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Age of wonder

Curt Schilling last night became the sixth-oldest pitcher to start a World Series game:

PLAYER	AGE	YEAR
Jack Quinn	46	1929 A's
Roger Clemens	43	2005 Astros
Kenny Rogers	41	2006 Tigers
G. Alexander	41	1928 Cards
Roger Clemens	41	2003 Yanks
Curt Schilling	40	2007 Sox

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WORLD SERIES 2007

## SOX 2-1

# HALFWAY HOME



Red Sox starter Curt Schilling follows through on a pitch during the third inning of last night's World Series game at Fenway Park. Schilling was lifted with one out in the sixth inning with Boston leading, 2-1.

## Red Sox win, take 2-0 lead over Rox

BY JOE McDONALD  
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BOSTON — When the seventh inning rolled around in Game One of the World Series Wednesday night, the Red Sox had a 13-1 lead.

Last night in Game Two, the Sox were ahead by only 2-1 in the top of the seventh.

Much different type of game. But, in the end, the same result.

While the Rockies were successful in putting their Game One drubbing behind them, the Sox still pulled out the 2-1 victory and lead the best-of-seven series, two games to none.

The key play was a pickoff of Matt Holliday by Jonathan Papelbon to end the eighth inning, and end the Rockies' last threat. Papelbon had taken over for Hideki Okajima, who had thrown 2 1/3 innings of perfect relief, and surrendered a single to Holliday. But Papelbon picked him off — details are available in Steven Krasner's Inside The Game on Page C7 — and that was Colorado's last gasp.

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"They gave me the pick (sign) from the dugout," said Papelbon. "I'm not sure if he was going (to steal) or not or what, but I made the throw. It'll probably go down as one of the biggest outs of my career so far."

The victory gives the Red Sox a huge edge in the series. Of the 50 teams that jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the World Series prior to this year, 39 of them — 78 percent — went on to win the championship.

But the Sox don't want to hear any of that.

"I think what we've said all along, and it'll never change and we're really good at it, is we play the game ahead of us. That's the most important thing on our radar," said manager Terry Francona.

The one way the Rockies attempted to stifle the streaking Boston offense was to keep the hitters off balance by pitching in. Colorado starter Ubaldo Jimenez, the crafty right-hander, had no fear throwing up and tight on the Red Sox hitters, especially Kevin Youkilis and Julio Lugo.

That game plan worked and  
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The Red Sox' offense was less prolific and less productive than it had been Wednesday night in Game One. But thanks to the pitching of **Curt Schilling**, **Hideki Okajima** and **Jonathan Papelbon** it didn't matter, as the Red Sox beat the Rockies to take a 2-0 lead in the 2007 World Series.

DIFFERENT NIGHT

This time it was the Rockies drawing first blood, as **Willy Tavares** was hit by a pitch, raced to third on a single by **Matt Holliday** off the glove of Red Sox third baseman **Mike Lowell**, and scored on an infielder grounder by **Todd Helton**.

LONG TIME COMING

It took the Red Sox until the fourth inning to tie it, but tie it they did against Rockies rookie **Ubaldo Jimenez**. With one out, Lowell walked. In a bit of heads-up baserunning he raced to third on a single to right by **J.D. Drew**, and then trotted home on a sacrifice fly by **Jason Varitek**.

MORE TWO-OUT THUNDER

After scoring 11 two-out runs on Game One, the Sox did it again in the fifth inning last night. **David Ortiz** walked, **Manny Ramirez** singled and Lowell doubled to left, giving them a 2-1 lead.

WASTED NIGHTS

The Sox had many chances to put the game away, but stranded 11 runners through the first seven innings.

OKIE-DOKIE

But thanks to airtight relief by Okajima (2 1/3 perfect innings with four strikeouts in relief of Schilling), Boston maintained the lead.

PICKED OFF

Papelbon came on in relief of Okajima with two outs in the eighth and **Matt Holliday** at the plate, and Holliday singled off the Sox' closer. But Papelbon picked him off first base, ending the inning.

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TOMORROW'S FORECAST IN DENVER

Partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s.

WORLD SERIES AT A GLANCE

Game 1	Red Sox 13, Rockies 1		
Game 2	Red Sox 2, Rockies 1		
GAME	SITE	DAY	TIME
Game 3	Denver	Tomorrow	8:35
	Daisuke Matsuzaka vs. Josh Fogg		
Game 4	Denver	Sunday	8:29
	Jon Lester vs. Aaron Cook		
Game 5*	Denver	Monday	8:40
	Josh Beckett vs. Jeff Francis		
Game 6*	Boston	Wednesday	8:29
	Curt Schilling vs. Ubaldo Jimenez		
Game 7*	Boston	Thursday	8:29
	Daisuke Matsuzaka vs. Josh Fogg		

\* if necessary All games telecast on Fox Over-the-air Channel 64 Cox Channel 11 Cox HD Channel 704

## Did Lowell, Schilling just give selves a great sendoff?

BOSTON — If this was goodbye, if this was the Fenway end for Curt Schilling and Mike Lowell, they certainly went out in style.



constitute the last Sox' home game until next April.

By then, Schilling and Lowell could be

Both players are eligible for free agency after the season and at this rate, the Red Sox' 2-1 win over the Colorado Rockies in Game Two of the World Series may

elsewhere, their Red Sox careers part of the past. That's baseball these days — win a title one week, pack your bags the next. Schilling and Lowell have no control of the timing here. They don't know when or where the Sox' season will end, though off the first two games, there's every reason to believe that will come the next few days in Denver.

If that's the case, Schilling and Lowell went out in style.

Schilling lasted 5 1/2 innings, allowing just one run on four hits and improved to 11-2 lifetime in the playoffs. He also became only the second starter over age 40 to win a World Series game. As for Low-

ell, he slammed a double into the left-field corner in the fifth inning, scoring David Ortiz from second with what proved to be the winning run.

One night after the Sox pounded the Rockies for 13 runs, offense was at a premium. The Sox managed just five hits all night, but Lowell's was undoubtedly the biggest.

Held to a single hit for the first four innings, the Sox had to scratch and claw for anything they could get. The weather was cold and so were the bats — at least in comparison to the night before.

But Lowell produced when the Sox needed him.

"He's been a horse for us all year, consistent," Terry Francona said after the game. "And I mean consistent from day one, driving in a lot of runs and playing third base. He's just a really good player and probably a better person."

Before the game, Lowell was asked to reflect on the fact that he might be playing his final home game as a member of the Red Sox.

"I'd rather not," said Lowell. "I'm really focused on the World Series. I think the offseason is the offseason. I'll tackle that when it comes. But it's really

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