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Sean McAdam on the Sox, Kevin McNamara on the Celts, Shalisse Manza Young on Spygate, today at projsports.com

Doming down of Sox

While the Red Sox continue to have one of the best records in baseball, the team hasn't had much success in domed stadiums this year:

STADIUM	TEAM	RECORD
Tokyo Dome	Athletics	1-1
Rogers Centre	Blue Jays	0-3
Tropicana Field	Rays	0-3
Metrodome	Twins	1-3

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GETTING EVEN



AP / MEL EVANS

Jets coach Eric Mangini, right, blew the whistle on former mentor Bill Belichick after getting shellacked in Week One.

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THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL / MARY MURPHY

Patriots fans never lost their sense of humor or wavered in their support for their team or for coach Bill Belichick.

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AP / STEPHAN SAVOIA

Bill Belichick faces the music to the tune of a \$500,000 fine and a first-round pick in this year's draft.

ORIOLES 5, RED SOX 4

Another fast start ends up in defeat

Depleted Boston squanders a 3-0 lead and suffers its fourth loss in the last five games, this one in Baltimore.

BY STEVEN KRASNER
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BALTIMORE — The change of venue didn't change the Boston Red Sox' fortunes.

Once again they got off to a fast start, but still they wound up on the losing end, falling to the Baltimore Orioles, 5-4, in a game filled with dramatic twists and turns last night at Camden Yards. It was Boston's fourth loss in the last five games, dropping the Red Sox to 4-5 on this road trip, with only this afternoon's game against the Orioles remaining.

Boston now has lost three in a row, the previous two setbacks coming in Minnesota, and don't look now, but the Red Sox are in second place, looking up at the Tampa Bay Rays atop the American League East standings.

And Boston is looking depleted personnel-wise.

The Sox were missing manager Terry Francona, who was in Arizona for a family funeral. During the game, they lost outfielders J.D. Drew (sprained left wrist) and Coco Crisp (excruciating headache, nausea), necessitating the use of Jacoby Ellsbury (bruised left knee), not to mention the deployment of infielder Kevin Youkilis in right field.

A 3-0 first-inning lead melted into a 5-3 deficit, thanks to an uncharacteristically rough start by ace Josh Beckett.

As is their nature, though, the Red Sox battled. They pulled to within one run on an RBI single by Alex Cora in the eighth. There were more fireworks in the ninth, when David Ortiz was rung up by plate umpire Laz Diaz on a close checked-swing, strike-three call on a high-and-tight 3-and-2 pitch from George Sherrill.

Ortiz protested and, without any apparent malice, dropped his bat at Diaz's feet, prompting Diaz to throw him out of the game, unbeknownst to Ortiz until he was ordered to leave the dugout before the

SEE RED SOX, C5

PUT UP OR SHUT UP

Will Specter finally end his haunting?

I can't wait to hear what Senator Arlen Specter, that righteous Republican from Pennsylvania, has to say today.

JIM DONALDSON I know, I know, most everyone — everyone in New England, at least — wants the overblown scandal known as Spygate to be over, but it won't be over until the fatuous senator sings.

I'd love to hear from Matt Walsh, too, although that's not likely to happen any time soon, since we found out yesterday he really has nothing revelatory to say.

I also want to see what the Boston Herald has to say now about its story, published the day before Super Bowl XLII in Phoenix, that the Patriots, on the day before Super Bowl XVI in New Orleans, videotaped the walkthrough workout of the St. Louis Rams.

If that was done, it was without the knowledge of Walsh, who did most of the illegal videotaping of opponents' sideline signals that season.

You say you're sick of Spygate?

Well, I can readily see why it would turn your stomach.

But I can't wait to hear how Sen. Senile, instead of worrying about housing foreclosures, \$4-a-gallon gasoline, and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, will try to turn up something that will keep the nation's attention riveted where he clearly feels it rightly

SEE DONALDSON, C2



AP / LOUIS LANZANO

It turns out that former Patriots employee Matt Walsh, left, entering NFL headquarters yesterday for his meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell, didn't have much to add to the ongoing saga known as Spygate.

Celts remain upbeat, but still wish they could stop getting beat up on road

BY MIKE SZOSTAK
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

WALTHAM, Mass. — Losing all five of their road playoff games has not put the Celtics in a state of panic.

"I admit there is some frustration. There is a level of that," veteran forward P.J. Brown said, "but up to this point is hasn't got up under our skin. It hasn't got out of hand. Guys are very confident that we're going to do what we have to do at home ... and we look forward to

going back to Cleveland for Game Six Friday night."

The Celtics should be frustrated. They had the best regular-season record in the NBA, 66-16, and the best road record, 31-10, but looked like a different team while losing three to the young Hawks in Atlanta in the first round and two to the revitalized Cavaliers in Cleveland in this round.

They're home tonight for the crucial Game Five at TD Banknorth Garden,

and the home-court advantage never teams looked better. Only six visiting have prevailed on the parquet since the start of the season last October, and as long as that number remains the same, the Celtics have the upper hand.

"We'll have a good crowd, and the atmosphere will be really, really good. We'll take advantage of that, but as a team I'd like to see us be consistent and play a level of basketball where

we're playing good at both ends of the floor for 48 minutes. That's something I haven't seen as much as I'd like to," Brown said.

TONIGHT vs. Cavaliers
8 p.m.

The Celtics spent about 90 minutes yesterday reviewing their 88-77 loss in Monday night's Game Four that tied the series and going over Xs and Os. At this point there's little else to do, except hope that Paul Pierce and Ray Allen, scoring less than their season averages,

will snap out of their slumps; that Sam Cassell, 0-for-11 off the bench in Cleveland, will find his shooting touch; and that Kevin Garnett, scoreless in the fourth quarter of Game Four, will hit a big shot near the end of a close game again.

Coach Doc Rivers is not alarmed by his team's road woes. He is more impressed with the Cavs.

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