

Which team is the Patriots' toughest regular-season test now?

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2004-2007 Which Sox team was best?

Steve Krasner picked 2004. You make the call at projosports.com/redsox

Randy ties a record

Randy Moss on Sunday tied Stanley Morgan's Pats record for TDs in a season. For his career, Morgan's totals are something to behold.

Receptions	534
Yards	10,352
TDs	67

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IN THE NEWS

■ BRUINS CALL UP RASK FROM AHL

The Boston Bruins switched backup goaltenders yesterday, promoting **Tuukka Rask** from Providence and sending **Jordan Sigalet** to the AHL team. Rask, who hasn't played in the NHL, was 6-1 with a 2.00 goals against average for Providence this season. Boston obtained him from Toronto in June 2006 for goalie **Andrew Raycroft**. Rask played in Finland the last three seasons. Sigalet was recalled Oct. 30 and didn't play in Boston's two games since then.

■ ARENA RESIGNS AS N.Y. COACH

Former U.S. national coach **Bruce Arena** resigned as New York Red Bulls coach and sporting director yesterday, two days after the team was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year. Arena made the decision after talking with Red Bulls manager director **Marc de Grandpre**. "Marc and I discussed the direction of the team and decided mutually that this was the best move for Red Bull New York," Arena said in a statement.

■ PETTITTE SAYS 'NO' TO YANKEES

Andy Pettitte declined his \$16-million option to return to the Yankees, still uncertain whether he wants to pitch next season. "I have spoken with **Brian Cashman**, who has reiterated what **Hank Steinbrenner** said about the Yankees wanting to give Andy all the time he needs to decide about next season," Pettitte's agent, **Randy Hendricks**, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Accordingly, we are declining to exercise the option for 2008 and Andy will declare free agency in order to free up a roster spot for the Yankees.

■ SHAPIRO GETS TOP EXEC NOD

Cleveland Indians general manager **Mark Shapiro** was selected major-league executive of the year by The Sporting News and presented with the award yesterday. Shapiro, whose team lost the ALCS in seven games to the Red Sox, received 13 of 47 votes from major-league executives.

■ NFL

Pittsburgh 38, Baltimore 7

■ NHL

Carolina 5, Washington 0
Pittsburgh 5, New Jersey 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 2, Buffalo 0
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 5, Edmonton 2
Colorado 4, Calgary 1
Dallas at Anaheim

■ NBA

Dallas 107, Houston 98

SOAP OPERA

Fallout from Patriots' win to linger into possible rematch

Who needs *Days of Our Lives* when there's Patriots-Colts?

SHALISE MANZA YOUNG

While another chapter — and an entertaining one at that — was added to the teams' rivalry on Sunday, it continued yesterday, as there were allegations and needling from both sides.

And if things hold to form, there might be more drama come playoff time.

For much of New England's game with Indianapolis on Sunday, the crowd at the RCA Dome was extremely loud — one on-field newspaper photographer said by halftime his ears were ringing as if he had been at a concert and went looking for ear plugs at the intermission.

To the Pats' brass, though, it might have been too loud. There have long been rumors that the Colts pipe crowd noise over the speakers when the oppo-

nent's offense is on the field. And during the telecast of the game, there was a sound "glitch" that led some to surmise that it was a skip in a recording of phony crowd noise.

After the game, team president **Jonathan Kraft** reportedly approached NFL vice president of security **Milt Aherlich** — the same man who confiscated the videotape from Patriots assistant **Matt Estrella** at the Meadowlands on Opening Day —

outside the New England locker room after the game to discuss the possibility of Indianapolis pumping up the crowd noise.

Tom Brady commented after the game that it was nearly impossible to hear on the field: "It is so challenging playing here, the crowd noise is ... I don't know if there are levels of being deaf, but we

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Pats cornerback **Ellis Hobbs** appears to have position on the Colts' **Reggie Wayne** on a second-quarter pass on which he was called for interference.

It's always right back to the lab for mad scientist Belichick

FOXBORO — So now the Patriots have a bye week, a break in their schedule, and **Bill Belichick** is probably off to some exotic vacation spot somewhere, some private Idaho where there are no opposing hands to shake after games, no prying reporters looking for the palace secrets,

BILL REYNOLDS

no one accusing him of running up points and being a bully, a week away from the football bunker he all but lives in, right?

Wrong. The Pats may not play until a week from Sunday, but there was Coach **Bill** yesterday morning inside Gillette Stadium for his usual Monday morning press

conference.

So what if the day before the Patriots had won their biggest game of the season on the road in Indianapolis. So what if they are now 9-0, the undisputed king of the NFL mountain here in early November. There he was in his familiar gray workout shirt and tan shorts, standing at a podium in front of a blue background

that had icons of Dunkin' Donuts and the Patriots splashed across it. As if it was just another day at the office, as if Sunday's win over the Colts was already as gone as Halloween, already yesterday's news.

He already had gotten through all the usual clichés about what a good win Sun-

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Schilling is likely to rejoin Red Sox

BY SEAN MCADAM
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Just over a week after the conclusion of the World Series, the Red Sox and Curt Schilling were last night making progress on a deal that would bring Schilling back for the 2008 season, his final year in the game.

Indications last night were that a deal will likely be finalized today.

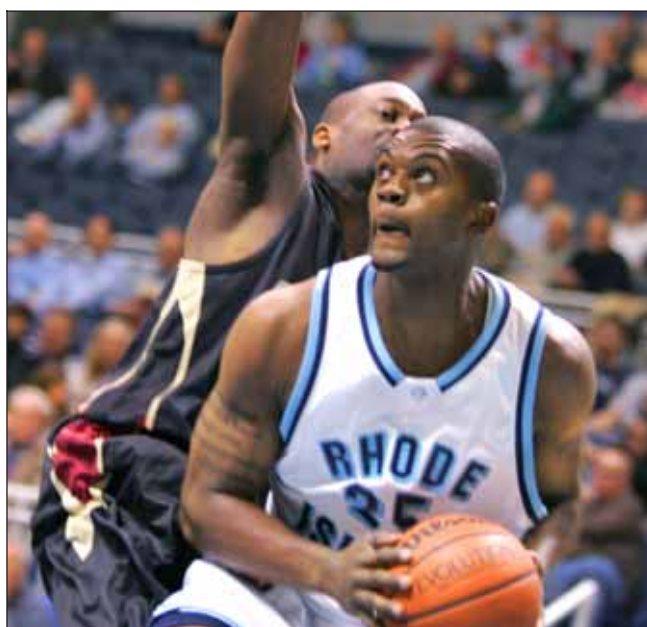
"We've been talking," said Schilling when reached last night, "and I'm optimistic about the discussions. I feel very good about the direction of the talks."

Schilling, whose four-year deal expired this season and paid him \$13 million in 2007, will take less than half that amount — \$6 million — as a base salary for next season. Additional incentives could earn him an-

SEE SCHILLING, C4

URI's **Will Daniels** prepares to go up for a shot against **Concordia's** **Dwayne Buckley** during the first half last night at the **Ryan Center**. **Daniels** finished with **16 points**.

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Energetic Ulmer gives Rams a little extra lift

Sophomore **Lamonte Ulmer** fires up URI with his impressive jams in a rout of **Concordia**.

BY KEVIN McNAMARA
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN — URI men's basketball coach **Jim Baron** has a little bit of everything at his disposal this season.

Parfait Bitee provides senior leadership and scoring punch at the point guard spot. **Kahiem Seawright** is the requisite banger inside. **Jimmy Baron** effortlessly drops in 20-footers, and **Will Daniels** looks to score as soon as he hops off the bus.

URI
106
CONCORDIA
63

Then there's **Lamonte Ulmer**, the wiry 6-foot-6 forward from **Hamden, Conn.**, whose live, bouncy body screams "Ath-lete!" to opposing teams. **Ulmer** is the Rams' Mr. Energy, the player **Baron** can send for when his defense is lagging.

"He plays with so much energy

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