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AMERICAN LEAGUE WILD CARD SERIES
BOSTON AT NEW YORK, GAME 1, TUESDAY AT 6:08 P.M.



Boston's David Hamilton is greeted in the dugout with a Wally the Green Monster hat after hitting a two-run home run to tie the game 3-3 in the fourth inning against the Detroit Tigers at Fenway Park on Sept. 28 in Boston. JAIDEN TRIPI/GETTY IMAGES

BASEBALL'S WILD SEASON

Best-of-3 series opens tonight in New York

Bill Koch Providence Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Red Sox are back in the postseason for the first time since 2021, and are set to face the New York Yankees in the Wild Card round. Boston ended its regular season on Sunday by beating the Detroit Tigers 4-3 and compiling an 89-73 record. Here's what to know about the Red Sox as they enter the playoffs:

Who/when/where do the Red Sox play?

Boston will play in a best-of-3 American League Wild Card series, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 30 in New York. The Red Sox and Yankees will renew their rivalry with an A.L. Division Series berth

For coverage of today's Red Sox-Yankees game, visit providencejournal.com/sports.

against the Blue Jays on the line. Game 1 is set for a 6:08 p.m. first pitch on ESPN and Game 2 on Wednesday will begin at 6:08 p.m. on ESPN. Game 3, if necessary, would be held Thursday at 6:08 p.m. on ESPN. Boston and New York battled in a one-game Wild Card playoff at Fenway Park in 2021, with the Red Sox posting a 6-2 victory. Xander Bogaerts and Kyle Schwarber hit early home runs, Nathan Eovaldi struck out eight in 5 1/3 innings and Garrett Whitlock worked around a solo home run in the top of the ninth to close it out. Boston went on to eliminate the Rays in the A.L. Division Series before falling to the Astros in six games in the A.L. Championship Series.

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Governor pelted by bridge criticism

Both sides take aim at McKee for 'hiding' audit

Katherine Gregg and Patrick Anderson Providence Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Gov. Dan McKee is facing sharp criticism from both ends of the political spectrum for refusing for a year and a half to make public a "forensic audit" – he commissioned – that exposed the state's share of the blame for the Washington Bridge fiasco. The most immediate questions in the wake of the publication of the long-withheld report:

- Will Democrat McKee keep Peter Alviti as state Transportation Director?
- Can McKee survive the political fallout from withholding the report alleging decades of neglect from public view and then, after he had it in hand, giving Alviti a raise?

McKee has not answered questions about Alviti's future in his administration. However, McKee's only declared Democratic primary challenger, Helena Foulkes, has already started pelting him with questions. Simultaneously,

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\$25M deal stirs debate over undervaluing office space

Antonia Noori Farzan Providence Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

PROVIDENCE – City tax assessors value the Joseph A. Doorley Municipal Building at \$7 million. Mayor Brett Smiley wants to purchase it from former mayor and downtown real estate developer Joseph Paolino Jr. for \$18.5 million. And an appraisal commissioned by Paolino states that it's actually worth more than \$22 million. To Sen. Sam Bell, D-Providence, the

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