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JAYS TURN UP THE HEAT

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Toronto made things a lot more interesting in the battle for the AL East as they drew level with the Yankees following a very good 7-2 week. They opened with a hard fought series win over the D-Rays, progressed with a comfortable sweep in Chicago and ended with a home win over the A's to lay down the gauntlet to New York. Boston started with a good series win at home to the Yankees, consolidated with a road win in Milwaukee but fell at the final hurdle as they lost at home to the Rangers for only a solid 5-4 return for the week. Tampa won their 2nd series on the road in Anaheim but a sweep at home to the White Sox in their final series left them with a poor 3-6 record for the week. New York didn't recover from their slow start as they were swept in Seattle in their 2nd series and beaten at home in their 3rd by the Brewers for a very poor 2-7 week and the ominous shadow of the Blue Jays level in the race for the title.

Detroit started with a good series win over Chicago, a victory in Oakland in their 2nd series set them up for a big week and they obliged with a home sweep of the Angels for a very good 7-2 week and a single game lead atop the division. Milwaukee opened with a good series win in Minnesota, followed up with a home defeat by Boston but they came back with victory in New York for a solid 5-4 return for the week. Minnesota were beaten in their 2nd series in Texas but they fought back to defeat the Mariners in their final series for a below par 4-5 record. Chicago were swept at home by the Blue Jays in their 2nd series but they stormed back to inflict a sweep of their own on Tampa for a good end to an otherwise below par 4-5 week.

Seattle opened with a good win at home to the Rangers, a sweep at home to the Yankees set up the chance of a big week but unlike Detroit they blew it with a loss in Minnesota for a disappointing end to an otherwise good 6-3 week. Texas recovered from that opening loss to record successive series wins at home to the Twins and on the road in Boston for a solid 5-4 return. Oakland opened their week with a good victory in Anaheim but defeats at home to the Tigers and on the road in Toronto meant the A's were left with a below par 4-5 record despite starting so well. Anaheim lost at home to the D-Rays in their 2nd series and were swept in Detroit in their 3rd for a very poor 2-7 record for the week.

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PIRATES SAIL AWAY

Pittsburgh opened their week with a hard fought series win over the Cardinals. Victory in their 2nd series on the road in Colorado built the foundations for them to return home and sweep the Pirates giving them a very good 7-2 week and a tidy 13-game lead atop the division. Chicago started with a good series win in Cincinnati, they followed that with a home win over the Braves but they lost their final series in New York to leave them with just a solid 5-4 return but they are improving each week and surely they will challenge next year. St Louis were beaten at home by the Phillies in their 2nd series and the Expos in their 3rd for a poor 3-6 record for the week. Cincinnati lost in San Francisco in their 2nd series and at home to the Dodgers in their 3rd to mirror the Cards poor 3-6 record for the week.







Los Angeles all but sealed their 10th divisional crown following their sweep over their nearest rival San Francisco in the opening series of the week. They weren't finished there though as they beat the Mets in their 2nd series and the Reds in their 3rd for a very good 7-2 return for the week. San Francisco did bounce back from their opening loss but it's wild-card entry into the play-offs only this year as they beat the Reds in their 2nd series and the Braves in their 3rd for a below par 4-5 record for the week. Colorado opened with a surprising loss to the Padres, further defeats at home to the Pirates and on the road in Philadelphia left the Rockies with a poor 3-6 return for the week. San Diego lost at home to the Expos in their 2nd series and were swept in Pittsburgh in their 3rd for a poor 3-6 week.

Montreal started with a good series win in Philadelphia, they followed up with another road win, this time in St Louis and ended the week well with a home win over the Cardinals for a good 6-3 record for the week. Philadelphia recovered from their opening loss to win in St Louis and at home to Colorado for a solid 5-4 return for the week. Atlanta enjoyed a good series win at home to the Mets to start their week but subsequent defeats in Chicago and at home to San Francisco left them with just a below par 4-5 return for the week. The Mets were beaten in LA in their 2nd series but they did come back well to beat the Cubs in their final series and with the side they had out this week and probably next week a below par 4-5 return was the equivalent of a very good week for the Mets.

Wild Card Race – AL

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
 Blue Jays	72	45	–
 Rangers	65	52	7
 Athletics	64	53	8
 Red Sox	62	55	10
 Twins	57	60	15
 Brewers	53	64	19
 White Sox	52	65	20

Wild Card Race – NL

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
 Giants	63	54	–
 Reds	63	54	–
 Cardinals	56	61	7
 Rockies	55	62	8
 Cubs	51	66	12
 Expos	51	66	12

How You Stand

Franchise	Won	Lost	%age	Str	For	Agnst	Diff
Los Angeles Dodgers	83	34	0.709	W1	985	587	398
Pittsburgh Pirates	76	41	0.650	W4	706	524	182
Seattle Mariners	76	41	0.650	W1	646	467	179
New York Mets	74	43	0.632	W1	839	609	230
New York Yankees	72	45	0.615	W1	745	511	234
Toronto Blue Jays	72	45	0.615	W1	621	511	110
Texas Rangers	65	52	0.556	L1	651	559	92
Oakland Athletics	64	53	0.547	L1	629	610	19
San Francisco Giants	63	54	0.538	L1	619	564	55
Cincinnati Reds	63	54	0.538	L1	610	560	50
Boston Red Sox	62	55	0.530	W1	550	521	29
Detroit Tigers	58	59	0.496	W5	531	571	-40
Minnesota Twins	57	60	0.487	L1	575	567	8
St Louis Cardinals	56	61	0.479	W1	575	588	-13
Colorado Rockies	55	62	0.470	L1	536	610	-74
Milwaukee Brewers	53	64	0.453	L1	439	486	-47
Chicago White Sox	52	65	0.444	W3	499	626	-127
Chicago Cubs	51	66	0.436	L1	538	645	-107
Anaheim Angels	51	66	0.436	L4	503	628	-125
Montreal Expos	51	66	0.436	L1	519	649	-130
Philadelphia Phillies	43	74	0.368	W1	489	645	-156
Atlanta Braves	42	75	0.359	W1	529	684	-155
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	35	82	0.299	L3	375	631	-256
San Diego Padres	30	87	0.256	L4	352	649	-297