

We Hate Sabermetrics! A Baseball Bonus

Most baseball boni in the past - as well as most baseball trivia of any type - have been loaded with stuff like ERAs, batting averages, WAR, and other numbers and stuff. We here at Good Time In Vegas don't care about any of that. So here's a baseball stat-free bonus for your enjoyment. We hope you like this - unless you're Bill James!

Part 1: Three Strikes and You're Out!

Given the description and date of an MLB player's death, name them. (The players were not necessarily active at the time of their death.)

1. December 31, 1972. Plane crash on the way to Nicaragua.
2. November 7, 2017. Plane crash into the Gulf of Mexico.
3. August 17, 1920. Hit in the head by a pitch from Carl Mays.
4. July 2, 1903. Fell over Niagara Falls.
5. September 25, 2016. Drunk boating accident at Miami Beach.
6. September 23, 1978. Shot by Leonard Smith in Gary, Indiana.
7. (2 players) March 22, 1993. Boating accident while gator hunting; Pitcher Bob Ojeda was with them but survived.
8. October 11, 2006. Flew small plane into NYC apartment building.
9. August 2, 1979. Plane crash while practicing landings at Akron-Canton Airport.
10. July 18, 1989. Suicide in front of son, 1 month after being released by minor league team and less than 3 years after blowing save for Angels when 1 strike from winning pennant.

Part 2: Minor Leagues

Given the minor league baseball team, name their major league affiliate.

11. Tacoma Rainiers
12. Frisco RoughRiders
13. Birmingham Barons
14. Las Vegas 51s
15. Indianapolis Indians
16. Harrisburg Senators
17. Albuquerque Isotopes
18. Salt Lake Bees
19. Dayton Dragons
20. Batavia Muckdogs
21. Frederick Keys
22. Arkansas Travelers
23. San Antonio Missions
24. Durham Bulls
25. Vermont Lake Monsters

Part 3: The Ministry of Silly Names

Given the city and baseball league affiliation, fill in the name of these oddball minor league teams. Note: Because we're easily amused, on this section **only**, you can receive partial credit if you put a funny name for the teams you don't know, and we like it.

26. Montgomery, AL, Southern League
27. Sioux Falls, SD, American Association
28. Normal, IL, Frontier League
29. Sugar Land, TX, Atlantic League of Professional Baseball
30. Jacksonville, FL, Southern League
31. Binghamton, NY, Eastern League
32. Metairie, LA, Pacific Coast League
33. Fort Myers, FL, Florida State League
34. Asheville, NC South Atlantic League
35. Bakersfield, CA, Pecos League

Part 4: Big Screen Balling

If what we've found is correct, it has occurred on four occasions that an actor got nominated for an acting Oscar for playing a baseball player, current or former, real or fictional. Name the movie featuring nomination-worthy baseball performances from:

36. Gary Cooper
37. Vincent Gardenia
38. Brad Pitt
39. Denzel Washington

And these actors may not have won awards, but still played ballplayers. Given the player and year of release, please name the actor and the movie (½ point each):

40. Scott Hatteberg, 2011
41. Jack Elliot, 1992
42. Jackie Robinson, 2013
43. Jim Morris, 2002
44. Kelly Leak, 1976
45. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, 1988
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47. Jimmy Piersall, 1957
48. Joe Hardy, 1958
49. Kit Keller, 1992

Part 5: Stealing Bases...and Hearts

The following celebrities are or were all married/significant others to baseball players. You know the drill.

50. Kate Upton
51. Rihanna

52. Jessica Biel
53. Halle Berry
54. Tawny Kitaen

Part 6: The House That Ruth's Chris Built

Not every stadium has a simple name that hasn't changed in decades like Yankee Stadium or Fenway Park. In fact, the majority of today's baseball stadia have sold off their naming rights to the highest bidder. Please give us the current (as of 1/1/2018) name of the ballparks for the following teams:

55. Detroit Tigers
56. Texas Rangers
57. Atlanta Braves
58. Cleveland Indians
59. Chicago White Sox

But it's not ALL faceless corporations! Other than the aforementioned Yankee Stadium and Fenway Park (and Busch Stadium, where the naming corporation used to own the team), there are EIGHT stadiums without corporate naming contracts. Please name as many as you can, for one half-point per stadium:

- 60.
- 61.
- 62.
- 63.
- 64.
- 65.
- 66.
- 67.

Part 7: Baseball Nicknames

Williams Trivia has asked about baseball nicknames many times. But we won't let that stop us, no sir! We'll at least try to be somewhat original, so all of the following nicknames are for current players (active at least through the 2017 season):

68. Moose
69. Baby Giraffe
70. Kung Fu Panda
71. Boomstick
72. Thor
73. Stink
74. The Cuban Missile
75. Crush
76. Khrush
77. Scrabble