

## The Ugliest World Series

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I'm a terrible fan, I like the Dodgers, the Giants, the A's and the Angels. But I am a fan of the sport and I'll have the Phillies vs. Marlins (if that's all there is) on while doing chores and what not. In my life, I have rooted for the Braves, due to a girl I met in the 90's and for Houston because of a woman I married in the 2000's. But then it all changed and somehow the two biggest asshole teams are facing each other in the World Series.

And I need to root for someone, because I love the World Series.

Up until Game 4, it seemed like an easy choice. I root for the Braves, at least they (unlike the Astros) beat the Dodgers fair and square in the post season to advance to the World Series. But then there is also the Tomahawk Chop, an enduring symbol of the racism of Atlanta. Then you start seeing 90% white faces at the ball game. And then the preferred president of all racists, Donald J. "I need to rally support in Georgia" Trump shows up at the Game to enjoy mocking the original citizens of this country to rally his own troops (yes, it's an actual militia). I mean the guy spent his life at Yankee Stadium. He told his minions that he was invited by MLB, but he wasn't.

And the Astros are cheaters. Which is too bad, because I liked them fine before that. Granted only two of the cheaters are still on the team, but still they faced ZERO punishment from Major League Baseball for their cheating. If they had received a harsher punishment from MLB, this would be a great redemption story. But they are cheaters, got away with it, showed no remorse.

And the real problem with the cheating is that they were probably good enough to win without it. Or were they? Guess we will never know.



I think the Astros are trying to right their ship and the Braves organization is not racist at heart. And they both have a baseball legends that deserve to have a World Series ring as managers.

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The first is Houston manager, [Dusty Baker](#), who has won a World Series ring as a member of the Dodgers. He is also credited with giving the first high five. He is one of 4 black managers to coach a World Series Team. But he's a character too and throwback to old school baseball, coaching with his gut (which has cost him in the past) while listening the ways of the future.



Then there is [Ron Washington](#), also a 50+ year veteran of the game. He was

the head coach of the two ill-fated Texas Rangers World Series bids, but also played a large part in developing players for the Oakland A's during the Moneyball teams.

So we have two wes

And since there was no justice, the Astros continue to be cheaters. Even with good ol' Dusty behind the wheel. t coasters (well, kind of) playing against each other for the title. Two guys who are very deserving, are men of character, two who have made a huge impact on the game. But I am leaning towards Ron Washington, because at the end of the day they beat the Dodgers fair and square. Even if their fans are Trump loving racists. But to win over a racist, you need to show them the greatness of the people they oppose.