Subject: Re: More IP Nonsense
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They claim that they own the game; that the game is an entertainment entity and the stats are an integral part of the game of Major League Baseball as defined in their corporate charter.There-for all events that generate stats also have an existance within the past present and future composition of the game. Because the stats are a tradeable comodity with value they treat it as say a book wherein the writings are an integral part of the book.This is the sort of twisted logic you get when you try to circumvent justifiable belief. If I believe that the stats have value then that value attaches to whatever entity I decide to form to utilise that value.The way I see it; the stats only have value when I prevent someone else from using them. They have no value unto themselves. Thats the Fatal Flaw in much of the IP reasoning.Thats why I believe that within the next ten years the courts will decidedly narrow the definition of IP; there is no other fair way to treat it. Otherwise you get nothing but situations like the MLB debacle. Or the Apple itunes mess where you actually purchase a song but can only play it on an apple unit. I don't think anyone can make a case for that sort of abuse.