

# 2 OUT BOTTOM OF THE 12th

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## BLUE JAYS SOAR

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Toronto gave themselves a little breathing room this week taking another 2 games out of the Yankees extending their lead to 10 games at the head of the AL East. They started with an emphatic sweep of the D-Rays including an almost perfect game from Stone who pitched a no hitter issuing only 1 walk in the process. They followed that opening sweep with another on the road in Chicago and ended with a series win over the Rangers for an excellent 8-1 week. New York were beaten on the road in Boston in their opening series but fought back to win in Oakland and sweep the Brewers for a good 6-3 week. Boston enjoyed a second series win of the week in Milwaukee but they were brought crashing back to earth as they were swept at home by Seattle in their final series for a below par 4-5 return. Tampa were swept in Los Angeles in their second series but they rallied to defeat Chicago to rescue one series win out of a terrible 2-7 week

Seattle opened with a good series win in Oakland before hitting the turbo button and recording sweeps over the Twins and Red Sox for an excellent 8-1 week and more importantly a couple of games lead in the wild card race. Texas won in Los Angeles in their opening series and at home to Detroit in their second but Toronto was a bridge too far as they slipped to defeat leaving them with just a solid 5-4 return. Los Angeles bounced back from their opening loss to sweep Tampa well but a sweep of their own in Detroit left them with a below par 4-5 week. Oakland were beaten by the Yankees in their second series but they finished with victory in Minnesota for a below par 4-5 week.

Detroit opened with a good series win over the White Sox and despite going down to the Rangers in their second series they came back well with a hard fought sweep of the Angels to cap a good 6-3 week. Milwaukee started well with a good series win in Minnesota but defeat in their second series at home to Boston and a road sweep in Yankee Stadium left them with a poor 3-6 week. Chicago were swept at home by Toronto in their second series and defeated by Oakland in their third for a very poor 2-7 week. Minnesota were swept in Seattle in their second series and beaten at home by the A's in their third to mirror the White Sox very poor 2-7 week.

Over in the NL Cincinnati opened with a good series win over their nearest rivals Pittsburgh followed up with a sweep in San

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Diego and ended with victory over the Dodgers for a very good 7-2 week and a comfortable 5 game lead in the wild card race. Pittsburgh recovered from their opening loss to beat the Nationals and sweep the Braves for a good 6-3 week despite the poor start. Chicago started with a series win in Houston and continued in the same form as they beat Philadelphia and New York for a good 6-3 return. Houston rallied from their opening loss to win in San Francisco but defeat in their final series at home to Colorado left them with a below par 4-5 week.

Colorado started with an unconvincing home defeat at the hands of the Giants but stormed back superbly to sweep the Mets and beat the Astros in Houston for a good 6-3 return for the week. Los Angeles started with victories over San Diego and Atlanta but they were stymied by an in form Cincinnati outfit in their final series leaving them with just a solid 5-4 return. San Francisco were beaten at home by Houston in their second series but a good series win in Philadelphia allowed them to finish with a solid 5-4 return. San Diego had their first poor week for a while as they were swept by Cincinnati in their second series but credit where credit is due they did fight back superbly to sweep the Nationals in Washington giving them a slightly below par 4-5 week.

New York started with a superb sweep on the road in Philadelphia but that was the highlight as they were swept in Colorado in their second series and beaten at home by the Cubs in their final series for a below par 4-5 week. Washington started with victory over the Braves but like the Mets it was downhill from there as they were beaten in Pittsburgh and swept by the Padres for a poor 3-6 return. Atlanta just didn't get going at all this week as they were beaten by the Dodgers in their second series then swept by Pittsburgh in their third for a very poor 2-7 week. Philadelphia fared little better as they were beaten in Chicago in their second series and at home by San Francisco in their third for a very poor 2-7 return for the week.

## Tampa Tribune

Well down here in Tampa things have been moving steadily. The back office is pleased with plenty of Losing Points to spend and decent facilities. We haven't quite got our batting line up right - the outfield needs work and 2b is a problem position. Pitching is full of potential and in a few years will be a strength. The result of this is a team that is difficult to beat at home but hopeless on the road and therefore we are seeing weeks were we go 7-2 while we go 2-7 the next week. We are ahead of schedule but nowhere near a position to challenge. We started the season gunning for 63 wins and should reach that now...but the focus is already on next year and another step