



As the Extra Innings watch drifts into Day 4, the **Wall Street Journal** provides a "Review and Outlook" editorial entitled

[Water Boys](#)
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. "Water Boys" being a reference to **Senators Kerry and Specter**

, who the WSJ believe are "carrying the water" for iN Demand and DISH.

In the editorial they write:

Last time we looked, access to every baseball game was not a human right. If it were, and if that were the Senators' true concern, they might have made a fuss about local games in Philadelphia (including the Eagles, Phillies and Flyers) being available only to customers of Comcast, from the Comcast Sports Network. Nor is cable some kind of weak sister in danger of being crushed by relatively small DirecTV. What we have here are the folks who only recently enjoyed a stranglehold -- and still do in many markets -- trying to fight off competition and real choice for consumers.

On the bright side, while baseball officials continued to talk with InDemand and Echostar yesterday, the League has stood firm so far -- asserting its right to do honest business without government interference, and pointing out that it has offered every interested party a fair bite of the pie. Perhaps that's why, for all the spotlights baseball attracts, most of Congress seems uninterested in butting into a private commercial deal.

Wall Street Journal on Extra Innings Deal

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