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From left: Kevin Youkilis and fiancée Enza Sambataro, Mike O'Malley, Manny Delcarmen, and his wife, Anna, during the "Newlywed Game"-style benefit.



Terry Francona and his wife, Jacque, were good sports, taking aim at each other's bad habits.



Jacoby Ellsbury heard it from his girlfriend, Kelsey Hawkins, about his suitcase.



Youkilis and Sambataro leading the Hits for Kids benefit at Mohegan Sun.

Sox, spouses take a hit for charity

So what are your World Champion Red Sox *really* like? It isn't pretty, according to their wives and girlfriends, some of whom spilled the beans on the bad habits of their ballplayers during a fund-raiser Saturday night. Take **Terry Francona**, for example. Asked what the skipper does — or doesn't do — around the house that irritates her, Tito's long-suffering spouse, **Jacque**, joked: "I'm not sure where to start." A kickoff for **Kevin Youkilis's** charity Hits for Kids, the laugh fest at Mohegan Sun was ably emceed by sitcom star **Mike O'Malley** and featured a "Newlywed Game"-style show scripted by "Saturday Night Live" regular **Seth Meyers**. Without exception, the Sox' significant others said their players are error-prone away from the field. "When he takes his clothes off, it's always right in the middle of the room," said **Manny Delcarmen's** wife, **Anna**. Of **Jacoby Ellsbury**, galpal **Kelsey Hawkins** said the future star falls short when it comes to unpacking his bags. "He leaves his suitcase on the floor and just lives out of it," she said. Youkilis's fiancée, **Enza Sambataro**, gave the Gold Glove first baseman props for being a perfect dad to her young son **Mikey**, but wondered why Youk can't pick up after himself. "He leaves water bottles everywhere," she said. In the end, of course, the BoSox gave as good as they got. Asked which lasts longer, the Big Dig or spousal primping, the Sox didn't hesitate. "The Big Dig was nothing," said Francona. "Jacque getting ready. . . . Talk about an excavation." Saturday's event also included an entertaining live auction, during which one guest with particularly deep pockets dropped \$9,000 to dine with Ellsbury at Taco Bell. "Who says America isn't great," marveled O'Malley. Another high roller spent \$6,600 on a poker table signed by every member of the '07 Sox, including **Manny Ramirez's** mother and aunt. Said O'Malley: "Manny's family being Manny's family." Saturday's shindig was **Steve DiFillippo's** first visit to Mohegan Sun, and it was a memorable one. Due to a mix-up, the Davio's owner and his wife arrived in Uncasville, Conn., to discover they didn't have a hotel room. What to do? A la Clark Kent, the couple donned their party duds in the bathroom. "I'm happy to say the bathrooms are nice," DiFillippo told us.