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Editorial

Has Baseball Lost Its Cool?

Crack! That is the sound of a baseball hitting a bat, that sound is said to be America's heartbeat. Today many people say baseball is losing its popularity and that the age old sport is just not interesting anymore. Well that is just not true. Baseball has not lost its cool, but is prospering. Baseball is still one of America's most popular sports because the amount of America's youth that plays it is tremendous and it is still watched at the park and on TV all across America.

America's youth plays baseball more than many other sports. According to ESPN baseball may not be the number one sport in America that is played by kids, but it is still one of the highest at number two. These kids will grow up enjoying baseball and probably stay a part of it throughout their lives, because they were exposed to it when they were young. If they had good baseball experiences, then they will try to pass on their experiences with their kids, and so on. Another statistic from ESPN says that the children who play baseball in America make up twenty-four percent of the kids playing sports. That may not seem like much, but remember there are a lot of kids and a lot of sports, so that is actually a good amount. So again, baseball is not suffering but prospering in America.

Next, baseball is still being watched in America. A poll from Sports Networker, "What is your favorite sport?" People responded with forty percent football, then twenty-three percent baseball,

and so on. This proves that baseball may not be the most popular sport, but it is definitely still up there. In the 2013 World Series, there were twenty-two million people watching, that is a lot. According to ESPN MLB, the average attendance for the Los Angeles Dodgers was 46,695 people, that is a lot of people. The highest attended baseball game in history was in the Los Angeles Coliseum and had 115,000 people in attendance. Super Bowl XVI only had 105,000 people in attendance, so baseball is beating out other sports in attendance. Baseball is definitely still being watched.

Those opposed to baseball say that it is too old and takes too long. Baseball may be old but what does that change? The fact that baseball is one of America's oldest sports, means it has history. Baseball has the best history because it has the most. Many exciting things happened then and still happen now, such as Babe Ruth calling his shot in the 1932 World Series, and Felix Hernandez throwing a perfect game in 2012. Others say, baseball games take a long time, but that's because it's the only sport without a clock. That is another feature baseball has to itself. If the game is interesting, than that three hour game won't feel very long. The baseball games are fun to go to and fun to watch. Baseball has a rich history and the games are usually really interesting.

Baseball is definitely still being played and watched in America. Baseball is one of America's most popular sports. This sport is the second most played sport by kids and the second favorite sport according to the survey done by ESPN. So, go and watch a baseball game, whether it is live or on TV I know you will enjoy it.

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