



## ***Sale Tale: Be Careful What You Wish For***

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White Sox pitcher Chris Sale had his perfect game broken up in the seventh inning on Sunday night. Maybe it was for his own good.

Ask ex-teammate Phil Humber, the most recent Chicago pitcher who has seen his fortunes take a sudden and mysterious turn for the worse immediately after the highlight of his career. Since Humber authored a perfect game against Seattle Mariners last spring, he has a 4-13 record and 8.03 earned run average in 33 appearances.

Even four-time All-Stars such as Mark Buehrle have fallen prey to the no-hit jinx over the years. The veteran has a 42-44 record and 4.61 ERA since his perfecto against the Tampa Bay Rays four years ago.

No doubt Sale was disappointed to fall short in his bid for the 19th no-hitter in franchise history, but at least he was part of no small bit of irony. The Houston Astros designated Humber for assignment only hours before it happened.