



Pandora's Box with Your Favorite MLB Logo On The Side

*Did Barry Bonds use performance enhancing drugs?
And what about Roger Clemens?*

Andy Pettitte fessed up so we can confidently put a check mark by his name.
As for the best bat and arm of our time, at this point does it really matter?

Be honest, you've already red-flagged the boys.

And we thought this was the land of the free and the brave ... where a person is said to be innocent until PROVEN guilty. All it takes is for the name to be in the same sentence with steroids or HGH and the stain is there for life. The cloud of doubt has moved in and Bonds and Clemens will forever remain under suspicion. Remember pig pen from Peanuts fame? He never did manage to shake the stink. I wonder where he ended up?

My point?

Major League Baseball has decided to use a "recommendation" from the Mitchell Report.

On or about February 4th of 2008 the league office "sent out a memo." It informed the clubs that a new hotline was being set up. It could be accessed by front office personnel and players. It's sort of a neighborhood watch program to seek out and eliminate illegal drug abuse. (Enter your best "deep throat" impersonation here.) Oh, and there's a website too.

Now in fairness to MLB, you need to have a special access code. (Could you imagine this information in the hands of the Red Sox Nation? Alex Rodriguez would never be safe again!) And once MLB gets the information a full investigation must take place before any actual penalty is handed down. STILL, history has proven, the player will be marked FOREVER. No, not always publicly ... worse ... by potential employers. If it happens in Vegas, it stays in Vegas. If it happens in sports, it's fair game! We can't help it anymore!

Do you really believe Jose Canseco was THE only ballplayer to witness wrong doing?

Of course not, he's admittedly just mad because he lost playing time! Hey ... back in his day if there would have been a hotline maybe he could have made a few calls ... ratted out a few users ... and landed back on a big league roster.

Apparently Pandora's Box can be ordered with you favorite big league logo on the side. The heart and brain is in the right place. MLB HAS HAD ENOUGH, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE. I sincerely applaud the efforts. I'm just not sure turning every ballplayer into an informant is the right plan. The front office personnel and players I spoke to were outraged. These guys spend 8-10 months with each other. They are more family then their own family. They share things and see things that only insiders could really understand. (Joba Chamberlain's Daddy becomes ill, Derek Jeter personally chartered the private plane). There MUST be a trust factor. Could you imagine a hotline in your workplace? Imagine the corner office ... and pick up the phone. Your anonymous call could make or break your career and the career of another.