

FOOTNOTES IN BASEBALL HISTORY

- 1) On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson broke the color line and became the first African-American player in modern day MLB, when he batted second in the Brooklyn Dodgers' home opener at Ebbets Field vs. the Boston Braves.
 - a) Who was the leadoff hitter that immediately preceded Robinson? (Hint: as a manager, he was involved in arguably the greatest pennant race in history).
 - b) Who was the manager that wrote Robinson's name in the lineup card?
- 2) On October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson homered against Ralph Branca in the 9th inning to win the pennant for the New York Giants in the deciding third game of a playoff with the Brooklyn Dodgers, in a play known as "the miracle of Coogan's Bluff" or "the Shot Heard 'Round the World."
 - a) Who was the on deck hitter for the Giants?
 - b) Branca entered the game because another Dodger reliever had bounced a curve in the bullpen. Who was he?
 - c) Who was the forlorn Brooklyn left fielder who stood by helplessly as Thomson's HR sailed into the stands at the Polo Grounds? (Hint: my first baseball glove featured his signature).
 - d) Giants manager Leo Durocher was coaching third. However, he did not give Thomson the traditional congratulations as he rounded third. Why not?
- 3) On October 4, 1955 (six days before I was born), Johnny Podres shut out the Yankees 2-0 in Game 7 to win the first and only World Series ever won by the Brooklyn Dodgers.
 - a) Name the replacement left fielder who made a spectacular catch off a Yogi Berra fly ball in the bottom of the sixth inning, then with the help of Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges turned it into a double play.
 - b) Which Yankee hitter grounded to Pee Wee Reese for the last out of the game?
- 4) On October 8, 1956, Yankee pitcher Don Larsen pitched the first and only perfect game in the World Series, winning 2-0.
 - a) Who was the starting and losing pitcher for the Dodgers?
 - b) Who pinch hit for the losing pitcher in the ninth inning, and was the last out of the perfect game?

- 5) On October 13, 1960, Bill Mazeroski hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the ninth of Game 7 to win the World Series for the Pittsburgh Pirates over the New York Yankees. It remains the only Game 7 walkoff homer in World Series history.
- Who was the losing pitcher who threw the pitch? (Hint: Two years later, he came within two feet of two walkoff Game 7 losses in three seasons).
 - Who was the winning pitcher for Pittsburgh? (Hint: he was the center of an equally iconic moment, which occurred during the regular season the year before).
 - An inning before Mazeroski's HR, the Pirates rallied for 5 runs to erase a 7-4 lead and temporarily give them a 9-7 lead. The rally was capped by a 3 run HR that would have made its hitter the hero that Mazeroski instead became. However, the Yanks tied the game in the top of the ninth, setting the stage for Mazeroski. Name the Pirate who hit the 3 run HR, but who became merely a footnote in history.
- 6) On October 1, 1961, Roger Maris hit his 61st home run of the season, eclipsing Babe Ruth's record.
- Who was the pitcher who gave up the home run?
 - What was the final score of the game?
- 7) On October 21, 1975, Carlton Fisk hit a home run to win Game 6 of the World Series for the Boston Red Sox over the Cincinnati Reds.
- Who was the pitcher that gave up the home run?
 - In what inning did Fisk hit the home run?
 - Who was the winning pitcher for the Red Sox? (Hint: he has an unusual distinction as both a pitcher and a hitter in the same regular season game).
- 8) On October 15, 1988, Kirk Gibson hit a two-out, bottom of the ninth inning walkoff home run off Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley to win Game 1 of the World Series for the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Oakland Athletics. The Dodgers would go on to upset the heavily favored A's in five games.
- Who was the on deck hitter (Hint: per Vin Scully, "___ is on deck, but the game right now is at the plate").
 - Who did Gibson hit for, and who as a result became the winning pitcher for the Dodgers? (Hint #1: he later won an ERA championship for a different team. Hint #2: He will appear later in this quiz.)

- c) Who was the A's catcher that called the fateful 3-2 backdoor slider? (Hint: he is the only catcher in baseball history to have caught two perfect games.)
- 9) On October 27, 1991, Jack Morris outdueled John Smoltz 1-0 to win Game 7 of the World Series for the Minnesota Twins over the Atlanta Braves in ten innings.
- a) Who got the winning base hit in the bottom of the 10th inning (which would have actually been a sacrifice fly, but for the drawn in outfield)?
- b) Who was the losing pitcher for the Braves? (Hint: he has already been referred to in this quiz).
- 10) On October 26, 1997, the Florida Marlins defeated the Cleveland Indians 3-2 in 11 innings to win Game 7 of the World Series.
- a) Who got the game winning single for the Marlins? (Hint: he was the MVP in a different World Series).
- b) Who scored the winning run? (Hint: he also figured prominently in another Game 7 walkoff win, and is now a very wealthy major league manager).
- 11) On November 4, 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to defeat the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 7 of the World Series.
- a) Which two Hall of Famers were the winning and losing pitchers?
- b) Who scored the winning run on Luis Gonzalez's game-winning single?
- 12) On October 17, 2004, the Boston Red Sox scored a run in the bottom of the ninth, and two runs in the bottom of the 12th, to defeat the New York Yankees 6-4 in game 4 of the ALCS. They then won the next three games, including two at Yankee Stadium, to become the first and only team to win four straight after being down 3-0, then went on to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight to win their first World Series in 86 years.
- a) We all know that Dave Roberts stole second base as a pinch runner, then scored the tying run in the bottom of the 9th. Who was he running for?
- b) What Red Sox batter drove in Roberts with the tying run?
- 13) On October 27, 2011, the St. Louis Cardinals twice came from being one pitch from elimination in Game 6 of the World Series to force a Game 7, which they ultimately won. The Cardinals tied the game in the bottom of the ninth on a two run double by David Freese. The Rangers went ahead 9-7 in the 10th, but the Cardinals tied the score in the bottom of the inning, then won the game when Freese hit a home run in the bottom of the 11th.

- a) Who were the two Cardinal base runners that scored on Freese's triple?
- b) Who was the Rangers pitcher that gave up the triple?
- c) Who hit a 2 run home run in the top of the 10th to again put the Rangers within one strike of winning the World Series, before the Cardinals tied the score and Freese homered to win the game?

ANSWERS:

- 1)
 - a) Eddie Stanky (manager of 1967 Chicago White Sox)
 - b) Clyde Sukeforth (Leo Durocher had been suspended; Burt Shotton had been appointed but hadn't appeared; Dodgers won first two games of season under Sukeforth).
- 2)
 - a) Willie Mays
 - b) Carl Erskine
 - c) Andy Pafko
 - d) He was tackled by a Giants coach.
- 3)
 - a) Sandy Amoros
 - b) Elston Howard
- 4)
 - a) Sal Maglie
 - b) Dale Mitchell
- 5)
 - a) Ralph Terry (erroneously identified as Art Ditmar on the TV broadcast)
 - b) Harvey Haddix
 - c) Hal Smith
- 6)
 - a) Tracy Stallard
 - b) 1-0
- 7)
 - a) Pat Darcy
 - b) Bottom of the 12th
 - c) Rick Wise (hit two home runs while pitching a no-hitter in the same game. Also traded for two different Hall of Famers, Steve Carlton and Dennis Eckersley).
- 8)
 - a) Steve Sax
 - b) Alejandro Pena

- c) Ron Hassey (Len Barker and Dennis Martinez)
- 9) a) Gene Larkin
- b) Alejandro Pena
- 10) a) Edgar Renteria
- b) Craig Counsell (was hit by a Mariano Rivera pitch to load the bases ahead of Luis Gonzalez's winning single in the 2001 World Series).
- 11) a) Randy Johnson and Mariano Rivera
- b) Jay Bell
- 12) a) Kevin Millar
- b) Bill Mueller
- 13) a) Albert Pujols and Lance Berkman
- b) Neftali Feliz
- c) Josh Hamilton