

Sox Win the Day; Cubs Win the Week: MaineStreamers Take in the Crosstown Classic!

"MaineStreamer Day Trips are the best! It's great to ride along with friends and chat, super destinations, never disappoint!" - Dorothy Bilson, MaineStreamer

WRIGLEY FIELD, Chicago - August 19, 2026. The ivy was green, the flags were snapping toward left, and somewhere in the grandstand along the third-base line sat 55 members of the Maine Township MaineStreamers. They sat with their sunscreen applied, scorecards optional and ready to take in the latest 'final series act' of Chicago's oldest baseball rivalry!

They picked a beautiful afternoon for a ball game and the only game of the series that the Cubs could not win in heroic fashion!

The Game They Saw

The South Siders spoiled the party 3-0, and they did it the old-fashioned way: by not letting anybody hit the baseball. José Urquidy, a comeback story the Sox picked up from Pittsburgh, delt through six scoreless innings, surrendering just two hits while striking out eight. Cubs starter Clay Holmes kept the Cubs in the game, but a Wrigley crowd that had spent two straight nights losing its collective mind waited all afternoon for a rally that never showed up.

The White Sox finally broke through in the sixth, when Andrew Benintendi singled to center to bring home Miguel Vargas. They added insurance in the eighth on Braden Montgomery's double into shallow right, scoring Randal Grichuk and Vargas and putting the game out of reach. Grant Taylor closed the door with a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

Zero runs. One seventh-inning stretch. And, if we are being honest, at least a few MaineStreamers wearing black and white who found the whole thing delightful.



What They Missed by Two Days

On Monday, standout slugger and potential MVP candidate, Pete Crow-Armstrong sent everybody home with a two-run homer in the 10th inning. It was the first walk-off of his career, and it completed a 30-homer, 30-stolen-base season on the same swing. Cubs 7, White Sox 5.

Tuesday somehow topped it. Crow-Armstrong led off with a home run for the second straight night, Michael Busch added a two-run shot in the first, and then the game turned into a marathon. A 90-minute rain delay in the eighth scrambled both bullpens before Alex Bregman punched a single up the middle in the ninth to win it 4-3.

Two Cubs wins. Two walk-off hits. Two of the loudest nights on Clark and Addison all year. The Cubs take the week two games to one, and bragging rights.

Still Even After All These Years

The full season series, though, ended in a 3-3 tie, with the White Sox having taken two of three back in May at Rate Field. That feels about right, because this rivalry refuses to pick a winner.

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All-time series (since interleague play began in 1997): 82 wins apiece. Dead even after 158 games.

2026 season series: Tied 3-3. Sox took two of three in May; Cubs took two of three in August.

World Series meetings: One: 1906, when the "Hitless Wonders" White Sox beat a Cubs team that had won 116 games.

Chicago has waited 120 years for a rematch. And this could be the year. The White Sox sit atop the American League Central. The Cubs lead the National League Wild Card race. If the brackets break right this October, this city finally gets the series it has been arguing about since 1906, and one side of town will have the final say!

“Great Series! Love that we have two winning teams!” - Norma Tsuhako, MaineStreamer



“What a fun outing at Wrigley Field! Just too darn bad we didn’t win. It was a beautiful day with great people. Thank you to the MaineStreamer staff for leading us and getting us home safely!”

- *Joanne Johnson*



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