2013 MESI Top Ten Challenge
And the winners are. . .
This year’s top ten challenge

How is program evaluation like a baseball game?
10. Both are team sports relying on different skill sets of the players to make the team complete.
9. Homeruns get the crowd excited, but base hits ultimately win more games.
8a. There are long periods of inaction punctuated by white-knuckled excitement that may or may not end well.
8b. It requires tremendous amounts of skill and finesse, but most of the time you’re waiting around for other people’s input.
7. Both are more fun with peanuts and beer.
6. Sometimes it takes extra innings to get clear results.
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“You can observe a lot just by watching.”
4. There’s no crying in baseball—or evaluation!
3. Because by the time you are finished, half the crowd has already moved on.
2. It is important to be ready for a curve ball.
The #1 reason that program evaluation is like a baseball game:

It only seems endless!
The 2013 MESI Spring Training adjourns