
Subject: Re: More IP Nonsense

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It was in this mornings paper. Evidently MLB bought the rights to the players stats for 50 million from I don't know who. I believe from the pLayers Association. MLB in their lawsuit takes the position that players stats are intellectual property and can't be used for commercial purposes without paying a fee. The legal brief for the Fantasy leagues state as their position this:" These are statistics defined by the game; they are not intellectual property. If hitter hits into a groundout, it's a ground out. It's not intellectual, it's a fact." They claim the stats are historical facts in the public domain. Now to me that would seem self-evident; but to the MLB they are willing to instigate huge legal fees; (to be added on to ticket prices for the fans of course.) to try and prove otherwise. Yet they; in the past took the complete opposite position in their suit against the players contention of IP in using their names on score-cards. So where's the logic?
