

HORNSBY CHAPTER TRIVIA QUIZ

20-Sep-21 Sporting News 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955 and 1960 On Elroy Face's 93rd birthday!!!

The fact that they are from those pages, does not mean that the questions arise re those seasons necessarily from 1950 issues

1 This pitcher threw 9 innings of no hit, no run relief in a 13 inning game victory over the Tigers Bobby Shantz

Ohio farm boy, hit left handed, was a member of his team's first pennant winning team. Set a record in that World Series that wasn't tied until 16 years later. The record was for hitting the first grand slam in World Series history.

2 Name the player Elmer Smith

3 Name the player who next hit a grand slam in a World Series Tony Lazzeri

In the 1949 season, Ralph Kiner led the league in HR (54), RBI (127), Slg (.658) and walks (117) plus he hit a record at the time 4 grand slams and 16 HRs in one month

One player that season finished second in slg pct (.624), 2nd in walks (107) and 3rd in RBIs (123). He also led the league in triples for the 3rd straight year as well as hits for the 3rd straight year--who was

4 he Stan Musial

Another player that season finished 2nd in RBIs with 124 and 3rd in slg pct, nearly 100 points behind

5 #2--who was he? Jackie Robinson

Have to get both answers for each of the next two:

After the 1959 season, before spring training, the AL batting champ was traded for the AL home run co-

6 champ fro the prior season. Who were they? Harvey Kuenn for Rocky Colavito

Name the two players involved in the other major trade between the same two clubs just a couple of

7 weeks before the blockbuster trade Norm Cash for Don Demeter

"pretty good was he? Why man, he was the greatest--THE greatest second baseman who ever played the game. They talk and Hornsby and LaJoie as being in a class with him. That's a lot of foolishness. Hornsby and Lajoie had their points true enough, but for all around ability, he would lose the both of them." "Yes sir, he could do anything and everything. As a batter he had a lifetime batting average of .333 and you should have seen the plays he made as a fielder. Twice he stole 6 bases in a game"

8 Who's the HOF'er this HOF'er is talking about? Eddie Collins

9 Who's the HOF'er talking about him in this interview? Ty Cobb

Talking about a Pants Rowland interview: "yes, Pants Rowland might have something there. I've never known him to be right, but's always a first time and this would be it. He's certainly not wrong in calling "him" a valuable ball player. Whether he was more valuable than I was is something that's not for me to say."

10 "The toughest right hander I ever faced?.....he had the greatest fastball anyone ever saw and he was a hard man for me to hit" Who was the right hander? Walter Johnson

11 In the 1952 season, this Tigers player tied a ML record for consecutive hits in consecutive plate appearances at 12. He fouled on in the 13th appearance. Who was he? Walt Dropo

12 This pitcher was 28-7 with only 1.36 walks per 9 innings pitched (45 BB in 330 IP). And at least 6 of those 45 were intentional. That was his 3rd consecutive 20 win season, and he would go on to 6 straight, and just missed out on 7 straight, with 19 in the following season. Who was he? Robin Roberts

13 This general manager did a complete makeover of his team. Of the 40 players on the roster when he became the GM, in 4 years, not a single player remained--he dealt 220 players at prices approximating \$4.44 million. Who was he? Frank Lane

14 At end of '53 season, there was a celebration among 13 of the 16 managers in major league baseball. Those 13 had invested \$1,000 each during the season. After the season, the celebration was held to recognize the success of their investment. Which state was the celebration in? Arkansas

15 What kind of investment was made by the managers? Oil well

16 In 1955, an executive with the Cleveland Indians led a proposal to play interleague games that would count in the standings. The proposal would eventually fail, but this HOF'er worked for several years to try to bring it to fruition. Name the executive? Hank Greenberg

17 Name the form NL manager born in Butler Co, Ohio, who managed 15 years in the minors before getting a major league club. His nickname was Smokey Walt Alston

18 This player was elevated from pitcher to farm director to club VP. When hired as VP, his quote was "there is no doubt in my mind that Luis Aparicio is right now, at age 21, a better player than Carrasquel, and that's even if he doesn't hit any better than .260. He'll be a vast improvement at short." He first job was to resign Minnie Minoso, which he did. Who is the former player? John Rigney

We all know that Al Kaline, among many others, died last year. The Detroit Comet, the '55 AL batting champ, had come directly to the majors with no minor league experience. The rest of our questions are about players who were like Kaline, but had little or no minor league exposure:

19 The Squire of Kennell Square: when he was signed, his manager took him to the game that day. Said sit on the bench and observe. Later in the game, he was in the game pitching. Who was he? Herb Pennock

Iowa schoolboy- he was on minor league rosters, so that no other team signed him, but he was being hidden here. Kenesaw Mountain Landis held a hearing and penalized the club, but didn't terminate the contract. Who was this future HOF'er? Bob Feller

This HOF pitcher was discovered on the sandlots in Idaho. He threw 75 consecutive innings there of no run baseball, earned or unearned, at age 18, and was then signed after watching him pitch. Who was he? Walter Johnson

Univ of Michigan pitcher whose career as a ML hitter was curtailed by the flu affecting his eyesight. Who was this future HOF'er? George Sisler

This young pitcher threw for 10 minutes in front of the manager, throwing to a HOF catcher. After the 10 minute session, he was signed. Who was this future HOF'er? Ted Lyons

This Columbia Univ player broke into baseball under the name of Sullivan...in minors for a very small part of a season Eddie Collins

This future HOF'er was introduced to his future manager at age 16 by a lumber tycoon. After batting practice, the manager, when asked about sending him to the minors, said "that kid is staying with me. No minor league manager is going to spoil this find." Who was the HOF player? Mel Ott

Tie breaker Who was the manager who made the quote? John McGraw

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Nov 1 '48 to end
of '52 season