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AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST DIVISION CHAMPIONS (9): 1975, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1995, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2017
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HOUSTON ASTROS 5, BOSTON RED SOX 4

ALDS Game 4 • Monday, October 9, 2017 • Fenway Park, Boston, MA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Houston	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	12	0
Boston	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	9	1

Win: Verlander (2-0) **Loss:** Sale (0-2) **Save:** Giles (1)
Time of Game: 4:07 **Attendance:** 37,305 (2nd sellout) **Weather:** 73°, wind S at 10 mph
Astros HR: Bregman (2; 368 ft)
Red Sox HR: Bogaerts (1; 385 ft), Benintendi (1; 383 ft), Devers (2, inside-the-park)

PITCH COUNTS	
RED SOX	
Pitcher	# (Strikes)
Rick Porcello	70 (41)
Chris Sale	77 (52)
Craig Kimbrel	38 (24)
Addison Reed	2 (2)
ASTROS	
Pitcher	# (Strikes)
Charlie Morton	83 (52)
Justin Verlander	40 (24)
Ken Giles	29 (21)

RED SOX NOTES (1-3)

THE RED SOX lost by a score of 4-3 in their final game of the 2017 season...Were defeated in the Division Series, 3-1.

- Are now 6-6 all-time in Division Series, having lost each of their last 2 (also 2016).
- Fell to 17-7 in 24 potential elimination games since 1999...Are 15-9 at home when facing elimination (source: ESPN Stats & Info).
- Allowed the Astros a lead in the 1st inning of each game this series...Erased that lead in 3 of the series' 4 contests.
- The Red Sox bullpen extended its scoreless-innings streak to 13.2 IP before surrendering a 3-2 lead in the 8th inning.

ANDREW BENINTENDI (2-for-4, R, HR, 2 RBI) hit a go-ahead 2-run home run on a 2-2 pitch in the 5th inning...Was his 2nd HR in 7 career postseason games.

- Both of his postseason HR have given the Red Sox a lead...Also homered in his first career postseason PA in Game 1 of the 2016 ALDS vs. CLE.
- Between the regular season and playoffs, 5 of his 24 career HR have given the Red Sox a lead, including 4 of his last 9.
- According to ESPN Stats & Info, became the 7th-youngest player with a go-ahead HR in an elimination game...Yesterday, Rafael Devers became the 2nd-youngest.

RAFAEL DEVERS (2-for-3, R, HR, RBI, BB) led off the 9th with an inside-the-park HR on an 0-2 pitch, his 2nd HR of the series and 1st career inside-the-park HR... Finished the series 4-for-11 with 2 HR and 5 RBI.

- Was the 17th inside-the-park HR in postseason history, and the 1st to come in the 9th inning or later...3 have been hit by BOS hitters (also Larry Gardner on 10/11/1916 and Patsy Dougherty on 10/2/1903).
- Became the first rookie with an inside-the-park HR in the postseason...The last Red Sox hitter with such a HR in any game was Blake Swihart on 8/28/15 at NYM.
- The only other AL players to homer in consecutive postseason games before turning 21 are Mickey Mantle in 1952 and Jimmie Foxx in 1929.

CHRIS SALE (4.2 IP, 4 H, 2 ER, 6 SO) made his first relief appearance since 5/8/12 with CWS at CLE, and first career playoff relief appearance.

- Threw 4.0 scoreless innings before being charged with 2 ER in the 8th, a day after David Price dealt 4.0 scoreless frames in BOS's Game 3 win...His 4.2 IP tied for the 5th-most relief IP by a Red Sox pitcher in a playoff game (most since Pedro Martinez, 6.0 IP, 1999 ALDS G5).
- His 6 SO were the 3rd-most by a Red Sox pitcher in a postseason relief outing, trailing Martinez (8, 1999 ALDS G5) and Wes Gardner (8, 1988 ALCS G3)...His 12 SO this series set a Red Sox Division Series record.

XANDER BOGAERTS (1-for-3, 2 R, HR, RBI, BB) tied the game with a solo HR in the 1st inning, his first hit of the series and first career postseason HR.

- Was his first postseason XBH since tripling in Game 3 of the 2013 World Series at STL...Has scored 11 runs in 19 career playoff games.
- Was the first game-tying HR by a Red Sox hitter in a postseason game since David Ortiz's 8th-inning grand slam in Game 2 of the 2013 ALCS vs. DET.
- Between the regular season and the playoffs, has 5 career HR vs. HOU, his most vs. any team outside the AL East...All 5 have come in his last 14 games vs. HOU.

HANLEY RAMIREZ (2-for-4) singled twice...Went 8-for-14 (.571) in this series, including 6 straight AB with a hit from his first AB yesterday through his 2nd AB today.

- Is a career .380 hitter (27-for-71) in 20 playoff games...Ranks first in Division Series history with a career .446 AVG (25-for-56) in 15 DS games (min. 50 AB).
- Between the regular season and the playoffs, has reached base safely in his last 19 games vs. the Astros, batting .406 (28-for-69).
- His 8 hits this series were the 3rd-most by a Red Sox hitter in a Division Series, trailing only Jacoby Ellsbury in 2013 (9) and Mike Stanley in 1999 (10).

MOOKIE BETTS (1-for-4, SB) singled in the 1st inning, extending his postseason hit streak to 6 games...Has reached safely in all 7 of his career playoff games.

- The last Sox players to reach base in each of their first 7 career postseason games, all with BOS, were Jason Bay in 2008-09 (14), Wade Boggs in 1986 (7), and Carlton Fisk (10) and Rick Burleson (7), both in 1975.
- Stole his first career base in the postseason...At 25 years, 2 days old, is the 3rd-youngest Red Sox hitter to steal a base in a playoff game, after Jacoby Ellsbury (twice at 24 years old in 2007) and Tris Speaker (24 years old in 1912).
- Including postseason play, has reached base in his last 22 games vs. the Astros, and all of his 23 career starts...Is a career .340 hitter (33-for-97) vs. HOU.

MITCH MORELAND (1-for-3, 2B, BB) doubled with 2 outs in the 3rd...Has 8 career 2B in the playoffs, including 4 in his last 6 postseason games.

- Between the regular season and the postseason, hit safely in his final 7 starts of the season, tallying 6 XBH (.417/10-for-24, 4 2B, 2 HR).

RICK PORCELLO (3.0 IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 3 BB, 4 SO) made his 4th career postseason start and 2nd appearance of the series.

- Held the Astros to 1-for-7 (.143) with RISP...Stranded runners in scoring position in each of his 3 frames.

JOHN FARRELL was ejected from the game for arguing with home plate umpire Mark Wegner in the 2nd inning...Was his 19th career ejection as a manager.

ASTROS NOTES (3-1)

THE ASTROS advanced to their 5th League Championship Series and 1st ALCS in franchise history (last 2005 NLCS vs. STL).

- 🔥 Scored 2 runs in the 8th inning to overcome a 3-2 deficit, earning their 44th come-from-behind win of 2017.
- 🔥 Won for just the 9th time when trailing after 7 innings this season (9-48).
- 🔥 Scored once in the 1st inning...Plated at least 1 run in each game of the series.
- 🔥 Hit .333 (49-for-147) during the series, the club's highest mark ever in a single postseason series (previously the 2004 NLDS, .322 AVG, 58-for-180).
- 🔥 The club's .402 OBP also marks HOU's highest clip ever in a single postseason series (previously the 2004 NLDS, .390).
- 🔥 Homered 8 times in the set, the 3rd-most during a single Division Series in franchise history (11 in 2004 vs. ATL, 9 in 2015 vs. KC)...Are also the most by a club vs. BOS in a single Division Series (previously CWS: 7 in 2005, CLE-7 in 1998, CLE-7 in 1999).
- 🔥 Astros pitching allowed 2 HR...Including the regular season, are 32-27 when surrendering multiple HR.

JOSH REDDICK (2-for-4, BB, RBI) gave HOU a 4-3 lead in the 8th inning with an RBI single to LF...Was his 6th game-winning RBI of the year.

- 🔥 His 8th-inning RBI also marked his 14th go-ahead RBI of the season, and 4th in the 8th inning or later (all of which have come on the road).
- 🔥 Recorded his 3rd multi-hit contest of the series (.375/6-for-16).

ALEX BREGMAN (1-for-5, R, HR, RBI) tied the game at 3 with a lead-off solo HR in the 8th, his 2nd HR of the series (also a solo HR in the 1st inning of Game 1).

- 🔥 Was the 3rd Astro to hit a game-tying HR in the 8th inning or later in a postseason contest (also Brad Ausmus: 9th in Game 4 of 2005 vs. ATL, Billy Hatcher: 14th inning in Game 7 of 1986 NLCS vs. NYM).
- 🔥 Marked his 1st career game-tying or go-ahead HR in the 8th inning or later...Including the regular season, has 10 career HR in the 7th inning or later...Today's was the 1st that has either tied the game or given his team the lead.

JUSTIN VERLANDER (2.2 IP, H, R, 2 BB) earned the win in the 1st relief appearance of his ML career (regular season or postseason).

- 🔥 Allowed a 2-run HR to Andrew Benintendi in the 5th inning but did not allow another hit.
- 🔥 In 7 appearances (6 starts) since joining the Astros, is 7-0 with a 1.48 ERA (7 ER/42.2 IP), a .168 opponent AVG (24-for-143), a 0.77 WHIP, 46 SO, and 9 BB.

GEORGE SPRINGER (3-for-4, BB, R, 2B, RBI) collected 3+ hits for the 10th time this season (last 9/2 vs. NYM)...Was his 3rd consecutive multi-hit effort...HOU is 41-9 this season when Springer collects multiple hits (39-8 in the regular season).

- 🔥 Hit .412 (7-for-17) this series (.474 OBP, .706 SLG, 4 R, 2 2B, HR, 2 RBI).
- 🔥 Gave HOU a 2-1 lead in the 2nd inning with a 2-out RBI single to LF.
- 🔥 Doubled to CF as the 1st batter of the game, his 2nd 2B of the series...Hit .301 (34-for-113) as the 1st batter of the game in the 2017 regular season, and .302 (65-for-215) when leading off any inning during the campaign.
- 🔥 Has scored in each of the last 3 games, crossing the plate 9 times in 10 career postseason games.

YULI GURRIEL (3-for-5, R, 2B, 3B) is the 3rd Astros rookie ever to record multiple extra-base hits in a postseason game (also Carlos Correa-2 in Game 4 of the 2015 ALDS vs. KC, Willy Taveras-2 in Game 1 of the 2005 WS at CWS).

- 🔥 His 2nd-inning triple was just the 2nd of his career between the regular season and postseason (also 8/15/17 at ARI).
- 🔥 Hit .529 (9-for-17) during the series (.556 OBP, .706 SLG, 2B, 3B, BB)...Is currently the highest mark ever by a rookie in ML postseason history (min. 15 AB; previously Pepper Martin-.500 with STL in 1931).
- 🔥 His AVG this series trails only Ichiro Suzuki (.600/12-for-20, 2001 ALDS with SEA vs. CLE) for the highest mark ever by a rookie during a single postseason series (min. 15 AB).
- 🔥 Became the 3rd ML rookie ever with 8+ hits in a single Division Series (also Ichiro Suzuki-12 in 2001 with SEA vs. CLE, Yasiel Puig-8 in 2013 with LAD vs. ATL).

CHARLIE MORTON (4.1 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 BB, 6 SO) made his 1st postseason appearance since Game 4 of the 2013 NLDS with PIT vs. STL.

- 🔥 Has not allowed more than 3 ER in any of his last 7 road starts beginning 7/7 at TOR...Is 3-2 with a 3.05 ERA (13 ER/38.1 IP) in that time.

CARLOS BELTRÁN (1-for-1, 2B, RBI) extended HOU's lead to 5-3 with a pinch-hit, 9th-inning double.

- 🔥 Is a .325 career postseason hitter (65-for-200) with 14 doubles and 42 RBI.
- 🔥 His career postseason AVG trails only Steve Garvey (.338) for the highest such mark in ML history (min. 200 AB).

KEN GILES (2.0 IP, H, R, SO) recorded his 3rd career save of 2.0+ IP, each having come during the 2017 season (also 8/13 at TEX, 8/31 vs. TEX).

MARWIN GONZALEZ (0-for-3, R, 2 HBP) cut down Moreland to end the 3rd, keeping HOU's at 2-1...Was his 3rd OF assist of the season (last 8/8 at CWS, also as LF).