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Littlefield's Reign of Error ends

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Robert Nutting performed the bloody deed this morning. Although the stable cleansing remains incomplete, we can be confident the new CEO will have the authority and owner's blessing to finish the job.

David Littlefield might have been one of the worst General Managers in the history of this sport. His legacy will trouble the organization for years. Yet, he was just an agent. The partnership was the principal. It directed the organization since 1996, not Dave Littlefield or Cam Bonifay. The formers' legacy is a part of that greater whole. The same point applies to Bonifay.

Thus, even though replacing McClatchy and Littlefield were two necessary reforms that an organization as woeful as the Pirates had to make if it were to progress, the Nutting partnership must make and implement another difficult decision if it wishes to cash in on these early moves. We cannot do enough to stress the point that the partnership must pledge the organization to building competitive teams — that is, to fielding teams that compete for World Series titles. Lacking this commitment, the removal of McClatchy and Littlefield would be revealed as mere public relations moves meant to obscure the partnership's monopoly rent taking efforts.

The time to change courses is now.

