## MARK McGWIRE'S 1998 HOME RUN RECORD CHASE



Mark McGwire inspired a renaissance of our National Pastime in 1998 as he blasted his way to a Major League single-season record 70 home runs, eclipsing Roger Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961.

| MARK McGWIRE'S 1998 HOME RUN BREAKDOWN |  |  |  |
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| PLATOON | PITCHER (65) | BALLPARK (15) | TYPE |
| vs RHP: 55 | Tyler Green: 2 | Busch Stadium: 38 | Solo: 33 |
| vs LHP: 15 | Liván Hernández: 2 | Away: 32 | Two-run: 28 |
|  | Rick Reed: 2 | Pro Player Stadium: 4 | Three-run:7 |
| DAY/NIGHT | Jeff Suppan: 2 | Veterans Stadium: 4 | Grand Slams: 2 |
| Day: 21 | John Thomson: 2 | Wrigley Field: 4 | Walk-Off: 2 |
| Night: 49 | 60 others: 1 | Qualcomm Stadium: 3 Shea Stadium: 3 | Pinch Hit: 1 |
| DAY OF THE WEEK | OPPONENT (19) | Astrodome: 2 | Cardinals record when |
| Sunday: 10 | Cubs: 7 | Comiskey Park: 2 | McGwire homered: 34-24 |
| Monday: 5 | Marlins: 7 | County Stadium: 2 | Trailing: 25 |
| Tuesday: 16 | Expos: 6 | Jacobs Field: 2 | Tied: 25 |
| Wednesday: 8 | Astros: 5 | Three Rivers Stadium: 2 | Leading: 20 |
| Thursday: 7 | Phillies: 5 | Bank One Ballpark: 1 |  |
| Friday: 11 | Padres: 5 | Coors Field: 1 | SITUATION |
| Saturday: 13 | Giants: 5 | Metrodome: 1 | Game-tying: 6 |
|  | Brewers: 4 | Olympic Stadium: 1 | Go-Ahead: 5 |
| MONTH | Diamondbacks: 4 |  |  |
| March: 1 | Dodgers: 4 | INNING | COUNT |
| April: 10 | Mets: 4 | 1st: 11 | 0-0: 11 |
| May: 16 | Pirates: 3 | 2nd: 0 | 1-0: 9 |
| June: 10 | Indians: 2 | 3rd: 8 | 1-1:9 |
| July: 8 | Rockies: 2 | 4th: 13 | 2-1: 8 |
| August: 10 | Braves: 2 | 5th: 9 | 2-2: 8 |
| September: 15 | White Sox: 2 | 6th: 2 | 1-2: 7 |
|  | Reds: 1 | 7th: 10 | 0-1: 5 |
| OUTS | Royals: 1 | 8th: 9 | 2-0: 5 |
| Zero: 21 | Twins: 1 | 9th: 4 | 0-2: 4 |
| One: 22 | Tigers: 0 | 10th: 1 | 3-1: 2 |
| Two: 27 |  | 11th: 1 | 3-2: 2 |
|  |  | 12th: 2 | 3-0: 0 |


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| 1/1 (1) | 3/31 vs LA | 364 - L | R. Martinez (R) | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1-0 | 1st Cards Opening Day grand slam (21st in Major League history) |
| 2/2 (2) | 4/2 vs LA | 368 - LC | Lankford (R) | 12 | 2 | 2 | 0-1 | Extra-Inning game-winner |
| 3/3 (3) | $4 / 3$ vs SD | 364 - L | Langston (L) | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3-2 |  |
| 4/4 (4) | 4/4 vs SD | 419-C | Wengert (R) | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2-1 | Ties Willie Mays' 1971 record for consecutive home run games to open the season (4) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 5 / 13(13) \\ & 6 / 13(13) \\ & 7 / 13(13) \end{aligned}$ | 4/14 vs ARZ | $\begin{aligned} & 424-\mathrm{L} \\ & 347-\mathrm{L} \\ & 462-\mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | Suppan (R) <br> Suppan (R) <br> Manuel (R) | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 5 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2 \\ & 1-1 \\ & 2-0 \end{aligned}$ | Becomes first Cardinal to hit three home runs in a game at Busch Stadium...Larry Parrish (Montreal) accomplished feat in 1977 |
| 8/16 (15) | 4/17 vs PHI | 419-L | Whiteside (R) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2-2 |  |
| 9/19 (18) | 4/21 at MTL | 437 - LC | Moore (L) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 1st career home run at Montreal |
| 10/23 (21) | 4/25 at PHI | 419-C | Spradlin (R) | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1-2 | 1st career home run at Philadelphia |
| 11/27 (25) | 4/30 at CHI | 371-L | Pisciotta (R) | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2-1 |  |
| 12/28 (26) | $5 / 1$ at CHI | 362 - L | Beck (R) | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1-2 |  |
| 13/34 (32) | $5 / 8$ at NY | 358 - L | Reed (R) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0-2 | Hits 400th career home run in 4,726th at-bat, becoming the fastest to reach 400 (in terms of fewest at-bats), breaking Babe Ruth's record (4,854 at-bats) |
| 14/36 (34) | 5/12 vs MIL | 527-LC | Waganer (R) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1-2 | Home run lands in upper deck, 4th row of section 389 |
| 15/38 (36) | 5/14 vs ATL | 381 - RC | Millwood (R) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 |  |
| 16/40 (38) | 5/16 vs FLA | $545-\mathrm{C}$ | Hermandez (R) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1-0 | Longest measured home run in Busch Stadium history.... hits off center field signage |
| 17/42 (40) | 5/18 vs FLA | 478-L | Sanchez (L) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2-0 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 18 / 43(41) \\ & 19 / 43(41) \\ & 20 / 43(41) \end{aligned}$ | 5/19 at PHI | $\begin{aligned} & 440-C \\ & 471-L \\ & 451-L \end{aligned}$ | Green (R) <br> Green (R) <br> Gomes (R) | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 5 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-0 \\ & 0-2 \\ & 0-0 \end{aligned}$ | 12th player (13th time) to hit 3 homers in a game twice in one season... his 3rd was an upper deck game-winner...fastest to hit 20 homers in a season...his 20th home run on May 19 broke Ken Griffey Jr's mark (May 20, 1997) and in his 41st game, tying Mickey Mantle's 1956 record. |
| 21/46 (43) | 5/22 vs SF | 425-L | Gardner (R) | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1-1 | 1st home run to land in Big Mac Land |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 22/47 (44) } \\ & 23 / 47(44) \end{aligned}$ | $5 / 23$ vs SF | $\begin{aligned} & 366-L \\ & 477-L C \end{aligned}$ | Rodriguez (L) <br> Johnstone (R) | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-0 \\ & 2-2 \end{aligned}$ | 3rd multi-homer game of 1998 \& 46th career multi-homer game |
| 24/48 (45) | 5/24 vs SF | 397 - L | Nen (R) | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2-2 | 12th inning, game-tying two-run shot |
| 25/49 (46) | 5/25 vs COL | $433-\mathrm{L}$ | Thomson (R) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2-2 | Sets new MLB record for home runs before June 1 (25), breaking Ken Griffey Jr's 1997 record (24) |
| 26/52 (49) | 5/29 at SD | 388 - LC | Miceli (R) | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0-1 | 15th HR in month ties club record, personal best |
| 27/53 (50) | $5 / 30$ at SD | 423 - C | Ashby (R) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0-1 | Sets a Cardinals club record for most home runs (16) in a single month. Ties Mickey Mantle's 1956 record for home runs in May |
| 28/59 (53) | $6 / 5$ vs SF | 409-C | Hershiser (R) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1-2 | Hits 18th homer at Busch Stadium, breaking the single-season record of 17 by Dick Allen (1970), Ted Simmons ('79), Jack Clark ('87) \& Ron Gant ('96) |
| 29/62 (56) | 6/8 at CWS | $356-\mathrm{L}$ | Bere (R) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | Extends his homer streak to 10-straight series |
| 30/64 (58) | 6/10 at CWS | 409- C | Parque (L) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1-0 | Becomes 12th Cardinal (18th time) to hit 30 in season |
| 31/65 (59) | 6/12 at ARZ | $438-\mathrm{L}$ | An. Benes (R) | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1-0 | 11th career grand slam (2nd of '98); homer streak extended to 11-straight series; RBI total moves to 80 |


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| 32/69 (63) | 6/17 at HOU | 347 - L | Lima (R) | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1-2 | 1st career HR at Houston; 12th-straight HR series |
| 33/70 (64) | 6/18 at HOU | 449-L | Reynolds (R) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | Establishes Major League record for home runs (33) before June 30, eclipsing Ken Griffey Jr.'s mark in 1994. 11th upper deck home run in Astrodome history |
| 34/76 (70) | 6/24 at CLE | 433 - L | Wright (R) | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 8th career home run at Jacobs Field, equaling top mark by a visiting player |
| 35/77 (71) | 6/25 at CLE | 461-L | Burba (R) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2-2 | 2nd longest home run in Jacobs Field history |
| 36/79 (73) | $6 / 27$ at MIN | 431 - LC | Trombley (R) | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2-2 | 60th homer as a Cardinal, in his 124th game |
| 37/81 (75) | 6/30 vs KC | 472 - L | Rusch (L) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | HR 37 ties Reggie Jackson's 1969 record for home runs before All-Star break (Reggie finished with 47)... 61st homer as a Caridnal, in his 126th game |
| 38/89 (83) | 7/11 vs HOU | 485 - L | Waganer (L) | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0-2 | 20th home run at Busch gives Cardinals dramatic 4-3 win |
| $\begin{aligned} & 39 / 90(84) \\ & 40 / 90(84) \end{aligned}$ | 7/12 vs HOU | $\begin{aligned} & 405-\mathrm{L} \\ & 415-\mathrm{L} \end{aligned}$ | Bergman (R) <br> Elarton (R) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0-0 \\ & 2-1 \end{aligned}$ | Becomes fastest to 40 HRs in Major League history both in games (90) \& at-bats (281); Ties Matt Williams' NL record 940 in 1994 for most homers by end of July; 47th career multi-homer game; only 3rd Cardinal to hit 40 home runs in a season |
| $\begin{aligned} & 41 / 95(89) \\ & 42 / 95(89) \end{aligned}$ | 7/17 vs LA | $\begin{aligned} & 511-\mathrm{L} \\ & 425-\mathrm{L} \end{aligned}$ | Bohanon (L) <br> Osuna (R) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0-0 \\ & 1-0 \end{aligned}$ | Ties Cardinals season home run record by a right-handed batter (42); becomes first player in Major League history to hit 42 homers before August 1 |
| 43/98 (92) | 7/20 at SD | 458 - LC | Boehringer (R) | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2-1 | Ties Cardinals' single-season homer record with 43 (Johnny Mize-1940) |
| 44/104 (97) | 7/26 at COL | 452 - L | Thomson (R) | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | Sets Cardinals' single-season record for home runs with 44 |
| 45/105 (98) | 7/28 vs MIL | 408 - RC | Myers (L) | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2-2 | Ties Cardinals' single-season record (Johnny Mize-1940) for home runs hit at home with 25 |
| 46/115 (108) | $8 / 8$ vs CHI | 374-L | Clark (R) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2-1 | Sets Cardinals' single-season record for home runs hit at home (26); Ties Hack Wilson's 1930 NL record for home runs before Sept. 1 (46) |
| 47/118 (111) | 8/11 vs NYM | 464 - LC | B. Jones (R) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1-0 | Becomes first NL player to hit 47 home runs prior to September 1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 48/124 (117) } \\ & 49 / 124(117) \end{aligned}$ | 8/19 at CHI | $\begin{aligned} & 430-\mathrm{L} \\ & 402-\mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | Karchner (R) <br> Mullholland (L) | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3-1 \\ & 2-0 \end{aligned}$ | Sosa hits 48th home run to take lead; McGwire ties game with 48th home run in 8th inning \& hits game-winning home run (49) in 10th inning |
| 50/125 (118) | 8/20 at NY (1) | 369 - L | Blair (R) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2-1 | First Major League player to have three consecutive 50 -homer seasons; Ties ML record (Roger Maris '61 \& Babe Ruth '21) for quickest to HR's in games (125) and ties ML record (McGwire '96) for quickest to 50 HR's in at-bats (390) |
| 51/126 (119) | 8/20 at NY (2) | $385-\mathrm{L}$ | Reed (R) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3-2 | Ties ML record (Ruth 1926-28) for most HR's (161) in three consecutive seasons; sets NL record (Johnny Mize 1947) for HR's (51) by 1st baseman; Sets Cardinals club record for road homers (24) in a season |

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