



If you thought that Indians home games have been insufferable for the last couple of months, just wait until hordes of Yankee fans invade Progressive Field this weekend. The Indians will open up a weekend series against the New York Yankees on Friday as the best team money can buy will be on display. The two teams are in two very different places as the Evil Empire is 20 games over .500 while the Indians, losers of eight straight, are 16 games below the break even mark. The Yankees lead the American League in run differential, while the Indians are dead last in the AL.

The Yankees and the Rangers stand atop the offensive mountain as the only two clubs in baseball to be above 600 runs scored. That isn't a promising stat as Indians pitchers have given up the second-most runs in all of MLB and their team ERA since the All-Star break is 5.57. The starters are even worse at 6.47. Indians starters are 7-23 with a 1.62 WHIP since the break. Opposing hitters are batting .299 with an OPS of .869.

The Yankees come in losers of three straight, having been swept by the Chicago White Sox in the Windy City this week. We'll see if the Indians are the cure for their ills as the two teams do battle this weekend in Cleveland. Here are the pitching matchups.

