



## ***By Comparison, Buck Looks Better Every Day***

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More dark clouds hovered over baseball on Monday. They had nothing to do with the ones at U.S. Cellular Field.

Rather, New York Yankees lightning rod Alex Rodriguez was chief among the 13 players to be suspended because of illegal performance-enhancers, as the greatest scandal in baseball history continued take its toll. The latest episode is yet another reason to absolve White Sox third baseman Buck Weaver, something that should have been done long ago.

Weaver had prior knowledge of the 1919 World Series scandal, but he never took part in the scheme. The result was a lifetime ban, nonetheless. If the 38-year-old Rodriguez were to serve his entire 211-game suspension, it would be only a fraction of the price that the 29-year-old Weaver had to pay for a far less grievous offense, most would agree.

Weaver has long since left us, of course. But given the standards of the day, his name cannot be cleared soon enough.