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Champions of cities

When the Celtics captured their 17th NBA title Tuesday, it marked only the fourth time since the NBA was formed in 1946 that one city was able to win the World Series and an NBA crown in a 12-month span:

YEAR	CITY	MLB	NBA
2007-08	Boston	Red Sox	Celtics
1981-82	L.A.	Dodgers	Lakers
1974-75	Oakland	A's	Warriors
1969-70	N.Y.	Mets	Knicks

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## Shea boys volleyball, Bolts girls lacrosse are best 'sports'



"Win or lose, you always saw the players on their team smiling," an opposing coach wrote about the Shea boys volleyball team.

**JOHN GILLOOLY** The Shea players obviously understood that you don't always have to carry home a championship trophy to have a successful season.

The Raiders won only one of their 16 Interscholastic League Division II games this season, but they won a lot of respect

from opponents and officials.

"It was a team that worked hard but didn't win a lot of games, yet they never let it affect their attitude toward their opponents. They always displayed good sportsmanship toward coaches and officials," the opposing coach went on to write in his nomination of the Shea volleyball team for the Dick Reynolds Team Sportsmanship Award.

The awards, named in honor of the late Providence Journal sports writer Dick

Reynolds and sponsored by The Journal and the R.I. Interscholastic League Injury Fund, go to a boys team and a girls team in each of the three Rhode Island high school sports seasons — fall, winter and spring. Only opposing coaches and game officials can nominate teams for the awards.

The type of performances mentioned by the opposing coach earned the Shea volleyball team the boys award. The winner of the girls award is the Cranston East

All-State boys tennis team — C6

lacrosse team.

Opposing coaches and officials are asked to nominate teams that demonstrate courteous behavior by team members and coaches, adhere to league policies and whose fans and student body also behave courteously.

SEE GILLOOLY, C5

## Mediate replaces Weekley in CVS

Boo Weekley withdraws from the CVS Caremark Charity Classic, and U.S. Open runner-up Rocco Mediate takes his place.

BY PAUL KENYON  
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What looked to be bad news for the CVS Caremark Charity Classic has turned out to be not so bad, after all.

The \$1.5-million tournament, which will be held Monday and Tuesday at Rhode Island Country Club, has lost one of its top attractions. Quirky Boo Weekley, who has won on tour each of the last two years, has withdrawn, citing personal reasons.

Tournament officials, having watched the excitement of the U.S. Open, called an old friend, Rocco Mediate. Mediate has played in the CVS three times and combined with Jeff Sluman to win the 2003 CVS Classic. He, of course, lost the Open playoff to Tiger Woods on Monday.

To the delight of CVS officials, Mediate will return to RICC.

Mediate was so tired after the Open that he withdrew from this week's Travelers Championship in Connecticut. But with the CVS starting four days later, Mediate felt able to go.

He will take Weekley's spot and partner with Brandt Snedeker in the 10-team event that also includes Justin Rose, Nick Faldo, defending champions J.J. Henry and Stewart Cink and co-hosts Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade.

"We look forward to his return to help raise money for the many worthy charities our tournament supports," said Eileen Howard Dunn, tourney chair.

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- 1: TRUST
- 2: "NO EXCUSES"
- 3: POTENTIAL FOR CHANGE
- 4: MENTAL TOUGHNESS
- 5: TRADITION



AP / BILL SIKES

Confetti flies as the Boston Celtics, who had to sacrifice individual statistics in order to achieve team goals, celebrate their 131-92 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers and the NBA championship at the TD Banknorth Garden Tuesday night.

## Big Three subordinate star status, make team paramount

**BILL REYNOLDS** You might not be able to dunk like Kevin Garnett, or shoot like Ray Allen, or take the ball to the basket like Paul Pierce, but that doesn't mean we can't learn some lessons from the Celtics.

**■ TRUST**  
When Garnett and Allen joined Pierce, they realized they were going to have to subordinate their own interests. They soon realized they were going to have to trust each other, too.

That was no small thing. All of them had been the stars of their respective teams, the ones that always seem to take the big shot, the ones that had the offense go through them.

Now there were three of them, and simple arithmetic said it was more complicated.

So first they had to learn to trust each other. Then they had to learn to trust their teammates, too. That was

more difficult. Almost by definition, the NBA is a star's league, everyone else revolving around them.

Garnett, Pierce and Allen had to learn to trust the other players, Rajon Rondo and Kendrick Perkins, and the rest of the team, too.

It's not always an easy thing to do. But it's at the core of what being a team is all about, the core of what being any group is about.

"People talked about the Big Three

all the time," Allen said. "But it wasn't about the Big Three. It was about the Big 15."

Ultimately, that was the key. It's also the key to any good organization, from a team, to a family, to a business. The ability to not only empower the people around you, but to trust them as well.

**■ NO EXCUSES**

SEE REYNOLDS, C3

## RED SOX 7, PHILLIES 4

# Drew is a big hit again as Sox slug Philly

J.D. Drew goes 4-for-5 with four RBI, including a three-run homer that gives Boston a quick burst and helps make a winner of Justin Masterson.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
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PHILADELPHIA — The cacophony of boos was unrelenting.

Every time J.D. Drew's name was announced during the three-game series, be it for the pregame introductions or for every plate appearance, the chorus of boos would rain down on

him from every part of the Philadelphia Phillies' Citizens Bank Park.

The roots of the ill feeling go back to 1997, when the Phillies made Drew the No. 2 pick in the draft and he refused to sign with them.

The taciturn Drew, though, just keeps rolling along, swinging a red-hot bat for the Boston Red Sox.

And while he didn't exactly silence the fans with the long memories yesterday, Drew played a major role in the Red Sox' 7-4 victory in the rubber game of the series between division leaders.

Drew went 4-for-5 with four RBI, in-

cluding a three-run homer in the first inning off Kyle Kendrick that gave the Sox a quick burst and helped make a winner of inconsistent rookie right-hander Justin Masterson (4-1), with key assists from relievers Manny Delcarmen and Jonathan Papelbon (21st save).

The Sox right fielder also contributed a double and two singles to the attack as Boston, playing without David Ortiz (wrist, disabled list), Manny Ramirez (hamstring) and Kevin Youkilis (back) and with the pitcher in the



AP / TOM MIHALEK

The Red Sox' J.D. Drew, who has been on a tear, follows through on his three-run homer during the first inning of yesterday's series finale.

SEE RED SOX, C5