

*A New Champ by Thomas S.*

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October brings many thoughts. For some it brings leaves falling, Halloween, and more football. For many others it brings the MLB (Major League Baseball) playoffs. This year it has been extremely confusing and stressful. The teams that made it from the American League were the New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, Detroit Tigers, and Oakland Athletics. The teams from the National League were the Cincinnati Reds, San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Washington Nationals. In round one every best of five series went to a winner take all game five. The results were the Yankees beating the Orioles, the Cardinals beating the Nationals, The Tigers beating Oakland, and Cincinnati falling short to the Giants. The next round was set and the winner of each series would play for the World Series.

With these being higher-stake series the series were best of seven other than round one's best of five series. In round two The Yankees squared off against the high powered Tigers from Detroit. It was a highly-anticipated series but the Yankees were dealt a major blow in game one of the series, their captain Derek Jeter went down with a broken left ankle. After that the Tigers won the series with the Yankees being so short-handed. In the other round two the Giants faced a never-say-die St. Louis Cardinal team. The series has gone back and forth as expected. The Cardinals were one game away from winning but the Giants showed their resiliency and forced a winner take all game seven.

In Game seven, Matt Cain took the mound for the Giants and threw one of his best games all year. He shut down the Cardinals bats and earned a big win for the organization. The Cardinals pitcher Kyle Lohse had a completely different game. He got bombarded with hit after hit after hit. The Giants wouldn't let up until the game was over. The final score was Giants 9, Cardinals 0. The World Series is set, Detroit vs. San Francisco. Game one and two will be held in San Francisco. With the stage set we are all left with the question, who will be the new champ.