

Reinstate Buck Weaver to Major League Baseball

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ClearBuck.com's Letter to Commissioner Selig

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Dear Commissioner Selig,

I was encouraged to read the latest editorial piece by Michael Bauman about Buck Weaver's reinstatement on MajorLeagueBaseball.com. I strongly agree with his view that Buck Weaver should be the leading candidate considered for reinstatement. While Pete Rose's issue was recently the leading story in the national media, many articles paid attention to a cause more deserving of headlines – the ClearBuck.com campaign.

Though similar in terms of subject matter, the Pete Rose and Buck Weaver cases are entirely separate and different in substance. As you know Weaver took no money to throw the series, batted .324 and fielded flawlessly. Rose on the other hand, admitted to gambling only after lying about it for more than a decade.

Buck Weaver's family, unlike Pete Rose's, cannot afford to hire high-profile attorneys and consultants to fight on their behalf. Instead, they rely on the validity of the story and the passion of Buck Weaver fans. Patricia Anderson, surrogate daughter and niece of Weaver, seeks to restore her uncle's honor and reputation. The truth of Buck Weaver's innocence is known among the baseball community, yet no known action is underway to make this small, meaningful gesture happen in Patricia's lifetime. She is 77-years-old and her health is deteriorating. The reversal of Judge Landis' ban on Buck Weaver will provide only positive press for Major League Baseball.

It would mean a great deal to both Patricia Anderson and myself to meet with you regarding the issue. Her recollection of her uncle during his post-baseball days and his incessant quest for reinstatement will astonish you. I have tapped resources unavailable to my scholarly Black Sox predecessors and have uncovered a number of items that bring new light to this well-researched issue. The Chicago Historical Society has asked me to be the featured Black Sox scholar at a symposium October 3rd honoring the 85th anniversary of the Black Sox Scandal.

As noted in the New York Times, USA Today, ABC News, the Associated Press and other news sources around the country, Buck Weaver was wrongly banned from baseball and deserves justice. Restoring him to the ranks of Major League Baseball is all the Weaver family is looking to accomplish.

Again, granting Patricia Anderson and myself the opportunity to meet with you would be a small but well-received gesture. Help us prove that Major League Baseball truly is America's favorite pastime. Open your doors to a former player's daughter and one of the sports most passionate fans. You won't regret the decision.

Sincerely,

Dr. David J. Fletcher MD MPH

Commissioner Selig's Response

“Thank you for your letter of February 16, 2004.

I certainly understand your strong feelings relative to the Buck Weaver situation. It is part of an overall ongoing review process that will continue. As you know this is a very sensitive matter that none of my predecessors have seen fit to overturn, but certainly as the very least we ought to thoroughly review it, and that's what we are doing.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I enjoyed hearing from you.”

Pete Rose Reinstatement

Do you think Commissioner Selig will make a decision regarding Pete Rose's reinstatement before the start of the 2004 MLB season?

Yes

No

[See Results]

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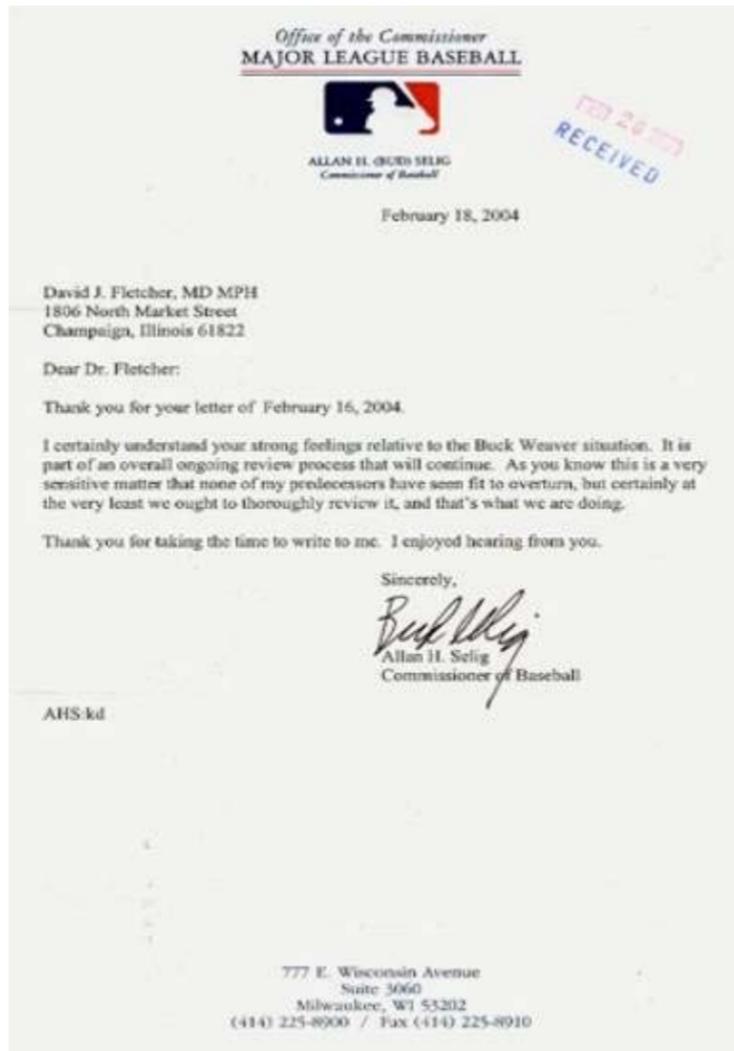
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REMINDER – Join ClearBuck.com at Spring Training

ClearBuck.com founder and president Dr. David Fletcher will present **ClearBuck.com: The Crusade to Bring Back Buck Weaver to Baseball** on Friday, March 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. at the Best Western Inn at the Airport in Tucson,

AZ.

Fletcher, a lifelong baseball fan from Chicago will outline the history of the Black Sox scandal, Buck Weaver's unsuccessful attempts at reinstatement and how this tragic story influenced Dr. Fletcher to fight on Weaver's behalf.

Events for the 11th Annual Spring Training Conference will take place Thursday, March 11th through Sunday, March 14th. Saturday night's keynote speaker will be "Eight Men Out" author Eliot Asinof. If you are interested in attending any of the events or if you would like more information, please [click here](#).

SoxFest was a success!



Over the course of three days, thousands of fans stopped by Booth #43 to voice their support for the ClearBuck.com campaign. More than 2,000 signatures endorsed Buck Weaver's reinstatement while some familiar faces stopped by the ClearBuck.com booth to acknowledge their backing of the campaign. Hawk Harrelson and Chicago White Sox

announcer Darrin Jackson chatted with Buck Weaver's niece Patricia Anderson, "The Ginger Kid" author Irving Stein and Black Sox scholar and ClearBuck.com founder, Dr. David Fletcher.

Buck Weaver memorabilia and various Black Sox items were displayed along with ClearBuck.com t-shirts, stickers, flyers and special edition newsletters.

Visit www.clearbuck.com/gallery/ to see the event photos.

Reinstatement Updates

In a recent article with the Associated Press, Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is backtracking on comments that Commissioner Bud Selig would reinstate Pete Rose before the start of the 2003 baseball season. Last year at this time, Schmidt predicted Rose's reinstatement was imminent.

Schmidt, one of Rose's key allies, stated the Commissioner was "dragging his feet" on the issue and feels "he must have a good reason for doing it."

Schmidt called Rose "a beaten man" and doesn't know whether the career hits leader will gain reinstatement to baseball.

In a related story, Mike Bauman, columnist for Major League Baseball's official website, makes a case for Buck Weaver's reinstatement, separating Weaver from the rest of the player's on baseball's ineligible roster. [Click here](#) to read the article.

How Can I Help?

There are a number of ways you can help the ClearBuck.com campaign. If you haven't already done so, visit our website to sign the online petition or forward the link to everyone in your address book. Other ways you can help:

* Download the petition available on our website and take it to:

Local sport and social activities
Schools
Community groups
Special events taking place in your area

Please return all signed petitions to:

Amber Buchanan
Serafin & Associates, Inc.
409 W. Huron St., Ste. 600
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 943-1955 (p)

* Write a letter to the editor of your local paper.

* Download the [media fact sheet](#) from our website and email it or take it to your local television or radio station.

* Write a letter to Commissioner Allan H. 'Bud' Selig letting him know your thoughts about Major League Baseball's injustice to Buck Weaver. Send your letters to:

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