

*Extra Time with Adam:***Steroids and speculation: a baseball fan's nightmare**

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Let's all take a minute, baseball fans, and celebrate the new penalties for steroid use in Major League Baseball. After increased pressure from Congress, an agreement between owners and players on the problematic issue was finally resolved Tuesday: first positive test — 50 game suspension; second positive test — 100 game suspension; third positive test — a lifetime ban.

While the new punishments do wonders for the great American pastime, I feel that there might be a bigger issue to be celebrated here; a deeper issue, perhaps. Today, ladies and gentlemen, we celebrate the precious lives of the flawed athletes who may mess up next spring and fail their steroid test. Today, we celebrate the fact that our great president, George W. Bush, is not the commissioner of baseball.

Accusations continue to be brought forth against the treatment of war prisoners under Bush's administration. The latest claim: United States' officials force two Iraqi men into a cage full of lions during an interrogation process. This, on top of the already pending physical abuse, sexual abuse, starvation, chemical burns, and human pyramid claims, can only make a baseball fan cringe at the thought.

But what if Bush would have accomplished his life-long goal of taking over Bud Selig's role as Major League Baseball commissioner? I'll tell you one thing, we wouldn't be seeing Rafael Palmeiro's sweet little face on television any longer, telling my grandfather's generation how to improve their game "when the lights turn low."

No, this commissioner would put Palmeiro in his place, on the wrong end of a Louisville Slugger with his back against the wall. "And it's not just that Palmeiro left the Rangers," Bush would tell the live Internet audience watching the event unfold, "but still, Raf, don't mess with Texas."

I don't know, maybe it wouldn't be that bad after all. I'm sure Bush would come up with some pretty brilliant ideas.

Here's one: each team can have their own unique punishment. You play for the Tigers, you're thrown into a tiger pit. You play for the Diamondbacks, you're stuck in a sewer full of those deadly things. You play for the Padres and man, you're really screwed. You have to sit through a Reverend Jerry Falwell sermon...twice.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I know what I'll be giving thanks for this year, and, baseball fans, I urge all of you to do the same.



The BC golf team is now ranked 25 in the nation

Golf team first in region, conference, 25 in nation


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The Brevard College golf team recently earned the number one spot in both their Conference and region.

The team has played in two tournaments, winning both. The first was at Broad moor golf course in Asheville, and the other at Clear Creek in Bristol, Virginia. Michael Burnett placed 3rd overall at Broad moor against 12 other teams. At Clear Creek, Matt Bennet ranked 3rd and Miles Johnston 4th.

The team has also played in two one-day Friendly tournaments where they won one and lost the other to the 10th best team in the country.

For their outstanding achievements, the Brevard College golf team has been ranked 25th in the nation.



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