The â€œSportsâ€• Model Just Keeps on Recycling

Description

I discussed the binary nature of people, as made very clear to me while sitting in a crowd of about 15K fans last week.

I got thinking about that more about that last night and think Iâ€™ll call the spectators â€œZerosâ€• and the people on the field of competition â€œOnes.â€•

Anyhow, Iâ€™m stretched out on the couch two nights ago, watching the Lightning/Wild game in HD, and during the second intermission, which Iâ€™m not intently watching, thereâ€™s some discussion of the Wildâ€™s inception, and a quote and a picture were tossed up on the picture tube. I didnâ€™t recognize the person, but I assume it maybe was one of the Wildâ€™s first coaches. The quote was about how he had looked for people who thought the name on the front of the jersey was more important that the name on the back of itâ€¦

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Yep, echoed by the sentiment of Coach Wooden, when I heard him a few year back on the radio. He turned away great players who thought the team was there to support them and not the other way around. Iâ€™d say his track record says he was right to do that.

â€œA player who makes a team great is more valuable than a great player. Losing yourself in the group, for the good of the group, thatÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s teamwork.â€• â€“ John Wooden

Good philosophy, for the coaches, but equally important for the people wearing the jerseys to live up to.

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