

YANKEES WATCH



CHANGING THEIR SOX — Not even a spot atop the American League East can soothe the bruised pride the Yankees have suffered as a result of a winless streak against the Red Sox so far this season.

The Yankees, who begin their three-game series against the Red Sox at Fenway Park tonight, are 0-5 against their hated rivals, after being swept in a three-game series at Fenway in April, then suffering back-to-back losses at Yankee Stadium less than two weeks later. Dating to a loss last season, the Yankees have a six-game losing streak against the Red Sox.

"Obviously, it's huge," **A.J. Burnett** said. "We owe them a couple."

Although Burnett has historically had success against the Red Sox — he is 5-0 with a 3.52 ERA — he'll be looking for some redemption on the mound tonight to avenge his last start against Boston, a disastrous outing in which he gave up eight runs in five innings to cough up a 6-0 lead.

"I haven't forgotten it," Burnett said. "It did leave a bad taste in my mouth, but I'm not going to go back and watch the video or stew over it."

The Yankees will certainly be in attack mode, while trying to restore some competitiveness into a rivalry that, this season, has been completely lopsided.

Despite a much improved and healthier Yankees team, **Johnny Damon** expects a heated battle between the top two teams in the division.

"They're great top to bottom. They play good defense, they're pitching well and they're young," Damon said. "They do all the right things. We know they're going to be tough and be tough all year long."

One difference will be the presence of **Alex Rodriguez**, who was out while coming back from hip surgery during the past two series against the Red Sox. Going into Monday, Rodriguez had eight home runs and 23 RBIs since being activated from the disabled list.

UP NEXT — Tonight at Boston, 7:10 (Ch. 9, 59). **A.J. Burnett** (4-2) vs. **Josh Beckett** (6-2).

— NEWSDAY

Magic searching for more scoring

By **Jonathan Feigen**
HEARST NEWSPAPERS

ORLANDO, Fla. — It can no longer be said that the Orlando Magic live and die by the 3-point-er.

LAKERS AT MAGIC
Tonight, 9 (Ch. 7, 8)
LINE: Magic by 4

Their NBA Finals chances might have died Sunday with a missed layup.

As Courtney Lee's alley-oop layup danced on the rim and off, careening from a Magic moment to a Nick Anderson reprise, it became clear why, if Dwight Howard is not bending rims, Orlando prefers to get its offense 24 feet from the basket.

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy, despite his occasional high-pitched, high-volume moments, is not nuts. And the effort to win an NBA championship with 6-foot-10 guys flinging 3-pointers is not his "system" or "philosophy."

If Van Gundy had a choice, the Magic probably would not build their offense from inside to way, way out. But Rashard Lewis and Hedo

Turkoglu key the scoring, as was particularly evident in Orlando's offensive revival Sunday.

As a small forward forced to play power forward, Lewis has an advantage at the arc. Though Turkoglu's game has become more well-rounded, shooting 3s remains his specialty.

The Magic do what they do best and might have to rely on it more than ever with the series shifting here and the Los Angeles Lakers, up 2-0, increasingly determined to swarm Howard and cut off the lane.

"I've heard all that, the criticism (about) the way we play," Van Gundy said. "I'm very confident that the way we play and the shots we try to create are best for our team."

The Magic would like Howard to get more than the eight shots he has averaged in the first two games of the series. But the Lakers have sent double-team help at Howard's first hint of a move, backing off only when Lewis and Turkoglu begin to roll.

Former owner Boe dies

By **Michael Fornabaio**
STAFF WRITER

Roy Boe, the man who brought the Bridgeport Sound Tigers to town in 2001, died Sunday at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. He was 79.

Boe, a Fairfield resident, obtained an AHL franchise for Bridgeport in 2000, and the Sound Tigers began play in 2001-02 with him as the first team president. The team went to the Calder Cup Final in that first season. Boe sold the team in 2004.

"Even when he wasn't involved, he was always checking the scores to see how they were doing," said his

son, Todd Boe, who served as the Sound Tigers' executive vice president when Roy Boe ran the team. "This spring, he saw the Clear Day roster, and he said they were going to win the Calder Cup this year."

Boe is best known as the first owner of the New York Islanders and as an early owner of the ABA's New York Nets, later the New Jersey Nets.

He helped coordinate the ABA-NBA merger in 1976, but the financial fallout forced him to sell Julius Erving to Philadelphia. He was gone from both teams soon after.

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