



RED SOX POST-GAME NOTES

BOSTON RED SOX 7, KANSAS CITY ROYALS 0

Sunday, May 19, 2008 • Fenway Park

GAME DATA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Boston	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	X	7	5	1

Winning Pitcher: Jon Lester (3-2)

Losing Pitcher: Luke Hochevar (3-3)

Save: None

Royals Home Runs: None

Red Sox Home Runs: Jason Varitek (5)

Time of Game: 2:30

Attendance: 37,746 (411th consecutive sellout since May 15, 2003)

Game Time Weather: 56 degrees, wind W at 23 mph

BOSTON RED SOX (28-19)

LESTER NO-HITS KC: Jon Lester no-hit the Royals, allowing just 2 baserunners, walks in the 2nd and 9th innings...He retired 20 straight between the two walks in the 130-pitch outing, passing his previous career high of 116 pitches, set on June 27, 2006 against the Mets.

NO-NO NOTES: It is the 18th no-hitter in Red Sox history, the first since Clay Buchholz's no-hit gem on September 1, 2007...Lester becomes the first major to throw a no-hitter this season and the first left-hander to toss a no-hitter since the White Sox' Mark Buehrle blanked Texas on April 18, 2007.

► It is the first no-hitter by a Red Sox left-hander since Mel Parnell's on July 14, 1956...All-time, it was the 4th no-hitter by a left-hander at Fenway Park, the first since Parnell's game.

► It is the first time that pitchers on the same club have posted no-hitters in a span without a hurler from another team accomplishing the feat since Nolan Ryan tossed no-hitters for the California Angels on September 28, 1974 against Minnesota and June 1, 1975 against Baltimore.

► It is the 1st time the Red Sox have no-hit the Kansas City Royals and just the 2nd time ever that the Royals have been no-hit, the 1st since Nolan Ryan's 1st no-hitter on May 15, 1973 with California.

► At 24 years and 133 days, Lester is the youngest lefty to throw a no-hitter since the Cardinals' Bud Smith, at 21 years and 315 days, no-hit the Padres on September 3, 2001.

CATCHING NO-NO'S: Jason Varitek was behind the plate for his major league record 4th no-hitter: April 4, 2001 by Hideo Nomo; April 27, 2002 by Derek Lowe; September 1, 2007 by Clay Buchholz, and tonight by Lester.

► Varitek was 2-for-3 with a home run, giving a .419 batting average (13-for-31) with 2 homers, 4 doubles, 6 RBI and 5 runs in his last 9 games, with multiple hits in his last 4.

► Varitek has 153 home runs with the Red Sox, 16th in club history, 1 short of tying George Scott for 15th...His 150 homers while catching rank 2nd behind Carlton Fisk's 157.

BACK AT IT: For the first time in his major league career, Jacoby Ellsbury stole 2 bases in the same inning, including his 2nd steal of 3rd base this season...This comes on the heels of his first time caught stealing, yesterday vs. Milwaukee, after beginning his major league career with 25 successful base swipes, including 16 to start this season.

► With 18 steals this season, Ellsbury moves into 7th place on the Red Sox' all-time list for stolen bases in a rookie season...Patsy Dougherty (1902) and Heinie Wagner (1907) are next at 20, while Amby McConnell's 31 stolen bases in 1908 rank first.

► Ellsbury's 2 stolen bases matched his career high, the 6th time in his career he's reached that total, all this season.

PEDROIA'S TURN: Dustin Pedroia stole his 6th base of the season without being caught and has successfully stolen 8 consecutive bases since last being caught on August 29, 2007 at Yankee Stadium...Pedroia has swiped 13 bases in 15 attempts in his career.

ROUND AND ROUND: The Red Sox batted around in the 3rd inning, sending 10 hitters to the plate...It was the 9th time this season that the Red Sox batted around in an inning...In the inning, Boston totaled 5 runs on 4 hits 3 walks, all in a row, and were helped by an error, making 3 of the runs unearned...It was a 44-pitch inning for Royals starter Luke Hochevar.

► It is the 4th consecutive game in which Boston's opponent has committed at least one error, totaling 6 over that span and 12 over Boston's last 10 games.

MANNY RBI: Manny Ramirez was 0-for-3 but recorded an RBI, pushing him into a tie for 5th with Ruben Sierra on the all-time list of RBI against the Royals with 113.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS (21-23)

ROYAL TOIL: Luke Hochevar lasted 6.0 innings despite allowing 7 runs, 4 earned, on 6 walks and 5 hits in his first career appearance against the Red Sox...The walks are a personal high for Hochevar in his 11th appearance and 8th big league start.

► The Royals have now totaled just 10 runs in his 6 starts this season.

PITCH COUNTS

RED SOX

	PITCHES	STRIKES
Jon Lester	130	86

ROYALS

	PITCHES	STRIKES
Luke Hochevar	114	61
Joel Peralta	9	6
Yasuhiko Yabuta	9	6