

He has almost reached the milestone that only five players have ever recorded. Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers added another home run, approaching 40 homers and 40 steals.

Ohtani started as the first and designated hitter in an away game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Wednesday, and hit a solo home run over the right-center fence by hitting a 79.7-mile curve ball at the first pitch (about 128.3 kilometers) against St. Louis starter Sonny Gray in the fifth inning when the score was 0-0. The batting speed was 113.5 miles (about 182.7 kilometers) and the flying distance was 396 feet (about 120.7 meters). It was his second consecutive home run following the previous day. [토토사이트](#)

This is Ohtani's 39th homer of this season. With this, Ohtani became 39 homers and 37 steals for this season, leaving only one homer and three steals for 40 homers and 40 steals. In the history of Major League Baseball, 40 homers and 40 steals will be achieved by Jose Canseco (42 homers and 40 steals) in 1988, Barry Bonds (42 homers and 40 steals) in 1996, Alex Rodriguez (42 homers and 46 steals) in 1998, Alfonso Soriano (46 homers and 41 steals) in 2006, and Ronald Acuña Jr. (41 homers and 73 steals) in 2023. If Ohtani makes 40 homers and 40 steals, he will be the first Asian player to achieve this.

Other than this home run, Ohtani remained silent at bat. After striking out at his first at-bat in the top of the first inning, Ohtani had a fly ball to the third base at his second at-bat in the top of the third inning, a strikeout at his fourth at-bat in the top of the seventh inning, and a grounder to the first base at his last at-bat in the top of the ninth inning. Ohtani had one hit, one RBI and two strikeouts from five times at bat, and posted a batting average of 0.290.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2 to 1. Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw allowed four hits, one walk, two strikeouts, and no run during six innings for his second win of this season. His ERA also dropped to 2.63.