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McGwire hits 58th, 59th HR's

After second consecutive two-homer game, needs only two more home runs to tie Roger Maris's record of 61



Above: Mark McGwire hits his fourth home run in the past two days and his 59th this season.

1.	Roger Maris, '61	61
2.	Babe Ruth, '27	60
3.	Mark McGwire, '98	59
	Babe Ruth, '21	59
5.	Jimmie Foxx, '32	58
	Hank Greenberg, '38	58
	Mark McGwire, '97	58
8.	Sammy Sosa, '98	56
	Hack Wilson, '30	56
	Ken Griffey Jr., '97	56

Miami (Associated Press)— Mark McGwire hit two homers for the second consecutive night Wednesday against the Florida Marlins, giving him a career-high 59. He needs just two more to tie Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record.

McGwire homered in the seventh inning against Brian Edmondson and again in the eighth on the first pitch from Rob Stanifer. Each was a two-run shot.

The first, which landed halfway up in the upper deck in left field, was estimated at 497 feet, making it the third-longest in the history of Pro Player Stadium. His second homer 30 minutes later was to left-center and traveled an estimated 458 feet, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 14-3 lead.

It was his eighth multihomer game this season and the 51st of his career. Maris hit 61 homers in 1961.

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Above: Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire gets his fourth curtain call in Florida in two days after his 59th homer.

Jet crashes offshore of Nova Scotia

Swissair flight from New York to Geneva lands in Atlantic Ocean

Halifax, Nova Scotia (Associated Press, 1:09 AM)— A Swissair jetliner with 229 people aboard crashed off Nova Scotia late Wednesday after the pilot reported smoke in the cabin and attempted an emergency landing at Halifax International Airport.

Rescuers said people had been found in the water southwest of Halifax but it is unclear whether anyone had survived the crash.

Swissair Flight 111 left New York's Kennedy International Airport about 8:30 p.m. EDT bound for Geneva and declared an emergency about an hour later, said Lt. Cmdr. Glenn Chamberlain of the Halifax Rescue Coordination Center.

The pilot reported smoke in the cabin of the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 shortly before losing

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McGwire two home runs from record

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"I didn't expect to have 57 by Sept. 1," McGwire said before the game, "but when I got to 50, I began to think about the record."

His 58th came hours after Sammy Sosa hit No. 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

"Sammy's a September player, so you have to watch out for him," McGwire said. "It's crunch time -- time to make history."

After homering Wednesday afternoon in the Cubs' 4-2 win over Cincinnati, Sosa predicted McGwire might break loose again.

"Mark has the possibility to come back tonight and hit two more. He's playing in Miami, don't forget," Sosa said.

McGwire broke Hack Wilson's 68-year-old NL record of 56 home runs with two Tuesday.

The Cardinals slugger surpassed his career best of 58 homers last year -- 34 for Oakland and 24 for St. Louis. The only players to hit more home runs in a season were Maris and Babe Ruth, who hit 60 in 1927. Ruth hit 59

in 1921.

McGwire has surpassed Ruth's major-league record of 114 homers in consecutive seasons, set in 1927-28.

McGwire homered on a 2-1 pitch in the seventh, giving the Cardinals a 9-0 lead. The homer came after McGwire hit into a double play and walked twice in his previous plate appearances.

After McGwire hit a pitch that appeared low and inside, he pumped his right fist as he trotted toward first base. The standing ovation from the crowd of 45,170 lasted for about a minute, prompting a curtain call by the Cardinals slugger.

There was another curtain call after the homer in the eighth. Then McGwire was taken out of the game by manager Tony La Russa.

McGwire came into the game leading the major leagues with 143 walks, a .736 slugging percentage and a .473 on-base percentage. The game attracted more than 400 credentialed media -- the largest following yet for McGwire's home-run chase.

Swissair jet plane crashes off Nova Scotia

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contact with the air traffic control tower in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canadian Press said.

The plane also dumped fuel over nearby St. Margaret's Bay before crashing, the news agency quoted an airport worker as saying.

Some aircraft debris was believed found off Clam Island between Blandford, about 20 miles southwest of Halifax, and the popular tourist retreat of Peggys Cove, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said.

Lt. Cmdr. Mike Considine of the Search and Rescue Center in Halifax said the weather in the area was good, with clear skies and relatively calm seas.

Residents told of hearing loud noises from an aircraft passing overhead. Dozens of ambulances were dispatched to the scene and rescue vessels began combing the waters off the coast.

CBC reported deteriorating weather conditions at the scene, including rain.

Chamberlain said rescue crews were searching for the

aircraft seven miles off Peggys Cove. Local fishermen were called to the area because they are familiar with the waters.

"There have been lights spotted in the water, white lights, that could be from lifejackets. We're not sure," Search and Rescue spokesman Dan Bedell.

Canadian air force Col. Brian Akitt said federal emergency officials informed him at 10:50 p.m. EDT that an airliner was believed to have gone down off the coast and the military was preparing a rescue operation.

"We heard the plane go over our home, then my husband and son heard quite an explosion," Blandford resident Audrey Bachman told The Associated Press. She said she was sleeping at the time of the crash.

In Moscow, President Clinton was told of the Swissair plane's disappearance just before departing for Ireland.

"We're aware of the report," press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters. "The White House is seeking additional information."