

*This season marks the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the memorable 1984 Cubs and 1959 White Sox teams, respectively. Each week the Chicago Baseball Museum chronicles the significant events that took place at a similar time in their dramatic seasons.*

## **Cubs rally to beat Phillies in ninth, move back into East Division lead**

CHICAGO, Aug. 1 – It isn't often that someone goes from goat to hero in the same inning. Jody Davis pulled it off on Wednesday afternoon, and the Cubs and another large crowd at Wrigley Field were glad that he did.

Davis delivered a sacrifice fly that scored Henry Cotto with the game-winner in the ninth inning, as the Cubs rallied for a 5-4 triumph against the Philadelphia Phillies in front of 32,900 fans.

By virtue of the victory, their fifth in the last six games, the North Siders took a one-half game lead in the East Division race.

In the top of the inning, Davis was guilty of a throwing error that allowed Sixto Lezcano to come home with an unearned run that tied the score. Reliever Lee Smith (6-4) recorded the final two outs to earn the victory.

The Phillies jumped on starter Dick Ruthven for three early runs. Ryne Sandberg (15th), Ron Cey (15th) and Keith Moreland (11th) slammed home runs off Steve Carlton in consecutive innings to overturn the deficit.

When the Cardinals completed an 11-2 rout of the New York Mets in St. Louis a few hours later, the Cubs found themselves in first place for the first time since July 6.

National League East standings: 1. Cubs 61-44 --; 2. New York 59-43 0.5; 3. Philadelphia 56-48 4.5; 4. St. Louis 53-53 8.5; 5. Montreal 51-53 9.5; 6. Pittsburgh 46-61 16.

## **Are Yankees dead? White Sox extend lead to 10 ½ games with 3-1 triumph**

CHICAGO, July 30 – It not for the New York Yankees, the White Sox almost certainly would have claimed the last two American League pennants.

After veteran Early Wynn fired a six-hitter to complete a sweep of an abbreviated two-game series at Comiskey Park on Thursday evening, 3-1, the White Sox may have put the darn Yankees out of their misery once and for all.

The Yankees lost for the fifth time in their last six starts to fall 10 ½ games behind the first-place White Sox in the league race. And they could be without the services of mainstays Bob Turley (sore right elbow) and Bill Skowron (fractured left wrist) the rest of the way.

Once again, Wynn (14-6) refused to pitch his age in what has been a remarkable season for the 39-year-old right-hander. He walked one batter and struck out nine en route to his third consecutive victory.

The White Sox broke a 1-all deadlock against Yankees starter El Grba (1-2) in the seventh inning, when Sherm Lollar led off with a double and Billy Goodman followed with an RBI single.

A crowd of 30,858 fans watched the White Sox improve their record to 7-1-1 on the 13-game homestand.

American League standings: 1. White Sox 58-40 --; 2. Cleveland 58-42 1; 3. Kansas City 50-49 8.5; 4. Baltimore 51-51 9; 5. Detroit 50-53 10.5; 6. New York 48-51 10.5; 7. Boston 43-57 16; 8. Washington 43-58 16.5.