

BLUE JAYS TOP WHITE SOX RETURN TO WORLD SERIES

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Tuesday night, at Comiskey Park, the Toronto Blue Jays topped the Chicago White Sox 6-3 to capture the American League Championship Series and advance to the World Series.

Behind a strong pitching performance of ALCS Most Valuable Player Dave Stewart, Toronto was able to capture the best-of-seven series, 4-2, and will now have a chance to become the first team since the New York Yankees to win consecutive World Series titles. The Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1977 and '78 behind the slugging expertise of "Mr. October" Reggie Jackson.

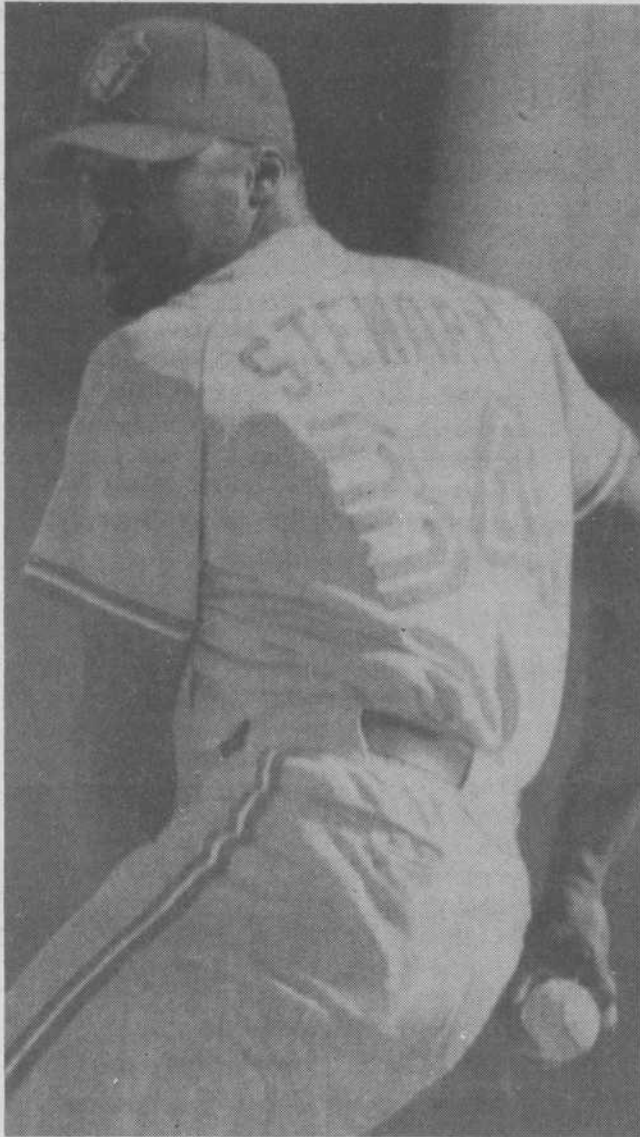
"...I can share this with everyone," said Stewart, of his MVP trophy. "(Head Coach) Cito (Gaston) had a plan, and things worked out. I just feel fortunate enough to be in this situation."

The Blue Jays filled in the gaps, left by key players in their 1992 campaign such as: Dave Winfield and David Cone, with an Oakland connection in: Rickey Henderson and Stewart. Gaston acknowledged that following the Jays' victory.

"We lost a lot of players, that played a big role last year. We have been real lucky picking up some good baseball players.

I thought it'd be a pretty even matchup. They're a tough Chicago White Sox ball club."

Toronto couldn't have asked for anyone better to wrap up the ALCS on Tuesday night. Stewart came into the game 7-0



ALCS Most Valuable Player Dave Stewart / AP Photo

with a 1.99 ERA lifetime in ALCS games.

Stewart, 36, is now 8-0 in his last 10 playoff starts, and has had to face the opposition's No. 1 or No. 2 pitcher in every game.

His undying determination is what keeps his spirit in a winning mode. Stewart proved that when

he pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the sixth inning of Game 2.

Tuesday night, Old Stew gave up four hits in 7-1/3 innings and held a 3-2 lead from the fourth until his departure. He allowed only one baserunner to reach second base also during that time.

With one out in the eighth inning, "The Big Hurt," Frank Thomas, singled off of Stewart with one out. Stewart, who has only been able to complete eight innings five times this season, then had Robin Ventura deliver a pitch deep down the right-field line, prompting Gaston to step in. Stewart would now have to watch from the dugout, and pray for the W.

1992 World Series MVP Pat Borders knocked in three runs in

SPORTS

PHILLIES END ATLANTA'S DRIVE FOR A RETURN TO FALL CLASSIC

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Wednesday night, in front of a frenzied Veterans Stadium crowd, the Philadelphia Phillies stopped the Atlanta Braves 6-3 to capture the National League Championship Series and advance to the World Series.

Behind a strong relief pitching effort of Mitch Williams, Philadelphia was able to capture the best-of-seven series, 4-2, and will now face the defending world champion Toronto Blue Jays. The Blue Jays are trying to become the first team since the New York Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1977 and '78, and win consecutive World Series titles.

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling was named Most Valuable Player for the NLCS, after turning in a 1.69 ERA for the series. In two games, Schilling struck out 19 batters over 16 innings, giving up only 3 earned runs.

Williams was actually the most predominant pitcher in all of the Phillies' victories, winning two and saving the other pair.

Wednesday evening, Williams made his entrance in the ninth inning, and sent the entire crowd into hysteria after retiring the side, as well as the NLCS. Williams ended the NLCS with a 1.69 ERA and five strikeouts.

After the win, Philadelphia Head Coach Jim Fregosi sat back and watched his team erupt

in jubilation in the infield. Fregosi said it was the team that deserved all the celebration.

"It's just been an amazing year for us," said Fregosi. "I'm real proud of this team." The Phils ended Atlanta's goal of returning to the World Series for a rematch with the Toronto Blue Jays. The Braves have been the most exciting team in the majors the past few years with their amazing comebacks. Two years ago, the Braves lost Games 4 and 5 of the NLCS at home to the Pittsburgh Pirates, traveled to Pennsylvania and stunned the Bucs twice. Then in the World Series, they battled back from a 2-0 deficit to the Minnesota Twins, to capture the lead 3-2. Atlanta ended up falling short in seven games.

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Last year, after letting a 2-0 lead in the NLCS slip by, they upended the Pirates once again, this time in the bottom of the ninth in the seventh game.

This season Atlanta trailed San Francisco by 9-1/2 games in early August, stormed into first place, battled the giants down to the wire, and eventually won the NL West on the final regular season day.

Philadelphia has been on top from the beginning and basically was overshadowed by all the excitement in the other divisional races. The Phillies saw the Montreal Expos strive near the end of the season, but easily saw the NL East crown come their way.

Philadelphia will travel to the Skydome in Toronto for Game 1 on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. PST.

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Sports Unit is now organizing an Over 35 basketball league.

Registration takes place October 18-November 15, at a cost of \$350 per team. Teams will qualify for a rebate if no games are forfeited. The league is limited to the first eight teams of eight players.

Play will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, at the Las Vegas Academy (formerly Las Vegas High School), 315 S. 7th Street. Call 229-2256.

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Open play basketball for

women only, is now offered at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd. Play takes place 12:30-3:30 p.m., Saturdays, through November 13. There is no charge.

Increased interest and participation will lead to the establishment of a league. Call 229-6563.

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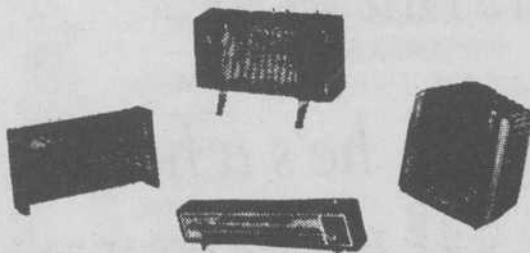
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