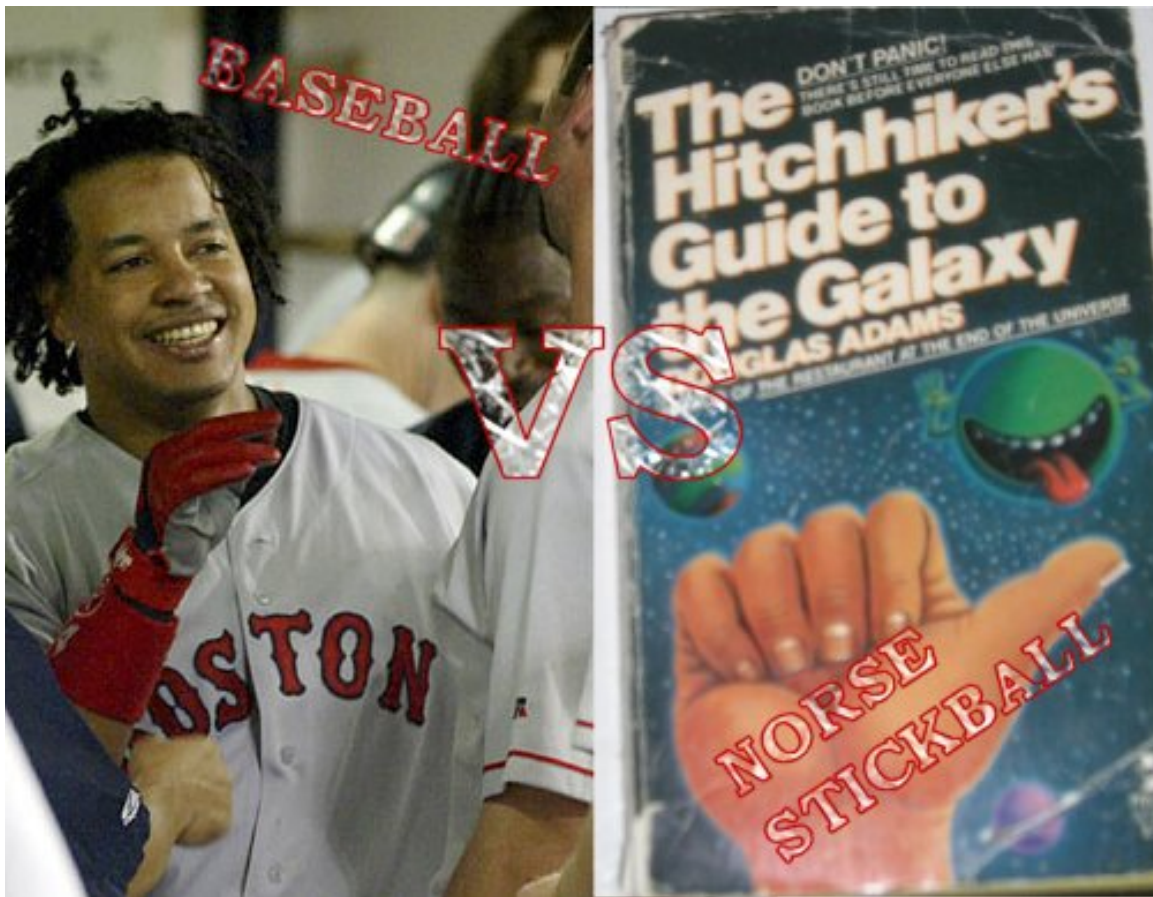


GRUDGE MATCH #1 – 8/6/2004



Baseball

VS

Norse Stickball

Airyu: In honor of the Red Sox trading Nomar Garciaparra, I am prepared to match the entire sport of baseball against quite possibly the most dangerous spectator sport in the known universe. Here to help call the match is our newest pilot, and my good friend, MAJ Yutzka Serovich!

Serovich: Hey there, Airyu. What's first up for our players?

Airyu: Well, I'll see how some of our pilots deal with a standard play. Pitching now is Pedro Martinez... and at the bat is our own LT Ginji! Here's the first pitch, and...

Ginji: Aaaaah! *tries to dodge, but is hit in the head* Ow... *thud*

Serovich: Take yer base!

CATS: Base base base base base...

Airyu: Who the crap invited him in?!? De Grooz! Weren't you supposed to be guarding the door?

crickets chirp in the background

CATS: Base base base base

Serovich: *hits CATS in the head with a Norse Stickball stick* PWN3D!!! Now, on to the other side of the coin.

Airyu: On the pitcher's mound is CM Paco. He pitched for the IWATS intramural team, let's see how he fares against Manny Ramirez of the Red Sox. I've invited the rest of the squad to help field... let's hear some chatter out there, boys!

pilots: Hey batter batter! Hey batter BATTER batter hey! Hey! HEY!!! Batter BATTER BATTER HEY HEY GABBA GABBA-

Manny Ramirez: Hey fielder fielder!!!

Paco: *throws the ball*

Manny: *hits the ball*

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Newsfeed from AD Khadgar: In a poorly thought-out publicity stunt aboard the Vanguard, Major Daisuke Airyu held a baseball game against some of the best professional players of the modern day. During the course of the game, a stray baseball punctured the safety forcefield surrounding the Vanguard's athletic arena, and caused a significant rupture in the hull. Several decks have been cordoned off, deemed unsafe by Imperial engineers. All responsible parties have been apprehended and imprisoned in the Vanguard's secondary brig, as the primary brig was condemned. We take you to the secondary brig for the conclusion of this week's match.

Ginji: I thought this was supposed to be the secondary brig!

Airyu: Come on, man, you know we can't afford *two* brigs on our budget!

Serovich: *shivering* Yeah... but... why did they have to throw us in the meat locker!?!

Airyu: Just... shut up... and... I think if we hit the door with a Norse stick, it'll break down!

Ginji: *gnawing on a frozen side of bantha* mm!! this is good!!!

Airyu: *takes a bite and chews* mmf, right! I guess we'll have to *chomp* call it a draw!!

MORAL: When playing in a climate controlled arena, watch your power hitters. And stay away from the frozen bantha, it fights back.