

'Go Cubs Go,' a 1984 ditty, hits Billboard charts

Even music about the Cubs is making history.

Steve Goodman's 1984 song "Go Cubs Go," which is played after every Cubs win at Wrigley Field, debuts on the Billboard Pop Digital Song Sales chart at No. 21 and on the Billboard Digital Song Sales chart at No. 49 for the week ending Nov. 19.

The song drew 15,000 downloads and 2.5 million U.S. streams (mostly from YouTube clicks) in the week that ended Nov. 3, according to Billboard. The Cubs won the World Series against the Cleveland Indians on Nov. 2.

The tune debuted a few months before Goodman, a Chicago folk singer-songwriter, died of leukemia in September 1984 at age 36.

"Go Cubs Go" also tops the LyricFind U.S. chart for the week ending Nov. 19, up from No. 8 the previous week. The chart ranks the top trending lyric searches through LyricFind's syndication service. The song was also No. 5 on Spotify's Viral 50 list Tuesday.

The Cubs anthem received even more exposure Saturday when Cubs fan Bill Murray, first baseman Anthony Rizzo, center fielder Dexter Fowler and catcher David Ross sang the tune on "Saturday Night Live."

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