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SOX HOME OPENER 2026



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Despite years of losing and a rocky start this season, Sox fans thrilled to carry on tradition of flocking to Rate Field for team's home opener **CINDY HERNANDEZ REPORTS, PAGE 8; PLUS THE BEST SOX COVERAGE IN SPORTS**

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