**4/28/22-5/1/22**

* Started theorizing and thinking about more specific work
* created an outline in my head and sort of started to write it out
* Started talking to myself out loud about what I wanted to talk about in an effort to help create a structure for what I wanted to work on and present
* Spent a lot of time contemplating giving up on making a machine learning model, eventually deciding to drop it at the moment and to come back to it at the end if I can figure it out then great but if not, no harm.

**5/2/22**

* What did you do today?
  + Created a rough outline of what I want to look into
  + Including little descriptions of how I want to go about gathering information
  + Found a good amount of sources already that I’m ready to take notes on to start making my slideshow
* How do you feel overall about your project today?
  + I feel a lot better after changing some things, I was pretty stressed about what I had originally planned to do and I feel a lot more confident now
* What did you learn today?
  + I learned that I was sort of wrong about the decline of youth baseball, apparently, it's actually going up but the data is highly variable and hard to create a baseline for a whole country that does not play under one organization or system
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Trying to find financial information on teams
* What are you proud of? What strengths do you have that your project is revealing? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + I’m proud of my ability to make decisions that will help me in the long run and that I didn’t give up when trying to find team financial information
* How are your ideas about your project changing?
  + I decided to not try and make a model or look into specific statistical questions
  + I realized pretty quickly that I would dig myself into a hole that I couldn't get out of. I’ve been trying to make a model for months now. I haven't really gotten close so I thought it best to drop it and focus more on what's wrong with baseball.
* What excites you about tomorrow? Next week?
  + I figured out an interesting way to gather strong data about what certain changes would look like for baseball and I’m really excited to try it out in a few days when I’ve gotten more headway on the primary information of my project

**5/3/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Started to go through my sources and take notes and gather quotes to fill out my slideshow
  + Continued to perfect my outline with new ideas and adjustments to previous ideas
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Definitely trying to take notes from sources, made me feel like I was still in school and it wasn’t very fun but I remembered that I was reading about stuff I loved so I felt better. 🤣
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Nothing really too exciting today, I know that I need to work on my ability to develop motivation to do work without nearing deadlines

**5/4/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Gathered a ton of sources, around 10+ for various sections of my outline
  + Finished going through two of my sources, taking notes, and gathering quotes
  + Continued to create a bigger picture of my project in my head, it's becoming more clear
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + I got worried I wasn’t going to be able to find sources for the issue with marketing players and the diversity issues but I was able to find a handful of great sources.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Proud of not giving up on finding good information and not settling for bad sources. It really shows how much I love baseball because it would be a lot harder to put %110 effort into regular school work.
  + I still need to work on my research skills but I’m probably better at it than I think I am

**5/5/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Went through my TV contracts article, SI and ESPN articles on diversity took notes, and gathered quotes on all. Have almost 10 pages of notes on all combined not including notes on other topics.
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Again just pushing myself through reading and taking notes, lucky for me I'm taking notes on something I love and want to learn about, so not really a challenge I guess.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + This isn’t something that I did but I’m really proud of the advances that baseball has made on the office side, the increase in people of color and women in the sport is awesome, especially getting the first female general manager in 2020. I’m also really proud of myself for being naturally excited about this and not having to force myself to be because “it's the right thing” should be the natural thing.

**5/6/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Had a light day, just messed around with my simulation/game software trying to figure out the best plan of action to gather massive amounts of data to compare
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Going through the various functions of the game/software took a long time because it had to load a lot of stuff, so I started to get impatient
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + I already knew I needed to work on my patience but this highlighted that more

**5/9/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Took notes and got quotes from an article about MLBs marketing issues, specifically with Mike Trout
  + Took notes and gathered quotes from multiple articles about the many issues among minor league baseball
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + I took 9 pages of notes today and it did start to get a little frustrating reading through these long articles but I know it was worth it.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Getting myself to take 9 pages of notes in one sitting is something I don't think I’ve done before.

**5/10/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Took notes and got quotes from all of my articles about service time manipulation and how it represents greater issues in the foundations of today's baseball.
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Again just getting myself to sit down and take pages and pages of notes.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Just proud of myself that I’m done taking notes and that I didn’t try to drastically spread it out.

**5/11/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Finished taking notes on my sources.
  + Started to go through sections of my outline that didn’t require sources and filled them out.
  + Made 6 graphs about the Braves and Blue Jay's financials
  + Made a table about team market size.
  + Made a table about team tv contracts.
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + I had to hand enter data into excel for all the graphs I made today.
  + I was pretty annoyed after because I decided to code a web scraper for the next source on demographics that was the longest and I got it to work so I was upset that I hadn’t done that earlier.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + At this point, I'm just impressed that I’ve worked on this every day.
  + Really showed me that if I'm passionate about something I will 100% put the effort and time in.
  + If this was some normal school assignment I would move it around and not enjoy doing it.

**5/12/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Gathered and formatted data about demographics in baseball from 1947-2016
  + Made into 4 graphs
  + Figured out the rest of the stat gathering work I need to do
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Figuring out how to format the data I got from the website
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Nothing that challenging today.

**5/13/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Started working on getting the data for my statistical questions
  + Made a few graphs
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Getting through the coding part is tough, I have to look stuff up a lot to figure out how to make what i want to make its a long process
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Spending the time to actually code instead of hand gathering data.
  + I love coding and what I’m looking at but it still takes a lot of effort

**5/16/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Continued gathering data
  + Made more graphs
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Again, the coding is tough
  + Has taken me the most time to do anything by far during this project
  + Had to redo a lot of my work after noticing some issues
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Again just not giving up and taking my time

**5/17/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Continued gathering data
  + Made more graphs
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Ran into some more obstacles in coding and had to adjust my process a bit
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Same again, just taking my time and not giving up

**5/18/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Finished all of my data collection and analysis (for now)
  + Finished all the graphs that I wanted
  + Basically done with information gathering and onto making the actual presentation now
  + Spent some time filling out my slideshow and speaker notes
    - Got through my financial, market, and tv contract section
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Taking the extra time to adjust some of my research
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Really happy that i got as much information as I did
  + Wasn’t too hopeful about some of my research and it turned out pretty well

**5/19/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Filled out my slideshow completely.
  + Just need to finish a table for one slide and remake another for another slide. Filled out speaker notes for every slide except one.
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Sitting down and reading through my notes to make short speaker notes.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Actually almost finishing my slideshow.

**5/20/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Started to practice my slideshow
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Forcing myself to sit down for half an hour at a time to practice
  + I got really angry a bunch of times when I realized I had too much info on my slides, I would be at 15 minutes on my timer and nowhere near halfway through the slides.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Getting myself to practice

**5/22/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Continued to practice my slideshow
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Forcing myself to sit down for half an hour at a time to practice
  + I got really angry a bunch of times when I realized I had too much info on my slides, I would be at 15 minutes on my timer and nowhere near halfway through the slides.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Getting myself to practice

**5/23/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Continued to practice my slideshow
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Forcing myself to sit down for half an hour at a time to practice
  + I got really angry a bunch of times when I realized I had too much info on my slides, I would be at 15 minutes on my timer and nowhere near halfway through the slides.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Getting myself to practice

**5/24/22:**

* What did you do today?
  + Continued to practice my slideshow
  + Formatted some speaker notes to make it a little shorter and also put all speaker notes into one google doc that I can print.
* What was the biggest challenge you had to face today? The biggest hurdle? What feels easiest?
  + Forcing myself to sit down for half an hour at a time to practice
  + I got really angry a bunch of times when I realized I had too much info on my slides, I would be at 15 minutes on my timer and nowhere near halfway through the slides.
* What are you proud of? What weaknesses are being exposed? What do you want to get better at?
  + Getting myself to practice
  + One day away from being done work-wise and then two more until I’m done done and just have graduation left.