

***A Dynasty in the Making? By Thomas S.***

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On October 28th the San Francisco Giants won their second World Series in three years. They defeated the Detroit Tigers in the first four games of the series, sweeping them. This World Series was without Brian “Fear the Beard” Wilson, their closer, who went down with an injury early this season. Their ace Tim Lincecum was not what he was in years past and struggled all season. San Francisco’s outfielder Melky Cabrera who was an all-star this year was suspended in August for violating the MLB’s performance-enhancing drug policy. They relied on pitching and a never-say-die attitude. They overcame many obstacles and now are sitting on top of the world as champs.

Winning this title showed lots of resiliency in the ball club. At one point in the season people were questioning if they were going to make the playoffs. They were bombarded with injuries and criticism (sounds a lot like the New York Giants last year). The Giants had something managers in the league pray their players have, the will to play to the final out. San Francisco never quit and won a championship behind stellar pitching performances by Matt Cain and Ryan Vogelsong and huge offensive production by catcher Buster Posey and third basemen Pablo Sandoval who has earned the nickname “The Kung Fu Panda” because of his incredible defense and he isn’t skinny. The Kung Fu Panda earned World Series MVP honors. The Giants also raised a question, “Is this the beginning of a baseball dynasty?”

The Giants have definitely earned the question but you have to think are they like all those great Yankee teams? I think the Giants have made a name for themselves in this era but in twenty years do you think we will be saying, “Wow, do you remember how good that Giant team was?” Sorry, Giant fans, but I don’t think so. Right now, San Francisco could use one or two more championships in the next five or six years to qualify by my standards as a baseball dynasty. All that matters though I right now the San Francisco Giants are once again on top of the baseball World.