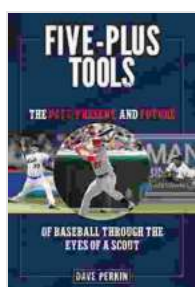


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Baseball is a game of tradition, but it is also a game of constant evolution. The way the game is played, the players who play it, and the fans who watch it are all constantly changing.

As a scout, I have had the privilege of witnessing these changes firsthand. I have seen the game grow from a simple pastime to a global phenomenon. I have seen the rise of new stars and the decline of old ones. I have seen the game adapt to new technologies and new challenges.

In this article, I will share my insights on the past, present, and future of baseball. I will discuss the changes that I have seen over the years, and I will offer my predictions for the future of the game.

## **The Past**

Baseball has a long and storied history. The game was first played in the United States in the early 19th century, and it quickly became a popular pastime. By the late 19th century, baseball was being played professionally, and the first Major League Baseball (MLB) league was founded in 1876.

The early days of baseball were marked by a number of innovations that would shape the game's future. In 1846, the first baseball diamond was laid out in Hoboken, New Jersey. In 1857, the first baseball glove was invented. And in 1869, the first professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, was formed.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a golden age for baseball. The game was played in front of packed crowds, and the stars of the day were household names. Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, and Lou Gehrig were just a few of the legendary players who played during this time.

## **The Present**

Baseball is still a popular sport today, but it has changed in many ways since its early days. The game is now played in over 100 countries, and the MLB is a global enterprise. The players are bigger, stronger, and faster than ever before, and the game is more competitive than ever.

One of the biggest changes in baseball over the past few decades has been the use of technology. Video replay, pitch tracking, and other technologies are now used to help umpires make calls and to give managers and players more information about the game.

Technology has also changed the way that scouts evaluate players. In the past, scouts relied on their own eyes to judge a player's talent. Today, scouts have access to a wealth of data and video that can help them make more informed decisions.

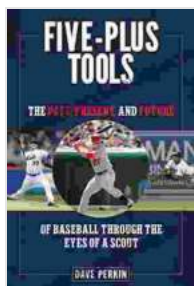
## **The Future**

It is difficult to predict the future of baseball, but there are a few trends that could shape the game in the years to come. One trend is the increasing popularity of international baseball. The MLB is already investing in developing baseball in other countries, and it is likely that we will see more international players in the MLB in the future.

Another trend is the growing use of technology. Technology is already having a major impact on the game, and it is likely that we will see even more technological advancements in the future. These advancements could change the way that the game is played, umpired, and even scouted.

Despite the changes that baseball has undergone over the years, the game's core values remain the same. Baseball is still a game of skill, strategy, and teamwork. It is a game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and from all walks of life.

I believe that the future of baseball is bright. The game is more popular than ever before, and it is constantly evolving. I am excited to see what the future holds for baseball, and I am confident that the game will continue to be a source of joy and entertainment for generations to come.



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