

# BASEBALL DIGEST



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Our daughter, Hana, occasionally utilizes the word “authentic”, to describe someone or something which is unique, not stamped out in response to a cultural phenomenon. She would love Foley’s and its owner, Shaun Clancy.

Shaun has built a New York establishment which surely fits the sports bar theme, but that was its evolution. The goal, and seemingly still the goal, is to be a friendly place for neighbors, fans, and travelers, for people in need of a smile, a meal and a game. He seems to have exceeded this goal in every manner.

I’m certain that people have lost their table while wandering aimlessly around this establishment, one with over 3,000 signed balls, hundreds of bobble heads, jerseys, seats, programs, cards and other collectibles. When I was there at 4:00 P.M. on a weekday, it was almost full and when I left 90 minutes later it was packed.

When in New York, enjoy the food and the entertainment and spend a couple of hours at Foley’s (18 West 33rd). And thanks so much to my friend, George Vecsey, for the introduction to Shaun.

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### Shaun Clancy “The Perfect Sports Bar”

**Shear: So, I’m here with Shaun Clancy, in his popular New York establishment, “Foley’s”, on 33rd Street. The first thing I need to know is, where may I make a donation for your time please?**

You know, I would want to say UMPS CARE which is a charity run by the umpires.

**Thank you. Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in a place called Butlersbridge, a small village of 120 people about 80 miles outside Dublin in Ireland.

**So you didn’t grow up following baseball at all?**

It’s a little bit complicated. In Ireland, I grew up as a huge sports fan. We didn’t have the same amount of sports that is in the United States. The interesting thing was that my parents were married here (in the U.S.), and they moved back to Ireland right before I was born. So I grew up having coo-cousins. They’re the cousins that you call aunt and uncle who aren’t related to you. When I grew up, these guys would come home during the summer, around the same age, slightly older than I was. While I’m teaching them – introducing them to U2 and to soccer. They introduced me to baseball and to Mötley Crüe.

**You first saw U2 when you were how old and where?**

I’ve been lucky enough to see U2 about 17 or 18 times. I saw them when they were bad. They lost me when Bono started calling the White House and they went a little bit electric. I was lucky to see U2 play three times four days apart in two different countries as a 17 year

old. I would say the first time I saw U2 I was 16, so it would have been like the summer of 1986. I’m a huge fan of their earlier stuff.

**At 16 in 1986, how did you know of U2? Were they just there? They were Ireland’s band?**

They were big in Ireland. They were huge in Ireland before – I probably would say that it was Joshua Tree that put them on the map here. But up to then you had Boy, War, Under a Blood Red Sky – that’s the stuff that I grew up with. Everyone has a bucket list. My bucket list is weird but one of the things that’s on my bucket list is I want to see a concert at Red Rocks because U2 has an EP that was live from Red Rocks. Under a Blood Red Sky was recorded at Red Rocks.

**Not on your bucket list for them to come in here, to Foley’s?**

No, but I have individual baseballs signed by Bono and The Edge.

**So it’s not a Gehrig/Ruth ball with two signatures? These are two really good balls.**

Yes. I don’t like multi-signed balls.

**Are they to you personally?**

They’re just signed. I had the pleasure on a couple of occasions of actually having lunch with The Edge. Not here, when I was managing a previous place. He’s a very interesting guy, very deep. I have to say it’s probably the only time I’ve ever been nervous to have lunch with somebody. Shortly after I discovered U2, back in like the late ’80s, when I was doing my training, I was working in the most exclusive hotel at

the time in Ireland and Larry Mullen and Adam Clayton, who are the other two guys – they would hang out at that bar. It was the first time that I’d ever seen anybody drink beer out of the bottle. It was unheard of. Obviously things have changed. Different times, but that’s my U2 time.

My first baseball memories are a little bit unusual. Like I said, I grew up in Ireland. I was reading about baseball. So I would get Yankee jerseys, Yankee journals or Yankee yearbooks, and I would just read them. I’m a huge sports fan, so I’m scouring this – really and truly I have

was like I can do without another Reggie incident. We’re sitting there melting away, and we schlep up to the bathroom and literally run into Reggie. Reggie’s like “Hey how ya doing? Is this the little guy who didn’t know who I was?” Of course Brian had just reached maybe 10 or 11, “Dad, you didn’t have to tell him, now I’m all embarrassed.” So we’re chatting away and Brian said can I get his autograph? So I give him a ball and say “Mr. Jackson, will you autograph this for me?” So you know whenever you ask someone for an autograph, there’s that four-second space where you want to think of something to say. It’s probably

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## “The old Yankee Stadium, Fenway, Wrigley and Dodgers Stadium.”

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no idea what it is but I’m trying to get a grasp of what baseball is. Probably my earliest baseball memory was my aunt comes home from America and it’s 1977-78, so I’m like 7 or 8 years old, and she brings me a Reggie Jackson t-shirt. I’ve got to be honest, I thought he was one of the Jackson Five. Last name’s Jackson, he’s American, what did I know?

I’ve had a couple of funny interactions with Reggie. I told him that story and he wasn’t too impressed. I took my son to a Yankee Old Timers game; my son would have been maybe 6. We were guests of a very good friend of mine and we are four rows from the field. So the guy that I’m with sends Brian down the line with his little glove and a Sharpie and he comes back up and he’s like “Dad, there’s nobody signing down there except some old guy called Reggie.” So I got to tell Reggie that story and he was not overly impressed. So fast forward now about 3 or 4 years, I take my two kids to Trenton and the only reason they wanted to go to Trenton was they wanted to meet Chase, the golden Labrador who would come out in the first inning and pick up the bat and bring the umpire water in the seventh inning. The kids want to meet the dog. We’re there for an 11:00 game in the morning, it’s 120 degrees in there, it’s so hot. We’re getting ready to go and meet the dog and someone says just wait for a minute, Reggie’s here. So I

going to be your only chance to have their undivided attention. Brian says, “Mr. Jackson, I loved your last movie.” Here we go again, he thinks it’s Samuel Jackson and Reggie looks at him as if to think “You’re doing this to me again, kid?” He said, “Yeah, you were awesome in Benchwarmers.” Which, of course, Reggie is in, so I was like “whew!” So that’s my earliest memories.

I came to America in 1991, and one of the first places I went, that I wanted to go – I felt it was almost like a pilgrimage – was to Yankee Stadium. I went to Yankee Stadium on September 1, 1991. Every

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## “They are cathedrals of baseball.”

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opening day that I went to, every time I went to the stadium the first time, I still have the same chills and the hair stood up on the back of my neck at the same time as when I walked up to the upper deck, when I walked up that first time and I saw the grass.

### **So the Yankees have always been your team?**

No. The Yankees were my team. If you were to go into my head and say you can only root for one team, I would have to say the Yankees. But over the course of the last years – and, believe me, I started out as one of the most obnoxious Yankee fans that now I can’t stand. I happened

to get here in ’91 so there was that – the early ’90s were bad, but the good thing was I was a bartender. I worked 6 days a week so I would go on a Sunday when I was off, and I would take up 6 seats. You could bring in a bag. I’d get there as soon as the gates open, I’m all the way in the upper deck. I’ve got the Sunday Times on one chair, I’ve got my breakfast in another chair, I’ve got my lunch in another chair. I took up as much room as I wanted, there’s nobody there. I got to watch some horrible baseball. It was only – I thought that it was only a short period of time, but what turned me into more a fan of the game of baseball was the ’93 Phillies because they were a very likeable team and then at that stage I probably never had watched a National League game. Then I began to feel different, but it’s kind of cool at the same time. But I was still a big Yankees fan. Of course through the ’90s it was great. I went through the dynasty and it’s kind of ironic and sometimes I have to take a step back, but I’m still the little guy that came from Ireland. Probably half of that ’96 team I consider friends. I’ve had 4 or 5 of them bartend here. I’ve had dinner with quite a few of them. So that’s why I’ve been very, very lucky. But it’s just bizarre.

### **Of the baseball stadiums you’ve been to, your favorite ballpark?**

I’m lucky enough to have been in 40 Major League stadiums. I haven’t been to the new one in Atlanta. My friends in the Braves are kind of a little annoyed

that I haven’t, but it just didn’t work out.

### **I can get seats to one of those.**

It’s just that my girlfriend is a beat writer. She covers the Mets for the Daily News which means that now when I do make a baseball trip, it needs to be when the Mets are playing. I mean the Mets go there three times a year, and last year something prevented me from going. So favorite stadiums – I preface it by saying of the 40 stadiums I’ve been in, there are 4 that you have to take off the list straight off the bat – the old Yankee Stadium, Fenway, Wrigley and Dodgers Stadium – because they’re not baseball stadiums, they are cathedrals of baseball.

And I defy anybody – anybody who has a bad word to say about any of those stadiums, you’re not a fan of the game of baseball, it’s part of what it is. And believe me, Fenway might be one of the worst places to watch a game when you’re as big as I am. I may have seen 100 games in Fenway.

**Narrow seats and no legroom. Other than that it’s pretty good.**

People talk about Wrigley and the history of Wrigley – I’ve probably been to about 40 games in Wrigley. The funny thing is I have never been to a game at Wrigley when the ivy has been on the wall. Now granted I haven’t been back to Wrigley for 2 or 3 years. The bathroom situation is so bad in Wrigley that if you’re in the grandstands from the 4th inning on everything smells like pee.

So I take those four out and then, so getting back to answer your question: I have five ballparks that are very close to one another, but my favorite ballpark is Kauffman in Kansas City. People ask me why – when the guys come in here and we sit and we talk and that’s a lot we do with it. I always like to know, I talk to media guys, I talk to broadcasters, I talk to players and then I always like to know what the players’ least favorite ballpark was. And again, most places that’s going to come down to the clubhouse, the clubbies, the nightlife, the city, whatever it might be. Whenever people ask me, I say I’m going to tell you as a fan, not as the guy to get to sit in the luxury box or in the media box or in the press box. As a fan, having been to all these cities, both as a fan and as somebody who is lucky enough to have connections, it’s Kauffman. And it goes from how easy it is to get there, how easy it is to park, and also how easy it is to get out of there. But the fan experience – great sightlines, best scoreboard in baseball, and I score games, so you have that where you look up and you may have missed something. On that scoreboard at Kauffman, you get it. I don’t need to know which player likes romantic walks on the beach or his favorite color is lavender, but I’d like to know that when he flied out in the 1st it was to right field.

That being said, there’s a couple of ballparks that I love that nobody else

likes, like The Vet. I may have been one of the four people in the world to like The Vet because, back to what we’re saying, The Vet and the ’93 Phillies turned me into a fan of the game. I have great memories. The first time I ever went to The Vet, they happened to be celebrating the ten greatest moments in the history of the Phillies. So I have a really fond memory of The Vet.

**Not that it matters what I like, but I like the Minneapolis stadium.**

Like I said, I have 5, Kauffman’s one. The other 4 that are very, very close – the 2 stadiums in Pennsylvania, both PNC and Citizens Bank. The other 2 are Safeco and Target Field. PNC is beautiful. The first couple of years it was open I would make a 16 hour drive there and back. I drove twice in the rain, didn’t even get to see a game. When I go to a new ballpark, what I try to do is I try to sit where my seats were at Yankee Stadium, behind home plate all the way up in the upper deck. So what I would do is every time I go the first time, that’s exactly where I want – get me as close to where I’m used to being so I can compare the ballparks. And you do that in Pittsburgh. You’re there, the Allegheny River and you see the boats going up and down – it’s beautiful. Then, the next thing is if you don’t look up as it gets dark and the city literally pops behind the outfield wall. You’re just thinking well it’s gone now but you’re thinking “You know what, Andrew McCutchen might hit one of those windows with a ball.” The sad part of the Target Field is that that was plan B for Target Field. I would love to have seen what they could have done with Plan A.

**Well, plan B is pretty darn good.**

It’s good. I have to say it’s good and I have great memories there also because Ron Gardenhire is a very good friend of mine. So, he gave me a guided tour of Target Field.

**When I get into a new ballpark I walk around the ballpark on the outside.**

**And, then I walk around the ballpark on the inside and then I go to my seat. By the time I get to my seat my opinion is pretty solid at that point.**

**And, I have a hot dog.**

I don’t always have a hot dog.

**What kind of food do you like at the**

**ballpark?**

Backing up for one second when you said how many of the ballparks have you been to?

**About 40.**

What’s the scariest place that you ever walked around the ballpark?

**There were some ballparks I probably wouldn’t have walked around. I don’t think I would have walked around Comisky Park. I don’t think when I was a little boy I would have walked around Crosley Field in Cincinnati. That would have been frightening. I don’t think I ever walked all the way around (old) Tiger Stadium. There were some that weren’t in great spots by the time they were knocked down, Crosley Field being an example, where we paid people to protect our car. There probably are a couple others that are like that. I went to Crosley Field 50 times and never walked all the way around it.**

The funny thing is the only reason I ask you is I think it might have been one of the first times I went to Fenway and like I said, the media guys are good friends of mine so I went into the media exit. I came back and someone said “Oh, did you see Ted Williams’ statue?” And, I’m like, “No, I didn’t see Ted Williams’ statue.” I never saw it. And to think, I walked around Tiger Stadium and got accosted twice, during the day. Same with successor to Comisky.

I went to the new park shortly after it opened, and I didn’t like it all. I got off the train and there’s a line of cops. Now, the projects are all around the stadium. So, I move through the cops so I can do my walk around the stadium. Well, the next thing you see is two night sticks come up like this and they’re like you know, “Where are you going? I’m going for a walk around the stadium.” They told me to walk around the parking lot. **I actually like the old Comisky Park. It was clunky with a lot of steel. There were a lot of ballparks like that.**

Tiger Stadium was like that. When they started to knock down the ballparks, there were some I had to see. Like I wanted to see Three Rivers, no sorry, Riverfront. I have actually had some really good experiences there. When I went back the last year they had actually

taken a slice out of it to build Great American Ball Park or whatever. Great American Ball Park might be the worst ball park I've been to.

**Well, I think that the writers did something very curious. They don't call it the Great American Ballpark. They call it the Average American Ball Park.**

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## “I came back and my seat is gone.”

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Well it's probably less than that. So, I wanted to tell you, what you said about the steel. I went to Tiger Stadium and saw the 21st to the last game there. It was a Monday night game. The Rays were playing the Tigers. Combined, both teams were 100 games under 500. I did all the things you say, walked around it, got accosted twice, came inside. I paid \$10.00 for my seat and a soda and a hot dog. But I wanted to experience Tiger Stadium, so I mean there were 12 people there, I very rarely move because I score the game but I wanted to go up to where I watched the Yankees, to get a view and see the steel.

And I see a fellow and he's the only guy in the section. One guy was sitting in a section and this pillar is right in front of him. So, the mound is here the batter's here, and he can't see them pitch. I mean God love him, but he's not sharpest knife. He moves two seats, he can watch the game. So I made a point between innings to purposely drop my pen where I had to ask him. I may have laid the Irish accent on a little more than I usually do, but it helps. I wondered why he didn't move. So he said, he was third generation Pollack. He said his grandfather came to the U.S. and stayed. He worked as laborer and he fell in love with baseball and the Tigers. And, that's where he sat. Seasons tickets, came every game. So when he died, his father took over. He said his father never missed a game, worked for Ford for 40 years and never missed a game. His father died last year and to honor the memory of his father, and grandfather, and despite not really liking baseball he bought their seats for this season. He said he worked his schedule to go to every single game. He said he may

never watch another game.

The other part was a friend of mine is lucky enough to get tickets for the last game in Tiger Stadium. Now the thing is, this guy is not a really baseball fan or a sports fan. So he calls me midway through the game and he goes “Hey Shaun, what do you do if someone takes

your seat.” I'm like “Brian you're a big guy, go up to them and tell them that's your seat or if you don't want to do that, just talk to one of the ushers and get them to move him”. He said “Ohhh no, no, you don't realize, I went to take a leak and I came back and my seat is gone.” They literally had their tool belts and were unscrewing the seats during the game.

Back to the question you asked me 20 minutes ago. Of the new ballparks, to be honest with you, for the most part I'm not a fan. Not because I'm in the business or anything. As I go to different ballparks I always walk around and see what they have to offer. Some of them have some very unusual stuff or another. I'd probably have to say my favorite was actually Citi Field. There is a little stand called Mama's of Corona. They do this great fresh turkey and mozzarella on a hoagie. You would think it's a franchise but, no, actually there are these two ladies started the Corona.

**How did you get into this business?**

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## “Baseball is a very very tight knit group.”

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This business is in my blood. Depending on what part of the family tree you look at... I'm probably 6th or 7th generation bar owner. I've not known anything else.

**Did you open this bar?**

Yes.

**So when you opened this bar in 2003, did you know it was going to be a sports bar.**

No. I thought I knew what I wanted, but I didn't know what I wanted. The thing is, I didn't know what I wanted to be. I wanted this from when I was 17

and I knew didn't want to be in Ireland. It's hard to explain, but I never felt that Ireland was home. So when I was in Ireland I went to London and enjoyed it. Then I came to America. I came for six months in 1991. I was running the family business back in Ireland. The summer was coming so there wasn't much work, so I told my father that I was going to take 6 months and go work in America. I have to be honest with you, within two days I felt more at home here than I did anywhere else in the world. That started the process. That took 12 years.

For 12 years, a lot of traveling and a failed marriage. But everything that I did, every step that I took, every decision that I made, was leading towards my angle which was to own a bar in New York.

**Was this a bar when you bought it?**

This was a bar or a restaurant. There has been something here since the late 1800's. Like this wall that we are next to, this is Tiffany glass that came out of the “old” Waldorf Astoria. Our urinals, also from the old Waldorf, are some of the oldest in the city. I wanted to create an environment when I first started and was opening an Irish bar but we evolved. It took me the longest time to get used to this. I hated the phrase “Sports Bar” because I have this connotation of you're getting your food on a plastic tray and the food would be mediocre and everything was frozen and fried. But we have great food and that's one of the things that stands out, so I wanted

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to open an Irish Bar and as I used to tell people, “You stop 5 people on the street regardless of race, color, creed, what does an Irish Bar mean to you all? What do you know about an Irish Bar?” and that they'll all come back with you know “We walk into the bar and feel at home you know, great service and a good time. And that's what I started out to do. And slowly but surely it kind of evolved into the Sports Bar.”

Baseball is a very very tight knit group and it's like dropping a pebble in the

water. Every time I meet somebody, and it doesn't matter who they are, if they're involved in baseball, it's not going to take me more than 3 people until we find somebody that we both know, so what happened was I started to meet, you know, some of the media guys, the umpires, the scouts. I don't put the players in there because the umpires, the scouts and the media are the people that, I won't say mean most to me, but they do mean the most to me. If there are no scouts, there are no players, there is no baseball. There are no writers, I mean before we have what we have now I mean how did we grow up. We read box scores, we read newspapers. The umpires create that environment for those guys. I wanted to create an environment for those guys. The way I look at it, off-season I might be here every day. But I might only be here 7 or 8 hours. Baseball season, like my entire life, my family know this, my kids know this. But basically from when the season starts to when the season ends, my life revolves around the baseball season.

**So I know exactly where you're gonna be, at a baseball game or here.**

Right. There are certain teams that I have a much better relationship with than others, so in some cases they only come in once. So for example, the Kansas City Royals or Seattle, they only come in once. So the guys that I know, I want to see them. It would be rude to not be here.

**So do they just sit anywhere?**

They're just, no, no, no, no, they just come in. We don't stand on pomp and circumstance. They just want to relax. What I like is, and what they like is, we talk to these guys. You get a better understanding of all of this when you date somebody that's involved, I mean this group spends 6 months of the year on the road. That's 6 months of hotels bars.

**You want to go somewhere that's comfortable.**

They want to go someplace which feels a little bit like home, where there's a friendly face and a warm smile or maybe a bit of ball busting, and in most cases that's me, but then you know, they get to know the guys from here or you know it's just somewhere they can just relax.

It's not the Sheraton at the Cincinnati Airport.

**So I have a question: I looked around and there's barely a spot that doesn't have memorabilia, and a lot of it is dated before you bought the bar. How much of it is from people, coming in with boxes, and say "I really want to give you this for you bar, for your restaurant."?**

I would say in the last 4 years, that's

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more the case. It's kind of funny.

**You've got all these bobble heads. The new ones are not necessarily worth a lot of money, but they're really hard to collect. They're not generally worth enough money that people sell them online, but there are hundreds of them and they're curious, and they're fun to look at.**

There are some that, believe it or not, are expensive.

**Yes. The old ones.**

No, even the newer ones. For example, the Mets brought out a Noah Syndergaard action figure. We're looking at \$500 for that. There were so few of them. I mean I have a couple that I would consider to be worth a lot for different reasons, like I have a bobble-head that was never released of Jason Tyner with the Tampa Bay Rays because he got sent down before they released the bobble-heads. I have the Beanie Baby that the Yankees gave out when David Wells threw his perfect game.

**But you still must take stuff from people that are moving and they don't know what to do with their stuff, cards, and books and magazines...**

Yes. I had a guy come in here a couple of weeks ago, you know it was actually very funny. He and his wife had been here the previous week for dinner, they were going to a show or going to a concert and he comes back in and he has a bag. And he handed me the bag and he said "My wife said I have to give you these because she's sick of looking at them in the basement." And there were 6 bobble-heads in the bag.

**Sweet.**

So I put the 6 in the case and I put his name on it, "The Smith Collection" and I said "You can come and visit them anytime".

**(Laughs)**

In the last couple of years, that's more the case. I have a couple of boxes downstairs that I haven't opened yet because I'm doing some reorganization and it's spurring me to reorganize. It's ticket stubs and included stubs like

Ripken breaking the record, a lot of guys' first games and also a brick from the old Comiskey.

**I've got a brick from the old Comiskey at home.**

Back to the old Comiskey, just one story. Baseball is all about stories. So one of the things that Jerry Reinsdorf has done a wonderful job of and I was lucky enough to thank him for this, he took good care of the old players. I happened to be in the dining room at US Cellular and I was lucky enough to meet Minnie Minoso. I had only one question to ask Minnie Minoso because I heard the stories of yore. He scored from first on a wild pitch. I mean, you're that fast? I had to know. I had to know the story, so I said, and again, laying on the Irish accent a little bit thick, and I'm like, "Mr. Minoso, can I ask you, can you please tell me about this?" It's a great story, I can't remember the pitcher and the catcher because they play a big part in this, but he's at bat. The catcher's an ornery old school catcher who didn't like Minoso, may have uttered something, perhaps racist terms at Minoso. The first two pitches are basically chin music and he walks. So he's on first. So now the catcher is preoccupied with keeping him on first, to the point where the pitcher's annoyed at the catcher, the pitcher's annoyed at Minoso. Minoso is dancing on first...dancing, dancing. So the pitcher is preoccupied, he unleashed a wild pitch. Minoso had taken off and caused the wild pitch. So he takes off. The old Comiskey was all brick and metal, whatever, so the backstop was an uneven brick wall. The ball ricochet's

up the third base line. Minnie said by the time he was running around second, the ball was just on its way. The catcher doesn't like him, the pitcher doesn't like him, so it's a very easy play if the third baseman gets the ball but the catcher, the pitcher and the third baseman all head for the ball, so he's rounding third as

my opinion and I'm always right. Take the 4 major sports. If you bring back... pick a football legend, pick Jim Brown. I'll use him as my example. You bring Jim Brown back today, he's not going to be as effective as he was then, because the defensive line is so much bigger, so much stronger, so much faster. What he

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they get to the ball.

**And nobody's home.**

Nobody's covering home. We all know about backing-up players, but who backs up home plate when the pitcher doesn't? And that's how he scored.

**Do you like individual sports?**

There are individual sports that I do like, but baseball is my one love. And one of the reasons why is that regardless of all the changes that they have made, the game hasn't changed. My argument is, and it could be skewed or whatever, but when you're in my house, I'm entitled to

did, he can't do now. Wilt Chamberlain. You bring Wilt back. The game has changed. These guys are so much bigger, so much fitter, and he's not going to be able to be any good. Bobby Orr, Gordie Howe, any of those guys, same thing. Because, bigger, stronger, fitter, more agile, but we bring Babe Ruth back, game hasn't changed. 60 feet 6 inches. Maybe he's not the great pitcher that he was, but you know he could hit. I just was at the Baseball Writers Dinner last week where they give out all the awards. In what other major sport is the

MVP going to be 5 foot 6? Maybe 200 pounds? Where else is David Wells or any of these guys that look like me stand a chance to be able to play the game? It's baseball. But I do appreciate other sports. I can appreciate golf.

**There are a lot of great Irish golfers now.**

It takes a lot to be a good golfer. It's not a team sport, but I love NASCAR. My girlfriend refers to me as the Irish Redneck. You know, you appreciate what these guys can do and their courage. I get disillusioned with certain sports. I'll watch the Super Bowl, but, to be honest, I'm probably watching it more for the commercials. I mean I'd like to see the Eagles win, but the Patriots' quarterback is a guy called Brady whose family is actually from the same part of Ireland that I'm from.

**I intended for this to be 30 minutes, and we're now at 47, so I'm going to stop. This has been great fun and I really appreciate your time.**

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