



Oct. 23, 2005 Will Always Resonate Here

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Where were you seven years ago this week?

Specifically, on Sunday evening, Oct. 23, 2005?

If you're a White Sox supporter or even a Chicago baseball fan for that matter, of course you know the answer. You were in slack-jawed amazement after one of the epic events in local sports history.

That was the night that outfielder Scott Podsednik hit the Shot Heard 'Round the South Side, the unlikely walk-off home run that decided Game 2 of the World Series at U.S. Cellular Field.

Two innings earlier, Paul Konerko hit a grand slam homer to give his team a 6-4 lead. In the top of the ninth inning, the Houston Astros pushed across a pair of runs to tie the score.

Then all heck broke loose.

For me, the magnitude of what happened didn't hit home until I was on a plane bound for Houston the next morning. We had witnessed not just an epic baseball game, but possibly *the* greatest ever played here, which I wrote in a newspaper column that day.

Was that really seven years ago?