

## Rays-Rangers Game 4 Lowest-Ever Rated Postseason Telecast for TBS

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Before the season ended, [I looked at the potential match-ups for the postseason and came to the conclusion that MLB would likely see a ratings decline compared to last year](#). With the Division Series set, sans the outcome of tonight's match-up between the Rangers and Rays (first pitch, 8:07 pm ET on TBS), in the books, that is likely to be the case.

But, before then, TBS can point to the ALDS Game 4 between the Rays and Rangers and say that it was the lowest-rated and least-viewed MLB postseason telecast since it began airing the playoffs in '07. According to today's edition of the SportsBusiness Daily, TBS averaged a 2.3 U.S. rating and 3.678 million viewers for Sunday's LDS telecasts, with the Rays-Rangers game pulling a 1.5 U.S. rating and 2.219 million. MLB had the disadvantage of going up against a slate of NFL games.

According to the SBD, the "net's previous low was for Phillies-Brewers NLDS Game Four in the same day/time slot in '08 (2.220 million viewers). Sunday's TBS MLB figures are also down from a 2.9 U.S. rating and 4.537 million viewers for three telecasts on the comparable day last year."

Below is a breakdown of Sunday's game.

<b>SUNDAY MLB LDS RATINGS, VIEWERSHIP ON TBS</b>			
<b>'10 GAME</b>	<b>START (ET)</b>	<b>RATING</b>	<b>VIEWERS (000)</b>
Rays-Rangers: Game Four	8:00pm	1.5	2,219
Giants-Braves: Game Three	7:34pm	2.6	4,238
Phillies-Reds: Game Three	8:06pm	2.8	4,653

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<b>AVERAGE '09 GAME</b>	<b>2.3 START (ET)</b>	<b>3,678 RATING</b>	<b>VIEWERS (000)</b>
Angels-Red Sox: Game Three	12:00pm	2.0	2,936
Yankees-Twins: Game Three	7:00pm	4.1	6,791
Phillies-Rockies: Game Three	10:40pm	2.7	4,084
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4,537</b>	

Source: SportsBusiness Daily



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