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Major League Baseball Back on Winning Track Milwaukee Brewers Back on Losing Track

MILWAUKEE—After harrowing last-minute negotiations, baseball fans around the country were relieved to hear that a possible baseball strike had been averted. An agreement was reached between the owners and the players' union, ensuring a World Series this fall and at least four more years of uninterrupted Major League play. This agreement also ensures that the persistent Milwaukee Brewers will get their shot at a record for total losses in a single season.

Two weeks ago Friday, baseball commissioner Bud Selig entered the negotiations. His presence seemed to have had a positive effect on the talks between the two sides, both of which finally reached an agreement in the early morning hours of August 2nd. The main points of the new deal include a luxury tax that would affect ultra-rich teams (e.g. Yankees, Dodgers, Rangers), a more vast revenue sharing program, no contraction of any current teams (aborting the Twins from the league would have caused quite an up-

roar from conservative Midwesterners), mandatory random steroid testing, and raising the league's minimum salary from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Also on that fateful day, Milwaukee Brewers' owner Bud Selig entered the negotiations. His presence seems to have had the desired effect of allowing the Brewers to continue on their heroic quest to be the worst team they can be. The main points of the new deal will allow the Brewers to avoid ever paying a luxury tax and to receive substantially more funds in revenue sharing from good teams. No league contraction keeps constant the amount of teams the Brewers currently have to lose to, and the steroid-testing program will hopefully bring back many strong teams to the weak level of the Brew Crew. The new minimum salary raise will also increase the average Brewer's salary by \$100,000.

Prior to the deal, Wisconsin baseball fans worried that the Milwaukee franchise would not

get a fair shot at utter humiliation this year. Brewers' futility infielder Mark Loretta, who also served as a representative for the players' union, echoed the apprehension of the fans. "I truly believed that Milwaukee's brand new shrine to baseball/alcohol and the unending All Star Game held there this year were signs of true ineptness for the Brewers. This is why I lobbied so hard for an agreement between the two camps; the Brewers' once-in-a-franchise chance at horribleness couldn't be sidetracked," said an emotional Loretta on Friday.

In related news, infielder Mark Loretta was traded to the Houston Astros for two young, unproven—but cheap—players.

In other related news, Mastercard Corporation is also extremely relieved to see the strike averted. In a statement to the Associated Press, Mastercard CEO (and therefore CFO) John Plastik said the agreement reached for the highly interested Mastercard Company was "Priceless."

Professor Ohm Offers Little Resistance for Learning

WCC—Professor Ronald Ohm has begun his second year of teaching at Martin Luther College with no measurable resistance to learning, according to students.

Ohm, now a science education professor, has been reportedly electrifying classes for over 20 years. "You have to expose your students to new and shocking things; you can't just insulate them all of the time," said Ohm.

To optimize learning, Ohm has developed his own formula for success. "I've always varied the shape and length of various learning conductors—such as lecture, hands-on, and audio/visual—and then I compare the outcome from each variation. See, you're always going to have different types and shapes of students, so you need to choose the path of least resistance in

order to charge them up with knowledge. I call this 'Ohm's Principle,'" said Ohm. "The strength of a current lesson is proportional to existing knowledge and inversely proportional to resistance of students."

Due to the success of Ohm's Principle in MLC classrooms, students are beginning to use the professor's name as a unit of measurement for learning resistance.

Here's an example of one sophomore using "Ohm" to convey his difficulty in learning: "Man, Latin is really tough this year. This Cicero crap is like five Ohms harder to learn than that Virgil dude last year. That stuff was easy, maybe two Ohms at the most. I need to crank up my level of knowledge in order to become current with Fredrich."



Professor Ronald Ohm

Ehlke "only funny on paper," says Roommate

SUMMIT HALL, ROOM 122—Ethan S. Hutchinson was reportedly shocked to hear that his roommate, Mark D. Ehlke, writes *The Cabbage*. The 23-year-old post-emergency teacher says that there was absolutely nothing that could have tipped him off. "That guy Ehlke is a loser. He's that old guy always sitting by himself in the cafeteria...no, not Professor [deleted]...the other

old guy. Having a conversation with (Ehlke) is like talking to a cardboard cutout of Britney Spears; he might be easy on the eyes at first, but once you get up close you realize he's actually rather flat and boring. He was the last person I thought it would be...he's only funny on paper, and that's only according to a few," said Hutchinson.

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