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Dan,

Your topic, like Sloane's, has the potential to be really enlightening to a reader even if they have no interest in sports (as is the case with me). I'll copy over what I typed to Sloane, as it applies in your case as well:

A reader might start off the paper going, "So what? Why does baseball matter? It's just a game." So it's really important that you relate what you're talking about back to the bigger picture. This kind of thing is happening in many more fields besides baseball—the conventions of politics, for example, have great potential for change with new technologies. The way things have always been done is not necessarily the best way, and now with new technologies people have the ability to figure that out and also to share their thoughts with others—potentially being able to change things for the better. And I don't think anyone can argue that the workings of government don't matter. You just have to show how what's happened in baseball could and is happening in other fields and you're solid.

Beyond that, it's hard to give you much feedback since there's not much of your paper done yet. What you do have is solid and well-written, so just keep it up.

Your peer,

John Pray