World Cup Needs Alternatives for Ties

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As I had written before, most major journalists disagreed of the current system of deciding a winner. They were quick to point out that even FIFA, the organizers of the World Cup feared the possibility of the world championship being decided by a shootout. FIFA is currently considering changes similar to what the readers suggested.

When will the strike end?

This article is much shorter than the last one, so I hope more readers will respond to this issue's poll question.

Many of you sports fans know very well about the ongoing strike in Major League Baseball. Players, owners, and employees have all been losing money. According to The New York Times (Wednesday, Sept. 7), since the strike began on Aug. 12, 338 games have been missed, players have lost $114.9 million in pay, and owners have been losing money. According to

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suggested.

You, the reader, might see it a little differently. Therefore, the poll question of this issue is: Do you think the baseball strike will end before the championship playoffs are scheduled to begin? Send your responses by electronic mail to: sports@the-tech.mit.edu. Along with your response, please add any suggestions you may have about how the situation could be settled.

College Football

In NCAA Division I, it was a week for blowouts, as many of the top teams in the nation decided to spend their first game blowing out any school willing to act as cannon fodder. The ugliest of games might have been Miami's 56-22 awardee over Georgia Southern, which sounds suspiciously like a 1-1 AIAA school. In winning, Miami set the NCAA record for consecutive home victories, with 58, which incidentally is higher than the number of yards Georgia Southern's offense was able to produce (34). They must be so proud.

Nebraska bumped Florida from the No. 1 spot in the AP poll on the strength of a 31-0 victory over West Virginia Aug. 28, that apparently was more impressive to the sports-writers than the Gators' '70-21 rout of New Mexico State. Then again, New Mexico State does seem like a team that the Cornhuskers, notori- ous for their padded schedules, would normally play. On the local front, Boston Col- lege jumped out to a 12-0 lead against Michigan before the Wolverines realized that the game had actually started. It was all downhill from there as Dan Hen- nings' debut as head coach turned into a 34-26 loss. Michigan played without star tailback and Heisman candidate Tyrone Wheatley but didn't seem to miss him much, as the longest name in Div. I T.T. Bosakowski, ran for 122 yards on 12 carries. Oklahoma narrowly avoided a stunning upset at the hands of Syra- 

core on a last-second field goal after giving up a 24-6 lead. The Orangemen, having scored with a minute to play to take a 29-27 lead, were so appallingly arrogant as to actually celebrate the fact that they had just come back from a 24-point deficit, and of course were slapped with a 15-yard penalty on the kickoff, allowing Oklahoma excellent field position and an easy drive to the game-winning field goal. A big round of applause, please, for the officials of the No Fun League...

I mean the NCAA.

In annual conferences, MAC favorite Western Michigan scored late in the fourth quarter to narrowly beat perennial basement-dweller New Mexico State, 28-25. Also, Fresno State began its annual run to the California Bowl or the Raisin Bowl or the Sun Bowl or whatever it's called by booting San Jose State 45-13.

If you were watching last week, nobody knew about it. But seriously, folks, the team is prepared for their offi- cial season opener tomorrow at Salve Regina University. Kickoff is at 6:00 p.m.

No Fun League

Let me try something here: Ladies and Gentlemen, your New England Patriots! (silence)

I thought so. Blissado and the gang were Victimized by Dan Mari- no and his array of talented receivers, who ripped the Pats for five touchdowns and just over a billion yards in a 39-35 Dolphin victory.

New England's home opener is next week against the Buffalo Bills, who were crushed 23-3 by the New York Jets (yes, you read that right, the Jets). Maybe Buffalo won't get the opportunity to lose their fifth Super Bowl this year. Then again, they do get to play the Patriots twice.

If you were watching the games on Sunday and saw the score 11-0 pop up on your screen, be assured that it was not an error by the rookie technicians at Fox, and there weren't two safeties by a team or any missed extra points. The Cleve- land Browns scored the first two-point conversion in NFL history after a first-quarter touchdown in a 28-24 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Time will tell if the new rule allowing the two-point conversion will be helpful to the league, which has been looking for ways to add scoring and excitement to games. Don't look for teams to try this play a lot, though, even in late-game comeback situations. Why? The extra point kick, basically a 17-yard field goal attempt, is all but automatic, and unless absolutely necessary, few coaches will be getting no extra points (and the two-pointer is less than a 50/50 proposition against most teams) when they can get one with so much.

Detroit needed overtime to beat the Atlanta Falcons 31-28 on a Janice Hanson field goal. The game was an excellent showcase for the talents of transfuged quarterbacks Scott Mitchell for the Lions (12 completions in 36 attempts, 173 yards, 1 INT, 1 TD's and Jeff George of the Falcons (29-37, 281 yards, 2 TD’s), especially because the secondeaters for both teams have been decimated by free agency and the salary cap, and looked less than polished on Sunday.

The College Gameday show, set Balti- more, will have no CFL updates here) came into the session knowing that they needed rookie running back Marshall Faulk to produce. Their worries are over. Faulk rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns in 45-21 romp over the surprisingly punchless Houston Oilers. Indi-