

## Red Sox: Boston slaughters New York to win Game 7

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None of the previous 25 major league teams to fall behind 3-0 even forced a series to seven games. The wild-card Red Sox became only the third of 239 teams in the four major North American leagues to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series and win, joining the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders.

Even without Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Wells, who all left

after last year's Game 6 loss to Florida in the World Series, the Yankees had a 4-3 lead in the ninth inning of Game 4 on Sunday night, only to have Bill Mueller single home the tying run off Mariano Rivera and Ortiz hit a 12th-inning homer against Paul Quantrill.

They held a 4-2 lead in the eighth inning of Game 5 before Ortiz's homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Rivera, and Ortiz's winning single off Esteban Loaiza in the 14th.

Then Curt Schilling, his ailing right ankle held together by suture, beat the Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to tie the series at 3-all.

Just like last year, when the Red Sox went ahead 4-0 in the fourth inning of Game 7, Boston burst out quickly.

Damon, who entered the game 3 for 29 (.103), singled past Alex Rodriguez at third base to lead off and stole second. Manny Ramirez then grounded a single past Jeter at short-stop. Damon, who had to hold up to make sure the ball went into the outfield, was thrown out when left fielder Hideki Matsui relayed the ball to Jeter, who threw a strike to Jorge

Posada, with the catcher blocking Damon at the plate.

Ortiz, who had three homers and 11 RBIs in the series, sent the next pitch into the right-field seats to put Boston ahead 2-0.

The Red Sox loaded the bases with one out in the second on Kevin Millar's single and walks to Mueller and Orlando Cabrera.

Vazquez, who gave up a team-high 33 homers, blew open the game with brutal efficiency. Damon, who hadn't homered since Oct. 1, lofted his first pitch down the right-field line, the ball landing in the front row. Jubilant Red Sox players poured out of the dugout, jumping and yelling.

## Soccer: Arizona tied for Pac-10 first

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### A shocker in the Pac-10

The surprise of the Pac-10 this year, the Arizona Wildcats, sits tied for first place in the conference, thanks to an offense that has scored 31 goals this season. The Wildcats recorded their first ever win against No. 10 Stanford last Friday off a corner kick in double-overtime.

Arizona has already tied its school-record number of wins in a single season with three. The Wildcats are paced by Mallory Miller, who has 18 points (5 goals, 8 assists) so far this season.

The Wildcats earned their first top-25 ranking in school history last week. They were ranked 24th and 29th in Soccer America and Soccer Buzz, respectively, and have since made the jump to 16th and 23rd in both magazines.

### Freshman forward leads Oregon State in scoring

Oregon State freshman forward Jodie Taylor continues to lead the Pac-10 in goals (11), and is ranked second in the conference in points with 24. Taylor has accounted for over half of her team's 20 goals this season.

### UCLA's Davis scores hat trick, leads Pac-10

UCLA's sophomore forward Bristyn Davis became the third Bruin to complete a hat trick this season after scoring three second-half goals against No. 7 Washington on Oct. 17. She leads the Pac-10 in points with 25 (10 goals and 5 assists).

or breaking up a block, you're on your toes again," she said, "especially with a guy out there."

"We play against girls that can jump (as high as a man), and it's hard to imitate that. You get a guy in and it changes the pace of the game."

Practice doesn't have to occur in a team's home arena. This summer, Lauren Westenforf, Heather Madison and Bitter traveled to Italy to participate in an international tournament. Bitter considered the tournament to be a learning experience more than a competition.

Every volleyball event is a learning experience, whether it be a pre-game warm-up or a mid-week workout.

"Anytime we can get smiles on people's faces in the midst of a stressful week, it helps alleviate any pressure," O'Neil said. "It just makes it fun again and reminds you why you play."

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## Practice: Opponent variety keeps team on its toes

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you know it in a hurry."

Like many collegiate women's basketball teams around the nation, Oregon volleyball has resorted to practicing against a male squad.

"In the spring we had the guys from the men's club team practice with us," Ferreira said. "In order for that to happen we have to go through the normal NCAA rules of adding them to our roster and they become a member of our team."

"What's nice about it is that they come out and hit the ball hard, and they help (a player) with (her) reaction time. Having guys in practice is a good thing."

Bitter explained that especially in the Pacific-10 Conference, many of the female volleyball players have abilities equal to their male counterparts.

"As soon as we get someone else in there who's hitting different shots

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