

We're taking a little stroll down memory lane today to examine a moment in time that fans of the MLB's Texas-based franchises likely remember in infamy.

No, it's not the way the Houston Astros choked away a 2023 ALCS Game 7 at home (no amount of \$15 beers could have quenched the sadness in Minute Maid Park that night, to which I was a witness to). We're not even checking out statistics or a big blast from that series. Instead, we're looking at a scenario on the basepaths which should serve as a memory-refresher for baseball fans as we approach the halfway mark of the 2025 campaign.

During that series, Astros first baseman Jose Abreu fielded a hit and tagged Rangers shortstop Marcus Semien on the tip of the batting glove in his pocket. There was plenty of discourse about whether or not the tag should count as an out since it didn't contact Semien's body, just his glove. He was initially ruled safe, but after a Houston challenge and much discussion by the umpires, the MLB rulebook returned the result that the tag does indeed count as an out since the accessory was considered an extension of the base runner. Semien was called out and the Astros proceeded to win the game, but not the series.

As we continue through this exciting season, let's make sure to remember that scenario before we hurl into social media tirades directed at the ump who called your stolen-base attempt out, shall we?