationals	150,392
10.	José Iglesias	Reds	134,143

OUTFIELDERS

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1.	Cody Bellinger	Dodgers	2,184,251
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5.	Jason Heyward	Cubs	614,823
6.	Nick Markakis	Braves	614,358
7.	Joc Pederson	Dodgers	598,909
8.	Kyle Schwarber	Cubs	585,997
9.	Charlie Blackmon	Rockies	530,342
10.	Bryce Harper	Phillies	498,100

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11.	Alex Verdugo	Dodgers	437,115
12.	Ender Inciarte	Braves	332,134
13.	Juan Soto	Nationals	302,375
14.	Lorenzo Cain	Brewers	282,069
15.	Marcell Ozuna	Cardinals	275,590
16.	Melky Cabrera	Pirates	252,384
17.	Scott Kingery	Phillies	233,131
18.	Andrew McCutchen	Phillies	224,871
19.	Ryan Braun	Brewers	221,172
20.	Jeff McNeil	Mets	205,542

ALL-STAR BALLOTING ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Announcement Details
Friday, June 21 st	Players moving on to Starters Election announced (During MLBN broadcast of Yankees-Astros)
Wednesday, June 26 th	28-hour Starters Election Begins at 12:00 p.m. ET
Thursday, June 27 th	Starters Election Concludes at 4:00 p.m. ET; Starters for 2019 All-Star Game announced at 7:00 p.m. ET on ESPN
Sunday, June 30 th	Remainder of All-Star rosters announced at 5:30 p.m. ET on ESPN