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HULABALOO OCTOBER OR BUST



In the history of any baseball franchise one thing is expected: a world championship. The lovingly referred to Brew Crew is still working towards that goal. They can see their opportunity on the horizon, but the opportunity is dwindling before them. The Brewers have almost a Cubs-level of pathetic losses and history of never quite making it. This year is feeling a lot like last year; it's a little chilly and the Brewers can see the playoffs in the near future. The difference between seeing and actually going is what haunts them. Brew Crew history is being made with the wild card in their loosely grasping, slightly sweaty palms. The Crew needs only to hold on to a few more wins, make a dent in their biggest (almost unfathomable) rivals, and keep it together in preparation for potential October play. The problem with this American dream situation: the Phillies, who are lovingly biting at their heels like a yippy lap dog. Phillies fans would like nothing better than to knock the Brewers out of postseason play in the last few weeks of the regular season. The Brewers have a lot to combat: the Phillies, the Cubs, and their own bad luck.

Battle will commence between the Crew and the Phillies in an epic clash of the century, OK, more like the season. Memories of last season's disheartening loss, in which fans held on until the last breath and were sorely disappointed, ring out. With a handful of games left to the season, the Crew needs to seriously step up; they need to let their young stamina and talent do its

job. Choking is always a very real possibility with the scent of October so near, and with the history that is not so nice to remember.

Recent developments may hamper the road to success: the firing of Ned Yost, former skipper to the Brewers, and the hiring of interim manager Dave Sveum. Sveum was given an upgrade and relocation from third to the dugout. However sudden this change may be, it could be the only way to stop the sudden and quite embarrassing slump that the Brew Crew has recently been suffering.

History has shown a long string of teams who could have been postseason heroes but who dropped the ball (quite literally) at the most inopportune moments. Being 3-11 during the last month of the regular season does not bode well for the hopes and dreams of the Brewers and their devoted and incredibly disappointed fans. Two series against the Cubs loom ahead of the Brewers. The Cubs, the huge force that sends shivers (as well as a huge shot of adrenaline) through the bodies of the players and fans alike. The Brewers need to find out what went wrong and hope that their 'fixes' work. Again we are back to the Phillies, the make it or break it aspect is very distinct at this point in the game. In baseball you've either got it or you don't, and what the Brewers need to find is their mojo and hope and pray that the Phillies don't have it.