

# Rocktober

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Throughout the course of the 2007 baseball season, the Colorado Rockies defined the impossible, and captured the attention of the entire nation. To me though, it was more than the league championship, or a great team making a great run. It was a time in my life where everything that I could have hoped for and dreamed about, came true. I feel blessed that I was able to experience one of the greatest moments in Colorado sports history.

I had been a Rockies fan, but I did not really pay much attention to them. I would watch a few games here and there, check some scores, but nothing more than that. Late one night though, I stayed up to watch a game with my brother. The Rockies were down two to one in the bottom of the ninth, with the season on the line. Todd Helton stepped up with one man on, and blasted a walk-off homer over the right field wall. My brother and I were ecstatic and felt momentum building. As Helton jumped into the arms of his thrilled teammates, the expression on his face gave me the feeling that something special was taking place.

The rest of the regular season unfolded and the Rockies ended up in a one-game play-in against San Diego with a trip to the fall classic on the line. The game went into extra innings, but the Rockies fell down two runs in the bottom of the 13<sup>th</sup> inning. Our hearts sank to rock bottom, and we didn't think there was a chance, not even a tiny sliver of a chance that they could pull out a victory. The Rockies had plans of their own though. The Rockies quickly stormed back and tied the game on a Matt Holliday triple. The atmosphere in the stadium was astounding. My body got goose bumps from the electricity put forth by the crowd. With a sac fly Matt Holliday started barreling towards home giving it all. He leaped for home plate head first as he tried to beat the tag. Everyone that was watching the game waited in suspense for the call from the umpire. The umpire then waved his hands across his body. Safe! The Rockies were going to the fall classic.

The buzz around Colorado was unbelievable. It seemed the Rockies had captured everyone's attention and heart. The Rockies stayed hot during the post season sweeping the Phillies and the Diamondbacks. The signature moment of the run for the pennant was when the Rockies made the final out of the National League Championship Series. Helton fielded the final out and let out a scream and then went on to celebrate. The emotion he had on his face was like letting out the frustration from all the years of losing and

disappointment. Every time I look at that picture it sends a shiver up my spine and reminds me of the great memories of the 2007 Colorado Rockies' run for the pennant.

