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| YEAR | RUNNING | RECEIVING |
|------|---------|-----------|
| 2003 | .709 | .577 |
| 2004 | .753 | .463 |
| 2005 | .830 | .516 |
| 2006 | .695 | .544 |
| 2007 | .734 | .569 |

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RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 4
You have to hand it to the Red Sox

Aided by some ineptitude by Baltimore, Boston scores five runs in the last three innings and steals an important victory.

BY JOE McDONALD
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BOSTON — With all of the talk about the Red Sox' offensive onslaught during this homestand, it seems like the club's defense has been somewhat overlooked.

Yesterday, in particular, Boston's solid, heads-up and fundamental play in the field helped the team to a dramatic, come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the Orioles at Fenway Park. Boston scored five runs in the last three innings to erase a 4-0 deficit and sweep Baltimore in the three-game series.

Offensively, the Red Sox played small ball in the bottom of the ninth inning for the walk-off win. Alex Cora, who led off with a single, reached second on a bunt base hit by Coco Crisp. Jacoby Ellsbury

dropped down a sacrifice bunt in an attempt to move the runner to third, and when Orioles pitcher Jim Miller attempted to get the lead runner, he threw the ball into left field, allowing Cora to score.

"We won a game that was losable," said Red Sox manager Terry Francona, "and we'll take every win we can get."

While Cora's leadoff single in the ninth and his game-winning run were crucial, his defense in the top of the eighth inning may have been just as important. Baltimore the eighth with a two-run lead. The Orioles' Aubrey Huff led off with a single, stole second and was poised to add some insurance on Oscar Salazar's grounder to the left side of the infield.

Huff was going on contact when Cora quickly snared the grounder behind the runner and made a quick throw to third baseman Jed Lowrie for the out.

NEXT GAME

Tomorrow at Texas
8:05 p.m.

THE POSTSEASON CHASE

| | EAST DIVISION | | | |
|---------|---------------|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Rays | 84 | 53 | .613 | — |
| Red Sox | 82 | 57 | .590 | 3 |

| | WILD CARD | | | |
|---------|-----------|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Red Sox | 82 | 57 | .590 | — |
| Twins | 77 | 62 | .554 | 5 |

RESULTS YESTERDAY

Red Sox 5, Orioles 4
Yankees 8, Rays 4
Blue Jays 5, Twins 4

SEE **RED SOX, C5**



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The Sox' Mark Kotsay (without cap) celebrates yesterday's victory with his teammates. Kotsay contributed a game-tying, two-run triple.

PATRIOTS VS. CHIEFS

- **DAY:** Sunday.
- **TIME:** 1 p.m.
- **SITE:** Gillette Stadium.
- **TV:** Channel 12 in Providence (over-the-air Channel 12, Cox Channel 12, Cox HD Channel 701, Verizon FiOS Channel 12, Verizon FiOS HD Channel 512), Channel 4 in Boston (over-the-air Channel 4; not offered on most Rhode Island cable systems).
- **TV ANNOUNCERS:** Greg Gumbel and Dan Dierdorf.
- **RADIO:** WPRO-AM (630) and WEAN-FM (99.7).
- **RADIO ANNOUNCERS:** Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti.
- **TEAM RECORDS:** 2007 regular season: Patriots 16-0, Chiefs 4-12. 2008 exhibition season: Patriots 0-4, Chiefs 2-2.
- **WEATHER FORECAST:** Partly sunny. High around 80.

TODAY ON PROJO.COM

- Take **Bob McGarry's** Opening Day Patriots quiz, which is available now.
- Get the latest news on the Patriots and from around the NFL via **Mike McDermott's** Football Today, which will be posted by noon.
- See **Shalise Manza Young** talk about Sunday's game on Projo Videos this afternoon.

TOMORROW ON PROJO.COM

- Click through a special multimedia presentation of **Shalise Manza Young's** game analysis.
- Get familiar with the Chiefs through a slideshow of Kansas City's key players, along with pictures from past Patriots-Chiefs games.

SUNDAY ON PROJO.COM

- Pregame news and notes from **Shalise Manza Young, Jim Donaldson** and **Rob Lee**.
- Pictures from pregame warmups.
- Play-by-play from the stadium via Projo Stats.
- In-game commentary from Young, Donaldson and Lee on the Projo Patriots Blog.
- Game action photos posted immediately.
- The game result as soon as the final gun sounds.
- Stories from Young, Donaldson and Lee posted throughout the night.
- Game notes and player interview transcripts.

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FOR THE RECORD



THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL / GRETCHEN ERTL

Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, conducting a drill during a training-camp session in Foxboro last month, has let the team's Lombardi trophies do the talking.

Talking a good game isn't Belichick's forte

FOXBORO — Here's the latest example of why Bill Belichick may be the least-quotable Wesleyan graduate in history.

JIM DONALDSON

Question (asked at yesterday morning's news conference): For a team to win back-to-back conference titles, what would you say are the top three or four things they need to accomplish?

Answer: Play better than the other team, whoever that is. That's it?

Thirty-four years in the National Football League — 14 of them as a head coach; five

Super Bowl championship rings — three as a head coach; five straight division titles with the Patriots — six in the last seven years, and that's the best answer he's got?

Ask Big Bill — that would be Parcells — that question and you'd get something. Insight. Humor. Sarcasm. Bombast. Something quotable.

Ron Erhardt would have had a better answer, although not, unfortunately, a better team. Ron Meyer always had something to say. Pete Carroll would have been pumped and jacked to reply. Raymond Berry would

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JOURNAL FILES

Formerly of the Bengals, Deltha O'Neal, right, is looking forward to being a teammate of the Patriots' Randy Moss, left.

O'Neal's new playbook is living the Pats' life

Deltha O'Neal is glad he's with New England, who feel the versatile cornerback will fit in better than Jason Webster and Fernando Bryant.

BY ROBERT LEE
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

FOXBORO — Deltha O'Neal's life was turned upside down Saturday afternoon when the nine-year NFL veteran and two-time Pro Bowler found out that he was being released by the Cincinnati Bengals.

But he is turning things around

in Foxboro.

"It was like Hurricane Katrina came in, because I have family out there and I wasn't expecting [to get cut]," O'Neal said of his thoughts after getting a pink slip from Cincinnati. "Had I been expecting it, I would have been more prepared. It was on the fly when I found out I was released and right then and there I had to fly out and leave my family behind."

"It's tough, especially for my little girls because they won't get to see their daddy all year. [They] already started school so [they] aren't coming out here. Other

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