







## Sox Bits

by Taxy  
2009 May 18 at 12:05 pm

*Random bits of Sox-related news and tidbits, all jumbled together.*

-  Brace yourselves: the Red Sox might be [exploring the possibility of a trade](#) for catcher Victor Martinez. As usual, the names mentioned in connection with that trade are Clay Buchholz, Daniel Bard and Lars Anderson. Meanwhile, Larry Lucchino [hints](#) that Buchholz (and Bowden) will get the call up this season.
-  **Jacoby Ellsbury**'s hitting streak continues, now at 13 games.
-  Maybe we need to take a page from the Rays' playbook, and “accidentally” mess up the lineup cards so that our pitchers bat. On Sunday, [several of the pitchers took BP](#) - **Josh Beckett** knocked out two homers, **Brad Penny** hit one as well, and **Jon Lester** went nuts with three homers. At least we'll be set for interleague play.
-  [This is just mean](#). Kind of funny, but mean.
-  Is **Jon Lester** paying the price now for [his overuse in 2008](#)? Joe Haggerty points out that Jon pitched 210 1/3 innings during the regular season, and an additional 26 1/3 “high-stress” innings during the playoffs — before that, he had less than 155 IP in the majors, total.
-  Closing out with a cool find from Eric Wilbur: the [optical illusion of a curveball](#).

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1.



2009 May 18 at 12:58 pm

Jennie [permalink](#) ↻

Watching a game lost on an error is never fun, but it doesn't bother me nearly as much when it's Greenie vs. Lugo. I'd like to think that Greenie is learning from his mistakes. After 9 years in the majors for Lugo, I don't think he'll ever get any better.

2.

2009 May 18 at 2:08 pm

Nick [permalink](#)

I know what you mean Jennie - I thoroughly enjoy having an entire infield of dirt dogs. You should consider that Lugo's errors have come back to bite us 3/3 times rather than 1/8 times with Green though, and that is probably affecting your perception.

Nick Green has shown a tremendous amount of hustle for us and has the style of play that we really appreciate. Half of his errors could have been called hits as he has bobbled balls that should have been way out of his range.

With that said, we have a tremendous sunk cost in Lugo - and we could use his speed in front of the single slapping Jacoby. I think that Nick Green can grow into a very good SS, but all we need is a cora replacement - and once lowrie is back that job may be spoken for as well.



3.

2009 May 18 at 2:39 pm

[Shelley1005](#) [permalink](#)

I'm not a Lugo fan. Will NEVER be a Lugo fan, however... given how Lugo has played as of late, I think the spot rightfully belongs to him. At least until Jed is back and proving that he is healed up and ready to play.

Nick is young. He's going to make mistakes. And in reality, the game was lost by his error, but the fact that the game was still tied was NOT NICK GREEN'S fault.

About this trade talk. Umm, no... not acceptable. I know a hitting baby catcher might be exactly what we need for the future of the team, but to consider shipping him for a package deal that could include Buch, Bard and Anderson??? Those guys are all future super stars.

And if Clay gets traded... I swear, there will be talk of pitch forks and torches. PITCH FORKS AND TORCHES!

4.

2009 May 18 at 2:42 pm

Sam [permalink](#)

[@Shelley1005](#): SPOONS AND CHOPSTICKS TOO.

Seriously, Buccholz, Bard and Anderson ? I'm pretty sure Theo isnt on meths right ? They're going to be stars of the future.

and ha, I'm excited to see Beckett hit hahahaha.



5. 2009 May 18 at 2:46 pm  
Jennie [permalink](#)

Yes, I didn't even go into how much I disapprove of this trade. I went to these Seattle games and, for those of you who have never been there, they have an area where you can watch the bullpen warming up all up-close-and-personal style. I didn't even know it was there, just happily stumbled upon it and, just like that, the remainder of Friday's game was lost on me. I have some amazing shots of Papelbon and got a wave from MDC (and eye contact from Tek) and tried to rub Paps a bit by calling Bard "the guy who will replace Papelbon when he goes to the Yankees next year". (Hopefully that will not come to pass, obviously.)



6. 2009 May 18 at 3:00 pm  
jules [permalink](#)

The theory that Lester is paying for last season makes sense. I can see Clay coming up to give Lester some time off.

Trading top pitching/hitting prospects for a 29-year old catcher doesn't sit well with me. Could the Sox use more power? Definitely. But do you want to give up youth for a 29-year old catcher?



7. 2009 May 18 at 3:00 pm  
[shelley1005](#) [permalink](#)

@Jennie: You tried to rub Paps a bit? Hummina...

Please share your pics with us. I'd love to see them. And for the record, we have Paps until 2011 barring any trades and then he hits the free agency waters. Until then, my denial is sky high about the idea of Pap signing with the Yanks (who will be in the market for an elite closer by then, if not sooner). DENIAL.



8. 2009 May 18 at 3:01 pm  
jules [permalink](#)

@Jennie: Are you going to post your photos? And gaaaawwwwwwwwwwwwwd no! Don't even breathe the words.



9. 2009 May 18 at 3:08 pm  
Jennie [permalink](#)

@shelley1005: I didn't realize that we had Paps until 2011 - that's good to know!

[@jules](#): How does one post photos? E-mail them to Texy? Hopefully I can get that done tonight.



10.  
2009 May 18 at 3:09 pm  
jules [permalink](#)

[@shelley1005](#): I'm joining you in that DENIAL. I love Paps—he's nuts and that's perfect.



11.  
2009 May 18 at 3:10 pm  
jules [permalink](#)

[@Jennie](#): I post my photos on my website, but you can use [flickr](#).



12.  
2009 May 18 at 3:11 pm  
[Texy](#) [permalink](#)

[@Shelley1005](#): Nick's not exactly young - he's 30. Now, I'm not gonna go all JD Drew and call him "old"... just not young.

[@Jennie](#): Yep! Just shoot me an email, or upload them to flickr and send me the link!



13.  
2009 May 18 at 5:08 pm  
[shelley1005](#) [permalink](#)

[@Jennie](#): Yep, I am going to enjoy every single minute of his signature Pap craziness until 2011 and then I'll spend that whole off season crossing my fingers and doing whatever good mojo dances I have to...in hopes that he resigns with the team. Going back to denial land....where we get to keep Pap forever.

[@Texy](#): Yes, age wise...he's not a spring chicken...I think I meant young as in "big league" experience. And thank you for not calling him old...because if you did, this 31 year old woman might glare at you something fierce.



14.  
2009 May 18 at 5:09 pm  
Adam [permalink](#)

not that I think it would happen, but I'm salvating at the thought of Victor Martinez.



15.  
2009 May 18 at 5:12 pm

Adam [permalink](#) ↩

@[Shelley1005](#):

Martinez isn't a "baby" catcher. They wouldn't have to give up all 3 of their top prospects either.

16.

2009 May 18 at 5:34 pm

MoonstarMA [permalink](#) ↩

I think it's funny that Beckett on-camera talks about how much he dislikes hitting and how he never wants to go back to the NL, yet he goes around hitting these bombs (and in-game too!) I'll never fully understand that man ... don't know if I want to ...

17.

2009 May 18 at 6:34 pm

JJ [permalink](#) ↩

I like Green better. When he plays poorly you want to forget about Lugo's fielding. Also Green has an amazing arm (normally he makes those plays) Sorry but I think Green is a better fit for SS than Lugo.



18.

2009 May 18 at 7:06 pm

Piney61 [permalink](#) ↩

Nothing to do with anything but does anybody know who is doing the game with Orsillo tomorrow? Nothing's been said really about it IIRC. They only talked about until yesterday with Roberts.

19.

2009 May 18 at 11:34 pm

Nikki [permalink](#) ↩

I'm a huge fan of Vic Martinez! He would be a great addition, but most of you guys are right...why would we go after a 29 year old pitcher?

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