## Yanks off to second straight World Series

By BEN WALKER

Annociated Press Writer

BOSTON Blame the curse and bad calls or El Duque and Derek. Blame any Yankee from DiMag-

In the end the story was the New York wins, Boston

MVP Orlando Hernandez pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and Derek Jeter hit a two-run homer as the Yankees won their record 36th pennant and a return trip to the World Series, beating Boston 6 1 Monday night in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

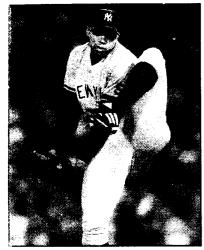
"We wanted to score early and Hive El Duque some breathing room," Jeter said. "All he needed tonight was two runs.

The Red Sox brought out all their good-luck charms, and yet it did no good against their longtime tormentors

Babe Ruth's 82-year-old daughfor threw out the first ball - trying .o reverse the Curse of the Bambiand Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez roused the well-behaved rowd of 33,589 from the dugout and bullpen.

And still, it will be the Yankees heading off to defend their World series title while the Red Sox, after an eighth-inning rally fell short, and their fans are left hoping for better luck next century

"We really had a fine year I told



AP Photo Charles Krupa

Orlando Hernandez winds up in Monday's game. Hernandez was the ALCS Most Valuable Player.



The New York Yankees celebrate their 6-1 victory against the Boston Red Sox in the American League Championship Series. The Yankees will contend for the World Series title starting Saturday.

those kids in there we had a fine. Duque said through a translator. year all year long," Red Sox manager Jimy Williams said. "They really did a lot for this city this summer.'

Game 1 of the World Series will be Saturday night at the home of the NL champion. Atlanta leads the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS, with Game 6 last night at Turner

The Yankees played both teams this summer and this will the first time World Series opponents have met in the regular season.

It will be the Yankees' third trip to the World Series in four years, and an opportunity for them to win their 25th title. All of those championships have come since Boston won its last championship in 1918, two years before the Red Sox sold Ruth to New York.

Hernandez, blowing on his hand to keep warm on a chilly night, improved to 4-0 with an 0.97 ERA in five career starts in the postseason. Two years ago, his half-brother Livan was MVP of the NLCS for the Florida Marlins.

"This is a beautiful moment," El DiMaggio led New York over Ted

El Duque shut down the Red Sox on three hits through seven innings, striking out nine, but left after Jason Varitek homered to start the eighth and Nomar Garciaparra followed with a double.

Mike Stanton relieved, setting off a series of mix-and-match moves by managers Joe Torre and

Allen Watson wound up walking pinch-hitter Butch Huskey to load the bases with one out. But just like always, the Red Sox fell short against the Yankees.

Ramiro Mendoza came in from the bullpen and kept it at 4-1, striking out pinch-hitter Scott Hatteberg on a 3-2 pitch that bounced and getting Trot Nixon on a foul

Jorge Posada hit a clinching tworun homer off Tom Gordon in the

This first-ever postseason meeting between the Yankees and Boston ended up the same way regular-season duels did for so many years, from the days when Joe

Williams and the Red Sox, to the afternoon when Bucky Dent's homer won a 1978 AL East

Despite the disappointment, the Red Sox fans did not let their frustration spill over. Maybe a heavy security presence was responsible but it was quite a different scene from Sunday night, when the Fenway faithful littered the field with debris after an umpire's bad call.

Twice during the series, umpires admitted blowing calls against Boston. The Red Sox did not help themselves in the five games, though, by making 10 errors.

Rather, all that promise the Red Sox held — they rallied from an 0-2 deficit to beat Cleveland in the best-of-5 division series, then roughed up former star Roger Clemens in Game 3 of this series went to waste.

Chuck Knoblauch led off the game with a single against Kent Mercker and Jeter homered into a stiff wind for a center-field shot that made it 2-0. After only eight pitches, Bryce Florie was warming up for the Red Sox.

### Torre won't let cancer keep him out of game

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — For months, Joe Torre didn't know if he cared enough to keep managing. Cancer will do that.

Then, last month in Toronto's SkyDome, with the Yankees' division lead dwindling, he learned something about him-

"All of a sudden, my stomach started hurting and I realized the passion was there," he said early vesterday after leading New York past Boston and into the World Series for the third time in his four seasons.

He is only the fifth Yankees' manager to win three pennants, joining Casey Stengel (10), Joe McCarthy (eight), Miller Huggins (six) and Ralph Houk (three).

And now the 59-year-old New Yorker will face a World Series opponent that fired him, the Atlanta Braves or New York

But for a while, he wasn't sure he belonged.

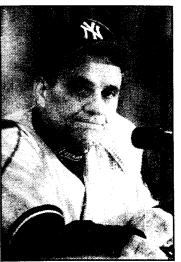
He was diagnosed with cancer during spring training and left the team March 10. He had surgery eight days later and didn't rejoin the Yankees until May 18.

"When that whole thing started with the prostate cancer in spring training, you really didn't care about baseball," he said under the Fenway Park stands. trying to put his team's season and his life in perspective. "You go through that - and

when you're going through your recovery, you're not sure if you're going to care when you get back. Then, once I got back, it was sort of like, let me study myself 1 When Torre rejoined the

team, he kind of drifted along, as his team did for much of the 1999 season. "I know a lot of my players

had said I was a little bit different because I sort of had this to, Torre has felt he belonged.



AP Photo/Stephan Savoia

Yankees manager Joe Torre speaks at a press conference. Torre is battling cancer but continues to coach his team.

philosophy or perspective that it's only a game of baseball," Torre said.

New York opened a comfortable lead and wasn't really pressed until the Red Sox swept a three-game series at Yankee Stadium from Sept. 10-12. David Wells beat them the next night, and the Yankees were losing 5-1 - knowing Boston was ahead

and could close to 21/2 games before Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill hit grand slams. "That," Torre said, "probably

was an emotional turnaround for me and I realized how important this was for me."

In 1996, his brother, Frank, had a heart transplant. The story of the Torres riveted New York, with Joe finally making the World Series for the first time since joining the major leagues in 1960.

Last year, Torre felt tremendous pressure to win the Series after the team went 114-48 during the regular season, setting an AL record for wins.

But since that night in Toron-

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together? PISCES helps you with your work. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive: 3-Average: 2-So-so: 1-Difficult

on the quality of your day-to-day life. If you are sin-

gle, romance could be very intense, as an important

relationship builds to a high crescendo. If attached,

you could often struggle over who is in charge. Do

con really care who calls the shots, as long as you're

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* Play it smart and don't get triggered by what is going on. Somehow, you need to anchor. Communication needs to be heartfelt. Express what is really going on with you. Clear out work: you can get a lot done quickly. A boss pitches in Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* ★ Emphasis is on desires, plans and goals. You are heading in a new direction. Check out a rumor; more might be going on than you suspect. Attend a seminar or workshop to increase your expertise in your field. Experimental ideas work well, presently. Tonight: Accept a friend's invitation to try a new spot. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

you want. Popularity soars: finally, another lets you know how much he stands behind you. Your intu-

ition supports a professional decision. Know what you want and where you are going. Tonight: In the CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Break patterns. Be willing to take off at the drop of a hat. Another's word might be rough, but he is more out of sorts than you realized. Some-

how, you easily get past a problem. Your smile wins

\*\*\* You maintain a high profile, knowing what

friends. Make a must meeting. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Others clearly need to have their say. You have pushed way too hard to make a relationship happen. A natural give-and-take is necessary. A money deal that seems to good to be true knocks on your door - it's true! Tonight: Celebrate a stroke of luck with a loved one

\*\*\*\* You are sought after, as popularity makes its imprint on you. Your message comes through loud and clear. Others are ready to act on your ideas. Make calls; spread your ideas. A travel opportunity pops up out of the blue. Consider taking dance lessons or developing a new sport. Lonight: Having a

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Dig into work. An associate comes through for you. Be sensitive to a partner; he appreciates your care and feedback. A family member pushes you hard, and you might be surprised by your reaction. Clear out any residual paperwork. Lonight: Bring extra work home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Your imagination knows no limits. Allow others to brainstorm with you and add to your ideas. Life takes a very pleasant turn as you watch your popularity increase. Friends bring more joy into your life. Do work first, then enjoy socializing. Fonight: You won't have to look far to find a reason for cele-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Accept another's role in your life. Cooperation on the homefront can make you or break you. Spending comes all too naturally; hopefully, making money will also come as easily. Think about what you are doing in the finance department. Lonight: Lo the gym, then home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Your high-voltage energy brings others together. The amount of communication you receive may be overwhelming, but you cruise right through this. A relationship takes a heated twist. Lonight Holding court in the center of your social circle. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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