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Worst to First

2011

It was a chilly November afternoon. The year was 2011. The players in the clubhouse were in a bad mood. A scandal had been uncovered and the most unlikely suspects were part of it. Who were they? The Pitchers!!! Three of the Red Sox pitchers had publicly admitted to having chicken and beer in the dugout the days while they were not pitching. The Red Sox organization had suffered a huge blow because of this. The pitchers had caused the Red Sox to miss the playoffs by recording a mediocre 7- 20 record in the last month of the regular season.

New Beginnings and Doing the Unthinkable

This is the story of how an amazing team beat all the odds and came from worst to first. They used tragedy as a turning point and did the unthinkable. They won the World Series !! Although it may seem normal you have to think of what the organization and their city (Boston, Massachusetts) went through. Not only did they prove many people wrong but they also made history. But it all goes back to the end of the 2011 season during the conspiracy. Their manager stepped down and took the shame. The Red Sox had to find a new manager and soon. That is the start of the story. Soon after they also had to find another General Manager for the 2012 season. Imagine the burden that the owner had to carry. He didn't even have 6 months to solve it! The first rays of hope came when the Red Sox hired Bobby Valentine who had managed teams for 22 years already. The fans hopes increased when Ben Cherington was appointed as General Manager. But last season's ending path was to continue longer and once again the Boston Red Sox were the mediocre team of the year with a disappointing 69-93 win-loss record. And the story repeated again with the manager being fired. By that time the fans were literally begging for the organization to bring in a better manager and to make the team stronger and better. Maybe it was the players or maybe it was god that brought 2013's team together. No one will know though. As loyal as the fans were to the team the Red Sox paid that back. And just that happened when 15 days after the season started tragedy struck. At the finish line of the Boston Marathon two bombs exploded and killed three citizens and injured many more. A big blow was that one of the fallen was an 8-year old boy. This really struck a spark in the Red Sox and angered them at the cowardly people who were harming their city and our nation. Red Sox nation took this so seriously that David Ortiz swore in front of the crowd when addressing the fans. Whatever it was the Red Sox started playing harder on and off the field helping and visiting victims and doing much more charity work. Wearing Boston Strong on their uniforms to commemorate the fallen, the Boston Red Sox went all the way and won the World Series!!!! Still showing their support the Red Sox put the trophy on the the Boston marathon finish line with a 617 jersey which is for the area code of the finish line. The reason the Sox did this is to

bring back the spirit to the amazing city. This is the story of the team that beat all odds and did the impossible!

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