



Following a series victory over the rival Detroit Tigers, the Indians and Twins will duke it out for last place in Minnesota with a four-game wraparound series. The Indians have played so poorly since the All-Star Break that they've gone from second place to fourth place and have gone from three games back in the AL Central to 16.5 games out. They are now just two games in front of the Twins for last place in the division.

The Indians managed to win back-to-back games in Detroit on Monday and Tuesday for the first time since August 8 and 9 and the first time they beat the same team twice in a row since July 3 and 4 when they won back-to-back games over the Anaheim Angels. Now the Indians, losers of 30 of their last 38, are going to use September to try and pick up the pieces of their broken season.

For the Twins, it started bad and didn't really recover as they lost 16 of 22 in April to start the season and have lost 22 of their last 34. They are second to the Indians in worst run differential and have allowed the third-most runs in all of baseball. There have been bright spots for the Twins with the performances of Josh Willingham and Scott Diamond, but it's been a frustrating year. Unlike the Indians, however, the Twins had no expectations, so their futility hasn't come as much of a shock.

Two teams that probably don't want to still be playing baseball games will play four of them against each other with this rare wraparound series that goes Friday-Monday. Here are the pitching matchups:



