

Video replay gains traction

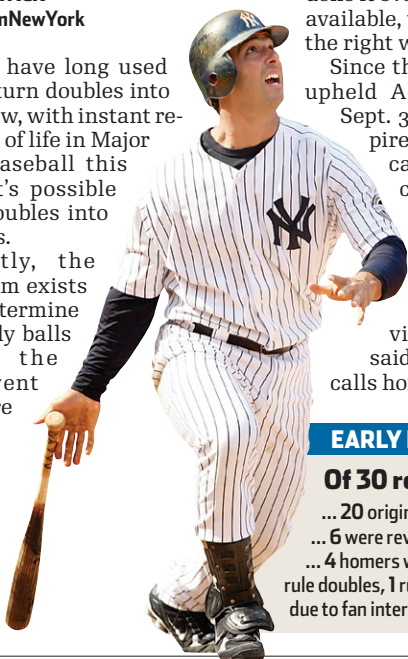
But delays, limits bother critics of baseball's new home run review system

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Players have long used hustle to turn doubles into triples. Now, with instant replay a fact of life in Major League Baseball this season, it's possible to turn doubles into home runs.

Presently, the new system exists only to determine whether fly balls cleared the fence, went foul or were

Jorge's Posada's pinch-hit homer on April 19 survived a review. (GETTY)



interfered with by fans.

"I think go the Full Monty," said Jeff Passan, a national writer for Yahoo! Sports who wants to see MLB use the full powers of video replay. "If you're going to deviate from the way you've done it ever since the technology was available, then you might as well do it the right way the first time."

Since the first reviewed play — an upheld Alex Rodriguez homer on Sept. 3, 2008, at Tampa Bay — umpires have scrutinized 29 more calls (through Monday). Ten calls were overturned; six became home runs.

Passan argued that all boundary calls (a disputed double down the foul line, for example) should be video-reviewable. But MLB said it wants to keep reviewed calls homer-centric.

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Of 30 reviewed plays so far ...

- ... 20 original calls were upheld
- ... 6 were reversed and became home runs
- ... 4 homers were overruled (2 ruled ground-rule doubles, 1 ruled a foul ball and 1 ruled an out due to fan interference)

(AMNY; SOURCE: MLB)

"Home runs were considered a unique issue that could be solved by our system of limited instant replay," MLB spokesman Michael Teevan said in an e-mail message.

The time spent determining calls can be lengthy. Replay is intended take 2½ minutes on average, the league said. For the first 30 replay reviews, 16 were at or less than baseball's desired time limit. But eight reviews exceeded four minutes — including one each at Yankee Stadium (8:30, Jorge Posada upheld HR, 4/19 vs. Cleveland) and Citi Field (6:30, Gary Sheffield upheld HR, 5/25 vs. Washington).

Mets manager Jerry Manuel even complained that the lengthy review on Sheffield's sixth-inning home run last month forced Manuel to remove starter John Maine from the game.

Passan called for a system similar to the NFL's coach's challenge, which differs from MLB's exclusively umpire-originated calls for review.

Still, five MLB general managers contacted for this story agreed that replay was a positive addition.

"I think Major League Baseball has done a good job in reviewing the plays that need to be reviewed and done it in as quick a fashion as possible," said an AL GM who requested anonymity.

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