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RED SOX LEAD SERIES, 2-0 Schilling (W 3-1), Morris (L 0-2)

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Game 3 tomorrow
at Busch Stadium
Martinez (1-1) vs. Suppan (2-1)
8:30, Channel 25

World Series

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Two to go

With second win in hand, Red Sox head to St. Louis halfway to elusive championship



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With a Game 2 victory safely behind them, Red Sox outfielders (left to right) Gabe Kapler, Johnny Damon, and Trot Nixon converge for a celebratory tapping of their gloves.

By Bob Hohler
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 6 No one wants the Red Sox to capture the franchise's first world championship since 1918 more than the players who fell so excruciatingly shy in the four seven-game heartbreakers since that glorious day 86 years ago.

Cardinals 2 Bobby Doerr, Dom DiMaggio, and Johnny Pesky of the 1946 team stood vigil at Fenway Park for the first two games

of 2004 Fall Classic. Carl Yastrzemski of the '67 club tossed an inspirational first pitch before Game 1. And Dwight Evans has represented members of the '75 and '86 squads in cheering on Terry Francona's boys of October.

So far, the alumni have thoroughly enjoyed the show.

"From talking to them, I know they believe the job's not finished," Evans said. "It's refreshing because they're not happy just to be here. They want the

wedding ring."

The Sox moved a step closer last night to raising their ring fingers and eradicating decades of franchise futility as they overcame a record-setting display of defensive ineptitude and upended the Cardinals, 6-2, before a euphoric 35,001 in the Fens to seize a 2-0 advantage in the best-of-seven extravaganza.

"No one remembers who finishes second," said the indomitable Keith Foulke. "We want to be the last team left in the

big leagues."

The old-timers could thank the medical marvel, Curt Schilling, some finely-timed hitting, and a relief effort anchored by Foulke for delivering the Sox tantalizingly closer to a dream finish. Pitching with a dislocated ankle tendon temporarily stitched into place in a breakthrough medical procedure, Schilling all but silenced the dangerous Cardinal lineup, surrendering only an unearned run on four hits and a walk over

six innings.

Schilling hobbled to the clubhouse after firing 94 pitches.

"You could see he was battling with his ankle," catcher Jason Varitek said. "We did the right thing getting him out of there."

Foulke and the Sox' bullpen did the rest as the Cardinals mustered only one run off Mike Timlin in the eighth inning and spiraled to their eighth straight road

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BOB RYAN

Amid the euphoria, these numbers cry out



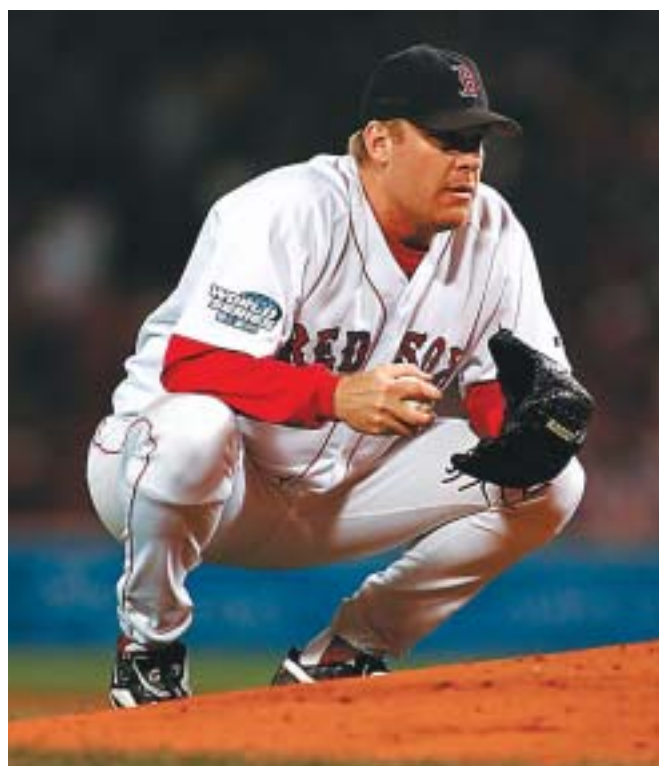
In the midst of your giddiness at this two-up World Series state, I hope you've noticed that your diamond darlings are living on the edge.

I submit two disturbing numbers: 8 and 21. They represent the number of errors and men left on base, respectively, for the Red Sox during Games 1 and 2 of the World Series. Here's another: 60. That's how many outs the Red Sox have had to get in order to put away Games 1 and 2 in this Series. Their eight errors have created six additional outs for the Cardinals to play with. Their shame is that they haven't done more to capitalize on Boston's largesse.

It should not come as a major news bulletin to report that the Red Sox simply cannot continue to live this way. Or can they?

"Tito [i.e. manager Terry Francona] says they won't be putting an instructional video on our play," said general manager Theo Epstein. "But if they did, it would be entitled

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GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/BARRY CHIN

After thinking most of the day he wouldn't be able to pitch, Curt Schilling was on the Fenway mound after all.

JACKIE MACMULLAN

Painful day, then win sewn up



He couldn't go. Curt Schilling wasn't hedging on this. He wasn't thinking maybe, or I'm doubtful, or let's see.

He was OUT. He was out as the Red Sox' Game 2 starter of the World Series.

"I woke up at 7 o'clock in the morning," explained Boston's ace. "That was a tipoff right there. I've never woken up at 7 in the morning for anything in my life."

"I wasn't going to pitch. I couldn't walk. I couldn't move. I didn't know what happened, but I knew as soon as I woke up there was a problem."

His problem quickly became the problem of the Red Sox. Schilling was the automatic W. He was the one they were counting on to pin the St. Louis Cardinals against the Green Monster with a 2-0 Series deficit. He has been

CURT SCHILLING'S NUMBERS

IP	H	ER	BB	K
6	4	0	1	4
Home runs	0	Reached 2d	4	
Pitches	94	Reached 3d	1	
Strikes	61	Ground outs	7	
Batters faced	24	Fly outs	6	

Postseason: 3-1, 2.83 ERA

their most prolific, charismatic, and demonstrative player in this postseason, an almost mythical figure as he clawed his way through an ankle injury that will require surgery whenever this mystical, magical run is over.

The diagnosis was made long ago: a dislocated tendon that the Sox' medical

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MORE ON THE WORLD SERIES

Leading the way
At an all-time high, Red Sox giving the Nation plenty to cheer about. **A1**

Big-game player
Cabrera has shined in the limelight of the World Series. **C2**

Swinging start
Varitek's first-inning triple paved the way for the Sox offense. **C8**

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Perfect timing
Clutch plays allow Patriots to go to 6-0, win 21st straight. **D1**

Hitting the wall
US national team members run into trouble on Charles. **D1**