

'LOS METS' WON'T PROTEST

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Body

MIAMI - In recent years, the **Mets** have garnered much attention for their ties and outreach to the Hispanic community. They do not, however, plan to follow the Phoenix Suns in registering a **protest** of Arizona's controversial immigration law.

According to a team official, the **Mets** will wear "**Los Mets**" jerseys during two home games this season as previously scheduled, but will not don the uniforms for either of their two series against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The **Mets** travel to Arizona July 19-21, and the D-Backs visit New York July 30-Aug. 1.

Because the **Mets** have worn the **Los Mets** jerseys in select games since 2006, have a Spanish language Web site, losmets.com, and in 2005 hired Omar Minaya as MLB's first Hispanic general manager, some activists have called on them to register a **protest** as the Suns did.

The team, however, considers its current celebration of Fiesta Latina, on Aug. 13, and Hispanic Heritage Month, on Sept. 17, to be sufficient opportunities to wear the **Los Mets** uniforms.

Arizona's law SB-1070, which goes into effect in August, will make it a state crime to be in the United States illegally. The law also gives police permission to question anyone they suspect of being undocumented. This week, the state created further controversy by restricting what can be taught in ethnic studies classes in public schools.

Outrage over this legislation has extended into the sports world, most notably when the Suns wore "**Los** Suns" jerseys for their playoff game on May 5. The **Mets** had 18 foreign-born players on their Opening Day roster, most in major league history.

INJURY UPDATE

Ryota Igarashi (hamstring) threw 46 pitches in a bullpen session yesterday and said he felt "no pain." The **Mets** could announce a plan for his minor league rehabilitation today. ... Henry Blanco remains on the bereavement list, and Manuel said he will likely remain there until Monday. The catcher is with his ill mother in Venezuela.

KEITH DOESN'T COMMENT

Keith Hernandez said he "wasn't going to talk about" an ESPN interview with former major-leaguer Bernie Carbo that will air Monday. Carbo said that he attempted to pay a man \$2,000 in 1985 to break Hernandez's arms, because the former Met first baseman testified in the infamous Pittsburgh drug trials that Carbo introduced him to cocaine.

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