

Sports Page Math



The following table gives the standings for the American League teams at the All-Star Break in 1996. Work out the percentages for each team in the division. Then figure out games behind for the trailing teams to catch up with the lead team.

How to find Games Behind:

$$\frac{(\text{lead team's wins} - \text{trailing team's wins}) + (\text{trailing team's losses} - \text{lead team's losses})}{2}$$

How to find Percentages:

$$\frac{\text{Games won}}{\text{Total Games}} = \text{to three decimal places}$$

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	33	.612	----
Baltimore	46	39	_____	6
Toronto	38	49	_____	15
Boston	36	49	_____	_____
Detroit	27	61	_____	_____
Central				
Cleveland	52	35	_____	----
Chicago	50	37	_____	_____
Milwaukee	43	43	_____	8 ½
Minnesota	41	45	_____	_____
West				
Texas	51	36	_____	-----
Seattle	46	39	_____	_____
California	43	45	_____	_____
Oakland	43	45	_____	8 ½