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The A.L. has dominated the N.L. in the MLB All-Star Game in recent years, but since the Midsummer Classic began in 1933, both leagues have had their dominant periods:

YEARS	AL	NL	TIES
1933-49	12	4	0
1950-61	5	10	1
1962-82	1	20	0
1983-96	8	6	0
1997-	11	0	1



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The Big Papi attraction

McCOY MAGIC

The Pawtucket Red Sox say the excitement surrounding David Ortiz's arrival is bigger than anything they've ever experienced ... and they've experienced plenty over the years. Here, in chronological order, are some of the biggest, and most anticipated, moments in team history:

RESUMPTION OF THE LONGEST GAME

June 23, 1981

The night that put the franchise on the map. They played the 33rd inning of their game against Rochester — the longest game in the history of professional baseball — before a full house and an international media gathering, drawn by both the event and the fact that the major-leaguers were on strike.

MARK FIDRYCH VS. DAVE RIGHETTI

July 1, 1982

A marquee matchup of ex-big leaguers. Seating capacity at McCoy at the time was approximately 7,000, but attendance was announced at 9,389 with fans sitting two abreast in the aisles and standing four deep behind the top row of seats.

OPENING OF THE NEW McCOY

April 14, 1999

An off-season renovation added 3,000 seats and new viewing areas — such as the berm in left field — and a sellout crowd of 10,031 was on hand for the first game in the "new" stadium.

SCHILLING ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

July 4, 2005

One year after he led the Red Sox to a World Series championship, Schilling arrived at McCoy on a rehab assignment as he recovered from ankle surgery. A crowd of 11,629 jammed into the stadium to watch Schilling against Charlotte.

OTHERS OF NOTE

- The three-day Triple-A All-Star extravaganza in July 2004, which culminated with 11,192 watching the International League prevail in the first extra-inning All-Star Game in minor-league history.
- Bronson Arroyo's perfect game on Aug. 10, 2003.
- Tomo Ohka's perfect game on June 1, 2000.



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, who is recovering from a wrist injury, will play four games with the Pawtucket Red Sox in a rehab stint that has generated huge ticket demands.

Ortiz visit ramps up demand at McCoy

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PAWTUCKET — If you were fortunate enough to score PawSox tickets for any of the next four games at McCoy Stadium, beginning tonight, consider yourself very lucky.

Thanks to Red Sox slugger David Ortiz's rehab stint, the PawSox have witnessed a phenomenon like never before. The storied ballpark has hosted baseball's Longest Game. It has hosted the Triple-A All-Star Game. It has hosted numerous rehab stints of other major-league stars in the past.

Nothing can compare to this. After The Journal first broke the story Saturday, the box office at McCoy Stadium was flooded with calls.

"Our phones were out of control," said PawSox vice president of public relations Bill Wanless. "As soon as the news began to filter out, the buzz grew and the momentum kept building. We've had some big ones, but this one ranks up there as the biggest."

The first three games of this four-game set against Toledo sold out in one business day.

Originally, Big Papi, who is on Boston's disabled list with a wrist injury, was scheduled to play only three games (tonight, tomorrow and Saturday) in Pawtucket. Now, he has asked the Red Sox medical staff if he can play Sunday, too. There are only a limited

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ORTIZ AT PAWTUCKET

Here are the dates and starting times for David Ortiz's stint at Pawtucket. Box and reserved seats for all four games are sold out.

- **TONIGHT:** 7:05 p.m. Limited number of standing-room tickets available. Televised on Cox3.
- **TOMORROW:** 7:05 p.m. Standing-room tickets available. Televised on Cox3.
- **SATURDAY:** 6:05 p.m. Standing-room tickets available. Televised on Cox3.
- **SUNDAY:** 1:05 p.m. Standing-room tickets available. Televised on NESN.

Sorrentine 'psyched' about coaching job

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Air conditioner blasting, windows open, music blaring.

Less than a month on the job, TJ Sorrentine is learning survival skills for an assistant college basketball coach.

"I drive more than I sleep," he said with a laugh. Sorrentine was on the road, literally, Tuesday afternoon when he spoke via cell phone. As he drove through the Maryland mountains on his way from West Virginia to Connecticut, he described the hectic life he has led since becoming Brown coach Jesse Agel's first assistant almost three weeks ago.

"I was in New Jersey Sunday. I left about 6 o'clock and got to West Virginia at 1 in the morning. I spent all day Monday and part of today in West Virginia. Now I'm driving to Quinnipiac to



TJ Sorrentine, who starred at the University of Vermont in 2005 and was playing pro ball in Slovenia as recently as six week ago, is learning the ropes as Brown University's new assistant basketball coach.

AP / ELISE AMENDOLA

Serb sharpshooter commits to URI; part of a package deal?

BY PAUL KENYON
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN — The URI men's basketball team has gone to Europe in search of another shooter.

The Rams have received a verbal commitment from Stefan Perunicic, a 6-foot-7, 200-pound wing player from Belgrade, Serbia. His specialty is the outside shot.

Players cannot sign letters of intent this late in the season. But Perunicic has verbally agreed to attend URI and the school is now working on papers, both for him to attend school and play basketball this year.

Perunicic held what is called a "showcase" session last week in which colleges from the United States were invited

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