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Troy announced his return to action with a stunning 9-0 perfect week to turn the heat up on the division leading Rangers. They opened with a hard fought sweep of the leader, finished their 2nd on the road in Minnesota and completed the sweep of sweeps at home over the Blue Jays to give Mike something to think about. Los Angeles started with a great sweep on the road in Oakland, a victory in their 2nd series in Tampa set them up for a good week and they duly obliged with victory over Detroit for a very good 7-2 return for the week. Texas recovered from their opening sweep to win on the road in Detroit and with victory over the Yankees in their final series they recovered from a terrible start to end with only a below par 4-5 return. Oakland were swept in Boston in their 2nd series and beaten at home by the Twins in their 3rd for a terrible 1-8 record for the week.

Boston opened with a good win in Tampa Bay and a sweep over the Athletics looked to have set them up for a great week but they were defeated in Chicago in their final series leaving them with just a good 6-3 record for the week. New York started with a good series win at home to Toronto, they followed that up with another home win, this time over the Brewers, but defeat in their final series on the road in Texas left them with only a solid 5-4 record for the week. Tampa were beaten at home for the second time this week against the Angels in their 2nd series but victory on the road in Milwaukee in their final series was a good end to an otherwise below par 4-5 week.

Chicago opened with a hard fought win over the Brewers in their opening series, they followed up with a series win in Toronto and ended the week with a home victory over the Red Sox in which Green tossed a no-hitter in Game 2 for a good 6-3 week moving them ever closer to the division leading Brewers. Detroit started with a good victory over the Twins, they were beaten at home by Texas in their next series and on the road in Los Angeles in their 3rd for a below par 4-5 return for the week. Milwaukee were beaten in New York in their 2nd series and at home by Tampa Bay in their final series for a poor 3-6 record for the week and only a 3 game lead atop the division. Minnesota were swept at home by the Mariners in their 2nd series but victory on the road in Oakland in their final series was a good end to an otherwise poor week.

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Mets Surge

The New York Mets finally awoke from their 11 week slumber in fine style with an excellent 8-1 week. They started with a great sweep over the division leading Braves, followed up with their 2nd sweep at home to the Dodgers and ended the week well with a good win in Chicago to apply a little pressure to Atlanta at the head of the pack. Atlanta recovered well from their opening sweep to beat San Diego and they had a fine win in their final series on the road in Pittsburgh to salvage a good end to a below par 4-5 week. Washington started with a good win on the road in Philadelphia, they followed up with a great win at home over the Pirates but a sweep in Colorado in their final series left them with a below par 4-5 record for the week. The Phillies were beaten at home by Chicago in their 2nd series and in San Francisco in their finale for a poor 3-6 record for the week and plenty of food for thought for their new skip Tony Eatough.

Cincinnati started with a good win at home over Houston, they followed up with another home win over the Giants before ending the week well with a fantastic sweep in Los Angeles for a very good 7-2 record for the week. Pittsburgh opened their account with an emphatic sweep at home over the Cubs but subsequent defeats on the road in Washington and at home to the Braves left them with just a solid 5-4 return. Houston recovered from their opening loss to beat the Rockies in their 2nd series and with victory on the road in San Diego in their final series a solid 5-4 record was a good return following their inauspicious start to the week. Chicago recovered from their opening sweep to win on the road in Philadelphia in their 2nd series but a defeat at home to the Mets in their final series left them with a poor 3-6 record for the week.

Colorado started with a hard fought series win over the Giants, defeat in Houston in their 2nd series slowed them up a little but they stormed back to sweep Washington in their final series for a great end to a good 6-3 week. San Francisco were beaten on the road in Colorado in their 2nd series but victory at home to Philadelphia gave them a good finish to a below par 4-5 week. San Diego opened with a good series win at home to the Dodgers but subsequent losses in Atlanta and at home to Houston left them with a below par 4-5 week. Los Angeles were swept in New York in their 2nd series and at home by Cincinnati in their final series for a terrible 1-8 record for the week and to add insult to injury, last place in the division.

Phillies appoint Eatough

Tony Eatough became the 6th manager in the Phillies franchise this week following the dismissal of Darren Farman 281-502 (.359) but can he become the first with a winning record? Malcolm Lake was at the helm in seasons 1-2 and his record of 118-152 (.437) is the best of the bunch. Martin Gregson 203-220 (.480) took over in season 2 and stayed to season 5 when he was replaced by Ian Sanderson 116-163 (.416) but season 6 saw another change when J Thompson-Hill 111-168 (.398) took over. Thomson Hill was replaced by the longest serving skip Farman but the club has consistently under-achieved and another change was required. Tony will find this a tough assignment as the franchise high wins in a season is only 85 but with the experience Coach Eatough has I'm sure their time will come. Good luck Tony and I'll catch up soon with the histories of the new coaches I've missed when the newsletter was away.

Just a note, I'm on holiday from 13th August for 2 weeks in Gran Canaria so if anybody wants to guest edit a newsletter just let me know.

Deadline for Contributions: Saturday 15th July 2006