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The Soap Box (7/23/02)

This is a little late, but fuck it, it's my site:

A tie in the All-Star game?

What will they do next, cancel the World Series? . . . wait, sorry . . . forgot.

Just when baseball couldn't get any lamer or look any more stupid. A fucking tie in the All-Star game? Even soccer doesn't have ties these days . . . or do they? Shit, just the fact that I'm using soccer and baseball in the same sentence should tell you how far baseball has fallen.

And let this be known. I was actually enjoying the game. Plus the whole All-Star festivities.

I have to admit, I do enjoy watching Sammy Sosa hit 600 foot home runs. Juice or no juice.

Then the game itself, I love the match-ups . . . I like seeing Ichiro take cuts off Curt Schilling, things you don't get to see everyday.

In the first, Bonds hits a bomb and Ichiro gives up on it but Torii Hunter doesn't, and pulls it back. One of the best catches you'll see anywhere, any era.

His next time up, Bonds makes sure no one can get it.

Good stuff.

Then Bud calls it a tie.

Moron.

Shit, have Willie Randolph go out there and throw BP, and let Sosa and Giambi decide it. Or just have Giambi and Sosa arm wrestle, or steel cage match . . .

There is no tying in baseball!!!

Too bad Torii Hunter couldn't keep Bud Selig's balls from flying out of Miller Park.



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Speaking of Torii Hunter, he is my new favorite player (Shawn Green and Jimmy Rollins are close) and the Twins are my new favorite team. At least this year. I know that sounds ridiculous, but that's how ridiculous baseball has become. You have to root for a different team every year, because they all have different players every year.

No more Cey, Russell, Lopes, Garvey infields.

The whole league has become a farm system for the New York Yankees.

So I'm rooting for Hunter and the Twins. They tried to contract the Twins and now they are in first place. So I hope they win the whole thing and sum up how lame it's all become.

How to fix baseball, by Scott Eric Martin:

1. Flush the Tampa Bay Devil Rays down the toilet. I mean just turn your back on them and walk away. Just stop playing. Would anyone even notice?

2. Move the Expos to D.C.

3. Get a salary cap, even a soft cap like the NBA, where you can exceed it to retain your 'own' players, but get some sort of a cap. If the players don't like it, tell them to go switch places with someone with a real job for a day, shit, half a day, and they'll be kissing Bud Selig's ass to take that 10 mil over 4 years.

4. Get some sort of revenue sharing like the NFL. This way a team like the Brewers can compete for a title, just like the Packers.

5. Leave the fucking Twins alone!

6. Get a commissioner, a REAL commissioner, someone with absolute power. Like David Stern. Here's a suggestion: how 'bout Pete Rose. Kill two birds with one stone, let the all-time hit leader back into the game, and get someone who represents, to represent.

I have spoken.

Done.

Until next time.

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