

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. **Roberto Clemente**
2. November 7, 2017. Plane crash into the Gulf of Mexico. **Roy Halladay**
3. August 17, 1920. Hit in the head by a pitch from Carl Mays. **Ray Chapman**
4. July 2, 1903. Fell over Niagara Falls. **Ed Delahanty**
5. September 25, 2016. Drunk boating accident at Miami Beach. **José Fernández**
6. September 23, 1978. Shot by Leonard Smith in Gary, Indiana. **Lyman Bostock**
7. (2 players) March 22, 1993. Boating accident while gator hunting; Pitcher Bob Ojeda was with them but survived. **Steve Olin, Tim Crews**
8. October 11, 2006. Flew small plane into NYC apartment building. **Cory Lidle**
9. August 2, 1979. Plane crash while practicing landings at Akron-Canton Airport.
Thurman Munson
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. **Donnie Moore**

Part 2: Minor Leagues

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

11. Tacoma Rainiers **Seattle Mariners**
12. Frisco RoughRiders **Texas Rangers**
13. Birmingham Barons **Chicago White Sox**
14. Las Vegas 51s **New York Mets**
15. Indianapolis Indians **Pittsburgh Pirates**
16. Harrisburg Senators **Washington Nationals**
17. Albuquerque Isotopes **Colorado Rockies**
18. Salt Lake Bees **Los Angeles Angels**
19. Dayton Dragons **Cincinnati Reds**
20. Batavia Muckdogs **Miami Marlins**
21. Frederick Keys **Baltimore Orioles**
22. Arkansas Travelers **Seattle Mariners**
23. San Antonio Missions **San Diego Padres**
24. Durham Bulls **Tampa Bay Rays**
25. Vermont Lake Monsters **Oakland Athletics**

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.

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| 26. Montgomery, AL, Southern League | Biscuits |
| 27. Sioux Falls, SD, American Association | Canaries |
| 28. Normal, IL, Frontier League | CornBelters |
| 29. Sugar Land, TX, Atlantic League of Professional Baseball | Skeeters |
| 30. Jacksonville, FL, Southern League | Jumbo Shrimp |
| 31. Binghamton, NY, Eastern League | Rumble Ponies |
| 32. Metairie, LA, Pacific Coast League | (New Orleans) Baby Cakes |
| 33. Fort Myers, FL, Florida State League | Miracle |
| 34. Asheville, NC South Atlantic League | Tourists |
| 35. Bakersfield, CA, Pecos League | Train Robbers |

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:

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| 36. Gary Cooper | The Pride of the Yankees |
| 37. Vincent Gardenia | Bang the Drum Slowly |
| 38. Brad Pitt | Moneyball |
| 39. Denzel Washington | Fences |

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):

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| 40. Scott Hatteberg, 2011 | Chris Pratt, Moneyball |
| 41. Jack Elliot, 1992 | Tom Selleck, Mr. Baseball |
| 42. Jackie Robinson, 2013 | Chadwick Boseman, 42 |
| 43. Jim Morris, 2002 | Dennis Quaid, The Rookie |
| 44. Kelly Leak, 1976 | Jackie Earle Haley, The Bad News Bears |
| 45. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, 1988 | D.B. Sweeney, Eight Men Out |
| 46. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, 1989 | Ray Liotta, Field Of Dreams |
| 47. Jimmy Piersall, 1957 | Anthony Perkins, Fear Strikes Out |
| 48. Joe Hardy, 1958 | Tab Hunter, Damn Yankees |
| 49. Kit Keller, 1992 | Lori Petty, A League Of Their Own |

Part 5: Stealing Bases...and Hearts

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

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| 50. Kate Upton | Justin Verlander |
| 51. Rihanna | Matt Kemp |
| 52. Jessica Biel | Derek Jeter |

53. Halle Berry **David Justice**
54. Tawny Kitaen **Chuck Finley**

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 **Comerica Park**
56. Texas Rangers **Globe Life Park in Arlington**
57. Atlanta Braves **SunTrust Park**
58. Cleveland Indians **Progressive Field**
59. Chicago White Sox **Guaranteed Rate Field**

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:

(note to scorers: order does not matter on this section)

60. **Angel Stadium (of Anaheim)**
61. **Dodger Stadium**
62. **Kauffman Stadium**
63. **Marlins Park**
64. **Nationals Park**
65. **Oakland-Alameda County Stadium**
66. **Oriole Park at Camden Yards**
67. **Wrigley Field**

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 **Mike Moustakas**
69. Baby Giraffe **Brandon Belt**
70. Kung Fu Panda **Pablo Sandoval**
71. Boomstick **Nelson Cruz**
72. Thor **Noah Syndergaard**
73. Stink **Rougned Odor**
74. The Cuban Missile **Aroldis Chapman**
75. Crush **Chris Davis**
76. Khrush **Khris Davis**
77. Scrabble **Marc Rzepczynski**