



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## FOX SPORTS NOTES, QUOTES & ANECDOTES

**MLB & NASCAR Doubleheader This Saturday at Special 3:00 PM ET Start Time**

**BoSox Welcome WS Champ Yanks to Beantown & NL Champs Host a Phenom**

**Rosenthal: If Ortiz Doesn't Turn It Around, Boston May Have To Release Him**

**CHAMPS AND RIVAL GET TOGETHER IN BEANTOWN** – The FOX SATURDAY BASEBALL GAME OF THE WEEK kicks off another FOX Sports MLB-to-NASCAR doubleheader with two hard-hitting matchups Saturday, May 8 (3:00 PM ET). **CC Sabathia** leads the World Champion Yankees in another clash with their heated rivals when they take on **Dustin Pedroia** and the Red Sox. In Philadelphia, **Ryan Howard** and the Phillies host rookie sensation **Jason Heyward** and the Braves. Atlanta's right fielder has been an instant success leading the team in HR, RBI and OBP. This week, the pregame show originates live from Fenway Park in Boston, MA with host **Chris Rose**. Once game action begins, Rose joins the game crew including **Joe Buck**, **Tim McCarver** and **Ken Rosenthal** as a field reporter.

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**KEN ROSENTHAL: "BOSTON'S PROBLEM IS AS MUCH EXTERNAL AS INTERNAL"** – With the Red Sox facing the red-hot Yankees this weekend and already 6.5 games back in the AL East, MLB on FOX and FOXSports.com's reporter **Ken Rosenthal** weighs in on Boston's challenging road ahead: "The challenges that face Boston are as much external as internal," said Rosenthal. "The question is not whether Boston will play better, because they will play better and have started to. The real problem is that the Red Sox are chasing two teams in the Rays and Yankees. Both look like they're going to be very good the entire season. It's early and a lot can and will happen. It's going to be a season-long scramble for the Red Sox."

**Rosenthal on Boston's David Ortiz:** "Obviously the Red Sox need more out of **David Ortiz** and if it gets to the point where he's a drag on them, they have little choice but to release him. They can go with the platoon of **Jeremy Hermida** and **Mike Lowell** in the DH spot. It's a painful thing to go through with a player of his stature, with all that he's meant to the organization but they have to do what's best to try to win, period."

**Rosenthal on the Tampa Bay Rays:** "Tampa Bay took a step back last year but what we're seeing is the evolution of a team with many young, athletic stars. There is a sense in Tampa Bay that it is the last go-around because **Carl Crawford** and **Carlos Peña** are free agents and the rotation is perhaps even better than some of us thought."

**Rosenthal on the New York Yankees:** "The Yankees simply are a team without real apparent weaknesses other than age. We saw them have some little problems this week, **Posada** may go on the DL, **Rivera** had to be held out a few days and they're going to give A-Rod more time at the DH. The Yankees are facing the same issue that the Red Sox are. Will their older players decline at some point? You can't anticipate it but it is the lingering question with the Yankees."

<u>GAME</u>	<u>PLAY-BY-PLAY/ANALYST</u>	<u>COV.</u>
<b>New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox</b> <b>Fenway Park – Boston, MA</b>	<b>Joe Buck, Tim McCarver</b>	<b>82%</b>
MARKETS INCLUDE: Albuquerque, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Detroit, Fort Myers, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Orlando, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Richmond, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa, Tulsa, Washington, West Palm Beach		
<b>Probable Pitchers: CC Sabathia, LHP (4-1, 2.74 ERA) vs. Clay Buchholz, RHP (3-2, 2.97 ERA)</b>		
<b>Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies</b> <b>Citizens Bank Park – Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>Kenny Albert &amp; Eric Karros</b>	<b>17%</b>
MARKETS INCLUDE: Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Nashville, Philadelphia, Raleigh		
<b>Probable Pitchers: TBA vs. Joe Blanton, RHP (0-1, 5.40 ERA)</b>		

**NASCAR ON FOX IS READY FOR PRIMETIME IN RICHMOND** – On Saturday, May 8 FOX Sports concludes its MLB-NASCAR doubleheader with NASCAR Sprint Cup Racing from Darlington. “The Lady In Black” - aka, Darlington Raceway - may have added a few flourishes to her gown in recent years (new infield tunnel, pavement, grandstands, etc.) – but rest assured she’s the same ornery matron that NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers alternately love and loathe. One driver who is looking to love the lady is **Jeff Gordon**. The active leading winner at Darlington with seven, Gordon looks to capture his first checkered flag of the 2010 season. Coverage starts with FOX NASCAR SATURDAY host **Chris Myers**, along with analysts Waltrip and **Jeff Hammond** from the Hollywood Hotel, FOX Sports’ traveling prerace set providing live interviews with drivers, crewmen and officials shaping the day’s action. Once the green flag drops, race announcer **Mike Joy** will be alongside analysts Waltrip and **Larry McReynolds** to call all the twists and turns on the track while **Dick Berggren, Steve Byrnes, Krista Voda and Matt Yocum** patrol the pits for up-to-the-second news and notes.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coverage Begins</u>
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 8</b>	<b>NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACING FROM DARLINGTON</b>	<b>7:00 PM ET</b>

**HAMMOND & MCREYNOLDS: ETHANOL IS POSITIVE CHANGE FOR NASCAR** – It was announced this week that when the green flag drops on NASCAR’s season in 2011, cars will be fueled by E15; a mixture of 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline. Former NASCAR crew chiefs, **Jeff Hammond & Larry McReynolds** agree that striving to become a more environmentally friendly sport, is the right approach for NASCAR. “I like it. We’ve got to keep up with the times and move towards being a greener sport,” said NASCAR on FOX prerace analyst Jeff Hammond. However with change, come challenges. “NASCAR has some of the brightest people in the world and they’ll overcome these challenges just like they did when NASCAR went from leaded to unleaded fuel,” said Hammond. The proposed unveiling of this change might be too sudden according to McReynolds: “NASCAR may have a timeline of 2011 but I promise you they’re not going to implement this change until they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that it’s durable and that they can monitor and regulate it like it needs to be.”