

Simply Awesome

Thankfully, the game really did not get started until I got off work at 9. Up until then, the Yanks and Angels were scoreless through three, but that was soo to change. Game 4 in the ALCS featured a remarkable one-two punch for the Bombers. C.C. pitched eight incredible innings allowing one run on five hits on a short three days rest and giving the much used bullpen a rest of its own.

Alex Rodriguez with all the turmoil he has been in this year off the field has never had a better post season. I cannot forget his arrival in the pin-stripes. He was terrible in the post season. This year... 5 home runs, 11 RBIs. Tonight he was a triple away from hitting a cycle including a two run smash.

Last night's questionable use of the bullpen and tonight's even more questionable calls made by the crew chief along the third base line are now a distant memory as the Yankees are one victory away from THE WORLD SERIES. Now... I just have to concentrate on other things until Thursday night (of course that will not be a problem for me... sorry guys, you will have to take a back seat until 9). Hopefully, they can wrap it up Thursday night so I can go a-haunting this weekend safe in the knowledge that they will be back in the Big Apple waiting for next Wednesday. But... it is not over yet.

For anyone not in the know... Yankees 10, Angels 1.

And today is the 99th birthday for the longtime former voice of the Yanks, Bob Sheppard. In homage, Captain Jeter has Mr. Sheppard's recorded voice announcing him every time he steps up to the plate (at hime, anyway). Can we get a "Yankees win!

THAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA Yankees WIN!" Mr. Sheppard began announcing in the '51 season with none other than greats like Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra leading the Bombers to another World Championship.

Ok... So It Won't Be Another Sweeping

Yep... once again... an extra inning pitching duel. Captain J started off the afternoon just after 4PM with a single homer. A-Rod, Johnny D, and Posada added their own throughout the game. However, single HRs often do not win games, correct? I do think the Yanks went a bit too deep in the bullpen... but that is just a bit of armchair coaching. Final: Yankees 4...Angels 5 in 12. At least it was a late afternoon game unlike Saturday night into the wee hours of Sunday. Game 4 Tomorrow Night 7:30... C.C. back on the hill!!!!!!!

Buck, You Schmuck

I could have used another more colorful metaphor to describe the announcing prowess of one of my oh, soooooo favorite commentators, Joe Buck for FOX Sports is so one-sided, anti-Yankees that it is downright disgusting. No where was this more true than in the bottom of the 10th inning of the still going on Game 2 of the ALCS. What was a seemingly easy double play turned into an advanced runner to second and an out at first. Funny that as the Angels had back-to-back picture perfect double plays. And we go to inning 12 at 12:17AM after A-Rod ties the game at 3 all..

Ok... back to the failed double play. The defensive player at second NEVER HAD HIS FOOT ON THE BASE. What was worse is that he straddled to so blatantly... nowhere close. but yet he was

shocked and Mike Scioscia, himself came out to argue the call. So Mr. Buck argued that it was a gimme, neighborhood ball. After the inning was complete and the game progressed, ol' Joe made what for me was the closest he has ever come to a retraction. Apparently, in the two other perfect double plays, the player indeed had his foot on the bag.

I have at times pushed the mute to silence the golden tones of the fine and talented broadcaster. Really need to look into other means to listen to the games.

Now, we have the fifth pitcher for the Yanks coming up. Apart from the announcing, it has been a dandy of a game. The rain is starting to pick up so they better wrap it up soon.

4-3 in 13 innings. The Yankees win!!!!!! ThAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Yankees WIN!!!! Off to the West! Good night!

Post Victory Horror

tonight after watching the Bombers take game one in the ALCS thanks in no small part to C.C. Sabathia's excellent pitching plus some errors in the field by the Angels, I watched my latest DVD rental. I have never seen a Sam Raimi directed effort apart from the blockbuster *Spider-Man* films. Apparently, he was well regarded as a low-budget horror maker and made his return to the genre last year in the aptly titled, [*Drag Me to Hell*](#). This decidedly B-movie was equal parts fright, gore, and humor (mainly from some of the ridiculous situations, but I think this was the intent... not taking itself too seriously).

The film follows a bank loan employee who is a possible candidate for a promotion to assistant manager. Christine is

approached by an elderly gypsy woman (complete with a creepy glass eye) who is in need of an extension on her delinquent mortgage payment. When the request is denied, the old beggar woman takes it quite personally and places an evil spirit upon our heroine and (you guessed it) strange, horrific things begin to happen that only Christine is witness to.

Christine's boyfriend, Clay, is skeptical to say the least. However, he does accompany her to a psychic who knows how to rid the woman of her problem before she is literally... well... you know dragged to hell. Goofy, yes but is there a b-grade horror film that isn't? Plus, you get to see the wide acting ability of Justin Long who you may remember from the live-action *Alvin and the Chipmunks*... so maybe not so much since he was the voice of Alvin.

One More Angel In Heaven

I know what you are thinking... this is yet another post on the upcoming summer musical... but you would be wrong. Opening week of the new baseball season took a tragic turn early this morning when a 22 year-old rookie pitcher for the California Angels of Anaheim was killed as the result of a hit and run accident after he had pitched a stellar game. [Nick Adenhardt](#) was a young man like a lot of other kids who dream of someday playing major league baseball was achieved for one moment. He called his father Tuesday night and told him that he better come to the game Wednesday because "something magical is going to happen." Unfortunately, that magic ended just a few hours after the rookie celebrated his six innings of pitching shutout ball against the Oakland A's.

It really puts a damper on the new season and puts life in

perspective. I turned the tv on to see if the Yankees had started the year at 0-3 and saw the headline "Angels postpone game with Oakland" and shortly discovered the reason why. Suddenly, the Yanks victory over the Orioles seemed totally trivial. Hopefully, not only do the Angels cancel their game but all baseball takes a moment to honor the young man whose life was cut so senselessly, dramatically short.