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Atlanta opened the week with an emphatic sweep in New York, followed up with a home win over San Francisco and ended the week in style with a hard fought sweep in Houston for an excellent 8-1 return and a significant lead even at this early stage of the season. Philadelphia too started well as they swept Washington but defeats at home to Chicago and on the road in San Diego left them with only a solid 5-4 week. Washington bounced back well after their opening sweep as they swept Houston and with a win in Los Angeles in their final series they can be pleased with their solid 5-4 return. The Mets on the other hand can not. They were beaten at home by Colorado in their 2nd series and swept in Chicago in their final series for a terrible 1-8 record and a lot of work to do from here on in.

Chicago started their week with a good home win over Houston, they followed that up with a great win in Philadelphia and ended the week in style as they swept the Mets at home for a very good 7-2 record for the week. Cincinnati opened with a home win over Pittsburgh, followed up with another over San Diego but defeat on the road in Colorado left them with only a solid 5-4 return for the week. Pittsburgh recovered well from their opening loss to defeat the Dodgers but defeat in San Francisco in their final series left them with a below par 4-5 record for the week. Houston were swept by Washington in their 2nd series and at home by Atlanta in their 3rd for a terrible 1-8 record this week.

Colorado started well with a shutout sweep of the Giants, they followed that up with a good win in New York and ended with a home win over the Reds for a very good 7-2 week. San Diego opened with a home defeat at the hands of the Dodgers, they were then beaten on the road in Cincinnati before returning home to beat the Phillies and post a below par 4-5 record. Los Angeles didn't build on their good start as they were beaten in Pittsburgh in their 2nd series and at home by Washington in their 3rd for a below par 4-5 week. San Francisco picked up following their opening sweep but still lost in Atlanta but victory in their final series at home to Pittsburgh did give them a good end to an otherwise poor week.

Over in the AL, Toronto got off to a flyer with a home win over the Yankees, they followed that up with another home win, this time over Minnesota and they ended their week well with a sweep in Oakland for a very good 7-2 week. Tampa Bay started well too with a road win in Boston, they built on that with a sweep of the Mariners but defeat in Milwaukee in their final series left them with just a good 6-3 week. Boston recovered from their opening loss to beat the Angels but defeat in their final series on the road in Minnesota left them with a below par 4-5 week. New York also recovered to beat the Brewers in their 2nd series but they lost in Texas in their

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final series to mirror the Red Sox below par 4-5 week.

Chicago opened their week with a good series win over Detroit, they trumped that with a sweep at home to Oakland and rounded their week off with victory on the road in Los Angeles for a very good 7-2 record. Minnesota started with a good win at home to Milwaukee, they were beaten on Toronto in their next series but came back well in their final series to beat Boston for a solid 5-4 return for the week. Milwaukee were beaten in New York in their 2nd series but they finished the week well with a good win at home over Tampa to cap an otherwise below par return. Detroit were swept at home by the Rangers in their 2nd series and beaten in Seattle in their 3rd for a very poor 2-7 record for the week.

Texas started the week well with a good series win on the road in Oakland, they built well on that with a cracking sweep on the road in Detroit and ended the week with victory over the Yankees for a very good 7-2 week and a 2 game division lead. Los Angeles opened with victory over Seattle but defeats on the road in Boston and at home to Chicago left them with a below par 4-5 record for the week. Seattle were swept in Tampa Bay in their 2nd series but victory at home over the Tigers in their final series rescued some pride in an otherwise poor 3-6 week. Oakland were swept in Chicago in their 2nd series and at home by Toronto in their 3rd for a terrible 1-8 week and with only 2 wins the worst record in the league.

Just a quick note. I haven't moved yet and it's looking more likely to be the end of January as I sit typing this. I'll keep you up to date. But for now the newsletter will run as normal so all contributions would be gratefully received. Sorry for missing the week 1 newsletter but I had a very hectic Christmas packing as we thought we'd be long gone by now.

My lot have been rubbish so far, much like the early weeks of last year but we'll keep plugging away and hopefully turn things around.

Good luck one and all, I hope you have a great season.

Deadline for Contributions: Saturday 20th January 2007