

2005 White Sox

manager: Ozzie Guillen

Standings:

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division					
New York	95-67	Chicago	99- 63	LA at Anaheim	95-67	ERA:	Chicago	3.61	
Boston	95-67	Cleveland	93- 69	Oakland	88-74		Cleveland	3.61	
Toronto	80-82	Minnesota	83- 79	Texas	79-83	BA:	Boston	.281	Sox .262 (11)
Baltimore	74-88	Detroit	71- 91	Seattle	69-93	FA:	Oakland	.986	Sox .985 (4)
Tampa Bay	67-95	Kansas City	56-106						

FA: 94 errors (1 above club low of 93, 2003).

Home: 47-34 Away: 52-29

Best: Baltimore 6-2, Cleveland & Detroit 14-5, Kansas City 13-5, Seattle 6-3, Tampa Bay & Toronto 4-2, Minnesota 11-7; Colorado & LA Dodgers 3-0, San Diego 2-1

Worst: Oakland 2-7, Texas 3-6, Anaheim 4-6, Boston 3-4; Arizona 1-2. Sox unable to win in Oakland: record from 2002-2005 was 4-20.

Top Pitchers	IP	Record	Shutouts	Saves	ERA	
Mark Buehrle	236.2	16- 8	1		3.12	1 st in IP, 3 rd in ERA; T5th in wins
Freddie Garcia	228.0	14- 8			3.87	
Jon Garland	221.0	18-10	3		3.50	1 st in shutouts (3), T2nd in wins
Jose Contreras	204.2	15- 7			3.61	
Orlando Hernandez	128.1	9- 9		1	5.12	
Luis Vizcaino	70.0	6- 5			3.73	
Cliff Politte	67.1	7- 1		1	2.00	
Brandon McCarthy	67.0	3- 2			4.03	13 HRs allowed
Neil Cotts	60.1	4- 0			1.94	0.70 ERA after All Star Game
Dustin Hermanson	57.1	2- 4		34	2.04	
Damaso Marte	45.1	3- 4		4	3.77	
Bobby Jenks	39.1	1- 1		6	2.75	
Shingo Takatsu	28.2	1- 2		8	5.97	9 HRs allowed

Staff: 1st in saves (54) and complete games (9); 2nd in runs allowed (645), and 4th in shutouts (10).

Buehrle & Garland each allowed 26 HRs. **Contreras** and **Garcia** each threw club-record 20 wild pitches.

From 8/21/05 – 7/4/06, Contreras won 17 straight games.

Top Hitters	AB	Runs	Hits	HR	RBI	Ave	EBH	SB	
Scott Podsednik	507	80	147	0	25	.290	29	59	
Paul Konerko	575	98	163	40	110	.283	64	0	
Tadahito Iguchi	511	74	142	15	71	.278	46	15	Led club with 6 3B
Jermaine Dye	529	74	145	31	86	.274	62	11	
Aaron Rowand	578	77	156	13	69	.270	48	16	Led club with 30 2B
A.J. Pierzynski	460	61	118	18	56	.257	39	0	
Joe Crede	432	54	109	22	62	.252	43	1	
Jose Uribe	481	58	121	16	71	.252	42	4	
<u>Carl Everett</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>.251</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>4</u>	
Pablo Ozuna	203	27	56	0	11	.276	9	14	
Willie Harris	121	17	31	1	8	.256	4	10	
Chris Widger	141	18	34	4	11	.241	12	0	
Frank Thomas	105	19	23	12	26	.219	15	0	
Timo Perez	179	13	39	2	15	.218	10	2	

Sox: 3rd in stolen bases, 4th in HR (200), 7th in slugging, 9th in runs (741) and 11th in hits and triples.

Gone: 2B Roberto Alomar (Tampa), C Sandy Alomar (Tex), SS Jose Valentin (LA), OF **Magglio Ordonez** (Det),

P Dan Wright, and P Scott Schoeneweis (Tor), IF Wilson Valdez (NYM), and RP Shingo Takatsu.

Ordonez had surgery in Austria to repair his knee; he eventually signed with the Detroit Tigers (\$75M/5 years)

Trades: OF **Jermaine Dye** (from Oakland). Dye spent 5 years with club and is on **Sox' All-time list:** HRs (164) and slugging (.525).

OF **Scott Podsednik** (from Milwaukee) for OF Carlos Lee. Podsednik added speed at the top of the order.

P **Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez** (from NYY) for \$8M/2 year. Spent 1 year with Sox.

C **AJ Pierzynski** (from San Francisco): Sturdy catcher played 8 years with club. With Sox: .279 BA, 118 HRs.

2B **Tadahito Iguchi** from Japan (2+ years, .279); RP **Dustin Hermanson** (from SF Giants): injuries led to 2006 retirement.

Injuries: Everett, Contreras, Hernandez, Dye, Podsednik, Crede, and Late July: Thomas fractured left ankle 2nd time.

Rookies: P **Brandon McCarthy**, RP **Bobby Jenks**, OF Brian Anderson (.176 2/3).
Jenks (2005-2010) was property of the LA Angels. On **Sox All-time list:** 2nd in saves (173).
1st pick in ML draft: P Lance Broadway (#15)

Club:

5/26: Former Sox SS **Chico Carrasquel** passed away. Was 1st Latin (Carrasquel was from Venezuela) to play in All Star Game.
10/30: Less than a week after Sox won the 2005 World Series, former coach **Al Lopez** passed away at 97.

- Attendance: 2,342,833. Sox' 18 sellouts was brief US Cellular Field record. Record was broken in 2006 (52).
UC Cellular added a **Fundamentals Deck** beyond the LF concourse.
WMVP's final season carrying Sox games on radio. Sox would be on WSCR beginning in 2006.

Magical year:

Overall record: 110-64 including playoffs and World Series.
Sox last Series appearance was in 1959; last World Series Championship was in 1917.
Sox were 22-1 odds to win pennant; clinched Central Division on September 29th.
Club sold World Series tickets in 18 minutes. Post-season theme: Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."
First team since the 1927 NY Yankees to lead division from the start and sweep World Series.

June: First time since 1959 Sox played significant games vs. LA Dodgers. Both clubs used turn-back-the-clock uniforms.
July: First time since 1954 Sox swept 4-game series against the Orioles in Baltimore.

Best start in franchise history (16-4, 33-14, and 50-22). Previous was 13-4, in 1912, 1919, and 1935.
Sox had (3) 8-game winning streaks.
Fifth best start in ML since 1984 ('98 Yankees, '01 Mariners, '95 Indians, '86 Mets).
Tied 1983 squad for 2nd most wins for club (99).

Second franchise to win World Series without a 20-game winner nor have a batter hitting .300+ (Florida 1997).
Sox' 52 road wins was franchise record. On the other hand, club struggled at the Cell – went 3-9 in one span in late July-August.
Sox led in each of the 1st 37 games - new ML record (old: 1955 Dodgers, 25). Streak ended on 5/15 vs. Orioles.
Club was 35-19 in 1-run games. First day of season matched last game of World Series – both were 1-0 victories.

- Rough August (12-16) was bookended by July (15-11) & September/October (17-12). Sox finished season going 8-2.
Crucial mid-September series vs. Cleveland: Indians reduced 15G deficit to 3 ½ with 14 games left.
Since All Star break – Sox were 57-29 and Indians 47-41.

6/29: Thomas broke Luke Appling's club record for runs scored (1,320) on a game-winning HR vs. Detroit.
8/7: Club unveiled statue of **Carlton Fisk** prior to game with Seattle.

- All Stars: Buerhle, Garland, Konerko; Podsednik was voted in by fans before July 6th deadline.
- P **Mark Buehrle** made the front of Wheaties cereal box.

Season:

4/4: **Beat Cleveland** 1-0 (Buehrle 8IP, 2 hits/Takatsu). Konerko scored on error in 2nd.
4/7: **Lost to Cleveland** 11-5 in 12 (Vizcaino for Contreras). Sox led 5-3 with 2 out in 9th, Takatsu allowed 3 HRs.
4/9: **Beat Minnesota** 8-5 (Garland/Takatsu). Konerko, Perez, and Everett (3RBIs) homered for Sox.
4/11: **Beat Cleveland** 2-1 (Garcia 8IP, 4 hits/Takatsu). Everett and Podsednik (2-4) each drove in a run.
4/16: **Beat Seattle** 2-1 (Buehrle 12K CG 3-hitter). Konerko homered twice. Ichiro Suzuki had all 3 Mariner hits. Game took 1:39.
4/18: **Beat Minnesota** 5-4 (Vizcaino/Takatsu for Contreras). Everett homered twice; Crede hit 2-run HR.
4/20: **Beat Detroit** 9-1 (Garland 8IP). Dye homered and drove in 4; Crede hit 3-run HR. Podsednik (3-5/2 SB).
4/25: **Beat Oakland** 6-0 (Garland CG 4-hitter). Everett hit 2-run 2B; Widger added a 2-run HR.

Jon Garland AL Player of the Week
Garland April AL Pitcher of the Month (4-0, 1.80)

5/1: **Beat Detroit** 8-0 (Garland CG 4-hitter). Perez (HR) and Everett each drove in 3.
5/5: **Beat Kansas City** 2-1 (Contreras/Takatsu). Sox collected only 2 hits and scored on 4 walks and a hit batter.
5/7: **Beat Toronto** 10-7 (Garland). Konerko homered twice and drove in 5. Uribe, Iguchi, and Rowand also homered.
5/14: **Lost to Baltimore** 9-6 (Garcia) Sox lost 5-2 lead. Podsednik stole 4 bases. Orioles' 15 hits included 7 2Bs and 2 HRs.

- 5/18: **Beat Texas** 7-0 (Buehrle 7 1/3 IP). Konerko and Pierzynski homered.
- 5/20: **Beat Cubs** 5-1 (Garcia 7IP). Crede and Dye homered; Pierzynski (3-4) drove in a run.
- 5/24: **Beat LA Angels** 2-1 in 11 (Marte for Buehrle 9IP 4 hits). Crede scored game-winning run on Iguchi's 2B.
- 5/30: **Beat LA Angels** 5-4 (Politte for Buehrle). Perez hit crucial 2-out, 2-run 1B in 9th for win.
- 6/4: **Beat Cleveland** 6-5 (Garland/Hermanson). Crede hit 2-run HR, Rowand hit 2-run 2B; Pierzynski drove in 2.
- 6/8: **Beat Colorado** 15-5 (Hernandez). Crede (2-run) & Thomas homered. Sox scored 3 in 1st, 6 in 8th, and 4 more in 9th.
- 6/12: **Beat San Diego** 8-5 in 10 (Politte for Garcia). Rowand hit game-winning 3-run HR off RP **Trevor Hoffman**.
- 6/17: **Beat LA Dodgers** 6-0 (Buehrle CG 8-hitter). Thomas hit 2-run HR. Dye also homered. Sox swept 3G series.
- 6/20: **Beat Kansas City** 11-8 (Cotts/Hermanson for McCarthy). Konerko hit 3-run HR; Thomas and Dye hit solo shots.
- 6/24: **Beat Cubs** 12-2 (Garcia). Rowand 3-4. Thomas HR in 1st, Pierzynski hit 2-run HR; Crede later added a 3-run HR.
- 6/26: **Lost to Cubs and Mark Prior** 2-0 (Garland). Sox totaled 1 hit – single by Ozuna.
- 6/28: **Beat Detroit** 2-1 (Buehrle/Hermanson). Dye hit 6th inning HR; 9th straight win for Buehrle.
Buehrle AL Pitcher of Month (4-0, 0.96)
- 7/3: **Lost to Oakland** 7-2 (Buehrle) A's scored 4 runs in the 6th and 3 more in the 7th.
- 7/4: **Beat Tampa Bay** 10-8 (Vizcaino for McCarthy). Dye (6 RBIs) hit grand slam in 1st; Uribe also homered.
- 7/6: **Beat Tampa Bay** 7-2 (Contreras). Sox totaled 12 hits. Thomas hit 3-run HR.
- 7/17: **Beat Cleveland** 4-0 (Garland). Iguchi and Pierzynski (2-run) homered. *First 4-game sweep in Cleveland since 1963.*
- 7/18: **Beat Detroit** 7-5 (Vizcaino & Politte for Hernandez). Tigers led 4-1 in 7th before Konerko, Crede (3-run) and Uribe homered.
- 7/22: **Beat Boston** 8-4 (Garland). Rowand (2-3) homered. Uribe and Pierzynski each hit a 3-run HRs in the 6th.
- 7/25: **Beat Kansas City** 14-6 (Garcia). Six Sox had 3 hits/each: Podsednik, Rowand, Dye, Harris, Pierzynski (HR) & Uribe (HR).
- 7/30: **Beat Baltimore** 9-6 (Cotts/Hermanson for Contreras). Crede, Pierzynski and Dye each hit homers.
- 8/4: **Beat Toronto** 6-5 (Vizcaino/Hermanson for Contreras). Rowand hit 3-run HR in 1st; Iguchi hit crucial HR in 8th.
- 8/9: **Beat NY Yankees** 2-1 (Contreras/Hermanson). Iguchi & Konerko homered for Sox. Rowand made 2 great catches.
- 8/10: **Beat NY Yankees & Mariano Rivera** 2-1 in 10 (Cotts & Hermanson for Garcia). Garcia 8IP, 0 ER.
 Everett and Uribe scored on ground outs. CF Rowand was stellar in outfield throughout series.
- 8/20: **Lost to New York** 5-0 (Hernandez). Livan Hernandez (2 errors) had not committed an error since 8/17/99.
- 8/21: **Beat NY Yankees and Randy Johnson** 6-3 (Contreras). Sox hit 4 home runs in the 4th inning.
 Iguchi, Rowand and Konerko hit consecutive HRs. After Dye and Uribe got on base, Widger hit a 3-run HR.
- 8/23: **Lost to Minnesota and Santana** 1-0 (Garcia CG). Garcia took a no-hitter into the 8th. Sox lost on Jacque Jones' HR.
- 8/26: **Beat Seattle** 5-3 in 12 (Vizcaino & Hermanson for Hernandez) on Iguchi's 2-run HR. Anderson homered twice.
 Sox faced 19 y/o rookie **Felix Hernandez**.
- 8/30: **Split DH vs. Texas. G1:** Lost 8-6 (Garland). Sox' errors led to 3 unearned runs.
G2: Won Texas 8-0 (McCarthy). Dye 3-4/2 HR 6 RBI.
- 9/1: **Beat Detroit** 12-3 (Contreras). Sox scored 6 runs in the 8th. Pierzynski (3-3), Dye (2-4) and Everett homered.
- 9/4: **Beat Detroit** 2-0 (Garland CG 4-hitter). Konerko homered. Iguchi singled in the Sox' other run.
- 9/5: **Beat Boston** 5-3 (McCarthy 7IP, 0ER). Makeup of 8/14 rainout, Konerko, and Uribe (3-4/2B) homered.
- 9/7: **Beat Kansas City** 1-0 (Contreras/ Hermanson). Run came in the 2nd on Konerko's HR.
- 9/9: **Lost to LA Angels** 6-5 in 12 (Hermanson for Buehrle). OF **Vladimir Guerrero** scored winning run from 2nd on a sac bunt.
- 9/15: **Lost to Kansas City** 7-5 (Buehrle). Royals hit 8 doubles. Dye (2-4) doubled and homered.
- 9/21: **Lost to Cleveland** 8-0 (Garland). Sox behind 2-0 into 8th inning. Indians' **Travis Hafner** homered twice and drove in 5.
- 9/23: **Beat Minnesota** 3-1 (Contreras' 1st ML CG, 6-hitter). Dye hit 3-run HR in the 1st.
- 9/25: **Beat Minnesota** 4-1 (Buehrle CG 4-hitter). **Sox clinched the division.** Konerko hit 2-run HR, Game took 1:53.
- 9/28: **Beat Detroit** 8-2 (Contreras 8IP). Uribe (2-4) and Rowand each hit 3-run HRs. Podsednik (4-6) stole 2 bases.
- 9/30: **Beat Cleveland** 3-2 in 13 (Politte/Jenks for Buehrle) on Gload's 2-run 2B in the 13th.
Contreras AL Pitcher of the Month (September): 6-0 1.99
- 10/1: **Beat Cleveland** 4-3 (Garland/Jenks). Iguchi hit 2-out, 3-run HR in the Sox' 4-run 7th.

All-Star Game: AL beat NL 7-5. Buehrle (winning pitcher; started, 2 IP, 3Ks, 0 ER); Garland (1 IP, 0 ER). Konerko (0-1); Podsednik did not play.

League:

- MLB discussed **possible use of instant replay** to improve accuracy.
- Anaheim changed name to **Los Angeles Angels at Anaheim**.

MLB & Steroids:

- Retired OF **Jose Canseco** introduced his book "*Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big.*" Canseco alleged other stars such as Rafael Palmeiro, Ivan Rodriguez, Jose Gonzalez, and Mark McGwire also took steroids.
- **MLB instituted drug testing policy.** Tests were to be conducted randomly. Policy did not include checking for HGH and amphetamines. First offense: Player given a 10-day suspension; 4th: a 1-year suspension; 5th: was decided by Commissioner.

Commissioner Selig's "**Three Strikes You're Out**" recommendation was accepted in November.

First offense: 50G suspension for 1st offense; 2nd: 100 game suspension; 3rd: *lifetime banishment*.

Amphetamine testing was also added

Current and former ML stars Frank Thomas, Sammy Sosa, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire, and Jose Canseco joined Commissioner Bud Selig when called to testify **to a congressional panel on steroids**.

Palmeiro's firm testimony before the panel came back to haunt him when he later tested positive for the steroid **Stanozolol**.

Palmeiro was suspended 10 days but was never prosecuted for perjury. Baltimore Orioles later dismissed Palmeiro from the team before he returned from injury rehab, believing his return for steroid use would cause a distraction.

BALCO founder **Victor Conte** was sentenced to 4 months in jail for distribution of steroids & money laundering.

Leaked grand jury testimony indicated that Yankees 1B Jason Giambi and SF Giants OF Barry Bonds admitted they used HGH (human growth hormone) – contradicting their earlier comments. NY Yankees OF Gary Sheffield was also implicated.

Eleven ML players tested positive for steroids – more than half were from the AL.

Players included Orioles' **Rafael Palmeiro**, P Juan Rincon (Min), P Rafael Betancourt (Cleveland), P Ryan Franklin and SS Michael Morse (Seattle).

- MLB donated \$1M for **Indonesia tsunami** relief.
- MLB and Players Association contributed significantly to relief funds following **Hurricane Katrina**; Yankees alone donated \$1M.
- Name change: Toronto's Skydome to **Rogers Centre**.
- Two long-time broadcasters passed away: Orioles broadcaster **Chuck Thompson** (March), and Oakland's **Bill Kling** (October).
- Highest paid player continued to be Alex Rodriguez at \$25.7M. High/low: NY Yankee (\$207.2M); Boston 2nd (\$116.7M); lowest: Tampa Bay 26.6M.

Suspensions: LA Angel RP **Brendan Donnelly** (10G) for having pine tar in glove; Texas P **Kenny Rogers** (13G) and fined \$50K for attacking 2 cameramen before Rangers game against Angels; Boston P **David Wells** (6G) for making physical contact with umpires during an argument.

- "Manny being Manny." Boston OF **Manny Ramirez** displayed erratic behavior including taking a personal day off in July.
- Kansas City Royals coach Buddy Bell's nephew, **Lance Corporal Michael Bell, Jr.**, was killed in Iraq.

4/26: **NY Yankees** beat Anaheim 12-4 (Carl Pavano). Yankees 3B **Alex Rodriguez** 4-5/3HR and 10 RBIs.

5/1: **Minnesota** lost to LA Angels 2-1 (Bartolo Colon), ending P **Johan Santana's** streak of 17 straight wins.

5/15: **Boston** lost to Seattle 5-4 (Gil Meche). **Manny Ramirez** hit his 400th career HR.

5/21: **Texas** beat Houston 18-3 (Chris Young) on 8 HRs, including 4 in an 8-run 2nd inning.

6/14: **Seattle** beat Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 (Gil Meche). In only his 696th game, **Ichiro Suzuki** (2 HRs) became the 3rd fastest ML player to reach 1,000 hits (others: Chuck Klein & Lloyd Waner).

6/21: **NY Yankees** beat Tampa Bay 20-11 (Buddy Groom), overcoming a 10-2 deficit.

7/15: **Baltimore** beat Seattle 6-3 (Rodrigo Lopez). Orioles' **Rafael Palmeiro** collected his 3,000th career hit (2B). Palmeiro became the 1st left-hander to achieve 3,000/500 HRs & 500 2B.

8/9: **Kansas City** lost to Cleveland 13-7 (Scott Sauerbeck). Indians scored 11 runs in the 9th - final 7 coming with 2 out.

- **Texas** clubbed ML record 260 HRs (1997 Seattle 264). Seven Rangers hit 21+ home runs - tying AL record held by Baltimore 1996, and Toronto 2000.
- Boston OF **Johnny Damon** hit safely in 29 straight games.

- NY Yankees' **Alex Rodriguez**' 48 HR was AL record for 3B.
- LA Angels P **Bartolo Colon** – 1st Angels pitcher to win 20+ games since 1974 (Nolan Ryan).
- Minnesota P **Carlos Silva** walked only 9 batters in 188.1 innings (0.43/9IP).
- Texas P **Kenny Rogers** pitched 31 consecutive scoreless innings.
- Kansas City P **Jose Lima** had dubious distinction of having pitched 150+ innings (168.2) with an ERA above 6.00 in both leagues. Lima's 6.99 ERA in 2005 was 4th highest since 1900.

Changes: OF Steve Finley (Anaheim), OF Richard Hidalgo (Tex), P David Wells (Boston), P Pedro Martinez (NY Mets); 1B Richie Sexson and LA 3B Adrian Beltre (Sea), P Mark Mulder (St L); P Carl Pavano and P Randy Johnson (NY Yankees), and OF Carlos Delgado (Florida)

Streaks: **NY Yankees** began 11-19 then later won 10 in a row.
 Oakland was 27-39 on June 17th then went 61-25 remainder of the season.
 Cleveland was 15 games out on 8/1 but closed to within 1 ½ games near season's end.
 Baltimore began 30-16 before their slide.
Kansas City lost 19 straight; **Tampa Bay** lost 10 in a row

Rookie Class: OF Nick Swisher, pitchers Scott Kasmir, Chien-Ming Wang, "King" Felix Hernandez, and IF Robinson Cano.

Last Year: Jon Olerud, Bret Boone, P Wilson Alvarez, C Dan Wilson, P Al Leiter, and P Kevin Brown.
 DH/OF Sammy Sosa took a year off prior to signing with Texas Rangers in 2007

#1 Draft Pick: SS Justin Upton (AZ)

Clemente Award: P John Smoltz, Atlanta

Comeback: 1B Jason Giambi, NY Yankees

Exec./Year: Mark Shapiro, Cleveland

Mgr./Year: Ozzie Guillen, Chicago

Exec/Year: Mark Shapiro, Cleveland

Rookie/Year: RP Huston Street, Oakland (5-1, 23 saves, 1.72 ERA).

CY Young: P Bartolo Colon, LA Angels

MVP: 3B Alex Rodriguez, NY Yankees

Hall of Fame: Writer Tracy Ringolsby, broadcaster Jerry Coleman (Ford Frick), former players Ryne Sandberg and Wade Boggs.

Playoffs:

AL Division Series: vs. Boston. First post-season series win since 1917 for the White Sox (88 years).
 Boston won the season series (4-3) and were 3-2 Series favorites.
 Red Sox led the American League in runs (910); White Sox were 13th with 741.
 Filling out the Series roster, Ozzie Guillen chose P Orlando Hernandez over Brandon McCarthy.

10/4: At home

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Boston	2	9	0	Matt Clement
White Sox	14	11	1	Jose Contreras (7 2/3IP)

Sox scored 5 runs in 1st and slugged record 5 HRs in game. Pierzynski 3-3/2 HR, 2B, 4 RBI and 4 runs scored; Konerko HR/2 RBI, Uribe 2-4/HR & 3 RBI, and Podsednik 2-3/3-run HR and SB.

10/5: At home

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Boston	4	9	1	David Wells
White Sox	5	9	0	Mark Buehrle/Bobby Jenks

Behind 4-0 after 4, White Sox scored 5 runs – Rowand RBI 2B, Crede RBI 1B, and 3 on Iguchi HR.
 Former 2B Tony Graffanino made crucial error. Iguchi & Everett 2-4; Red Sox' Manny Ramirez hit 2-run 1B in 1st.

10/7: Away

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Boston	3	7	1	Tim Wakefield
White Sox	5	8	0	Garcia 5IP/Jenks

Crucial 6th inning: Sox led 4-3, but Boston filled the bases, and none were out. Guillen called on RP Orlando Hernandez. Hernandez relieved Damaso Marte and got Red Sox to pop out twice and Johnny Damon to strike out. Sox scored 2 in 3rd on Podsednik RBI 2B and Iguchi RBI 1B. Konerko's 2-run HR in 6th gave Sox lead for good. Rowand: 2-4/2B. Uribe's suicide squeeze in 9th gave Sox final run.

Red Sox' Manny Ramirez homered twice; David Ortiz also homered.

Chicago	BA	Hits/AB		Boston	BA	Hits/AB	
AJ Pierzynski	.444	4- 9	2 HRs	David Ortiz	.333	4-12	1 HR
Juan Uribe	.400	4-10	1 HR	Manny Ramirez	.300	3-10	2 HRs
Aaron Rowand	.400	4-10		Jason Varitek	.300	3-10	
Scott Podsednik	.273	3-11	1 HR	John Olerud	.286	2- 7	
Carl Everett	.273	3-11		Trot Nixon	.273	3-11	
Paul Konerko	.250	3-12	2 HRs	Tony Graffanino	.250	3-12	
Jermaine Dye	.200	2-10	1 HR	Johnny Damon	.231	3-13	
Joe Crede	.111	1- 9		Edgar Renteria	.231	3-13	
Club:	.289		7 HRs	Club:	.240		3 HRs
Jose Contreras	7.2	1-0	2.35	David Wells	6.2	0-1	2.70
Mark Buehrle	7.0	1-0	5.14	Tim Wakefield	5.1	0-1	6.25
Freddie Garcia	5.0	1-0	5.40	Matt Clement	3.1	0-1	21.60
Bobby Jenks	3.0		0.00 2S				
Orl. Hernandez	3.0		0.00				
ERA:			3.00				5.00

ALCS: vs. LA Angels at Anaheim:

LA Angels won the season series 6-4. White Sox struggled in LA – going 5-15 at Anaheim since 2001.

Angels were without star pitcher Bartolo Colon (shoulder injury).

Sox kept Damaso Marte on the squad, again not opting for Brandon McCarthy.

Sox pitching staff completed 4 straight games – 1st time in post-season since Mets in the 1973 NLCS (3 games).

ALCS MVP: Paul Konerko (2 HRs, 7 RBIs).

10/11: Home	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of record
LA Angels	3	7	0	Paul Byrd
White Sox	2	7	1	Jose Contreras (8 1/3 IP)

Angels' Garrett Anderson homered in 2nd, and LA added more 2 runs in 3rd. Sox scored on Crede's 3rd inning HR and Pierzynski RBI 1B in the 4th. Angels stole 2 bases; Sox were caught stealing twice.

10/12: Home	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of record
LA Angels	1	5	3	Kelvim Escobar
White Sox	2	7	1	Mark Buerhle CG

Crede's game-winning 2B scored pinch runner Pablo Ozuna in wild 9th. Inning included controversy: With 2 outs and on a full count, AJ Pierzynski swung and missed for strike three. Umpire indicated third strike but did not call Pierzynski out – believing the ball had landed in the dirt. Since he was not tagged out, Pierzynski ran safely to 1st base as the Angels began leaving the field. Given new life, Sox inserted pinch runner Pablo Ozuna for Pierzynski. Ozuna stole 2nd, then scored on Crede's 2B.

10/14: Away	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of record
LA Angels	2	4	0	John Lackey
White Sox	5	11	0	John Garland CG

Garland, pitching on 12 days' rest, got final 10 Angels out. Konerko (3-4) hit 1st inning HR with Dye aboard.

Other Sox stars: Iguchi (2-4/2B & 2 Runs), Dye: 1-2/2B, 2 Walks, and Run; Podsednik: 2-5/Run. Garland: 4-hitter, 7Ks.

10/15: Away	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of record
LA Angels	2	6	1	Ervin Santana
White Sox	8	8	1	Garcia CG

Konerko hit another 1st inning HR (3-run). Everett (2-3) drove in 2 runs; Pierzynski added a 4th inning HR.

More controversy – Pierzynski was not called for catcher's interference when Steve Finley's bat hit his glove.

Finley then bounced into a double play. Garcia: 6-hitter, 5Ks.

10/15: Away	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of record
LA Angels	3	5	2	Escobar
White Sox	6	8	1	Contreras

Sox led 1-0 on Crede sacrifice fly in 2nd, re-gained lead on Dye RBI 2B in 5th. Crede's 7th inning HR tied game at 3. Sox surged ahead for good in 8th on Crede's infield 1B. Contreras (114 pitches) retired last 15 batters. Game included yet another moment of controversy involving Pierzynski – Angel RP Escobar fielded Pierzynski's grounder but tagged him without the ball. Pierzynski was originally called out. Decision was soon reversed.

Chicago				Los Angeles			
	BA	Hits/AB			BA	Hits/AB	
Joe Crede	.368	7-19	2 HRs	Adam Kennedy	.286	4-14	
Scott Podsednik	.294	5-17	3 SBs	Darin Erstad	.235	4-17	
Paul Konerko	.286	6-21	2 HRs	Steve Finley	.222	2- 9	
Jermaine Dye	.263	5-19	2 2Bs	Orlando Cabrera	.200	4-20	
Carl Everett	.250	5-20		Garret Anderson	.176	3-17	
Jose Uribe	.250	4-16		Bengie Molina	.118	2-17	
Tadahito Iguchi	.176	3-17		Chone Figgins	.118	2-17	
AJ Pierzynski	.167	3-18	1 HR	Juan Rivera	.111	1-10	
Aaron Rowand	.167	3-18	2 2Bs	Vladimir Guerrero	.050	1-19	
Club:	.248			Club:	.175		
Mark Buehrle	9	1-0	1.00	Kelvim Escobar	4.1	0-2	2.08
Jon Garland	9	1-0	2.00	Paul Byrd	10.2	1-0	3.38
Freddie Garcia	9	1-0	2.00	John Lackey	5.0	0-1	9.00
Jose Contreras	17	1-1	3.12	Ervin Santana	4.1	0-1	10.38
Neal Cotts	0.2		0.00	Scott Shields	6.0		0.00
Club:			2.20	Club:			3.53

World Series vs. Houston Astros:

Sox faced a franchise that had never made it to the World Series. Houston was first known as the Colt 45s in 1962. Prior to facing the Sox, the Astros beat St. Louis Cardinals in 6 games; the Cards owned ML's best record for 2005. Fox Network employed Diamond Cams: on-field, pencil-sized cameras a few feet in front of home plate, the pitcher's mound, and 1B. Shares: \$324,533/\$191,985

10/22: At home	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Houston	3	7	1	Wandy Rodriguez
White Sox	5	10	0	Contreras 7IP/Jenks

Astros' starter Roger Clemens (2 IP, 3ER) left game with a hamstring injury. Dye homered in the 1st, Uribe hit RBI 2B in the 2nd. Houston's Mike Lamb homered in the 2nd and Lance Berkman drove in 2 in the 3rd. Crede's 4th inning HR gave Sox lead for good. Neal Cotts relieved Contreras in 8th with runners on 1st and 3rd and 0 out. Cotts struck out 2 and Bobby Jenks got Jeff Bagwell to strike out to end the threat. Podsednik's RBI triple in 8th finished the scoring.

Defensively, 3B Crede came up with stellar plays in both the 6th and 7th innings preventing the tying run from scoring. Konerko and Podsednik (3B) each had 2 hits. Willy Taveras and Lance Berkman had 2 hits/each for Houston.

10/23: At home	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Houston	6	9	0	Brad Lidge for Andy Pettitte
White Sox	7	12	0	Neal Cotts for Buehrle (7 IP, 7 hits, 4 runs)

Under rainy conditions, Sox won on dramatic one-out, 9th inning HR by Scott Podsednik off RP Brad Lidge. Sox took 6-4 lead in 7th on Paul Konerko's grand slam. Earlier in the inning, Jermaine Dye was awarded 1st base when the umpire ruled that he was hit by a pitch. The pitch was close to his body, but actually grazed his bat for a foul. Astros tied game in top of 9th off RP Bobby Jenks on Jose Vizcaino's 2-out pinch single.

Astros stars: Morgan Ensberg (HR), Brad Ausmus (2-4), Lance Berkman (3 RBIs), and Willy Taveras (2 runs). Sox' Carl Everett, Aaron Rowand, and Jose Uribe (2 2B) each went 2-4.

10/25: Away	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Houston	5	8	1	Ezequiel Astacio for Roy Oswalt
White Sox	7	14	3	Damaso Marte/Buehrle for Jon Garland

Was longest game in World Series history (5:41), Sox won in 14th on Geoff Blum's PH HR, and a bases-loaded walk to Chris Widger that scored Aaron Rowand. Buehrle pitched to 1 batter for save. Sox were behind 4-0 after 4 when they scored 5 runs off Houston ace Roy Oswalt. Crede started the rally with a HR. Iguchi and Dye then added RBI singles, and each scored on a Pierzynski 2B. Astros tied game in bottom of 8th on Jason Lane's RBI 2B. RP Livan Hernandez got out of a bases-loaded, 1 out jam in the bottom of the 9th.

Astros' Craig Biggio, Lance Berkman and Jason Lane (HR, 2B) each had 2 hits. Sox' Podsednik, Iguchi, Dye and Crede also had 2 hits/each. Both clubs stranded 15 runners.

Other records broken included number of players used (43) and pitchers (17; Sox used 9).

10/26: Away

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Houston	0	5	0	Brad Lidge for Brandon Backe
White Sox	1	8	0	Freddie Garcia (7IP 4 hits)/Bobby Jenks

Sox won championship on great pitching, defense (Uribe and Podsednik), and small-ball: Willie Harris led off the 8th with a single, was sacrificed to 2nd by Podsednik, and scored on Jermaine Dye's RBI 1B off Brad Lidge. Dye: 3-4/2B RBI 1B). Crede and Pierzynski each hit 2B.

Bobby Jenks became 1st rookie to save deciding game of World Series.

White Sox	Ave	AB	Runs	Hits		Houston Astros	Ave	AB	Runs	Hits
Carl Everett	.444	9	1	4		Lance Berkman	.385	13	0	5
Jermaine Dye	.438	16	3	7	1 HR	Willy Taveras	.333	15	2	5
Joe Crede	.294	17	2	5	2 HRs	Brad Ausmus	.250	16	1	4
Aaron Rowand	.294	17	2	5		Craig Biggio	.222	18	3	4
Scott Podsednik	.286	21	2	6	1 HR	Jason Lane	.222	18	1	4
AJ Pierzynski	.267	15	3	4		Mike Lamb	.200	10	1	2
Paul Konerko	.250	16	1	4	1 HR	Jeff Bagwell	.125	8	1	1
Jose Uribe	.250	16	2	4	3 2Bs	Morgan Ensberg	.111	18	2	2
Tadahito Iguchi	.167	18	2	3		Adam Everett	.067	15	1	1
Harris, Blum	1.000	1	1	1	1 HR					
Club	.286					Club	.203			

Freddie Garcia	7.0	1-0	0.00		Brandon Backe	7.0	0-0	0.00
Damaso Marte	1.2	1-0	0.00		Mike Gallo	1.0		0.00
Neal Cotts	1.1	1-0	0.00		Chad Qualls	5.1		1.69
O. Hernandez	1.0		0.00	4 BB	W Rodriguez	3.2	0-1	2.45
Luis Vizcaino	1.0		0.00		Andy Pettitte	6.0		3.00
D. Hermanson	0.1		0.00		Russ Springer	2.0		4.50
Jon Garland	7.0		2.57		Brad Lidge	3.2	0-2	4.91
Bobby Jenks	5.0		3.60	2 Saves	Ray Oswalt	6.0		7.50
Jose Contreras	7.0	1-0	3.86		Dan Wheeler	2.0		13.50
Cliff Politte	2.1		3.86		Roger Clemens	2.0		13.50
Mark Buerhle	7.1		4.91	1 Save	Ezequiel Astacio	0.2	0-1	27.00
Club			2.63		Club			4.58

World Series MVP: Jermaine Dye