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Yankees Celebrate Series Threeppeat

NEW YORK (AP) — Even in the final inning, Joe Torre found himself wondering.

"You're sitting there in the dugout thinking, 'How long is this run going to go?'" the Yankees manager said Friday.

Moments later, when center fielder Bernie Williams caught Mike Piazza's bid for a tying home run on the edge of the warning track for the final out at exactly the stroke of midnight, Torre had his answer.

New York City had its champion, and so did baseball. The majors' first threeppeat in a quarter-century, four out of five and a record 26 overall.

The Yankees' 4-2 win over the Mets at Shea Stadium in Game 5 Thursday night made it official. Torre rode off the field on the shoulders of teammates, MVP Derek Jeter hoisted the World Series trophy for pinstriped fans to savor and Paul O'Neill toasted with champagne behind second base.

A celebration at the home of their Subway Series rivals, no less.

"This was the best of the four series since I've been mayor," said the Yankees' No. 1 fan, Rudolph Giuliani said. "This was the closest

ever."

How close? For only the second time ever and first since 1915 — when Babe Ruth was a rookie as the Boston Red Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies — no World Series game was decided by more than two runs.

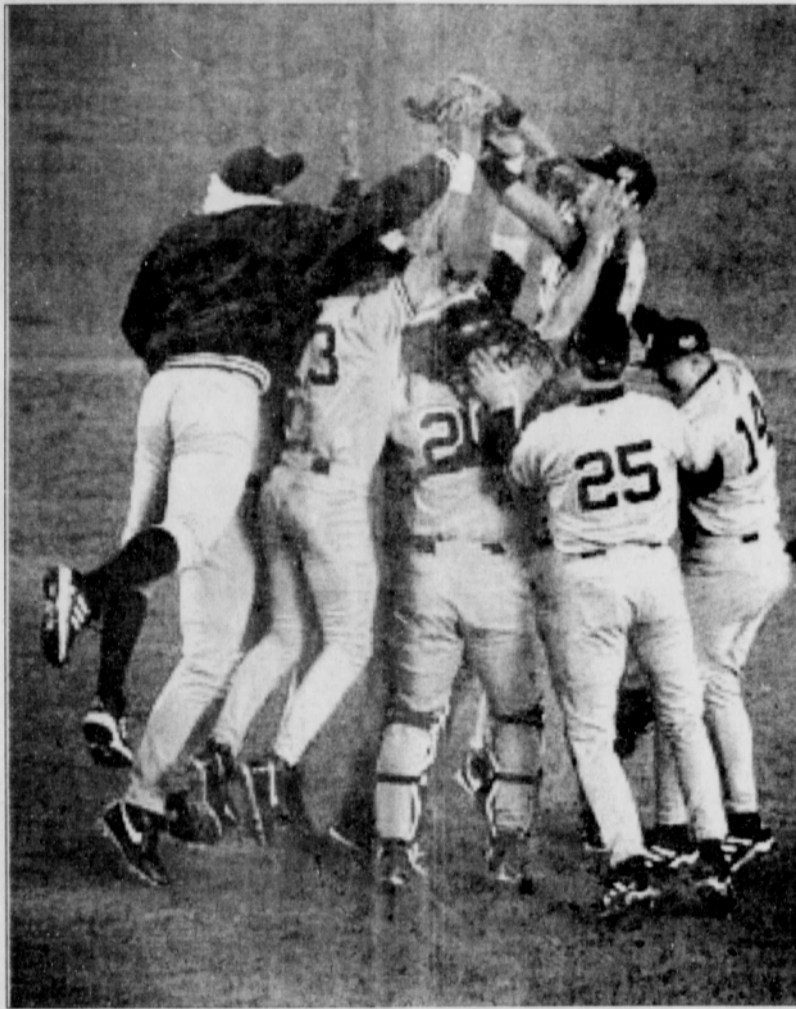
"There were so many balls that could've gone the other way," Torre said.

So while Luis Sojo's grounder sneaked through the middle for the go-ahead single in the top of the ninth inning, Piazza's long drive was hauled in to finish it, ending a Subway Series that city fans had waited 44 years to see.

"Going in, I knew this World Series would be more than five nine-inning games," Torre said. "It would be 24-hour days."

By Friday morning, though, all that happened this week — punctuated by the Roger Clemens-Piazza bat-throwing episode — was in the past. The final game, having happened just a 14-minute drive away in Queens, already was part of the history books.

Over in the Bronx, the big sign above Yankee Stadium that lists the next home game was being changed to read "26 World Championships."



The New York Yankees celebrate winning the 2000 World Series over the New York Mets.

Fans Cheer Champs in Ticker Tape Parade



Fans leave no doubt about their loyalties as they gather to cheer on the New York Yankees during a Ticker Tape Parade.

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees fans aren't getting tired of these ticker-tape parades.

Fans of the World Series champions braved raw winds Monday to cheer their heroes during the Bronx Bombers' fourth parade in five years.

"I got here at 6 a.m., and I'm not crazy," said Robert Schaeffer, 54, of the Bronx. "It's a little cold but it's worth it."

Reams of shredded paper hurled from office windows created a virtual blizzard as the parade kicked off shortly after noon. Grand Marshal Yogi Berra waved from a 1952 Chrysler convertible while a grinning Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joined Yankees manager Joe Torre on the trophy float.

Thousands crowded the parade route along lower Broadway. Many were skipping school or work.

"We called the school from here and they know who the hooky mothers are," said Donna Toscano of Wyckoff, N.J., with her friend Lori Cooke and their four young children.

Oregon, Oregon State Have Eyes on Rose Bowl

Ducks control own destiny, Beavers need some help, and a Civil War win

Corvallis, Ore. (AP) - How crazy was the Pac-10 last weekend?

The only certainty was a lopsided victory by Oregon State. Oregon State, for decades the 98-pound weaklings of the conference, routed Washington State 38-9 Saturday night and improved to 7-1 for only the second time since 1939. The previous such start for the Beavers was in 1964, the team's last Rose Bowl season.

With Arizona's loss to UCLA, No. 14 Oregon State is among a dwindling group of challengers for this year's Pac-10 title. The Beavers are tied for second place with Washington at 4-1, a game behind unbeaten Oregon.

Were it not for remarkable comebacks by the Ducks and Huskies, Oregon State actually would be in control of the conference race. Oregon rallied from two touchdowns behind in the fourth quarter at Arizona State to prevail 56-55 in two overtimes; and Washington had to

drive 80 yards in the final seconds to win at Stanford 31-28.

Now, to earn a trip to Pasadena the Beavers must win their last three games - including at home against Oregon on Nov. 18 - and hope Washington loses somewhere down the road. The Huskies already have beaten the Beavers. Oregon State already has matched its victory total

from last season, when it went 7-5 for its first winning record since 1970. To complete its transformation, the Beavers have a simple formula: more defense and more Ken Simonton.

On Saturday night, the 5-foot-8, 194-pound tailback ran for 169 yards and became the first player in Pac-10 history to rush for at least 1,000 yards as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

"He's really a special guy," quarterback Jonathan Smith said. "Sometimes I hand it to him, and it's amazing to watch him go."

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