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THE HOMEDOGS DAILY DOSE for 5/29/13

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THE GHOST TOP RATED PLAY = KANSAS CITY

THE WALRUS TOP RATED PLAY= CLEVELAND

BIG BOY'S TOP RATED PLAY= LA DODGERS

THE HOMEDOGS TOP TOTALS OF THE DAY= HOUSTON/COLORADO OVER

Wsx (Danks-L) @ Cubs (Feldman-L)—Danks looked sharp in his debut last week. Granted it was vs. the Marlins, but he looks to be on the right track nevertheless. Danks is 3-1 with a 2.30 ERA vs. the Cubs for his career, including a 3hit, 0 ER outing in 6.1 IP LY @ the Cubs. The Cubs have been installed as the favorite in this one and they are 6-8 as a favorite TY and only 5-10 vs. lefties. The Cubs have Feldman on the mound this afternoon who is 3-2 with a 4.33 era vs. the White Sox for his career. He had the benefit of having better run support in those starts when he pitched for Texas. Unfortunately, the Cubs bats are unreliable and the bullpen is a ticking timebomb and we have no interest laying money with them in this spot. Only one way to go in this one.-----[White Sox]

Bos (Lackey-R) @ Phil (Kendrick-R) –Big Game Cliff stepped up last night and tossed a gem for us , but tonight things might not be as easy. Kendrick is 0-3 with a 10.80 era in 11 innings pitched vs. the Red Sox. To make matters worse he has a 7.36 ERA (nine earned runs in 11 innings) in his last two starts after posting a 1.84 ERA (10 earned runs in 49 innings) in his previous seven. Lackey much like Boston seem to be heading the other direction. The right-hander hasn't given up an earned run in his previous two starts. The one disadvantage Boston has is losing the DH which is Big Papi. They might insert him at 1B to try to keep the lineup intact though and we feel like the Red Sox are the play tonight regardless. The Phillies can't hit the ball

as their 3.5 RPG supports that and the Red Sox are 6-2 L8 games on the road as well as 15-7 L22 games playing on the road vs. Philly. -----[Boston]

Cin (Arroyo-R) @ Clev (Masterson-R)—The Indians are glad to be back home for this one, trust us. They have cooled off on the road but are still 13-4 L17 home games. Tonight they will rely on Masterson who is 5-1 with a 2.47 ERA in his home team starts TY. The Indians will look to get back on track knowing they are 7-0 L7 home games vs. the Reds, including a 8-1 win LY in a Masterson/Arroyo matchup. Masterson tossed a 3 hit, CG fanning 9 with 0 BB. Arroyo is 0-3 L3 starts vs. the Indians and hasn't made it out the 5th innings in any of those starts. This Cleveland team will be poised at Progressive Field where they have scored 5 or more runs 6 of their last 7 home games. Masterson is off to the kind of year the Indians need if they are ever to make a true playoff run. Look for the Indians to get some revenge and protect serve at the crib.-----
"A"[Cleveland]

Det (Sanchez) @ Pitt (Burnett-R)-- We have a matchup here with two of the leading strikeout pitchers this year. Sanchez is avg. 11 K's per 9 IP , while Burnett is right there at 11 K per 9 IP also. Sanchez fell two outs shy of a no-hitter Friday against the Twins .He has held Pirates hitters to a .192 average, including a one-hitter in 2011, but lost BOTH starts LY to the Pirates. It was more because of a lack of run support though as his former team the Marlins lost both games, 3-0 and 3-2. We know this guy loves pitching for a team that can give him some run support now. Burnett is 6-2 with a 5.27 era in his career vs. the Tigers, but is 2-0 in his 2 team starts with the Pirates, having just allowed 2 runs in 12 IP. Pittsburgh won both games 4-1 and 4-3. We like Burnett as a homedog, but the fact that the Pirates only score 2.45 RPG. when he takes the mound has us worried. The Pirates are also 0-3 in Burnett's L3 starts and that will keep us away for sure. However, this should be a pitcher's duel, and we expect to see a 3-1 or a 4-2 final.-----
1*[UNDER]

Mets (Hefner-L) @ Nyy (Phelps-R)—Rivera came through in the clutch last night. Yeah, he blew the save and gave us the win as we were all over the Mets. The phenom Harvey pitched a gem and too bad they can't use him again tonight. Hefner is still looking for his 1st win of the year and that is pitiful. Hefner is 0-5 with a 4.75 era this year and is only in the rotation by default. Hopefully he can salvage a win before the All-Star Game, but it doesn't look like tonight will be the night. The Yankees are 11-5 when a lefty is on the opposing mound and Phelps has gone 2-1 with a 3.27 ERA since joining the starting rotation. The Yankees are the last team in the majors to lose 3 straight now after last nights loss, but we look for them to get back on track as they swept the Mets @ home LY, and it's looking like after Thursday they will have split this series 2-2.-----"B+"[Yankees]

Wsh (Zimmerman-R) @ Balt (Tillman-R)—Low and behold the Nationals scored some runs last night and maybe HC Johnson will shave the beard. Amazingly the OVER is 5-0 L5 National games and the OVER is 5-0 L5 Baltimore games. Zimmerman is 8-2, 1.71 ERA to start the year and has a 2.70 career ERA in 26.2 IP vs. the Orioles. He is among the NL leaders in wins and hasn't allowed a walk in three straight starts. That awesome start will surely be put to the test today as Baltimore has 4 players in the top 30 in Batting in baseball. The Nationals are 23-4 TY when scoring 3+ runs and only 4-21 when scoring 2 or fewer. 2B Espinosa should be back in the lineup tonight and Bryce Harper might get the DH spot as he is still suffering from bursitis in his

knee. The Ghost likes this guy Zimmerman. He says if the Nationals get 4 across the plate, then that should be enough. Maybe the Nationals are getting heated up after last night. This is a GREAT VALUE play with Zimmerman.-----[Washington]

TB (Hernandez) @ Mia (Koehler-R)-----And it looked like the Marlins were gonna pull on out the bag last night. They found a way to lose it of course in the bottom of the 9th. After that loss, the Marlins are -\$1986 units on the year for all you money line players. The Rays are now 11-1 L12 vs. the Marlins and the OVER is 11-3 L14 Tampa road games. If anybody else was on the mound tonight other than Hernandez we would be telling you the Rays are the play but Hernandez is 0-3 with a 8.10 ERA TY on the road. Koehler is sporting a 3.18 ERA TY and this looks like a potential upset in the making. We like homedogs but hate the Marlins. Still just something keeps telling us they sneak away tonight with the 4-3 win.-----[Miami]

Tor (Rogers-R) @ Atl (Medlen-R)-----Bautista and Encarnion are heated up and the Blue Jays are getting a BIG +167 tonight for all you money line players. This game opened up at ATL -200 and has dipped to -177. The Braves are good at home, but Medlen is having bad luck and this is another VALUE play. You won't see Toronto getting this price often and we will take a shot with this American League dog tonight.-----[Toronto]

Az (Mccarthy-R) @ Tex (Grimm-L)-----McCarthy has been more like the McCarthy of last year in his L3 starts, going 2-0 with a 0.38 ERA. He is 2-4 career vs. Texas with a 3.97 ERA and will have his hands full but we give him the edge vs. the southpaw Grimm. The Rangers are looking to end a 3 game skid tonight and will have Grimm trying to keep his 2.79 home ERA intact. He got roughed up @ Seattle last start, but look for him to bounce back tonight. The UNDER is 7-3 L10 Arizona games and the UNDER is 9-3 L12 Texas home games. The UNDER is 60-39-5 combined TY in all Arz/Tex games and the UNDER is 5-1 L3 starts combined when McCarthy and Grimm get the nod. If the total is 9.5 or higher, we like this one to stay-----2*[UNDER 9.5]

Milw (Estrada-R) @ MN (Deduno-R)-----You can do like us and not play this one, or if you like to play 6 picks and need one more play, the OVER looks to be possible with these two bums on the mound.

KC (Mendoza-R) @ Stl (Lynn-R)-----The Royals have lost 7 straight now and 18 of their L22. The Cardinals have now won 8 of the L10 vs. the Royals and the Cardinals are 9-3 L12 home games. Interestingly enough, one of the rare wins vs. the Cardinals came LY when Mendoza was on the bump for the Royals and was a +170 dog vs. Wainwright. The Royals came away with the 5-3 win so nothing is impossible tonight. Mendoza has allowed 3 runs or fewer in his L4 starts and he might just be what the doctor ordered for this Kansas City team that needs a win like a hog needs slop and this line is over-inflated in our opinion. Tonight we will continue with the theme being VALUE and the value is with another American League dog.-----"B+[Kansas City]

Hou (Bedard-L) @ Col (Chatwood-R)-----These teams played a 3 game series LY @ Coors Field and these were the scores: 11-5, 13-5, and 7-6. All wins by Colorado and EASY OVERS. Bedard has struggled in early innings this year, and the Rockies will make you pay if you continue to put runners on base. The Rockies have left too many baserunners on base the L2 games, but look for these bats to wake up and convert tonight. Chatwood for the Rockies has a

1.90 ERA but he has had luck on his side. We are not ready to call this guy legit and need to see his 1.39 WHIP numbers go down before we lay all our eggs with him. We still think Colorado gets the win, but we expect this one to be tied 5-5 after the 4th inning and that will make the ----- 3*[OVER]--- a deadbolt.

Lad (Capuano-L) @ LAA (Weaver-R)-----Weaver is back off the DL and we aren't laying this number with this guy until we make sure he is 'Weaver'. We suspect these Dodegrs are ready to run hot on a streak and this would be a signature win tonight if they beat Weaver. If, and only if Capuano can dodge Pujols, then we like the Dodgers to win this game. Pujols is 21-for -38 career vs. Capuano including 5 Homeruns. Most of this damage came in Pujols better days though before he signed a fatass contract and quit taking whatever he was on. The Angels are only hitting .224 TY vs. lefties and their 4-7 record vs. lefties backs that up. Boy, it's looking like upset's tonight....."A"-[Dodgers]

Sea(Saunders-L) @ Sd(Stults-L)-- Saunders will attempt once more to solve his road woes, as he's 0-4 with an 11.25 ERA in five away games this season . Saunders is 2-2 with a 2.86 ERA in five career starts at Petco Park. Too bad for him though as the Padres are 12-5 their last 17 games at Petco Park. Stults has a 1.26 ERA in his past two home starts and he should be in cruise control vs. the Mariners who are only scoring 3.4 RPG on the road (LAST in the AL) and are only 2-9 their L11 games after getting a freebie on Monday night vs. Richard. Stults is much better than Richard and look for this southpaw to guide the Padres to victory lane in this West Coast late nighter.-----[San Diego]

Oak (Milone-L) @ Sf (Lincecum-R)-----Oakland is 10-1 L11 games and are sizzling, right? Well, sooner or later they got to cool off and knowing they are 1-11 L12 road games vs. San Fran initially makes us think this might be the game they lose. Add to the fact that the Giants are 7-2 L9 home games along with a 9-6 record vs. lefties makes this play look stronger. Milone has a 5.28 ERA and has allowed 10 runs in his L2 road starts (5 ER @ Hou and 5 ER @ Seattle). Lincecum for the Giants is still erratic with a 1.40 WHIP rate, but we have to go back to grade school for this one: The trend is your friend and San Fran has won 11 of the L12 @ home vs. Oakland and the price is cheap for Lincecum who used to be a -170 to -200 home favorite when stepping on the mound.-----[San Fran]

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