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REDS ALMOST THERE

Hall of Fame

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Nigel Beck, Pirates



Alistair Brearley, Reds



Cincinnati should be the NL wild-card next week unless something dramatic happens to make the final series of the season against the Mets a nail biter but I can't see that happening. They started this week with a comfortable sweep at home over Houston and despite going down in Colorado in their next series they surged back to sweep the Padres for a very good 7-2 week and a 4 game lead in the wild-card race. Pittsburgh started with a solid win at home over the Cubs, they matched their feat against the Phillies in their 2nd series and completed the set with victory on the road in New York for a good 6-3 week. Chicago recovered from their opening loss to beat Washington and victory in Atlanta in their final series gave them a solid 5-4 return for the week. Houston were beaten by San Francisco in their 2nd series and at home by LA in their final series for a very poor 2-7 record this week.

New York opened with a hard fought win over the division champions Atlanta, they swept the Padres on the road in their next series before losing at home to Pittsburgh in their final series for a good 6-3 week but with 4 games to make up in the wild-card 1 week may not be enough to see the Mets into the post-season. Washington started with a good win on the road in Philadelphia, and despite losing their 2nd series on the road in Chicago they came back well to defeat the Giants in their final series for a solid 5-4 week. Philadelphia were beaten in Pittsburgh in their 2nd series but a home win against Colorado in their final series was a good end to an otherwise below par 4-5 week. Atlanta were swept in LA in their 2nd series and beaten at home by Chicago in their final series for a very poor 2-7 week.

San Francisco started with a hard fought sweep on the road in Colorado, they returned home to defeat Houston in their 2nd series but defeat in their final series on the road in Washington left them with a good 6-3 week. Los Angeles were swept in San Diego in their opening series but they roared back with a sweep of their own at home to Atlanta and a victory on the road in Houston for a good end to a solid 5-4 week. Colorado bounced back from their opening sweep to record a home win over Cincinnati but defeat on the road in Philadelphia left them with a poor 3-6 week. San Diego didn't build on their great start as they were swept at home by the Mets and on the road in Cincinnati for a poor 3-6 week.

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Yankees Still Going

New York started with a good series win at home over the Blue Jays, they followed up with a cracking sweep on the road in Chicago and finished with a home win over the Mariners for a very good 7-2 week and it moves them to within 2 games of Tampa at the head of the division. Toronto recovered from their opening loss to beat Milwaukee and great sweep at home over Texas in their final series keeps them in with a shout at both the division and the wild-card following their good 6-3 week. Boston started with a good win on the road in Tampa, they followed up with another road win in Los Angeles and finished with a home win over Milwaukee for a good 6-3 week. Tampa recovered from their opening loss to win in Oakland but a sweep at home by the White Sox in their final series left them with a poor 3-6 week and a repeat of that next week would see both the Yankees and Blue Jays overtake them.

Milwaukee opened with a great sweep on the road in Chicago, they were beaten at home by Toronto in their 2nd series and on the road in Boston in their 3rd for a poor end to a solid 5-4 week. Detroit started with a solid series win at home over Minnesota, they were swept in Seattle in their 2nd series but a sweep of their own at home over Oakland in their final series gave them a solid 5-4 week. Minnesota were beaten in Texas in their 2nd series but victory in their final series at home to Los Angeles gave them a good finish to an otherwise below par 4-5 week. Chicago suffered their 2nd home sweep of the week at the hands of the Yankees in their 2nd series but a sweep of their own in Tampa Bay in their final series was the bright spark in an otherwise poor 3-6 week.

Texas opened with a great sweep on the road in Seattle in their opening series a sweep which took them to 100 wins for the season. They beat Minnesota in their 2nd series but a sweep by the Blue Jays left them with only a solid 5-4 week. Seattle recovered from their opening sweep to inflict a sweep of their own on Detroit but defeat in New York in their final series left them with a below par 4-5 record for the week. Los Angeles started with a good series win in Seattle but defeats at home to Boston and on the road in Minnesota left them with a below par 4-5 return. Oakland were beaten at home by Tampa in their 2nd series and swept on the road in Detroit in their final series for a very poor 2-7 record for the week.

That's all for this issue. Congratulations to Mike in Texas, Alan & Gordon in Atlanta, Nigel in Pittsburgh and Dave in San Francisco for deserved Divisional titles. Good luck to all still involved in races in this final week, even you Alistair, but lose a few games before we meet and give me a slight chance of making it mate. Contributions are welcome but not compulsory and I'll try and make the next newsletter a little bigger.

Deadline for Contributions: Saturday 7th October 2006