

# Baseball fans flock to see Angels fall

By STEVE ZISSON

A five-run third inning broke open the game for the Red Sox Tuesday night.

For the cheering crowd in front of the big screen at the Ground Round Restaurant at Liberty Tree Mall, an omen of that game-winning outburst came just moments before the Sox exploded.

The waitress arrived with a surprise birthday cake for Larchmont Street resident Chris Hogan.

The 28-year-old Hogan blew out the candles on the chocolate cake. As soon as the applause abated for Hogan, it started again for the Red Sox.

The cakewalk had begun. The Sox were headed for a 10-4 breeze and a American League Championship Series seventh game.

"The first birthday present for me was that the game wasn't rained out. The second was that the Red Sox are going to win it all," Hogan said as he passed out slices of his cake to fans at nearby tables.

Even a close game would have been easy on the nerves after Dave Henderson's fifth game heart stopper Sunday. Hogan watched the fifth game at home with friends.

"I'd put that game above the sixth game in the 1975 series," Hogan said.

Hogan's friend, Mike O'Gara, just back from California, got to see Henderson's heroics in person. He attended all three games in Anaheim.

"Didn't I tell you? I was the one who caught Henderson's home run ball," joked O'Gara.

On the other side of the Ground Round, Federal Street dentist Dr. Tom Pesola was treating his office staff to stories of past heroic baseball exploits while putting the fifth game in its proper perspective.

"The reason I never leave a game early goes back to the early 60s. I was mowing the lawn in 1959 or 1960 when Willie Tashy hit a homer in the ninth," Pesola said.

"So in the fifth game, I was telling my wife there was hope when there was one strike left in the ninth."

The fifth game definitely com-

pared to the 1975 sixth game of the world series, Pesola said.

"Fisk didn't have any pressure on him. The pressure in that game was on Bernie Carbo. This time the pressure was on Henderson, but Baylor showed his true leadership by hitting a home run in the ninth."

Relief pitcher Steve Crawford's effort was overshadowed by Calvin Schiraldi, Pesola said.

"Bringing Crawford in reminded me of the Jim Burton situation. (In the 1975 World Series when Sox manager Darrell Johnson brought in the little-used lefty in the seventh game and the Sox lost.) It made me nervous, but Crawford's a good pitcher," Pesola said.

Schiraldi's fastball is impressive but the most devastating fireman Pesola has seen was Dick Radatz.

"There was never anyone as overpowering as Radatz," Pesola said.

Pesola's office staff wasn't quite as well-versed in baseball history, but they were just as enthusiastic.

"I came to see The Can can the Angels," said Kerri Lomasney of Danvers.

"I am totally behind Dewey Evans," said receptionist Cindy Wilson.

Pesola, the baseball purist, responded: "She said most of the California Angels are cuter than the Red Sox so they are going to win. She also noted the key championship series statistic is that the Red Sox have more mustaches than the Angels."

Across the bar, Sylvan Street resident Debbie Stephanidas and her friend Brenda Pedvells were arguing about who knew more about the Red Sox.

"Lately, I have been a Red Sox fan," Stephanidas admitted.

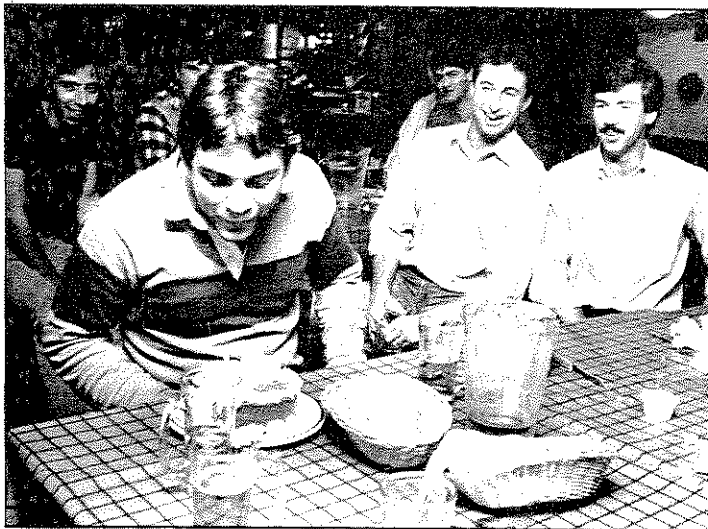
"I can tell you more about the Red Sox than she has ever known," Pedvells said.

When asked what she liked best about the game, Pedvells had a quick reply.

"Marty Barrett," she said.

At Spud's Restaurant at K-Mart Plaza on Endicott Street, Danvers resident Mary Jean and her friend Linda Gavin were enjoying the game at the bar.

Jean had planned to get off work



**DOUBLE CELEBRATION:** Danvers resident Chris Hogan blows out the candles on his 28th birthday cake as he also celebrates the Red Sox sixth game win at the Ground Round Tuesday night. (Photo by Rick Goodwin)

at 10 p.m. to see the rest of the game. She works as a waitress at the Ground Round.

"This is the closest sports bar," Jean said.

The consensus at both sports bars was that the World Series was automatic now. The Red Sox owned their destiny and had Roger Clemens on their side.

Yes, the Angels were the true chokers in a series that one team would have to lose the heavy label of gagger.

Tom Pesola believes the class of the Red Sox showed through and helped bring them back from a 3-1 series deficit.

"Gene Mauch didn't show up for the press interviews after game two and game five (Angel's losses). John McNamara and Schiraldi were interviewed after game four. That showed a lot of class," Pesola said.

## Horticultural Society members win prizes

Several members of the North Shore Horticultural Society were winners at the Topsfield Fair last week.

Gibney Gardens of Danvers received the Horticultural Club of Boston Award for a terrace garden with a small, Connecticut stone wall, small pool on a pedestal with a huge begonia behind the wall. The garden included dwarf balsam, shore juniper and pom-pom chrysanthemums in fall colors.

William Hatcher of Manchester was awarded the challenge trophy

for a garden setting featuring a gazebo with gerbera, vera daisies, saxonia euonymus, juniper, dwarf mountain grass, sedum autumn joy and blue oat grass.

The society also won a state award for the Old Mill waterwheel operating from a running brook surrounded by gardens of cadet chrysanthemums, bloodleaf, armstrong juniper, rhododendrons and bright berried pyracanthus.

The exhibits were displayed in the flower house at the Topsfield Fairgrounds.



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