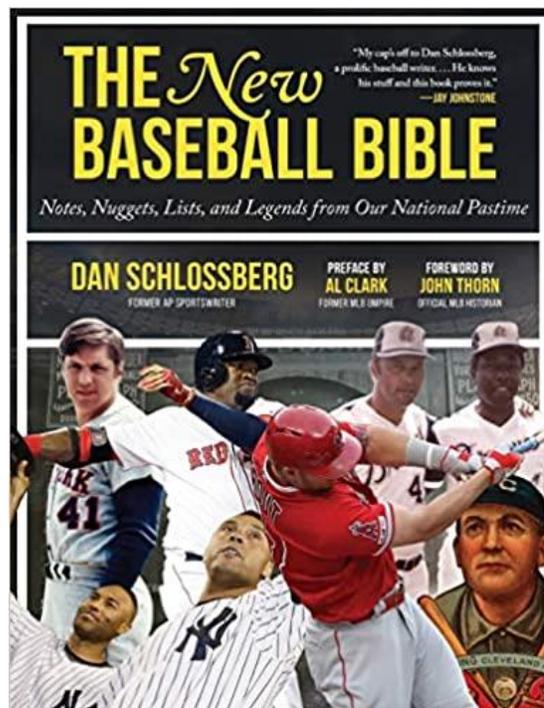


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-- **John Thorn, an author himself, is the official historian of Major League Baseball**

“By enjoying *The New Baseball Bible*, we all benefit from baseball’s past and yearn for what might be in our game’s future. What records might be broken, by whom, and when? It’s great fodder for great conversation for the best fans in the world: Baseball fans! No matter what team is your favorite, this “Bible” is for you and me and every baseball enthusiast everywhere!”

--**Al Clark, Major League Umpire, 1976-2001**



Dan Schlossberg, who has written over 25,000 articles and 40 books about baseball while covering it for 50 years for media outlets that include the Associated Press, MLB.com, *Baseball Digest*, *The Sporting News*, *USA TODAY Sports Weekly*, and *forbes.com*, entertains, challenges, and informs even the most rabid baseball fan with his release of *The New Baseball Bible: Notes, Nuggets, Lists, and Legends from Our National Pastime* (Skyhorse Publishing, Paper, 480 pages, \$19.95, ISBN: 978-1-68358-346-2).

First produced as *The Baseball Catalog* in 1980, when it was a Book of the Month Club alternate, it has had numerous updates since. The most recent was a 2002 paperback called *The Baseball Almanac: Big Bodacious Book of Baseball*. In the 18 years since, the baseball world has undergone cataclysmic changes. Each league now has three five-team divisions, unbalanced schedules, and daily interleague games. Ballparks have been built, records have fallen, and new stars have emerged. But the game is basically the same one outlined two centuries ago by the father of modern baseball, Alexander Cartwright.

Called *The New Baseball Bible* because the weekly *Sporting News* tabloid called itself “the Bible of Baseball,” this unorthodox illustrated paperback is not only a tribute to baseball history but a treasure trove of Americana.

“*The New Baseball Bible* is a book of memories,” says Schlossberg. “Filled with wit and wisdom, it celebrates the best, the worst, and the most unusual aspects of the game and the people who played it. Pretty enough to reside on a coffee table, it is also practical enough to leave in a bathroom. Pick it up anywhere, flip the pages in any direction, and smiles will flow.”

The New Baseball Bible, filled with thousands of rarely known baseball facts, reveals:

- Quirky and unique ways baseball is fun to watch.
- Number crunching behind baseball’s unique players, amazing feats, and great seasons.
- Rules, rebels, and records of the game’s rich history.
- Controversies surrounding scandals, the Hall of Fame, and the most lopsided trades ever.
- Oddballs, pioneers, and personalities who helped turn the game into the national pastime.
- Mascots, superstitions, unique stadiums, and funny player nicknames
- Best umpires, managers, players, teams, and owners of the sport with the longest season.

In addition to players, managers, and executives, this book pays homage to the presidents, movie stars, and other celebrities who contributed to the lore of the game. Baseball knows no party lines. It welcomes men like Ronald Regan, who used the game as a springboard to the White House, and Jimmy Carter, a rabid Braves fan who always wore his Atlanta hat in the ballpark.

Schlossberg, a veteran baseball historian, writer, broadcast analyst, and fan, is available to share his insights on the following:

- How the pandemic is altering the baseball landscape and why a book like this offers fans an escape into the fun-filled seasons of yesteryear.
- Who will contend for the World Series in the upcoming season.
- What fallout can be expected from the Houston Astros cheating scandal.
- How America’s oldest professional sport that dates back to at least the 1830s will survive.
- How player-owner relations are strained over how to divide up many billions of dollars.

“For baseball lovers and those who treasure sports,” concludes Schlossberg, “this book is a great gift to those who history, oddities, and behind-the-scenes stories of America’s most precious game. It was designed to look like *The Olde Farmer’s Almanack* with a baseball motif.”

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Dan Schlossberg

Biography

Former Associated Press [AP] sportswriter Dan Schlossberg, is one of the country's premier baseball experts. Dan boasts a 51-year journalism career that spans the gamut from broadcast analyst and commentator, to writer, author, and entrepreneur. He has won awards for writing, editing, graphic design, and public service from the Garden State Journalists Association, North American Travel Journalists Association [NATJA], and the International Association of Business Communicators [IABC].

As a writer, Dan has authored [39 baseball books](#), and more than 25,000 articles about baseball, including best-seller [The 300 Club: Have We Seen the Last of Baseball's 300-Game Winners?](#) Dan's latest book, [The New Baseball Bible: Notes, Nuggets, Lists and Legends From Our National Pastime](#) was released on March 17, 2020. As a baseball author Dan has had the honor of personally interviewing many Baseball Hall of Famers including Hank Aaron, Stan Musial, Warren Spahn, Luke Appling, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Eddie Mathews, and Bob Feller.

In addition, Dan has contributed to forbes.com, *USA TODAY Sports Weekly*, *Latino Sports*, *Baseball Magazine*, *Baseball Digest*, *The Sporting News*, MLB.com, BaseballGuru.com, The Official All-Star Game and World Series programs, annuals, inflight, publications, and many baseball card projects.

As a public speaker, Dan entertains audiences on a wide variety of subjects and favorite stories - all with a touch of humor and irreverence that make him an unforgettable guest. He has spoken at the Babe Ruth Museum, Baseball Hall of Fame, Yogi Berra Museum, and many libraries and civic group meetings. Because of his broadcast background, he knows how to keep his message short but sweet, using his trained radio voice to keep audiences alert and responsive.

As a broadcaster, he created, produced, and hosted such projects as "The Baseball Minute" and "Diamond Dust" audio & visual spots – both made available as commercial vehicles for current or potential MLB outlets and/or sponsors. Dan was managing editor of - a pilot for a syndicated weekly radio baseball show with co-hosts Jay Johnstone and Bob Ibach. For seven years, Dan was also Host/Producer of Braves Banter – a 30-minute interview show on Atlanta Braves baseball that he founded in 2010. He currently hosts TRAVEL ITCH RADIO, now in its ninth season, and TRAVEL THURSDAYS.

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A lifetime Braves fan who was born and raised in Northern New Jersey, Dan resides in Fair Lawn after many years in Passaic. He is a 1969 graduate of Syracuse University, where he earned B.A. degrees in newspaper journalism and political science. For more information, please consult:

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Dan Schlossberg

Q&A

The New Baseball Bible

1. Dan, what inspired you to create *The New Baseball Bible*? As a fun game with a rich history, baseball needed an offbeat, irreverent, illustrated history that could serve as one-stop shopping for the avid researcher as well as the casual fan. Many of the charts, graphs, sidebars, and sections in the book – not to mention much of the artwork – has never been published before and much of it has never been confined to a single volume.

2. What will the 2020 baseball season look like – and will it be like no other? If the quarreling sides agree on compensation, the regular-season schedule will be shorter and the postseason longer than any previous year's. Teams will be grouped by geography rather than traditional league lines and numerous rules, including the designated hitter in the National League, will be applied for the first time. But the most unusual feature will be games played without spectators.

3. You have been covering baseball for nearly 50 years as a journalist, including time with the Associated Press and USA TODAY Sports Weekly. You have penned over 25,000 articles on baseball and churned out 40 books. Tell us, from your perspective, with dwindling viewership and participation, what do you think is the fate of baseball? With much competition from other sports, as well as other entertainment venues, baseball needs to adjust to the country rather than the other way around. With 40 million out of work and 100,000 dead from the coronavirus, fans find labor-management disputes in baseball tiresome and won't bear the freight when it comes to buying future tickets or trinkets. Other sports may supplant baseball as America's national pastime.

4. What are some of the quirkiest things you include in your book? The girl who struck out Babe Ruth. The ambidextrous president who threw out Opening Day pitches with both hands. The pitcher who homered for his team in 17 consecutive seasons. The batting king who was traded for a home run king. The player who won consecutive MVP awards but can't get into the Hall of Fame. The errors in almost all baseball movies. The origin of the only baseball quote in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*. How the Dodgers got their nickname.

5. You uncover some great trivia across three different centuries of baseball. What are some things even the most ardent fan may not know? Teammates called Jim Palmer "Cakes" because he loved pancakes. The grandparents of Theo Epstein, whose teams won World Series in both leagues, wrote the

screenplay for *Casablanca*. Before William Bendix took the title role in *The Babe Ruth Story*, he served as Ruth's batboy. The 1961 Milwaukee Braves were the first team in hit four home runs in a row. Mickey Mantle, who made No. 7 famous, wore No. 6 as a rookie. Willie Mays went 0-for-12 before delivering his first major-league hit: a home run against Warren Spahn. The only pitcher to start two All-Star games in the same season was Don Drysdale. Richard Nixon never used his 1972 presidential press pass because the Washington Senators moved to Texas and became the Rangers. The Aarons (Hank and Tommie) hold the record for home runs by brothers, while the Niekros (Phil and Joe) hold the record for victories by pitchers. Before he became a star with the Senators, Harmon Killebrew was scouted by a U.S. Senator. During World War 2, Japanese soldiers taunted Americans by yelling "To hell with Babe Ruth." The only ballplayer to win a battlefield commission during WW2 was Warren Spahn. He later won more games than any postwar pitcher (363) and had the exact same number of base-hits. Another pitcher, Tony Cloninger, was the first PLAYER in National League history to hit two grand-slams in one game.

6. Which Major League records do you think won't be broken any time soon? Which are vulnerable to fall? Nobody will approach Cy Young's 511 wins, Nolan Ryan's 5,000 strikeouts, or Ty Cobb's .367 career batting average. But it's possible that records for home runs, stolen bases, and games saved by a relief pitcher will fall, along with Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. Cal Ripken's record for consecutive games will stand though it's tainted by interruptions imposed by labor disputes during his tenure.

7. Last year saw a record number of home runs. Many point to the ball being juiced. What do you think? The ball is definitely "juiced," a result of the way it is manufactured. Many team home run marks fell in 2019, when the Twins had 307 home runs and the Yankees had 306, because the ball – like many ballplayers – is too tightly wound. In addition, small ballparks, higher altitudes, and an emphasis on pitchers who throw hard are all contributing factors.

8. What are some of your favorite stadiums, both ones no longer around and ones in play today? I like the old, historic ballparks, which means Fenway Park and Wrigley Field. I have been in every park but the new one in Dallas and love the new parks with retro looks such as Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, CitiField in New York, and Coors Field in Denver. It's especially nice to see the Mile High Seat at Coors and to notice the snow-capped Rocky Mountains in the distance. As for stadiums of a bygone era, I loved the Polo Grounds, where the Mets started play in 1962, because of its horseshoe shape – deep to center but short down the lines. That's how Hobie Landrith beat Warren Spahn with a ninth-inning fly ball that was the only home run of his Mets career.

9. Umpires: Will robots and instant replay replace them? We're getting close to the day when humans won't be needed anymore. But even baseball insiders, like Braves manager Brian Snitker, don't like that idea. Snitker told me he liked the good old days, when umps and managers argued nose-to-nose. I agree, since videotape replays often take excessive time and there's no on-field action involved other than a bunch of guys standing around while the whole stadium is waiting. And replays show umps are right half the time and replays are right half the time. On the other hand, ball-and-strike calling needs improvement.

10. Major League Baseball has survived many scandals, from The Black Sox and Pete Rose's gambling to steroids and now the Houston Astros signal stealing fiasco. Why does the game always seem under a cloud of suspicion? Any big business, especially one with a high visibility, always operates under a microscope. With so much money on the line, for both players and teams, everybody is always trying to get ahead – and will resort to any kind of chicanery to succeed.

11. Who were some of the best managers ever? Who is the best today? More than 20 managers reside in the Baseball Hall of Fame, with Connie Mack topping the list in wins and losses because he also owned his own team (Philadelphia A's). Bobby Cox had the most ejections (158) but also won the most consecutive division titles (14). Casey Stengel won 10 pennants in 12 years with the Yankees, where he mastered the art of platooning and entertained writers with twisted syntax known as "Stengelese." Joe McCarthy, a previous Yankee pilot, was the first man to win flags in both leagues but Sparky Anderson, nicknamed "Captain Hook" for his frequent pitching changes, was the first to win world titles in both leagues. Tony LaRussa, an attorney by trade, duplicated that feat. But the best manager of all time might have been John McGraw, who helmed the New York Giants for 33 years and once shared a room with star pitcher Christy Mathewson. Just-retired Bruce Bochy, whose Giants won three world titles in a five-year span, was one of the best recent managers, while 70-year-old Dusty Baker is both the best and the oldest of the active managers. Not to be overlooked are Terry Francona, won two titles with the Red Sox and just missed another with the Indians, and Joe Maddon, who defeated Francona in the 2016 World Series, thus ending the 108-year championship drought of the Chicago Cubs.

12. Did you agree with the decision to put off this year's celebration of Baseball Hall of Fame inductions? Speaking of the Hall of Fame – who doesn't belong there? And who should be there but is not? With Derek Jeter the main 2020 inductee, record crowds would have come to Cooperstown before the coronavirus outbreak is contained. Officials couldn't take that chance – or take the risk of exposing the vast majority of incumbent Hall of Famers in their 70s who always attend. The Hall of Fame voting is always controversial, with the Veterans Committee coming under fire two years ago for choosing Harold Baines, a career designated hitter with less than 3,000 hits or 500 homers, and for electing former union chief Marvin Miller, who had been rejected seven times previously, and the good-but-not-great Ted Simmons last December. Arguments can also be made against Orlando Cepeda, Tony Perez, Jim Rice, Andre Dawson, and Bill Mazerowski, especially since Gil Hodges, Roger Maris, Dale Murphy, Fred McGriff, Thurman Munson, and Don Mattingly have been excluded thus far.

14. You feature a fun chapter on superstitions and other traditions. Tell us of a few of these.

Do you think baseball cards will ever regain their popularity or value? Ballplayers are superstitious. Ralph Branca changed his No. 13 after throwing the pitch Bobby Thomson hit to win the 1951 NL pennant ("The Shot Heard 'Round the World"). Ralph Kiner never stepped on the white lines as he jogged to his outfield position. Leo Durocher kept wearing the same "lucky undershirt" when his team was on a winning streak. And players think it's bad luck to mention a no-hitter in progress. As for baseball cards, value is indicated by age, condition, and availability. A 1910 Honus Wagner, pulled because it was issued by a tobacco company against his wishes, could be worth \$1 million, while a 1952 Mickey Mantle Topps rookie might go for more than \$100,000. Although card shows have diminished in number, signed mint-condition cards of Hall of Famers will always bring a hefty return; autographs remain extremely popular.

15. What challenges – and rewards – did you experience in covering the game for a half-century?

The biggest challenges were getting credentials for showcase events (All-Star Game, World Series, etc.), getting access to clubhouses, and getting private time for one-on-one interviews. Waiting until games ended was risky because players on losing teams would not be accommodating, or would give angry, profanity-filled quotes if they talked at all. That meant arriving at the ballpark three or more hours before

the game and hoping players would not barricade themselves in the off-limits trainer's room. Players like Steve Carlton, who refused all interviews after he was once misquoted in Philadelphia, made life difficult and unpleasant. The best rewards were finding players who were both articulate and accommodating, mainly those who understood that reporters also had a job to do.

16. What are the worst or best trades ever? Lou Brock for Ernie Broglio stands as the best of the worst, closely followed by Frank Robinson for Milt Pappas, Gaylord Perry for Sam McDowell, Steve Carlton for Rick Wise, and the 17-player trade between the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees (Don Larsen, who had been 3-21 for the O's, pitched a perfect game in the World Series a year later). Most recently, the deal that sent Mookie Betts and David Price from Boston to the L.A. Dodgers for three prospects was strictly a salary dump, though there are many more such examples. If the 2020 season is not played, Betts, a free agent this fall, may never play for LA. The best trades help both teams. When the Braves sent pitching ace Doyle Alexander to Detroit for a Class B pitcher named John Smoltz, the Tigers won a title because Alexander went 9-0. But the Braves won the future, winding up with a Hall of Fame arm. Another Braves trade – Joe Torre to St. Louis for Orlando Cepeda – also helped both teams, as the '69 Braves won a title and Torre went on to be NL batting champion and MVP.

17. What have been some of the more notable player nicknames over the years? How about team names? Honus Wagner was "The Flying Dutchman," Babe Ruth was "The Sultan of Swat," Ted Williams was "The Splendid Splinter," and Willie Mays was "The Say Hey Kid." Other great nicknames belonged to Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell, named for his hometown; Sal (the Barber) Maglie, who shaved hitters with inside pitches; Jerome Herman (Dizzy) Dean, equipped with an eccentric personality; and Charles Dillon (Casey) Stengel, who hailed from Kansas City (KC). Let's not forget Edwin (Duke) Snider, Edward (Whitey) Ford, Lawrence Peter (Yogi) Berra, or Larry Wayne (Chipper) Jones, Jr., a "chip" off the old block. Brooklyn fans called the Waner brothers "big person" and "little person," which sounded like Big Poison and Little Poison – the nicknames that stuck. They also called Stan Musial "the Man" because he played so well in Ebbets Field (where he was Stan the Man). Brooklyn was also the home of the best team nickname; since Manhattanites derisively called locals "Trolley Dodgers," the team adopted – and shortened – the tag. The famous law-enforcement group, the Texas Rangers, gave that name to the transplanted Washington Senators, while the late, great Montreal Expos were named after Expo '67, a World's Fair held there. The Cardinals and Blue Jays were named after birds, the Red Sox and White Sox after colored hose in their uniforms, and the Padres after an old Pacific Coast League franchise that saluted the town's Spanish heritage. Since the Minnesota Twins originally played in suburban Bloomington, they used "Minnesota Twins" to describe the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Houston Astros began as the Houston Colt .45s and then changed to Colts before the Manned Spaceflight Center opened there in 1965. Their fellow expansion team had a fan contest to find a nickname, with "Mets," a shortened version of "Metropolitans," winning the day.

18. Some baseball teams have mascots but cheerleaders or dancers never really made it onto the field. Do baseball fans expect certain types of entertainment, while shunning others? Mascots, from the Philly Phanatic to the San Diego Chicken, were introduced to attract and keep the attention of young fans, while cheerleaders were more associated with college football and basketball before several professional teams followed suit. Not all baseball teams have mascots (the tradition-minded Yankees demurred) but they have become so popular that they are even invited to appear at events associated with the All-Star Game (i.e. the media breakfast). One of the reasons for the absence of baseball cheerleaders is their safety; balls rocket into foul territory quickly and without warning.

19. Who have been some of the more innovative team owners and executives? Bill Veeck, who owned several big-league teams, always said, “Give ‘em a show if you can’t give ‘em a ballclub.” His idea was to surprise fans (i.e. sending a midget up to bat in a real game, letting fans with placards determine game strategy) and to entertain them (exploding scoreboard), thereby convincing them to come to the park even when their team was unlikely to win. Charlie Finley picked up the Veeck baton years later, coming up with colored uniforms, mechanical rabbits, odd player nicknames, mustaches for players, night World Series games, and even the designated runner). Despite constant meddling from Finley, his teams won five straight divisions and three straight World Series. Another owner to remember, Ted Turner, was so outspoken that he was suspended by the commissioner and warned that his one-day stint as his own manager was against baseball rules. He also participated in many strange pre-game stunts, married movie star Jane Fonda, and hired Hall of Fame manager Bobby Cox twice. George Steinbrenner was notorious for his revolving door of managers, pitching coaches, and publicity directors, changing as many as 18 in 18 years, and spending wildly on free agent stars, but finally fielded a dynasty after he allowed his baseball people to run things.

20. How do you handicap the 2020 season in terms of which teams have the best chance of making it to the World Series while playing games without fans in the stands? If teams are grouped only by division, every interleague game will be like a World Series game. But allowing 14 teams into the postseason creates the strong probability that the best team will not emerge as the world champion. Somebody will get hot, somebody will get hurt, and some pitcher will have an ill-timed off-day. The shortened 2020 season, unlike anything before it, will be virtually impossible to predict, unless people use the barometer of whose payroll is the biggest (the world champion Washington Nationals spent the most during the off-season). On the other hand, baseball history shows it’s not always possible to “buy” a championship.

Interesting Factoids From *The New Baseball Bible*

Early Rules

During the 1850s, Massachusetts baseball was played on a square-shaped field that had 10 to 14 players per side and four-foot-high posts for bases. Umpires asked fans for advice and awarded victory to the first team that scored 100 runs.

Abe Lincoln Played Baseball

Abraham Lincoln was playing in a closely contested baseball game in 1860 when a message arrived for him. He told the messenger not to interrupt him during the game. Afterward, he found out he had been nominated for president by the Republican Party.

Female Players

English baseball in the 19th century was played primarily by women.

Baseball's Origins

Even if Abner Doubleday did play baseball in Cooperstown in 1839, the first record of a game was made one year earlier. That contest was played in Canada, in Beachville, Ontario.

Origin of Road Grays

Connie Mack instigated the practice of dressing his players in gray uniforms away from home. His A's played hard, aggressive baseball before the home fans but did not wish to spoil their clean uniforms away from home. Although players refused to slide and dirty their whites, Mack reasoned they wouldn't mind so much if road uniforms were gray.

Stealing Home

Stealing home is one of the most difficult feats of baseball. Ty Cobb did it a record 54 times, and even 30 pitchers have done it since 1900. Maury Wills tried it once, but batter Frank Howard missed the sign and slammed a hard liner that just missed the startled runner. Lou Brock also disdained the idea. But Rod Carew liked it, and made it seven times in 1969. Pitcher Nolan Ryan, who once lost a game when Amos Otis stole home, called the play "humiliating"

League Superiority?

When the leagues had separate umpiring staffs, many pitchers said the strike zone was 8 to 10 inches higher in the American League than in the National. They also said NL hitters were more aggressive-- an opinion substantiated by the fact that they hit 184 more home runs and had a batting average nine points higher than AL counterparts in 1972, the last year before the American League adopted the designated hitter.

Fewest Fans

Five years before the 2020 pandemic kept fans out of ballparks, the Baltimore Orioles and Chicago White Sox played a 2015 game at Camden Yards in front of a stadium that was deliberately empty. The gates were closed to the public after civil unrest swept the city following the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. Baltimore won, 8-2.

Rules and Records

Baseball rules are constantly changing and, because of the fact, old records that are broken must be viewed in light of rule changes that have been made. In 1879, a pitcher had to throw nine balls to give up a walk, and in 1887, it took four strikes to get a man out. At one time, the catcher stood 20 or more feet behind the batter and the pitcher got credit for a strike even when his pitch bounced before passing

through the strike zone. The batter (called striker) received credit for a hit when he walked and the runner got a stolen base each time he advanced on a teammate's hit. For a while, bases on balls counted as hits, inflating batting averages of early players.

Yankees Logo

The intertwined NY logo of the New York Yankees, which became part of the team's uniform in 1909, was first used in a medal of honor given to the first New York City policeman shot in the line of duty. That medal was crafted by Tiffany & Co. in 1877.

Umpire Facts

The first black home-plate umpire in a World Series was appointed in 1993 when Charlie Williams called balls and strikes. ..The first female umpire was Bernice Gera... Bill Dinneen not only pitched a no-hitter but officiated in five of them... Ted Barrett was the first to work home plate for two perfect games.

Career Challenging Injuries

Satchel Paige missed a season after breaking his arm while throwing a curve... Joe Leonard, sent home after one game, died of a ruptured appendix... Nap Lajoie missed two months of the season after he developed blood poisoning from the dye in his stockings after being spiked.

Great Managers

Sparky Anderson and Whitey Herzog are the only managers to guide their teams to 100-win seasons in both leagues.

Famous Families

Paul and Lloyd Waner, Hall of Fame brothers, hit consecutive homers in 1938, becoming the first brothers to do such a thing. .The three DiMaggio brothers never played together... There have been 15 brother batteries and five fraternal double-play combinations, including Cal and Bill Ripken. The best pitcher-catcher brother tandems were Mort and Walker Cooper and Wes and Rick Farrell.

Pitching Duel For The Ages

In 1963, Hall of Fame pitchers Warren Spahn and Juan Marichal faced off against one another. They each pitched 16 innings and threw more than 200 pitches. Marichal's Giants won, 1-0, over the Braves when Willie Mays led off the last inning with a home run.