**Baseball Oddities**

**Notes**

**Slide 2**: HOFer Robin Yount played 20 years of MLB. How many years was he voted to the All Star team?

**Slide 3**: Yount was only voted to 3 All Star teams. This was the fewest number of appearances for any future HOF player (post 1933 when the AS game started) until Bert Blyleven was elected to the HOF in 2011. Blyleven was voted to only two All Star teams.

**Slide 4**: Did you know that Robin Yount’s brother, Larry, pitched for the Houston Astros in 1971?

**Slide 5**: Here are his career stats. As Yount was warming up, he injured his arm and was pulled from the game before throwing a single pitch. However, because he was announced as the new relief pitcher, he gets credit for appearing in the game! He never appeared in another major league game.

**Slide 6**: Alvin Dark managed future HOF pitcher Gaylord Perry early in Perry’s career with the Giants. Watching Perry during batting practice, Dark once said “They’ll put a man on the moon before Gaylord hits a home run!”

**Slide 7**: Perry hit his first home run on July 20, 1969

**Slide 8**: This was about 20 minutes after Apollo 11 landed on the man!

**Slide 9**: On August 4, 1982 – Joel Youngblood (NY Mets) was playing a day game at Wrigley Field against the Chicago Cubs. In the third inning, Youngblood singled off of future HOF pitcher Ferguson Jenkins. He was pulled later and told he was just traded to the Montreal Expos.

**Slide 10**: Youngblood immediately caught a cab to O’Hare airport and flew to Philadelphia where the Expos were playing a night game against the Phillies. He arrived after the game had started but was inserted as a defensive replacement in the 6th inning. In the 7th inning, he singled off of future HOF pitcher Steve Carlton. Only player to have two hits, in two different cities off of two future HOF pitchers ON THE SAME DAY.

**Slide 11**: On August 17, 1957 – Richie Ashburn hit a foul ball that broke the nose of spectator, Alice Roth (wife of Philadelphia Bulletin sports editor Earl Roth). The game was paused as medics worked on Ms. Roth. As Roth was being carried off on a stretcher, Ashburn hit her with another foul ball!

**Slide 12**: Remember Dallas Green? If you do, I bet it’s because of his time as a manager of the Phillies and Yankees. Earlier, he pitched for the Phillies and had two notable moments:

**Slide 13**: On June 23, 1963 – he gave up a home run to the Mets’ Jimmy Piersall. This happened to be Piersall’s 100th career home run. To celebrate, the troubled Piersall decided to run around the bases backwards – he backpedaled his way around the bases!

**Slide 14**: Almost one year later – on June 18, 1964 – Green gave up Pete Rose’s only career grand slam. Rose batted 14,053 times in his career!

* Most grand slams – A Rod 25, Lou Gehrig 23
* Fernando Tatis once hit two grand slams in one inning off of Chan Ho Park. So Park gave up two more grand slams in one inning that did Jim Palmer in his entire career (3,948 IP)
* Pitcher Tony Cloninger hit two grand slams in one game
* Former Astros Glenn Davis holds record for most career home runs (190) without hitting a grand slam

**Slide 15**: Who holds the record for most home runs by players with the same name?

**Slide 16**: Frank Thomas.

* Frank Thomas (1951-1966) hit 286.
* “The Big Hurt” (1990-2008) hit 521.
* Totaled 807 home runs!
* The older Frank Thomas played briefly for the Astros among many other teams:
	+ Set record for most home runs ever hit for an expansion team – 1962 Mets (34)
	+ On June 8, 1961 – the Braves set record by hitting four consecutive home runs – Thomas was the fourth (Eddie Mathews, Hank Aaron, Joe Adcock and Frank Thomas)
	+ Was once hit by a pitch twice in the same inning

**Slide 17**: Who is the only player to play for the Braves in Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta?

**Slide 18**: Eddie Mathews

**Slide 19**: Who is the only player to hit his 500th home run while playing for the Houston Astros?

**Slide 20**: Eddie Mathews

**Slide 21**: Since we just had April Fool’s Day, here’s fun picture of Babe Ruth