

2007 New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports

September 29, 2007

Schedule

All talks take place in the Harvard University Science Center, Lecture Hall C. The morning and afternoon breaks will be in the open area outside the lecture hall.

- 9:00am – 9:15am: Welcome
- 9:15am – 9:45am: Alan Schwarz, New York Times
“Can’t we all just get along: Overcoming impasses between sports insiders and outsiders”
- 9:45am – 10:15am: Justin Wolfers, The Wharton School
“Racial Discrimination among NBA referees”
- 10:15am – 10:45am: A. James O’Malley, Harvard Medical School
“The Tennis Formula: How it can be used in professional tennis”
- 10:45am – 11:00am: Break
- 11:00am – 11:30am: Dan T. Rosenbaum, Cleveland Cavaliers and UNC at Greensboro
“The pot calling the kettle black: Are NBA statistical models more irrational than ‘irrational’ decision-makers?”
- 11:30am – 12:00pm: Shane T. Jensen, The Wharton School
“Statistical models for the evaluation of fielding in baseball”
- 12:00pm – 12:30pm: Peter Vint, U.S. Olympics Committee
“Real-world challenges in the pursuit of Olympic excellence”
- 12:30pm – 1:45pm: Lunch break
- 1:45pm – 2:15pm: Cyrus R. Mehta, Cytel Inc., and Arun M. Mehta, iClub Inc.
“iClub: A digital feedback device for improving your golf swing”
- 2:15pm – 2:45pm: Ben Baumer, New York Mets and CUNY
“Why on-base percentage is a better indicator than batting average”
- 2:45pm – 3:15pm: Jan Vecer, Columbia University
“On probabilistic excitement of sports games”
- 3:15pm – 4:30pm: Poster Session
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm: Panel Discussion – *“Incorporating statistics into sports.”*
Moderator: Sean Grande – sportscaster, “voice” of the Boston Celtics
Panelist: Aaron Schatz – Football Outsiders
Panelist: Dean Oliver – Denver Nuggets
Panelist: Carl Morris – Harvard University