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The 2007 Red Sox have hit back-to-back home runs three times in this postseason. Only four other teams have hit two:

YEAR	TEAM	NO.
2007	Red Sox	3
1981	Dodgers	2
1995	Yankees	2
2000	Mariners	2
2003	Marlins	2

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COMEBACKS of NOTE

The Red Sox have been behind the eight ball before in the postseason. They've escaped several times, some of them memorable:

2004
The greatest comeback in baseball history, as the Sox became the first team to erase an 0-3 deficit in the ALCS as they defeated the Yankees in seven games and went on to win the World Series. They won two extra-inning games at Fenway Park, then won the final two at Yankee Stadium.

2003
Trailing, 0-2, in the best-of-five American League Division Series against the A's, the Sox won the final three, including the finale in Oakland.

1999
Same situation as 2003: Trailing, 0-2, in the best-of-five American League Division Series, this time against the Indians. Same result as '03: Sox won the final three, the last in Cleveland.

1986
The Sox trailed the Angels, 3 games to 1, in the American League Championship Series and were behind, 5-2, heading into the ninth inning of Game Five. From that hole they crawled out, winning in extra innings that day behind the heroics of Dave Henderson (ninth-inning homer, 11th-inning sacrifice fly) and then taking the final two games in Boston.

Sox must rely on grit, focus to beat Indians

"If I had ever been here before/I would probably know just what to do" - Déjà Vu, David Crosby, 1969.

SEAN McADAM

CLEVELAND — And that, from the Red Sox' perspective, is the beauty of Game Five of the American League Championship Series.

Many of the Red Sox have been here before. They do know what to do. The trick, of course, is doing it again. But already, numerous members of the Sox have plenty of experience in mounting similar postseason comebacks. In 2003, with his Florida Marlins trailing the Chicago Cubs, 3-to-1, in the NLCS, Josh Beckett, tonight's starter, tossed a complete game shutout in Game Five and kicked off the Marlins' comeback.

"There's no one better for the job," said a smiling Mike Lowell after the Sox were pasted, 7-3, in Game Four

SEE McADAM, D3

SOX NEED BECKETT'S MARLIN MIRACLE

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American League Championship Series
Game Five: Tonight at 8:21

INSIDE

■ Josh Beckett had some shoulder stiffness during Friday night's start in Game One, but manager Terry Francona says he'll be fine tonight. D2

■ The Sox are confident they'll be able to turn things around. D3

■ Manny Ramirez isn't worried. As he notes, the Sox have been in this position before. D3

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GAME-TIME FORECAST

Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the lower 60s.

ALCS AT A GLANCE

- Game 1 Red Sox 10, Indians 3
- Game 2 Indians 13, Red Sox 6 (11)
- Game 3 Indians 4, Red Sox 2
- Game 4 Indians 7, Red Sox 3

GAME	SITE	DAY	TIME
Game 5	Cleveland	Tonight	8:21
			Josh Beckett vs. C.C. Sabathia
Game 6*	Boston	Saturday	TBA
			Curt Schilling vs. Fausto Carmona
Game 7*	Boston	Sunday	TBA
			D. Matsuzaka vs. Jake Westbrook

* if necessary

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Tribe member shares formula for success against Sox' lineup

BY JOE McDONALD
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

CLEVELAND — The Red Sox have proven over the last few seasons to be one of the toughest lineups to pitch against in the majors.

All of a sudden, however, Cleveland has found a way to stifle Boston's hitters as the Indians have taken a three-games-to-one lead in the ALCS, with Game Five tonight at Jacobs Field.

A member of the Indians, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, sat down with The Journal and discussed the club's approach against the Red Sox, which has worked thus far.

The nine everyday players for Boston are very similar when it comes to the scouting reports. Plus, the Cleveland bullpen has done a solid job at keeping the Red Sox' offense at bay in this series, especially at Fenway Park, because giving the Red Sox extra outs is like giving them extra runs at home. "They are a patient lineup, and you can't fall behind them. When you get them in a hitter's count, they will hurt you, and we've seen that already in this series."

Dustin Pedroia

The Indians want to be aggressive with the Sox' rookie leadoff man and make him work as much as they can. In seven postseason games, he's hitting just .172.

"He hasn't shown enough pop to where he can really hurt you. If he gets his hits, leave them at singles because



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Red Sox third baseman Mike Lowell, taking batting practice yesterday at Jacobs Field, is patient at the plate, says a member of the Indians.

Boston won't do a lot of running in front of their big guys. He's a guy we want to throw strikes to and keep him off base, because we don't want anyone on base with the big fellas behind him."

Kevin Youkilis

He's hitting .333 in seven postsea-

son games, and he began to hit the ball hard in Game Four. The last thing the Indians want is Youkilis to get locked in.

"He's a good hitter with very good command of the strike zone. He very rarely swings and misses. He's a tough

SEE LINEUP, D3

NEVER FORGET, NEVER FORGIVE

During a break in the action in Game Four Tuesday night, the Indians ran a slide show of pictures on the giant screen in left field. Capitalizing on the team's 2007 motto, "It's Tribe Time Now," the pictures featured various Boston-area celebrities wearing — thanks to some Photoshop-like editing — red Indians shirts with the motto inscribed. Featured were U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the cast from TV's Cheers, actors Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, and Pats quarterback Tom Brady.

But the Indians saved the best for last, depicting Pats coach Bill Belichick in the red shirt. While most of the photos were greeted with laughter, the appearance of Belichick resulted in some hearty booing. Belichick, of course, has not been forgotten — or forgiven — for his mostly unsuccessful five-year stay in Cleveland as coach of the Browns.

— SEAN McADAM

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Art Martone says if you dismiss the Sox' chances to come back, it's at your own peril.