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Sox in Seattle

Sean McAdam's final game story and late notes from Tuesday night, live coverage today at projosports.com/redsox

The Shark made waves

If Greg Norman, 53, had held on to win the British Open last weekend, he would have been the oldest golfer in history to win a major event:

WINNER	EVENT	AGE
Julius Boros	PGA	48y, 138d
Tom Morris	Brit. Open	46y, 99d
Jack Nicklaus	Masters	46y, 83d
Hale Irwin	U.S. Open	45y, 15d

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Matsuzaka, Okajima get the job done and Red Sox prevail

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RED SOX vs. MARINERS

For a complete report of last night's game, go to: projo.com/redsox

NEXT GAME

Today at Seattle, 4:40 p.m.

Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima handcuff the Mariners and Jonathan Papelbon notches his 30th save.

BY SEAN McADAM
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SEATTLE — For all the brilliance of Daisuke Matsuzaka (7½ innings, two runs allowed) and the unusual sight of the Red Sox winning their second straight game on the road, perhaps the story of the Sox' 4-2 win over the Seattle Mariners last night took place in the eighth inning.

With Matsuzaka tiring and ap-

proaching 100 pitches, the Sox called on lefty Hideki Okajima to limit the damage. For a change, he did.

Inheriting a runner on first base with two runs in and just one out, Okajima got Raul Ibanez to hit into a force play, then retired Jose Vistro on a flyout to center.

It was precisely the kind of eighth inning that Okajima regularly provided the Sox last season,

but hasn't been able to contribute often this season.

Jonathan Papelbon then notched his second save in as many nights following three idle days in Anaheim. It was Papelbon's 30th save, making him the first Red Sox closer to record three 30-save seasons.

Matsuzaka, meanwhile, improved to 11-1 to go along with a 2.63 ERA. He blanked the Mariners for seven innings before giving up a run-scoring double to fellow

SEE **RED SOX, C5**



Red Sox starter Daisuke Matsuzaka, delivering a third-inning pitch against the Mariners last night, was masterful for seven innings.

AP / ELAINE THOMPSON



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Giants quarterback Eli Manning scrambles out of the pocket and away from Patriots defenders during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Ariz.

It's right time for Pats, fans to get over it

The Patriots open training camp tomorrow.

Thank goodness.

The 2008 season is upon us, which means the 2007 season is behind us. Finally.

What should have been the most memorable, unforgettable season, not just in Patriots history, but in the entire lore and legend of the National Football League, instead turned — suddenly, shockingly and devastatingly — into a season Pats fans can't bear to think about.

All because of the Game That Must Not Be Named.

Some call it Super Bowl XLII. Patriots fans, when they speak of it at all, call it names that cannot be printed in a family newspaper. It has been nearly six months since the undefeated

Patriots played the New York football Giants in Phoenix in the Game That Must Not Be Named, but the pain for Pats fans is as fresh as if the devastating defeat that spoiled New England's perfect season had happened yesterday.

The unthinkable happened. And so Patriots fans have refused to think about it. They blocked it out. (Too bad New England's offensive line didn't block similarly well against the fierce pass rush of the Giants.)

Pats fans focused, instead, on the surprising Celtics, who won a championship.

As the Patriots were supposed to, but didn't. Since the Pats blew their bid for a fourth title in seven seasons, fans turned their attention to the defending World Series-champion Red Sox and their quest for a third title in five years.

The Patriots, despite going 16-0 in 2007 — the best regular-season record in the NFL since the Miami Dolphins

SEE **DONALDSON, C3**



Amid a shower of confetti, running backs Laurence Maroney, front, and Kyle Eckel leave the field after the Patriots' 17-14 loss to the Giants in last season's Super Bowl.

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- Camp schedule

The Giants' David Tyree makes a remarkable catch of a 32-yard pass while in the clutches of safety Rodney Harrison, keeping alive the winning drive.

AP / GENE PUSKAR

These basketball Friars and their facilities still a work in progress

BY KEVIN McNAMARA
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Change is everywhere with the Providence College basketball program.

Not only is Keno Davis set for his first season on the job, but the Friars are looking forward to moving into a fully refurbished Dunkin' Donuts Center and are also pouring several hundred thousand dollars into facilities at Alumni Hall. The basketball office suite, including the locker room and offices for Davis and his staff, is

currently a work zone.

Plans call for an entirely new layout of the area, with Davis having a large say in how everything unfolds. Work on a new athletic training area is also nearing completion.

The extensive work has restricted how often Davis and his staff bring recruits to campus. With five seniors on his first PC team, Davis is facing a very important summer on the recruiting trail, but he says most of the work at Alumni is scheduled to



KENO DAVIS
PC head coach

"[Recruiting is] a lot of work but exciting for everyone."

be completed by Labor Day. "It's all good," he said. "By the time we bring recruits on official visits in the fall,

they'll be able to see the progress and what's happening. It's a lot of work but exciting for everyone."

Davis is in Las Vegas for one of the busiest weeks on the recruiting calendar. Close to 900 AAU teams are playing in three different tournaments throughout the area. The Friars are involved with a slew of prospects, both in the New England-New York area and in the Midwest, where Davis and the two assistants he brought with him from Drake — Chris Davis and Rodell

Davis — own significant ties. Former URI assistant Pat Skerry is working East Coast prospects for the Friars.

The Friars need a little bit of everything in this class, from a point guard to big men, and are looking at both prep and junior-college players. Among the players who say they're hearing a lot from PC's staff are Connecticut forward Jordan Williams, New Yorkers James Padgett, Kevin

SEE **HOOPS, C2**