

Xander Bogaerts to Sign Eleven Year Deal With Padres

Breaking

MLB is reporting that the San Diego Padres and longtime Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts have agreed to an 11-year contract worth upwards of \$280 million, a source told MLB.com's Mark Feinsand. The club has yet to confirm the deal, but the writing is on the wall for his tenure with the Sox.

Bogaerts has been the starting shortstop for the Red Sox for nine seasons. After his initial debut he quickly became a regular, multi time all star and silver slugger.

In only his 2nd full season Bogaerts won the first of his five Silver Slugger Awards, which is given to the best offensive player in the league at each position.

In 2016 he made his first of four All-Star appearances. Negotiations to retain his services have been contentious and the blow back from this will have repercussions in Red Sox nation. The result of the signing means that Trevor Story will be the Sox SS of the near future, although in his first season as last years big free agent signing he was largely viewed as a disappointment.

Earlier today the Sox announced the signing of Japanese superstar Masataka Yoshida and closer Kenley Jansen