

## **APPENDIX 10: LONGEST DELAYS**

### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

#### **3 OR MORE HOURS (44)**

##### **1960's OR EARLIER (0)**

No rain delay, thus far, has been identified from the 1960's or earlier as lasting 3 or more hours.

##### **1970's (1)**

3:16 - Danville Stadium, Danville, Illinois - 6/15/1970 - Midwest League - rain delay 3:16 at start, Quad City Angels 11 Danville Warriors 7 in 3:56 and 11 innings - 505 fans, 175 fans at end - finished at 1:42 AM in the early morning of 6/16.

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3:15 - Coveleski Stadium, South Bend, Indiana - 5/19/1989 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - rain delay 2:30 at start of prior game, rain delay 1:35 bottom 11th of prior game, rain delay 3:15 at start, University of Detroit Titans 3 University of Evansville Purple Aces 2 in 10 innings - finished at 1:14 AM in the early morning of 5/20.

### **1990's (9)**

7:23 - Comiskey Park (I), Chicago, Illinois - 8/12/1990 - American League - rain delay 7:23 at start on 8/12, game finally called off and rescheduled for 8/17 in Arlington, Rangers 1 White Sox 0 in 3:22 and 13 innings, brawl delay bottom 5th, then White Sox 4 Rangers 2 in 2:52 - 30,500 fans on 8/12 in Chicago, 500 fans when called off, 37,432 fans on 8/17 in Arlington - called off at 8:58 PM on 8/12.

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5:20 - City of Palms Stadium, Fort Myers, Florida - 11/6/1993 - Roy Hobbs Senior League - rain delay 5:20 at start of prior games, game started at 1:20 AM, Texas Stars 8 Norfolk Drillers 2 in 1:50 and 7 innings - 100 fans - finished at 3:10 AM in the early morning of 11/7.

3:15 - Pioneer Park, Marietta, Ohio - 5/11/1995 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - Bethany College Bison 5 Marietta College Pioneers 4, rain delay 3:15 top 2nd - ended at 1:00 AM in the early morning of 5/12.

3:00 - Osceola County Stadium, Kissimmee, Florida - 5/7/1999 - National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association - rain delay 3:00 at start, Manatee Community College Lancers 6 Miami Dade Community College (later Miami Dade College) Sharks 4 in 3:15 - finished at 10:15 PM.

4:00 - Cougar Field, Houston, Texas - 5/29/1999 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - University of Texas Longhorns 7 Southwest Texas University Bobcats 5 in 2:32, rain delay 4:00 top 8th.

3:11 - County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 6/11/1999 - American League @ National League - rain delay 3:11 at start, Twins 9 Brewers 7 in 3:20 - 30,344 fans - finished at 1:36 AM in the early morning of 6/12.

5:45 - County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 10/3/1999 - National League - rain delay 5:45 at start, Reds 7 Brewers 1 in 2:36 - 55,992 fans, 200 fans top 1st - finished at 11:26 PM.

### **2000's (24)**

3:16 - Busch Stadium (II), St. Louis, Missouri - 6/24/2000 - National League

- rain delay 1:06 at start, Cardinals 6 Dodgers 1 in 2:52, 2nd rain delay 0:33 bottom 1st, 3rd rain delay 3:16 bottom 2nd - 47,071 fans - finished at 8:02 PM.

3:02 - Samuel J. Plumeri, Sr. Field at Mercer County Waterfront Park, Trenton, New Jersey - 7/16/2000 - Eastern League - rain delay 3:02 at start, Reading Phillies 6 Trenton Thunder 2 in 4:03 and 15 innings - 6932 fans - finished at 8:10 PM.

3:29 - Can-West Global Park, Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, Canada - 8/6/2000 and 8/7/2000 - Northern League - Fargo-Moorhead Red Hawks 8 Winnipeg Goldeyes 6 in 2:59, rain delay 3:29 bottom 5th, suspended bottom 5th - 6682 fans on 8/6, 6515 fans on 8/7.

7:06 - Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls, New Jersey - 8/14/2000 - Northern League - rain delay 7:06 at start, Catskill Cougars 6 New Jersey Jackals 1 in 2:50 - finished at 11:06 PM.

3:01 - Fenway Park, Boston, Massachusetts - 8/23/2000 - American League - rain delay 3:01 at start, Red Sox 3 Angels 1 in 2:57 - 32,958 fans - finished at 1:03 AM in the early morning of 8/24.

4:23 - Reckling Park, Houston, Texas - 5/26/2001 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - Baylor University Bears 11 Rice University Owls 10 in 3:30, rain delay 4:23 bottom 1st - 3785 fans, 2000 fans at end - finished at 11:00 PM.

3:00 - Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls, New Jersey - ?/??/2001 - Northern League - rain delay 3:00 at start, ?????? ?????? at New Jersey Jackals in 4:19 and 14 innings - finished at 6:19 PM.

3:03 - Frontier Field, Rochester, New York - 8/31/2001 - International League - rain delay 3:03 at start, Rochester Red Wings 4 Buffalo Bisons 3 in 2:26 - finished at 12:34 AM in the early morning of 9/1.

3:36 - Busch Stadium (II), St. Louis, Missouri - 10/13/2001 - National League Division Series - Cardinals 4 Diamondbacks 1 in 2:47, rain delay 3:36 at start - 52,194 fans - finished at 6:23 PM.

4:00 - Lynx Stadium, Ottawa and Hamilton Yard, Nepean, Province of Ontario, Canada - 10/21/2001 - Canadian Interuniversity Baseball Association - rain delay 4:00 at start, game shifted from Lynx Stadium to Hamilton Yard during the delay, Laval University Rouge et Or (Red and Gold) 10 University of New Brunswick Cougars 6 in 4:55 and 15 innings, 2nd rain delay 0:20 top 5th - 100 fans - finished at 11:15 PM.

4:07 - Hammond Stadium, Fort Myers, Florida - 6/8/2002 - Florida State League - rain delay 4:07 at start, Vero Beach Dodgers 5 Fort Myers Miracle 1 in 2:00 and 7 innings, then Fort Myers 2 Vero Beach 1 in 2:09 and 8 innings - 912 fans, 30 fans at end - finished at 1:46 AM in the early morning of 6/9.

5:00 - Al Lang Field, St. Petersburg, Florida - 9/3/2002 - American Women's League/Women's World Series II - rain/hurricane delay 5:00 at start, Japan 34 Canada 0 in 2:30 - finished at 12:30 AM in the early morning of 9/4.

4:12 - Henley Field, Lakeland, Florida - 5/17/2003 - National Collegiate

Athletic Association - University of Tampa Spartans 10 Florida Southern College Moccasins 4 in 2:51, rain and lightning delay 4:12 bottom 3rd - finished at 11:33 PM.

3:00 - Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati, Ohio - 6/8/2003 - American League @ National League - rain delay 3:00 at start, Blue Jays 5 Reds 0 in 2:22 - 25,633 fans - finished at 6:37 PM.

3:00 - Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, Wisconsin - 6/10/2003 - Wisconsin High School League - rain delay 3:00 at start of 3rd prior game, Milwaukee Rufus King High School Generals 6 Bay Port High School Pirates 3 in 2:55 and 8 innings - 350 fans - finished at 1:10 AM in the early morning of 6/11.

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3:00 - Dunn Tire Park, Buffalo, New York - 7/20/2003 - International League - rain delay 3:00 at start, Buffalo Bisons 4 Durham Bulls 3 in 3:09 and 11 innings - finished at 8:14 PM.

3:04 - Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois - 8/1/2003 - National League - Cubs 4 Diamondbacks 3 in 4:36 and 14 innings, rain delay 3:04 top 7th - 38,738 fans, 200 fans at end - finished at 10:03 PM.

3:08 - Dell Diamond, Round Rock, Texas - 8/13/2003 - Texas League - rain delay 3:08 at start, Tulsa Drillers 4 Round Rock Express 1 in 2:35, 2nd rain delay 0:30 top 1st - 10,878 fans, 200 fans at end - finished at 1:18 AM in the early morning of 8/14.

4:31 - Paducah, Kentucky - 5/26/2004 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - Jacksonville State University Gamecocks 15 Eastern Kentucky University Colonels 0 in 3:00, rain delay 4:31.

3:10 - Amerquest Field at Arlington, Arlington, Texas - 5/27/2004 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - rain delay 3:10 top 2nd, 2nd rain delay 0:28, University of Missouri Tigers 12 Baylor University Bears 1 in 2:17 and 7 innings - 8002 fans - finished at 11:14 PM.

4:28 - Sarge Frye Field, Columbia, South Carolina - 6/12/2004 - National Collegiate Athletic Association - University of South Carolina Gamecocks 4 East Carolina University Pirates 2 in 2:34, rain delay 4:28 top 6th - 5577 fans - finished at 8:02 PM.

3:20 - Turner Field, Atlanta, Georgia - 6/28/2004 - National League - rain delay 3:20 at start, Braves 6 Marlins 1 in 2:30 - 31,969 fans, 5000 fans at start, 2000 fans at end - finished at 1:25 AM in the early morning of 6/29.

3:04 - Blair County Ballpark, Altoona, Pennsylvania - 9/14/2004 - Eastern League - rain delay 3:04 at start, New Hampshire Fisher Cats 5 Altoona Curve 4 in 2:49 - 4438 fans, 2000 fans at start, 175 fans at end - finished at 12:58 AM in the early morning of 9/15.

## **LONGEST DELAYS BY LENGTH**

### **RAIN DELAYS**

#### **3 OR MORE HOURS (44)**

#### **10 OR MORE HOURS (0)**

No rain delay, thus far, has been identified as lasting 10 or more hours.

#### **9 TO 10 HOURS (1)**

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#### **8 TO 9 HOURS (0)**

No rain delay, thus far, has been identified as lasting more than 8 but less than 9 hours.

#### **7 TO 8 HOURS (2)**

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#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE AT-BAT**

1:52 - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 7/22/1994 - National League - two rain delays - 0:38 and 1:14 both bottom 4th during Mickey Morabini's at-bat, separated by one pitch and one minute from 9:50 PM to 9:51 PM, Morandini took one pitch from Scott Sanders at 9:12 PM, then he took a second pitch from Sanders at 9:50 PM after a 0:38 rain delay, but there was a second rain delay at 9:51 PM, then he completed his at-bat by doubling to left off Jeff Tabaka at 11:05 PM after a 1:14 rain delay - Padres 7 Phillies 4 in 3:18 in 2nd game, rain delay 0:38 bottom 4th, 2nd rain delay 1:14 bottom 4th, 3rd rain delay 0:42 bottom 6th - 38,423 fans - 2nd game finished at 1:56 AM in the early morning of 7/23.

#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE INNING**

5:00 - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 6/9/1980 - National League - two rain delays, which caused Steve Carlton, pitching a no-hitter at the time, to go 5:15 between pitches, his last pitch of the top of the 4th was delivered at 8:19 PM, his first pitch of the top of the 5th was delivered at 1:34 AM - 1:28 and 3:32 both bottom 4th - Giants 3 Phillies 1 in 2:36, rain delay 1:28 bottom 4th, 2nd rain delay 3:32 also bottom 4th - 28,702 fans, 200 fans at end - finished at 3:11 AM in the early morning of 6/10.

#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE GAME**

5:54 - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 7/2/1993 - National League - three rain delays - 1:10 at start, 1:56 bottom 4th, and 2:48 top 6th - Padres 5 Phillies 2 in 2:34 - 1st game finished at 1:03 AM in the early morning of 7/3.

#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE DAY GAME**

5:04 - Camden Yards, Baltimore, Maryland - 9/19/2000 - American League - two rain delays - 2:43 at start, 2:21 top 8th - Athletics 7 Orioles 4 in 3:57 in day game, night game postponed - 30,166 fans - finished at 10:36 PM.

#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE DOUBLEHEADER**

4:56 - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 8/10/1977 - National League - three rain delays - 1:03 top 1st in 1st game, 2:27 bottom 3rd in 1st game, and 1:26 top 2nd in 2nd game - Phillies 6 Expos 1 in 2:11, then Phillies 6 Expos 1 in 2:07, dawn was at 5:09 AM - 46,664 fans, 15,000 fans at start of 2nd game, 5000 fans at end - finished at 3:23 AM in the early morning of 8/11.

#### **LONGEST RAIN DELAYS BY COMBINED LENGTH IN ONE DAY**

8:26 - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio - 6/9/1980 - National League - two rain delays totaling 5:00, Giants 3 Phillies 1 in 2:36; four rain delays totaling 3:26, Reds 6 Padres 6 in 2:59 and 10 ½ innings, called a tie - finished respectively at 3:11 AM and 2:30 AM in the early morning of 6/10.

#### **MOST RAIN DELAYS BY NUMBER OF DELAYS IN ONE GAME**

4 - County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 9/4/1965 - National League - 0:58 at start, 0:24 top 1st, 2:11 bottom 1st, 0:42 top 8th - Pirates at Braves - finished at 8:06 PM.

4 - Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland - 7/30/1971 - American League - 0:25 at start, 0:41 top 3rd, 0:22 top 5th, 0:19 bottom 5th, totaling 1:47 - Royals at Orioles - finished at 10:35 PM.

4 - Riverfront Stadium (later Cinergy Field), Cincinnati, Ohio - 6/9/1980 - National League - 0:07 at start, 0:19 bottom 2nd, 1:39 bottom 8th, 1:21 bottom 11th, totaling 3:26 - Reds 6 Padres 6 in 2:59 and 10 ½ innings, called a tie - finished at 2:30 AM in the early morning of 6/10.

4 - Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Florida - 7/7/2002 - National League - four delays totaling 3:03 - Mets 9 Marlins 3 in 3:25 - 12,063 fans - finished at 7:33 PM.

4 - Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois - 7/3/2004 - American League at National League - Cubs 4 White Sox 2 in 1:40 and 5 ½ innings - 0:31 top 2nd, 0:15 top 3rd, 0:59 bottom 5th, 1:17 bottom 6th, totaling 3:02 - Cubs 4 White Sox 2 in 1:40 and 5 ½ innings - 39,528 fans - finished at 6:17 PM.

#### **LONGEST DELAYS FOR REASONS OTHER THAN RAIN**

3:03 - Midway Stadium, St. Paul, Minnesota - 7/20/2002 - Northern League - visiting team bus breakdown delay 3:03, St. Paul Saints 16 Joliet Jackhammers 0 in 2:30 - finished at 12:38 AM in the early morning of 7/21.

## **LONGEST DELAYS BY LENGTH**

### **DELAYS OTHER THAN RAIN**

#### **AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS DELAY**

0:45 - Boysen Park, Anaheim, California - 4/26/1968 - High School - Santa Ana High School Saints at Anaheim High School Colonists - top 20th - called off at 1:30 AM because automated sprinklers which had come on at 12:45 AM could not be turned off.

0:17 - Centennial Field, Burlington, Vermont - 8/23/1984 - Albany-Colonie Athletics at Vermont Reds - bottom 17th - called off at 1:06 AM because automated sprinklers which had come on at 12:49 AM could not be turned off.

#### **BEEES ATTACK DELAY**

0:35 - Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio - 4/17/1976 - National League - start - Giants at Reds.

#### **BLINDING SUNLIGHT DELAYS**

0:20 - Parc Jarry, Montreal, Quebec - 7/1/1974 - National League - start - Cubs at Expos.

?:?? - Wahconah Park (II), Pittsfield, Massachusetts - 6/19/1965 - Eastern League - 1st game - Elmira Pioneers at Pittsfield Red Sox.

#### **BOMB SCARE DELAY**

0:44 - Metropolitan Stadium, Bloomington, Minnesota - 8/25/1970 - American League - top 4th - Red Sox at Twins.

#### **FIRE DELAY**

1:10 - Comiskey Park (I), Chicago, Illinois - ?/??/ 1974 - American League - top 8th - Red Sox at White Sox.

#### **FOG DELAYS**

1:18 - Shea Stadium, New York, New York - 5/25/1979 - National League - bottom 11th - Pirates at Mets.

0:30 - Metropolitan Stadium, Bloomington, Minnesota - 9/5/1961 - American League - bottom 6th - White Sox at Twins.

0:24 - Candlestick Park, San Francisco, California - 7/15/1960 - National League - bottom 2nd - Dodgers at Giants.

0:14 - San Diego, San Diego, California - 9/24/1971 - National League - bottom 9th, 2nd game - Astros at Padres.

?:?? - Wahconah Park (II), Pittsfield, Massachusetts - 6/19/1965 - Eastern League - bottom 6th, 2nd game - Elmira Pioneers at Pittsfield Red Sox.

?:?? - Kenosha, Wisconsin or Springfield, Illinois - 9/??/1987 - Midwest

League - 7th - Kenosha Twins 5 Springfield Cardinals 3.

#### **HOME TEAM FAILED TO SHOW UP DELAY**

0:05 - American League Park, Baltimore, Maryland - 7/17/1902 - American League - Browns at Orioles.

#### **MOON LANDING DELAYS**

0:20 - Sicks' Stadium, Seattle, Washington - 7/20/1969 - American League - bottom 17th of game suspended earlier that day at 1:05 AM after 16 innings - Twins at Pilots.

0:03 - Yankee Stadium, New York, New York - 7/20/1969 - American League - top 8th - Senators at Yankees.

#### **POWER FAILURE DELAYS**

2:14 - Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 6/22/1951 - National League - start - Dodgers at Pirates.

1:15 - Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 6/22/1956 - National League - top 4th - Cubs at Pirates.

1:15 - Shea Stadium, New York, New York - 7/13/1977 - National League - bottom 6th - Cubs at Mets.

0:35 - Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, California - 4/16/1983 - National League - bottom 5th - Padres at Dodgers.

0:30 - McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island - 4/18/1981 - International League - start - Rochester at Pawtucket.

#### **RADIO BROADCAST DELAY**

0:56 - Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 6/18/1941 - bottom 4th - Giants at Pirates - Billy Conn vs. Joe Louis heavyweight title fight radio broadcast.

#### **RHUBARB DELAYS**

1:52 - Koshien Kyujyo (Stadium), Tokyo, Japan - 9/7/1961 - Central League - top 11th, second game - Kokutetsu Swallows at Yomiuri Giants.

0:40 - Nicollet Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota - 10/5/1932 - Junior World Series - top 9th - IL Newark Bears at AA Minneapolis Millers.

0:32 - Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois - 5/27/1984 - National League - bottom 2nd - Reds at Cubs.

? : ?? - Cedar Rapids, Iowa - 7/24/1949 - Central Association - Kewanee Athletics at Cedar Rapids Rockets - ended by PA announcer Bob Hahn playing the national anthem.

#### **SNOW DELAYS**

0:40 - Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio - 4/8/1985 - National League -

bottom 5th - Expos at Reds.

0:21 - Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio - 4/8/1985 - National League - top 5th - Expos at Reds.

0:18 - Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Ontario - 4/7/1977 - American League - start - White Sox at Blue Jays.

**TARPAULIN MALFUNCTION DELAY**

0:30 - Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 6/6/1963 - National League - start - Reds at Pirates.

**TORNADO DELAY**

0:29 - Municipal Stadium, Kansas City, Missouri - 6/22/1958 - American League - start - Red Sox at Athletics.

**WATER FOUNTAIN PIPE BREAK DELAY**

0:03 - Albuquerque, New Mexico - 6/12/1955 - West Texas-New Mexico League - Amarillo Gold Sox at Albuquerque Dukes - caused a 60-foot high geyser.

**WIND DELAY**

0:30 - Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Ontario - 4/30/1984 - American League - top 1st - Rangers at Blue Jays.

## GENESIS OF RECORD FOR LONGEST RAIN DELAY BY LENGTH

2:30 - NEW ALL-TIME AND AMATEUR RECORDS - Agricultural Grounds, Worcester, Massachusetts - 9/26/1860 - Excelsiors of Upton 50 Union of Medway 29 in 21:50, dinner and rain delay 0:20 bottom 13th on 9/25, suspended on 9/25 after 2:40 and 12 ½ innings with the score Upton 5 Medway 4, rain delay 2:30 bottom 13th on 9/26, suspended on 9/26 after 5:40 and 34 ½ innings with the score Upton 8 Medway 7, lunch delay 0:20 on 9/27, suspended on 9/27 after 12:50 and 83 ½ innings with the score Upton 23 Medway 15, suspended on 9/28 after 17:20 and 136 ½ innings with the score Upton 38 Medway 25, scheduled to resume on 10/1 in Springfield, Massachusetts but then decided to resume instead on 10/4 in Worcester, rain delay top 160th on 10/4, suspended on 10/4 after 21:50 and 159 innings with the score Upton 50 Medway 29, rain delay top 160th on 10/5, game called after 21:50 and 159 innings - 100 Rule called for the team that scored 100 runs first to be declared the winner but after five days of play and two days of postponements and much rain the game was finally declared over with the winner having scored only 50, there was only one out for each team in an inning - 4000 fans on 9/26 - on 9/25 play began 10:00 AM, dinner/rain delay began 12:40 PM, suspended 1:00 PM; on 9/26 rain delay began 10:30 AM, play began 1:00 PM, suspended 4:00 PM; on 9/27 play began 9:30 AM, lunch delay began 12:40 PM, play began again 1:00 PM, suspended 5:00 PM; on 9/28 play began 11:30 AM, suspended 4:00 PM; on 10/1 play scheduled to resume in Springfield but never did; on 10/4 play began 8:30 AM, suspended by rain 12:00 Noon; on 10/5 play scheduled to resume but never did because of rain.

3:16 - NEW ALL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL, AND MINOR LEAGUE RECORDS - Danville Stadium, Danville, Illinois - 6/15/1970 - Midwest League - rain delay 3:16 at start, Quad City Angels 11 Danville Warriors 7 in 3:56 and 11 innings - 505 fans, 175 fans at end - finished at 1:42 AM in the early morning of 6/16.

8:12 - NEW ALL-TIME SHORTENED, AMATEUR SHORTENED, COLLEGE SHORTENED, AND NCAA SHORTENED RECORDS - MacKenzie Field, Holyoke, Massachusetts - 5/24/1978 - University of Delaware Blue Hens 1 Harvard College Crimson 0 in 1:50 and 6 innings, rain delay 8:12 top 7th - 125 fans - finished at 10:02 PM.

3:32 - NEW PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR LEAGUE, AND NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORDS - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 6/9/1980 - Giants 3 Phillies 1 in 2:36, rain delay 1:28 bottom 4th, 2nd rain delay 3:32 also bottom 4th - 28,702 fans, 200 fans at end - finished at 3:11 AM in the early morning of 6/10.

3:10 - NEW CANADIAN RECORD - Stade Olympique (Olympic Stadium), Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada - 10/4/1980 - National League - network television scheduling delay 0:45 at start, rain delay 3:10 at start, Phillies 6 Expos 4 in 3:51 and 11 innings - 50,794 fans, 35,000 at end - finished at 9:16 PM.

3:31 - NEW MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, AND CANADIAN RECORDS - Stade Olympique (Olympic Stadium), Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada - 10/18/1981 - Championship Series - rain delay 3:31 at start, Dodgers at Expos, postponed.

3:02 - NEW AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORD - Tiger Stadium, Detroit, Michigan - 7/29/1983 and 7/30/1983 - Tigers 10 Royals 1 in 2:33, rain delay 3:02 bottom 3rd, suspended after 8 innings - 39,357 fans on 7/29, 35,100 fans on 7/30 - suspended at 1:11 AM in the early morning of 7/30.

4:00 - NEW AMATEUR FULL-LENGTH, COLLEGE FULL-LENGTH, AND NJCAA RECORDS -

Shelby State Community College Field, Memphis, Tennessee - 3/23/1985 - rain delay 4:00 at start, Normandale Community College Lions 3 Waubensee Community College Chiefs 2.

3:16 - NEW AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORD - Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada - 6/22/1985 - Red Sox 5 Blue Jays 3 in 2:52, rain delay 3:16 bottom 5th - 42,117 fans - finished at 7:43 PM.

3:18 - NEW AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORD - Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada - 9/26/1985 - rain delay 3:18 at start, Red Sox 4 Blue Jays 1 in 2:09 - 30,443 fans, 2500 fans at start - finished at 1:02 AM in the early morning of 9/27.

3:45 - NEW PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, AND CANADIAN RECORDS - Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada - 8/2/1987 - rain delay 3:45 at start, Blue Jays 11 Indians 5 in 2:46 - 33,351 fans - finished at 11:06 PM.

7:23 - NEW PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR LEAGUE, AND AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORDS - Comiskey Park (I), Chicago, Illinois - 8/12/1990 - rain delay 7:23 at start on 8/12, game finally called off and rescheduled for 8/17 in Arlington, Rangers 1 White Sox 0 in 3:22 and 13 innings, brawl delay bottom 5th, then White Sox 4 Rangers 2 in 2:52 - 30,500 fans on 8/12 in Chicago, 500 fans when called off, 37,432 fans on 8/17 in Arlington - called off at 8:58 PM on 8/12.

3:31 - NEW NCAA FULL-LENGTH RECORD - Russ Chandler Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia - 5/30/1993 - rain delay 3:31 at start, Wichita State University Shockers 5 Ohio State University Buckeyes 3 in 2:32 - finished at 1:03 AM in the early morning of 5/31.

5:20 - NEW SENIOR LEAGUE RECORD - City of Palms Stadium, Fort Myers, Florida - 11/6/1993 - Roy Hobbs Senior League - rain delay 5:20 at start of prior games, game started at 1:20 AM, Texas Stars 8 Norfolk Drillers 2 in 1:50 and 7 innings - 100 fans - finished at 3:10 AM in the early morning of 11/7.

4:00 - EQUALED COLLEGE FULL-LENGTH RECORD, NEW NCAA FULL-LENGTH RECORD - Cougar Field, Houston, Texas - 5/29/1999 - University of Texas Longhorns 7 Southwest Texas University Bobcats 5 in 2:32, rain delay 4:00 top 8th.

5:45 - NEW NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORD - County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 10/3/1999 - rain delay 5:45 at start, Reds 7 Brewers 1 in 2:36 - 55,992 fans, 200 fans top 1st - finished at 11:26 PM.

3:29 - NEW CANADIAN MINOR LEAGUE RECORD - Can-West Global Park, Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, Canada - 8/6/2000 and 8/7/2000 - Northern League - Fargo-Moorhead Red Hawks 8 Winnipeg Goldeyes 6 in 2:59, rain delay 3:29 bottom 5th, suspended bottom 5th - 6682 fans on 8/6, 6515 fans on 8/7.

7:06 - NEW MINOR LEAGUE RECORD - Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls, New Jersey - 8/14/2000 - Northern League - rain delay 7:06 at start, Catskill Cougars 6 New Jersey Jackals 1 in 2:50 - finished at 11:06 PM.

4:23 - NEW COLLEGE FULL-LENGTH AND NCAA FULL-LENGTH RECORDS - Reckling Park, Houston, Texas - 5/26/2001 - Baylor University Bears 11 Rice University Owls 10 in 3:30, rain delay 4:23 bottom 1st - 3785 fans, 2000 fans at end - finished at 11:00 PM.

3:36 - NEW MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS AND NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS RECORDS - Busch Stadium (II), St. Louis, Missouri - 10/13/2001 - Division Series - Cardinals 4 Diamondbacks 1 in 2:47, rain delay 3:36 at start - 52,194 fans - finished at 6:23 PM.

4:00 - NEW CANADIAN UNIVERSITY RECORD - Lynx Stadium, Ottawa and Hamilton Yard, Nepean, Province of Ontario, Canada - 10/21/2001 - Canadian Interuniversity Baseball Association - rain delay 4:00 at start, game shifted from Lynx Stadium to Hamilton Yard during the delay, Laval University Rouge et Or (Red and Gold) 10 University of New Brunswick Cougars 6 in 4:55 and 15 innings, 2nd rain delay 0:20 top 5th - 100 fans - finished at 11:15 PM.

5:00 - NEW WOMEN'S RECORD - Al Lang Field, St. Petersburg, Florida - 9/3/2002 - American Women's League/Women's World Series II - rain/hurricane delay 5:00 at start, Japan 34 Canada 0 in 2:30 - finished at 12:30 AM in the early morning of 9/4.

3:00 - NEW HIGH SCHOOL RECORD - Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, Wisconsin - 6/10/2003 - rain delay 3:00 at start of 3rd prior game, Milwaukee Rufus King High School Generals 6 Bay Port High School Pirates 3 in 2:55 and 8 innings - 350 fans - finished at 1:10 AM in the early morning of 6/11.

4:31 - NEW COLLEGE FULL-LENGTH AND NCAA FULL-LENGTH RECORDS - Paducah, Kentucky - 5/26/2004 - Jacksonville State University Gamecocks 15 Eastern Kentucky University Colonels 0 in 3:00, rain delay 4:31.