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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (13): 1903, 1904, 1912, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1946, 1967, 1975, 1986, 2004, 2007, 2013
AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST DIVISION CHAMPIONS (9): 1975, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1995, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2017
AMERICAN LEAGUE WILD CARD (7): 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009

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BOSTON RED SOX 4, TEXAS RANGERS 2

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 • Fenway Park, Boston, MA

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Win: Sale (10-4) **Loss:** Colon (5-7) **Save:** Kimbrel (28)
Time of Game: 2:58 **Attendance:** 36,920 (14th sellout) **Weather:** 69°, wind E at 9 mph
Rangers HR: None
Red Sox HR: None

| PITCH COUNTS | |
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| RED SOX | |
| Pitcher | # (Strikes) |
| Chris Sale | 110 (80) |
| Heath Hembree | 25 (17) |
| Craig Kimbrel | 23 (13) |
| RANGERS | |
| Pitcher | # (Strikes) |
| Bartolo Colon | 96 (56) |
| Jake Diekman | 12 (9) |
| Jesse Chavez | 10 (7) |

RED SOX NOTES (65-29)

THE RED SOX earned their ML-best 65th win and 9th in a row...Their .691 winning percentage is the highest in the majors.

- 🔴 Ties their longest winning streak of the season (also 3/30-4/10)...The rest of MLB has 3 winning streaks of 9+ games combined...Had no streak that long in 2017 and 1 in 2016...The last time the Red Sox had as many as 2 winning streaks of 9+ games in the same season was 70 years ago (1948; 13 and 9).
- 🔴 Their 65 wins are tied for the most ever by any team before the All-Star break (also the 1969 Orioles).
- 🔴 This is the 3rd time in the club's 118-year history they have won at least 65 of their first 94 games, having also done so in 1912 (65-29) and 1946 (66-26-2).
- 🔴 Marks the first time they have recorded 65 wins over any 94-game stretch since 1949.
- 🔴 Are the 8th team in the Expansion Era (1961-pres.) to win as many as 65 of their first 94 games (last LAD in 2017)...5 of the previous 7 won their league's pennant...Each of the previous 7 finished the regular season with over 100 wins, averaging 107.1.
- 🔴 According to ESPN Stats & Info, the Red Sox' +162 run differential is tied for their best through 94 games in franchise history (also 1946).
- 🔴 Improved to a season-high 36 games over .500, their highest margin over .500 since they were 99-63 in 1978.
- 🔴 Are 37-15 (.712) in their last 52 games, including a 14-2 mark in their last 16...Have won their last 7 games at Fenway, their longest home winning streak since 7/6-21/16 (7).
- 🔴 Completed their 3rd straight sweep and ML-leading 10th of the season...Are also 1 of 2 ML teams that has not been swept (also HOU).
- 🔴 Have won 12 of their last 14 games vs. TEX, including each of their last 6...Is tied for their 2nd-longest win streak vs. the Rangers since the franchise moved to Texas in 1972 (last 7/6/16-7/4/17, 6 G).
- 🔴 Lead the majors with a .721 winning percentage at home (31-12)...Are 24-6 (.800) in series finales.
- 🔴 Are 43-4 (.915) when scoring the game's first run, the best such record in the majors.
- 🔴 Struck out 18 Rangers, their highest SO total in a 9-inning game this season.

CHRIS SALE (7.0 IP, 6 H, BB, 12 SO) struck out 12 Rangers over 7.0 scoreless innings, earning his 10th win of the season.

- 🔴 Has allowed 1 ER over his last 28.0 IP (0.32 ERA)...In his last 7 starts, is 5-1 with a 0.94 ERA (5 ER/48.0 IP), 78 SO, and 10 BB.
- 🔴 Marked his 5th straight start with 11+ SO, tied for a career-long streak (also 5/28-6/19/15) and the 2nd-longest streak by a Sox pitcher since 1908 (Pedro Martinez, 10, 8/19/99-4/9/00)...In that time, the only other pitchers with *multiple* streaks of 5+ starts with 11+ SO are Randy Johnson (3) and Martinez (2).
- 🔴 Has struck out 11+ while walking 1 or 0 batters in each of his last 5 starts, extending the longest such streak in ML history.
- 🔴 Has set Red Sox records for before the All-Star break with 188 SO and 13.11 SO/9.0 IP (129.0 IP), both leading the majors...The only starters ever with a higher SO/9.0 IP rate at the All-Star break are Randy Johnson in 2001 (13.70) and Kerry Wood in 1998 (13.40).
- 🔴 His 188 SO are tied for the 11th-most by any pitcher prior to the All-Star break, the most since Randy Johnson's 202 in 2001 and most by an AL pitcher since Nolan Ryan's AL-record 234 in 1977.
- 🔴 Made his 200th career start...According to Elias, his 1,628 SO in those games are the most by any pitcher ever through his first 200 career starts, a record previously held by Pedro Martinez (1,600).
- 🔴 Marked his 4th scoreless start this season and his 13th with 1 or 0 ER allowed, tied for the most in the AL (also Blake Snell).
- 🔴 Lowered his season ERA to 2.23 (32 ER/129.0 IP)...His 0.899 WHIP, .001 lower than his 2017 first-half mark (0.900), is the 2nd-lowest by a Red Sox starter at the All-Star break (Pedro Martinez in 2000, 0.77).
- 🔴 Struck out 10+ batters for the 9th time this season (6th time in his last 7 starts), the most such starts in the AL.
- 🔴 Leads the majors with 27 double-digit SO starts since he joined BOS in 2017...Ranks 3rd all-time among Sox starters (Pedro Martinez, 72; Roger Clemens, 68).
- 🔴 His 62 career games with 10+ SO rank 12th in the majors in the last 100 years...Tonight's start marked the 33rd of his career with 12+ SO, the 8th-most by any pitcher in the last 100 years.
- 🔴 Extended his career-long streak of innings without allowing a HR to 51.0...Has not allowed a HR in his last 7 starts, the longest such streak by a Red Sox pitcher since Clay Buchholz from 5/26-7/4/15 (8).

J.D. MARTINEZ (1-for-4, R, 2B, 2 RBI) drove in 2 runs with a double in the 5th inning...Leads the majors with 79 RBI and 25 multi-RBI games.

- 🔴 Set a Red Sox record for total bases before the All-Star break (220), passing Jim Rice's 1978 total (218)...Are the most by any hitter in the first half since Chris Davis (246) and Miguel Cabrera (244) in 2013.
- 🔴 Has 8 RBI in his last 5 games and 24 in his last 16...Has driven in multiple runs in 6 of his last 11 games.
- 🔴 His 51 XBH are the 4th-most by a Sox hitter prior to the All-Star break, trailing only David Ortiz (56 in 2004; 57 in 2016) and Manny Ramirez (54 in 2004).

- 🔴 Has hit safely in his last 7 games, batting .400 (12-for-30) with 10 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, and 12 RBI.
- 🔴 Has reached base in his last 35 home games (4/12-pres.), a career-long streak, the longest active in the majors, and the longest in the majors this season.
- 🔴 His 35-game home on-base streak is the longest by a Red Sox hitter in the last 10 seasons (last Kevin Youkilis, 38 games from 9/8/06-6/17/07).
- 🔴 Since last year's All-Star Game, a year ago today, has hit .320/.384/.692/1.076 with 59 HR and 151 RBI, leading MLB in HR, RBI, SLG, OPS, XBH (97), and TB (404).

XANDER BOGAERTS (3-for-4, R, 3B, RBI) recorded a season-high-tying 3 hits, including an RBI triple in the 5th, his 2nd RBI triple in as many games.

- 🔴 Has driven in 14 runs with his 13 career 3B...Had played his previous 94 games without a triple before recording his first career pair of consecutive games with a 3B last night and tonight (last previous: 9/6/17 vs. TOR).
- 🔴 Was his seventh 3-hit game of the season (last 6/6 vs. DET)...Since 2015, his 57 games with 3+ hits rank 2nd in the AL (José Altuve, 78).
- 🔴 Over his last 7 games, is 10-for-24 (.417) with a .545 OBP, .917 SLG, 7 runs, 2 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, 13 RBI, and 8 BB.
- 🔴 Came around to score the go-ahead run in the 2nd inning on a Rougned Odor error...Has scored 7 runs in his last 7 games.
- 🔴 Has driven in 57 runs this season in just 293 AB (5.14 AB/RBI)...Has 41 XBH in just 75 games this year after tallying 48 XBH in 148 games in 2017.

MOOKIE BETTS (2-for-3, R, BB) reached base 3 times...Recorded his 3rd straight multi-hit game and 31st of the season...Reached 100 hits on the season.

- 🔴 Extended his hitting streak to a season-high-tying 9 games (.400/14-for-35), matching a streak from 3/31-4/11.
- 🔴 Has reached base in a season-high 15 straight games, reaching in 36 of 71 PA (.507 OBP) with a .397 AVG (23-for-58), 17 R, 6 2B, 3 HR, and 12 BB.
- 🔴 Leads MLB with a .350 AVG, .675 SLG, and 1.114 OPS this season.
- 🔴 Is a career .321 hitter vs. TEX (34-for-106) with a .519 SLG...Has hit safely in all 11 career home games vs. the Rangers (.396/19-for-48).
- 🔴 Leads the majors with a .393 AVG at home (min. 100 PA).

ANDREW BENINTENDI (2-for-4, R) singled twice to extend his hitting streak to 7 games (.536/15-for-28).

- 🔴 Has recorded multiple hits in a career-long 6 straight games...In those games, is 14-for-23 (.609) with 10 runs, 5 2B, HR, 4 RBI, and 5 BB.
- 🔴 Matched Francisco Lindor (4/30-5/4) for the longest streak of consecutive multi-hit efforts in the majors this season...Is the longest by a Red Sox hitter since 2016 (Jackie Bradley Jr., 5/8-13; Xander Bogaerts, 5/9-14).
- 🔴 In 12 career games vs. TEX, has hit .432/.490/.727 (19-for-44, 12 runs, 5 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 6 BB).

EDUARDO NÚÑEZ (2-for-4) singled twice in his 4th multi-hit game in his last 6 contests...Is 9-for-25 (.360) with 4 R, 2 2B, HR, and 5 RBI in those games.

CRAIG KIMBREL (1.1 IP, BB, 4 SO) walked his first batter faced before striking out the following 4 hitters in a 4-out save...His 4 SO were a season high (last 6/6/17 at NYY, 5).

- 🔴 Ranks 2nd in the majors with 28 saves.

RANGERS NOTES (40-54)

THE RANGERS were swept by the Red Sox for the 2nd time in as many seasons...Ended the season series with a 1-6 record against the club.

- 🔴 Was their 5th loss in their last 6 contests...Fell to 21-26 on the road this season.
- 🔴 Did not surrender a HR for the 30th time this season...Fell to 20-11 when holding opponents to 0 HR.

BARTOLO COLON (6.0 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO) took his 7th loss of the season, falling to 5-7 with a 4.64 ERA (55 ER/106.2 IP).

- 🔴 Is 2-3 with a 3.94 ERA (14 ER/32.0 IP) over his last 5 starts, allowing 3 or fewer earned runs in each of those games.
- 🔴 Fell 9-13 with a 3.84 ERA (81 ER/190.0 IP) in 30 career games vs. the Red Sox, including going 7-7 with a 3.79 ERA (45 ER/107.0 IP) at Fenway Park.
- 🔴 Has allowed 3 or fewer earned runs in each of his last 5 starts at Fenway Park, posting a 1-2 record with a 2.57 ERA (8 ER/ 28.0 IP) during that span.
- 🔴 Has recorded a quality start in each of his last 4 road starts, recording a 3.67 ERA (11 ER/27.0 IP) in that time.

ELVIS ANDRUS (3-for-5, R, 2 2B) doubled in the 1st and 6th innings and singled in the 8th for his 2nd 3-hit game of the year (also 4/6 vs. TOR).

- 🔴 Was his 7th career 3-hit game against BOS (last 3 H, 6/24/16 at Globe Life Park)...Doubled twice for the 2nd time this season (also 2 2B, 6/27 vs. SD).

NOMAR MAZARA (2-for-4, R, RBI) recorded his 30th multi-hit game of the season, 3 of which have come against the Red Sox.

- 🔴 Hit an RBI single in the 8th inning, driving in his team-leading 57th of the year.
- 🔴 Is a career .323 hitter (10-for-31) with 2 RBI in 9 games at Fenway Park.

ROBINSON CHIRINOS (1-for-2, RBI, 2 BB) drew a walk with the bases loaded in the 8th inning to record his 37th RBI of the season.

- 🔴 Drew multiple walks for the 5th time this season (last 6/6 vs. OAK).
- 🔴 Has hit safely in 4 of his last 5 contests vs. the Red Sox, batting .294 (5-for-17) during that stretch.

JURICKSON PROFAR (1-for-3, BB) extended his current hitting streak at Fenway to 7 games (.308/8-for-26).

- 🔴 Has hit safely in each of his last 10 contests, batting .350 (14-for-40) during that stretch.

ADRIÁN BELTRÉ (1-for-4) has a .320 AVG (16-for-50) vs. BOS over his last 13 games against the club.

- 🔴 Holds a .349 AVG (22-for-63) vs. left-handed pitching this season...Is 8 for his last 21 AB (.381) against lefties.
- 🔴 Is batting .306 (15-for-49) over his last 13 games as a visitor at Fenway Park.

ROUGNED ODOR (1-for-4) Is batting .339 (20-for-59) in his last 15 games vs. the Red Sox...Extended his hitting streak vs. BOS to 9 games (.333/11-for-33).

- 🔴 Committed his 4th error of 2018 on a pop up in the 2nd inning, his 1st since 5/23 vs. the Yankees...Snapped a career-long 40 G errorless streak.