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“Right. That’s right. Just . . . now he, um, you know he didn’t . . . he doesn’t . . . usually . . . usually they have trouble with, with the lefties that change speeds . . .”
—**SUZYN WALDMAN**





for Tom Meacham





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— Well, the pitching match-ups are as follows: for the New York Yankees Sidney Ponson. It's his third start as a Yankee. He last pitched on the 11th of, uh, August, went three innings giving up five hits and three runs. His last start was on the 23rd of July in Toronto. He only went two and a third innings, giving up six runs. He's 0-1, 8.77 ERA. When I went down to do, uh, the postgame, I was in the back row coming up and Sidney was, uh, there pouring over scouting reports and just trying to take everything in. I don't think anybody can have any idea what they're going to see from Sidney Ponson. On the mound and now starting to take his, uh, warmup pitches in a minute will be 22 year-old John Lester, who is 6'4", about 200 pounds, and, uh, may be rushed a little bit to the big leagues. He's 6 and 2 with a 4.09 ERA, big strong lefty pitcher. Yankees generally have problems with pitchers they haven't seen before. John Lester throws a lot of pitches. He hasn't gone more than five innings and what they would like him to do is be more economical. He has very good stuff, um from, uh, from Washington State, he's got a fastball that can go in the mid-90s, with a great sink and tailing action, he's got a great curveball and, uh, he's got a terrific, um, changeup. He's gonna be a very good pitcher at some point, whether it's now or not, you just don't know, they've been trying to be very careful with him. If you remember they brought up David Pauley in New York. He was in Double A instead of bringing up, um, John Lester. He was very good at the beginning and now has come down to earth a little bit and it's mostly because his pitch



count is up. And, uh, he is 6 and 2, ERA now 4.09. He did throw a one-hitter against the Kansas City Royals and he is part of their future. Whether it is too early or not for John Lester, we will have to see. As we said, Bobby Abreu DH today, so he gets half an evening off and, uh, Bernie will be in right field, Sal Fasano behind the plate and Jason Giambi gets the evening off. For the Red Sox, very different lineup, Youkilis at third, Hinske goes to first base, Willy Mo Peña in right field, Coco Crisp stays in left, Doug Mirabelli behind the plate and Alex Cora is the shortstop. And you look at the Red Sox they have lost 8 of their last 12 games, they've lost 10 games in the month of August, which is the worst August they've had, um, in a while and, uh, they need to get going here. And as for the Yankees, what they would love to see out of Sidney Ponson is some innings. And I don't think that anybody knows and we're going to find out together. Well, Johnny Damon who just had an amazing afternoon steps up to the plate, gets booed and stepping up to the microphone is the voice of the New York Yankees. Here is John Sterling.

— Why thank you Suzyn and once again, good evening everyone. Beautiful evening as we get set for baseball, game 2 of the day night double header. Johnny Damon was 3 for 6 with a homer, triple, single and four RBIs in the first game. So I guess the booing didn't affect him. And the pitch to Damon is a strike and we're underway.

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— Damon swings and misses at a fastball. Johnny's at .291, 19 homers, 63 RBIs. Well, the Yankees had a great Game 1. Just about everyone had two hits or more. Damon had 3, Jeter had 3, Abreu had 4 hits and now it's on to Game 2. And the young lefthander deals fouled-back. We'll give you numbers on Lester. He is 6 and 2, an ERA 4.09, 13 games in starts, 73 innings, 77 hits so just a few more hits than innings pitched. He's walked 36, about 4½ for 9. The Yankees will try to



be patient. He has struck out 54 and deals 0-2 foul, third base side out of play. Opposing hitters hitting at .283 off Lester, he's given up 6 home runs. As Suzyn's said, a very different configured Boston defense with Youkilis at third, Lowell gets the night off, Cora at short, Gonzalez is not starting. Here is the 0-2 a breaking ball, low. Loretta is at second base and over at first base is Eric Hinske, who played right in the first game. The outfield Manny Ramírez who's at Little League depth in the line for Damon. Coco Crisp, a couple of steps over in left center, in center, and Willy Mo Peña in right and Doug Mirabelli catches Lester. Here's the 1-2 to Damon. It's popped foul third base side out of play and Damon broke his bat so he'll go off and get a new club. Yankees cannot obviously rest on their laurels, but as Suzyn said, a a a and so true, how do you know what you're gonna get out of Sidney Ponson? If the Yankees got five innings out of him, they would be deliriously happy. They'll fill in after that, if they're in the game after five. It'll be a 1-2 to Damon and pitch is foul third base out of play. Damon is wearing out Lester. Good start for the Yanks. You know Suzyn, it isn't like Ponson hasn't done anything, he's been a big winner in the American League, but he hasn't pitched any innings for the Yankees.

— I think that's exactly the point, it doesn't matter, you know, how great you're stuff is, you can have two great innings. He hasn't pitched more than a couple of innings, except for that first game where he pitched six. That's a long time ago.

— It was a long time ago, or is a long time ago. It'll be a 1-2 to Damon. The left-hander deals a slow breaking ball low, and the count 2 and 2.

— This is what Damon does so well, I mean it's just, seeing everything and all the first or f . . . first three guys in this lineup do that. Damon and Abreu really are taking pitches against everybody.

— Now the 2-2, lined hard and foul down the right field line. Damon gave the Yanks such a lift. First of all, he tripled to the, uh, the alleyway, in the 420 mark off deep center field, deep right center center and then scored on Jeter's single and



then when the game is tied, he hit a two-run home run to give the Yankees a 3-1 lead, where they were headed. The 2-2 swung on and chopped up the middle, it's gonna be a base hit, fielded at deep short by Cora but he had no throw so Damon gets another base hit, a ground ball up the middle past Lester. Once it went past Lester it was a base hit. So Damon is now the double header 4 for 7 with a homer and 4 RBIs.

— And that was a ten-pitch at bat. What an at bat, John, and and you know, we've said it all the time, that a lead-off hitter is supposed to take pitches so that everyone else that follows can see what the pitcher is throwing. And what a job Damon did. Ten pitches.

— Here's Derek Jeter. He's a .341, 10 homers, 72 RBIs. Derek was 3 for 6 with an RBI in Game 1. Damon a threat to go, he has stolen 22 out of 29. He has to pick up Lester's moves, which he's never seen. Jeter bluffs bunt and takes low and the count 1 and 0. Now Larry Bowa goes through all the signs. Yankees could very well play hit and run on this pitch. They've got a guy who handles the bat and they've got a guy who can really run at first base. And if Lester throws a pitch way off the plate, Damon can steal it. The pitch outside, 2 and 0. They obviously weren't playing in front. Heh heh. So the count's 2 and 0 on Jeter, who again looks down at his third base coach.

— He took three steps down there. These must be very complicated sides today.

— Hinske playing first holding Damon on. And the 2-0. There's a strike. Jeter taking all the way. Abreu's the on deck hitter. Now Giambi does not play in the second game. He'll be there to come on in a big moment if it's close in the seventh, eighth or ninth. So the Yanks played Bernie in right and giving Abreu the half night off, outfield DH. It'll be a 2-1 and the pitch is low and the count is 3 and 1. I don't think Damon figured out . . . left his move, cuz he was moving back. However Jeter's



ahead on the count 3 and 1. Lester walks, as I mentioned, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per 9 so the Yankees would not mind a walk and then have two on and 0 and 0 That'll be a 3 and 1 to Jeter the pitch is a strike. Jeter threw the bat away. How do ya like that? It was a fastball in the middle of the plate, I guess Jeter thought it was low. That's embarrassing, Jeter threw the bat away. Hopefully he didn't hit Jim Wolf, the home plate umpire . . . Was it low?

— Yeah.

— Yeah. No wonder he threw the . . . we just saw a replay, heh it was about shin-high. No wonder he was . . . anyway the count 3 and 2. Damon will be going 3 and 2 Now the stretch by the left-hander and here's the payoff pitch, it's thrown to first and he just got back. So one thing, he hasn't figured out Lester's move and, you know they call it the lefty balk move and Damon just got back.

— He just got back and now he's talking to Tony Peña about what he saw, the lefty balk move. You know who did that better than anybody was Stennett. Great move and he just . . .

— Oh . . .

— Oh my goodness. He just he just got back.

— Now the 3-2. He struck him out swinging. The throw to second. He's out by a mile. Damon got a terrible jump. So John Lester's pickoff move really stopped Damon and it was a strike-'em-out throw-'em-out double play. Two away and here's Abreu.

— And he really does have that kind of move that's . . . that a Petit has and he's so tall that tha . . . tha . . . and so big and so many arms and legs and parts going that it looked like Damon really had no idea when he was gonna release the ball and he got a bad jump and as John said that's absolutely right.

— Here's Bobby Abreu with two outs. Bobby as a Yankee is 26 for 66, a homer and 6 RBIs. By the way that as an average that's .394, but we'll give it when he gets



100 at bats. And in the . . . pitch is a strike, in the first game, he was 4 for 5 with a walk, up six times, on-base five times. Look at his on-base percentage, Suzyn, it's .481 with the Yanks. It was .427 with the Phils. Now the 0-1, fouled straight back, now the count 0-2.

— I I thought it was interesting, John, during the pre-game when Bobby was telling me that one of the ways you learn about a pitcher you haven't seen before—and it's hard to do if you're throwing strike after strike—but you try and keep fouling pitches back, fouling pitches back, fouling them off so he has to expand his repertoire. He won't throw you the same pitch usually, so he finds what people throw by being able to go deep in counts and being able to foul pitches off.

— It'll be an 0-2 to Abreu. The pitch is popped foul, out of play. We are coming your way live from the Lowes broadcast booth, let's build something together. Uh, that was a big play the, um, the near pick off really stopped Damon from getting a lead and you know what? If you don't get a jump, you shouldn't run at all. Of course he didn't know Jeter was gonna strike out . . . the 0-2, breaking ball, low, the count 1 and 2 . . . and neither did Jeter. Jeter thought he could have walked on the 3-1 pitch. Who knows how that call would've changed the inning because if he calls it ball four they'd have two on, no one out. Whaddya gonna do?

— What are you gonna do?

— Here's the 1-2. Swung on and lined toward center. Crisp is there to make the catch. Abreu hit it right on the nose. Yankees no runs, one hit, no one left. And at the end of a half inning, Yankees nothing, Boston coming to bat on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Now to the bottom of the first. Don't miss HBO's Boxing After Dark when Paul Williams takes on Sharmba Mitchell in a welterweight fight. See it live Saturday, August 19th at 10 pm Eastern and Pacific, only on HBO. Now let's see what Sidney Ponson can do. The Yankees are a-hopin' and a-prayin' that Sidney can give 'em five innings. We'll give you his numbers as we go. Right-hander deals to Kevin Youkilis and the pitch low. You have to throw strikes to Youkilis. He has a great



batting eye and takes pitches. He's hitting at .293, 13 homers, 61 RBIs, a right-hand hitter and there's a strike. Ponson has a good fastball, gotta get the curveball over and I guess that's biggest thing . . . And there's the 2-1 there's a strike . . . although it didn't affect Wang, you really basically you have to get Youkilis and Loretta, because you have people on, it's tough to pitch to Big Papi and Manny Ramírez . . . it's tough to pitch to them anyway. There is the 1-2 and it's fouled off the first base side. Coco Crisp was the lead off hitter in the first game. They stopped him. Loretta had three doubles, but I guess the key to the game, Suzyn, was they got Big Papi out every time.

— Well and this will be a test because when Big Papi comes up we'll tell you his numbers against, uh, Ponson and they're pretty scary.

— Pitch. And it's a breaking ball, low. I guess that's scary for the Yankees.

— Or anybody that's listening that, uh . . .

— . . . is rooting for the Yankees.

— Yeah.

— Also you have to feel sorry for Ponson. He has not pitched a lot of innings as a Yank. The 2-2, lined right to A-Rod. One away. Whooooo. A noisy out, a bullet right at A-Rod. Here are the Ponson numbers, now these are just the Yankee numbers rather than give you the Cardinals' numbers, and there's one good reason for it. It's been so long since he's pitched for the Cards, they don't mean anything. Most managers, coaches, they look at what's happened recently. Anyway, Ponson as a Yank 0 and 1 with an ERA of 8.78, 4 games, 2 starts, 13 innings, 17 hits, 6 walks, and 11 K's. The pitch to Loretta is a fastball, strike on the inside. Loretta .306, 4 homers, 46 RBIs, a left-hand hitter, 3 for 5 in the first game, he had three doubles. Boston was double crazy in the first game. Hinske had three doubles, Loretta had three doubles. The 0-1 the pitch low and the count 1 and 1.

— You know when they made the trade for Loretta for Doug Mirabelli, I I think



everybody thought he was gonna be good and a good steady player. I didn't think, uh, I don't think that they thought he was gonna hit over .300 all of the season and play this kind of defense.

— The pitch missed the outside corner and the count 2 and 1.

— He's got great bat control and hasn't had . . . he doesn't have the greatest range in the world but if he gets to the ball he will make the play.

— Yeah, he made a terrific double play in the first game. Here is the 2-1 to Loretta. It's popped foul down the left field line, out of play. Now the count 2 and 2.

— And so far Ponson is, is getting that fastball over. It came inside there to Loretta there and turned on it just a little bit quick, so he doesn't look like he's afraid to throw inside so he must think his stuff is pretty good, John.

— Well, you gotta trust your stuff. You're facing tough hitters in a small ballpark. The 2-2 fastball high and the count 3 and 2.

— Now after the first game the Red Sox activated Keith Foulke from the DL and designated for assignment the starting pitcher Jason Johnson.

— Now here's the payoff. A half swing. Did he go? He did. He struck out on a pitch that was away, off the plate. So Loretta, who does have good back control, chased the pitch low and away. Well, there are two outs and here is David Ortiz.

— And here are the scary numbers. Big Papi off of Sidney Ponson 15 for 34, that's .444, 2 homers and 8 RBIs.

— Of course Ortiz, you know, puts up numbers like that against, not a lot of people, but some. A left-hand hitter with great power and takes a breaking strike, the count 0 and 1. On the year, Ortiz at .283, 42 homers, 113 RBIs and he was 0 for 4 in the first game.

— By the way, the next hitter hits 'em pretty well too.

— The 0-1. A high fly to deep center! Damon back in the deepest part of center at the wall. It is off the wall. Ortiz goes to second with the double. That's in the alley-



way, the triangle at the 420 mark. Hit it over Damon's head off the wall, backed up by Bernie and they held Ortiz to a double.

— And that was a fine play by Bernie Williams who was in right center and came all the way across in front of Damon, saw immediately that the ball was gonna go off of the wall in the triangle and it was gonna go over Damon's head and Bernie was right there. That is a fine defensive play.

— And we don't have to guess on how far the ball went because he hit it right near the 420 foot sign and if any other area of the ballpark—if he pulls it or hits it a little bit towards left, it's a home run—so the Yankees got lucky. Here's Manny Ramírez. Now here's Manny Ramírez's numbers against the Yankees this year: he's 18 for 36 with 6 homers and 15 RBIs. Now that is fabulous.

— It is. Wanna hear his numbers against Ponson?

— Yes.

— 17 for 45, that's .378, one homer, 10 RBIs. Only one homer, but 10 RBIs.

— Ponson deals. Ramírez takes a strike, fastball on the inside corner, the count 0 and 1. You know, I don't know if Big Papi got all that, but he extended the arms and had that great swing. Does he . . . is he powerful? Does he have strength? The pitch is fouled away. Now it sounds like he got all of it, it went 420 feet but he couldn't pull it. He just . . . he extended the arms into it and hit it dead center and he hit it 420 off the wall . . .

— Hmmmm.

— . . .and got just a double. Ramírez was walked intentionally twice because they got Ortiz out after Loretta's doubles, then Manny hit a home run down the right field line. Ponson ahead of Ramírez 0-2. The pitch is swung on and lined. Here's a base hit to right field. Ortiz rounds third, he'll score. It's a base hit and an RBI for Ramírez and the Red Sox take a 1-0 lead.

— Well, numbers don't always tell you what's going to happen but, uh, they've got



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Manny and Ortiz have had great numbers their whole career off of Sidney Ponson. Ponson has been around a long time. And that was a curveball that stayed up and John had talked about getting the curveball over and not hanging it and that's what he did that time. You know, it's not that hard, as John said, if you're gonna hang that . . . when you, when he needs . . . not to hang that curveball and he did and a hitter like Manny's gonna hit it.

— Now here's Eric Hinske, a left-hand hitter and there's a strike. Hinske had a great first game as a member of the Red Sox. He had not one, not two, but three doubles. 3 for 4 on the day. On the year he's hit .274, 12 homers, 29 RBIs. Now Ponson deals outside. And the count 1 and 1.

— Three hits and four standing ovations. That's not bad for a debut.

— What a debut.

— Ohhh.

— The Boston grabs their first lead of the day. They never led in the day game and they have a one nothing lead. The 1-1 is low. They're so good, Ortiz and Ramírez, that you're not even surprised.

— You know, when do you get to the point where you've got two outs and nobody on that you don't pitch to David Ortiz, when you've got numbers like this? Does it ever happen?

— But I don't know, but after the double maybe you walk Ramírez. The 2-1. Hit on the ground and grabbed by Ponson he knocked it down threw to first in time for the out, and it ends the inning. One run, two hits and one left. And at the end of one inning of play it is one nothing Boston on the Yankees Radio Network presented by AIG, the strength to be there, AIG.

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— Now here's A-Rod to lead off the second inning. And Lester deals low. A-Rod at .285, 26 homers, 88 RBIs. He was 2 for 5 with 2 RBIs in Game One. I mean, the first six hitters for the Yankees had no less than two hits a man. Jeter and Damon had three and Abreu had four. The pitch a strike. Now don't, um, think Ponson pitched badly. That's a normal state of affairs for the Yanks, to give up a double to Ortiz and a single to Ramírez. Ponson hadn't pitched against Ramírez this year and he's hitting .500 against the Yankees. The pitch is low and the count 2 and 1.





— You know, I know you don't like to walk hitters in this ballpark, but when two hitters who do all the damage and you've got two outs, I, I don't know. It is the first inning, I do understand.

— And here's the 2-1. Fouled back by Alex. Well, the count 2 and 2.

— Lester has, uh, been throwing that fastball about 93 to 95, has a curve that he'll use. That's good stuff, he just needs to put it together, another pitcher who has rushed cause of necessity.

— Now A-Rod backs up. Boston in—I don't know when it is, a week?—they're gonna get Tim Wakefield back. Now if he's healthy, that would obviously really help. The pitch, high and tight and the count 3 and 2.

— Well it would because now they've said they've, uh, designated their fifth starter for assignment so there's nobody there in that spot. I think the 27th is when Tim said that he's eligible to be activated.

— Now A-Rod runs the count to 3 and 2 and the Yankees are at least running up Lester's pitch count early. And there's the payoff. Inside. Ball four.

— And that is the problem with, uh, Lester so far. I talked to the Red Sox, that's exactly what it is that he has . . . that he is already, as John said, now he's up to 27 pitches here in the second inning and there's nobody out so no matter how great he pitches you're not gonna let a 22-year-old go more than, uh, 90, 100 pitches at the most.

— Well, the Yankees have a runner on and here is Robbie Cano who is 2 for 5 with a couple of RBIs in the first game, hitting at .327, 7 homers, 36 RBIs. Youkilis is in at third and the pitch to Cano is in at a strike. Manny is playing in at Little League depth in left field. It would be very tough for Cano to hit a line drive hit. He might hit a single between third and short, he could hit a line drive down the left field line, Ramírez obviously playing off the line, but but he can almost catch any line drive hit there, he's so shallow. Now the 0-1 hit foul third base side, out of play and the



count 0 and 2.

— Aw, Manny's got that one down to a science. He knows how far . . . with the wall in back in back it's such a safety net, it really is.

— Right. I think this, Suzyn, he he probably believes and the Red Sox believe that more hits will be in front of him than will go over his head.

— Um hum.

— If it's really over his head it hits the wall anyway. There'll be an 0-2 to Cano. And that pitch low and gets away from Mirabelli and on to second goes Alex. So there's a runner in scoring position, the tying run. It was a wild pitch . . .

— . . . and bounced in the dirt. Mirabelli couldn't get his glove on it and it went all the way back to the wall.

— Now if, um, Cano's able to pull the ball, he could get Alex over to third. So a walk and wild pitch. And that's the tying run with no one out. The left-hander Lester deals, swung on, base hit down third on the left field line, going to the left field corner. A-Rod scores easily, Cano goes to second with a double. So Cano lined one between Youkilis and the bag, a bullet line drive down the left field line. It's a RBI double for Cano and the Yankees have tied the game at one.

— And that was a fastball that was up on the outside part of the plate and Cano does what he just does so well, it's getting to be a broken record with us, and Cano, when he's late on a fastball, he's still got enough strength and enough bat control to get it into the left field corner and that's exactly what he did.

— The pitch was there, he went with it and bang! He lined a double down the line. Now here's Craig Wilson with the lead run now at second and no one out. Cano's 37th RBI. He's just a plain old good hitter.

— 23rd double.

— And here's another thing, Suzyn. Why would they bat him fifth if they didn't think he was a terrific hitter? They're batting him fifth tonight against a lefty. The



pitch, a breaking ball low. Robbie Cano is a very unusual, young, left-hand hitter. He hangs in against lefties. It's his second year in the big leagues and they batted him fifth. Boy, that oughta tell you something. Wilson is 14 for 51 as a Yank, two homers, five RBIs. Now the 1-0. Now time is called . . .

— Whoa!

— . . .and Lester threw the ball to the screen. Heh heh heh heh.

— Well . . .

— Well maybe when he found time was called he didn't wanna hurt him so he just threw it.

— I think that's exactly right. You don't want to stop your motion cause pitchers can get hurt like that and he saw it, home plate umpire Jim Wolf move away from the plate and he just let it go anyway. You don't want to stop your motion. You never know what you're gonna pull to try and stop something.

— It'll be a 1-0 to Wilson. The pitch a breaking ball low, and the count 2 and 0. And there's no question they're gonna be very patient with John Lester. I don't mean the Red Sox, the Yankees. They are letting him throw a lot of pitches.

— And he is.

— And that . . . and he is . . . and that's not an accident. There is the 2-0. It's low outside and the count 3 and 0. Bernie Williams is on deck. The rest of the hitters are all right-handed. Wilson, of course, is right-handed, Bernie is switch hitter, Fasano a right-hand hitter, and Cabrera a switch hitter. We're tied at one, top of the second. It'll be a 3-0 to Wilson and the pitch is low inside, ball four. So Wilson walks the second walk of the inning, the second walk given up by Lester. Two on, no one out, here's Bernie.

— And I've got a question for you, you can think about it. I'm trying to think—and I can't—I'm trying to think of a left-hand pitcher who gives Robbie Cano trouble. I'm not saying that he gets a hit off him all the time . . .



— Right.

— But you know what I mean? Like when O'Neill would face Randy.

— Right. We'll there's no Randy . . .

— Alright when uh, uh, Wade Boggs used to get fits given to him by John Candelaria. I mean, there's nobody like that.

— No. Candelaria had that . . .

— . . .swervy thing.

— Yeah that, that, uh, uh, that sidearm. He threw hard. He was really nasty to lefties, obviously Randy was. No . . . The pitch to Bernie and he bluffs bunt and takes one, 1 and 0. But Cano really hangs in and he has an ability, which lefties have to have, of going to left and left center against lefties. If the pitch was going away from he is terrific.

— Yeah, it really is. I'm racking my brains.

— I can't think of that kind of lefty.

— I'm all . . .

— I don't know one.

— I don't either. And I'm also trying to think of some lefties like Randy and John Candelaria that are in the league.

— None.

— They're gone too.

— Yeah. Doug Mirabelli's now talking to his pitcher.

— Now he, he can't be going anywhere for a while either cause you think the Yankees bullpen is shot? You should take a look at what's in there. I don't know where they go either. They don't know where they go. Francona, by the way, apologized to having to . . . having to keep Rudy Seanez in there, but he had just took one for the team.

— It'll be a 1-0 to Bernie. And that pitch is low. So the Yankees are letting Lester



get in a lot of trouble. Mirabelli walks the ball out and talks to him. And now Davey Wallace comes out.

— They also wonder, now this is a prime prospect, just 22 years old, being rushed because so many people in the rotation got hurt and they needed him here and they didn't want to have to bring him up and as long as he's here, you know, he had, he had one hitter . . . uh, eight innings of, of, one hit ball and it ended by Pat Labon against Kansas City but a different kind of team. Kansas City doesn't take pitches, they're not as patient as the Yankees. This is tough for any youngster.

— A walk wild pitch double by Cano scored the run. Wilson walked. The Yanks have two on and no one out and the 2-0 count to Bernie. Now Bernie oughta look for a pitch he can drive off the wall or into the Monster seats because you figure desperately Lester's gonna try to throw a strike. Now it'll be a 2-0 to Bernie. Caught on a miss. He was ready. And Lester threw a very good fastball, low and in. Bernie's at .280, 8 homers, 46 RBIs. It'll be a 2-1, pitched low and the count 3 and 1. So one more bad one, they'll be loaded up. Right-handed hitting Sal Fasano is on deck. Now Bernie, of course, is on his own and boy, is Manny Ramírez shallow in left.

— Hmmmmm.

— I wonder if they will be able to take advantage of that. Runners lead first and second and now time is called for a moment. Cano's at second, Wilson's at first, there's no one out. Yankees have a run in, they've tied the game. It'll be a 3-1 to Bernie. The pitch is inside ball four, they'll load it up.

— Well, and still nobody out here and you just wonder how long they're gonna go here and the Yankees won't change their philosophy keep taking pitches, keep taking pitches.

— Now you know Fasano's a backup catcher and not a great hitter, no question about it, but he's strong and, you know, the saying in the dugout is you know if he can run into one, and if he runs into one, he'll hit a grand slam. He has good



power. Fasano 3 for 20 as a Yank, no homers, 2 RBIs. And the pitch a breaking ball, strike. Yankees have an opportunity to take a lead, they have the bases loaded, no one out. Even the ground ball double play in the infield would give them the lead. Of course the Yankees would want a lot more than that. The 0-1 swung on and grounded to third. Youkilis comes home, there's one and that's all they get. So Fasano grounded to third, Youkilis made the right play and you know, Suzyn, I honestly thought it was gonna be a double play because when Mirabelli caught the ball, Fasano was only half way to first. I think Bernie, I think whoever slid in from third, Cano, got in the way of Mirabelli.

— Well, I think that's true. No, he he dropped the ball. He couldn't get the ball out of his glove and he went to transfer and I thought that too and I looked down we're looking at the replay now and Youkilis throws to Mirabelli and when he went to transfer the ball to his right hand, he dropped it.

— That's what happened. He didn't have an angle either, but he had Fasano. Fasano was only half way down the line. So bases loaded, one out, here's Melky Cabrera and the breaking ball is low. They threw a breaking ball for a strike and then Fasano hit the ground ball. They came back to the breaking ball, but he missed. Melky's at .288, 7 homers and 38 RBIs. The ball game's tied at one, we're in the top of the second, but the Yanks are threatening with bases loaded, one out. Now the left-handed Lester deals a strike on the outside corner, the count one and one.

— And I don't wanna state the obvious but I will. It would be terrible to waste this situation with a a young rookie on the ropes and if they let him off it.

— Bases are jammed. The 1-1. Caught him on a miss, flew by, good fastball, up, and the count 1 and 2. Wilson's at third, Bernie Williams at second and Fasano's at first and it'll be a 1-2 to Cabrera. And the left-hander's set the pitch, swung on and lined to left field, there's a base hit. Only one run will score. A line drive base hit, a RBI single for Cabrera and the Yankees take a 2-1 lead. Manny Ramírez plays so



shallow that he had the ball on one hop before Bernie Williams got to third, so how's he gonna score? He he could've run the ball in. So anyway, but a, a big hit for Melky gives the Yankees the lead.

— And what was so good I think about that hit was that he . . . Lester really had him fooled. He looked like he was not gonna be able to hit that high fastball at all and Lester made the mistake and had the ball down low and Melky plonked it. That's a really . . . he really is learning day by day, isn't he, John?

— Yes, he's a very good hitter. The pitch to Damon is a breaking ball low. And you know, you, ya . . . as I said before, I don't know if a line drive could get in Manny's . . . that was a low line drive that hit way in front of Manny, that's the only reason the ball landed. If it was a longer line drive, he would have caught it. Damon singled to deep short his first time, right in back of the second base bag. Two runs are in, bases loaded, one out and the left-hander deals, inside and the count 2 and 0. One thing I will tell you about Lester—I, I made the point about five times during the pre-game—the Yankees would love Ponson to go five but, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Lester is about ready to throw his 49th pitch so I don't know even if he straightens out if he can go five innings. There's the 2-0, swung on and lined toward center field, Crisp on the run dives, can't make the catch, it rolls behind him. Bernie Williams scores, Fasano goes to third and they hold him up. So a single by Damon, Crisp dove, I think he might've had the wind knocked out of him, he's slow getting up, the ball went off his glove. Fasano had to hold up, he couldn't run because after all, Crisp did get his glove on it, he almost made the catch. So the Yankees going station-to-station. It's a base hit and an RBI for Damon and the Yankees take a 3-1 lead and they just want to make sure that Crisp is OK. I think he got wind knocked out of him for a moment.

— Yeah, I think he do too. Well he hit it . . . oh, yeah, when he, he dove for that ball he hit his head, his chest and then his head almost bounced on that grass. He



got hit, really bounced, and he lay there for a couple of minutes. Terry Francona half way out with the Boston trainer and, uh, Wily Mo Peña went over to see if Coco was OK. He just lay there but I think it's cause . . . John, you're right, he had the wind knocked out of him, hit his head on the grass.

— In the double header, Damon is now 5 for 8 with a homer and five RBIs. And you know what? They're only in the second inning of the second game. Here's Derek Jeter with the bases loaded and one out. Fasano's at third, Cabrera's at second, Damon at first. And the pitch to Jeter cut on a miss on a high fastball, the count 0 and 1. Well, Lester has reached 50 pitches in two innings, and of course it's not two innings, it's only an inning and a third. Now the pitch, fouled off by Jeter and he's behind on the count 0 and 2.

— Trying to think who's out there. Someone in the Red Sox pen is doing a little stretching. I wonder if it's Kyle Snyder, who could have blanked . . . if they decide . . .

— Yeah, Snyder could come in but he went two innings in the first game. It'll be an 0-2 to Jeter. Jeter wanted to make sure that everyone's OK in the stands where the foul ball went. It hit someone, just to the right of the screen in other words, the ball didn't hit the screen. It went just . . . we're, we're over it, you have to stand up to see it . . . now Jeter's back. Bases loaded with one out, three in. It'll be a 1-2 to Jeter and the left-hander deals, swung on and fouled back, so the count holds one and two.

— Tavares, I guess, could come in.

— Yeah. He didn't pitch.

— Right. Tavares, Timlin . . .

— I would say the the likely guy would be Tavares. Seanez pitched and Snyder pitched well, Keith Foulke, but they would keep him for later in the game. It'll be a 1-2 to Jeter. And the fastball is high outside 2 and 2.



— The first game was so long it seems like yesterday, doesn't it?

— It was yesterday, was . . . wasn't it? No, it was early . . .

— Ha ha ha.

— They had the count wrong before. On the board they have 1 and 2. I thought that it was 1 and 2 but I saw the bulb lit up . . . What do I know? Let's call it one and two.

— Ha ha ha.

— The pitch to Derek is high, the count 2 and 2. You know they always tell you in those multiple choice tests in school to trust your first choice? Ah, I should trust my choice. I knew that he had thrown a ball before. Anyway, now it's 2 and 2 to Jeter, Fasano at third, Cabrera at second, Damon at first. Three runs are in, Yanks have a 3-1 lead with one out. It'll be a 2-2 to Derek. The pitch is swung on and fouled away. Off-speed pitch and Jeter double clutched and made contact and fouled it away. I don't know what the number is, Suzyn, I did see it, Jeter's hitting unbelievably against Boston this year, somewhere around .400 not hitting badly against the rest of the league. Now Lester to the plate, cut on a miss, struck him out swinging on a high fastball, two away.

— They had that fastball clocked at 91, but he put it in such a great place.

— Now two away and here's Bobby Abreu. Abreu socked it right on the nose his first time, but caught in center field by Crisp. Abreu hits lefties. He has no problem whether the guy throws lefty or righty. Bases loaded two out. Gee, uh, Suzyn, wh . . . what a lucky thing that Brian Cashman could make the trade.

— Ohhhh.

— You've never seen a ballplayer fit better into a team.

— You know I, I told Bobby after we were doing, uh, pre-game show and he was talking about how comfortable he felt and how everyone made him feel comfortable . . .





— The pitch. It's high and, uh, tight. It was a breaking ball. Abreu got out of the way.

— . . .and, and you make your own comfort in a locker room if you come in and you, you're . . . you're the right personality. You know who was the last person I think walked into a clubhouse and immediately became part of the team? David Justice was the last one who really just walked in and became part of it instantly.

— The person who had been hit by the foul ball returned to their seat and that was the ovation. It'll be a 1-0 to Abreu. Lined like a bullet, base hit. Over first down the right field line, rolling to the right field corner. Fasano scores, Cabrera scores, Damon goes to third. Holding at second with a double is Abreu. Can you say more about Abreu? Bobby Abreu drills a two-run double down the right field line and the Yankees take a 5-1 lead. I mean, he is too good to be true.

— Eh, it's, it's amazing and you know what, John? There are now pitchers in . . . and the Red Sox are now starting their bullpen. And these are now pitchers that he hasn't, that he hasn't seen. He takes pitchers, he finds out very early as he, as he's doing it what they're throwing.

— Here's A-Rod. He began this with a walk, scored a run, and now has second and third with two out. The Yankees have scored five runs and have a 5-1 lead. The pitch to A-Rod is high. Abreu in the double header is now 5 for 7 with a walk. He is something. I mean, he is . . . as Julian Tavares up in the bullpen, so we we narrowed that down . . .

— Mmm, mmm.

— . . .process of elimination. Lester holds and sets and deals, high and the count 2 and 0. A left-hand hitter Robbie Cano is on deck, but we've been down that path before. Cano in this inning had an RBI double.

— Let's see who he's pitched against . . .

— Damon off third, Abreu off second. Pitch, caught on and missed to and count



of 2 and 1.

— . . . well Lester won his last time out against Baltimore, went five innings. His problem anyway, even when he pitches we well, he goes five innings or six innings every time out.

— Well tonight, in two innings, not complete yet, he has thrown 61 pitches. Wow! A-Rod swings, it is a high pop to second. Loretta in the outfield grass makes the catch but the Yankees get five runs and at the end of two innings of play, the Yanks have a 5-1 lead on the Yanks Radio Network.

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— And we're going to, uh, the bottom of the second inning. Sidney Ponson now with a 5 to 1 lead so let's see what he can do with Wily Mo Peña, Coco Crisp and Doug Mirabelli. And, uh, while we're doing that I want to talk again about, uh, Jimmy Fund Day here, uh, at Fenway Park and I know that a lot of the Yankees have, uh, been taping messages and, uh, telephone and radiothon that's gone on all day and the Red Sox have brought so many of the youngsters from the Dana-Farber Cancer Center here. And the Yankees have helped Mr. Steinbrenner who always calls in and pledges something. And if you want to help this wonderful cause 877 738



1234 or go online at www.jimmyfund.org and take a look at what they've done. And the Red Sox before the game had nine little children from the Dana-Farber Cancer Center out with the players for the National Anthem and it was sung by, uh, a cancer patient, a six-year old, uh, the National Anthem. Eh, it's just been an extraordinary day here. They're in, at a million and a half dollars and both the Yankees and the Red Sox are a part of this. Wily Mo Peña steps in against Sidney Ponson and fouls the first pitch back. 0 and 1 to Wily Mo Peña. Peña has been batting .312, he's got 9 homers and 34 RBIs. If you remember, Wily Mo came over in the Bronson-Aroyo trade and wouldn't Theo Epstein love to have Aroyo back right now. The 0-1 pitch to Wily Mo is popped up on the right side. Cano and Wilson going over. Who can get it? Cano? Did he get it? Yes he did.

— Well, what a catch!

— My goodness.

— What a catch! He got to the level of the seats and just snaked his glove in there and some . . . somehow made the catch. Suzyn, that's a heck of a catch. Let's watch it.

— It's a tremendous catch and, uh, hee hee hee, he just snapped his wrist out . . .

— Oh.

— . . .and got the ball away from the fans who were starting to come over the fence. What a great play! He saw a gentleman in.. in a . . . in a green t-shirt start to go for it and he snapped that wrist and got the ball.

— So Peña pops out and here's Coco Crisp who takes a pitch low. Yanks have a 5-1 lead in the second. Ponson deals to Crisp and that's looped to center field. There's a base hit. So Crisp with a one out single. We can't, uh, I have thought about this but you can't talk about it for a couple of more innings, but if, if Ponson can get outs that's the key thing if he can pitch O.K. and get outs, the Yanks have





a four run lead now and they're not gonna try to stop scoring you get to the fourth or fifth inning and then Joe kind of platoon his bullpen which is rested, Farnsworth and Rivera particularly are rested, Proctor can pitch an inning, Malone can pitch an inning. One on, one out, here's Doug Mirabelli. Ponson throws to first.

— Of course no one would mind if Ponson pitched seven innings, and they didn't have to do any of, uh, that. He'd like to. I know he wants to contribute. Scoreboard update sponsored by Acela. Book your trip today at amtrak.com or call 1 800 USA RAIL. A final in Chicago, the Cards beat the Cubs 11 to 3. Third inning in Philadelphia, Washington leads the Phillies 5 to nothing.

— There's the first pitch to Mirabelli and the first pitch speed to Mirabelli is sponsored by Road Runner High Speed Online from Time Warner Cable. The pitch came in at 92 miles an hour. Mirabelli hitting .200 on the nose with 6 homers and 19 RBIs. Make no mistake, he can hit it out, he's got good power. The pitch, a strike a breaking ball strike from Ponson.

— They're in the forth inning at Shea, Colorado leads the Mets 2 to 1. Third inning in Cincinnati, Pirates over the Reds 5 to 1. Second inning in Florida, Atlanta holding a 5 to 1 lead over the Marlins. All tied up 1 apiece, Houston and Milwaukee in the second.

— The 1-1 fouled back. And the count 1 and 2.

— Later on Arizona at San Diego and L.A. at San Francisco. A final in Kansas City, Kansas City beat Oakland 7 to 1. They're in the sixth in Baltimore, Baltimore leading Toronto 6 to 2. Texas with a 2 to 1 lead over Detroit, they're in the seventh inning in Detroit at Comerica.

— Here's the 1-2 the pitch low and the count 2 and 2.

— Fifth inning at Tropicana Field, Cleveland leads Tampa 4 to 1. Second inning in Minnesota, Twins over the White Sox, 1 to nothing. Just underway, Oakland at Kansas City oh, there's two games Oakland at Kansas City the second game and



Mariners at L.A.

— Ponson's 2-2 coming to Mirabelli and the pitch, just . . . no it's strike three! Excuse me, Jim Wolf takes a long time. So he looked at it, stood up, and then pumped him out. Second strikeout for Ponson. Two away, a runner at first base and he will score. Also Suzyn, you know what Joe Torre thinks, I won't repeat it again, but this would be a big inning for Ponson to get the third out. In other words it would preserve with a 5-1 lead.

— That's right 'cause Joe Torre always says it's not a 4 run lead until the bottom of the inning is over.

— Well, here is Alex Cora, left-handed, he takes outside. Cora, really having a pretty good year on the bench hitting at .278, no homers, 13 RBIs, has excellent speed, bunts a lot. He's just like his brother Joey.

— Hmmm . . . he looks just like him, too.

— Ozzie Guillen third base coach . . . the pitch to Cora is low and the count 2 and 0.

— I've only called him Joey once today.

— Yeah, that's easy to do.

— They look so much alike. Well, they would be. They're brothers. But really and particularly when he smiles he looks just like his older brother.

— Crisp leads off first, the 2-0, there's a strike. I'll tell you one thing about Ponson which surprises me cause he's pitched so little as of late, I mean in weeks, that he's getting a lot of strikes on corners and you would think it'd be very tough to have that kind of control in the strike zone. So far, so good. It'll be a 2-1 to Cora and the pitch is low, inside, 3 and 1. The run Boston got, nothing to be ashamed of, a double by Ortiz and a single by Manny Ramírez. Now the right-hander is set and deals. Runner goes, pitch is grounded foul outside of first. I know it sounds strange to think that a runner is going down four runs but Crisp runs very well. He's stolen 16 out of 20



and I guess the feeling is if you're gonna get a jump, go now he's going, automatic 3 balls, 2 strikes, two outs. Yanks with a 5-1 lead here in the bottom of the second inning. Ponson is set and the 3-2, fouled at home plate. So the count holds at 3 and 2.

— You know Ponson always had great stuff. When he was in Baltimore, he'd pitch five or six innings, shut out the Yankees, then he'd lose it. And he, uh, we haven't seen you know, that great 95 mile-an-hour fastball he used to have. But he's a different kind of pitcher. He told me that he tries to get ground balls now, not strikeouts.

— The pitch is outside, ball 4. So Cora walks. And indeed the inning is not over and here's Kevin Youkilis. You know, we mentioned this about Jason Johnson in the first game. We'll give you a pitch count, but the pitch count is meaningless, because you know he's never gonna go more than five anyway and the Yankees, who'd have a celebration if he went five, anyway he's gonna throw his 38th pitch. Youkilis hit it hard his first time, he lined it hard to A-Rod at third. So two on and two out and Ponson deals. There's a strike right on the outside corner. Good pitch.

— Eh, you know he's less wild than I actually thought he would be after not pitching for, for so long. He hasn't started since the 23rd of July.

— Now the 0-1. Lined, base hit over third down the left field line. Crisp scores, Cora goes to third and it is a double for Youkilis. So Youkilis rips a double to the left field corner, a rippy double, and the Red Sox now trail 5-2.

— And Fasano is going out to talk to Ponson. That was one of his curveballs and it started too high. If you're gonna have it break you've got to start it at the waist and have it break down. He . . . that started at the letters and when it broke, it broke to the waist, which is obviously very hittable. Melky played the wall very well, because that wall, if it hits the side wall then it usually bounces off the back wall of the Green Monster and, uh, a lot of players have lost, uh, gotten lost out there so Melky played



that well. So Youkilis's 33rd double of the year.

— And Youkilis who lined one to A-Rod his first time, hit the same ball only higher so it went down the left field line. Youkilis picks up his 62nd RBI. Here's Mark Loretta and there is a strike. You know the mistake in this inning? Walking Alex Cora. Cora's a singles hitter. Was that . . . when you said he hasn't started since July 23rd, that was the start in Toronto that . . .

— Mmm hmmm.

— . . .he got shelled.

— Mmm hmmm, yep. That's the one.

— Well that's a long time. The 0-1 low and the count 1 and 1.

— You know he's come in. The last time he came in the 11th of August as a . . . three inning . . . that peculiar three innings where balls kept bouncing off his body if you remember.

— This is a big batter in the ballgame. A base hit could make it 5-4. And the pitch, breaking ball, a strike and the count 1 and 2. Loretta struck out his first time, he was called out on strikes. I think we're gonna be here a while.

— Yes. I do too.

— The three doubles that Loretta hit in the first game, he's done that three times in his career, three doubles in a game.

— Now Ponson deals inside and the count 2 and 2. You think Ponson should throw a strike? Well, the on deck hitter is David Ortiz. Heh heh heh . . . heh heh heh.

— Oh.

— Runners lead second and third, two out, 5-2 Yanks, bottom of the second. Now the right-hander's 2-2. Outside. Way outside. Not close. The count 3 and 2. Threw a slider. Well Loretta is in, as they say, a pretty good spot. There's second and third, two out, and if Ponson walks Loretta looming on deck is one David Big



Papi Ortiz.

— Looming is a very good word.

— Heh heh heh . . .

— Sort of connotes a large shadow.

— It'll be a 3-2 to Loretta. Then pitch. Lined. Base hit. Down the left field line, rolling to the left field corner. Two runs will score. On his way to second is Loretta with a double. It's a two-run double for Mark Loretta and the Yankees lead is now 5-4.

— And another double for Mark Loretta and it looks like doubles is all he ever hits is doubles, three in the first game, another one here. Let's look on the replay and see what this pitch is, another breaking pitch that that broke and when it broke about thigh-high. Loretta has good wrist control and really good bat speed. And he just whipped it down the left field line.

— So Loretta in the double header is now 4 for 7 and all four hits have been doubles and all have been hit hard, too.

— And Ron Guidry going out to talk to Sidney Ponson and, um, scurrying. Both bullpens are scurrying, movement everywhere out there. Well, ya heard MVP chants at Yankee Stadium when Derek Jeter came up. There are now MVP chants in Fenway Park for Big Papi, David Ortiz.

— Big Papi hit one off the center field wall 420 feet away his first time for a double, scored on a Ramírez single. The Yankees then went out and scored five runs in the second inning but Ponson, who had a runner on and two outs, walked Alex Cora. The pitch, a foul third base side and Suzyn, he will long remember that walk. He walked . . .

— Hmmmm . . .

— . . .he walked a singles hitter, at best a singles hitter, and since then doubled Youkilis, doubled Loretta. It is 5-4 and here is Ortiz. Here's the 0-1. It's a strike. That's what they call the high strike. It was about at his eyebrows.



- Heh heh heh.
- It looked high.
- Oh my goodness!
- Oh, we . . . we're about a mile up but anyway . . .
- Ha ha ha. Ha ha ha.
- . . . anyway, the count 0 and 2. It wasn't as high as we are but . . .
- Ha ha ha. Ha ha ha. It was . . . ha ha . . . it was close. Oh goodness . . .
- Loretta leads off second, the tying run with two outs. It'll be an 0-2 to Ortiz.

High, fastball, 1 and 2.

— Hey John, they just had a note up on the board. There's really . . . I had to read it twice . . . 'cause it's it's hard to fathom. He's the first Red Sock in history Big Papi to have 105 RBIs by the end of July. You know how many great hitters have been . . .

- Oh no.
- . . . on this team?
- Yes!
- Wow!

— The 1-2. Breaking ball low, 2 and 2. Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx and Vern Stevens and Carl Yastrzemski and on and on . . .

— Jim Rice and . . . my goodness!

— That is a lot of RBIs for the end of July, though. The pitch it's strike three called, a breaking ball caught him looking. So the Yankees still have the lead barely as Boston gets three runs on three hits and leaves one. And now at the end of two innings of play, the Yankees 5, Boston 4 on the Yanks Radio Network.

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— Now the pitch is popped foul, out of play, so the count 0 and 2. I'm sure each dugout is saying, "Don't stop. Keep scoring. Don't stop." This ballpark itself leads to runs but pitching is suspect, a nice way to put it. The 0-2 . . . Hey! Struck 'em out swinging, one away.

— And struck 'em out with a 91 mile-an-hour fastball. And he throws harder than that. Let's see, let's look where this was . . . up and in. Up and in. Great pitch.

— Good spot. Really choked him inside. One away, here's Craig Wilson. Wilson walked in the second inning when the Yankees scored four. Yankees scored five in the second, Boston came back with three. Red Sox had scored a run in the first. 5-4 Yanks in the third. Craig Wilson cuts and misses. Now the pitch is inside, a fastball. And the count 1 and 1. I, I guess the bullpen's gonna have a lot to say about who's gonna win this ballgame, cuz neither starter seems like they'll go very long. There'll be a 1-1 to Wilson. The left-handed John Lester deals and that's a bouncer up there and the count 2 and 1.

— Tried to throw him a changeup, threw it about 57 feet.

— Probably held on to it too long, I guess. It's almost a perfect night, I mean, it's cool, ya . . . you're in your shirt sleeves, you're very comfortable. Great weather for the hitters. The pitch is grounded foul at home plate and the count 2 and 2 on Wilson.

— You know, a lot of guys were talking about that in the clubhouse between games. It's it's it's warm, but it's not too hot so you don't get overly tired cause of



the heat and because it's warm and not cool, your muscles don't get stiffened up. Perfect weather today.

— Here's the 2-2. A high chopper over the mound, fielded at short by Cora, throws to first in time and there are two away. Hey fans. It's time for Yankees baseball and Black Bear beef franks. Black Bear beef franks deliver the snappin' taste that New Yorkers crave. So get that real home run taste by going to your favorite ShopRite for Black Bear beef franks. Now two away. Here's Bernie Williams, who walked his first time up. We're in the top of the third in Game 2. Yankees have a 5-4 lead. They won the first 12-4. And Lester deals a breaking ball strike on the outside corner and the count 0 and 1. Now the left-hander to the plate, hit on the ground to short. Cora fields, fires across. Lester has a 1-2-3. Three up, three down for the Yanks. At the end of two and a half, it's 5-4 Yanks, on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Connecticut fans can buy or sell just about anything with a classified ad in the Bargain News. Ask for it at a newsstand or find them online. There's no news like the Bargain News. Well, we go to the, uh, bottom of the third Ponson has a one run lead, 5-4. He's given up a run in the first and three in the second. His big mistake, two outs and a runner on second, ain't no runs were in, he had a 5-1 lead and he walked Alex Cora. Boy, did he pay for it. When Bernie Williams grounded out to short to end the top of the third, that was the fifteenth out and GEICO wants to remind you that a fifteen minute call can save you fifteen percent or more on car insurance. Call 1 800 947 AUTO, 1 800 947 A-U-T-O for GEICO Direct. Manny Ramírez will lead off. Manny had a RBI single his first time and is 19 for 37 against the Yanks this year. The pitch it's lined, there's a base hit into left center field in the gap, going to the left center field wall. Manny heads towards second. He is there with a double. It's so simple for him. It's so easy. He's such a great hitter. I don't see Albert Pujols play very much but I don't know how anybody can be a better hitter than Manny Ramírez. He can hit for average, he can hit for power. He's just a flat out great hitter. And he isn't hitting as much against the Yanks Miguel Tejada is.

— I was gonna ask you because now he's 20 for 38. So Tejada is is better.

— Heh heh. I'd say.

— The pitch to Hinske is low. So there's the tying run at second with no one out.

— What do we figure, was he up to .618 at one point during the Baltimore series?

— Remember he was what, like, 21 for 38 or something like . . . some ridiculous number. Here's the 1-0 to the left-hand hitter. A grounder foul outside of first. Hinske grounded out his first out. Well, the third inning means it's time for the Time Warner



Cable triple play contest. Now, if the Yanks turn a triple play in the third inning, Janet Lohman of Amityville New York will win \$10,000 and Time Warner Cable's Triple Play Service free for a year. Ponson deals and it's fouled down the left field line, out of play. To enter, log on to www.WCBS880.com. Manny Ramírez the tying run at second, there's no one out, it'll be a 1-2 to Hinske. Hinske steps out for a moment. Hinske hit a hot shot his first time at bat but Ponson grabbed it, knocked it down anyway then threw 'em out. The pitch strike three. Good fastball.

— Ah, Hinske doesn't like the call and he has said something to Jim Wolf.

— So, one away. Now again, we are so far up. It's tough to tell high and low. We can tell the plate and that pitch had the plate. Let's see where it is. It was, up, maybe letter high. Obviously he's throwing high strikes.

— Well, it it was at the letters. It did cross the plate at the letters.

— Well, one away. Here's Wily Mo Peña. Ponson has four strikeouts and Peña takes a pitch, low, a sinking fastball, the count 0 and 1. It really doesn't matter about Ponson's pitch count because how far is he gonna go anyway but he's at 56 pitches. I think both managers would like five if they could. Now the 1-0 cut on and missed. Question is, Suzyn, what will the score be?

— Ah . . .

— But I mean, if it's, if it's like this, 5-4, 6-5, they'll take it and then . . .

— . . .right, and they'll move on . . .

— . . .yeah, hope their bullpen stops the other team.

— I think both managers are thinkin' the same thing.

— The 1-1. Half swing, an awkward swing, good fastball and the count 1 and 2.

— Willy Mo has tremendous power but a very free swinger, strikes out much too much, doesn't have the kind of bat control and the kind of eye at looking at pitches that, uh one would want.





— The 1-2 is inside, another sinker. And the count 2 and 2. Ramírez leaves off second, Cano plays near second, trying to hold his lead down. Peña, a righthander, as Suzyn said, with fabulous power. The 2-2 is fouled off the end of the bat, first base side. So the count holds at 2 and 2.

— Let's see how old he is. I think he's pretty young 'cause when he was with, uh . . . yeah, he's only 24, still just 24.

— Is that right?

— Yeah. I remember he was 16 when he was with the Yankees.

— That's why.

— Yeah. 24 in January.

— Gee, I thought it was so long ago when I was 16 . . .

— Ha ha ha ha ha.

— . . .but I got that wrong.

— Ha ha ha ha. You know one of you was 16.

— The 2-2 is low outside. And the count 3 and 2. It is an ability to throw strikes on the corners. That's an ability. So Ponson is trying but half the time he'll miss. Ramírez off second with one out. It'll be a 3-2 from Ponson to Peña. Swung on and lined to center. Damon charging, charging makes the catch! And there's the second out. So there are two away. Manny Ramírez is really funny. Here's what he did: Damon's charging, he caught the ball in shallow center. Now after the catch Ramírez started off second like he was going to third. Obviously he wasn't going to third. He only went a couple of steps, turned around, and as Damon was getting his equilibrium back, Manny Ramírez was yelling at him. I don't know what he was yelling but . . .

— Ha ha ha . . .

— . . .probably, one, he let the ball drop.

— Probably. That's probably sounds exactly like what he . . .



— Here's Coco Crisp and he takes a strike.

— . . .when, remember when Melky made that great catch against Manny and they . . . and he was yelling at him, "You're supposed to let that drop! That's me up here!" "No, no. I wanna win," said Melky.

— Crisp had a single his first time with two outs, then Cora walked and all the fun began for the Red Sox. The pitch to Coco fastball inside, the count 1 and 1. One thing I will say about Ponson, he got pretty good stuff. He does not throw as hard as he did when he was with the Orioles. He throws hard enough. Now that's only one part of it, of course. The biggest part is control in the strike zone which is now called location. The pitch, a ground ball foul and a breaking ball, the count 1 and 2. And that is something that I don't think you can teach. I think that's ability. Ramírez led off the inning with a double but then Hinske struck out, Peña hit it hard but lined out to Damon in center, and now Ponson deals 1-2 to Crisp, hit hard on the ground to first and through Wilson! It went by him for an error to right field. Ramírez scores the tying run and on to second goes Crisp. Now that should have been the third out. A ground ball to first and it ate up Craig Wilson and it went through him for an error and the ballgame is tied at 5.

— Well that should have been, as John said, the third out. It just went right through his legs. He just didn't get the glove down on the ground and he's pretty sure-handed, that obviously is an error. E3 on Craig Wilson and that that actually, yeah, you're right John, that would have been the third out and he would've gotten out of the inning harmlessly.

— So the ballgame tied at 5, the go-ahead run's at second, that's Crisp, and here is Doug Mirabelli. The ball was hit hard but Wilson got there and I think if Wilson had to do it over again, he would've made sure that he knocked it down because he would've made the play. The ball was hit so hard, he would've made the play. Here's Mirabelli, a right-hand hitter and Ponson deals, a strike. Mirabelli



stuck out his first time. Now the 0-1 is low and the count 1 and 1. Coco Crisp, who runs so well, is the go-ahead run at second. The pitch, there's a breaking ball, it's high and the count 2 and 1. I don't know if Lester's pitch count—we'll give it to you at the beginning of the fourth—but Ponson will now throw his 70th pitch. The 2-1, cut on and missed. He threw it right by Mirabelli. And the count 2 and 2.

— Mirabelli has pretty good power. He doesn't hit for average cuz he really doesn't have a good sense of the strike zone or as good as he could but he's got good power. If he connects, as the Yankees have found out through the years, he'll hit it a long way. He's getting to play a lot more regularly now that Jason Varitek is on the DL, obviously.

— Now here's the 2-2 a high fly to left, not deep. Cabrera comes in and makes the catch. Well, the Red Sox tie it on the error, one run, one hit, one error, one left. And now at the end of 3 innings of play, we're tied at 5 on the Yanks Radio Network.

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— John Sterling, Suzyn Waldman back at Fenway Park, top of the fourth, tied at 5. Sal Fasano swings and misses at a curveball from the dirt, count 0 and 1. And the Yankees scored five in the second, A-Rod walked and moved up on a wild pitch and Cano doubled him in. And that was the Yankees first run tonight the first run the Yankees scored in the game, sponsored by Fox News channel. Fox is where the news is. Now here's the 0-1. Fasano takes a strike on the outside corner and the count 0 and 2. Fasano bounced into a force-out at home with the bases loaded 5-2. Sal reached first and later scored a run behind Lester 0 and 2. Lester . . . this pitch



for Lester will be his 75th fouled back by Fasano.

— And this is something, John, that Joe Torre does not like a big inning and not . . . then not being able to add on. That's why he was so pleased at the first game, keep adding on. In this place, you can't just score in one inning. It's never enough. Never.

— The 0-2 he struck 'em out swinging on a slow curve. So, uh, the Red Sox can hope now that Lester has found something. One away. Here's Melky Cabrera who singled and knocked in a run his first time, switch hitter batting right. I mean, by all rights Ponson should still have the lead. Wilson made an error. I mean, errors are all part of it. Cabrera takes low. I, I guess both managers—we've been saying this—are probably thinking the same thing: hey, 5-5 I'll take it. Get me through five and then we'll piece it together with the bullpen.

— Yep.

— No, uh, wait, you've gotta get a couple of scoreless innings to do that heh heh heh. The 1-0, Cabrera bluffs blunt takes a strike. Ran his hands up.

— Well, as you, as you said John, John Lester has found something here. He's got the side in in order in the third, struck out Fasano.

— Now he's retired five in a row. And the 1-1 is low and the count 2 and 1. Now the left-hander to the plate fouled back, first base side of home plate, the count 2 and 2. Johnny Damon is on deck and Lester ready to deal 2-2 to Cabrera swung on and fouled, first base side, out of play. Tomorrow's game is a Fox game, so instead of starting at 1:05, it'll start at 1:25. We'll be on there at 12:40 with a long pre-game.

— {Yawn}

— Here's the 2-2 fouled at home plate Now, here's Lester's 2-2. Swung on, lined like a bullet! Base hit, center field! Oh, is Lester lucky! That ball coulda taken his head off! He just got out of the way. Well that would shake me up, I don't know if it's



gonna shake Lester up, though. Vicious line drive right through the box.

— Well, he's walking all the way back to the shortstop position.

— That missed his head . . . Oh. . . .ooooohhhh, man. Ah, if that if that missed his head by two inches that's a lot. He ducked way down and he's 6'4" so he's a big big kid. Oh my goodness, that could've been awful.

— Oh boy, is that scary? It was even worse on the replay.

— Hmmh . . .

— Here's Damon, who is 2 for 2 and has five hits in the double header and 5 RBIs and a home run. Damon takes outside and the count 1 and 0.

— John talked about tomorrow afternoon, Josh Beckett and Randy Johnson.

— And I think both teams are hoping that they'll have better pitching on their team.

— Oh.

— Now the 1-0. Lined deep down the right field line toward the Pesky Pole it is gone! There's a two-run home run for Johnny Damon having a day that he'll never forget for the rest of his life! He's homered in both games! He has six hits! He has seven RBIs! A two-run Damon dinger and the Yankees take a 7-5 lead!

— You know John, Johnny Damon said to me when I said I, you know, you're a human being, I know you want to did . . . I know you want to do well here and he said, I don't want to do well against every team. Well that may be so but you know, you know he's loving this.

— Absolutely. He hit a line drive right down the line and into the seats near the Pesky Pole down the right field line. Another home run, another hit for Damon. And what a, what an afternoon evening for Johnny Damon. He'll never forget this as long as he lives. Here's Derek Jeter. Breaking ball low. So Ponson's been given a two run lead. The Boston bullpen is up. It's . . . what an unbelievable day for Damon. He's answered back to boos the best way: performance. And here's the 1-0, swung on,



popped foul, out of play.

— And that ball went into the first row. It was caught by a man in the first row around that Pesky Pole.

— You know, it's such an odd angle. When you walk in you can't believe that a ball could go there. You could see it go straight, out a little bit, but it's just . . . that's a very odd pole. It'll be a 1-1 to Jeter. Swung on and hit in the air, right down the right field line and it's fouled to the seats and the count 1 and 2. Here's what Damon has done he has six hits in nine at bats. He has two homers and he has seven RBIs. What an afternoon . . . evening . . . whatever this is . . . what a day!

— Heh heh heh heh heh . . .

— What a day. The 1-2. In side. And the count 2 and 2.

— This is getting to be the dead of night. We . . . I mean we're . . . we're . . . we might have to start the game . . . we might have to keep going and uh, a one o'clock game. We might still be here.

— Well the Yanks have a 7-5 lead in the fourth with one out. Julian Tavares up in the Boston bullpen again. And the left-hander is 2-2. It's grounded to second. Loretta will throw out Jeter and there are two away. Damon, lefty to lefty. Now, you know, Damon hits lefties, Abreu hits lefties, Cano hits lefties and Giambi hits for power against lefties but Damon has a single, a single, and a home run against a left-hander in this second game. Well, two away, here's Bobby Abreu, he hits lefties very well too. Bobby has lined out and hit a two-run double down the right field line. Hey, the Yankees have worn out Boston. If they had any pitching, it'd be a double header sweep. They're wearing 'em out. The pitch, Abreu breaking ball low. The Yankees had 12 runs and 16 hits in the first game and in half the game, less than half the game, they have 7 runs and 7 hits. That's . . . that's 19 runs and 23 hits, you know, it should be enough, it's not nearly enough but . . . the 1-0 is low, 2 and 0.

— It's not enough.



— Awww . . .

— I don't . . .

— Not even close to being enough . . .

— . . .no, it's not enough, trust me. So does Joe.

— Two outs, no one on, it'll be a 2-0 to Abreu, the Yankees with a 7-5 lead, top of the fourth. Pitch there it's a strike and the count 2 and 1.

— Abreu's on-base percentage now, John, .481.

— Aw, that's incredible, now he hasn't had a lot of at bats, less than 100 with the Yanks but he was .427 with the Phils. There is a 2-1 lined base hit left field. Well, we're seeing something. You know, uh, Abreu's swing was . . . Suzyn, I know you know what I'm talking about. If this had happened in the 30's or 40's and we read about it, it would sound, wow, unbelievable. Well, it's happening right here.

— And Terry Francona has seen enough and he is coming out slowly to get the rookie John Lester and this call to the bullpen is sponsored by digital phone from Time Warner Cable. Check it out at timewarnercable.com.

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— Well John Lester goes three and two-thirds. He has give up 7 runs and he's responsible for Abreu. 7 runs, 8 hits, 4 strikeouts, 3 walks: he can lose it, he can't win it. Abreu, in the double header is 6 for 8 with a walk. Here's A-Rod who has walked and popped out in the same inning, the second. And Tavaréz throws to first base to check on Abreu.

— When Tavaréz is throwing well, he'll have a hard sinker and he'll get a lot of ground balls. Not having a great season.

— He's been around the pike, boy, he's been with a lot of teams. The pitch, swung on and hit in the air to shallow right. Charging in is Peña, coming hard, it drops for a hit. Abreu goes to second. Abreu made a base running mistake and he knows it right now. And he just looked at Larry Bowa and kind of hit his helmet. There are two outs. What was he doing? But, he made a mistake. We all make mistakes and he would've only gotten to third. He would not have scored. He knows it, he's shaking his head, looking at Larry Bowa.

— Larry Bowa's standing at third base with his hands on his hips.

— Pugnaciously.

— Yep. Well, you know, they know each other. He managed him for four years so he knows him and he hit his helmet. He knows him.



— Heh heh heh . . .

— Oh my goodness!

— Well he . . . the thing is, it didn't cause the Yanks a run. He could have only gotten to third, but he should be a third and there's a, you know, a fastball, a wild pitch kind of thing or and infield error, he won't score. Here is Robbie Cano. Well, I guess you can get away with that when you're 6 for 8. The pitch to Cano is low and inside. That was almost a wild pitch and Mirabelli made a nice scoop.

— Bowa's still talking and, boy, will he hear about it when he gets to the bench.

— You're right.

— Larry Bowa can get on people. I . . . I haven't heard stuff like that. He needles as well as anyone I've ever heard.

— Cano has a RBI double and has struck out, now facing a right-hander. Yankees have a 7-5 lead. The pitch high outside. And the count 2 and 0. You know that Joe and Gator are talking this over and if they can get a scoreless inning or two out of Ponson . . . that's a big question mark.

— They haven't gotten one yet.

— Heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh. You're right. 1, 3 and 1 for Boston. There'll be a 2-0. Hit on the ground off the glove of Tavarez, fielded and short, throw to first in time for the out, a nice play. Very nice play. If that ball didn't hit Tavarez's glove that's a base hit to center field. For the Yankees they get 2 runs on 4 hits and leave 2. And now at the end of three-and-a-half innings of play, 7-5 Yanks on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Well, Sidney Ponson comes out for the bottom of the fourth inning. New York now taking a 7 to 5 lead and wouldn't you know that Joe would love to have a scoreless inning. Ponson gave up one in the first, three in the second and one in the third and he will face the bottom of the order, Alex Cora and then going around to the top and Kevin Youkilis and Mark Loretta. The big mistake that Sidney Ponson made in that second inning when the Red Sox scored three runs was the walk to Alex Cora. And here's Cora again. You know, you always wonder why pitchers just don't—he's got great stuff—don't try and nitpick on the corners. Alex Cora hasn't hit a home run all year. He probably isn't gonna hit one now. So to try and pick at the corners is a mistake and Ponson paid for it. So Alex Cora gets in the box as the Yankees have taken a 7 to 5 lead. And the first pitch is in for a strike, 0 and 1. That was a fastball, 88 miles an hour. Ponson has tried to have more control, not to just throw his hard stuff anymore. The 0-1 pitch to Cora is hit past the diving Jeter into center field and Cora is on again. That was a fastball 90 miles an hour and got too much of the middle of the plate to Alex Cora. Just right over the middle of the plate, and a little on the low side and he just smacked it past Jeter. Jeter dove for it but it went underneath his glove. That's a solid single for Alex Cora. Now Kevin Youkilis. Youkilis has an RBI double in the second inning. Youkilis spent most of the season, before as . . . when Coco Crisp was on the DL, as a leadoff hitter, did a great job there.

— Now Ponson deals and Youkilis takes a fastball high 1 and 0. So Cora leads



off first Youkilis the tying run. The pitch lined to left field base hit. A looping glider. So Youkilis singles and the tying runs are on. And Gator visits the mound. Now the Yankee bullpen is going. They have the lead and I guess they would go to their bullpen to try to hold on to their lead right now.

— Well, Brian Bruney, the youngster who came over from Arizona, up as a righty and Ron Villone, the indispensable Ron Villone, is up. He got a half a day off. That's enough for Villone. Now home plate umpire Jim Wolf goes out and, uh, getting Fasano back behind the plate.

— Well, the conference is over Villone and Bruney continue to warm. Here is Mark Loretta with the tying runs on and no one out, Lorttea and then, uh oh . . . The pitch is grounded foul and over third.

— I think uh oh is sufficient.

— I think people know who is coming up if I say uh oh.

— Scoreboard update sponsored by UPS, what can brown do for you. A final in Kansas City. The first game, uh, Kansas City beat Oakland 7 to 1. There's no score in the second game. They're in the fifth inning in Kansas City.

— Loretta has struck out and doubled. The pitch is low. And the count 1 and 1.

— Top of the ninth inning in Baltimore. Baltimore leads Toronto 7 to 2. Troy Glaus and Vernon Wells homered for Toronto. Melvin Mora hit his thirteenth for Baltimore. Texas leads Detroit 2 to 1. They go to the bottom of the ninth in Detroit.

— Now Loretta is tired of waiting so he gets out of the box. Cora at second, Youkilis at first, no one out, bottom of the fourth, already, and the Yankees have a 7-5 lead.

— Mark Teixeira had his nineteenth homer in that, uh, Texas Detroit game, Dmitri Young, number six. Cleveland leading Tampa Bay 5 to 3. They're going to the top of the ninth in Tampa. Travis Hafner and Andy Marté hit his first homer.

— The pitch is lined to right field. There is a base hit. Bernie fields and fires in.





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Thank you Fred. Now, let's talk to Dolores from the Bronx.

We needed a used car for our daughter who's going to Fordham. We bought a copy of Car Buyer's Market at the convenience store down the street. You know, there's over 200 pages of cars for sale from both dealers and private owners? We found her a really nice Honda with low miles at a great price. It sure beat driving all over New York City looking for one.

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— Well, the indispensable one Ron Villone is pitching again, coming in to face Big Papi. And with the, uh, bases loaded here and nobody out this is quite a job for anybody.

— Now, I, I must say this is quite a job.

— Well, you know what Joe says, John it's not a two runs complete . . .

— Right . . .

— . . .until the bottom of the inning.

— So here comes Villone, lefty to lefty against Ortiz. Cora at third, Youkilis at second, Loretta at first and no one out. Ortiz and then Manny Ramírez. Yikes. Ortiz has doubled and struck out. Now Villone deals and the fastball high. Yankees play the infield back. They will gladly give up a run to get a double play. No overshift but Jeter plays just a couple of steps on the third base side of second. Now the left-hander deals, fouled back. And the count 1 and 1.

— In the National League, Mets are leading Colorado 6 to 3. Alfonso Soriano had his 39th home run, Ryan Zimmerman his 17th, Washington is leading the Phillies 6-3, they're going to the bottom of the seventh in Philadelphia. Pirates over Cincinnati 7 to 1, they are in the eighth. And Atlanta over Florida 6 to 1, they're in the bottom of the seventh. Everything else is later.

— Now Villone's 1-1. There's a strike. And the count 1 and 2. We'll give you the Ponson numbers, not very pretty numbers but we'll give them to you anyway. It'll be a 1-2 from Villone to Ortiz. Bases loaded, no one out. It'll be a 1-2 pitch. Half swing, a check swing foul. Pitch up and in, so the count holds and 1 and 2. You know, a couple of days ago I get to the booth and, and Suzyn tells me about Brian Bruney. It was the afternoon game, the Yankees got shelled in New York by Baltimore. He pitched an inning. Well, here he is warming up. He's about to come into a ballgame with the Yanks and Red Sox . . .

— Heh heh heh . . .



— . . .amazing.

— . . .yep.

— . . .I mean really amazing. Villone holds the set and the 1-2 just missed low outside, the count 2 and 2. That was the Villone slider. Good pitch, I mean it missed, but Ortiz couldn't pull the trigger and I mean that was on the knees just off the outside corner I guess.

— I guess.

— 7-5 Yankees, bottom of the fourth, a wild second game. Now here's the 2-2, fouled back. Joe loves Villone for about 100 different reasons but one of them is he has no fear and you have to have a pitcher come in who doesn't have any fear, you know, the fear to fail, in other words. He comes in and he's gonna throw his fastball and slider and see if he can get you out. He's been doing a great job this year.

— I guess one of the signs, he's not trying to hit spots with Ortiz. He's going at him. If he misses, he misses. He's going right at him, you know, he's not trying to stay away from him and miss his back.

— It'll be a 2-2 to Ortiz. Villone deals, check swing, ground ball to short. Jeter, Cano one, on to first, double . . . safe. I'm sorry. Safe at first. A run scores, 7-6. Runners first and third, one out. It was a check swing, it wasn't hit hard enough, but Ortiz doesn't run well and they just missed getting the double play. So give Ortiz an RBI. Scoring is Cora. That run, of course, charged to Ponson. Youkilis goes to third. Ortiz picks up his 114th RBI. Here's Manny Ramírez now with a 7-6 ballgame, first and third, one out.

— And as John said, Ortiz didn't mean to hit that. He was trying to check a swing and Villone almost got it. It was hit a little too hard, but if he had gotten it, you could have a double play there but the ball was hit too slowly, even though Big Papi doesn't run very well, it was hit too slowly to cleanly turn the double play and he beat it out.



— Manny Ramírez has singled and doubled knocked in his 95th run. First and third, one out. And Villone deals, lined like a bullet, base hit, left field. Youkilis scores the tying run. Ortiz stops at second. It's a base hit and an RBI for Manny Ramírez. And the ballgame is tied at 7. Manny, he doesn't waste any time. He goes up. Bang! Base hit! Now even though Ortiz faced Villone, the force-out goes on a Ponson-base runner, so that is still Ponson's responsibility so we can't give you his numbers yet. Here is Eric Hinske, a left-hand hitter and Villone deals a strike. We're tied at 7, we're in the bottom of the fourth. 7, 9 and 1 to 7, 10 and 0. And this ballgame isn't half over. Now here's the 0-1 to Hinske, cut on and misses, the count 0 and 2. Hinske has grounded out and struck out. He had three doubles in the first game, his first game as a member of the Sox. The 0-2, he struck him out swinging, 2 away. Ten second station ID on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— John Sterling, Suzyn Waldman at Fenway Park in Game 2. In the day game, the Yankees won 12-4. In the night game, we're tied at 7. Here's right-hand hitting Wily Mo Peña with Ortiz and second, Ramírez at first, and two outs. Boston has scored in every inning. 1-3, 1-2. The Yankees scored five in the second and two in the fourth. We're tied at 7. And Villone deals popped foul first base side, out of play.

— And this is Villone's fourth day in a row he's been in a game.

— And, you know Manny Ramírez is such a great hitter. He got a single, a lined single. Villone's really pitched well. Ortiz got a lucky check swing, grounded and knocked in a run, got a force at second. He struck out Hinske now trying to get Peña with the go-ahead runs on-base at second and first, two outs, bottom of the fourth. Here is the 0-1 and there's a strike on the outside corner and the count 0 and 2.



— Peña up to .312, now that's pretty much courtesy of, uh, a hot streak he's been on, 15 for 43, that's .349, in his last ten games.

— Well, a pitch, a fastball, up and in. And the count 1 and 2. Ortiz on second, Ramírez on first. Now the left-hander Villone is set. Here's the 1-2. Lined foul to left field seats behind third. And the count holds at 1 and 2.

— And Wily Mo just too quick for that one. He recognized the slider but was a little out in front of it, so fouled it off.

— The seats behind third in the grandstand kind of bend around and face home plate, so back at third there are seats that are on top of the left field line. It'll be a 1-2 to Peña. Outside 2 and 2 fastball. And, of course the other thing that Joe loves about Villone, he takes the ball every time.

— Yep.

— Every time. It'll be a 2-2 to Peña. The pitch is fouled on the first base side of home plate, so the count holds 2 and 2.

— I did finally get him to admit this morning that he actually would tell Joe if, if he felt that he couldn't, cause he says he knows right away, so we were talking during the first game, he knows when he wakes up in the morning. He doesn't have to throw and stretch. He knows what he feels like and I says you wouldn't say you could do it if you couldn't? You seem like you wouldn't even . . . he says well I would be hurting the team. That doesn't hurt anybody if I don't think I can get people out to go out there. And he hasn't said no yet. All year.

— Again, it'll be a 2-2 to Peña. A groundball, right back to Villone, flips to first to end the inning. Well, Boston gets the tie. They get two runs on four hits and leave two. Now at the end of four innings of play we're tied at 7 on the Yanks Radio Network, presented by AIG, the strength to be there. AIG.

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— Now here, uh, Craig Wilson to lead off for the Yanks in the fifth. Tavaréz deals a strike. Wilson has walked and grounded out. The right-handed Tavaréz will then



face the left-handed hitting Bernie Williams who will try to turn around, and then Fasano. The pitch is a breaking ball. Strike.

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— Here's the 0-2. Swung on and hit in the air to deep left. That ball is gonna be caught by Manny right on the track in front of the wall. At first it looked like it might hit the wall, but it didn't have enough oomph. And Manny going back . . . now that was high enough for him to get back and he caught the ball, maybe a step or so from the wall, from the Green Monster, on the warning track, one away.

— . . .visit them online at gotoyota.net. Now if he just . . . oomph is a good word, John, and if he just had put a little more in it . . . so many balls over the years have gone way high, fly balls that just get over the walls and, uh, now on the Monster seats.

— Now here is Bernie Williams with one out. John Lester went three and two-thirds, seven runs, eight hits, four strikeouts, three walks. Bernie takes low. Ponson went three plus, seven runs, nine hits four strikeouts. The pitch to Bernie, swung on, hit in the air to deep center. Crisp back, away back, on the track, looking up, it's all . . . it's gonna be a rule. Bernie heads toward second. He is there with a double. And he misses a home run by a few feet. He hit a bullet straight away. It just wasn't high enough to get out. The ce . . . the center field wall is high about, I'd say, 15 feet high, and that banged off the ce . . . center field wall. Oh, what a game! So Bernie hits a robust double to straightaway center.

— I'm just looking at the replay of that on the on the monitor. He really didn't miss a home run by much. Another five, six feet.

— Now there's Fasano with a runner at second, one out. And there's the pitch





it's grounded foul off third. So Ponson three plus, seven hits, four strikeouts, one walk. And Lester three and two-thirds, seven runs, eight hits, four strikeouts and three walks. So they are not gonna be involved in the decision. It's a tie game and now here's Villone and Tavaréz. Bernie, the lead run, leads off second with one out. It'll be an 0-1 to Fasano. The pitch hit on the ground . . . whoa, lined right to third, excuse me. Tavaréz threw the pitch and Youkilis caught it off third, a little line drive, so two away and that'll bring up Melky Cabrera.

— Mirabelli going out to talk to Tavaréz on, uh, probably how to pitch to Melky. The other thing is, with Bernie at second, they do change the signs. He's telling him what the sequence is going to be. Bernie Williams standing at second base can pick up the signals when Mir . . . Mirabelli puts them down. So that's, that's becoming more and more coming. You know, John, when you see Yankee and Red Sox fans, they do it all the time, cause I think they just play each other so so often, as soon as there's a runner at second you'll always see one or the other catcher going out to talk to the pitcher.

— And for that reason, too. Cabrera takes outside. We are coming to you live from the Loews broadcast booth. Let's build something together. Uh, it'll be a 1-0 to Cabrera, now turns around to the left side. He's 2 for 2 in game two. The pitch grounded foul at home plate. Last inning Johnny Damon hit a two-run home run, his second two-run home run of the day night double header. It was the first run—the first home run—the Yankees have hit in the game tonight. For that home run, the Eastern Region Hyundai Dealers will donate \$150 to the Hope & Heroes Children's Fund, benefiting the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian. It'll be a 1-1 to Cabrera. The pitch is fouled, third base side, out of play. And the count 1 and 2.

— Well we thought this was gonna to be this kind of game and all our fears have been realized.



— And it certainly is that kind of game. Now the bullpens will have a go at it. Bernie is the go-ahead run at second. There are two outs, there will be a 1-2 to Cabrera. And the pitch. Half swing. Did he go? No. Tavaréz was running off the mound toward the Boston dugout. The third base umpire James Hoye said no swing. Of course Tavaréz might have been trying to sell it too.

— Well he might've. It doesn't, uh . . . umpires don't like that. And of course protocol made it that, uh, James Hoye only gave his call after Jim Wolf asked him.

— There'll be a 2-2 to Cabrera. Foul, third base side, out of play.

— Usually, the home plate umpire will give a little sign, which you could miss it to ask the third base umpire for help. Jim Wolf really points go ahead, tell me what you saw.

— It'll be a 2-2 to Cabrera and the pitch low kind of boxed by Mirabelli, rolled away, but no advance, so the count 3 and 2 and you know who's on deck, Johnny Damon. I think it might be a mis . . . ah sh . . . the Yankees ask Damon to get another hit, but he has had a great day at Fenway Park. It'll be a 3-2 to Cabrera. Bernie leaves off second with two outs. He has to play it safe of course. Now the stretch and here's the 3-2. High. Ball four. So Cabrera is on. First walk given up by Tavaréz. Now here is Damon, who in the nightcap has singled, singled to knock in a run, hit a two-run home run. And in the opener he was three for six, so the homer made four RBIs. So he is 6 for 9 with 2 homers and 7 RBIs. Well, wouldn't you like to ask these Boston fans booing, what do you think of Damon as a ballplayer?

— Well, they love him. That's why they're booing.

— Right. Just have . . . just have a Yankee uniform on, that's all. Pitch is a strike. A fastball, the count 0 and 1.

— Um hum.

— Bernie Williams off second and Melky Cabrera off first. Now the 0-1 uh, strike, half swing. Called a strike by the home plate pire . . . the home plate umpire Jim



Wolf and the count 0 and 2.

— I kind of feel that the other part of that, John, is that Coco Crisp has not been as advertised, he is not ha . . . having a good year for him here.

— They, they should've offered Damon more money. He would've stayed.

— That's exactly right.

— So it's their fault.

— Yup.

— It'll be an 0-2 to Damon. And Tavaréz deals outside. And the count 1 and 2.

— You know, Joe was asked by one of the Boston writers between Da . . . games how Damon fits into the clubhouse, was he everything he expected and he said I expected everything as a ballplayer, but his demeanor in the clubhouse, his personality is so great for this team, he keeps everybody loose all the time even in the in the worst losing streaks they've had. He comes in and he's always smiling . . .

— It'll be a 1-2. Outside 2 and 2.

— . . .and that's very important, uh, this Yankee clubhouse, as you know, is pretty corporate, pretty buttoned-up and sometimes you need a personality like Damon, just loosen things up a little bit.

— Runners lead off of first and second. It'll be a 2-2 to Damon. He struck him out swinging. No runs, one hit, and two left. And now at the end of four and a half innings of play, the ballgame is tied at 7 on the Yanks Radio Network.

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Yeah.

I don't feel so good.

Oh.

Oh you're looking a tad green for a raccoon.

Yeah, you look like a tree frog.

I think it might be the taco burlito I ate.

You ate a what?

A taco burlito.

Why?

It was cheap.

Oh, you're paying for it now.

Yeah, in spades. Ohhhhh.

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No.

Heh heh heh heh heh.



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— Well, we go to the bottom of the fifth. And, this ballgame, as we get to the half-way point is now two hours and thirteen minutes old. And here's Coco Crisp to lead it off. 7, 10 and 1 Yanks. 7, 10 and 0 Boston. Ron Villone in relief of Ponson deals high to Crisp who turns around to bat from the right side. Here's Sam Gordon. We can ask him all of our questions. We'll get a lot of great answers from Sam Gordon of the Daily News and the Daily News Special.

— Sam, are you ready?

— You think that I'm that awake, John, that I am really able to be sharp and on top of things after a after a day, a day like this?

— The 1-0. Outside. Well, you know you're gonna write all this in tomorrow's Daily News. It's a night that Johnny Damon will never forget for the rest of his life.

— Uh, there's there's no doubt about it, I mean, he says that it's not a big deal about how he does against his former team and that he's kind of over that, but you look at the way he reacts and the way that he's coming up big for the Yankees tonight and you know that's just not true.

— The 2-0. Strike. He's human. Of course he feels that way. He's not gonna say it, but of course he feels this way. And they keep booing him.

— Heh heh heh heh heh heh. Who are they kidding?

— Whoa, no kidding and he, eh, I'm sure he welcomes the the boos at this point, I mean, he's having a terrific night, uh, and you know, not just, uh, at the plate too. He made a great play in the field and in, uh, Game 1 that, you know, uh, kept the Red Sox at bay and let the Yankees, uh, break it open shortly thereafter.



— The 2-1 is low to Crisp and the count, 3 and 1.

— You know what else, Sam, he he also knows what his replacement has done and that Coco's having a very hard time here. The fans have been booing him. He's not doing at all the job that he would ever wish bad for anybody. I've got a question for you. Does Sidney Ponson get another start?

— There's the 3-1. Outside, ball 4. Isn't that interesting? You know what I was gonna ask him?

— What?

— If Rudy pitches well again, when Lidle comes back for a start on Monday do they do they say goodbye to Ponson?

— Well, why, eh, I'm gonna lead more towards Johnny Damon. I was actually, uh, gonna answer by saying I'm not sure if he can get another appearance, let alone another start. Uh, you know, obviously he's not gonna be helpful for them for the next few days cause he pitched today. So I think that, uh, the scenario, John, you just mentioned is very realistic. I don't really see, uh, the Yankees keeping him around as a, a long reliever. I mean, they could certainly use anybody else, uh, in that role. He just hasn't been effective, I mean, I think that, uh, you know, tonight was just the latest example. He just does not have it.

— Here's Doug Mirabelli and the throw to first base by Fasano and Crisp is back. So Crisp walks, the first walk off Villone. Mirabelli is 0 for 2 and he has a count of 1 and 0. We're tied at 7 in the bottom of the fifth.

— You know, the worst part of that is that it just doesn't effect tonight's game. Villone—this is his fourth day in a row—and you have to believe that he's going not to be available tomorrow, maybe even the next day . . .

— Right.

— . . . I mean, this is a lot of pitches for him and so Ponson's bad outing tonight, you know . . .



— Right.

— . . . could end up costing the Yankees this game but also, you know, the next one and the one after that as well.

— A throw to first base. Well, Suzyn, why don't you tell Sam what, uh, Villone told you?

— Villone told me that I asked him because we were kidding about him pitching every day, and don't you have to warm up and he said, I said, he knows when he wakes up in the morning whether he can pitch or not. He doesn't need to warm up and, um, and I said, well, would you ever say you can't pitch if Joe asked you cause . . . and he said no, yeah, I actually would if I couldn't because I wouldn't do anybody any good if I came in and I couldn't. But it hasn't happened yet. He hasn't said no yet all year.

— The 1-0 is high. So Fasano trots out to talk to Villone.

— Yeah, I mean that . . .

— No go ahead . . .

— . . . I was gonna uh, yeah, you know that's, that's pretty common, ah, you know, it seems like there's rarely a pitcher who would admit that he couldn't pitch and Villone is a real tough, blue collar kind of guy, you know, who will always want to take the ball, you know, he remembers early in the year when he felt like he wasn't being used at all . . . enough. It's kind of hard to fathom that concept now the way he's been used the last month or so, but, you know, I remember at the start of the year this is a guy that barely got into the games at all when they counted. So you know, I think that, uh, he's a veteran. He knows what his body is capable of, what, you know, whatever he says, the workload he's gotten over the last four days is . . . is excessive.

— Excessive.

— It'll be a 2-0 to Mirabelli. High. 3 and 0. So Villone who walked Crisp is behind





3 and 0. Yankees have started their bullpen. That's Brian Bruney, the right-hander. And Villone is showing signs of fatigue here. I don't blame him. And he's behind Mirabelli 3 and 0. Well, you have to, Sam, earn Joe's trust. There'll be a 3-0. There's a strike. Let's put it this way: he's earned Joe's trust.

— Oh, no doubt about it, I mean, he almost, uh, very nearly had a double play ball in the last inning there and, you know, that would've been huge obviously. You know, and Villone is a key piece, you know, and that's why, you know, it hurts Joe to bring him in, you know, to the middle of games like this cause they love to have him in the seventh, you know, in the big spot uh, so he doesn't, but there really was just no other choice at this point.

— It'll be a 3-1 to the right-hand hitting Mirabelli. Crisp leads off first. The pitch is grounded to deep third and hit the bag and turned over the bag and toward left field. On his way to third is Crisp. He'll stop there. Mirabelli holds at first with a single. A ground ball that was going over third and it hit the bag and it carried over A-Rod's head. So the Red Sox have a great chance to take the lead. They have first and third and no one out and here is Alex Cora.

— You know, while we're waiting here, Sam, I've gotta ask you something about what Joe said in between games about Chien-Ming Wang, which struck me, which puzzled me a little bit. Now we noticed that he wasn't using his finger, that he was using mostly sliders and Joe, Joe had said that, uh, uh, uh, he didn't have good he didn't have his good stuff. That's three starts in a row that he hasn't had good stuff. And then he started talking about we're in uncharted waters with him as much as as pitches thrown and pitch count. Do you think in the back of their mind they're a little bit worried about Wang, ph . . . physically?

— Yeah. I mean, I, I think they have be. Uh, I think that it, eh, what, you know, what Joe said, like you guys have said and we've all, all, all are well aware, you know, that this is a kid who hasn't pitched that many innings in his career. Uh, he's



being asked to do more than he's done in the past and, uh, that has to be a concern. I mean, this, this is a guy . . . let's not forget that missed two months last year with a shoulder injury, so to expect that he'd be able to make it through a whole season throwing more innings than he's ever thrown in his life, without an issue, I think, might have been a little bit unrealistic.

— The pitch to Cora is inside, 1 and 0. First and third, no one out, bottom of the fifth, the game is tied at 7, but Boston could take the lead with almost anything, almost anything.

— Well he, he could, actually, be going through, you know, you've you've heard guys going through dead arm periods around this time of year and I think that's.. I think that's just waiting for him to come out of it, don't you?

— Well, that's what I was gonna say. It doesn't necessarily mean that . . .

— . . .anything wrong . . .

— . . .that he has something's debilitating, right.

— Here's the 1-0. There's a strike, count 1 and 1.

— . . .but, I mean, you look at it and . . . and the number of innings that he's thrown in years past, he might not have even thrown enough to get to a dead arm period, you know what I mean? So this is, uh, like like you say, uncharted waters and clearly he's gonna have some issues with, uh, you know, the, uh, uh, higher workload. So I don't think it's unexpected. I think that the Yankees are concerned because they don't know exactly how, how, you know, a young player like he is is gonna react.

— Villone's 1-1 is low and the count 2 and 1. Cora has walked and singled and scored two runs. Cora is a a Punch and Judy, isn't it? But he's had some great games against the Yankees this year. Every time he plays he does something that works for Boston. The Yankees playing the infield back. They will look for two, though, gotta get a quick double play to double up the speedy Cora. Crisp off third.



Mirabelli on first. Tied at 7. Bottom of the fifth. Now the 2-1. Swung on and lined to right field. There's a base hit. Scoring is Crisp. Mirabelli holds at second. It's a base hit and an RBI for Alex Cora. Boston takes an 8-7 lead and that will be all for Ron Villone, who is gassed. He has done as much as he can. He just ran out of steam. So Joe comes to the mound. We'll wait 'til he takes the ball to make sure he's taking him out. He is taking him out.

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— Well, the youngster just brought up from Columbus property. Used used to be property of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Brian Bruney, and, uh, he pitched the other day—he's been in one game—one inning, one walk, and three strikeouts. He throws hard, had some problems in Arizona. While he's warming up Sam, uh, before the game, you know, when Joe was talking about the bullpen, one of the reasons they brought up T.J. Beam was because Joe, at least hinted at the fact, that Villone was not available and Dotel was not available . . . and and and Villone



was in anyway.

— Eh eh eh, it goes to show you exactly how strapped their bullpen is, which is kind of amazing when you consider they have 13 pitchers on the staff right now and they're playing with a three-man bench and yet we're in a situation now where they had to use a guy that, you know, is pitching for the fourth day in a row, threw forty-something pitches yesterday and now thirty-something pitches today. I mean, as durable and tough as Villone is, that's a little much for anybody, I think.

— A run in. Two on. No one out. Bruney deals, Youkilis takes low inside. It's an 8-7 ballgame, Boston. Oh, I think the Yankees kind of suspected this would happen, that's why winning the first game was a big game.

— Absolutely and you you can tell, I mean, they they used, uh, Joe used, uh, you know, all the good relievers, Myers, Proctor, the guys he trusts and and make sure they won that first game before they blow it out.

— Youkilis takes a breaking ball strike from Bruney. Bruney came in for an inning, now it was a throwaway game. It was 12 . . . whatever, it was 12-2. But he threw very well against Baltimore and the Yankees thought, you know, basically, this guy throws pretty hard. So they bring him in here, two on, no one out. The 1-1. Youkilis hits a ground ball to third. Backhanded by A-Rod. The long throw is in time. A long throw by A-Rod from the foul line and the runners move up to second and third. So Boston has a great chance to add to their lead. They have second and third and one out and here is Mark Loretta who has struck out, doubled and singled. One more thing for Sam: um, some thoughts on, uh, I mean the guy has had a phenomenal double header, Bobby Abreu.

— Yeah, he's clearly not at all, uh, bothered by the the rivalry or the pressures of the rivalry. You know, he's a pretty laid back guy. I mean, he, you can kind of tell looking at him that not a whole lot bothers him to begin with.

— Pitch. Loretta takes low.



— You know, he was talking after the game. You know, hey, I've been in some rivalry games, Mets, uh, Mets Phillies, Phillies Braves, that sort of thing and, you know, most players will say there's a big difference between the intensity, uh, but, you know, these games here or in those kinds of games there but, for sure didn't look like he was bothered by any of it and I think that's exactly what the Yankees are looking for, somebody who's calm under pressure . . .

— The 1-0 to Loretta is swung on and lined toward left center. It's a base hit. Two runs will score. Damon throws it in. It's a two-run single for Loretta and Boston takes a 10-7 lead.

— . . .and and when Mark Loretta had to face Brian Bruney in the National League, he was one for three off him in the National League when, uh, Brian pitched for Arizona. And now he's two for four off him. You know, something, I know Bobby Abreu's had a great afternoon. How about Mark Loretta?

— Unbelievable.

— He is 6 for 9. I'll tell you another guy who's had a great day is Manny Ramírez. He goes up sees one pitch. Bang! Base hit.

— And that and that home run was the, uh, gift pitch don't forget too.

— Right. Thank you Sam.

— My pleasure.

— Gift pitch. I like that.

— You're welcome anytime. David Ortiz takes outside. So Boston scores three more. Boston's scored in every inning 1-3, 1-2, 1-3 and they have a 10-7 lead here in the bottom of the fifth. Ortiz has doubled, struck out and had an RBI ground out, pops it foul back. And the count 1 and 1.

— Well, you know, you you touched on it a minute ago and Brian Bruney got a taste of American League yesterday. But this this is different. I don't care who you are, you come in your first time and you're in this park in the middle of Yankees Red



Sox, totally sold out and you're facing David Ortiz.

— Here's the 1-1. Caught on a miss. Major League fastball up. Major League did I say? 96. And that was thrown in a great spot. Ortiz has more trouble with pitches up than he does down. Down he drops the bat head on it with that great power and hits it out into any part of the ballpark. It'll be a 1-2, high fastball 2 and 2.

— I was talking to Ron Guidry about Brian Bruney and I I think he's gonna get a shot here. Um when he got injured, he always just threw hard stuff but it was his walk ratio . . . Ron Guidry told me that in the minor leagues he had 100 innings and 80 walks. Hard to pitch like that.

— Here's the 2-2. Pop foul back. So the count holds 2 and 2.

— When the Yankees acquired him after the Diamondbacks, um got rid of him, they signed him and they sent him down to Tampa to work with Gil Patterson who, uh, is a great pitching coach and is now down in Tampa working there. He was pitching coach at Columbus, pitching coach for the Blue Jays for a while a great pitcher by himself and worked out mechanics and Guidry said that Gil smoothed him out so that he's not just raring back and throwing now, that he's starting to pitch.

— The 2-2. Outside. 3 and 2.

— And that is something you have to teach young pitchers and Bruney's still in his early to mid-twenties. You got an arm like that, you try and smooth it out a little bit and refine it and that's what Gil Patterson did with Brian Bruney and they hope that works up here.

— It'll be a 3-2 to Big Papi. Pitch is fouled, tipped at home plate. Fasano bangs his hand into his mitt, angry that he didn't hang on. The runner Loretta was going. A baseball guy—and I can't think who it was . . . I talked to so many people today—couldn't believe that Arizona would release a guy with an arm like that. If you have an arm like that you can work with it.



— Oh, there must've been other things that we don't know. How could anybody release Bobby Jenks?

— Oh, that's true. And Andrew Sisco.

— Yep.

— Here's the payoff. Inside. Ball four. First walk given up by Bruney third by Yankee pitching and here is Manny Ramírez who in the second game has singled, doubled and singled and Suzyn, I don't think he's taken a pitch.

— I know . . . well, you don't really . . . Manny is, uh . . . can hit from anywhere. He got . . . he does have a great eye but he can hit on all four quadrants, he can hit high balls, he can hit them low. He sees a ball he likes and it's a fastball and he'll smack it. 3 for 3, two singles, a double, two RBIs and a run scored.

— 1 for 2 in the first game, a homer and an RBI. And takes a strike. Loretta at second Ortiz at first with only one out in the inning, the fifth, Boston's already scored three times. They've taken a 10-7 lead. Now, the 0-1. Just missed outside. The count 1 and 1.

— Manny got the 1500th RBI on August 3rd. Only the 45th player in major league history.

— Now, the 1-1 inside. The count 2 and 1.

— I would think, John, wouldn't you, that Joe Torre and Ron Guidry also want to see how Brian Bruney reacts in this kind of situation. New to the team, new to the league and right in the middle of Yankees Red Sox.

— Here he is, the second day on the job. And it'll be a 2-1 to Manny. He swings and misses a slider. And the count 2 and 2. There's a left-hand hitter Eric Hinske up on deck. But right now Bruney has a lot to worry about at home plate, Manny. Loretta at second, Ortiz at first. The 2-2. Hit on the ground to short, off Jeter's glove to left field. Loretta rounds third. Melky fires home. He's gonna be a dead duck. Another outfield assist for . . . they're going back to first. Manny is safe. Melky Cabrera guns



down another runner. I think he must lead in outfield assists and Melky has such a good arm. Wow! It was a hot shot off Jeter's glove to left. Cabrera came up throwing and I mean, and Loretta was a dead duck. He never got to home plate. Fasano blocked the plate. Fasano had the ball waiting for him. So, give Ramírez another base hit to left and Loretta is out 7-2. Ortiz went to second. Two on, two out, here's Eric Hinske. And the pitch is fouled away, third base side.

— And one of the best things about that play was, Melky threw the ball, it was right on target, almost on the plate. And that's what, uh, Lee Mazzilli works with when he works with an outfielder. Ya throw the ball so that it's not high so it . . . so that . . . they way Fasano's throwing to second. So it's on the plate, so the runner has to go into your glove.

— The pitch is low. Well that was such a great throw by Melky. You can see that right in front of you. And Fasano was able to catch it and he was waiting and he dropped down—Fasano did—in front of home plate and Loretta had not where to go, I mean, he never got to home plate. Here's the 1-1. Fastball high and tight, count 2 and 1.

— And all these people that are throwing now, in a way when Posada plays, when he throws to second base now it's on the ground so that you don't have to move the glove. That's what Melky did. On the ground. Fasano didn't even have to move.

— That was a great throw. I don't know how many assists he has—11 or 12—but he is amazing. The 2-1 high, 3 and 1.

— He's got 12 . . .

— . . . says Carlos Silva.

— And he would know.

— Our prolific producer and engineer. It'll be a 3-1. The pitch cut on and missed. He threw the fastball by him, the count 3 and 2.





— That's a 96 mile an hour fastball. Good spot. 96 miles an hour.

— Ortiz off second and Ramírez off first. Manny 4 for 4 in the nightcap. The pitch fouled back. Do you know that Ortiz snuck out to steal third and Manny behind him. Amazing.

— Heh heh heh . . .

— Ortiz is very very popular and as he slowed down, he just grabbed A-Rod around the waist and then circled around him and headed back towards second. 3 runs are in in the bottom of the fifth. There are two outs. It'll be a 3-2 to Hinske, 0 for 3 in the nightcap. And Bruney deals fouled back. So the count 3 and 2. And Ortiz . . . they're running 3 and 2 . . . I kind of missed that. And Ortiz is doing the same thing with A-Rod.

— Heh heh heh heh. He has such a good time playing. These two play their own game, don't they? Ortiz and Manny?

— When you're talented . . .

— . . .yes. And when you produce at every turn.

— So again they'll be off on the 3-2 pitch. Now the payoff grounded foul. Hah hah hah hah hah. And Ortiz did the same thing. He's running—they have to run 3-2, two out—and he gets to A-Rod and he stops and he uses A-Rod to change his momentum to go back the other way. Puts his arm around his waist, circles around him . . .

— Hah hah hah hah hah . . .

— Once again, it'll be a 3-2. High ball 4, they're loaded up. So bases loaded, two outs. And here is Wily Mo Peña. Now, not to get overly dramatic, but this, to this point, could be the most important batter in the game. Yankees are only down by three in this ballpark, please but a base hit by Peña, it'd be a five run lead and an extra base hit for Boston to blow it open. Bruney deals. Peña takes a strike and the count 0 and 1.



— And no movement at all in the Yankee pen. They're gonna see if Bruney can get through this.

— The 0-1, cut on and missed with a fastball clocked at 95 up. I like the fact that he throws high fastballs.

— Um hum.

— Something in on top of that. I mean, you throw that hard. It'll be an 0-2 to Peña. High curve fastball and the count 1 and 2. It'll be a 1-2 to Peña. Swung on, popped foul, first base side, out of play. You know, in this inning, this is what Boston's done: against Villone, walk, single, single. And against Bruney, ground out singled, walked, singled, walked. That's a lot of base runners, but one of the outs came when Melky threw out Loretta. Pitch. He struck him out, swing, slider, down and away. Boston takes the lead. They get three runs on four hits and leave three. And now at the end of five innings of play, it's 10-7 Boston on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Here's the 0-1 from Tavarez. And Jeter hits a hot shot to second grabbed by Loretta. Throws to first. One away.

— Yankees have placed twelve players on the DL, thirteen times in 2006. Besides,





uh, Cairo, Posano, Matsui, Sturtze, Sheffield and Razner, who are on there now, also Aaron Small, Sean Chacon, Bubba Crosby, Robi Cano and Octavio Dotel.

— There's Bobby Abreu, who is two for three on the day in the second game, he was four for five the first game. So he and Damon have had great, great days as have had Manny Ramírez. And there's the pitch Abreu takes a strike. In the second game Abreu has flied out, doubled and singled, he's knocked in two. Now, Tavaréz comes set. Here's the 0-1. Fastball. High, outside and the count 1 and 1. Abreu has provided vital signs, the vital signs sponsored by Amino Vital, the official amino acid sports supplement drink of the New York Yankees. Now Tavaréz holds his hands just above the belt. And the 1-1 fouled back. In the double header, Abreu is now six for eight with a walk. No, he certainly has given the Yanks vital signs. Craig Hansen is starting to warm in the Boston bull pen.

— And it's still, amazing, every time you think of how seamlessly Bobby Abreu has made the transition into this clubhouse and into this lineup. New league, new team.

— It'll be a 1-2 to Abreu. He struck him out swinging, two away.

— Eh, you know what else, John? I keep thinking about, uh, all the time people were saying, we heard people writing in the press, well you don't need to go get a big, um, right fielder or big a slugger or big a player, whatever, because when Matsui and Sheffield come back, as if they were coming back tomorrow, and the longer this goes on and the less likely it looks like either one of them are gonna be back.

— And and that notwithstanding, they have Abreu. He's such a terrific player. I mean, Joe loves him. He's such a terrific player in every way, he does everything right. He fits seamlessly into this lineup. They have him.

— Yep.

— Ah, he's only 31 or 32. He'll be a Yankee for several years.



— Here's A-Rod with two outs. And takes a breaking ball, strike. Alex has walked, popped up and singled. 2 for 5 with two RBIs in the first game.

— And Tavarez, who generally has a terrible time with the strike zone has certainly found it in the sixth inning.

— Yeah, he has pitched really well, he's gone two and a third. The pitch there's a strike and the count 0 and 2. Well if you had asked any Yankee or Joe Torre, would they take 19 runs and 26 hits in two games, they'd say yes. They didn't know they were gonna have the pitching problems in the second game, but maybe they did.

— Well maybe if you were playing a different team too it would stand up.

— There'll be an 0-2 to A-Rod. And a little ground ball towards second. Loretta fields and throws out Alex and that'll do it. 1-2-3 go the Yanks in the sixth. At the end of five and a half, it's 10-7 Boston on the Yanks Radio Network.

Baseball players sure do a lot of waiting. Waiting for their turn at bat, waiting for someone to hit it to center field, waiting for the pitcher and the catcher to finish talking about whatever they're talking about. They wait so much we think they must like it. I mean, what is wrong with these people? At UPS, we know our customers hate waiting so we've made our ground shipping faster than ever. In many cases, we can deliver in under 48 hours. If you like waiting, well, there's baseball. Or those other shipping companies. UPS. What can brown do for you?

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— Now we go to the bottom of the sixth inning, Boston has a 10-7 lead and Brian Bruney is out there to pitch another inning. And he has to pitch well if the Yanks are to have a chance to come back. They're down by 3. That certainly is doable but . . .

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— Coco Crisp leads off and takes a strike.

— . . . Kansas City beat Oakland 7 to 1. Luke Hudson with the win, Joe Blanton with the loss. Baltimore with a 7 to 2 victory over Toronto. Chris Benson with the win, Scott Downes with the loss. Texas with a 2 to 1 victory over Detroit. Kevin Millwood goes to 12 innings and Zach Miner takes the loss. He is 7 and 4.

— Crisp take the pitch outside. Coco, batting left-handed against the right-hander Bruney, is 1 for 2 with a walk. He reached on an error as well. He's been on-base all three times.

— Tampa Bay has defeated Cleveland 6 to 5.

— Now the right-hander Bruney is set. Here's the 1-1. Cut on a miss. 2 and 5 and the count 1 and 2.

— They're going to the top of the ninth at the Metrodome. The Twins lead the





White Sox 7 to 3. These are big games by the White Sox. Twins in Detroit for the last two weeks. And in the second game, 1 to 1, Oakland and Kansas City—they're at Kansas City—they're in the top of the eighth.

— Crisp hits a pop foul, third base side, it'll make the seats.

— Just underway Angels and Mariners. Angels scored one in the bottom of the first. They lead 1 to nothing, that's Jared Weaver. In the National League, all finals, St. Louis beat Chicago 11 to 3. Jason Marquis with the win, Carlos Marmol with the loss. Washington over the Phillies 6 to 4. Mets beat Colorado 6 to 3 . . .

— The pitch to Crisp is cut on and missed. So Bruney strikes out Crisp, 1 away.

— . . . Steve Trachsel goes to 12 and 5 with the victory. Byung-Hyun Kim takes the loss, he is 7 and 8. A 7 to 3 victory Pirates over Cincinnati. Ian Snell with the win, Chris Michalik with the loss. Uh-huh. Excuse me. Atlanta with a 6 to 1 win over Florida. Tim Hudson beat Scott Olsen.

— Now one away, here's Doug Mirl . . . Mirabelli. He is 1 for 3. A right-hand hitter. And Bruney deals and there's a strike on the outside corner.

— They're going to the bottom of the ninth in Milwaukee, all tied up 2 apiece. Milwaukee got their runs, one in the first, one in the fourth. Houston scored two in the second inning. San Diego leads Arizona in the third 3 to nothing.

— The 0-1 is low, outside.

— And the Dodgers are leading San Francisco 1 to nothing. They're in the bottom of the second inning in San Francisco.

— It'll be a 1-1 to Mirabelli as this game is about to hit three hours.

— Already?

— Pitch. There's a breaking ball strike.

— And the fine columnist from the Daily News Bill Madden has come to our booth to impart his wisdom on this thirteen hour day so far in the ballpark.

— He hasn't speeded up this game any, though.



— Heh heh heh.

— It'll be a 1-2 to Mirabelli. The pitch is grounded foul. Um you wanna give our fans a hint of mad mad mad mad mad world on Sunday? It is a mad mad mad mad mad world but . . .

— Mad mad world. Well, um we got a lot about the Dodgers. Ned Colletti's done a remarkable job over there and, um, the National League . . .

— Here's the 1-2. Caught on a miss and Bruney has . . . deserves a look because he can throw. That was clocked at 97. So you're gonna do a little bit on the Dodgers, then?

— Yeah.

— OK.

— No Yankees Red Sox? Not for Sunday. That's for tomorrow.

— Hmm . . . Tomorrow? I think we're all writing opuses for tomorrow.

— Heh heh heh ah hum.

— Now two away and here's Alex Cora.

— Is there anybody at the paper? You're all here.

— Heh. Oh yeah, we have the entire sports department up here covering this series.

— The pitch to Cora is a strike and the count 0 and 1.

— Like a blanket, they say.

— Cora, who has good games against the Yanks, has walked and singled twice. The 0-1 is inside and the count 1 and 1. Two outs, no one on, bottom of the sixth, Boston with a 10-7 lead. Yankees won the opener 12-4. And Bruney's 1-1 is lined foul, down the right field line.

— Well, and what we've seen of Brian Bruney, and obviously two innings isn't a whole lot, but he looks like he is more in control wh . . . when Ron Guidry was telling me about him getting down and working with Gil Patterson you know, that gives



you hope because Gil Patterson is a . . . is as good with mechanics as anybody around.

— It'll be a 1-2 to Cora. And the fastball is high, the count is 2 and 2.

— Because it certainly doesn't matter if you're throwing 97 miles an hour, the thing is if your minor league totals is 100 innings and 80 walks that, uh, doesn't matter if it's 97 if it's out of the zone.

— Now the 2-2 fouled back. Craig Hanson is warming up, so he probably is coming in in the seventh. The Yankees have Cano, Wilson and Bernie Williams as the first three hitters due. Now the right-hander is set. It'll be a 2-2 to Cora. That's fouled off, so the count holds 2 and 2. A lot of pitches, a lot of runs.

— Well, if Bruney hits Cora here, it'll be the first inning all night that the Red Sox have not scored.

— Right. And also it'd be a 1-2-3 inning. Amazing. The pitch just missed inside and so the count 3 and 2.

— Well he's throwing a lot of pitches also. Brian Bruney's next pitch will be his 50th. Yankees had a . . . a 5-1 lead in the second, two outs and a runner on and Ponson walked Alex Cora—The 3-2 fouled away—and, boy, was that a mistake because Youkilis followed with an RBI and Loretta followed with a two-run double and all of a sudden it was 5-4. It was a ballgame again.

— Hey Bill Madden, Bill . . . quick question for you, yes or no. When Cory Lidle comes back does Sidney Ponson find himself out of work?

— Well, you know, I I was tr . . .

— Pitch to Cora, swung on, a little pop fly to shallow center. Damon coming on, coming on. It drops in for a base hit. So, a little bloop single for Cora . . . Yes, Bill?

— I wonder if there's ever been a double header in which pitchers from both teams got released after the games they pitched?

— Heh heh.



— Situations where pitchers were sent to the minors, you know, they were up for one start but we may have a case here of two veteran pitchers getting released who have held onto their clubs just for the purpose of this double header.

— Well it's possible because someone has to go when Lidle comes back and Bruney has showed he has a pretty good arm.

— And also Ponson is not gonna be able to pitch, he's not going to be any good to you for Saturday and Sunday and Lidle's back on Monday.

— Now here's the top of the order, Kevin Youkilis, a right-hand hitter. And the pitch is low. Youkilis is two for four on the night. Now Mike Myers is up in the Yankees bullpen. And if you're thinking ahead, you're right. He's there for Ortiz. Joe's trying to keep the game close trying, in case the Yankees have another rally in them. Here is the 1-0. It's low outside 2 and 0. Now the right-hander is set. It'll be a 2-0 to Youkilis and there's a strike. Youkilis takes a lot of pitches.

— Uh hmm.

— But Cora has . . . looks like a brilliant move by Terry Francona. He played Cora for Gonzalez in the second game and Cora has three hits and a walk. Now the 2-1. Runner goes, eh, no throw by Fasano. He . . . he lost the ball coming out of the glove. I think he had a great jump anyway, so the count 3 and 1.

— Yeah, Cora was off an running as Bruney went into his windup. He's not particularly quick to the plate either. And Cora was going as he started into that windup and he . . . You know, the Yankees starting pitchers, none of them are very quick to the plate. Bruney no different very slow, deliberate.

— Now Youkilis backs out.

— Kevin Youkilis, nicknamed the Greek God of Walks.

— And he's one pitch away from another walk. Cora dancing off second is bothering Bruney so Bruney steps off. Here's the 3-1 and it's low, so Youkilis walks so there's two on and two out.



— And here comes Joe Torre. Now I was just watching it. Mike Myers was up in deeper, but he just got up. So let's see if he makes the uh, I see the door opening so I guess that is Mike Myers gonna come in right now so the pitching change is sponsored by Foxwoods Resorts Casino. The wonder of it all in Mystic Country Connecticut.

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—Well, Mike Myers is in. A batter, uh, earlier than one would think, uh, but he'll



face Mark Loretta and then Big Papi. Mike Myers came in a third of an inning and got uh, David Ortiz in the first game, but, but . . . and now Joe Torre has no choice here. You can't . . . you've gotta keep this game within reach and the last thing that, uh . . . you know, Joe Torre would rather see a hit than walking somebody. When he walked Youkilis, that was enough for Brian Bruney. And Brian Bruney threw 56 pitches. Now that's a lot for a couple of innings so . . . So Mike Myers will come in and face Mark Loretta, probably not a match up that, uh, he is very used to. Mike Myers with the fastball and the slider on deception, but when you have the right-hand batter, the deception goes out the window. And then it becomes a matter of, uh, timing the pitch which will be coming in and you can really see it if you're the right-handed batter. If you're standing on the right-handed, uh, side of that batter's box, you can see what Mike Myers is throwing and he doesn't hit 80. And the last time, uh, the last, uh, game he didn't hit 76. In 42 games and ERA of 2.53, 21 and a third innings in 42 games. 20 hits, 6 walks, and 16 strikeouts. And he was gotten by the Yankees to face David Ortiz, righties or not his forte. But he probably said he could come in because this bullpen is really strapped today. So Loretta digs in and it's outside outside with a slider, came in at 68 miles an hour. Now, the count is 0 . . . 1 and, uh, 1 and 0.

— Loretta has banged out three hits in each game. Um, he's had quite a a double header. Hmmm . . . the pitch is a strike. The count 1 and 1. I just ran across Gordon Edes . . .

— Um hum.

— . . .of the Boston Globe. He says, amazing, the Yankees and the Red Sox in a double header. One team pitches Jason Johnson, the other pitches Sidney Ponson.

— Hah hah. I guess that's going to be the story line in the . . . in the New York papers and the D . . . and the Boston papers.



— You'd better believe it.

— Isn't that somethin'?

— The 1-1 upside and the count 2 and 1.

— You know it really is amazing that the dearth of pitching in this league that this is what, uh, this is what the Yankees Red Sox is today in a double header. It's amazing.

— Now, Myers deals and it's grounded foul outside of third and the count 2 and 2. Very rarely has Myers ever been called in to face a right-hand hitter but I guess they figured that Bruney had exhausted himself.

— Well, 56 pitches I would say. Oh, now he's unavailable now for uh, a while. 56 pitches is a lot.

— Especially when you haven't pitched that much, huh?

— Uh huh.

— Here's the 2-2 outside 3 and 2. David Ortiz on deck. Cora leads off second, Youkilis leads off first, two out bottom of the sixth. Myers deals swung on and lined to center. Damon toward right center, makes the catch and ends the inning. No runs, one hit, two left. And now, at the end of six innings of play, it's 10-7 Boston on the Yanks Radio Network.

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— Well, 22 year-old Craig Hanson, Red Sox first round pick last year, the pride of St. Johns University from Glen Cove, Long Island, is in for the Red Sox. 22 years old. I remember when he was, uh, drafted by the Red Sox and the Red Sox were thrilled, thrilled, I tell you, that the Yankees did not take him. They could've taken him and didn't want to and some of the scouts were saying, you know, this kid'll be in Fenway Park in September and he was last year. And maybe rushed a little bit this year, he could've used some seasoning. Number one pick last year out of St. Johns. He throws hard 90 to 97 miles an hour sinking fastball, slider, curve and a changeup.

— Oh here are the numbers on Brian Bruney: two innings, no runs, three hits, three strikeouts, three walks. And the numbers on Tavarez: two and a third, no runs, two hits, two strikeouts, no walks. He pitched very well for Boston. The Red



Sox have a 10-7 lead, we're in the seventh. And Robbie Cano takes a pitch inside. Well, it's time for the Yankees Power Report brought to you by Indian Point Energy Center, the region's most reliable source of electric power. Johnny Damon has been the power for the Yankees. He has hit a home run in each ballgame. He now has 20 home runs on the year and 66 RBIs. Pitch, a strike from Hanson. You know, I think that ties his career high in home runs, 20.

— Mmmmm . . .

— Boston with a 10-7 lead in the nightcap, Yankees won the opener 12-4. The pitch to Cano is a strike.

— Eh, not that this is over by any shot. Yankees still have three more sh . . . shots at it. Craig Hanson has been very hittable, another one of the youngsters that had great, great talent, great, great promise, is being rushed because they really are strapped for pitching. Probably should spend . . . you know, you know, a year ago at this time or a little . . . more than a year ago, he was pitching for St. Johns.

— Now the 1-2 is outside and the count 2 and 2. That fastball clocked at 96.

— Last eight appearances—been used a lot—last eight appearances he's got an ERA of 8, 11 hits and 10 runs in nine innings.

— Cano backs out. Robbie has doubled in three trips, knocked in a run. Now the right-hander deals ur . . . grounded foul. One thing, Suzyn, the Yankees didn't have problems with, was facing a pitcher they had never seen before. They had very few problems with Lester.

— Right. That's right. Just . . . now he, um, you know he didn't . . . he doesn't . . . usually . . . usually they have trouble with, with the lefties that change speeds . . .

— Right.

— . . . and hits spots. He throws hard.

— Right. I would agree with that. That's a good point. They have trouble with the off-speed pitchers. Here is the 2-2. Hit hard on the ground to short fielded by Cora



who throws out Cano, one away.

— This certainly is why if this game holds up like this, 10-7. Nothing stays in this ballpark for either team. But that's why it's so important when you—it's so hard to win double headers—and that's why it's so important to get the first game. Joe Torre was talking about that between games.

— And that's also why teams do everything they can to avoid double headers.

— Mmm hmmm.

— Now Jason Giambi will hit for Craig Wilson and he'll go in and play first base. Wilson was 0 for 2 with a walk. The pitch to Jason is inside. Jason had a very good first game. He had 2 hits and 2 walks and knocked in two runs. The pitch, a high pop down on the left field line outside of play. We are coming to you live from the Loews broadcast booth let's build something together. We're in the top of the seventh, one out, no one on, the Yankees are trailing 10-7 in the nightcap which is what I need. The pitch is outside.

— Twenty after eleven in the seventh inning, I don't think so.

— Now the count 2 and 1 on Jason.

— And the remainder of the weekend, tomorrow we might just stay here and start the game pretty soon. Josh Beckett and Randy Johnson.

— Giambi takes outside, 3 and 1. Overshift is on. Well, I know both teams will say the same thing, both managers. You know, we want length out of our starters because our bullpens are exhausted. One thing odd about the Yanks . . . it'll be a 3-1 outside ball 4, Jason's on . . . one thing is, is odd, if the Yankees don't make a charge here, they probably won't use Farnsworth or Rivera. It's so odd being a closer. They have the greatest closer in the world, you never have to lead you never use him and and in the first game why would you use him at 12-4, they didn't use either of them. But the Yankees gonna try to make a charge, they've got a runner on with one out. Here's Bernie and Posada is on deck to hit for Fasano. The Yankees



have so many pitchers, but they only have three men on the bench, so they're using their bench right here. Bernie takes the strike. Bernie has walked, grounded out and doubled. So Giambi gets a one out walk. Now the right-hander Hanson deals 0-1 and the pitch is low. Hanson's a big fella. What is he about 6'4", 6'5"?

— He is 6'6", 210. 22 years old.

— Is he from the New York area?

— From Glen Cove.

— Oh! Very good! On our network we have stations that have never heard of Glen Cove. It's on the north . . .

— Hah hah hah . . .

— . . . shore of Long Island. It's a very lovely town. It'll be a 1-1. There's a strike and the count 1 and 2.

— And yeah, he was a Yankee fan growing up. This might be one that got away. Passed on by the Yankees, they drafted C.J. Henry instead and the Red Sox got Craig Hanson.

— The 1-2 a little tapper toward first and it is a fair ball or a a foul ball? A Foul ball.

— Well, you almost couldn't for a minute, cause Yo . . . uh, Hinske got the ball and stopped. Bernie stopped. And the umpire stopped. They were halfway up the line, the three of them.

— Well, he fielded it. His glove was on the foul side of the line. I didn't see any umpire make any notation that it was foul.

— But I mean, yeah, hmmm . . .

— Everybody's stopped. It'll be a 1-2 to Bernie. Now Hanson deals lined hard, base hit, right field. Giambi goes to second and holds on. So, there's another base hit for Bernie left-handed. I don't know how it's all gonna shake out Suzyn, and obviously you don't, no one does. I hope there's a spot for Bernie next year. He can still



play. He gets a lot of hits.

— Well, I don't know why they're . . . I really don't know why there wouldn't be. A switch hitting outfielder. He can DH, he can play a little center, if need be, he can play right, if need be. And he can obviously still hit. He told us that at, uh, in spring training, I can still play. He can still play. And Joe knows that.

— He was hitting .280 coming in. He had his 2 for 3 and tonight on his weaker side, the left side, he hit a line drive double to the center field fence and from there he hit to right. Here is Posada to hit for Fasano. And you know what Posada is? He is the tying run.

— Hmmmm. Oh my gosh.

— Posada for three. Mike Timlin gets up in the Boston bullpen. The pitch to Posada is low.

— Another milestone for Bernie. This one I, I . . . uh, missed. That was single number 1,531. You know who he just tied on the all-time list who's number one? Lou Gehrig.

— And he needs only one more single. He has . . . and then he'll have more singles than any other Yankee player in history.

— Oh my goodness.

— It'll be a 1-0 to Posada. That pitch is low and the count 2 and 0. Posada caught the first game was 0 for 4 with a walk. Fasano was 0 for 3 when he was in there. As I said Posada is the tying run. It's 10-7 Boston, 2 on and one out. Melky Cabrera on deck. And the right-hander deals high, and the count 3 and 0. You know, it's easy to say he's the tying run, which means if he hits a three-run home run . . . But if Hanson throws one more bad pitch the Yanks will have the bases loaded and they'll have two really good hitters coming up, Melky and Johnny Damon . . . It'll be a 3-0 to Posada. The pitch strike. And a base hit, if that happens, and Posada has to get the walk first the Yankees'd be a base hit from being right back in the game.



— Absolutely. Hanson's been very hittable lately. He's allowed a run in the last of his five outings, but I already said 11 hits and 10 runs in nine innings over the last eight games.

— Here's the 3-1. Swung on. Base hit left field. Giambi will only go to third. As Ramírez threw the, heh heh heh, ball in. Giambi was just hitting third. So Posada, a little inside out swing smacked it between third and short, so walk, single, single. And, and believe me, I'm not knocking Giambi. If the Yankees had whoever you think their fastest player . . . If Johnny Damon was at second, he would have only gotten to third. Ramírez played so shallow, that is all now for Craig Hanson. Anyways, the Yankees have bases loaded, one out, and a base hit could make it 10-9.

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— And 40 year old Mike Timlin in. He's, uh, 5 and 2, ERA of 3.13, 48 games, two saves, forty-six innings, 45 hits, 12 walks, 22 strikeouts. Now 40 years old. So 18 years older than Craig Hanson. Heh heh heh.

— Hah hah ha.

— But I'm sure he'll still be thrilled that I said that.

— Ha ha ha ha.

— Heh heh . . . it's amazing, isn't it?

— Well, Hanson just works a third of an inning and gives up two hits and one walk. So the Yankees have the bases loaded, at one out and they got two shots at a base hit that would bring 'em right back in the game. Boston, obviously, wants this game so they're hopin' that Timlin can get 'em through the seventh and into the eighth and then if they have to use Papelbon for four or five outs, I'm sure that they would. But Timlin is the next step to Papelbon and then there won't be anyone else coming in. Now the Yankees have the bases loaded, one out. They need a base hit. Melky has singled twice and walked. He stands in at .290. He's a switch hitter batting left. Giambi at third, Bernie at second, Posada at first with one out. And the fastball is inside, 1 and 0. Timlin's 40 but he still throws hard. He throws fastballs and sliders primarily. We're in the seventh. Now, the right-handed Timlin is set. The pitch is a strike and the count 1 and 1, fastball on the inside corner. Now the right-hander deals there's a strike on the inside corner and the count 1 and 2. Everything has been in to Cabrera. He missed with one, got two strikes, and now ahead 1 and 2. Bases loaded, one out in the seventh, Boston with at 10-7 lead. Yankees trying to get back in the game. Now the 1-2, fouled made contact on a 92 mile-an-hour fastball. Let's take a ten second station I.D. on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— John Sterling, Suzyn Waldman at Fenway Park. It'll be a 1-2 to Cabrera and





the pitch foul ball popped back, so the count holds at 1 and 2. Both bullpens are quiet. As I mentioned, Timlin, they hope, is gonna be the step to Papelbon. Runners lead from every base. Now the right-hander is set. Here's the 1-2. Outside and the count 2 and 2. Fastball took off.

— Steady array of fastballs 91, 92 and 93, cuts it now and comes in with that slider.

— Johnny Damon on deck. It'll be a 2-2 to Melky. Low inside, 3 and 2. So now Melky's in the driver's seat. Pretty good at bat. Now he's in the driver's seat. If Timlin has to throw a strike. He doesn't want to force in a run, that he really does not want to do. It'll be a 3-2 from Timlin to Cabrera, bases loaded, one out, top of the seventh. The pitch swung on, fouled back and the count holds at 3 and 2. His fastball up and away, Melky got a piece.

— And a pretty good at bat by Melky. He really has an idea there. He really sees the ball, hits the ball, got a piece of it there, as John said. Very impressive.

— All year long he's gotten big hits for the Yanks, lead inning hits. See if he can get one more. The payoff swung on and lined! It is a base hit right field! Giambi scores and they'll hold everyone else up. Ball was hit too hard. Shame on you, Melky.

— Heh heh heh.

— Now Melky comes through again with another base hit and an RBI and the Yankees trail 10-8 and the bases loaded, one out for Johnny Damon.

— And Wily Mo Peña was playing in. He wasn't playing far back at all and he charged that and there was no way that anybody but Giambi could have scored. That was just hit too hard. You're absolutely right. That was a shot.

— The 39th RBI for Cabrera. So Melky has three hits and a walk in the nightcap and here's Johnny Damon who has singled, singled, homered, knocked in four and struckout. Bases loaded, one out. Pitch low, 1 and 0. You could've, as they say,



hung the wash out on that line drive by Melky Hit so hard that Bernie couldn't score from second. He had no chance. So it's 10-8 bases loaded, one out. And Timlin deals a strike on the outside corner. From their days before they were teammates, Damon is 0 for 12 against him.

— Hmmm . . .

— Bernie is at third, Posada's at second, Cabrera's at first. Timlin holds to set now the 1-1. Swung on, a high pop down the left field line and it is caught by Manny, no advance, it was very shallow. So two away and that'll bring up Jeter.

— And a round of applause from the Fenway faithful. Somebody finally got Johnny Damon out in a thick spot.

— Well, I think Damon has had a pretty good night anyway. Here is Jeter. He also has terrible numbers against Timlin, 3 for 20. Timlin's been a very tough pitcher over the years.

— You know, Timlin you could understand being so tough in . . . on Jeter. I I was startled when I saw Damon's numbers.

— Yeah.

— Against a lefty? I would think he would see that unless he throws him an array of cutters. I wonder how Mariano's cutters work on lefties, that might look . . . be what he does. He's been a really good pitcher for a very long time, Timlin.

— Oh, here's Jeter with the bases loaded, two outs. Derek is 0 for 4 in the nightcap. He was 3 for 6 in the opener. Bases loaded, two down. And the right-hander Timlin set, deals and the pitch is low and away, 1 and 0. Runners lead. It'll be a 1-0 to Jeter. Breaking ball, strike, and the count 1 and 1. The Yankees do have 8 runs, 13 hits in the nightcap and they are losing but they, they certainly have done their share. Timlin just staring it now, you said. It'll be a 1-1 to Jeter and that's fouled off, first base side and the count 1 and 2.

— Mike Timlin turns 40 in March. Came up as a rookie with, uh, Toronto. He was





their number 5 pick out of Southwestern University. That's Texas way back in 1987, 19 years ago, Mike Timlin was drafted by the Blue Jays and a fine, fine career.

— Now Timlin deals. Fouled off by Jeter, fastball up and in and with that inside out swing stayed alive.

— And my favorite story, John, about about Timlin. When he was a rookie he got the final out in one of the Blue Jay's World Series when he was a rookie and I remember talking to him, asking him, I said, were you nervous and he said, no. What did you think of when you came in as a rookie? and he said, I pretended I was in Dunedin.

— Heh heh heh heh

— Dunedin the spring training home of the Blue Jays and their A ball team.

— It'll be a 1-2 low, outside. Well the count 2 and 2. Timlin throwing cutters and sliders so the ball moves. Jeter has his buddies Bernie Williams at third, Jorge Posada at second Melky Cabrera at first with two outs in the seventh. Yankees have scored a run, they trail 10-8. Now Timlin is set. The pitch inside, almost hit him and the count 3 and 2.

— Very disciplined at bat by Derek Jeter.

— Well now that would give Posada a chance to score on a hit anywhere but left field, he'll never score on a hit to left. You oughta see how shallow Manny Ramírez is playing. It's amazing. It'll be a 3-2 to Jeter. A walk forces in a run and brings up Abreu. The stretch, the 3-2 fouled back, threw a fastball over the plate up and Jeter fouled it back.

— He still has that good movement John, it moves at the . . . it crosses the plate, it really moves late like as the pitchers like to call it.

— Well once again, it'll be a 3-2, bases loaded, two out. They'll be running on the pitch here in the seventh. The pitch swung on and lined, there's a base hit to right field toward the right field corner! Two runs score! On his way to third is Melky!



They're gonna send him! Here he comes! No throw! It's a double for Jeter and Jeter gets back to second base. It is a bases clearing, three-run double by Jeter on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the seventh. And the Yankees have come all the way back to take an 11-10 lead! How do you like that Jeter?! He hit a line drive down the right field line and all three runs scored.

— Going the other way as he does so well. Wily Mo Peña goes to try and cut this off, it bounced off his glove. He had trouble picking it up, he's got a very good arm, but by the time the relay throw came in to Youkilis, the third run had already scored and he threw to second and Jeter just got back!

— Now they'll walk Abreu go after Alex Rodriguez. An intentional walk coming up to Abreu. For Jeter the three-run double gives him 75 RBIs. A lot of RBIs out of the two hole, huh? So Abreu will walk. And now the Yankees get their bullpen up. Myers will pitch to Ortiz and then they'll go to Farnsworth, I guess.

— Yeah that's Farnsworth up, out there. It's amazing. See? It's not enough. Ten runs are not enough.

— And look what the Yankees have done in this double header.

— Mmmm . . .

— Well, they scored 12 runs in the first game and 11 runs in the second game. Well here's A-Rod with two on and two out. Alex is one for three in the second game two for five in the first. Well, what a big hit by Jeter, huh?

— Mmm hmm.

— And a big hit by Melky. The pitch, cut on and missed. And the count 0 and 1 on Alex.

— And that's why everyone at Yankee Stadium yelled MVP when Jeter comes up. They're think . . . paying attention, they know what he's done he's done all year.

— Yanks now with an 11-10 lead but . . . a long way to go. The pitch. Hit on the ground over third. Base hit down the left field line kicking off the stands away from





Ramírez! Scoring is Jeter, on his way to third is Abreu. A-Rod goes to second. No throw. It is a base hit and an RBI for Alex Rodriguez and the Yankees now take a 12-10 lead. It was a hot shot over the bag at third and I guess if it goes in the corner, Abreu had a better chance to score. The ball hit the stands that jut out, kicked out to Ramírez but away from him and so Abreu goes to third, A-Rod to second. It's a single and he goes to second on the throw. It's RBI single. So Jeter scores, Abreu goes to third, A-Rod takes second on the throw and now here is Robbie Cano who began the inning. You know what one thing? Boston doesn't really have any options. This is the time they wanted to set up Papelbon. So second and third, two out, here's Cano. The pitch low inside and the count 1 and 0.

— And getting ready in the Red Sox bullpen in a hurry is Keith Foulke, who just was reinstated from the DL this afternoon, between games.

— The Yankees had a five-run second, they now have a five-run seventh. They had a two-run fourth and they have twelve runs for the second time today. The pitch to Cano lined hard. Base hit! Right center field! Scoring is Abreu! Scoring is A-Rod! Cano holds at first. It's a two-run base hit for Cano. The Yankees have scored seven runs in the seventh inning and they take a 14-10 lead. Is that amazing? Is that utterly amazing? Timlin has gotten raked. Dave Wallace, the pitching coach goes out. A single by Cabrera and after Damon flied to shallow left, Jeter a three-run double, Abreu an intentional walk, A-Rod an RBI single, and Cano a two run single and the Yankees have seven in the inning and a 14 to 10 lead.

— And with this bullpen, I was just looking at some of the Red Sox stats and they're . . . this bullpen has . . . is really overworked and they're getting shelled. Uh, Mike Timlin has given up 11 earned runs in the last 18 innings of the seventeen games. I mean, that's not Timlin-like. That's what happens when you get overworked and your missing pieces of your bullpen. Foulke's been gone most of the year, Papelbon has hit a little bit of a wall. He's had an awful lot of innings.



Remember, he's a rookie also.

— You know there was one out, no one on. Cano grounded out to start the inning. The Yankees put up Giambi, who takes a, uh, slider inside 1 and 0. They put Giambi up. Might as well use your players. Giambi walked. Then Bernie singled. Well, they put up Posada for Fasano. He singled. And Timlin came in the game and he has gotten racked. So a runner at first, two out, the pitch to Giambi lined hard, fouled outside the pitch. And the count 1 and 1.

— He's fooling no one. That was a rip that Giambi had. Just a little early on it.

— Now the Yankees have taken a 14 to 10 lead and they have a chance now to sweep the double header. Myers will get Ortiz and I gather Farnsworth will come in try to get them through the eighth. Pitch. Grounded foul first base side. Let me put it this way I think Farnsworth would have the seventh and he would start the eighth and if he had problems Mariano would come in. Now that's . . . what a rally, huh?

— Mmm hmm.

— That's a pretty fabulous rally. A lot of big two out hits here. It'll be a 1-2 to Giambi. The pitch, swung on, a high pop to shallow left. The third baseman is out and Ukules makes the catch. But the Yankees—as the Red Sox get booed—the Yankees get seven runs on six hits and leave one and now at the end of six and a half innings of play, the Yankees 14, Boston 10 here on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Well Mike Myers is coming in to start the bottom of the seventh and he will face Big Papi and Myers is . . . I'm looking to see if Farnsworth is just starting to throw now. He threw a little bit in the other ring but he was just standing around home mostly as Myers now takes his warmups to Jorge Posada.

— Well, I have trouble always with numbers and figuring this out. You should've seen my scorecard. Hanson goes a third of an inning and gives up three runs on two hits and a walk. So that meant that Timlin . . . well, he isn't done yet so we won't give you his numbers but if he would've given up four runs . . . So Timlin in essence, would be the losing pitcher if the Yankees hang on to the lead. However, it is 14 to 10 in the seventh. The Red Sox have three more at bats but I would gather that Myers will pitch to Ortiz and then you would see Farnsworth. That's what I would gather. It's an amazing day and night if the Yankees can pull it off. And you know what, Suzyn? This game is gonna go over four hours. You know what? We are gonna have to find out the record for the longest nine inning game. It's it's it's 11:53.

— Isn't that the Baltimore Yankee game in . . .

— Now there's a strike to Ortiz.

— . . . '96?

— At 12:06, let's say, it'll be a four hour game. And we still have two and a half innings to go. The pitch to Ortiz, fouled back and the count 0 and 2. It's really an amaz . . . Again, if this was done in the 30s or 40s or 50s it and you've read about it, you'd say, oh I wish I had been there. I can't believe that it happened. And it's not over! It's not even close to being over. The Yankees won the opener 12-4 and



they have a 14 to 10 lead in the second game. They have scored 26 runs and have 32 hits in the double header. Ortiz has doubled in three at bats. He has an RBI and a walk. And Myers deals, swung on and grounded to first. Fielded there by Giambi, takes it to the bag, one away. Posada's got in behind the plate obviously and Giambi's gone to first. They had pinch hit for Wilson and Fasano. How do you like this?

— Oh it is . . . looks like Farnsworth had just gotten out. He didn't throw in that six innings.

— So they're letting Myers go to Ramírez. You know the next batter up's a lefty hitter but I would imagine that Tito would go to his bench. He has a lot of right-hand hitters on the bench.

— So Myers stays . . . how do you like this? Here he pitches to Manny Ramírez, he can't be worse than anyone else has, the pitch is a strike. Manny Ramírez has singled, doubled, singled, and singled. So they have Myers pitch to Manny. Maybe all that slow stuff will get 'em off stride, huh? It's possible. The pitch is lined! There's a base hit center field! Well maybe not.

— Ha ha ha ha. Very little gets Manny offstride.

— Well, he's 5 for 5 in the nightcap. And now here is a pinch hitter for Eric Hinske to get a right-hand hitter in.

— And here comes Joe.

— Now Mike Lowell will hit for Hinske and now that they've used up a player and Joe will come on and bring in the right-hander.

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— While Kyle Farnsworth comes on, ideally the Yankees would like Farnsworth to get five outs two here and then three in the eighth and then have Mo. But, eh, if he could get through this inning and maybe get an out, they could use Mo for five outs, he hasn't pitched in a couple of days. Eh, Mike Lowell will be the pinch hitter for Hinske. Yankees have a 14 to 10 lead in an improbable double header. And it is getting near the witching hour. And so it's a propitious time to take ten seconds for station ID on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— John Sterling, Suzyn Waldman back at Fenway Park. And the Yankees scored seven in the top of the seventh and have a 14 to 10 lead. Well Suzyn, I just found out some information: the American League record is the Yankees and Orioles, we were there . . .

— Hm hmm.

— . . . 4 hours and 22 minutes.

— Hm hmm.



— The major league record is 4 hours and 27 minutes. I don't know who played. Heh heh heh. And, um, this game is gonna be four hours in a couple of minutes. The pitch to Lowell from Farnsworth is outside.

— And there is, there is two and a half innings . . . oh, we've got plenty of time to beat that record. It's only a half an hour. We'll be in the eighth inning.

— Heh heh heh heh heh heh . . .

— Hum hum hum hum . . . I'm getting loopy.

—The 1-0, lined hard outside of third, the count 1 and 1. Lowell is hitting at .283. He has 14 homers, 60 RBIs, having a terrific year. He made an error in Game One, which seemed like about a week ago and, um, it was his first error in 70 games. Think of that. Playing third base with all those hotshots down third. First error in 70 games. That is amazing. It'll be a 1-1. Fouled back and the count 1 and 2. It is midnight officially. I don't know . . . did you ever write down? I didn't . . . that . . . when the game started?

— No.

— I didn't either. 8:05, 8:06, 8:07 something like that. But we're only in the seventh inning. Hmmph. Of course Boston scored in every inning 'til last inning. Now the pitch is fouled away and the count 1 and 2.

— Yeah, you wondered about Lowell when he had signed here. He hit .236 last year. He had one of those years and everybody said, oh this guy is probably through and when you think about it . . . he . . . when they got Josh Beckett, he had to be included in the deal or there wasn't gonna be any deal. And they absolutely were not sure that he was ever gonna recover from last year, .236 and look at what he's done this year. He's been tremendous for this team.

— It'll be a 1-2. Lined in deep left field. Cabrera back. He has to play it off the wall and holding up at second is Manny. He wasn't sure the ball was . . . land in. Cabrera got too close to the wall. He did a good thing. When the ball came up he kind of



blocked it with his body. So a base hit for Lowell and there's two on and one out.

— Well, that was a . . . a breaking pitch that Lowell was absolutely waiting for. And that's that slider again and threw the slider through the middle of the plate is what happened. It went down but it didn't go in. And Melky . . . John, you're right. It . . . it . . . he made a bad play into a pretty good play 'cause he got too close to the wall but he blocked it with his foot. Oh, I don't think he did it on purpose, but it worked out well.

— Yeah. Well, two on and one out, here's Wily Mo Peña and the pitch is lined, right off Farnsworth, recovers, throws to first in time. Now we'll see about Farnsworth. The runners move to second and third. It was a bullet by Peña. Here comes Gene Monahan and Joe Torre and Ron Guidry and all the infielders. I don't know where it hit him. He kind of turned. It may have hit him on the hip or . . . so, where do you think it hit him, Suzyn?

— I think it hit him on the outside of the knee, on the right outside of the right knee. And they're walking around . . . he's walking around the circumference of the . . . I think they're taking him right out of this game. And it . . . it did indeed. It went right on the outer part of the right knee and they are gonna take him out of this game and, uh . . . no one . . . they haven't made a move to the, to the bullpen to see who is coming in. Whoever . . . whomever it is they can warm up as long as they want and that's all the Yankees need is for something to happen to Kyle Farnsworth and it's . . . oh, he's being helped down the stairs by Mike Myers. Oh, this is . . . this does not look good. And maybe it just hurts and maybe it is just a stinger in there, but Mike Myers ran over and helped him down the stairs to go to the clubhouse and Robbie Cano is looking at everybody standing around, uh, the mound and Scottie Proctor is coming in and he will get as long as he needs to warm up and, uh, Robbie Cano, who is right there was shaking his head saying something to, um, Alex Rodriguez. And we're gonna see a replay of it here on our monitor and the



ball comes right off the bat and hits him right on a line drive right on the side of that right leg, on the side of the knee and Gene Monahan and Joe Torre didn't even ask him how he felt. They just said you're out of here and he walked off and as he was going down the stairs Mike Myers actually ran over from the other side of the dugout and helped him get down the stairs. So . . . so this is, uh, we'll wait and see if we get anything. Certainly on the post game we will tell you what is going on with Kyle Farnsworth. That's all the Yankees need . . . lose somebody else. So Scott Proctor is in and he will get, as I said, as much as, uh, as much time as he needs because it is an injury and Scottie came in and went an inning and two thirds, two hits and no runs. And meanwhile here is . . . Scottie is warming up. We've been talking about Jimmy Fund Day here and the pledges and everything and, uh, people have been calling in all from New England and I was told they were getting calls from New Jersey and New York and Connecticut. Well the Jimmy Fund tote board up there they have so far raised \$2,556,998 for the Jimmy Fund. It is an unbelievable organization that has been part of this community for over 50 years. It was started by a wonderful man named Lou Perini who used to own the Boston Braves and, uh, when the Braves moved it became the Red Sox charity and it was the pet charity of Ted Williams and over the 50 years they have built quite a complex and they, uh, one little building is now two big city blocks with clinics and so many people from all over this county, so many children have been, uh, helped by the Dana-Farber Cancer Center, so over two and a half million dollars and I was told by the Red Sox announcers that they got so many calls from New Jersey and New York and Connecticut and they want to thank everybody and all those children wanna thank you too. So Scott Proctor is now warming up and he will get as long as he wants as, uh, we were talking about and we will wait and hear about Kyle Farnsworth. If nothing else, we will have something on post game because, uh, he's certainly needed help getting down those stairs. So when you go into the, uh, Re . . .



— Ugh.

— . . .the, uh, Yankee locker room from this dugout, it's a . . . it's a very old ballpark, so you leave the dugout and you go down about eight or nine stairs, very, very steeply and Mike Myers came over, as I said, and helped him down the stairs and maybe it's just stiff and hopefully nothing is really wrong but that did not look good.

— Boy, what else can happen, huh?

— Ugh.

— Aw, did he get a bullet. Ah, we'll see, uh, Suzyn will have that on her clubhouse report. Well, two outs, second and third, 14 to 10 Yanks. Proctor now comes in and they hope he can give 'em . . . well, first of all, they hope they get them out of the seventh inning. Humph. Coco Crisp takes a breaking ball low.

— And Scott Proctor pitched in the first game and when we were talking to him after after the game, he said, well I can go an inning, I can go an inning in the second game. I'm sure he didn't expect to. He went an inning and two thirds giving up no runs and two hits in the first game.

— Crisp, a switch hitter batting left and Proctor deals lined deep down the right field line it is a foul ball. The Yankees got a break. Crisp hit a rocket down the line but it tailed foul into the seats.

— And Scotty did not mean to put that fastball there. That was middle in to Coco Crisp. Wanted to get it all the way in 95 miles an hour fastball, but not in far enough.

— Ramírez at third and Lowell at second. There are two out and here's the 1-1. Breaking ball, missed. And the count 1 and 2. So Farnsworth goes two batters one base runner is Myers and one base runner is Farnsworth. The pitch high and the count 3 and 1 on Crisp. Now, Proctor's 3-1. Fouled back. High fastball. Maybe out of the strike zone and the count 3 and 2.



— I think it was up around his neck. Those are so hard to lay off. Now the Major League record, 4 hours 27 minutes, that would be at 12:34. The American League record, that's what the Yankees have, 4 hours and 22 minutes, that's at 12:29. So, we're twenty minutes away from the American League record. Thir . . . twenty-five minutes away from the Major League Record.

— You may set a record, Suzyn, that no one may ever touch.

— Ha ha ha.

— And here is the payoff. Swung on and lined to center. Damon goes back he makes the catch to end the inning and the Yankees preserve their four run lead. No runs, two hits no errors, two left. At the end of seven, it's the Yankees 14 Boston 10 on the New York Yankees Radio Network presented by AIG. The strength to be there. AIG.

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— Well, as we said earlier, Keith Foulke was, uh, reinstated from the DL today and here he is. Foulke has been on the DL since June 13th. He had right elbow tendonitis and, uh he's 33 years old. 2 and 1 with a 5.63 ERA and 29 relief appearances this season. His last appearance with the team was on June 11th when, uh, he's been trying to get through elbow tendonitis, he's had a bad back, and on that game in Texas before he went on the DL he allowed 7 hits and 4 runs in two innings. But he is back now and, uh, has to come in for the eighth.

— And pitches to Bernie Williams who pops it foul back. Bernie had two hits. He had a big hit in the seven-run seventh that had given the Yankees the 14 to 10 lead. Now the pitch to Bernie is cut on and missed on, a change fastball change. That's Keith Foulke. Timlin went two-thirds of an inning, two runs, four hits. He would be the eventual loser. Hmmph. Now the pitch to Bernie is outside. 14, 16 and 2 to 10, 16 and 0. And the Yankees in the first game, if I'm remembering right, had 12 runs and 16 hits. 26 runs and 32 hits, my goodness. The pitch, is low and the count 2



and 2.

— Foulke is never your prototypical closer, fastball and changeup, not the hard-throwing kind like Papelbon. He would fit in really nicely in back of Papelbon . . .

— The 2-2 is low and the count 3-2 to Bernie.

— . . . actually in front of Papelbon. And during their World Series run in 2004, that's how Gino used him to get big outs and he didn't care where they were. He'd come in after a hard thrower like Schilling and get a few outs, changing speeds.

— Here's the payoff, strike three is called. Bernie is caught looking. One away.

— And that fastball was only 88. Bernie didn't like the call a lot, shaking his head, and made his displeasure known to Jim Wolf. But he doesn't get . . . he doesn't throw much harder than that 88 mile-an-hour fastball, fastball change. He can get a low 90s. He hasn't pitched in two months, so he probably won't tonight.

— Here's Posada, he pinch-hit in the seventh inning and singled. And he lines one to right center field in the gap. It's a base hit. It goes past Peña to the right center field wall. Posada will go to second with a double. Well, one thing, even though you have Proctor and you're gonna have Rivera after an out or two, if Proctor's in trouble—I know we sound like a broken record—you can never enough runs, especially in a game, a double header like this. So Posada rips a double to right center and that brings up Melky Cabrera who has had a great second game. 3 hits and a walk.

— A coupla RBIs, two runs scored, hmmm . . .

— Now the pitch, a strike and the count 0 and 1.

— That fastball at 87, right in a great place, right on the inside part of the plate.

Right on the corner.

— Now the right-hander Foulke is set and the 0-1 is low and the count 1 and 1.

— Did you notice how, how this place has cleared out?

— Yes.



— Do you know why it happened? Besides the fact that they're losing by 4 . . . 4 runs?

— No.

— A sign went up. They have commuter rails that go to the suburbs. They leave from outside Yawkey Way. The last train leaves at 12:35.

— Ah!

— It's twenty after twelve. And that's what . . . I looked and all of a sudden it was like a parade. Everybody was leaving. I mean, you can't park your car here so people take the commuter rails. It's the perfect train thing, and they stop right outside the park here.

— It'll be a 1-1 to Cabrera. And the pitch is low. You know, I I'm glad you you told me that, you educated me. I thought, well, first of all, the game's going on for . . . forever. Secondly, Boston is losing and they got killed in the first game, so I figured people just packed up, but that's a . . . that's a real reason for relief.

— It's a real reason. You know, you live a . . . an hour out of the city and you don't have a car . . .

— Well, this is the record tonight. It's 12:17 on the board. We're only in the top of the eighth inning.

— We're gonna fly by that record.

— We're gonna kill that record.

— Heh heh heh.

— And, if we weren't sure of it, we are now because Mirabelli's gone out to have a talk with Foulke. The home plate umpire Jim Wolf will . . . must be delighted at umpiring this game . . .

— Heh heh heh.

— . . . goes out to talk to them as well.

— They're really . . . they're having a conversation about something, really, wi . . .



. with the umpire. Hmmmph.

— Now we're set to go and Melky takes low and he's ahead on the count 3 and 1. Remember Bernie was called out on strikes on a 3-2 pitch that he protested against, as much as Bernie protests anything. So now Cabrera, with a 3-1 count. The pitch fouled back.

— They're having a countdown. 4 hours and 12 minutes.

— Well, that's the longest game in Red Sox . . .

— . . . in Red Sox history. Oh, they've got ten minutes to go to catch up to us. Baltimore.

— Well, we have 3-2 to Cabrera, fouled back. Yankee bullpen is quiet. Proctor will start the eighth and they hope will finish the eighth. Now the pitch is fouled back. You know, Suzyn, if the Yankees hang on . . .

— Um hum . . .

— . . .to this game . . .

— Umm . . .

— . . .that they will leave Boston ahead on the loss side . . .

— The reason I can figure it out is the standings . . .

— Hah hah hah . . .

— are on the scoreboard . . .

— . . .but about 30 feet high, yes.

— The pitch. Fouled back. The Yanks will be four up, only three games left . . .

— Hmmmm . . .

— . . .four from the loss side now and they only would . . . and they're only at three games left.

— Too bad the season doesn't end on them.

— Right. And, uh, it doesn't prove anything. You're absolutely right. They have so many games to play. Here's the 3-2. It's fouled back.



— You know, it's so interesting 'cause baseball as John says all the time is so different from any other sport. People talk about statement games. Is this a statement game?

— Right.

— It's not statement game!

— There are no statement games!

— Not in baseball.

— This is percentage. How many do you win out of how many? But I think if the Yankees win it, they'll be very happy.

— Yeah.

— Here's the 3-2. High, ball four. Cabrera walks.

— See even, I, I guess the point I'm making even the, even if, uh, people say, oh, the Red Sox lose, they're finished, well, no one's gonna tell Josh Beckett that they're finished . . .

— No.

— . . .or Kurt Schilling . . .

— No.

— . . .'cause they're the ones with the ball . . . the mo . . . as Shawn always says, the most important person on the field had the ball in his hand. That changes every day.

— Here's Johnny Damon who has three hits in both games and a homer in both games and takes a strike and the count 0 and 1. The 0-1, cut on and missed and the count 0 and 2. Damon began the, the double header with a triple. The pitch and he pops this one foul third base side, out of play.

— An afternoon for Damon. An afternoon and evening.

— Well, you just know it that it's a day that he'll never forget.

— Yep.



— Runners lead first and second, one out. Pitch popped foul back.

— Even though he says he always wants to do well and I'm sure he does, but this has gotta be special. He's . . . he'll never admit it because he doesn't want to admit that one game is more important than another. Most of them don't but they're human beings.

— Damon hits a high pop to left. Ramírez backs up a step or two. He makes the catch and there are two away. Now queued down here is Derek Jeter. Jeter was 0 for 4 in the nightcap, but his last at bat was a doozy. He hit a three-run double down the right field line on a 3-2 pitch from Timlin. Derek in the double header has four hits and four RBIs. And fouls the pitch off third base side. Someone made a great catch in the seats.

— Hmmmm hmmm hmhhh. Stands up and takes a bow.

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— Well, this isn't exactly turning out to be a night off for Jose Posada, who was supposed to get the day off or this game off. You look at him in the dugout.

— Runners lead first and second, 2 outs. Pitch is fouled off. Posada at second, Cabrera at first, two out and 1-2 comin' to Jeter. Yankees with a 14 to 10 lead here in the top of the eighth. Now the right-hander deals. It's squibbed on the ground to first fielded to Youkilis, takes it himself and that'll do it. No runs, one hit, two left, and now at the end of seven and a half innings of play, 14 to 10 Yanks, on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Well, Scott Proctor back out there as we're about to start the bottom of the eighth inning here at Fenway Park, Yankees leading 14 to 10. 14 runs, 17 hits, two errors for the Yankees. 10 runs, 16 hits for the Red Sox. So the Yankees in this game . . . in this, uh, game have the same amount of hits that they had in the first game. 17 first game, the Yankees had 12 runs and 17 hits, Boston had 4 runs and 10 hits. So 26 runs and 34 hits so far for the Yankees in this double header. I'm not sure anybody expected this, but they'll take it. Scott Proctor will face Doug Mirabelli Alex Cora, and then the top of the order Kevin Youkilis. Closing in on the record of the longest ga . . . game in both the American League and in Major League history. Proctor deals to Mirabelli, takes a strike on the outside corner. Proctor started 'em



off with that slider, really starting to mix up the way his pitch patterns are going usually started them off last year . . . started people off with fastballs, now he could be a . . . a . . . a slider or a curve and he doesn't care. Swing and a miss by Mirabelli, also on the slider, 0 and 2. That clocked in the low 90s. Proctor has really learned how to pitch. Slider, slider, now probably come back with a fastball or he could come back with that curve. He has really learned what to do in this last year. Ground ball to Jeter up over to Giambi at first and one down. And Proctor puts his finger up and he's, uh, he knows, uh, this is a big game. He wants to get through this inning. And you know what, John? I don't see anybody even moving or stretching in the bullpen.

— Well, they're gonna, hope . . . obviously tha . . . that Proctor gets through this inning then they can have Mo for . . . for the four . . . uh, ninth, with a 14 to 10 lead. Here's Alex Cora's had a perfect night, three singles and a walk. And Proctor deals a strike. However, what you find out in the clubhouse is is ultra-important. How badly hurt is Farnsworth? I mean, they can't go without Farnsworth.

— No.

— Cora swings and misses, the count 0 and 2.

— Here we go. Alright. Four hours, twenty-three minutes.

— Pitch popped foul out of play.

— This is now the longest game in American League history by one minute. We're gonna shoot right by this record. Four hours and twenty-two minutes was the record. That was Yankees and Orioles. We were there. I remember it well.

— Do we know who, um the other two teams are?

— I, I, uh, I'm I'm gonna guess. I think it's . . . wasn't Oakland involved in one of those?

— The 0-2, a high pop in back of second. Jeter is there and on the grass he makes the catch and there are two away.

— We don't know.



- Well . . .
- Yank . . . Yankees are now at four hours and twenty-three plus so anything now is gravy for the record.
- That's the American League.
- Right.
- The National League, I think, is 4:27. So . . .
- Oh, I thought that was the major league record . . .
- Yeah.
- . . .the National League?
- Yeah, it is.
- Well, it would be.
- Yeah.
- Of course.
- Now here's Youkilis and he takes a strike. That'll be a curve . . .
- . . .yeah. Hah hah.
- . . .too.
- Yeah. See it . . . yeah . . . If it's not in the American League and it's a Major League, so it has to be in the National League, Suzyn, yeah.
- Youkilis is two for four with a walk. Hey, it's late. And it gets late earlier or something, Yogi. Heh heh heh . . .
- Uh, it's getting early, early . . .
- Late . . . It'll be an 0-1 to Youkilis. Pitch is inside, the count 1 and 1.
- Oh, Mariano is up throwing, some stretching.
- But when you look back on it, what a rally for the Yanks . . .
- . . . hmmm.
- . . .in the seventh inning. Seven runs a lot of hits.
- Youkilis grounds it foul outside of third where Mike Myers made the catch.



Now the pitch is inside. Now the count 2 and 2. Two outs, no one on. We're in the bottom of the eighth and the Yankees have a 14 to 10 lead over the Red Sox. And Proctor deals to Youkilis. Lined and Proctor knocked it down with his glove, fields, throws to first and the inning is over. Giambi caught the ball, lying down on the ground. Ha ha ha ha ha. So Proctor gets 'em one, two, three, gets it four outs in a row. He's OK, that ball hit his glove and at the end of eight innings of play, it's 14 to 10 Yanks on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Hah hah hah hah hah.

— It was a Dodger Giant game in 2001 did he say?

— Yes he did. On October 5, 2001, San Francisco at L.A. The Dodgers won and I think he said in the eleventh inning and I think he said that Alex Cora played in that game too.

— The 0-1. Abreu takes it inside.

— Oh, that's funny.

— Yanks have a 14 to 10 lead. Mo will pitch the ninth. Abreu takes inside. Bobby had four hits in the opener and he has two hits and a walk in the nightcap. One thing. We're so close to it now . . . the 2-1 is high . . . that, you know, you just know it's been a long day and two wild games, but they'll remember this double header for years.

— Yeah, I think everybody associated with it will on both sides, by the way.

— They sure will. Here's the 3-1 to Abreu. Fouled third base side out of play. Abreu grounds it foul, so the count remains 3 and 2 on Bobby. Abreu, A-Rod, Cano here in the ninth. The longest Major League nine inning game in history, right here.

— Hmmph.

— Now the payoff. Outside ball 4. Abreu's on. In the double header, the Yankees have scored 26 runs and have 33 hits.

— And of course in less than twelve hours they face . . . in exactly twelve hours just about, we will be on the air again.

— Hmm . . . The pitch to A-Rod is outside.



— Go back to the hotel, take a shower and come back, start working on this afternoon's game.

— A-Rod has walked, popped up, singled, grounded out, and singled. And the pitch is high and the count 2 and 0. Now the right-hander Foulke holds to set and here's the 2-0, a high pop in the middle of the diamond. Mike Lowell behind the mound makes the catch and there's one away. Yankee Stadium is for more than just baseball. With year-round availability, the Yankees are currently taking reservations for corporate outings, parties, meeting, weddings, and more. For more information, call Gina Chindemi at 718 579 4416 or email events at yankees.com. Here's Robbie Cano with one out and one on, Abreu at first. And he hits a high pop right around the pitcher's mound, Youkilis the first baseman calling makes the catch and there are two away.

— You look at Keith Foulke and, you know, they signed him as a closer. He throws his fastball at about 87 miles an hour. That change, which he popped up, was 76, so you know, he really is . . . it doesn't matter how hard you throw. He hasn't hit 90 yet and doesn't.

— Giambi takes a strike.

— OK. We have a, uh, update . . . so far he was about . . . on Kyle Farnsworth examined by Yankees team doctor Stuart Hershon. He has a contusion of the right lower leg. His X-rays taken here at Fenway were negative . . .

— A throw over and Abreu gets back.

— . . .he is, uh, day-to-day, and, uh, will be re-examined tomorrow.

— Giambi takes outside and the count 1 and 1. Giambi played a big part in the rally. One out, no one on, bottom of the seventh, Yankees down 10-7, he pinch hit and walked. Bernie singled, Posada pinch hit and singled to load 'em up, Cabrera singled in one after Damon popped up, Jeter . . . that pitch is fouled away doubled in three, so that's four runs Abreu walked, A-Rod singled in a run, that's five and





then Cano . . . A-Rod took second on the throw . . . Cano then singled in two for the seven runs. Now here's the 1-2. Popped foul, third base side out of play.

— This is improbable if Mariano gets through the bottom of the ninth inning. This really is an improbable double header.

— Yes. Unbelievable. Yeah. And as I mentioned, it will be written about and talked about for years. Here's the 1-2 to Giambi. A high fly to left. Manny Ramírez drifts back. He's there to make the catch and that ends the top of the ninth. No runs, no hits, one left. Now at the end of eight and a half, it's 14 to 10 Yanks on the New York Yankees Radio Network.

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— Well, Scott Proctor goes an inning and a third, no runs, no hits. Mariano comes on. Ponson, Villone, Bruney, Myers, Farnsworth, Proctor, Rivera. Nick Green goes to first base for the Yanks. I don't know if he's ever played first but the rule of thumb is that if you're a middle infielder or a third baseman, you can field ground balls, you can make throws to second and so why can't you play first? And over the years, the Yankees have used Luis Sojo and Miguel Cairo and infielders like that at first so, Nick Green takes over at first, for the ninth. Mariano comes in to get the final three outs. If he does, the Yankees sweep the double header and will move up by three and a half and by four on the loss side. Now here's uh . . . Mark Loretta to lead off and he hits a high pop to first. Nick Green in foul territory makes the catch. One away. Boston used Lester, Tavarez, Hanson, Timlin, and Foulke. So one away and here is David Ortiz. And Rivera deals a strike. Yankees have a 14 to 10 lead in the bottom of the ninth, one out, no one on. Ortiz one for four. He hits a high drive to right. That ball is high. It is far. It is gone! Into the Yankees bullpen, a long home run for Ortiz and the Red Sox trail 14 to 11. For Ortiz, his 43rd homer, his 114th RBI. And now here is Manny Ramírez who has singled, doubled, singled, singled, and singled. He is five for five. Rivera deals a strike to Manny. Now Rivera deals and the pitch is grounded to third, off the glove of A-Rod an error for A-Rod. So one on and one out, Yanks with a three-run lead 14-11. A-Rod he kind of let the ball play him. Kind of backed up and played it to the side, it went off his glove. So here is Mike Lowell. Now Rivera holds to set and deals a strike. Lowell takes inside, the count 1 and 1. Road Runner high speed online from Time Warner Cable, that pitch came in



at 95 miles an hour. Now, here's the 1-1. Fouled back and the count 1 and 2. Now Rivera deals low outside. It'll be a 2-2 to Lowell. Rivera swung on, hit in the air to right. Bernie moves to right center. He's there to make the catch and there are two away. Here's Wily Mo Peña, Boston's final hope. Peña's 0 for 4 on the night. Rivera deals. Inside and low, the count 1 and 0. Now the pitch. There's a strike. And the count 1 and 1. The Yankees with a 14 to 11 lead here in the bottom of the ninth with two outs. The 1-1 fouled back and the count 1 and 2. Now Rivera deals. Grounded wide at first, fielded by Green. Goes to Rivera covering. In time for the out. Ball game over! Yankees win! The Yankees win!





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