Sports

WORLD SERIES

Red Sox win 4th title in 15 years

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LOS ANGELES — Chris Sale's final pitch for this Boston juggernaut triggered a celebration on the Dodger Stadium infield, among thousands of fans who made their way to California — and even outside Fenway Park back home.

The quest is complete. Yes, these 2018 Red Sox really are that great.

A team to remember from top to bottom. A season to savor from start to finish.

David Price proved his postseason mettle, Steve Pearce homered twice and Boston beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 on Sunday to finish off a one-sided World Series in five games.

A tormented franchise during decades of despair before ending an 86-year championship drought in 2004, the Red Sox have become baseball's team of the century with four titles in 15 seasons.

"Seeing all these grown men over there, just acting like kids, that's what it's all about," Price said after pitching three-hit ball into the eighth inning on short rest. "This is why I came to Boston."

After losing on opening day, Alex Cora's team romped to a 17-2 start and a club-record 108 wins, then went 11-3 in the postseason, dispatching the 100-win New York Yankees and the 103-victory and defending champion Houston Astros in the playoffs. Cora, a player on Boston's 2007 champions, became the first manager from Puerto Rico to win a title and just the fifth rookie skipper overall.

"I don't know where we stand in history and all that," said Dave Dombrowski, the club's president of baseball operations. "If somebody would say you're going to win 119 games and lose 57, we'd never, ever fathom that."

Pearce hit a two-run homer on Clayton Kershaw's sixth pitch. Solo homers by Mookie Betts in the sixth inning and J.D. Martinez in the seventh quieted the Los Angeles crowd. Pearce added a solo drive off Pedro Baez in the eighth, then was selected the Series MVP after the game.

"Best feeling in my life," Pearce said.

Acquired in June from Toronto, Pearce had three homers and seven RBIs in the final 11 innings of the Series. Thousands of Boston fans remained on the first-base side of the stadium long after the final out, chanting "Let's go Red Sox!" and singing "Sweet Caroline."

Of course, they let loose a few choice words about the rival Yankees, too.

"I never knew there were so many Red Sox fans here," Martinez said.

Players' families, many dressed in red, congregated on the field to join the celebration, some holding babies, some watching children run across the outfield in glee.

"This is the greatest Red Sox team in history," owner John Henry proclaimed after receiving the Series trophy.

After losing to Houston in Game 7 last year by the same 5-1 score, the Dodgers became the first team ousted on its home field in consecutive World Series since the New York Giants by the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds in 1936 and '37. Los Angeles remains without a championship since 1988.

"Ran up against a very good ballclub — and just a little bit too much for us," said manager Dave Roberts, who played for Boston's 2004 champions.

Boston outscored the Dodgers 28-16 and had only a slightly better batting average at .222 to .180. But the Red Sox got timely hitting and won their ninth title, tying the Athletics for third-most behind the Yankees (27) and Cardinals (11).

All that stood between the Red Sox and a sweep was an 18-inning loss in Game 3, the longest World Series game ever. They trailed 4-0 in the seventh inning of Game 4 when Sale rose from the dugout bench for a fiery, profane, motivational rant, and his teammates woke up in time to rally for a 9-6 win.

Boston never trailed in Game 5.

The 33-year-old Price, a Cy Young Award winner in 2012, long pitched under an October shadow cast by his regular-season success. He had been 0-9 in 11 postseason starts before defeating Astros ace Justin Verlander in the clinching Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

PAC-12 FOOTBALL

Wazzu rallies to nip Stanford, 41-38

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STANFORD, Calif. — As soon as Stanford threw a tying touchdown pass, Gardner Minshew's first reaction was that the Cardinal left Washington State too much time with 1:25 to play.

With one deep pass over the middle and a clutch kick that proved to be true and the Cougars are now all alone in first place in the Pac-12 North.

Minshew completed his first 19 passes of the second half and drove No. 14 Washington State to a 42-yard field goal by Blake Mazza with 19 seconds remaining to lead the Cougars to a 41-38 victory over No. 24 Stanford on Saturday.

"That's too much time. We had three timeouts," Minshew said. "We want the ball to come to us. We want to have the chance to make the play to win the game. ... We knew if we got the chance, we could win it for us."

Minshew completed 40 of 50 passes for 438 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Cougars (7-1, 4-1 Pac-12) to their third straight win over the Cardinal (5-3, 3-2). This victory follows last week's over then-No. 12 Oregon, giving Washington State back-to-back wins over ranked opponents for the first time since 2002.

Minshew engineered the winning drive in the final 1:25 with the big play coming on a 35-yard pass to Jamire Calvin on third-and-2 from the 33. Minshew completed one more pass to move the ball to the 25 and after two incomplete passes, Mazza made his kick to win it in his first try at a game-winner at any level.

"It's exhilarating and it's awesome," Mazza said. "Those are the two things that describe that moment. Only a certain amount of people can experience that in sports."

With No. 15 Washington losing at California, the Cougars head into the final month of the season alone in first place in the conference and remain the only one-loss team in the Pac-12.

K.J. Costello threw a game-tying 25-yard touchdown pass to JJ Arcega-Whiteside with 1:25 to play but it wasn't enough to prevent Stanford from losing for the third time in four games.

SEATTLE 28, DETROIT 14

Seahawks continue hot streak, improve to 4-3 on the year

By Larry Lage
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DETROIT — Russell Wilson was perfect.

Seattle's game plan was pretty good, too.

Wilson threw three touchdown passes in the second quarter to put the Seahawks ahead and they went on to beat the Detroit Lions 28-14 Sunday, leaning on their running game and defense just as they have throughout their turnaround.

"We can do whatever we want right now," Wilson said.

The Seahawks (4-3) looked sharp on both sides of the ball coming off their bye and won for the fourth time in five games after opening the season with two losses.

"I'm always going to regret that we started lousy," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Wilson completed 10 passes, two for scores, before having an incompletion late in the second quarter. He finished 14 of 17 for 248 yards, leading to a perfect quarterback rating. Wilson's 24-yard pass to Tyler Lockett, 15-yard throw to David Moore and 12-yard pass to Ed Dickson for touchdowns gave Seattle a 21-7 lead at halftime.

Chris Carson, who had 105 of Seattle's 176 yards rushing, scored on a 7-yard run early in the fourth to put the Seahawks up 28-7.

"We ran 42 times," Carroll said. "I couldn't be more fired up about that."

Detroit acquired run-stuffing defensive tackle Damon "Snacks" Harrison from the New York Giants for a fifth-round pick just four days before the game, but he wasn't able to immediately help one of the NFL's worst run defenses.

"We have to start learning how to play off him," Lions defensive tackle Ricky Jean Francois said.

The Lions (3-4) had won three of four in large part because they didn't turn the ball over much and finally found a running game. They lost the ball three times and had just 34 yards rushing against Seattle.

"I've got to do a better job getting the team ready," Detroit coach Matt Patricia said.

The Lions got off to a solid start against Seattle, breaking a scoreless tie late in the first quarter on Matthew Stafford's 39-yard pass to Marvin Jones. The Lions were then held scoreless for two quarters before Stafford threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Jones early in the fourth to cut the deficit to 14.

Stafford lost a fumble midway through the fourth quarter and threw an interception with 3:08 to go at the Seattle 1.

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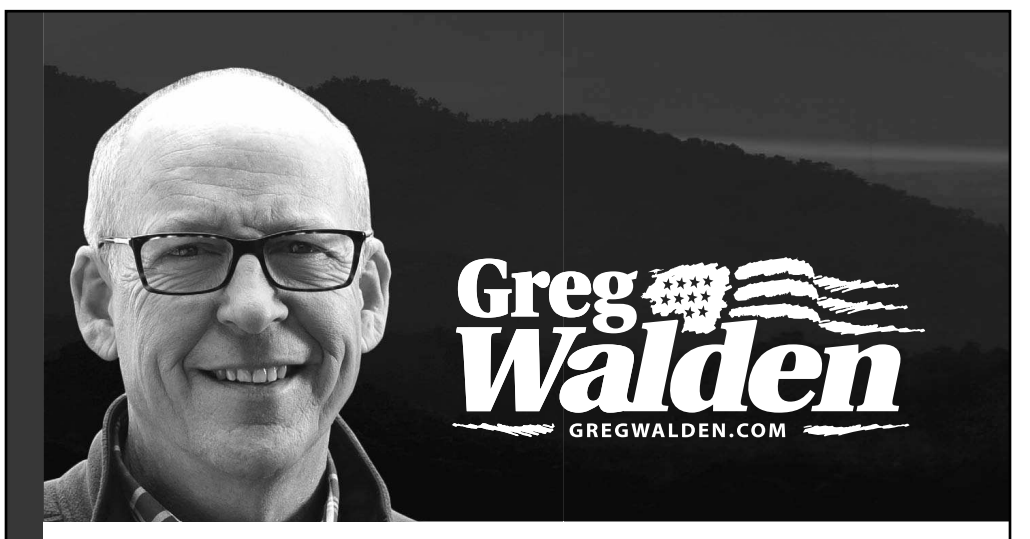

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