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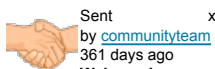
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Let MLB Teams Protect Their Catchers

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It's Major League Baseball's turn to deal with player collisions and the dangerous health issues derived from them. Only the question of whether catchers should block from the path of oncoming base runners, is a case where MLB should avoid creating a rule. In my estimation, the league should leave it up to teams to determine whether they enforce their catchers to risk injury to protect home plate.

The debate results from San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey recently breaking his left ankle during just that play. A Florida Marlins baserunner barreled into Posey at home; Posey's right ankle got caught underneath his own body as he fell backwards, causing a season-ending injury. Now, a steady stream of fans, sportswriters, team executives and players is calling for MLB to protect catchers from future injuries.

Their main argument is that base runner-catcher collisions are unnecessary, especially given the risk of a team losing a catcher for the balance of a season. That's understandable, but catchers suffering season-ending injuries in home plate collisions isn't a trend. It's an occurrence that grabs our attention only on the rare occasion when it happens.

Rules can go only so far. MLB should look at what Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane has done. He told his starting catcher, Kurt Suzuki, to stand off the baseline on throws to the plate and then simply make a sweeping tag on passing baserunners. It's common for team general managers to make these types of decisions, so it's better to let teams decide defensive / fielding strategies on their own terms. It's their catcher who's potentially in danger, whom they have to pay whether he's healthy or injured, so it should be their decision whether or not they want that player in harm's way.

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