Foul Ball

Yanks sued by PWA dude

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A former New York Yankees clubhouse worker cried foul in Bronx Supreme Court last summer, alleging AIDS discrimination and verbal gay-bashing. A multimillion-dollar suit filed by Paul Priore, 34, pitches some ugly accusations against the Yanks -- that he was chased around the clubhouse and harassed by players, and finally fired because he has HIV. Neither Priore nor his lawyer would comment, but Yanks' spokesperson Rick Cerrone stepped up to the PR plate: "There's no basis to this suit. It's a totally frivolous action." He said the team had no clue about Priore's HIV status and that the 1997 firing was strictly job-related. As assistant equipment manager since 1990, Priore was supervised by his dad, Nick, who was fired for "performance reasons" four months after Paul got the ax.

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