

Re: Baseball

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On Apr 10, 3:53 pm, "mensana...@xxxxxxxxxxxx" <mensana...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

On Apr 10, 2:45 pm, "john0...@xxxxxxx" <john0...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

To keep it simple, before 1960 the National and American Basball Leagues used to have 8 teams each. Each team would play every other team in its league 22 times for a total of 154 games. Usually the first place team would lose about a third of its games and the last place team would win about a third of its games.

Suppose you had eight people "play" an identical schedule of card cutting or something where it is all luck and no skill. Aproxomately how would you expect "teams" one thru eight to finish in wins and losses, say averaged out over 100 "seasons?"

They would all be tied.

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My guess is that the OP meant to ask in the 100 seasons, what was the average number of games won by the best team each season. Likewise, what was the average number of games won by the worst team each season. Certainly this question is much more interesting than the one you answered.

Then he should have asked it. Instead, he asked what I would "expect", not what would have actually happened.

I think you will find that the teams 1 through 8 will not average 77 wins each. Teams 1-4 will average more than that, and teams 5-8 will average fewer. He is essentially asking for order statistics.

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