

What to watch during MLB’s best-of-5 Division Series

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Major League Baseball’s playoffs now move into the Division Series, which will include Shohei Ohtani’s postseason pitching debut, an unwelcome reunion in Milwaukee, a matchup of teams that tied for the most wins in the American League, and a switch-hitting catcher who finished the season with 60 home runs.

All four series begin Saturday, when two-way star Ohtani — already with two home runs this postseason after hitting a career-high 55 in the regular season — starts on the mound for the reigning World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 1 at Philadelphia. He was recovering from elbow surgery while appearing only as a designated hitter last season, but has a 2.87 ERA in 14 starts since returning to pitching in mid-June.

In the other National League series, the 97-win Brewers open at home against former manager Craig Counsell and the Chicago Cubs. Counsell has been booed lustily in Milwaukee ever since he left two years ago for the NL Central rival Cubs.

AL East rivals Toronto and the New York Yankees both won 94 regular-season games. Star slugger Cal Raleigh and Seattle take on Detroit in the other American League series.

The Dodgers were the only team to sweep its best-of-three Wild Card Series, winning at home against Cincinnati. The rest were decided Thursday, the first time MLB had three postseason elimination games on the same day: the Cubs beat San Diego; Detroit knocked out Cleveland; and the Yankees eliminated Boston.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DIVISION SERIES

1. The Blue Jays and Yankees finished tied atop their division, but Toronto got the AL’s top seed and a first-round bye because of its 8-5 edge in the season

series. New York had to play a Wild Card Series against another division foe but beat Boston to advance. Toronto could still be without shortstop Bo Bichette, out since spraining his left knee Sept. 6, but Vladimir Guerrero Jr., George Springer and All-Star catcher Alejandro Kirk boost a solid lineup. Aaron Judge, who went 4 for 11 with one RBI against Boston, had a major league-leading .331 batting average with 53 homers and 114 RBIs in the regular season.

2. Ohtani’s 55 homers were second in the NL and one behind Kyle Schwarber, the Phillies DH he will face in the first inning after NL batting champion Trea Turner leads off for them. Ohtani pitched only 47 innings while building up his arm, but threw five no-hit innings against Philadelphia on Sept. 16. The Dodgers, who went 2-4 against Philadelphia this year, are in the NLDS for the 13th season in a row. During the 96-win Phillies’ five-day layoff between games, more than 30,000 fans paid \$10 to attend an intrasquad scrimmage at Citizens Bank Park. Philadelphia last won the World Series in 2008, after beating the Dodgers in a five-game National League Championship Series — just like the following year in their last postseason meeting.

3. The Cubs advanced with their first postseason series victory since 2017, the year after winning the World Series. Milwaukee led the majors with 97 wins and won its second NL Central title in a row since Pat Murphy, who was on Counsell’s staff, succeeded him as manager. The Brewers won the division by five games over Chicago, but the Cubs took the season series 7-6. Counsell is Milwaukee’s youngest manager with 707 wins and three division titles from 2015-23. The Brewers had an NL-best 3.58 ERA with a staff led by All-Star pitchers Freddy Peralta, the NL leader with 17 wins, and closer Trevor Megill (6-3, 30 saves). The lineup with 2018 NL MVP Christian Yelich scored 806 runs, their most since 1999.

4. Detroit blew a 15 1/2-game lead and lost the AL Central title to Cleveland last weekend, but the Tigers are still playing after beating the Guardians in the Wild Card Series. Tigers ace lefty Tarik Skubal, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner who could win that prize again, was picked by Detroit in the ninth round of the 2018 amateur draft out of Seattle

University, which is only a couple of miles from the Mariners’ ballpark. AL West champion Seattle had some extra time off, but the status of All-Star right-hander Bryan Woo (15-7, 2.94 ERA) was still uncertain since he exited his last start Sept. 19 because of pectoral tightness.

WHAT IS THE MLB PLAYOFF FORMAT?

There were 12 teams that qualified for MLB’s postseason, six teams from both the AL and NL. That is down to eight still alive.


The two teams with the best records in both the AL and NL advanced



LEGAL NOTICE

City of Guthrie Request Bids on a Wheel Loader

The City of Guthrie is looking to purchase a new or low hour used 12,000lbs class wheel loader for its utility operations. The year model should be no older than 2024. The specifications for the machine can be obtained by contacting Benn Stahl at Guthrie City Hall, 270-483-2511. Those who submit bids for used machines must agree to an inspection of said machine in addition to pictures for any used machine bids being submitted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Wheel Loader Bid", to the Guthrie City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm or mailed to the Guthrie City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Guthrie, KY 42234. Bids will be accepted until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025.



LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY ELIZA MAJOR that a legal action has been filed against you in Christian Circuit Court, Case No. 25-CI-00791, Division 1. Duncan Cavanah, Warning Order Attorney, must file a report with the Court concerning his efforts to notify the above party no later than 50 days from the appointment on August 28, 2025. Please contact Duncan Cavanah, at 612 South Main Street, P.O. Box 648, Hopkinsville, KY 42241-648 or at (270) 886-8272 or respond by filing an answer to the Complaint at the Christian County Judicial Center, 100 Justice Way, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. A copy of the Complaint can be obtained at Duncan Cavanah's office or at the Christian County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.



LEGAL NOTICE

Dakota Figueroa & Taylor Figueroa with a Mailing address of **111 Sir Barton Ct. Hopkinsville, KY. 42240** hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a **Quota Retail Drink, NQ4, and Sunday Special License(s)** no later than **Oct. 13, 2025.** The business to be licensed will be located at **1004 S. Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240** doing business as **LUCKY YOU BAR** The owners are as follows: **Owners, Dakota Figueroa and Taylor Figueroa of 111 Sir Barton Ct. Hopkinsville, KY** Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.



LEGAL NOTICE

2nd PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to KRS 424.130(1)(b) Sale by Electronic Auction, the City of Oak Grove will be accepting bids for the following surplus items: **2017 Ford F-250 White XL Pickup 2 Door V8 Flex Fuel 6.2 Liter 2 WD 8 ft Bed with Utility Body/Rear Receiver Hitch Mechanical Issues-Crack Intake Manifold Running and Drivable New Front Tires-Not balanced , has some shaking *ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AS IS*** The electronic auction will begin on October 13, 2025, and end on October 24, 2025, at 4:30 pm CST on the following website: <https://www.gov-deals.com/oakgrove> The City of Oak Grove paid for this advertisement using taxpayers' dollars, which totaled \$45.38.

directly to the Division Series with home-field advantage. Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Seattle and Toronto haven’t played since Sept. 28, the last day of the regular season.

Division Series winners move on to the best-of-seven League Championship Series, with the AL and NL pennant winners then play-


ing in the best-of-seven World Series.

WHAT IS THE MLB POSTSEASON SCHEDULE?

Division Series: Oct. 4-11 (NL on TBS, AL on FOX/FS1)

Championship Series: Oct. 12-21 (NL on TBS, AL on FOX/FS1)

World Series: Oct. 24-Nov. 1 (FOX)



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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, Billy L. Yax, Sr., et al, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00087

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on July 25, 2025, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, October 6, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 1647 Hannibal Drive, Oak Grove, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 808, Page 295, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 77,800.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 7% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Septtimous Taylor, PSC
Owensboro, KY.
Counsel for Plaintiff

LEE M HARTON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Sale was this day served by United States mail, postage prepaid, to all parties not in default for failure to appear in accordance with CR 53.02 and 53.02(1).

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2025.

LEE M. HARTON

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, a Municipal Corporation of the Home Rule Class, Plaintiff, against Jason Giles, et al., Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00421

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on September 8, 2025, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, October 20, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 706 Smith Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and described with particularity in Deed Book 661, Page 75, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 37,900.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Cotthoff & Willen
Hopkinsville, KY.
Counsel for Plaintiff

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC., Plaintiff, against Elisha Holland, et al., Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00286

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on September 5, 2025, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, October 20, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 406 Jackson Street, Pembroke, Kentucky and described with particularity in Deed Book 793, Page 205, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 118,100.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 5.625% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Brock & Scott, PLLC.
Cincinnati, OH.
Counsel for Plaintiff

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BBI PROPERTIES, LLC., Plaintiff, Barry J. Love, et al, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00507

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on July 29, 2025, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, October 6, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 221 Hillside Terrace, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 565, Page 486, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 4,400.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

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Albrektsen & Wakild
Crestwood, KY
Counsel for Plaintiff

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