

## SockGate: Thorne Apologizes. Schilling Goes Unfiltered

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**Gary Thorne**, the MASN play-by-play announcer for the Baltimore Orioles [admits he made a mistake](#) when [he said in an on-air conversation with Jim Palmer](#) that

### **Curt Schilling's infamous bloody sock**

from the 2004 World Series was paint, not blood. Thorne said he misinterpreted comments made by Doug Mirabelli:

“He said one thing, and I heard something else,” said Thorne of the earlier conversation, which happened a year or two ago. “I reported what I heard and what I honestly felt was said. Having talked with him today, there’s no doubt in my mind that’s not what he said [and] that’s not what he meant.

“He explained why in the context of the sarcasm and the jabbing that goes on in the clubhouse, [and] that I understand. I took it as something serious, and it wasn’t.”

But, the question becomes, when does the accountability of those in the media start when it involves individuals in professional sports? According to Curt Schilling, it hasn't been soon enough.

Schilling laid into the media on his blog, [38 Pitches](#) today, taking on a host of its members in a 1,300 word posting on his blog entitled [lgn orange has its privileges](#)

. In the posting, Schilling offered a million dollars to anyone who would prove it was not blood that blotted his famous sock in the 2004 playoffs. As for the media...

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Take Gary Thorne, John, Jack Joe or whatever his first name is, Heyman, Karen Vescey, Woody Paige, CHB, Jay Marriotti, Bill Plaschke, and a host of other people that litter the media landscape, and put them all on an island somewhere.

Does anyone stop reading their newspapers? Watching the shows they appear on? The answer to that is no. Instead of using the forums they participate in to do something truly different, change lives, inspire people, you have an entire subset of media whose sole purpose in life is to actually be the news, instead of report it. They have little to no talent at what they do and other than a mastery of the English language their skill sets are non-existent.

Watching Woody Paige or the plastered made up face of Jay Marriotti spew absolutely nothing of merit on sports, day after day, makes it easy to understand how Gary Thorne could say something as stupid, ignorant, and uninformed as he did the other night.

Before last night I'd only known who Gary Thorne was due to becoming a hockey fan and enjoying his calls of the NHL playoffs. I've always thought he was an awesome hockey announcer. Can't say I've ever met him though so we certainly don't know each other.

It was blood. You can choose to believe whatever you need to, but facts are facts. The 25 guys that were in that locker room, the coaches, they all know it. In the end nothing else really matters. The people that need to believe otherwise are people with their own insecurities and issues.

There are some that find Schilling controversial, and may even find him grating. On the other hand, the fact that Schilling has been willing to go unfiltered through his own blog is refreshing, regardless of his views. After all, you can't say that the reporter "didn't get it right"; when it comes straight from the source.

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