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SCHEDULING GENIUS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COMPETE TONIGHT

TAGAINST "CAT FISH HUNTER" AND PETE ROSE

AND THE REST OF THE BASEBALL ALL-STARS!

To take on both the Republicans and the

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