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YEARS	CANADIENS	BRUINS
1928-58	10	3
1968-88	10	1
1989-07	3	3

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Trevor Immelman of South Africa checks out his new threads after winning The Masters yesterday.



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## Immelman is master of his domain

South Africa's Trevor Immelman stays in control at windy Augusta National and posts a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods.

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Trevor Immelman has never felt better.

Four months after he had a tumor removed from his back, Immelman handled the wind and pressure of Augusta National far better than anyone chasing him yesterday to win The Masters, the first South African in a green jacket in 30 years.

Immelman held it together around Amen Corner and stretched his lead to as many as six shots on the back nine, taking the life out of a Masters that began with so much hype.

A two-putt par on the final hole gave him a 3-over 75, matching the highest final

round by a Masters champion. Even so, it was good enough for a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods, whose hopes for a calendar Grand Slam ended with a thud.

Woods never got within five shots of the lead when he was on the course, twice missed birdie putts inside eight feet and had to settle for a 72 and his second consecutive runner-up finish in The Masters.

"I learned my lesson there with the press," Woods said with a smile. He was the one who started the talk about a Grand Slam by stating three months ago that winning all four majors in the same year was "easily within reason."

The only slam possibilities now belong to Immelman, a 28-year-old with a polished swing, who finally realized his potential in the wicked wind of Augusta and a final round that yielded only four rounds under

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TOP FINISHERS

Trevor Immelman	68 - 68 - 69 - 75 — 280
Tiger Woods	72 - 71 - 68 - 72 — 283
Stewart Cink	72 - 69 - 71 - 72 — 284
Brandt Snedeker	69 - 68 - 70 - 77 — 284
Phil Mickelson	71 - 68 - 75 - 72 — 286
Padraig Harrington	74 - 71 - 69 - 72 — 286
Steve Flesch	72 - 67 - 69 - 78 — 286
Miguel Angel Jimenez	77 - 70 - 72 - 68 — 287
Robert Karlsson	70 - 73 - 71 - 73 — 287
Andres Romero	72 - 72 - 70 - 73 — 287
Nick Watney	75 - 70 - 72 - 71 — 288
Lee Westwood	69 - 73 - 73 - 73 — 288
Paul Casey	71 - 69 - 69 - 79 — 288
Stuart Appleby	76 - 70 - 72 - 71 — 289
Vijay Singh	72 - 71 - 72 - 74 — 289
Sean O'Hair	72 - 71 - 71 - 75 — 289
Henrik Stenson	74 - 72 - 72 - 72 — 290
Mike Weir	73 - 68 - 75 - 74 — 290
Retief Goosen	71 - 71 - 72 - 76 — 290

## Shedding burden of youth was Celts' boon

Want to know one big reason the Celtics just might be the best team in basketball?

BILL REYNOLDS



Besides the additions of Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, of course?

They are no longer young. Young teams don't win in the NBA.

Not a whole lot, anyway. This is one of the little ironies, especially as the players get younger, more and more of them entering the league after just one or two years in college. Many young players struggle before they find their place in the league, and young teams don't win.

Last year's Celtics were a textbook example.

It was a team with several promising young players, the best being Al Jefferson, who could both score in the low block and rebound, a young player who was a star in fantasy leagues because he could put up numbers. It was a team that had promising young players in Kendrick Perkins, Delonte West and Ryan Gomes, a talented rookie in Rajon Rondo and an unproven one in Leon Powe.

And it had no idea how to win.

And that was with Paul Pierce, who might just be the best offensive player in Celtics history.

Young teams don't win for a variety of reasons, certainly, but maybe the biggest is that the NBA is such a different game than the college game, and that's not just merely the things that

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Kevin Garnett's years of experience have paid off for the Celtics this season.

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# BEASTS OF BURDEN



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The Yankees' Johnny Damon steals second base during the third inning of last night's game. Awaiting a late throw is Red Sox shortstop Julio Lugo.

## Short-handed bullpen bails out struggling Dice-K

BY JOE McDONALD  
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BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox said they didn't want to make any excuses.

The team had a short offseason due to their World Series championship. It had an abbreviated spring training due to its season-opening three-country, 19-day trek to Japan, the West Coast and Canada. To make the schedule even tougher, Boston finally opened at home against the highly regarded Detroit Tigers, followed by a series against the archrival

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the New Yorkers by posting an 8-5 victory.

So what if the Sox had a 6-6 record before last night's game against the Yankees?

No excuses needed. The one aspect of Boston's series

Yankees.

They concluded that early test last night by winning the rubber game of their three-game set against

against New York has been the solid starting pitching. Rookie Clay Buchholz worked six good innings, in which he allowed one run on four hits in a 4-1 loss. He had to settle for a no-decision. Ace Josh Beckett earned his first win of the season in Saturday's 4-3 victory, working into the seventh inning and allowing three runs on five hits.

Last night Daisuke Matsuzaka was given the ball.

It was a night when the Sox' bullpen needed a break, so the right-hander need-

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ed an efficient outing. His teammates gave him a 7-1 advantage after three innings, but Matsuzaka allowed three runs in the top of the fourth and lasted only

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## Matsuzaka remains consistent with his bouts of inconsistency

BOSTON — Daisuke Matsuzaka never found a "go-to" pitch last night.

He could not consistently throw a strike with his fastball, or his cutter, or his changeup, or his curveball. That was evident early, when he walked three of the first five hitters he faced.

Whatever catcher Jason Varitek called, Dice-K had trouble hitting his spots with it. Even when the Red Sox right-hander had a big lead — 7-1 in the fourth — he wasn't able to just pound the strike zone and force the Yankees to hit their way back into the game.

Nor was he able to put away New York hitters when he did manage to get ahead of them, or get two strikes on

STEVEN KRASNER  
INSIDE THE GAME



Only 62 of those pitches (53 percent) were strikes.

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them.

Matsuzaka threw a total of 116 pitches in five innings, hardly the command Boston needed on a night when the Red Sox bullpen was thin, with manager Terry Francona saying before the game he wasn't going to use Hideki Okajima or Jonathan Papelbon.



In an outing reminiscent of last season, Daisuke Matsuzaka was all over the place last night, throwing a whopping 116 pitches in five innings of work.

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