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League, the **Philadelphia Flyers** crossed the Ritz-Carlton picket line in late October. The **Edmonton Oilers** crossed it twice when they visited the Bruins.

Yankees and Dodgers are members of the Major League Baseball Players Association, which itself went on strike most recently in 1995. Celtics, Magic, and Bulls are members of the National Basketball Players Association, whose members were locked out by their employer association in 2011. And Flyers and Oilers are members of the National Hockey League Players' Association; they were locked out by their employers in hard-ball negotiations in 2012.

## Some teams did honor the strike picket line

There *were* alternatives, and UNITE HERE made every ef-

fort to help teams find non-striking hotels as an alternative. When the **Houston Astros** came to Boston to play the Red Sox in the American League Championship Series, they changed their hotel accommodations to avoid crossing the picket line. So did the **Toronto Maple Leafs** hockey team when they came to Boston in November. And in San Francisco, the NBA's **Washington Wizards** switched hotels to avoid crossing a picket line.

In the end, the Boston portion of the strike ended Nov. 21 — after 45 days, and resulted in higher wages and better benefits, including paid parental leave.

Hotel housekeepers, who made \$21.50 per hour, will see wages rise to \$26 and \$27 per hour, and all employees will get fully-paid parental leave and an improved pension.

But for some sports fans, the memory of betrayal will remain.

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