

Homework Assignment #6: Economics of Sports

Due Monday, March 30

Assignment #6 is a combined homework and in-class assignment known as a “Jigsaw Reading.”

Each student in the class will select one of five journal articles. The titles and authors of the articles are listed below.

The homework portion of the assignment is as follows:

- You should read your selected article.
- You will turn in a one to two page summary of the article which answers the basic questions of what is the main idea of the article and what do you feel the author wants his or her audience to learn.
- Your summary should also include your own opinions about the conclusions of the author. Do you think the assumptions and the conclusions of the author are correct?

The in-class portion of the assignment is as follows:

- During class we will break up into 4 or 5 groups. Each group will include at least one person from each article.
- Each member of the group will make a brief presentation (about ten minutes) outlining the main point of their article to the other members of the group. Each presenter should leave a little time for questions from the group.
- After the small group session is done, each person will turn in paper which briefly explains the issues raised by each other article and the conclusions of each author.
- The in-class portion of the assignment is worth a significant portion of the points on the assignment so you may want to consider attending class on Monday, March 30.

You have your choice of the following articles which are available in on Electronic Reserve (<http://eres.holycross.edu/coursepage.asp?cid=1269>). The course password is “Econ229”

Lawrence Kahn, “The Effects of Race on Professional Football Players’ Compensation,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 45:2, 1992, 295-310.

Clark Nardnelli and Curtis Simon, “Customer Racial Discrimination in the Market for Memorabilia: The Case of Baseball,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 105:3, August 1990, 575-595.

Mark Kanazawa and Jonas Funk, “Racial Discrimination in Professional Basketball: Evidence from Nielsen Ratings,” *Economic Inquiry*, 39:4, October 2001, 599-608.

Janice Fanning Madden, “Differences in Success of NFL Coaches by Race, 1990-2002: Evidence of Last Hire, First Fire,” *Journal of Sports Economics*, 5:1, February 2004, 6-19.

Joseph Price and Justin Wolfers, “Racial Discrimination Among NBA Referees,” NBER working paper, 2007.

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What are the important issues raised by each article and what are the author's conclusions?

Kahn:

Presenter: _____

Nardinelli and Simon:

Presenter: _____

Kanazawa and Funk:

Presenter: _____

Madden:

Presenter: _____

Price and Wolfers:

Presenter: _____