

# Sports

## Mets blast Sox to end slump

New York cuts series to 2-1

BOSTON (AP) — Bob Ojeda pitched New York to victory over his former teammates, and Len Dykstra ignited the Mets offense as they averted almost certain elimination by beating the Boston Red Sox 7-1 in Game 3 of the World Series.

Down 2-0 after losing the first two games at New York 1-0 and 9-3, the Mets scored four runs in the first inning off Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd. Dykstra led off the game with a homer, and the Red Sox botched a crucial rundown play as the Mets had their biggest inning of the Series.

Dykstra had four hits, and Gary Carter had three RBI with two hits as the Mets unloaded 13 hits, one more than their total for the first two games.

The victory sent the Mets into Game 4 Wednesday night with Ron Darling, 15-6, their Game 1 loser pitching on three days' rest against Al Nipper, 10-12, who has yet to throw a pitch in postseason. Darling allowed three hits and one run over seven innings to lose Game 1.

Ojeda, who won 18 games after he was traded to the Mets from Boston last December, allowed five hits in the seven innings he pitched. He allowed only a third-inning run in becoming the first left-hander to beat Boston at Fenway Park in a World Series game since Hippo Vaughn of the Chicago Cubs in 1918.

Ojeda, 20-17 lifetime in Fenway Park, walked three and struck out six. In the second and sixth innings, Ojeda got former batterymate Rich Gedman on called third strikes for the third out with a runner at second base.

After the first inning, the emotional Boyd got his delicate act back together, retiring 11 in a row at one point, but the bulk of

the damage already had been done. Boyd, who won 16 games this season, allowed six runs on nine hits over seven innings before he was relieved by Joe Sambito.

Sambito gave up a run-scoring double by Ray Knight in the eighth.

Only one team, the 1985 Kansas City Royals, has ever lost the first two games at home and won the Series. No team ever has lost the first three games and recovered.

New York also scored a pair of runs in the seventh off Boyd on Carter's bases-loaded, two-out single.

The Mets, who sent nine men to the plate in the first inning against Boyd, were aided in their effort when the Red Sox botched a rundown play on Keith Hernandez between home and third.

Dykstra led off with a homer down the right-field line on a 1-1 pitch from Boyd, who had given up three homers in the playoffs.

Wally Backman followed with a single and went to third on a single by Hernandez. Carter hit a double that rolled to the wall in left-center, scoring Backman and sending Hernandez to third.

Darryl Strawberry struck out, and that brought up Knight, whose bouncer to third started the bizarre rundown.

Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs fielded Knight's grounder and threw home as Hernandez broke for the plate. When Hernandez retreated toward third, catcher Rich Gedman threw back to Boggs.

But Boggs had wandered too far from third base and had to turn and throw to shortstop Spike Owen, who was covering the base. Hernandez slid in ahead of the throw to Owen.

## Ag volleyballers can't overlook Owls

By Doug Hall  
Sports Writer

As the 18th-ranked Texas A&M women's volleyball team enters tonight's 7:30 p.m. match against Rice in G. Rollie White Coliseum, head coach Al Givens is trying to keep his 17-5 team from looking past the Owls to its other conference matches.

"Rice is capable of being a very scrappy team," Givens said. "We can't afford to look past them to anyone else."

But after last week's disappointing loss to Texas, Givens said the team's goal is to reach Austin on Nov. 20 with an 8-1 Southwest Conference record and a chance to tie the Longhorns for the conference title.

First however, the Aggies, 4-1 in the SWC, must dispose of the 13-11 Owls, a team that Givens said has improved greatly since last year's 0-10 SWC record.

"Rice is only 1-2 in conference, but they beat Houston and took Texas to four games and then lost to Texas Tech," he said. "They had some early-season injuries that made them look worse than they are."

A key figure in the Aggies' bid to wrest the SWC title from the Longhorns is middle blocker Kelli Kellen, a redshirt freshman from Conroe, who has played in all but two of the Aggies' 81 games this season.

"Kelli improves every time she hits the court," Givens said. "She's the kind of player you build championships around."

"Being a redshirt, she has responded really well to the amount of time she's seen this year. She kind of got thrown in to the fire. Every game she gains consistency."

The 6-foot-2 Kellen, who leads the team in solo blocks, also has been happy with her court time.

"I was surprised at first," Kellen said. "I didn't expect to start right off with the team we had. But I've been very pleased."

Kellen said she and former A&M coach Terry Condon agreed that with last year's strength at middle blocker, it would be better for her to redshirt last season.

"We already had three strong middle blockers and it really wasn't necessary for me to play," she said.



A&M middle blocker Kelli Kellen (14) goes up for the spike. The No. 18 Aggies hope to go up to

5-1 in SWC play when they take on the Rice Owls tonight at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

"I'd hoped to get a lot of work in the spring, but it didn't quite work out (due to Condon's departure for UCLA) because we didn't have a

coach."

The positive-minded Kellen also called the Owls a scrappy team, but said the Aggies should be able to dis-

pose of them in three games.

"We hope to get some good statistics out of the match," she said.

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