

MLB Weekly Review

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As we get closer and closer to playoff time, the races do the same.

Despite losing Torii Hunter and Johan Santana, the Minnesota Twins are tied for first place in the American League Central. Neither the Twins nor the White Sox can seem to get any separation and the division race looks like it will go down to the wire.

Things are no different in the National League West, as the Los Angeles Dodgers have pulled even with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Diamondbacks are doing their best to hang on, as they acquired Adam Dunn from the Reds. Time will tell if it will be enough to hold off Manny and the hard charging Dodgers.

While the Dodgers offense has been hot since Manny Ramirez arrived, the Boston Red Sox have been very up and down. On Tuesday night, they were definitely up.

The Red Sox came out a posted a 10 spot in the bottom of the first. David Ortiz hit a 3-run homerun, not once, but twice in the inning. After leading 10-0 and 12-2, Boston needed a run in the 7th and 4 runs in the 8th to hold off the Rangers in a wild 19-17 shootout.

That game was a sample of what was going to happen Sunday as an explosion of offense capped off the weekend. Twelve teams scored at least 7 runs on the day with 5 teams piling up 11+ runs.

The White Sox made quick work of Oakland via a 13-1 win, but it was just the 5th highest scoring game of the day. The Seattle-Minnesota and Toronto-Boston games both featured 19 runs, but in very different games. The Blue Jays topped the Red Sox in a 15-4 rout, while Minnesota edged Seattle by an 11-8 score.

The Yankees and Royals combined to post 21 runs with New York winning 15-6, but the offensive game of the day went to Baltimore and Detroit. It was a game that Detroit would rather forget as they were on the wrong end of a 16-8 decision.

It's not surprising to see the Yankees and White Sox mentioned in highly offensive games, but the top 2 hitters of the week are big shockers.

Ty Wigginton and Melvin Mora have absolutely been on fire over the last 7 days.

Wigginton recorded 16 hits in just 28 at-bats, which is good for an incredible .571 batting average. He compiled 9 Runs, 9 Singles, 2 Doubles, 1 Triple, 4 HR and 11 RBI.

Mora was equally as good recording a .562 average with 9 Runs, 10 Singles, 4 Doubles, 1 Triple, 3 HR and 13 RBI.

The most impressive single game pitching performance of the week goes to Matt Garza. Garza took a no-hitter into the 7th inning, en route to a complete game shutout. He allowed just 2 hits and 2 walks while striking out 9 batters.

Javier Vazquez was just as impressive, but over the course of 2 games. Vazquez picked up 2 wins for the White Sox this week while going 8 innings in each outing. He gave up 9 hits and walked only 1 batter. He allowed 1 ER and struck out 18.

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