## HHH- MLB cancels season and Fernando Tatis

Entrance Question: Would you rather only hear one song for the rest of your life, or only watch one tv show or movie?

Quickly following the NBA cancelling their season on March 12, Major League Baseball Followed suit a few days later.

Major League Baseball suspended the start of its 2020 season on Thursday, March 14th out of precaution for the coronavirus. While the league announced an initial two-week suspension, baseball fans reportedly won't see the MLB season return until May at the earliest.

According to ESPN's Jeff Passan, many executives and players around the league believe the MLB season won't resume until May at the earliest. The league plans to re-evaluate its plans after two weeks. However, the uncertainty of the increasing spread of COVID-19 will likely result in the game being suspended for at least another month.

The 2020 season was set to begin with Opening Day on March 26, but all 30 teams and league officials agreed to postpone the start of the season during a conference call on Thursday. The move came in a 24-hour span when the XFL, NBA and NHL suspending operations and March Madness was canceled.

If Major League Baseball could build the ideal superstar—that one elusive player capable of transcending the sport's hidebound ways and revitalizing the national pastime for an apathetic younger generation—he would possess several qualities.

He would be young and supremely talented. He would play a premium defensive position, for a team with a chance to regularly compete for a championship. He would bring emotion and swagger to the field and embrace the spotlight away from it. He would respect the game's traditions, while recognizing which of those traditions need to change. And he would be bilingual, giving him a platform to connect with MLB's legions of Spanish-speaking fans.

In other words, he would be a lot like <u>Fernando Tatís Jr.</u> As the 2020 season was about to start, Tatis wanted to be in the spotlight. The postponement of the 2020 season allowed for Tatis to continue to work on being ready to take the National League by storm every night that he stepped foot on the field. He had all 5 tools...Hit for power, Hit for Average, Speed, Agility, arm strength and a lot of swag.

Just last month, Tatis Added yet another impressive bullet point to his growing superstar resume. The Padres' dazzling shortstop was revealed Monday as the cover athlete for Sony's <u>MLB The Show 21</u> video game, and he made history in the process. At just 22 years old, Tatis is the youngest player to be chosen for the cover of The Show dating back to when the game debuted in 2006. It's also a landmark day for Padres fans, as Tatis is the first player to grace the game's cover in a San Diego uniform.

**Exit Question:** If you were given the talents of Tatis at 22 years old, explain if you would work hard to be in the spotlight or work hard to keep a private persona. Use 4-5 sentences to answer this question telling me why you chose what you did.