



**TED WILLIAMS** • outfield BOSTON RED SOX

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**AL KALINE** • outfield DETROIT TIGERS

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## THEODORE SAMUEL WILLIAMS

outfield Boston Red Sox



Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 205  
Bats: Left  
Throws: Right  
Home:  
So. Miami, Fla.  
Born:  
Oct. 30, 1918  
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One of the greatest players of all time, Ted is 'Mr. Baseball' himself! He has the highest lifetime B.A. of any active player! In 9 All-Star Games he holds a .407 B.A. and has captured the Batting and R.B.I. Crown 4 times! Ted broke his collarbone in Spring Training last year but returned to lead the A.L. in Slugging (.635) and place 2nd in Homers! A real Major League Champion!

## 2 DAFY-NITIONS



WHAT IS THE "GRAPE-FRUIT LEAGUE"?  
games held in warm climates.  
ANS.: The Spring Training exhibition

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	117	386	93	133	23	1	29	89	.345
Life	1581	5573	1385	1937	395	63	366	1387	.348

### FIELDING

	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	213	5	4	.982
Life	3221	115	94	.973



## Albert William KALINE

outfield Detroit Tigers



Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 175  
Bats: Right  
Throws: Right  
Home:  
Baltimore, Md.  
Born:  
Dec. 19, 1934  
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The fleetfooted 'bonus baby' saw plenty of action in the Tiger outfield last season when he placed 3rd in Detroit Batting. Upon his graduation from High School in '53, Big League scouts flocked to his door to sign him, but the Tigers were the high bidders. Al joined the Bengals late in the '53 season, hitting .250 in 30 games, and last year nailed down a regular outfield berth.

## ? TRUE OR FALSE



ZANE GREY, FAMOUS WRITER, ONCE PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.  
ANS.: True. In 1889 with Newark.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	138	504	42	139	18	3	4	43	.276
Life	168	532	51	146	18	3	5	45	.274

### FIELDING

	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	283	16	9	.971
Life	294	17	9	.972





*Ernie Banks*

**ERNIE BANKS** shortstop CHICAGO CUBS



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*Hank Aaron*

**HANK AARON** outfield MILWAUKEE BRAVES

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## ERNEST BANKS

shortstop Chicago Cubs

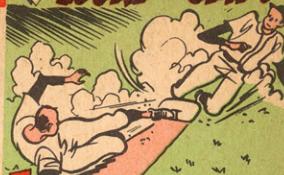
TOPPS  
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Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 180  
Bats: Right  
Throws: Right  
Home:  
Dallas, Texas  
Born:  
Jan. 31, 1931

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Ernie never played a full season of organized baseball before taking over the regular Cubs shortstop position last year! And he really took over, playing every game and tying for 2nd place honors in Double Plays. Signed in '53 after batting .380 in the Negro American League, Ernie showed the Cubs a preview of big things to come when he hit .314 in 10 games late that season.

? **YOU'RE THE UMP!**



TWO PLAYERS ARE ON THE SAME BASE AT THE SAME TIME! WHO IS OUT?  
ANS: The player who arrives last, providing he's tagged.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	154	593	70	163	19	7	19	79	.275
Life	164	628	73	174	20	8	21	85	.277

### FIELDING

	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	312	475	34	.959
Life	331	508	35	.960

## HENRY LOUIS AARON

outfield Milwaukee Braves

TOPPS  
47

Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 171  
Bats: Right  
Throws: Right  
Home: Jacksonville, Fla.  
Born:  
Feb. 10, 1934

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Jumping from Class B Baseball right into a full time Braves' outfield berth is a king size job, but Hank took it in his stride last season. Starting in pro ball with Eau Claire in '52, Hank batted .336 and was sent to Jacksonville in '53. He proved to be the sensation of the League by leading the Loop with a .362 Batting Average, Most R.B.I.'s, Runs, Hits and Doubles.

? **TRUE OR FALSE**



NO ONE HAS EVER HOMER OVER THE ROOF OF THE YANKEE STADIUM.  
ANS: True. Not even Babe Ruth.

### MAJOR & MINOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORDS

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	122	468	58	131	27	6	13	69	.280
Life	224	919	194	324	55	18	31	186	.353

### FIELDING

	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	223	5	7	.970
Life	467	575	71	.936

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*Jackie Robinson*



**JACKIE ROBINSON** 3b-of BROOKLYN DODGERS



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*Sandy Koufax*

**"SANDY" KOUFAX** pitcher BROOKLYN DODGERS



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**JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON**

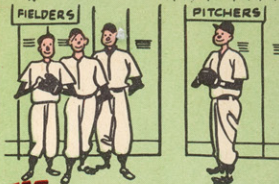
third base-outfield Brooklyn Dodgers



Height: 5'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "  
 Weight: 205  
 Bats: Right  
 Throws: Right  
 Home: Stamford, Conn.  
 Born: Jan. 31, 1919

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High on the list of all-time Dodger "greats" is Jackie Robinson. Last season he batted over .300 for the sixth straight year and saw action both at 3rd and in the outfield. Jackie came to Brooklyn in '47 and two years later won the Most Valuable Player Award by hitting .342 to lead the Brooks to the Pennant. He topped the League's 2nd sackers in Fielding in '48, '50 and '51.

**? RECORD BUSTERS**

**WHO PITCHED 5 DOUBLE HEADERS DURING HIS CAREER?**

ANS.: Joe McGinnity.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD**

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	124	386	62	120	22	4	15	59	.311
Life	1160	4203	835	1339	252	50	119	655	.319

**FIELDING**

P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
166	109	7	.975
3738	2315	98	.984



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**SANFORD KOUFAX**

pitcher Brooklyn Dodgers



Height: 6'2"  
 Weight: 210  
 Throws: Left  
 Bats: Right  
 Home: Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Born: Dec. 30, 1935

The Dodgers took a big step in bolstering their mound corps when they signed Sandy for a large bonus last season. The former University of Cincinnati hurler compiled a brilliant Strike-out record at college. In 30 innings at Cincinnati, he struck out 58 men and posted 34 SO's in 2 consecutive games. In high school, Sandy was a basketball and baseball star.

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**? TRUE OR FALSE**

**BASEBALL WAS FIRST PLAYED IN COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK.**

ANS.: True.

**MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHING RECORD**

	Games	Innings	Won	Lost	Pct.	Hits	Runs	E.R.	S.O.	Walks	E.R. Avg.
Year											
Life											

(NOT IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL)





*Harmon Killebrew*



**HARMON KILLEBREW** 1st base WASHINGTON NATIONALS

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*Edwin Mathews*



**ED MATHEWS** 3rd base MILWAUKEE BRAVES

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## HARMON KILBREW

first base Washington Nationals

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Height: 6'  
Weight: 190  
Bats: Right  
Throws: Right  
Home:  
Payette, Idaho  
Born:  
June 29, 1936

The Washington Scouting Staff knows a good prospect when they see one! And they certainly saw terrific potential in Harmon last season when he played sandlot baseball in Idaho. Signing for a healthy bonus, he joined the Nats and saw limited action in '54. But even more important was that Harmon learned the "tricks of the trade," which will help him in '55.

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## ? TRUE OR FALSE



**B**EFORE 1850, A RUNNER WAS OUT IF HE WAS HIT BY A THROWN BALL.

ANS: True.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	9	13	1	4	1	0	0	3	.308
Life	9	13	1	4	1	0	0	3	.308

### FIELDING

	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	5	2	0	1.000
Life	5	2	0	1.000

## EDWIN LEE MATHEWS, JR.

third base Milwaukee Braves

TOPPS  
155

Height: 6'1½"  
Weight: 195  
Bats: Left  
Throws: Right  
Home: Santa Barbara, Cal.  
Born:  
Oct. 13, 1931

The leading Braves' slugger, Ed topped the Club in Homers and R.B.I.'s again in '54. In '53, he topped the National League with 47 Round Trippers while driving in 135 Runs. Ed began his baseball career in '49 and in '50 hit 32 Homers for Atlanta. In '52, he came up to the Braves and as a freshman poled 25 Homers and quickly became the 'big man' on Milwaukee's team.

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## ? YOU'RE THE UMP!



**A** BATTER IS OUTSIDE THE BATTER'S BOX AND HITS THE BALL! IS HE OUT?

ANS: Yes.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B. Avg.
Year	138	476	96	138	21	4	40	103	.290
Life	440	1583	286	441	75	17	112	296	.279

### FIELDING

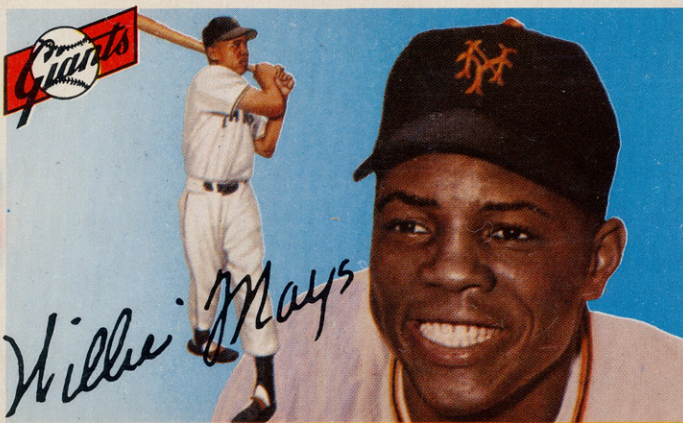
	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F. Avg.
Year	133	254	15	.963
Life	447	824	64	.952



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**WILLIE MAYS** outfield NEW YORK GIANTS



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**DUKE SNIDER** outfield BROOKLYN DODGERS

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**Willie Howard MAYS, Jr.**  
outfield New York Giants

The amazin' Mays captured the N.L. Most Valuable Player Award last year for his great hitting and sensational fielding. He led the League in Batting and was third in Homer production. Famous for his impossible plays, he pulled a miracle catch in the '54 Series 460 feet from Home to save the 1st game for the Giants. He joined New York in '51 after hitting .477 at Minneapolis.

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**LEAGUE BATTING RECORD****FIELDING**

	Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B.Avg.	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F.Avg.	
Year	151	565	119	195	33	13	41	110	.345	448	13	7	.985
Life	306	1156	195	352	57	22	65	201	.304	910	31	17	.982

**EDWIN DONALD SNIDER**

outfield Brooklyn Dodgers



Height: 6'  
Weight: 190  
Bats: Left  
Throws: Right  
Home:  
Lynwood, Cal.  
Born:  
Sept. 19, 1926

The "Duke of Brooklyn" just missed the N.L. Batting Crown by 4 points last season. He tied for 2nd in R.B.I.'s and now has the 4th highest Batting Average of all active N.L. hitters. In '50 he led the N.L. with 199 Hits while batting a lusty .321. His 132 Runs Scored in '53 was Tops in the League. In the 1952 World Series, "Duke" hit a rousing .345, including 4 Homers.

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD****FIELDING**

	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	2b	3b	H.R.	R.B.I.	B.Avg.	P.O.	Assists	Errors	F.Avg.
Year	149	584	120	199	39	10	40	130	.341	360	8	7	.981
Life	987	3729	665	1146	196	51	191	674	.307	2321	72	35	.986

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