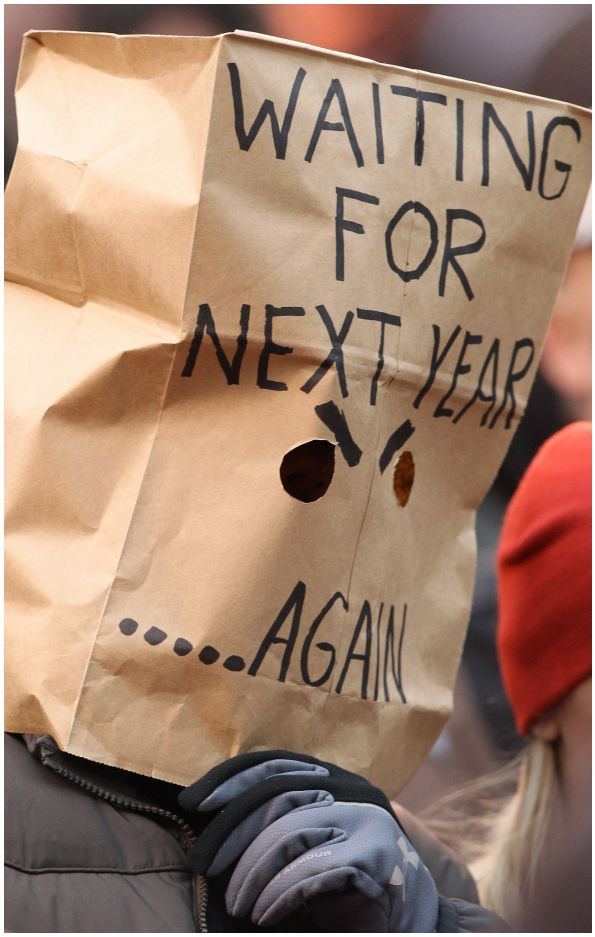

The 2012 Cleveland Indians lost for the 94th time on Wednesday night, looking lifeless in a 9-0 rout. So, the season ends as it began, with a disappointing loss. Way back in Game #1, it was Chris Perez's blown save and an extra inning loss. On October 3, it was the same team that we saw suffer through one of the worst months in franchise history in August and create a place in the record books as the first team to lose 90 or more games in a season three times in a four-year span. Was that Shin-Soo Choo's final home game? Did Travis Hafner take his last at bat in an Indians uniform? Was that Sandy Alomar Jr.'s last game as manager? Those are the questions following Game 162.

The Indians never really had a chance in this game, trailing 2-0 after the second and 7-0 after the fifth. They didn't get a runner to third base until the eighth and managed just five hits. The White Sox did the majority of their damage with the long ball. In the second, Dayan Viciedo, who walked all of 28 times this season, drew his sixth walk against Indians pitching. Dan Johnson followed with a two-run bomb to right field to put the White Sox ahead.

The White Sox added an unearned run in the fourth when Lonnie Chisenhall mishandled a grounder and Jack Hannahan was unable to dig out the hurried throw. That scored Viciedo, who

had led off the inning with a double.

In the fifth, the White Sox put the game away. Paul Konerko homered to the Home Run Porch in left with a runner aboard and Dan Johnson hit his second home run of the game, a no doubter to right. That made it 7-0, ended David Huff's start, and effectively ended the game. Huff went 4.2 innings, allowing seven runs, only three earned due to a Chisenhall error in the fifth, on nine hits, three of which left the ballpark.

Travis Hafner singled in the seventh, an opposite field flare to left, and Shin-Soo Choo smashed a line drive single to center in the eighth. It remains to be seen if those will be the final hits for two players considered to be part of the core for the Indians organization. Hafner would get one final at bat, coming to the plate to a standing ovation from the 5000 or so people left at Progressive Field. He tipped his helmet to the fans before popping out to third.

Vinnie Pestano had a rough outing that won't sit well with him this offseason, allowing two home runs, the third of the night for Dan Johnson, and an opposite field shot from Dayan Viciedo, who scored four runs in the blowout.

With the loss, the Indians end the season 68-94. That ties the 2012 Indians for the ninth-most losses in a season in franchise history. David Huff took the loss, falling to 3-1.

Stat of the Night: The Indians were shut out for the 12th time this season.

Player of the Game: Jason Kipnis. He collected two of the Indians five hits.

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