# MLB Predictions: Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians

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MLB Predictions: The Chicago White Sox, holding onto a slim half game lead in the AL Central Division over the Minnesota Twins need wins but must go to Cleveland where winning against probably Cy Young winner Cliff Lee might be difficult. Cleveland Indians ace lefthander Cliff Lee is 19-2 with a 2.43 ERA so far this season. Chicago will counter with lefthander Clayton Richard. Richard is 2-2 this season with a 6.48 ERA.

MLB Predictions Betting Line … Online oddsmakers at sportsbook Bodog (Bodoglife.com) have the Indians listed as -176 money line odds with a 9-run total. White Sox backers are getting +161 money line underdog odds.

Lee has put himself in a position to become the Indians' first 20-game winner since Gaylord Perry in 1974. Already, Lee has put himself in historic company, as he is just the eighth pitcher since 1920 to start a season 19-2 or better, according to Stats Inc. Lee has done it with impeccable command of his fastball and unshakable confidence in his stuff. He limited the Tigers to a pair of runs on six hits with a walk and four strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings on Tuesday. He'll be facing a White Sox team that he limited to a run over eight innings in a no-decision on July 1.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen on Saturday anointed Richard as the man to open the Cleveland series on Monday against Cy Young frontrunner Cliff Lee. That honor held through Richard's one-inning relief effort later that night against the Red Sox, which was used as a side session in between starts. The left-hander earned his second straight win since getting called back up from Triple-A Charlotte, pushing the White Sox past the Orioles on Monday night at Camden Yards. Richard allowed three runs on six hits over six innings, fanning four.

The White Sox avoided a three-game sweep with a 4-2 win over the Red Sox in the series finale on Sunday, as +125 underdogs. The six runs went UNDER the day's posted over/under (10).

Jim Thome went 2-for-4 at the plate with a two-run homer for the White Sox. Gavin Floyd tossed 6 1-3 innings for the win, and Bobby Jenks notched his 27th save by closing out the ninth inning.

The Indians were defeated 6-4 by the Mariners last time out, as -150 favorites. The 10 runs went as a PUSH against the posted over/under (10).

Shin-Soo Choo homered and went 2-for-4 at the plate for the Indians. Zach Jackson surrendered six runs off seven hits over five innings in the loss.

MLB Prediction … Cliff Lee will get his 20th win in this one..Indians -176 ML Checkout our live MLB Point- Spreads showcasing real time odds of the world's top online sportsbooks all in one easy to use location. Get line movements in real time and find out who has the best college football betting odds.

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