



## 2006 Home Run Challenge Recap

Here's a recap of the 2006 Home Run Challenge action so far.

Total Home Runs Hit in 2006 so far:	153
Current Home Run Leaders:	Jeff Francoeur, Justin Morneau, David Ortiz and Scott Rolen
Current Team Home Run Leader:	Detroit Tigers

Check the [scoreboard](#) for 2006 totals by team.

### [2006 Home Run Challenge Game Schedule & Results](#)

#### **June 17, 2006**

#### **Yankees Tied With Dodgers and Mariners for Home Run Leader**

WASHINGTON, June 17—Alex Rodriguez, Jorge Posada and Johnny Damon all hit homers for the Yankees but couldn't stop the Nationals from winning. Daryle Ward lumbered around the bases to score the go-ahead run on Jose Guillen's eighth-inning triple, and the Washington Nationals overcame a seven-run deficit Saturday to beat the New York Yankees 11-9.

#### **Other HRC News for June 17, 2006**

ATLANTA—David Ortiz and Kevin Youkilis each hit solo home runs to power the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 win over the struggling Atlanta Braves.

CINCINNATI—A throwing error in the ninth inning by Cincinnati Reds second baseman Brandon Phillips let in two runs and helped the Chicago White Sox rally for an 8-6 victory Saturday that preserved Jose Contreras' unbeaten streak. Felipe Lopez hit a home run for the Reds and Juan Uribe hit one for the White Sox.

ANAHEIM—Dallas McPherson's inside-the-park homer helped the Angels to their 3-2 victory over the Padres. HRC Rep Garret Anderson also hit a home run.

#### **June 16, 2006**

#### **Three Homers for Giants But Mariners Win and Tie Dodgers for HRC Team Leader**



SEATTLE, June 16—The Giants got solo homers from Barry Bonds, HRC Rep Steve Finley and Randy Winn, but the Seattle Mariners pounded San Francisco starter Noah Lowry for five runs in the first three innings to take a 5-4 victory on Friday at Safeco Field. Ichiro Suzuki hit his second homer for the 2006 HRC and helped Mariners tie the Dodgers for Current Home Run Team Leader.

### Other HRC News for June 16, 2006

MILWAUKEE—Chris Capuano struck out a career-high 12 and HRC Rep Corey Koskie and Carlos Lee homered to help the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cleveland Indians 6-4 Friday night. Jhonny Peralta hit the only home run for the Indians.

ARLINGTON, Texas—Kevin Millwood pitched into eighth inning to win his fifth straight decision, helped by groundballs both offensively and defensively in the Texas Rangers' 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday night HRC Rep Brad Wilkerson hit the only home run of the game.

### June 15, 2006

#### Mets edge Phillies to finish stellar 9-1 road trip



PHILADELPHIA, June 15, 2006—David Wright hit a three-run homer and the New York Mets won their eighth straight game, getting off to another fast start to beat the fading Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Thursday.

### June 14, 2006

#### Justin Morneau Takes Lead as 2006 Home Run Leader



MINNEAPOLIS, June 14, 2006—Jason Kubel homered again and Justin Morneau hit a grand slam, sparking the suddenly powerful Minnesota Twins to an 8-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night. Kubel, whose grand slam gave the Twins a 5-2 win in the 12th inning the night before, hit a two-run shot in the second off Matt Clement (5-5). Morneau's slam in the sixth was the sixth of the season for Minnesota and the fourth in eight days. The team record is eight, set in 1961.

## Other HRC News for June 14, 2006

NEW YORK—Johnny Damon and Andy Phillips homered for the New York Yankees who beat the slumping Cleveland Indians 6-1 in a testy game Wednesday night.

MIAMI—Wes Helms hit two home runs for the Marlins 6-5 win over the Braves. Marcus Giles hit a home run and Jeff Francouer hit his second of the 2006 HRC games.

PITTSBURGH—Jose Castillo homered and drove in four runs leading the Pirates past the St. Louis Cardinals, 9-7. Scott Rolen hit a home run for the Cardinals.

## June 12, 2006

### Despite Two Home Runs by Alex Rios, Orioles Beat Blue Jays 6-4



TORONTO, June 12—Ramon Hernandez homered and Kris Benson beat the Toronto Blue Jays for the third time this season, leading the Baltimore Orioles to a 6-4 victory Monday night. Alex Rios homered twice and Gregg Zaun once for the Blue Jays.

## Other HRC News for June 12, 2006

DETROIT—Curtis Granderson's RBI single scored Brandon Inge in the 13th inning to give the Detroit Tigers a 4-3 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday night. Jorge Cantu and Julio Lugo each hit a solo homer for the Devil Rays.

ARLINGTON—Jose Contreras won his 15th straight decision, striking out a career-high 11 and pitching the Chicago White Sox to an 8-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night. A.J. Pierzynski hit a home run for the White Sox and Rod Barajas hit one for the Rangers.

ANAHEIM—Ervin Santana took a two-hit shutout into the seventh inning and Dallas McPherson drove in two runs Monday night, leading the Los Angeles Angels to a 4-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Matt Stairs hit the only home run of the game.

## June 11, 2006

### 29 Home Runs Hit for the HRC on Sunday!

*Some highlights from the games on June 11:*



DENVER—HRC newcomer Matt Kemp homered in his first two at-bats for his first multihomer game for the Dodgers. The Dodgers won 6-5 over the Rockies and became

## HRC Team Home Run Leader.

BOSTON—HRC Rep David Ortiz hit a three-run homer to lift the Red Sox to a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers

CINCINNATI—Neifi Perez, Ronny Cedeno and Phil Nevin all homered to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 9-3 win over the Cincinnati Reds. Brandon Phillips, Adam Dunn and David Ross hit homers for the Reds.

HOUSTON—Eric Munson added two homers as the Astros got hits from 11 different players en route to scoring their most runs of the season. They won 14-4 over the Braves.

### June 10, 2006

#### Barrett's seventh-inning slam punches Cubs past Reds



CINCINNATI, June 10—Michael Barrett's grand slam in the seventh inning—his first HRC home run- sent the Cubs to a 4-2 victory Saturday over the Cincinnati Reds. Ken Griffy Jr. hit his tenth HRC and 547th homer in the game—only Sammy Sosa and Eric Karros (15) have hit more HRC home runs.

Michael Barrett

#### Other HRC News for June 10, 2006

SAN FRANCISCO—Jose Castillo and Jose Bautista homered for the Pirates, who beat the Giants 2-0.

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Pinch-hitter Corey Hart's RBI single in the eighth inning lifted the Scott Rolen's solo homer in the third inning that extended his hitting streak to 14 games.

DENVER—Garrett Atkins hit a three-run homer and Omar Quintanilla made his first hit of the season count during the Colorado Rockies' 12-9 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday night. Jorge Piedra hit his first home run of the season. Russell Martin hit a three-run homer and finished with a career-high four RBI.

### June 9, 2006

#### Morneau's homer in 12th inning gives Twins victory



MINNEAPOLIS, June 9—With two powerful swings, Justin Morneau led Minnesota to victory and pulled himself out of a slump. Morneau's second homer of the game, a 437-foot two-run walkoff shot with two outs in the 12th inning, gave the Minnesota Twins a

7-5 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

### Other HRC News for June 9, 2006

NEW YORK—HRC Rep. Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer but the Athletics held off the New York Yankees 6-5 after a long rain delay Friday night. Frank Thomas, Bob Kielty and Antonio Perez all hit home runs sending the A's to their seventh victory in nine games.

TORONTO—Placido Polanco hit his second 2006 HRC home run but Toronto beat Detroit 10 to 5. Shea Hillenbrand also hit a home run.

### June 8, 2006

#### Second Day of the Home Run Challenge Sees Home Run Total Climb to 24



CHICAGO, June 8, 2006—Marcus Thames homered to cap a four-run sixth Thursday night as the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 6-2 to stay atop the AL Central. Placido Polanco hit his second home run of the season. HRC rep Paul Konerko hit his sixth career HRC home run.

### June 7, 2006



#### HRC Rep. Aaron Boone hits three-run homer in Indians' 11-2 win over A's

CLEVELAND, June 7, 2006—HRC Rep. Aaron Boone got things started with a three-run homer, sending the Indians to an 11-2 win over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night. Boone connected for his three-run homer off Joe Blanton in the second and Grady Sizemore hit a solo shot two pitches later. Martinez and Casey Blake also hit solo homers.

### Other HRC News for June 7, 2006

LOS ANGELES—Rookie Lastings Milledge tripled, homered and drove in three runs for the Mets in their 9-7 win over the Dodgers. Rafael Furcal hit two home runs and Jose Cruz Jr. hit one.

PHOENIX—Ryan Madson allowed three runs in a season-high 7 2-3 innings as Philadelphia beat Arizona 7-3 for its fourth straight win. Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and Sal Fasano homered for Philadelphia.

SEATTLE—Carl Everett homered in the bottom of the the 11th, giving the Mariners a 10-9 win over the Twins. HRC Rep Richie Sexson, Ichiro Suzuki, Yumiesky Betancourt and Raul Ibanez also hit home runs, launching the Mariners to HRC Team Home Run Leader. Michael Cuddyer hit one for the Twins.

ST. PETERSBURG—Mike Napoli hit a three-run homer and Kendry Morales added a solo drive for a 5-1 lead in the sixth. Orlando Cabrera and Garret Anderson also drove in runs for the Angels for a final score of 6 to 2 against the Devil Rays.