

## Cubs vs. White Sox (part 1)

The 3-game series at Wrigley Field this past weekend had plenty of memorable and historical moments. The White Sox took 2 of 3... now lead the interleague series 39-36.

At Friday's game, the White Sox beat the Cubs 10-5, but the news of the day were off the field with Cubs manager Lou Piniella's pre-game "thoughts" about comments made earlier in the week by Comcast SportsNet broadcaster Steve Stone (who by the way played for both the Cubs and the White Sox).

Saturday, the White Sox defeated the Cubs again, 2-1. A pitcher's duel between Mark Buehlre of the Sox and Carlos Silva of the Cubs. Silva's attempt to become the first Cubs pitcher to start a season 9-0 since Kenny Holtzman in 1967 goes south as the White Sox win their 5th in a row against the Cubs.



CBM Founder David Fletcher and Son Jeffrey Fletcher enjoy Saturday's Cross-town Classic at Wrigley Field

On Sunday, one team, the Blackhawks, brought a unity of Cubs and White Sox fans in pre-game ceremonies. The Stanley Cup champions, and the Cup, paraded around the Wrigley Field and all three teams posed in a photo on the pitcher's mound. Two out of these three teams have ended championship droughts, with the Cubs still hoping (1908) and the Hawks (1961) and White Sox (1917) having ended theirs...this year (Hawks) and in 2005 (White Sox).

Also on Sunday before a nationally televised game on ESPN, baseball history was in the making as both the Cubs Ted Lilly and the White Sox Gavin Floyd were working no-hit games through six innings. Floyd lost his bid in the seventh, and Lilly lost his no-hitter in the top of the ninth on a single by Juan Plerre (former Cub). The Cubs hang on to win 1-

0. And oh yeah, the last time opposing pitchers had no-hitters of such length at a game in Chicago was in 1917, at Wrigley Field, when the Cubs Hippo Vaughn and the Cincinnati Reds Fred Toney had no-hitters through nine innings (Vaughn lost his in the 10th, Toney kept his). Chicago baseball history...

And Part 2 of the Cubs-White Sox crosstown series continues on June 25 at US Cellular Field. See you there!