

Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Rivalry resumes: Red Sox vs. Yankees

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NEW YORK — Fans have been waiting for another one of these rumbles: baseball's most-bitter rivals set to tangle again, this time as 100-win heavyweights in the playoffs.

Munson vs. Fisk, Pedro vs. Poppey, A-Rod vs. Varitek and earlier this year Brock Holt vs. Tyler Austin.

The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees back at each other in the postseason for the first time in 14 years.

"We're a team that can play with anybody, and we're not afraid to go in there," Yankees center fielder Aaron Hicks said after a 7-2 wild-card win over Oakland sent New York to a best-of-five AL Division Series that starts Friday in Fenway Park.

Yankees fans were chanting "We want Boston!" during the late innings. The Red Sox tweeted "We want New York" after the final out in the Bronx.

"I think they're ready and relish the opportunity to go up against the game's best this year," Yankees rookie manager Aaron Boone said of his players.

That is the same Aaron Boone whose 11th-inning homer in Game 7 of the 2003 AL Championship Series beat the Red Sox. A year later Boston overcame the Yankees and became the first major league team to bounce back from a 3-0 postsea-



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Boston Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts celebrates a solo home run earlier this season.

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son deficit. The Red Sox went on to win their first World Series since 1918, but Boone's drive off Tim Wakefield has not been forgotten or forgiven.

Boston was 10-9 against the Yankees this year and set a club record with 108 wins under new manager Alex Cora, boosted by MVP candidate Mookie Betts, slugger J.D. Martinez and ace Chris Sale. New York finished eight

games back and became the first team since the 2001 Athletics to reach triple digits in wins and fail to finish first — New York also set the major league mark for home runs, powered by the likes of Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton.

These teams also have a history of hitting each other.

Back on April 11, Austin charged the mound at Fenway after Red Sox reliever Joe Kelly threw at him twice, hitting Austin in the side with the second pitch. Boston players were livid Austin slid spikes-first into shortstop Brock Holt earlier in the game. A bench-clearing brawl led to suspensions and fines, but Austin won't be around for a

rematch — he was dealt to Minnesota in July.

"It's Yankees-Red Sox. That's what everybody wants. That's what they got," Red Sox star pitcher David Price said then.

Just another in a long history of bad blood between rivals a little more than 200 miles apart.

Boston player-manager Joe Cronin and New York outfielder Jake Powell fought on the field and beneath the Yankee Stadium stands in 1938, and Jimmy Piersall of the Red Sox and Billy Martin of the Yankees brawled beneath Fenway Park's stands in 1952.

A fight broke out in 1967 at Yankee Stadium after New York's Thad Tillotson hit Joe Foy with a pitch and Boston's Jim Lonborg hit Tillotson — who after the scrap hit Dick Howser with a pitch.

In 1973, Thurman Munson crashed into catcher Carlton Fisk at Fenway after Gene Michael missed a bunt, and the All-Stars fought. Then at Yankee Stadium in 1976, New York's Lou Piniella charged into Fisk at the plate, and Boston pitcher Bill Lee was body-slammed during the fighting and wound up with a broken collarbone.

A notorious brawl took place during Game 3 of the 2003 AL Championship series, when Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez threw 72-year-old Don Zimmer to the ground.

Zimmer, a former Boston manager and then a Yankees coach, ran across the infield and lunged at

Martinez during the fighting.

Then the following July, Boston's Bronson Arroyo hit New York's Alex Rodriguez with a pitch, A-Rod stared at the pitch as he walked toward first, catcher Jason Varitek got between them and pushed the AL MVP, leading to dugouts and bullpens emptying.

That October the rivals met again in the 2004 ALCS. The Yankees took a 3-0 lead and were one inning from reaching the World Series when Mariano Rivera walked Kevin Millar and pinch-runner Dave Roberts — now the Los Angeles Dodgers manager — stole second. Bill Mueller hit a tying single and the Red Sox won 6-4 in 12 innings when David Ortiz hit a game-ending, two-run homer at 1:22 a.m.

Boston won 5-4 the next day on Ortiz's RBI single in the 14th inning, won Game 6 in New York 4-2 behind Curt Schilling and his bloody sock, then blew out the Yankees 10-3 in the finale.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said.

Boston swept St. Louis in the World Series, swept Colorado four years later and beat the Cardinals in a six-game series in 2013. Over that same span, the Yankees have won just one title, in 2009.

Fast forward to this week, with the teams ready to meet again.

"It's going to be intense," New York pitcher CC Sabathia said.

SCOREBOARD

PREP STANDINGS

Greater Oregon League Football

| | W | L |
|-----------|---|---|
| Ontario | 3 | 0 |
| La Grande | 2 | 1 |
| Baker | 1 | 2 |
| Mac-Hi | 0 | 3 |

Special District 3 Football

East

| | W | L |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Wellowa | 3 | 0 |
| Crane | 3 | 0 |
| Elgin | 2 | 2 |
| Adrian/Jordan Valley | 2 | 2 |
| Cove | 1 | 2 |
| Powder Valley | 1 | 3 |
| Pine-Eagle | 0 | 3 |

Greater Oregon League Boys Soccer

| | W | L | T |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Ontario | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| La Grande | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baker | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mac-Hi | 1 | 2 | 0 |

Greater Oregon League Girls Soccer

| | W | L | T |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| La Grande | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Baker | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Mac-Hi | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Ontario | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Special District 5 Football (6-man)

| | W | L |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Harper | 5 | 0 |
| Joseph | 4 | 0 |
| South Wasco | 4 | 0 |
| Echo | 3 | 1 |
| Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler | 2 | 2 |
| Dayville/Monument | 1 | 4 |
| Huntington | 1 | 4 |
| Burnt River | 0 | 4 |
| Prairie City | 0 | 5 |

Greater Oregon League Volleyball

| | W | L |
|-----------|---|---|
| La Grande | 3 | 0 |
| Baker | 3 | 1 |
| Mac-Hi | 1 | 3 |
| Ontario | 1 | 4 |

Old Oregon League Volleyball

| | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Powder Valley | 6 | 0 |
| Imbler | 5 | 2 |
| Joseph | 4 | 1 |
| Griswold | 4 | 3 |
| Wellowa | 4 | 3 |
| Cove | 4 | 4 |
| Elgin | 2 | 5 |
| Pine-Eagle | 1 | 6 |
| Nixyaawii | 0 | 6 |

High Desert League Volleyball

| | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| Prairie City | 2 | 0 |

Greater Oregon League Football

| | W | L |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Jordan Valley | 3 | 0 |
| Crane | 3 | 1 |
| Dayville/Monument | 2 | 2 |
| Harper | 1 | 3 |
| Burnt River | 0 | 1 |
| Adrian | 1 | 2 |
| Huntington | 0 | 3 |

Greater Oregon League Boys Soccer

| | W | L | T |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Ontario | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| La Grande | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baker | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mac-Hi | 1 | 2 | 0 |

Greater Oregon League Girls Soccer

| | W | L | T |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| La Grande | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Baker | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Mac-Hi | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Ontario | 0 | 3 | 0 |

MAJOR LEAGUES

WILD CARD

Tuesday's Game
Colorado 2, Chicago Cubs 1

Wednesday's Game
New York Yankees 7, Oakland 2

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x if necessary)

American League
All Games on TBS
Boston vs. New York
All Times PDT

Friday, Oct. 5: New York at Boston (Sale 12-4), 4:32 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6: New York at Boston (Price 16-7), 5:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: Boston (Porcello 17-7) at New York, TBA
x-Tuesday, Oct. 9: Boston at New York, TBA
x-Thursday, Oct. 11: New York at Boston, TBA

Houston vs. Cleveland
Friday, Oct. 5: Cleveland (Kluber 20-7) at Houston (Verlander 16-9), 11:05 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6: Cleveland (Carrasco 17-10) at Houston (Cole 15-5), 1:37 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8: Houston (Keuchel 12-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 13-8), TBA
x-Tuesday, Oct. 9: Houston at Cleveland, TBA
x-Thursday, Oct. 11: Cleveland at Houston, TBA

National League
FS1 and MLB Network
Milwaukee 1, Colorado 0
Friday, Oct. 5: Colorado 2
Friday, Oct. 5: Colorado at Milwaukee (Chacin 15-8), 1:15 p.m. (FS1)
Sunday, Oct. 7: Milwaukee at Colorado, 1:37 p.m. (MLB)
x-Monday, Oct. 8: Milwaukee at Colorado, TBA
x-Wednesday, Oct. 10: Colorado at Milwaukee, TBA

Los Angeles 1, Atlanta 0
Thursday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 0
Friday, Oct. 5: Atlanta (Sanchez 7-6) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 9-5), 6:37 p.m. (FS1)
Sunday, Oct. 7: Los Angeles (Buehler 8-5) at Atlanta, 5:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Monday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles at Atlanta, TBA
x-Wednesday, Oct. 10: Atlanta at Los Angeles, TBA

San Francisco 1, Arizona 0
Thursday's Game
New England 38, Indianapolis 24

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East Division

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|
| Miami | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| New England | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|
| Tennessee | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Houston | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|------------|---|---|---|------|
| Cincinnati | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Baltimore | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 2 | 1 | .375 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 2 | 1 | .375 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|---------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Kansas City | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Denver | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |
| L.A. Chargers | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |
| Oakland | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 |
| Dallas | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|
| New Orleans | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Carolina | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|
| Chicago | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Green Bay | 2 | 1 | 1 | .625 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 2 | 1 | .375 |
| Detroit | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|-----------|---|---|---|-------|
| L.A. Rams | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 |

San Francisco 1, Arizona 0
Thursday's Game
New England 38, Indianapolis 24

Sunday's Games

All Times PDT

Miami at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Denver at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Tennessee at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 5:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Washington at New Orleans, 2:15 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|---|---|-------|----|
| New York | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Toronto | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1 |
| Boston | 1 | 2 | .333 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1½ |

Southwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Atlanta | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Charlotte | 2 | 1 | .667 | — |
| Washington | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |
| Orlando | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |
| Miami | 0 | 2 | .000 | 1½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|---|---|-------|----|
| Milwaukee | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Cleveland | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Detroit | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Indiana | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Chicago | 1 | 1 | .500 | ½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Dallas | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| San Antonio | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Houston | 1 | 1 | .500 | ½ |
| Memphis | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |
| New Orleans | 0 | 2 | .000 | 1½ |

Northwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Denver | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Utah | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1 |
| Oklahoma City | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1½ |
| Portland | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1½ |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|---|---|-------|----|
| LA Clippers | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | — |

Sacramento 1, Phoenix 1
L.A. Lakers 1, Golden State 0

Wednesday's Games
New York 107, Brooklyn 102
Detroit 97, Oklahoma City 91
Milwaukee 116, Chicago 82
Phoenix 91, New Zealand Breakers 86
L.A. Clippers 128, Minnesota 101

Thursday's Games
Indiana 110, Houston 100
L.A. Lakers 128, Sacramento 123

Today's Games

All Times PDT

Philadelphia vs. Dallas at Shanghai, 4:30 a.m.
Flamengo Flamengo at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Melbourne United at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Adelaide 36ers at Utah, 6 p.m.
Perth Wildcats at Denver, 6 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Sacramento vs. Golden State at Seattle, Wash., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at Memphis, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif., 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta vs. Oklahoma City at Tulsa, Okla., noon
Houston at San Antonio, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|-----|
| Toronto | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Boston | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Montreal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ottawa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Detroit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Metropolitan Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts |
|------------|----|---|---|----|-----|
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Pittsburgh | | | | | |