

Hi Folks, Toby wins a tight 4-3 series over the Cartel. Thanks to all of you for playing. I hope to see everyone back for our late year Colossus II. If you love the format, please let the Council know. Maybe we can get a third summer Colossus in if it continues to be a popular format.

Game1 - Leiter is a match for Hunter Brown in Philly, exiting with a ND after 5, score tied at 3-3. Toby goes ahead in the bottom 7th when Freeman converts a 2-5 HR7/DO off Bernadino. PCA adds a diamond off Vesia in the 8th, for much needed insurance, as Jim dots Keller with a pair of 2-out BB's. PH Wagaman doubles off Erceg to put the tying run at 3B, but Gavin Sheets goes quietly. Cartel missed two 15 splits costing a pair of runs, else they would have stolen the game off Toby's ace.

Game2 - Ray @ Severino - Cartel bats go cold, dropping a 3-0 decision. Arozarena had an early diamond to 11. Freeman and McMahon contributed SacFlies.

Game 3 - Giolito @ Rogers is a scoreless pitching duel through 4, and a laughter after Jim plates five in the bottom of the fifth. Toby concedes after six and a half innings.

Game 4 - Bibee @ DeGrom is another well pitched game. Toby gets in front when PCA's 2-6 comes up 3B, saving Teel the potential embarrassment of being gunned at the plate. Romy tied the game in the bottom 4th on a 1-4 shot. Romy reached four times in the game - the other three he was picked off trying to get a lead. Bibee got the first two outs of the fifth, before walking Realmuto. Jung-Hoo doubled him home. Bullpens allowed nothing, so 2-1 was the final, deGrom tossing a brilliant six innings.

Game 5 - Brown @ Leiter. Toby plates a run in the top first on an Aroz BB followed by two singles. He wouldn't score again, while Cartel dotted Brown in the third on their way to a 13-1 drubbing, and a three game home sweep.

Game 6 - Ray @ Severino - Cartel jump out to a 2-0 lead, Sanoja and Lile each with RBI singles. Ray runs into trouble in the 4th when Freeman doubles, Pena singles and Jazz stumbles into his 1-6 meatroll in the clutch, converting the HR/out to 15. No further scoring

until the top 7th when Cartel get an unearned run off an Arozarena two base error, Realmuto singling Jung-Hoo home. Toby has a chance to walk-off in the bottom 9th vs Bernadino, when Chisholm leads off with a single. It's first and third, one out, Jeffers up, so Jim goes to Yariel Rodriguez. Toby counters with Teel, who the Cartel BB, setting up Vesia vs McMahon, who leaves for Ramon Urias. The U-Boat rolls a 3-5 SI16/LO and converts with a fitting 1 on the twenty. Toby benefitted again from a range hit in the 9th.

Game 7 - Rogers @ Giolito is a mismatch on paper. Toby hasn't beaten Rogers all year, so you guys know exactly what happens. In the first inning, Toby rolls the 6-5 meat roll twice, but fails to convert the TR7/Out, so goes quietly. The 2nd inning is PCA, with his 15 OB in the clutch dialing up a 3-run diamond. In the 4th, Schwarber rolls 1-8 of the tournament vs a LHP, converting to 17. PCA contributes another diamond in the 4th to stake Toby to a 5-0 lead. Cartel is game, putting two in Giolito, then btb 7th inning jacks by Sheets/Moniak tighten the game to 5-4. Toby answers immediately, dialing up another range single, dotting Rogers with the first three hitters in the bottom 7th. Aroldis is summoned, but Freeman plates two on a double and Pena two more on a single, putting the game out of reach, 9-4. Romy completes an odd series by hitting his second weak power 1-4, but it's too little, too late.