This season marks the 25th and 50th 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.

Roll reversal: Cubs win again, fading Mets fall 5½ games behind

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 – It may be too early for magic numbers, but the Cubs seem intent to put the ghosts of 1969 behind them.

While the New York Mets continued their free-fall in stark contrast to the East Division race of 15 years earlier, the Cubs continued to roll in a 3-0 victory against the Atlanta Braves at Wrigley Field on Friday afternoon.

Starter Rick Sutcliffe limited the visitors to five hits, and Ryne Sandberg homered for the only run that he would need in front of 35,496 fans.

The Cubs opened a 5 ½-game lead in the division chase, as the Mets dropped both ends of a doubleheader against the San Francisco Giants at home. The Cubs have won five of their last six games, while the Mets have lost six of their last eight.

Sutcliffe (12-1) won his fifth consecutive start. He retired the final nine batters in order.

In the first inning, Sandberg went deep against Braves starter Rick Camp (6-6) for the first run of the game. Gary Mathews followed with a triple, and two batters, he scored on a wild pitch.

Sutcliffe helped his own cause in the seventh inning, when he singled off Jeff Dedmon and scored on a Sandburg single.


White Sox acquire Klusewski in trade, rally to beat Red Sox in 10th inning

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 – The White Sox took what they hope were two more steps toward the American League pennant on Tuesday.

Hours after first baseman Ted Kluszewski was added to the line-up in a three-player trade, the South Siders rallied for a 5-4 victory against the Boston Red Sox at Comiskey Park.
In the 10th inning, Billy Goodman delivered a two-out double that scored slow-footed Sherm Lollar from first base to break a 4-all deadlock.

The team announced that Kluszewski had been acquired in return for outfielder Harry Simpson and minor league pitcher Bob Sager earlier in the day. The 35-year-old veteran is expected to replace slump-ridden Earl Torgeson, who has only one home run and eight RBI this month.

An Argo native, Kluszewski had a .260 batting average, two home runs and 17 RBI in 60 games with the Pirates this season.

In his White Sox debut, Kluszewski grounded into a double play as a pinch hitter in the seventh inning.

The South Siders appeared to be headed to defeat in the ninth inning, when they bunched together four consecutive hits to tie the score.

After one out, Al Smith and Norm Cash singled in succession before Jim Rivera greeted reliever Mike Fornieles (3-3) with an RBI single. Pinch hitter John Romano knotted the score with a base hit on which Rivera was thrown out at third base.

Turk Lown (9-2) pitched one scoreless inning to earn the victory.