The Longest CGOBS Streaks in Post-Season Play

Gehrig, Rose, White, Jones, Jeter, Powell, Morgan – they hold the records

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Introduction

The essential ingredient for playing winning baseball is scoring runs – in order for a team to win, it must score at least one run. And, for a player to score a run, he must first get on base. Accordingly, measuring a player's ability to get on base is generally regarded as a vital statistic. The metric for on base performance is On Base Average (OBA) which is defined as the total number of times a player gets on base *safely* divided by his total plate appearances. *Officially,* there are 3 ways in which a batter can get on base safely – (1) by getting a base hit; (2) by drawing a base on balls; (3) by being hit by a pitch. Another way of getting on base safely (although omitted in the *official* calculation of OBA) is via catcher's interference. Not included in the means of getting on base safely are plays involving dropped third strikes, a fielder's choice, or fielding errors.

Considering the official ways to get on base safely (as well as catcher's interference), we have determined the players who achieved the longest Consecutive Games On Base Safely (CGOBS) streaks in post-season play.[1] In this report we discuss those players who achieved CGOBS streaks of 10 or more in the World Series.[2] In addition, we provide a comprehensive treatment of the longest CGOBS streaks in League Championship Series (LCS) play, League Division Series (LDS) play, and the combination of LCS plus LDS plus WS play.

Longest CGOBS Streaks in World Series Play

Utilizing the play-by-play accounts of World Series games presented in [a] "The World Series" by R.M. Cohen and D.S. Neft (1986), [b] "The Sporting News Baseball Guide" edited by Dave Sloan and/or Craig Carter and Tony Nistler (1987-2003 editions), and [c] the Retrosheet website, we have determined the players who achieved the longest CGOBS streaks in World Series play.

Table 1 provides a complete list of the 80 players who achieved at least one CGOBS streak of at least 10 games in World Series play (through the 2003 Fall Classic).

As can be seen in Table 1, Lou Gehrig tops the list in terms of achieving the longest CGOBS streak in World Series play. The Yankees Ironman assembled a CGOBS streak of 23 games in the Fall Classic.

With regard to the players who had the longest CGOBS streak in World Series play before Gehrig gained the top spot, here is the chronology of the record.[2]

In the very first game of the very first World Series (October 1,1903, with Boston hosting Pittsburgh), 7 Pirates players (Fred Clarke, Tommy Leach, Honus Wagner, Kitty Bransfield, Claude Ritchey, Jimmy Sebring, and Eddie Phelps) and 4 Red Sox players (Chick Stahl, Buck Freeman, Freddy Parent, and Hobe Ferris) each got on base safely. Only one of these players – Chick Stahl – was able to continue getting on base safely in each of the next 6 games, thereby giving him a 7 CGOBS streak. Stahl was thwarted from getting on base safely in the 8th game as Deacon Phillippe shut him down in each of his 4 plate appearances.

Thus, Stahl became the initial holder of the record for the longest CGOBS streak in World Series play.

However, Stahl was the sole owner of the record for only a couple of days. That's because Jimmy Collins, his BoSox teammate, achieved a 7 CGOBS streak in games 2 through 8.

Stahl and Collins maintained their possession of the longest CGOBS streak (7) in World Series play for the next few years.

Table 1. Players with World Series CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (1903-2002).

CGOBS Streak	Player (total WS games)	1ST WS Yr-Tm -G	2ND WS Yr-Tm -G	3RD WS Yr-Tm -G	4TH WS Yr-Tm -G	5TH WS Yr-Tm -G
23	Lou Gehrig (34)	1928-NYA-4	1932-NYA-4	1936-NYA-6	1937-NYA-5	1938-NYA-4
19	Phil Rizzuto (52)	1951-NYA-6	1952-NYA-7	1953-NYA-6	---	---
19	Joe Morgan (23)	1972-CIN-5	1975-CIN-7	1976-CIN-4	1983-PHI-3	---
18	Hank Greenberg (23)	1934-DET-7	1935-DET-2	1940-DET-7	1945-DET-2	---
17	Babe Ruth (41)	1926-NYA-5	1927-NYA-4	1928-NYA-4	1932-NYA-4	---
17	Yogi Berra (75)	1953-NYA-6	1955-NYA-7	1956-NYA-4	---	---
17	Hank Bauer (53)	1956-NYA-7	1957-NYA-7	1958-NYA-3	---	---
16	Charlie Gehringer (34)	1934-DET-7	1935-DET-6	1940-DET-3	---	---
16	Phil Rizzuto (52)	1941-NYA-4	1942-NYA-5	1947-NYA-7	---	---
16	Boog Powell (21)	1966-BAL-4	1969-BAL-5	1970-BAL-5	1971-BAL-2	---
15	Frank Chance (20)	1906-CHN-6	1907-CHN-4	1908-CHN-5	---	---
15	Mickey Mantle (65)	1957-NYA-1	1958-NYA-7	1960-NYA-7	---	---
15	Elston Howard (54)	1958-NYA-3	1960-NYA-5	1961-NYA-5	1962-NYA-2	---
15	Marquis Grissom (19)	1995-ATL-6	1996-ATL-6	1997-CLE-3	---	---
15	Derek Jeter (32)	1996-NYA-1	1998-NYA-4	1999-NYA-4	2000-NYA-5	2001-NYA-1
14	Jimmie Foxx (18)	1929-PHA-2	1930-PHA-6	1931-PHA-6	---	---
14	Pepper Martin (15)	1931-SLN-7	1934-SLN-7	---	---	---
14	George Selkirk (21)	1936-NYA-6	1937-NYA-5	1938-NYA-3	---	---
14	Enos Slaughter (27)	1946-SLN-5	1956-NYA-6	1957-NYA-3	---	---
14	Carl Furillo (40)	1953-BRO-3	1955-BRO-7	1956-BRO-4	---	---
14	Tony Kubek (37)	1958-NYA-1	1960-NYA-7	1961-NYA-5	1962-NYA-1	---
14	Roberto Clemente (14)	1960-PIT-7	1971-PIT-7	---	---	---
14	Rickey Henderson (14)	1989-OAK-4	1990-OAK-4	1993-TOR-6	---	---
14	Chipper Jones (16)	1995-ATL-5	1996-ATL-6	1999-ATL-3	---	---
13	Wildfire Schulte (21)	1906-CHN-2	1907-CHN-5	1908-CHN-5	1910-CHN-1	---
13	Tris Speaker (20)	1912-BOS-8	1915-BOS-5	---	---	---
13	Harry Hooper (24)	1915-BOS-5	1916-BOS-5	1918-BOS-3	---	---
13	Wally Pipp (19)	1921-NYA-3	1922-NYA-5	1923-NYA-5	---	---
13	Pinky Higgins (14)	1940-DET-7	1946-BOS-6	---	---	---
13	Pee Wee Reese (44)	1953-BRO-2	1955-BRO-7	1956-BRO-4	---	---
13	Carl Yastrzemski (14)	1967-BOS-6	1975-BOS-7	---	---	---
12	Irish Meusel (23)	1921-NYA-7	1922-NYA-5	---	---	---
12	Pete Fox (14)	1934-DET-6	1935-DET-6	---	---	---
12	Tommy Henrich (21)	1941-NYA-4	1947-NYA-7	1949-NYA-1	---	---
12	Rudy York (21)	1945-DET-5	1946-BOS-7	---	---	---
12	Eddie Stanky (19)	1947-BRO-2	1948-BSN-6	1951-NYN-4	---	---
12	Alvin Dark (16)	1948-BSN-2	1951-NYN-6	1954-NYN-4	---	---
12	Willie Stargell (14)	1971-PIT-7	1979-PIT-5	---	---	---
12	Reggie Jackson (27)	1977-NYA-4	1978-NYA-6	1981-NYA-2	---	---
12	Willie Wilson (13)	1980-KCA-5	1985-KCA-7	---	---	---
12	Pat Borders (12)	1992-TOR-6	1993-TOR-6	---	---	---
12	Tino Martinez (25)	1998-NYA-4	1999-NYA-4	2000-NYA-4	---	---
12	Paul O'Neill (27)	1998-NYA-3	1999-NYA-4	2000-NYA-5	---	---
11	Heinie Groh (21)	1919-CIN-4	1922-NYN-5	1923-NYN-2	---	---
11	Clyde Barnhart (11)	1925-PIT-7	1927-PIT-4	---	---	---
11	Charlie Keller (19)	1939-NYA-4	1941-NYA-5	1942-NYA-2	---	---
11	Walker Cooper (16)	1942-SLN-2	1943-SLN-5	1944-SLN-4	---	---
11	Ray Sanders (14)	1943-SLN-5	1944-SLN-6	---	---	---
11	Billy Martin (28)	1955-NYA-4	1956-NYA-7	---	---	---
11	Hank Aaron (14)	1957-MLN-7	1958-MLN-4	---	---	---
11	Pete Rose (34)	1975-CIN-6	1976-CIN-4	1980-PHI-1	---	---
11	Davey Lopes (23)	1977-LAN-4	1978-LAN-6	1981-LAN-1	---	---
11	George Brett (13)	1980-KCA-6	1985-KCA-5	---	---	---
11	Matt Williams (18)	1989-SFN-4	2001-ARI-7	---	---	---
11	Chuck Knoblauch (25)	1991-MIN-7	1998-NYA-4	---	---	---
11	Roberto Alomar (12)	1992-TOR-5	1993-TOR-6	---	---	---

Table 1. Players with World Series CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (1903-2002), continued.

CGOBS Streak	Player (total WS games)	1ST WS Yr-Tm -G	2ND WS Yr-Tm -G	3RD WS Yr-Tm -G	4TH WS Yr-Tm -G	5TH WS Yr-Tm -G
10	Eddie Collins (34)	1910-PHA-5	1911-PHA-5	---	---	---
10	Pie Traynor (11)	1925-PIT-7	1927-PIT-4	---	---	---
10	Goose Goslin (32)	1933-WAS-4	1934-DET-6	---	---	---
10	Billy Jurges (13)	1932-CHN-2	1935-CHN-6	1938-CHN-2	---	---
10	Jimmy Ripple (17)	1937-NYN-3	1940-CIN-7	---	---	---
10	Stan Musial (23)	1943-SLN-5	1944-SLN-5	---	---	---
10	George McQuinn (13)	1944-SLA-6	1947-NYA-4	---	---	---
10	Jackie Robinson (38)	1952-BRO-1	1953-BRO-6	1955-BRO-3	---	---
10	Hank Bauer (53)	1952-NYA-2	1953-NYA-6	1955-NYA-2	---	---
10	Roy Campanella (32)	1955-BRO-6	1956-BRO-4	---	---	---
10	Mickey Mantle (65)	1956-NYA-7	1957-NYA-3	---	---	---
10	Eddie Mathews (16)	1957-MLN-5	1958-MLN-5	---	---	---
10	Roger Maris (41)	1961-NYA-4	1962-NYA-6	---	---	---
10	Elston Howard (54)	1963-NYA-1	1964-NYA-7	1976-BOS-2	---	---
10	Joe Rudi (19)	1972-OAK-6	1973-OAK-4	---	---	---
10	Sal Bando (19)	1972-OAK-4	1973-OAK-6	---	---	---
10	Johnny Bench (23)	1975-CIN-6	1976-CIN-4	---	---	---
10	Dave Concepcion (20)	1975-CIN-6	1976-CIN-4	---	---	---
10	Reggie Jackson (27)	1973-OAK-4	1974-OAK-5	1977-NYA-1	---	---
10	Thurman Munson (16)	1976-NYA-4	1977-NYA-6	---	---	---
10	John Milner (10)	1973-NYN-7	1979-PIT-3	---	---	---
10	Willie McGee (24)	1982-SLN-5	1985-SLN-5	---	---	---
10	Keith Hernandez (14)	1982-SLN-3	1986-NYN-7	---	---	---
10	Carney Lansford (13)	1988-OAK-2	1989-OAK-4	1990-OAK-4	---	---
10	David Justice (36)	1991-ATL-7	1992-ATL-3	---	---	---
10	Dave Winfield (12)	1981-NYA-4	1992-TOR-6	---	---	---
10	Paul Molitor (13)	1982-MIL-4	1993-TOR-6	---	---	---
10	Joe Carter (12)	1992-TOR-6	1993-TOR-4	---	---	---
10	Devon White (19)	1992-TOR-1	1993-TOR-6	1997-FLO-3	---	---

Then, starting with the 1906 Fall Classic, Chicago Cubs first sacker Frank Chance began a CGOBS streak that would encompass three World Series. Chance got on base safely in each of the 6 1906 World Series games versus the cross-town Chicago White Sox –

1906-1 [single in 4th (last) PA]
1906-2 [single in 4th PA] – CGOBS streak = 2
1906-3 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 3
1906-4 [single in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 4
1906-5 [hit by pitch in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 5
1906-6 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 6

(Note – in the above list, as well as in the analogous lists that follow, only the FIRST time the player reached base safely is indicated. The player also may have gotten on base safely in subsequent plate appearances.)

During the 1907 World Series, Chance (the Cubs playing-manager) raised the bar for the record for the longest World Series CGOBS streak by getting on base safely in each of the first 4 contests against the Detroit Tigers –

1907-1 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 7 (tied mark of Stahl and Collins)
1907-2 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 8 (established new mark)
1907-3 [double in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 9
1907-4 [hit by pitch in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 10
1907-5 DID NOT PLAY

Chance extended his World Series CGOBS streak during the next Fall Classic (1908), also against the American League Tigers, by getting on base safely in each of the 5 games –

1908-1 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 11
1908-2 [walk in 4th (last) PA] – CGOBS streak = 12
1908-3 [single in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 13
1908-4 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 14
1908-5 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 15

Thus, Chance increased his World Series CGOBS streak to 15. However, the string was snapped in the opening game of the 1910 Fall Classic as Chief Bender of the Philadelphia Athletics shut him down in each of his 3 plate appearances. Nonetheless, Chance's 15 CGOBS streak in World Series play would remain the record for over 2 decades.

During the rest of the dead-ball era and the first decade of the live-ball era, five players managed to get within one or two games of Chance's 15 CGOBS streak for World Series play – Wildfire Schulte (13 CGOBS between 1906 and 1910); Tris Speaker (13 CGOBS between 1912 and 1915); Harry Hooper (13 CGOBS between 1915 and 1918); Wally Pipp (13 CGOBS between 1921 and 1923); and Jimmie Foxx (14 CGOBS between 1929 and 1931).

However, it was not until the 1932 campaign that Chance's mark was eclipsed. The player who emerged with the new World Series CGOBS streak record was Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees. The Bambino began his record-breaking streak in the 1926 World Series (against the St. Louis Cardinals). After being shut down by Grover Cleveland Alexander in each of his 4 plate appearances in the second game, The Sultan of Swat got on base safely in each of the remaining 5 games –

1926-3 [single in 2nd PA]
1926-4 [home run in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 2
1926-5 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 3
1926-6 [walk in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 4
1926-7 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 5

Ruth extended his World Series CGOBS streak to 9 games in the 4-game sweep of the Pirates in the 1927 Fall Classic –

1927-1 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 6
1927-2 [walk in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 7
1927-3 [home run in 4th (last) PA] – CGOBS streak = 8
1927-4 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 9

And, in the 1928 World Series (against the Cardinals), the Babe again reached base safely in each of the 4 games –

1928-1 [double in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 10
1928-2 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 11
1928-3 [single in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 12
1928-4 [home run in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 13

Thus, after the Yankees 1928 sweep of St. Louis, The Bambino had a World Series CGOBS streak of 13. He would have to wait 4 years before he got into his next Fall Classic – in 1932 versus Chicago. Once again, the Bronx Bombers claimed the trophy with a 4-game sweep. And, Ruth got on base safely in each of the contests –

1932-1 [single in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 14
1932-2 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 15 (tied mark of Chance)
1932-3 [home run in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 16 (established new mark)
1932-4 [hit by pitch in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 17

So, Babe Ruth now had claim to the World Series record for the longest CGOBS streak – 17. As it turned out, he would not be able to extend it any further – he did not get into any more World Series during the remainder of his playing career. Thus, Ruth's World Series 17 CGOBS streak was frozen.

But, The Babe's World Series CGOBS streak record would last for only 5 years. His teammate, Lou Gehrig, would be the player to displace him in the record book in that department.

After going 0-for-5 versus Pirates hurlers Carmen Hill and Johnny Miljus in the 4th (and final) game of the 1927 World Series, The Iron Horse got on base safely at least once in each of the Autumn Classic games he played during the rest of his career –

1928-1 [double in 1st PA]
1928-2 [home run in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 2
1928-3 [home run in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 3
1928-4 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 4

1932-1 [home run in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 5
1932-2 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 6
1932-3 [home run in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 7
1932-4 [double in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 8

1936-1 [hit by pitch in 4th (last) PA] – CGOBS streak = 9
1936-2 [single in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 10
1936-3 [home run in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 11
1936-4 [home run in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 12
1936-5 [single in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 13
1936-6 [single in 4th PA] – CGOBS streak = 14

1937-1 [intentional walk in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 15
1937-2 [walk in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 16
1937-3 [single in 2nd PA] – CGOBS streak = 17 (tied Ruth's mark)
1937-4 [home run in 4th (last) PA] – CGOBS streak = 18 (established new mark)
1937-5 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 19

1938-1 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 20
1938-2 [walk in 1st PA] – CGOBS streak = 21
1938-3 [single in 3rd PA] – CGOBS streak = 22
1938-4 [single in 4th (last) PA] – CGOBS streak = 23

Interestingly, Gehrig's 23 CGOBS streak in World Series play included 3 contests in which he got on base safely only in his final plate appearance – including the 4th game in the 1937 Fall Classic in which he broke Babe Ruth's record for the longest CGOBS streak in World Series play. Fittingly (or ironically), Larupin' Lou established the new CGOBS mark (18) with a 9th inning homer.

Because of his career/life-ending disease, Gehrig retired from baseball early in the 1939 campaign. Therefore, his 23 CGOBS streak in World Series play was locked in place. And now, 65 years later, it still remains the record. In fact, as shown in Table 1, no one has come very close to equaling his mark.

As might be expected, there are some especially interesting aspects associated with many of the streaks included in Table 1. Several of them are mentioned here.

- Phil Rizzuto is the only player with 2 CGOBS streaks of at least 15 in World Series play. After being retired in each of his 4 plate appearances in his first World Series game (in 1941), he reached base safely at least once in his next 16 Fall Classic contests during the 1941, 1942, and 1947 seasons. He was then stopped by Don Newcombe in 4 plate appearances in the opening game of the 1949 World Series.

Then, beginning with the first game of the 1951 Fall Classic, and lasting through the final game of the 1953 World Series, The Scooter fashioned a 19 CGOBS streak, which ranks as the second-longest streak in World Series play. In the streak-ending contest (the first game of the 1955 World Series), Rizzuto was retired in his only 2 plate appearances by Brooklyn's pitcher – Don Newcombe (again). In what would have been his third at bat, Yankees manager Casey Stengel chose Eddie Robinson to pinch hit for him. That leads, of course, to the proverbial "what if?" So, Rizzuto then proceeded to get on base safely in each of the next 3 games he played.

- During the 1983 World Series between the National League Phillies and the American League Orioles, Philadelphia's Joe Morgan tied Rizzuto for the second-longest CGOBS streak (19) in World Series play. Morgan was very fortunate to have that opportunity – in the third game of the 1975 Fall Classic between the NL Reds and the AL Red Sox, he had been retired in each of his 4 plate appearances during the regulation 9 innings of play. However, Boston managed to tie the score at 5 runs apiece with a 2-run rally in the 9th frame – the contest went into overtime. And, in the bottom of the 10th stanza, Morgan came through with a single to drive in the game-winning run – and keep his CGOBS streak alive.

The termination of Morgan's 19 CGOBS streak (in game # 4 of the 1983 World Series) is also interesting. He had failed to get on base safely in each of his first 4 plate appearances (against Baltimore's Storm Davis and Sammy Stewart). Then, in the bottom of the 9th inning, with the Phillies trailing by a 5-4 score and a runner on first with 2 outs, Morgan stepped into the batter's box to face Tippy Martinez. With the game on the line, Joe lined a shot – to second baseman Lenn Sakata to end the game – and his CGOBS streak.

- Hank Bauer's 17 CGOBS streak in World Series play is special in that he got on base in each of those games via a base hit. Not surprisingly, he holds the record for the longest consecutive games hitting streak in World Series play. Other players with long consecutive games hitting streaks in the Fall Classic include Marquis Grissom (15), Roberto Clemente (14), Derek Jeter (14), and Wildfire Schulte (13).

- Besides the two ≥15 CGOBS streaks achieved by Phil Rizzuto (19 and 16), 4 other players assembled pairs of ≥10 CGOBS streaks – Hank Bauer (17 and 10); Mickey Mantle (15 and 10); Elston Howard (15 and 10); and Reggie Jackson (12 and 10). Of particular interest are the two streaks assembled by Mickey Mantle. His first one, which he started in 1956, was snapped by Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves in the 4th game of the 1957 Fall Classic. Spahn retired The Mick in each of his 5 plate appearances. Then, after being utilized only as pinch runner in the 5th game and not playing at all in the 6th contest, Mantle returned to the lineup for game # 7 and began his second CGOBS streak which he carried out to 15. So, had he been able to get on base safely just once versus Spahn, he would have put together a 26 CGOBS streak and established a new World Series record.

- A similar situation surrounded Reggie Jackson's two CGOBS streaks. Mr. October. Reggie's first streak (10 CGOBS), which he began in 1973 (when he was with Oakland), was terminated by Burt Hooten of the Dodgers in the second game of the 1977 Fall Classic (when he was with the Yankees). Undaunted, Jackson then started his second streak (12 CGOBS) in the very next (third) game of that 1977 World Series. So, had he been able to get on base safely just once against Hooten, he would have amassed a 23 CGOBS streak – which would have equaled Lou Gehrig's World Series record.

- Elston Howard's 10 CGOBS streak also merits comment. He had put together an 8-game streak while playing for the New York Yankees in the 1963 and 1964 World Series. In the first game of the 1967 Fall Classic, Howard, now playing for the Boston Red Sox, took over the catching chores late in the contest. He had only one plate appearance – which he used to lay down a sacrifice bunt. However, as specified in the official rules, a sacrifice bunt does not break a consecutive games hitting streak – nor a CGOBS streak. He then proceeded to get on base safely in each of his next two games and achieve a 10 CGOBS streak.

- There are, not surprisingly, quite a few players from the New York Yankees – 24 of the CGOBS streaks were started by players wearing Pin Stripes. And, 26 of the streaks were completed by players performing for the Bronx Bombers. The teams with the next highest representations of players with CGOBS streaks of 10 or more in World Series play are the Athletics (7 and 5) and Blue Jays (4 and 6) from the American League and the Cardinals (7 and 5) and Dodgers (6 and 5) from the National League.

- Several players accomplished their streaks while playing for two (or even three) different teams – Joe Morgan (Reds and Phillies); Marquis Grissom (Braves and Indians); Enos Slaughter (Cardinals and Yankees); Rickey Henderson (Athletics and Blue Jays); Pinky Higgins (Tigers and Red Sox); Rudy York (Red Sox and Tigers); Eddie Stanky (Dodgers, Braves, and Giants); Alvin Dark (Braves and Giants); Heinie Groh (Reds and Giants); Matt Williams (Giants and Diamond Backs); Chuck Knoblauch (Twins and Yankees); Goose Goslin (Senators and Tigers); Jimmy Ripple (Giants and Reds); George McQuinn (Browns and Yankees); Elston Howard (Yankees and Red Sox); Reggie Jackson (Athletics and Yankees); Keith Hernandez (Cardinals and Mets); Dave Winfield (Yankees and Blue Jays); Paul Molitor (Brewers and Blue Jays); and Devon White (Blue Jays and Marlins).

- While the majority of the players with CGOBS streaks of 10 or more in World Series play would be classified as "stars" (indeed, 29 of the 80 have already been inducted into the Hall of Fame), there are a few players who might seem out of place on this list, such as Pete Fox, Ray Sanders, Jimmy Ripple, George McQuinn, and John Milner. It may be said that each of these players happened to be in the right place at the right time – and then performed in a top-notch manner by getting on base safely in at least 10 consecutive games.

- To conclude this section, we provide another interesting item that our research produced – a list of players who (with at least 10 Fall Classic contests) achieved the feat of getting on base safely in *each and every* World Series game they played. There have been 5 such players: Clyde Barnhart (11 CGOBS in 1925 and 1927); Roberto Clemente (14 CGOBS in 1960 and 1971); John Milner (10 CGOBS in 1973 and 1979); Rickey Henderson (14 CGOBS in 1989, 1990, and 1993); and Pat Borders (12 CGOBS in 1992 and 1993).

Now, let's take a look at the longest CGOBS streaks in League Championship Series play.

Longest CGOBS Streaks in League Championship Series Play

League Championship Series play commenced with the 1969 season when the American and National Leagues each expanded from 10 teams to 12 teams and created two divisions within each league. The winners of each division squared off in the League Championship Series to determine the pennant winner and the right to move on to the World Series.

The Baltimore Orioles participated in the first three League Championship Series – 1969 (vs Minnesota), 1970 (vs Minnesota), and 1971 (vs Oakland). The O's swept each series, 3 games to none. Two of their players reached base safely in each of those first 9 LCS games – Boog Powell and Brooks Robinson. Thus, they shared the honor of being the first holders of the record for the longest CGOBS streak in LCS play.

Two years later, in 1973, Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds equaled that mark. He reached base safely in each of the 3 NLCS games in 1970 (vs Pittsburgh), each of the 5 NLCS contests in 1972 (vs Pittsburgh), and in the first 1973 NLCS game (vs New York).

Then, in the next season, Gene Tenace became the first player to attain a double-digit CGOBS streak in LCS play. The Oakland Athletics catcher began his streak in the 5th (final) contest of the 1972 ALCS versus the Detroit Tigers. He followed that by getting on base safely in each of the 5 1973 ALCS games against the Baltimore Orioles. And in the 1974 ALCS (also vs the O's), he got on base safely at least once in each of the 4 games. In the 4th game, he got on base only one time – by drawing a bases-loaded walk from the Baltimore hurler, Mike Cuellar. That RBI free pass made him the first player with a 10 CGOBS streak in LCS play. Tenace extended his mark to 11 CGOBS in the first game of the 1975 LCS (vs Boston). The string was snapped in Game # 2 as the BoSox pitchers (Reggie Cleveland, Rogelio Moret, and Dick Drago) shut him down in 4 plate appearances.

Tenace had sole possession of the LCS CGOBS record from 1974 through 1977. Then, in 1978, Greg Luzinski of the Philadelphia Phillies equaled the mark. He had reached base safely in each of the 3 games in the 1976 NLCS and in each of the 4 games of the 1977 NLCS. He continued his skein by reaching base safely in each of the 4 games of the 1978 NLCS – which gave him a composite CGOBS streak of 11, tying Tenace's total.

Then, in 1979, another player gained a share of the record for the longest CGOBS streak in LCS play. Cincinnati's Joe Morgan reached base safely in the first 2 contests of the 1979 NLCS (vs Pittsburgh) giving him a composite LCS CGOBS streak of 11. He had begun his streak in 1973, getting on base safely in each of the last 3 games of the NLCS. And in 1975 and 1976, he got on base safely in each game of those two 3-game National League Championship Series.

The 1980 NLCS (pitting Philadelphia against Houston) provided a lot of activity in terms of the mark for the longest CGOBS streak. First of all, Luzinski got on base safely in each of the first 2 games. That increased his active streak to 13. So, he then had sole claim to the mark – but only for a couple of games.

That's because Luzinski's teammates Pete Rose and Garry Maddox each came into the series with 9 CGOBS streaks. And, they each, just like Luzinski, got on base safely in each of the first 2 games. And, while Luzinski failed to get on base safely in the 3rd game, they each did. They also each got on base safely in the 4th contest, thereby equaling Luzinski's mark of 13 CGOBS. Then, in the 5th (final) game, Rose and Maddox each got on base safely, establishing a new mark for the longest CGOBS streak in LCS play – 14.

Rose and Maddox jointly held the record for the next two-plus seasons. Then, in the 1983 NLCS (between the Phillies and the Dodgers) the tie was broken. Rose and Maddox, both still playing for Philadelphia, each managed to get on base safely in each of the first 2 games, extending their streaks to 16. But in the 3rd contest, Rose pulled ahead. Charlie Hustle collected 3 hits while Maddox did not play. And, then, in the 4th (final) game, Maddox was handcuffed in 4 plate appearances by the LA mound corps. Rose, on the other hand, managed to pick up a couple of hits and extend his LCS streak record to 18 CGOBS. Since Pete did not get into any more LCS games during the remainder of his career, his 18 CGOBS streak was locked in place. And, now 20 years later, it still stands as the longest CGOBS streak in LCS play, although, as shown in Table 2, it has been equaled – by Devon White.

Table 2. Players with League Champions Series CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (1969-2003).

CGOBS Streak	Player (total LCS games)	1ST LCS Yr-Tm -G	2ND LCS Yr-Tm -G	3RD LCS Yr-Tm -G	4TH LCS Yr-Tm -G	5TH LCS Yr-Tm -G
18	Pete Rose (28)	1973-CIN-3	1975-CIN-3	1976-CIN-3	1980-PHI-5	1983-PHI-4
18	Devon White (27)	1986-CAL-1	1991-TOR-5	1992-TOR-6	1992-TOR-6	---
17	Will Clark (17)	1987-SFN-7	1989-SFN-5	2001-SLN-5	---	---
16	Garry Maddox (17)	1976-PHI-3	1977-PHI-2	1978-PHI-4	1980-PHI-5	1983-PHI-2
16	Wade Boggs (18)	1986-BOS-7	1988-BOS-4	1990-BOS-4	1996-NYA-1	---
15	Don Baylor (28)	1982-CAL-5	1986-BOS-7	1987-MIN-2	1988-OAK-1	---
15	Chuck Knoblauch (15)	1998-NYA-2	1999-NYA-5	2000-NYA-6	2001-NYA-2	---
15	Bernie Williams (34)	1999-NYA-2	2000-NYA-6	2001-NYA-5	2003-NYA-2	---
14	Manny Ramirez (25)	1997-CLE-5	1998-CLE-6	2003-BOS-3	---	---
13	Greg Luzinski (20)	1976-PHI-3	1977-PHI-4	1978-PHI-4	1980-PHI-2	---
13	Dave Henderson (16)	1986-BOS-2	1988-OAK-4	1989-OAK-5	1990-OAK-2	---
13	Mark McGwire (22)	1988-OAK-3	1989-OAK-5	1990-OAK-4	1992-OAK-1	---
13	Rickey Henderson (33)	1981-OAK-3	1989-OAK-5	1990-OAK-4	1992-OAK-1	---
13	Mark Lemke (31)	1991-ATL-6	1992-ATL-6	1993-ATL-1	---	---
13	Tony Fernandez (23)	1985-TOR-3	1989-TOR-5	1993-TOR-5	---	---
13	Ellis Burks (14)	1988-BOS-3	1990-BOS-4	1993-CHA-6	---	---
13	Bernie Williams (34)	1996-NYA-5	1998-NYA-6	1999-NYA-2	---	---
13	Barry Bonds (25)	1991-PIT-1	1992-PIT-7	2002-SFN-5	---	---
12	Dusty Baker (17)	1977-LAN-4	1978-LAN-4	1981-LAN-4	---	---
12	Ozzie Smith (19)	1982-SLN-3	1985-SLN-6	1987-SLN-3	---	---
12	Jose Canseco (13)	1988-OAK-4	1989-OAK-5	1990-OAK-3	---	---
12	Roberto Alomar (28)	1991-TOR-5	1992-TOR-6	1993-TOR-1	---	---
12	Fred McGriff (28)	1996-ATL-6	1997-ATL-6	---	---	---
12	Tim Raines (19)	1981-MON-1	1993-CHA-6	1996-NYA-5	1998-NYA-1	---
12	Derek Jeter (34)	1998-NYA-1	1999-NYA-5	2000-NYA-6	---	---
11	Gene Tenace (18)	1972-OAK-1	1973-OAK-5	1974-OAK-4	1975-OAK-1	---
11	Joe Morgan (27)	1973-CIN-3	1975-CIN-3	1976-CIN-3	1979-CIN-2	---
11	Jay Bell (21)	1990-PIT-6	1991-PIT-5	---	---	---
11	Paul Molitor (11)	1982-MIL-5	1993-TOR-6	---	---	---
11	David Justice (46)	1995-ATL-3	1997-CLE-6	1998-CLE-2	---	---
11	Paul O'Neill (31)	1996-NYA-3	1998-NYA-6	1999-NYA-2	---	---
10	Freddy Patek (15)	1970-PIT-1	1976-KCA-5	1977-KCA-4	---	---
10	Davey Lopes (22)	1974-LAN-4	1977-LAN-4	1978-LAN-2	---	---
10	Amos Otis (13)	1977-KCA-3	1978-KCA-4	1980-KCA-3	---	---
10	Darrell Porter (20)	1980-KCA-2	1982-SLN-3	1985-SLN-5	---	---
10	Mike Marshall (20)	1985-LAN-5	1988-LAN-5	---	---	---
10	Ryne Sandberg (10)	1984-CHN-5	1989-CHN-5	---	---	---
10	Kevin Mitchell (14)	1987-SFN-5	1989-SFN-5	---	---	---
10	Pat Borders (18)	1991-TOR-2	1992-TOR-6	1993-TOR-2	---	---
10	Fred McGriff (28)	1993-ATL-6	1995-ATL-4	---	---	---
10	Terry Pendleton (38)	1992-ATL-3	1993-ATL-6	1996-ATL-1	---	---
10	Javy Lopez (27)	1995-ATL-3	1996-ATL-7	---	---	---
10	Mark Lemke (31)	1995-ATL-3	1996-ATL-7	---	---	---
10	Todd Zeile (10)	1996-BAL-5	2000-NYN-5	---	---	---
10	Steve Finley (11)	1998-SDN-6	2001-ARI-4	---	---	---
10	Mark Grace (10)	1989-CHN-5	2001-ARI-5	---	---	---

Devon White began his LCS CGOBS streak as a member of the California Angels. The outfielder got on base safely in his last game (game # 5) in the 1986 ALCS (vs Boston). Then, as a member of the Toronto Blue Jays, he got on base safely in each game of the 3 ALCS from 1991 through 1993 (5, 6, and 6 games, respectively).

Next in line behind Rose and White is Will Clark who assembled a 17 CGOBS streak while getting on base safely at least once in each and every LCS game he played – 1987 (7 games with the Giants), 1989 (5 games with the Giants), and 2000 (5 games with the Cardinals).

Rounding out the subgroup of players with CGOBS streaks of 15 or more in LCS play are Garry Maddox (16), Wade Boggs (16), Don Baylor (15), Chuck Knoblauch (15), and Bernie Williams (15).

Inspection of Table 2 reveals that three of the players achieved two $\geq$ 10 CGOBS streaks – Mark Lemke (13 and 10); Fred McGriff (10 and 12); and Bernie Williams (13 and 15). The pairs of $\geq$ 10 CGOBS streaks accomplished by McGriff and Williams are of particular interest. McGriff's 10 CGOBS streak came to an end in the first game of the 1996 NLCS (versus St. Louis). But, he then started a new CGOBS streak in Game # 2 that lasted through Game # 6 of the 1997 NLCS – a 12-gamer. So, had it not been for that one didn't-get-on-base-safely game, McGriff would have surpassed the 18 CGOBS streaks of Rose and White.

Similarly, Bernie Williams' 2 $\geq$ 10 CGOBS streaks were interrupted by a single game. After reaching base safely in the first 13 ALCS games he played (5 in 1996, 6 in 1998, and the first 2 in 1999), he was shut down in 3 plate appearances against Boston's Pedro Martinez in the third 1999 contest. Curiously, Williams was taken out of the fray late in the game and replaced in the batting order by Shane Spencer – who drew a walk in his only plate appearance. Williams then started a brand new CGOBS streak in Game # 4 that lasted a total of 15 games (2 in 1999, 6 in 2000, 5 in 2001, and the first 2 in 2003). The end of the streak came in Game # 3 of the 2003 ALCS – Boston's Pedro Martinez shut him down in 3 plate appearances and relief pitcher Mike Timlin retired him in 1 at bat. So, if Williams had stayed in that 3rd game of the 1999 ALCS, and if he had received a base on ball (like his replacement Spencer did), he would have had an LCS record CGOBS streak of 29. But, he didn't.

Among some of the other interesting items that may be gleaned from Table 3 are the LCS CGOBS streaks achieved by Garry Maddox and Don Baylor. Maddox carried out his 16 CGOBS streak over 5 League Championship Series (1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, and 1983) – while playing for just one team – the Philadelphia Phillies. In contrast to that, Baylor assembled his 15 CGOBS streak over 4 League Championship Series (1982, 1986, 1987, and 1988) – while playing for four different teams – California, Boston, Minnesota, and Oakland.

Now, let's move on to CGOBS streaks in League Division Series (LDS) play.

Longest CGOBS Streaks in League Division Series Play

League Division Series play was officially initiated in the 1995 season when the American League and the National League each reorganized from 2 divisions to 3 divisions (East, Central, and West). The new post-season playoff format dictated that the winners of each division plus the second-place team with the best record would square off in two League Division Series to determine which two teams would then meet in the LCS to produce the league's representative for the World Series. [It should be pointed out that there was also a League Division Series in the 1981 season. That was because a players' strike interrupted the season. In achieving a new contract between the owners and the players, it was agreed that the season would be divided into two distinct "half-seasons" – pre-strike and post-strike. The pre-strike and post-strike Division "winning" teams then squared off to determine the "full-season" Division-winning clubs, who then would meet in the LCS.]

So, which players assembled the longest CGOBS streaks in LDS play? Table 3 presents the list of those players with $\geq$ 10 CGOBS streaks in LDS play. As can be seen, Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves currently has the longest CGOBS streak in the history of LDS play. Beginning with the second game of the 1997 NLDS and lasting through the final game (# 5) of the 2002 NLDS, Jones reached base safely in 20 straight contests. His string was terminated in the first game of the 2003 NLDS.

Table 3. Players with League Division Series CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (1995-2003).

CGOBS Streak	Player (total LDS games)	1ST LCS Yr-Tm -G	2ND LCS Yr-Tm -G	3RD LCS Yr-Tm -G	4TH LCS Yr-Tm -G	5th LCS Yr-Tm-G	6th LCS Yr-Tm -G
20	Chipper Jones (33)	1997-ATL-2	1998-ATL-3	1999-ATL-4	2000-ATL-3	2001-ATL-3	2002-ATL-5
16	Derek Jeter (33)	1996-NYA-4	1997-NYA-5	1998-NYA-3	1999-NYA-3	2000-NYA-1	---
16	Derek Jeter (33)	2000-NYA-3	2001-NYA-5	2002-NYA-4	2003-NYA-4	---	---
14	Jason Giambi (18)	2000-OAK-5	2001-OAK-5	2002-NYA-4	---	---	---
14	Roberto Alomar (18)	1996-BAL-4	1997-BAL-4	1999-CLE-5	2001-CLE-1	---	---
13	Jim Thome (25)	1998-CLE-4	1999-CLE-5	2001-CLE-4	---	---	---
13	Tino Martinez (33)	1995-NYA-5	1996-NYA-4	1997-NYA-4	---	---	---
13	Kenny Lofton (34)	1997-ATL-3	1998-CLE-4	1999-CLE-5	2001-CLE-1	---	---
13	Jay Buhner (13)	1995-SEA-5	1997-SEA-4	2000-SEA-3	2001-SEA-1	---	---
12	Omar Vizquel (26)	1995-SEA-3	1996-CLE-4	1997-CLE-5	---	---	---
12	Scott Hatteberg (14)	1998-BOS-1	1999-BOS-1	2002-OAK-5	2003-OAK-5	---	---
12	Andruw Jones (29)	2001-ATL-3	2002-ATL-5	2003-ATL-4	---	---	---
11	Bernie Williams (38)	1995-NYA-5	1996-NYA-4	1997-NYA-2	---	---	---
11	Paul O'Neill (27)	1996-NYA-1	1997-NYA-5	1998-NYA-3	1999-NYA-2	---	---
10	JT Snow (16)	1997-SFN-1	2000-SFN-4	2002-SFN-5	---	---	---
10	Andres Galarraga (12)	1995-COL-4	1998-ATL-3	2000-ATL-3	---	---	---
10	Mike Piazza (12)	1995-LAN-1	1996-LAN-3	1999-NYN-2	2000-NYN-4	---	---
10	Edgar Martinez (17)	1997-SEA-2	2000-SEA-3	2001-SEA-5	---	---	---
10	Edgardo Alfonzo (12)	1999-NYN-2	2000-NYN-4	2003-SFN-4	---	---	---

Derek Jeter is presently in second place – with two LDS streaks of 16. He began his first one in the first game of the 1996 ALDS; it lasted through the first game of the 2000 ALDS. In the second game of the 2000 ALDS, Jeter was retired in each of his 5 plate appearances by Oakland's Kevin Appier (0-for-4) and Mike Magnante (0-for-1).

After that one-game interlude, the Yankee shortstop began his second streak in Game # 3 of the 2000 ALDS. And by getting on base safely in each game of the 2003 ALDS, he was able to extend that CGOBS streak to 16 – and it's still active. Thus, Jeter has reached base safely in all but one of the 33 LDS games he has played – a phenomenal accomplishment. And, should the Yankees again qualify for the ALDS in the near-term, Jeter might have the opportunity to surpass Chipper Jones' mark of 20 CGOBS in LDS play.

In addition to Jeter, two other players (among those listed in Table 3) have "active" CGOBS streak in LDS play – Mike Piazza and Edgar Martinez.

Four of the Table 3 players had their LDS CGOBS streaks snapped during the 2003 League Division Series – Chipper Jones, Jason Giambi, Andres Galarraga, and JT Snow.

In terms of the chronology of the players who had the record for the longest CGOBS streak in LDS play, the first player to achieve an LDS CGOBS streak of 10 was Bernie Williams of the New York Yankees. He had reached base safely in each of the 5 games of the inaugural ALDS in 1995. He also reached base safely in each of the 4 games of the 1996 ALDS. Then, in the first game of the 1997 ALDS, the Yankee flyhawk drew a base on balls in his first at bat to give him 10 straight games of getting on base safely in LDS play. However, the very next batter in the Yankee lineup – Tino Martinez – singled which also gave him a 10 CGOBS streak in LDS play. Martinez had also reached base safely in each of the 5 games of the 1995 ALDS (playing for Seattle) and the 1996 ALDS (playing for the Yankees). Both Williams and Martinez extended their CGOBS streaks to 11 in the second game of the 1997 ALDS. But in the third contest, Williams was shut down in 4 plate appearances. In contrast, Martinez kept his streak going. Tino also got on base safely in the 4th game, giving him a 13 CGOBS streak. Then, in Game # 5, he was collared in 4 plate appearances.

Martinez would hold on to the record for the longest CGOBS streak in LDS play until Derek Jeter reached 14 CGOBS in the 1999 ALDS (Game # 2). As noted above, Jeter extended his streak to 16 CGOBS in the 2000 ALDS (Game # 1).

Jeter's 16 CGOBS streak remained the longest one in LDS play until Chipper Jones surpassed it in 2002 (Game # 1). And, as mentioned previously, the Braves switch hitter extended his CGOBS streak to 20 before it was snapped in 2003.

To conclude this section, it is noted that the Table 3 list (comprised of 18 different players) is dominated by players who were members of just 4 teams -- the Braves (4 players), Yankees (5), Indians (3), and Mariners (3).

Now, let's move on to our final post-season CGOBS topic – which player since LCS play commenced has the longest post-season CGOBS streak taking into account LCS, LDS, and WS play?

Longest CGOBS Streaks in LCS + LDS + WS Play

Tables 4a and 4b list those players with the longest CGOBS streaks in post-season play. (To simplify the tabulations, those players whose post-season play was limited to World Series play, such as Lou Gehrig) are omitted.) Table 4a presents the players whose longest composite post-season streak(s) began *before* 1995 (i.e., prior to the introduction of LDS play). Table 4b gives the players whose longest composite post-season streak(s) began *during* the LDS period (i.e., 1995 to present). As will be seen, there are some players who are included in both Tables 4a and 4b.

Focusing first on the players included in Table 4a, it is seen that Baltimore's Boog Powell has the longest composite CGOBS streak in post-season play – 25. He achieved that mark by getting on base safely in each and every game of the 1966 World Series (4), the 1969 AL Championship Series (3), the 1969 Fall Classic (5), the 1970 ALCS (3), the 1970 WS (5), the 1971 ALCS (3), and the first 2 games of the 1971 WS. Powell's string was snapped in the third contest of the 1971 Autumn Classic by Pittsburgh Pirates hurler Steve Blass, who shut him down in 4 plate appearances.

Tied for second place behind Powell are two players, each with 22 CGOBS streaks in post-season play – Joe Morgan and Rickey Henderson. Morgan accomplished his 22 CGOBS streak over the course of 6 post-season series, while Henderson (like Powell) assembled his streak over 7 post-season series (including the "special" ALDS in 1981). Morgan's skein was terminated by Bert Blyleven of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Henderson's string was snapped by David Cone of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Next in line is Pete Rose who manufactured a 19 CGOBS streak over 5 post-season series between 1975 and 1980. Charlie Hustle also had 2 other ≥ 10 CGOBS streaks in post-season play – a 14 CGOBS streak from 1970 through 1972 and an 11 CGOBS streak from 1980 to 1983. Each of these streaks has some interest beyond the number itself. First, Rose's 19 CGOBS streak was shut down by Kansas City's Larry Gura and Dan Quisenberry in the second game of the 1980 Fall Classic. Then, in each of the next 2 contests, Pete got on base safely, starting a new CGOBS streak. But in the 5th game of the World Series, he again faced the Royals duo of Gura and Quisenberry – again they collaborated to prevent him from getting on base safely. Finally, in the 6th (last) game of the 1980 WS, Rose reached base safely – and started another CGOBS streak – which he would carry out to 11. So, had it not been for Gura and Quisenberry, Charlie Hustle might have fashioned a 34 CGOBS streak in post-season play.

The interesting aspect about Rose's 14 CGOBS streak is that in the second game of the streak (that is, in the first game of the 1970 World Series) he got on base safely only once – by being awarded first base on catcher's interference. The play took place in the top of the 5th inning – Baltimore's catcher, Elrod Hendricks, interfered with Rose's swing and home plate umpire Ken Burkhart awarded Rose first base. Even if Rose were not credited with reaching base safely in this game, he would still have achieved a 12 CGOBS streak.

Other Table 4a players with more than one ≥ 10 CGOBS streak are: Rickey Henderson (22 and 13); Paul Molitor (11 and 16); Roberto Alomar (11, 16, and 10); Bernie Williams (15 and 10); David Justice (14 and 11); Mark Lemke (14 and 13); Tony Fernandez (13 and 10); Devon White (12 and 13); Matt Williams (12 and 11); Willie Stargell (11 and 10); Willie Wilson (10 and 10); and Barry Bonds (10 and 21). [For Alomar, Justice, Lemke, Fernandez, Williams (both Bernie and Matt), and Bonds, one of their ≥ 10 CGOBS streaks was started in the LDS period (and is, therefore, listed in Table 4b).]

Paul Molitor's 11 and 16 CGOBS streaks are separated by just one 0-fer game – Game # 3 of the 1982 World Series. "The Igniter" of the AL Milwaukee Brewers was shut down in 4 plate appearances by Joaquin Andjuar (0-for-3) and Bruce Sutter (0-for-1) of the St. Louis Cardinals. Had Molly managed to get on base safely in that game – and he just missed clearing the centerfield wall at County Stadium leading off the bottom of the first inning – he would have amassed a streak of 28 CGOBS. Instead, we have another "What if?" question. Other interesting "What if?" questions will be considered in the discussion of Table 4b.

Table 4a. Players with Post-Season CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (the streak starting before 1995).

CGOBS Streak	Player (total P-S games)	1ST P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	2ND P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	3RD P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	4TH P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	5th P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	6th P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	7th P-S Yr-PS Tm -G
25	Boog Powell (33)	'66-WS BAL-4	'69-ALCS BAL-3	'69-WS BAL-5	'70-ALCS BAL-3	'70-WS BAL-5	'71-ALCS BAL-3	'71-WS BAL-2
22	Joe Morgan (50)	'73-NLCS CIN-3	'75-NLCS CIN-3	'75-WS CIN-7	'76-NLCS CIN-3	'76-WS CIN-4	'79-NLCS CIN-2	---
22	Rickey Henderson (60)	'81-ALDS OAK-1	'81-ALCS OAK-3	'89-ALCS OAK-5	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-4	'90-WS OAK-4	'92-ALCS OAK-1
19	Pete Rose (67)	'75-WS CIN-6	'76-NLCS CIN-3	'76-WS CIN-4	'80-NLCS PHI-5	'80-WS PHI-1	---	---
16	Reggie Jackson (77)	'73-WS OAK-4	'74-ALCS OAK-4	'74-WS OAK-5	'75-ALCS OAK-3	---	---	---
16	Carl Yastrzemski (17)	'67-WS BOS-6	'75-ALCS BOS-3	'75-WS BOS-7	---	---	---	---
16	Dave Concepcion (34)	'75-WS CIN-6	'76-NLCS CIN-3	'76-WS CIN-4	'79-ALCS CIN-3	---	---	---
16	Amos Otis (22)	'77-ALCS KCA-3	'78-ALCS KCA-4	'80-ALCS KCA-3	'80-WS KCS-6	---	---	---
16	Mark McGwire (42)	'89-ALCS OAK-5	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-4	'90-WS OAK-3	---	---	---
16	Dave Winfield (26)	'81-WS NYA-4	'92-ALCS TOR-6	'92-WS TOR-6	---	---	---	---
16	Pat Borders (30)	'91-ALCS TOR-2	'92-ALCS TOR-6	'92-WS TOR-6	'93-ALCS TOR-2	---	---	---
16	Paul Molitor (29)	'82-WS MIL-4	'93-ALCS TOR-6	'93-WS TOR-6	---	---	---	---
16	Roberto Alomar (58)	'93-ALCS TOR-4	'93-WS TOR-6	'96-ALDS BAL-4	'96-ALCS BAL-2	---	---	---
15	Mike Schmidt (36)	'80-WS PHI-6	'81-NLDS PHI-5	'83-NLCS PHI-4	---	---	---	---
15	Don Baylor (38)	'82-ALCS CAL-5	'86-ALCS BOS-7	'86-WS BOS-3	---	---	---	---
15	Joe Carter (29)	'91-ALCS TOR-1	'92-ALCS TOR-6	'92-WS TOR-6	'93-ALCS TOR-2	---	---	---
15	Lenny Dykstra (32)	'88-NLCS PHI-3	'93-NLCS PHI-6	'93-WS PHI-6	---	---	---	---
15	Fred McGriff (50)	'93-NLCS ATL-6	'95-NLDS ATL-4	'95-NLCS ATL-4	'95-WS ATL-1	---	---	---
15	Cal Ripken (28)	'83-ALCS BAL-4	'83-WS BAL-5	'96-ALDS BAL-4	'96-ALCS BAL-2	---	---	---
14	Brooks Robinson (39)	'70-ALCS BAL-3	'70-WS BAL-5	'71-ALCS BAL-3	'71-WS BAL-3	---	---	---
14	Pete Rose (67)	'70-NLCS CIN-1	'70-WS CIN-5	'72-NLCS CIN-5	'72-WS CIN-3	---	---	---
14	Ken Griffey (20)	'73-NLCS CIN-1	'75-ALCS CIN-3	'75-WS CIN-7	'76-NLCS CIN-3	---	---	---
14	Johnny Bench (45)	'75-WS CIN-6	'76-NLCS CIN-3	'76-WS CIN-4	'79-NLCS CIN-1	---	---	---
14	Garry Maddox (29)	'76-NLCS PHI-3	'77-NLCS PHI-2	'78-NLCS PHI-4	'80-NLCS PHI-5	---	---	---
14	Carlton Fisk (14)	'75-ALCS BOS-3	'75-WS BOS-7	'83-ALCS CHA-4	---	---	---	---
14	George Brett (43)	'84-ALCS KCA-2	'85-ALCS KCA-7	'85-WS KCA-5	---	---	---	---
14	Kevin Mitchell (23)	'87-NLCS SFN-5	'89-NLCS SFN-5	'89-WS SFN-4	---	---	---	---
14	Willie Randolph (47)	'81-ALCS NYA-2	'81-WS NYA-6	'90-ALCS 0AK-3	'90-WS OAK-3	---	---	---
14	Dan Gladden (24)	'87-ALCS MIN-5	'87-WS MIN-7	'91-ALCS MIN-2	---	---	---	---

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14	David Justice (112)	'91-NLCS ATL-1	'91-WS ATL-7	'92-NLCS ATL-6	---	---	---	---
14	Mark Lemke (62)	'91-WS ATL-5	'92-NLCS ATL-7	'92-WS ATL-2	---	---	---	---
14	Ellis Burks (25)	'88-ALCS BOS-3	'90-ALCS BOS-4	'93-ALCS CHA-6	'95-NLDS COL-1	---	---	---
14	Wade Boggs (39)	'86-WS BOS-3	'88-ALCS BOS-4	'90-ALCS BOS-4	'95-ALDS NYA-3	---	---	---
14	Tim Raines (34)	'81-NLCS MON-1	'93-ALCS CHA-6	'96-ALDS NYA-4	'96-ALCS NYA-3	---	---	---
13	Roberto Clemente (26)	'70-NLCS PIT-2	'71-NLCS PIT-4	'71-WS PIT-7	---	---	---	---
13	Gene Tenace (42)	'73-WS OAK-6	'74-ALCS OAK-4	'74-WS OAK-3	---	---	---	---
13	Steve Garvey (55)	'74-NLCS LAN-1	'74-WS LAN-5	'77-NLCS LAN-4	'77-WS LAN-3	---	---	---
13	Greg Luzinski (23)	'76-NLCS PHI-3	'77-NLCS PHI-4	'78-NLCS PHI-4	'80-NLCS PHI-2	---	---	---
13	Larry Bowa (32)	'78-NLCS PHI-2	'80-NLCS PHI-5	'80-WS PHI-6	---	---	---	---
13	Phil Garner (21)	'79-NLCS PIT-3	'79-WS PIT-7	'81-NLDS HOU-3	---	---	---	---
13	Robin Yount (17)	'81-ALDS MIL-3	'82-ALCS MIL-5	'82-WS MIL-5	---	---	---	---
13	Keith Hernandez (30)	'86-NLCS NYN-2	'86-WS NYN-7	'88-NLCS NYN-4	---	---	---	---
13	Will Clark (31)	'87-NLCS SFN-7	'89-NLCS SFN-5	'89-WS SFN-1	---	---	---	---
13	Greg Gagne (27)	'87-WS MIN-6	'91-ALCS MIN-5	'91-WS MIN-2	---	---	---	---
13	Tony Fernandez (43)	'85-ALCS TOR-3	'89-ALCS TOR-5	'93-ALCS TOR-5	---	---	---	---
13	Devon White (49)	'92-WS TOR-1	'93-ALCS TOR-6	'93-WS TOR-6	---	---	---	---
13	Barry Larkin (17)	'90-NLCS CIN-2	'90-WS CIN-4	'95-LDS CIN-3	'95-NLCS CIN-4	---	---	---
13	Rickey Henderson (60)	'93-WS TOR-6	'96-NLDS SDN-3	'99-NLDA NYN-4	---	---	---	---
12	John Milner (21)	'73-NLCS NYN-5	'73-WS NYN-7	---	---	---	---	---
12	Bill Russell (49)	'77-WS LAN-2	'78-NLCS LAN-4	'78-WS LAN-6	---	---	---	---
12	Charlie Moore (16)	'82-ALCS MIL-5	'82-WS MIL-7	---	---	---	---	---
12	Graig Nettles (53)	'81-ALDS NYA-3	'81-ALCS NYA-3	'81-WS NYA-3	'84-NLCS SDN-3	---	---	---
12	Keith Moreland (14)	'80-WS PHI-3	'81-NLDS PHI-4	'81-NLCS PHI-5	---	---	---	---
12	Steve Sax (26)	'88-NLCS LAN-7	'88-WS LAN-5	---	---	---	---	---
12	Dave Henderson (36)	'88-WS OAK-2	'89-ALCS OAK-5	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-1	---	---	---
12	Jose Canseco (30)	'89-ALCS OAK-5	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-3	---	---	---	---
12	Devon White (49)	'86-ALCS CAL-1	'91-ALCA TOR-5	'92-ALCS TOR-6	---	---	---	---
12	Joey Cora (27)	'93-ALCS CHA-4	'95-ALDS SEA-5	'95-ALCS SEA-3	---	---	---	---

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12	Matt Williams (51)	'89-WS SFN-2	'97-ALDS CLE-5	'97-ALCS CLE-5	---	---	---	---
12	Robin Ventura (34)	'93-ALCS CHA-6	'99-NLDS NYN-4	'99-NLCS NYN-2	---	---	---	---
11	Elrod Hendricks (24)	'69-WS BAL-1	'70-ALCS BAL-1	'70-WS BAL-3	'71-ALCS BAL-2	'71-WS BAL-4	---	---
11	Willie Stargell (36)	'71-NLCS PIT-1	'71-WS PIT-7	'72-NLCS PIT-3	---	---	---	---
11	Bert Campaneris (37)	'72-WS OAK-1	'73-ALCS OAK-5	'73-WS OAK-5	---	---	---	---
11	Chris Chambliss (30)	'76-ALCS NYA-5	'76-WS NYA-4	'77-ALCS NYA-2	---	---	---	---
11	Thurman Munson (30)	'76-ALCS NYA-5	'76-WS NYA-4	'77-ALCS NYA-2	---	---	---	---
11	Bob Watson (17)	'81-ALDS NYA-3	'81-ALCS NYA-3	'81-WS NYA-5	---	---	---	---
11	Paul Molitor (29)	'81-ALDS MIL-4	'82-ALCS MIL-5	'82-WS MIL-2	---	---	---	---
11	Pete Rose (67)	'80-WS PHI-1	'81-NLDS PHI-5	'83-NLCS PHI-4	'83-WS PHI-1	---	---	---
11	Darrell Porter (37)	'82-WS MIL-4	'85-NLCS SLN-5	'85-WS SLN-2	---	---	---	---
11	Jack Clark (14)	'85-NLCS STL-6	'85-WS SLN-5	---	---	---	---	---
11	Darryl Strawberry (40)	'86-WS NYN-5	'88-NLCS NYN-6	---	---	---	---	---
11	Mickey Hatcher (11)	'88-NLCS LAN-6	'88-WS LAN-5	---	---	---	---	---
11	Carney Lansford (33)	'88-WS OAK-2	'89-ALCS OAK-3	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-2	---	---	---
11	Jay Bell (30)	'90-NLCS PIT-6	'91-NLCS PIT-5	---	---	---	---	---
11	Greg Olson (16)	'90-NLCS ATL-6	'90-WS ATL-5	---	---	---	---	---
11	Roberto Alomar (58)	'91-ALCS TOR-5	'92-ALCS TOR-6	---	---	---	---	---
11	Jeff Blauser (57)	'92-WS ATL-3	'93-NLCS ATL-6	'95-NLDS ATL-2	---	---	---	---
10	Richie Hebner (30)	'70-NLCS PIT-2	'71-NLCS PIT-4	'71-WS PIT-3	'72-NLCS PIT-1	---	---	---
10	Fred Patek (15)	'70-NLCS PIT-1	'76-ALCS KCA-5	'77-ALCS KCA-4	---	---	---	---
10	Ron Cey (45)	'74-WS LAN-2	'77-NLCS LAN-4	'77-WS LAN-4	---	---	---	---
10	Roy White (25)	'78-ALCS NYA-4	'78-WS NYA-6	---	---	---	---	---
10	Willie Stargell (36)	'75-NLCS PIT-2	'79-NLCS PIT-3	'79-WS PIT-5	---	---	---	---
10	Willie Aikens (12)	'80-ALCS KCA-1	'80-WS KCA-6	'81-ALDS KCA-3	---	---	---	---
10	Gary Carter (30)	'81-NLDS MON-5	'81-NLCS MON-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Jerry White (10)	'81-NLDS MON-5	'81-NLCS MON-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Fred Lynn (15)	'75-WS BOS-5	'82-ALCS CAL-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Willie Wilson (38)	'80-WS KCA-5	'81-ALDS KCA-3	'84-ALCS KCA-2	---	---	---	---

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10	Bill Madlock (17)	'79-NLCS PIT-1	'79-WS PIT-7	'85-NLCS LAN-2	---	---	---	---
10	Cliff Johnson (21)	'81-ALDS OAK-2	'81-ALCS OAK-2	'85-ALCS TOR-6	---	---	---	---
10	Willie McGee (54)	'85-NLCS SLN-5	'85-WS SLN-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Tito Landrum (19)	'85NLCS SLN-3	'85-WS SLN-7	---	---	---	---	---
10	Lou Whitaker (13)	'84-WS DET-5	'87-ALCS DET-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Jim Rice (18)	'86-ALCS BOS-1	'86-WS BOS-7	'88-ALCS BOS-2	---	---	---	---
10	Mike Marshall (26)	'85-NLCS LAN-5	'88-NLCS LAN-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Ryne Sandberg (10)	'84-NLCS CHN-5	'89-NLCS CHN-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Terry Steinbach (25)	'89-ALCS OAK-2	'89-WS OAK-4	'90-ALCS OAK-3	'90-WS OAK-1	---	---	---
10	Brian Harper (17)	'85-WS SLN-1	'91-ALCS MIN-5	'91-WS MIN-4	---	---	---	---
10	Willie Wilson (38)	'85-WS KCA-7	'92-ALCS OAK-3	---	---	---	---	---
10	Ruben Sierra (20)	'92-ALCS OAK-5	'95-ALDS NYA-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Barry Bonds (48)	'91NLCS PIT-1	'92-NLCS PIT-7	'97-NLDS SFN-2	---	---	---	---

Finally, it is noted that 4 of the Table 4a players reached base safely in each and every post-season game they played – Carlton Fisk (14), Mickey Hatcher (11), Jerry White (10), and Ryne Sandberg (10).

Now, moving on to Table 4b, it is seen that the list is headed by Barry Bonds (curiously the last player listed on Table 4a). The San Francisco Giants superstar has assembled a post-season streak of 21. AND, it's still alive. So, if his team should make it into the playoffs again, he'll have the opportunity to extend his streak, and perhaps equal (or even surpass) Boog Powell's all-time record for the longest CGOBS streak in post-season play. [It is noted that Bonds shares (with Duke Snider) the National League record for the longest CGOBS streak in regular-season play – 58; see Reference 1.]

Right behind Bonds on the Table 4b list is Derek Jeter. Indeed, he holds the spots for both second place and third place with CGOBS streaks in post-season play of 19 and 18. Moreover, he has also achieved two other ≥ 10 CGOBS streaks – 13 and 11. Examination of the Yankee shortstop's CGOBS streaks reveals that he has been a truly amazing performer in post-season play.

Beginning with his very first post-season game in the 1996 ALDS, he carved out a 13 CGOBS streak. It came to an end in Game # 5 of the 1996 World Series as John Smoltz of the Atlanta Braves retired him in each of his 4 plate appearances.

However, Jeter connected for a hit in his very next game, starting a brand new CGOBS streak – which he eventually extended to 11. That one was terminated in the 3rd game of the 1998 ALCS – Cleveland's Bartolo Colon collared him in 3 official trips to the plate. In his only other plate appearance, he laid down a sacrifice bunt. "What if" he would have swung away instead? Actually, it really wouldn't have mattered very much – since he was also completely shut down with 0-for-4s in each of the next two games.

Table 4b. Players with Post-Season CGOBS Streaks of 10 or more (the streak starting after 1994).

CGOBS Streak	Player (total P-S games)	1ST P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	2ND P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	3RD P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	4TH P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	5th P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	6th P-S Yr-PS Tm -G	7th P-S Yr-PS Tm –G
21	Barry Bonds (48)	'02-NLDS SFN-5	'02-NLCS SFN-5	'02-WS SFN-7	'03NLDS SFN-4	---	---	---
19	Derek Jeter (99)	'00-ALDS NYA-3	'00-ALCS NYA-6	'00-WS NYA-5	'01-ALDS NYA-5	---	---	---
18	Derek Jeter (99)	'98-ALCS NYA-1	'98-WS NYA-4	'99-ALDS NYA-3	'99-ALCS NYA-5	'99-WS NYA-4	'00-ALDS NYA-1	---
17	Gary Sheffield (25)	'97-NLDS FLO-3	'97-NLCS FLO-6	'97-WS FLO-7	'02-NLDS ATL-1	---	---	---
16	Paul O'Neill (85)	'96-WS NYA-2	'97-ALDS NYA-5	'98-ALDS NYA-3	'98-ALCS NYA-6	---	---	---
16	Tino Martinez (95)	'99-ALCS NYA-4	'99-WS NYA-4	'00-ALDS NYA-5	'00-ALCS NYA-3	---	---	---
16	Mike Piazza (28)	'99-NLCS NYN-2	'00-NLDS NYN-4	'00-NLCS NYN-5	'00-WS NYN-5	---	---	---
16	Benny Agbayani (22)	'99-NLCS NYN-2	'00-NLDS NYN-4	'00-NLCS NYN-5	'00-WS NYN-5	---	---	---
16	Chipper Jones (83)	'00-NLDS ATL-3	'01-NLDS ATL-3	'01-NLCS ATL-5	'02-NLDS ATL-5	---	---	---
15	Marquis Grissom (52)	'95-NLDS ATL-4	'95-NLCS ATL-4	'95-WS ATL-6	'96-NLDA ATL-1	---	---	---
15	Bernie Williams (104)	'95-ALDS NYA-5	'96-ALDS NYA-4	'96-ALCS NYA-5	'96-WS NYA-1	---	---	---
15	Ken Caminiti (23)	'98-NLDS SDN-1	'98-NLCS SDN-6	'98-WS SDN-4	'99-NLDS HOU-4	---	---	---
14	Javy Lopez (60)	'95-WS ATL-1	'96-NLDS ATL-2	'96-NLCS ATL-7	'96-WS ATL-4	---	---	---
14	Jim Thome (55)	'97-WS CLE-7	'98-ALDS CLE-4	'98-ALCS CLE-3	---	---	---	---
14	Chuck Knoblauch (66)	'99-WS NYA-3	'00-ALDS NYA-2	'00-ALCS NYA-6	'00-WS NYA-3	---	---	---
14	Reggie Sanders (42)	'00'NLDS ATL-1	'01-NLDS ARI-5	'02-NLCS ARI-5	'01-WS ARI-3	---	---	---
14	Jason Giambi (31)	'00-ALDS OAK-5	'01-ALDS OAK-5	'02-ALDS NYA-4	---	---	---	---
14	JT Snow (28)	'97-NLDS SFN-1	'00-NLDS SFN-4	'02-NLDS SFN-5	'02-NLCS SFN-4	---	---	---
13	Derek Jeter (99)	'96-ALDS NYA-4	'96-ALCS NYA-5	'96-WS NYA-4	---	---	---	---
13	Mark Lemke (62)	'96-NLDS ATL-2	'96-NLCS ATL-7	'96-WS ATL-4	---	---	---	---
13	Edgardo Alfonzo (28)	'99-NLCS NYN-2	'00-NLDS NYN-4	'00-NLCS NYN-5	'00-WS NYN-2	---	---	---
12	Kenny Lofton (77)	'95-ALDS CLE-3	'95-ALCS CLE-6	'95-WS CLE-3	---	---	---	---
12	Tino Martinez (95)	'95-ALCS SEA-4	'96-ALDS NYA-4	'96-ALCS NYA-4	---	---	---	---
12	Fred McGriff (50)	'96-NLCS ATL-6	'96-WS ATL-6	---	---	---	---	---
12	Todd Zeile (29)	'00-NLDS NYN-2	'00-NLCS NYN-5	'00-WS NYN-5	---	---	---	---
12	Darin Erstad (16)	'02-ALDS ANA-4	'02-ALCS ANA-5	'02-WS ANA-3	---	---	---	---
12	David Eckstein (16)	'02-ALDS ANA-4	'02-ALCS ANA-5	'02-WS ANA-3	---	---	---	---
12	Jeff Conine (32)	'03NLDS FLO-4	'03-NLCS FLO-7	'03-WS FLO-1	---	---	---	---
11	Ken Griffey, Jr. (15)	'95-ALDS SEA-5	'95-ALCS SEA-6	---	---	---	---	---

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11	David Justice (112)	'97-ALCS CLE-6	'97-WS CLE-5	---	---	---	---	---
11	Derek Jeter (99)	'96-WS NYA-1	'97-ALDS NYA-5	'98-ALDS NYA-3	'98-ALCS NYA-2	---	---	---
11	Mike Stanley (20)	'98-ALDS B0S-1	'99-ALDS BOS-5	'99-ALCS BOS-5	---	---	---	---
11	Jim Thome (55)	'98-ALCS CLE-2	'99-ALDS CLE-5	'01-ALDS CLE-4	---	---	---	---
11	Matt Williams (51)	'01-NLDS ARI-4	'01-NLCS ARI-5	'01-WS ARI-2	---	---	---	---
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11	Scott Spiezio (16)	'02-ALCS ANA-4	'02-WS ANA-7	---	---	---	---	---
11	Ivan Rodriguez (27)	'03-NLDS FLO-4	'03-NLCS FLO-7	---	---	---	---	---
10	Tony Fernandez (43)	'97-ALCS CLE-5	'97-WS CLE-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Craig Counsell (31)	'97-NLCS FLO-3	'97-WS FLO-7	---	---	---	---	---
10	Todd Zeile (29)	'96-ALDS BAL-4	'96-ALCS BAL-5	'98-ALDS TEX-1	---	---	---	---
10	Quilvio Veras (14)	'98-NLCS SDN-6	'98-WS SDN-4	---	---	---	---	---
10	Harold Baines (31)	'97-ALCS BAL-6	'99-ALDS CLE-4	---	---	---	---	---
10	Jose Offerman (11)	'99-ALDS BOS-5	'99-ALCS BOS-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Roberto Alomar (58)	'97-ALCS BAL-4	'99-ALDS CLE-5	'01-ALDS CLE-1	---	---	---	---
10	Ichiro Suzuki (10)	'01-ALDS SEA-5	'01-ALCS SEA-5	---	---	---	---	---
10	Bernie Williams (104)	'01-ALDS NYA-4	'01-ALCS NYA-5	'01WS-NYA-1	---	---	---	---
10	Garret Anderson (16)	'02-ALCS ANA-3	'02-WS ANA-7	---	---	---	---	---
10	Jason Giambi (31)	'03-ALCS NYA-4	'03-WS NYA-6	---	---	---	---	---

After those three (consecutive) "didn't-get-on-base-safely" games, Jeter then started yet another CGOBS streak as he rapped out a couple of hits in Game # 6 of the '98 ALCS. And he continued getting on base safely in each game of his next 5 post-season series. It was not until the second game of the 2000 ALDS that he was thwarted in getting on base safely. As mentioned in the discussion of CGOBS streaks in LDS play, Jeter was shut down in 5 plate appearances by Kevin Appier and Mike Magnante of the Athletics – thereby ending his 18 CGOBS streak in post-season play (and his 16 CGOBS streak in LDS play).

Not surprisingly, it didn't take Jeter long to start another CGOBS streak – in fact, it was in the very next game (Game # 3 of the 2000 ALDS). This one lasted 19 post-season contests before it was halted in the first game of the 2001 ALCS as Seattle's Aaron Sele and Jose Paniagua combined to shackle him with an 0-for-5.

So, for his first 66 post-season games (beginning with the 1996 ALDS and through the 2001 ALDS), Jeter managed to get on base safely at least once in 61 games – certainly an amazing accomplishment. However, it is noted that during his next 33 post-season contests (beginning with the 2001 ALCS and through the 2003 World Series) he has been prevented from getting on base safely at least once in 7 games.

Besides Derek Jeter, Jim Thome, Bernie Williams, Todd Zeile, and Jason Giambi have put together multiple other ≥ 10 CGOBS streaks during the LDS period of post-season play.

Finally, to conclude this section, it is noted that only one Table 4b player has been able to get on base safely in each and every post-season game that he has played – Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners is "10-for-10."

<u>Summary</u>

Our research – which is based on extensive utilization of the Retrosheet data base – has allowed us to determine those players who achieved the longest Consecutive Games On Base Safely (CGOBS) streaks in post season play. In addition, we have described some of the interesting features associated with some of these streaks.

To wrap up our presentation, we provide the current holders of the record for the longest CGOBS streak in the various post-season series:

➤ **World Series** (1903-2003) – Lou Gehrig (23)

➤ **League Championship Series** (1969-2003) –
  • National League – Pete Rose (18)
  • American League – Devon White (18)

➤ **League Division Series** (1995-2003) –
  • National League – Chipper Jones (20)
  • American League – Derek Jeter (16)

➤ **Composite Post-Season** [WS + LCS + LDS] (1969-2003) –
  • American League – Boog Powell (25)
  • National League – Joe Morgan (22)

<u>References and Notes</u>

[1] For a report on the longest CGOBS streaks in regular-season play, see "Teddy Ballgame's On Base Performance in Consecutive Games," by H. Krabbenhoft, *Baseball Research Journal,* 2003 (in press).

[2] For a preliminary report on the longest CGOBS streaks in World Series play, see "The Longest CGOBS Streak in World Series Play," by H. Krabbenhoft, B. Rash, and D. Smith (SABR-L posting, 18 Oct 2003 (#2003-351).