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WORLD BEATERS



WORLD SERIES 2007

SOX 4-3

The Red Sox completed another World Series sweep — their second in four years — by defeating the Colorado Rockies last night and winning the seventh championship in franchise history.

WHAT THEY SAID . . .

■ "I'm supposed to have a lot of things to say and maybe be a little bit profound, but it's hard to come up with the right words. To go through this from day one until now with people that you really, really care about makes it really special." — **Terry Francona**

■ "You know, I'm on cloud nine. It's unbelievable." — **Mike Lowell**, named World Series MVP

■ "2004 was for our parents and grandparents and those people who suffered through eight decades before a World Championship. This is for us and for our children and for everybody in Red Sox Nation that we can do it again." — **Tom Werner**, one of the Sox' owners

■ "There was plenty of doubt from time to time, absolutely. But the guys in uniform played like a band of brothers the entire season." — **Larry Lucchino**, Red Sox' CEO

■ "I couldn't breathe the last inning. It doesn't feel like that. You're fighting so hard to get through that game, and so many guys had to dig deep. There will be a time when we can sit back and enjoy it, but not when you're playing. It's so hard." — **Francona**

■ "This team has got a lot of heart. We worked real hard from the staff to the scouts to the teammates to everybody. We just beat a very, very good team, an excellent team. We had to do the little things, and we were able to." — **Jason Varitek**

■ "I'm going to do that, too, believe me." — **Jonathan Papelbon**, when told the fans are looking forward to see him do his "Riverdance."

WORLD SERIES AT A GLANCE

- Game 1 Red Sox 13, Rockies 1
- Game 2 Red Sox 2, Rockies 1
- Game 3 Red Sox 10, Rockies 5
- Game 4 Red Sox 4, Rockies 3

**RED SOX
WORLD SERIES HISTORY**

- 1903 Red Sox 5, Pirates 3
- 1912 Red Sox 4, Giants 3 (1 tie)
- 1915 Red Sox 4, Phillies 1
- 1916 Red Sox 4, Dodgers 1
- 1918 Red Sox 4, Cubs 2
- 1946 Cardinals 4, Red Sox 3
- 1967 Cardinals 4, Red Sox 3
- 1975 Reds 4, Red Sox 3
- 1986 Mets 4, Red Sox 3
- 2004 Red Sox 4, Cardinals 0
- 2007 Red Sox 4, Rockies 0



The Boston Red Sox race onto the field to begin their celebration of their World Series sweep of the Colorado Rockies. It is the Red Sox' second World Series crown in the last four years.

Sox sweep, win second Series in four years

BY **JOE McDONALD**
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DENVER — The Red Sox capped another banner year last night with . . . another banner.

The Sox completed a sweep of the Colorado Rockies with a 4-3 victory to win their second World Series in four years.

After solid pitching performances in the first three games of the Series by Josh Beckett, Curt Schilling and Daisuke Matsuzaka, respectively, the Red Sox last night handed the ball to 23-year-old lefty Jon Lester.

The story surrounding Lester all season has been his recovery from cancer last summer, but beating the disease has been the furthest thing from his mind ever since he picked up a ball during spring training. So last night he was hoping for a little Mile High Magic to help the Red Sox clinch the World Series.

Lester delivered. He worked 5½ scoreless innings and allowed only three hits with three strikeouts and three walks. The left-hander performed above and beyond what was expected of him, and his teammates not only doused him with champagne and beer, but with respect.

After the Red Sox clinched their first A.L. East title since 1995, the club embarked on the postseason and dispatched the Angels in three games in the ALDS. Then Boston erased a three-games-to-one deficit against the Indians

SEE **RED SOX, B2**

It's never been better than this for Sox fans

DENVER — Consider yourself lucky this morning. Count yourself among the fortunate ones.

You are living in the Golden Age of Red Sox baseball. To find another era in which the Red Sox had this much success in this short a time span, you have to go back to World War I.

From 1912 through 1918 — remember when that was a millstone and not a milestone in club history? — the Sox won four World Series. Then — nothing for 86 years.

And now? After their 4-3 victory clinched a four-game sweep of the Colorado Rockies last night, the Sox are champions for the second time in the last four seasons.

They don't qualify as a dynasty, really, because they took two full seasons between titles and only eight players on this championship team were part of the last one. Who knows? Perhaps the amount of roster churn inherent in the game has made dynasties a thing of the past.

But that's a minor point about which to quibble.

There's plenty to enjoy, to relish, to

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