

The Hypocrisy in Sports

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Prior to the beginning of the World Series, Houston Astros assistant GM shouted with expletives at some female reporters that he was pleased to have closer Roberto Osuna on roster. This came after Osuna blew the save to the Yankees just an hour earlier. Osuna was charged with domestic assault and as a result, his price tag fell and allowed the Astros to get him for pennies on the dollar. This is just one incident in a sports world that tends to be hypocritical about domestic abuse.

In the MLB, a similar situation occurred with current Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman who was also traded for an exponentially cheaper deal because of his domestic violence charges. Yasiel Puig, Jeurys Familia, Miguel Sano, Addison Russell and Domingo German have all been investigated in the last three years and none of them have lost their jobs for it.

In the NFL, Kareem Hunt, Ezekiel Elliott, Rueben Foster (twice), Aldon Smith, Brandon Marshall (twice), Donte Whitner, Dez Bryant, James Harrison, Santonio Holmes and Tyreek Hill have all been arrested and (while they may have been suspended briefly) continued their playing careers.

While the NBA doesn't have it quite as bad as the NFL and MLB, they still allowed Jason Kidd to continue playing and then get hired as a coach after being charged with domestic violence. Darren Collison, Matt Barnes and Charlie Villanueva all faced domestic violence charges and walked away mostly unscathed.

The biggest offenders, the MLB and NFL, have repeatedly made it clear that they don't really care about domestic violence. If you're good enough to play in their league, it doesn't really matter what you do. Not that that's fine, but if that's their stance (and it appears to be), then so be it. The problem is they both claim to stand against domestic violence.

The NFL began a "No More" campaign in 2014 and the MLB observes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And to be fair, the Astros did fire the assistant GM. The problem is it came several days after the team issued a statement saying the report was fabricated and they aren't really sorry. The NFL will just suspend them a few games and move on.

Domestic violence seems to be rampant in sports, but a really big problem in that is the hypocrisy. If any of these gentlemen were office workers, they'd be in prison. Since they can catch and throw balls, they make millions until they decide to quit.