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MLB6 CHAMPS OFF TO A FLYER

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It was business as usual for the reigning World Series Champions Seattle as they set off in defense of their title with an excellent 8-1 week. They started with a hard fought series win against Texas before recording back to back sweeps in Minnesota and at home to Boston setting a tough pace for the rest of the division to handle. Texas were beaten in their 2nd series in Detroit but they fought back with a sweep at home to Toronto for a solid 5-4 start. Anaheim were beaten in Oakland in their opening series and in Tampa in their 2nd and to cap it all a home defeat by Detroit left them with a poor 3-6 week. Oakland didn't build on their opening series win as they were swept in New York in their 2nd series and beaten at home by the Twins in their 3rd for a poor 3-6 week.

Tampa Bay started in fine style with a great sweep in New York. Victory in their 2nd series at home to the Angels looked to have set them up for a very big week but they lost their final series in Chicago leaving them with only a good 6-3 return. Toronto started with a hard fought victory in Boston, they followed up with a good sweep of the White Sox but a sweep inflicted by the Rangers in their final series left them with only a solid 5-4 record. Boston recovered from their opening loss to beat the Brewers but an emphatic sweep by the Mariners left them with a poor 3-6 week. New York recovered from their opening sweep to inflict a sweep of their own on the A's but a second sweep this time by the Brewers left the Yankees with a poor 3-6 start to the season.

Milwaukee were beaten at home in their opening series by Chicago and following defeat on the road in Boston things looked bleak for the Brewers. They showed a lot of character in their final series to record a great sweep at home to the Yankees for a solid 5-4 week. Detroit came back from an opening loss in Minnesota to record a good win over the Rangers and there was more to come with victory in their final series on the road in Anaheim to give them a solid 5-4 start to the season. Minnesota didn't build on their good start as they were soundly swept at home by the Mariners in their 2nd series but victory on the road in Oakland in their final series didn't rescue a below par 4-5 week. Chicago were swept in Toronto in their 2nd series but victory at home to the D-Rays allowed them to mirror the Twins below par 4-5 week.

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Mets Look Good

New York put the disappointment of losing the World Series behind them as they opened Season 12 with an emphatic sweep in Atlanta. Their 2nd series was a hard fought affair against the Rockies which they won 2-1 and they ended the week with another emphatic sweep on the road in Chicago for an excellent 8-1 record for the week. Montreal started with a hard fought series win at home to the

Phillies, they followed up with another good series win at home to the Pirates but their road form let them down as they were crushed in San Diego leaving them with a below par 4-5 record for the week. Philadelphia were beaten at home by Chicago in their 2nd series and swept on the road in San Francisco for a very poor 2-7 start to the season. Atlanta were beaten at home by the Dodgers in their 2nd series and swept in Pittsburgh in their final series for a terrible 1-8 week but the consolation is they played probably the 3 most consistent teams in the NL over the past 11 seasons so it can only get better from here on in.

Los Angeles started as usual with a sweep, this year it was the Rockies and with victory on the road in Atlanta in their 2nd series and another home win against the Reds the Dodgers 7-2 week paves the way for yet another 100 win season. San Francisco were surprisingly defeated by the Padres in their opening series and by Houston in their 2nd but a good home sweep of the Phillies in their final series rescued an otherwise disappointing 5-4 week. San Diego didn't build on their good start as they were swept by the Reds in their 2nd series but they showed true grit to inflict a sweep of their own on the Expos for a solid 5-4 week. Colorado were beaten by the Mets in their 2nd series but they fought back with a sweep of the Astros in their final series for a below par 4-5 week.

Incidentally the Expos will move to Washington and be known as the Nationals from week 2 and the Anaheim Angels will be known as the Los Angeles Angels

Magical Mets Surge On

New York repeated the week 1 dose to the Braves as they pounded out a sweep in a series that the Braves could so easily have won. Their next series saw them sweep the Giants and finally a series win on the road in Houston last up gave them another excellent 8-1 return and a good early lead in the division. Philadelphia inflicted the opening series defeat on the Washington Nationals in their 1st series and despite going down at home to the Astros next up they rallied to win in Colorado in their final series for a solid 5-4 return. Atlanta were beaten by the Padres in their 2nd series but they came back strong to sweep the Reds on the road in Cincinnati for a below par 4-5 week. Washington recorded their 1st victory in MLB6 in their 2nd series as they beat the Reds but a sweep in LA in their final series left them with a poor 3-6 record for the week.

Pittsburgh opened with a good series win in Chicago, they followed up with an even better series win over the Dodgers and ended the week in style with a good sweep on the road in San Diego for a very good 7-2 week. Cincinnati swept the Astros in their opening series of the week but it was all downhill from there as defeat in Washington and a sweep at home to the Braves left them with a below par 4-5 week. Chicago didn't get going this week as they stumbled on from their opening loss to a sweep at home by the Rockies but things did brighten up a little with victory on the road in San Francisco in their final series for a poor 3-6 week for the Cubs. Houston recovered from their opening sweep to win on the road in Philadelphia but defeat at home to the Mets in their final series left them with a poor 3-6 record for the week.

The Dodgers opened with victory over the Rockies, they were defeated by Pittsburgh in their next series but bounced back as they always do with a good sweep of the Nationals for a good 6-3 record for the week. Colorado recovered from their opening loss to sweep the Cubs but defeat by the Phillies in their final series left them with a solid 5-4 week. San Francisco opened with a good win over the Padres but a sweep in New York and defeat by the Cubs left them with a poor 3-6 week. The Padres beat the Braves in their 2nd series but a sweep at home to the Pirates gave San Diego a mirror of the Giants poor 3-6 week.

Signs of Life in Oakland

Oakland raised from their slumbers this week as they opened with a great sweep of the now Los Angeles Angels. A second road sweep in Milwaukee set them up for a monster week but defeat at home at the hands of Boston left them with a very good 7-2 week. Seattle started with a good series win in Texas and despite losing in New York in their 2nd series they stormed back to sweep the Brewers for a good 6-3 return. Texas were beaten in Tampa Bay in their 2nd series but a sweep of the White Sox in their final series gave them a solid 5-4 week. The Angels were beaten in Chicago in their 2nd series but they recorded their first sweep as a Los Angeles franchise as they blanked the Blue Jays leaving themselves with a below par 4-5 week.

New York opened with a good sweep of the Devil Rays, followed up with a good home win over the Mariners and ended with victory in Minnesota for a very good 7-2 week and a single game lead atop the division. Boston were beaten in Toronto in their opening series but they stormed back to sweep the Twins and defeat the Athletics for a good 6-3 record for the week. Toronto built on their good start with victory in their 2nd series at home to Detroit but a surprising sweep in their final series in Los Angeles at the hands of the Angels left them with a below par 4-5 week. Tampa imploded this week following a good opening week as they beat Texas following their opening sweep and ended the same way as they crashed in Detroit for a terrible 2-7 record for the week.

Detroit opened with a win at home to Minnesota, they were beaten in Toronto in their 2nd series but stormed back to sweep Tampa Bay for a good 6-3 record for the week. Chicago started with a hard fought series win over the Brewers they followed up with a win over the Angels but a sweep in Texas in their final series left them with a below par 4-5 week. Minnesota were swept by the Red Sox in their 2nd series and beaten by the Yankees in their final series for very poor 2-7 week. Milwaukee were swept by the A's in their 2nd series and by Seattle in their 3rd for a terrible 1-8 record for the week.

Just a quick apology for the missing newsletter last time around. My computer was in for an upgrade and everything went tits up. Back to normal now so get those contributions