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The baseball strike of 1994-95

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The biggest strike ever in professional sports resulted in lost money for the owners and players and in disillusionment for the fans. Although the game bounced back somewhat in 1996 and finally got its long-awaited collective bargaining agreement, problems remain. Using a model of collective bargaining, this article examines the strike and its aftermath, in order to analyze what happened and why. Since 1972, negotiation between the union and owners over contract terms has led to eight work stoppages that have plagued baseball. Hence, there is a clear need for a critical review of the bargaining process.

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