

Allen, Chicago Are Affair to Remember

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Dick Allen will return to Chicago for the first time a long time next week, and it's difficult to tell who's more excited about it – the Chicago Baseball Museum or the former Most Valuable Player himself.

Our tribute to Allen and the 1972 White Sox will begin with a news conference on Monday afternoon at U.S. Cellular Field. The local appearance will be his first in 12 years.

“What too many people don't know about Dick is how much he enjoyed his time in Chicago and respected the White Sox organization,” his agent Howie Bedell told me. “And his feelings for the franchise and the city are sincere. He still talks about them all the time. There was something about Dick and Chicago that clicked right away.”

Meanwhile, team members Tom Bradley and Bart Johnson have been added to the guest list for the June 25 dinner at U.S. Cellular Field. Tickets will begin to be mailed this week.

We're also glad to have Comcast SportsNet come aboard as our broadcast sponsor. After the media get-together, Allen will tape a Chicago Tribune Live segment.

After all these years, he'll have a lot of catching-up to do in the next few weeks.