



## ***Sale Stands Tallest on All-Star Stage***

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White Sox pitcher Chris Sale gave local fans something to get excited about in the All-Star Game on Tuesday night, but typical of the season to date, they were left to want more.

No player was more dominant than Sale, who earned credit for the 3-0 victory and should have become the first All-Star Game Most Valuable Player in team history. Not only did the left-hander mow down six batters in order – only one hit the ball out of the infield -- but he shut down the National League in a way that set the tone for the rest of the game.

American League teammate Mariano Rivera was selected MVP instead. I'm aware of what the New York Yankees reliever has accomplished in his career, but if this game really does count as we've told repeatedly, then the award should be based on singular performance, not lifetime achievements.

I expect the 24-year Sale to have more chances in the future, but he and Chicago deserved better in this one.