

## SockGate: Red Sox Mad. MASN Deletes Thorne Comments

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In case you didn't hear, **Gary Thorne**, the play-by-play announcer for the Baltimore Orioles for MASN, called into question whether the infamous bloody sock that Curt Schilling had during the 2004 World Series was, of all things, a PR stunt. Here's a transcript of what Thorne said to broadcast partner Jim Palmer during last night's Orioles/Red Sox tilt, and [recounted on the Boston Globe](#)

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"The great story we were talking about the other night was that famous red stocking that he wore when they finally won, the blood on his stocking," Thorne said to Palmer.

"Nah," Thorne said. "It was painted. Doug Mirabelli confessed up to it after. It was all for PR. Two-ball, two-strike count."

Palmer: "Yeah, that was the 2004 World Series [sic]." Thorne: "Yeah."

Mirabelli was shocked, then angry, when relayed Thorne's comments.

"What? Are you kidding me? He's [expletive] lying. A straight lie," Mirabelli said. "I never said that. I know it was blood. Everybody knows it was blood."

When MASN replayed the game this morning, they cut Thorne's comments out of the rebroadcast. This might be damage control, or it could be simply working to get the game in within a specific time frame. Thorne isn't the first to accuse Schilling of painting the sock red. That distinction goes to *GQ Magazine*.

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Prime comments out of the Red Sox organization:

- **Theo Epstein**: "I'm the GM of the team, not Jerry Springer. I couldn't give two [expletives] about what was on his sock, I care that we won the game. The rest, and Gary Thorne, is just noise."

- **Larry Lucchino**: "I have never heard any such thing internally, and I refuse to believe it now," Lucchino wrote by email. "It was a courageous moment for Curt Schilling and a glorious moment for the Red Sox, and it shouldn't be sullied with such speculation now."

- **Doug Mirabelli**: "I honestly don't know who Gary Thorne is, that's a straight lie."

- And, yes, **Curt Schilling**: "I got the 9-inch scar for you. You can see it."

*What do you think? Give us your comments*