

What others say

'I don't care' the saddest words of all

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Dave Anderson/N.Y. Times
Even before the baseball season was proclaimed dead and Wednesday, some people "I don't care," you heard more and more people saying.

Ryan's left to wonder what now? GM: It might be a new ballgame

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On Tuesday, Terry Ryan was named general manager of the Twins. On Wednesday, he was fired. Ryan discovered he was presiding over a team that would play in the foreseeable future.

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Death of a season is no surprise to Twins

Players to management express anger, frustration

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Final 1994 Twins statistics table with columns for player, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SF, SO, BA, OBP, SLG, OPS, AVG, OPS+, OPS100, OPS150, OPS200, OPS300, OPS400, OPS500, OPS600, OPS700, OPS800, OPS900, OPS1000.

Team attendance comparison table with columns for team, total attendance, and percentage of season.

Twins sign deal with New Britain, former Class AA team for Red Sox

The Twins have found a Class AA affiliate, someone who speaks with accents, but not in Puerto Rico, as expected. Instead, the Twins have signed a four-year deal with the Boston Red Sox's former Class AA team in New Britain, Conn.

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That's not surprising, since it would be nearly impossible to sell a small-market team that is losing money during a players strike. "I have no interest in selling," he said. DeShazo flew from Minnesota, where he was packing his belongings to his home in Massena, N.Y., on Wednesday. "I've said that for years," he said. "I think what needs to happen is whatever the agreement finally looks like, it's got to be for a season or 10 years. If you can get to the public and say, '94 was a disaster, we don't want this ever to happen again.'"

Twins manager Tom Kelly offered the most scathing summation: "This will go down in history," he said. "And I think history will depend on what happens in the future."

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Some employees say they feel betrayed by team management. Last month, management gave them the choice of accepting the first wave of layoffs or having everyone in the organization take a one-work unpaid vacation. The second plan was elected by an overwhelming margin.

Now, employees are saying they feel that the plan should have been a month, pushing the August layoff to the end of the season. On Tuesday, Pohlad promoted Terry Ryan to GM. Pohlad's strategy at least a couple hundred thousand per employee, but they've recently been laid off."

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Vikings say it's a shame about strike

Middle linebacker Jack Del Rio, the newly elected union representative, was one of several Vikings who had thoughts about the cancellation of the major league baseball season Wednesday.

"It will be strange," said Del Rio, who lives in Dallas in the offseason. "I've got Rangers tickets down there. I guess I have a refund coming or something. It's sad it came to this. I think baseball owners must have looked at what the football owners have been able to accomplish (salary cap) and said, 'Hey, we can do that.'"

"I doubt their regulators would have let them get in the position we are in," said Del Rio. "I doubt their regulators would have let them get in the position we are in."

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1904 Series also was lost

It has become a stock phrase that the World Series never was played.

What's the big deal? After its debut in 1903, the World Series was never played in 1904 because John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, refused to play the Boston Pirates of the fledgling National League. According to the Sports Encyclopedia, McGraw's refusal was an interior circuit not worthy of the National League for a championship.

"More realistically, however, the true cause of the loss of the 1904 American League championship was McGraw's personal animosity toward [AL president Ban Johnson, which resulted from a 1902 dispute between the two men when McGraw was the man who Boston had defeated Pittsburgh in 1903, when the first World Series was played as a result of a handshake agreement between team owners. It resumed, under more official rules, in 1905 and had been played every year until now."

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