

Chapter 1 : NHL - Players overwhelmingly want to play in the Winter Olympics - Big Question

"The Winter Players" is a short novel of a priestess' quest to recover a relic stolen from her by stranger. Her pursuit of the lost relic leads her on a quest where she discovers the true nature of her magic and the relics upon which the shrine she keeps is built.

Baseball is staring at its greatest threat to labor peace since the strike. Getty More Decades of skepticism, of wariness, of outright distrust seemed to be melting away. For the first half of , officials from Major League Baseball courted the tight-knit group of trainers in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela with a simple pitch: This was supposed to be a victory for the league – a noble moral stance fortifying an olive branch extended to a group that long felt mistreated, castigated and villainized by MLB. Even better, the league had consulted with the MLB Players Association and received its blessing to start regulating one of the more unsavory parts of baseball in Latin America: In the message, which was obtained by Yahoo Sports, Colon, writing in Spanish, said: No one should sign or feel pressured to sign, it is not necessary. Once we review it, we will let you know. And the fallout since – contention, confusion and minimal clarity on where things go next – is a microcosm of where relations between MLB and the MLBPA stand today. Latin America is one of at least a half-dozen issues where deep fissures exist between the sides. Free agency, on-field play, anti-competitiveness, marketing of players, collection of biometric data – each is a battleground expected to feature prominently as the sides barrel toward the most contentious labor negotiations in a generation. Commissioner Rob Manfred and MLBPA executive director Tony Clark have met multiple times in recent months, talking about sports gambling and the possibility of MLB officials sitting down with players to discuss on-field issues, sources told Yahoo Sports. Colon, who did not respond to a request for comment, had been perhaps the greatest advocate for the buscones who combated an international draft during the labor negotiations. Other attempts to weaken the program, which has since launched and was announced by the league Thursday, have followed. A story in *Diario Libre*, a Dominican newspaper, anonymously quoted a trainer and member of the union castigating it. The buscon, whom the newspaper said trained several players who received million-dollar bonuses, said the program violates the collective-bargaining agreement – something both league and multiple union officials do not believe is true. And yet they know that with a relationship this tenuous, with frustrations high on both sides, the smallest gripes have time to metastasize if ignored. The league was used to negotiating with lawyers like former executive directors Don Fehr and Michael Weiner, and it found the style employed by Clark, a longtime major league player, off-putting and difficult. The union saw MLB as arrogant and disingenuous, less of a partner and more of an adversary, perpetually patronizing. Though these feelings did not get in the way of the basic agreement struck Nov. AP Photo More The union spent months trying to unpack last offseason to better understand it. No clear, definitive evidence of collusion among teams revealed itself, which was mystifying, because this was a market unlike any other collusion-free hot-stove season in the 42 years of free agency. Even as signs of lower spending appeared the previous winter, nothing foretold such a distinct shift in priorities. Players saw free agency, and the large contracts that typically accompanied it, as almost an inalienable right. And to not be ready for it? The interest in lesser players was often nonexistent. Those older than 30 felt it the worst, and with a number of teams either practicing sudden austerity or simply not spending on major league free agents, the depressed free-agent market became the story of the winter. The only other somethings of note in the class: With behemoths like the New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants primed to dip beneath the competitive-balance tax threshold and reset the so-called luxury-tax rate at a far lower number, in theory they should be more active this winter. If the union has a plan, that might be it: Trust the market will rebound because more teams will participate, and be realistic about the shifting dynamics of how teams regard age. There is no way to artificially induce owners to spend more on players. The key, one official said, is to know which teams value what and pitch clients accordingly. In some cases, that could mean a rush of early deals for players panicked by last winter. Atlanta catcher Tyler Flowers skipped free agency altogether, signing a one-year extension with a club option this week. And the next step, one owner said, could be for

clubs to push even harder to sign players to long-term extensions well before they hit free agency. But if free agency is more vulnerable now, why take the risk? And though dissatisfaction with union leadership was palpable among small groups of players over the winter, Clark vowed this winter would be different. Seeking remedies in court would be seen as a declaration of war. The union is suggesting the parties try to monetize the deal, whereas MLB is more comfortable not trying to commercialize the endeavor and simply allowing players to be more fashion-conscious with their footwear, sources said. The questions become how is it affecting the game now and how might it affect the game moving forward. Balls in play are down. Game time remains too long. It could serve as a reminder that the parties have far more to lose in labor disputes than they do to gain. Or it may just be another thing to add to the list. For MLB, another blow-off by the union. And for baseball writ large, a precursor to the most important winter in years, one that may determine whether peace can be salvaged or war is an inevitability. More from Yahoo Sports:

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Why or why not? Ben Bishop , Los Angeles Kings: Fans and players get so excited for it. Firsthand experience, it was a great experience for myself. I was in Torino and then in Vancouver. It definitely promotes players going and representing their countries, and I know players really enjoy it. For sure, I remember always watching them growing up. Obviously, to play in them would be a great honor. It makes it so special when you have your best athletes all over the world competing against each other. We are at a point where people need to really sit down behind one table and find a solution instead of always kind of being defensive, I would say, or finding ways not to find solutions. The Olympics are supposed to symbolize the best in the world. Most of the best players in the world play in the NHL. The Olympics were probably the only time that we really sat down and watched everybody together. For the sake of the hockey game, not allowing us to go is going to cause a lot of damage. As a competitive guy, I want to be part of those games. And obviously I want to represent my country again and bring home the gold. Otherwise, what is it, really? I think my best memories as a kid were watching Olympic hockey. I love the Olympic atmosphere and everything with it. I hope we can play. You need the best players there to do that. You need your best players to advertise it everywhere. We want to keep growing our game worldwide. All the players want to play. Yeah, I would love to play. Everyone wants to play for that crest. If an opportunity like that comes and it gets shut down, it would suck a lot. I imagine the guys going there with such a different atmosphere, with all the different athletes there and the different sports. Those are two markets that everybody in the NHL is interested in expanding the game to. I see it as a very positive thing for everybody involved. Players want to go there and play.

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NHL officials made sure the league would not take a break from the winter games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The Olympic schedule requires a day break in February. In America, 73 percent of fans were against an NHL break. More than 50 percent of Canadian fans agreed. Over the last 20 years, an average of players have competed in the games. The IOC said it would not fund the travel and insurance for participants and guests beginning in But NHL franchises generate hundreds of millions annually; was money really the main concern? The decision hinged not only the amount of money the league would need to spend to participate in the Winter Games, but the potential loss of league assets. The Red Wings snuck into the playoffs as the second wild card in Likewise, player Olympic participation has impacted the results of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. In , Detroit sent a league-high 10 players to Sochi. The Red Wings were eliminated in the first round. Detroit and Colorado lost in the first and second rounds, respectively. The Carolina Hurricanes had five representatives that season and lifted the cup. And it helps explain why the NHL fears endangering its on-ice product by sending players to the Winter Games. Gionta served as a captain for seven seasons with two teams. Another American to watch is forward Ryan Donato. Donata currently plays for Harvard. He is also the third youngest member on the Team USA roster. Team USA will look to earn its first medal in the games since silver.

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And with professional men's players out of the picture this year because the NHL barred players from competing in the Winter Olympic sport, the women's team is the center of attention.

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Covering insurance was an obstacle for the IOC; insurance for NHL players cost the organization \$7 million during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, according to the New York Times.

Chapter 6 : The Winter Players by Tanith Lee

The NFL is home to some of the finest athletes in the entire world. So it's not a huge surprise that there's already been some crossover between the NFL and the Olympics. Willie Gault played.

Chapter 7 : Why aren't NHL players playing in Winter Olympics?

The men's hockey tournament at the Winter Olympics got underway on Wednesday. With former NHLers like Brian Gionta and Pavel Datsyuk headlining alongside potential future stars like Rasmus.

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