

PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

A. Former ESPN anchor and lieutenant governor of Texas.

Answer: Dan Patrick



B. Former Secretary of State, sponsor of annual Predictatron contest, and your host for this evening.

Answer: Jim Baker



1. An easy one to get you started. This Dodger catcher hit a home run off his namesake, an Atlanta Braves pitcher, in the 2020 NLCS. They are also reputedly fans of their namesake, a noted actor in “Men in Black,” “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” and other films.

Answer: Will Smith



2. This outfielder converted to a shortstop and later manager holds the all-time Los Angeles Dodger record for games played, and shares a name with the greatest winner in team sports, with ten NBA championships in 12 years with the Boston Celtics.

Answer: Bill Russell



3. The first was a temperamental outfielder with the Expos, Dodgers, A's, and others. His namesake is a board game company whose products include Candy Land, Twister, and Yahtzee

Answer: Milton Bradley



4. Add an “n” to the first name of a famous television actress (The Young and Restless, Desperate Housewives) from Corpus Christi and you get a third baseman for the Tampa Bay Rays and San Francisco Giants.

ANSWER: Eva/n Longoria.



5. While we're adding letters: add a letter to the last name of one of the first openly gay ballplayers and current MLB official, and you have the general manager of the Oakland A's, famously portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball."

Answer: Billy Bean/e



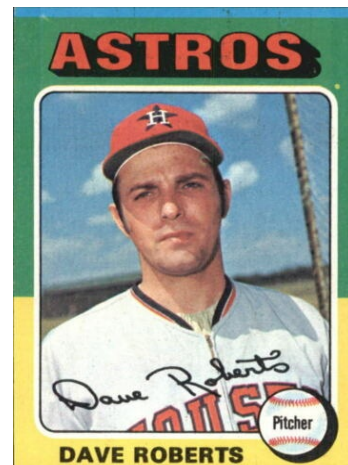
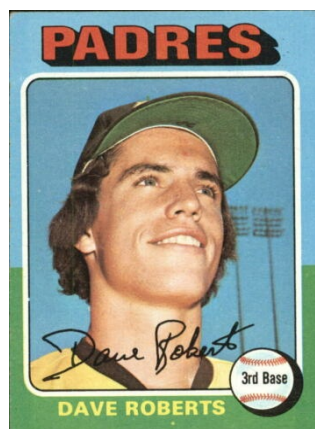
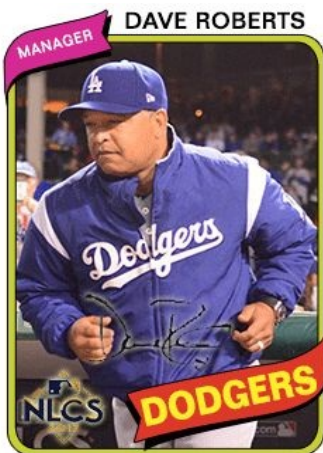
6. The first was a utility infielder for the Washington Senators, Los Angeles Dodgers, and others in the 1960s and early 70s. His namesakes include a present day Senator from Louisiana, and the 35th President of the United States.

Answer: John Kennedy



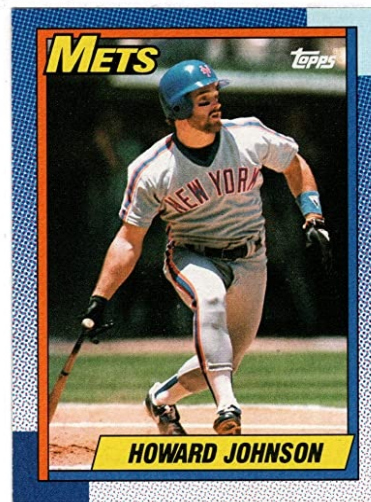
7. **Another three-fer: The first is a World Series-winning manager who had one of the most famous stolen bases in history. The second was a journeyman left handed pitcher in the 70s and early 80s, mostly for the Padres and Astros, who still holds the San Diego record for lowest season ERA. The third was a third baseman, catcher, and second baseman who played parts of ten years in the majors from 1972 to 1982, and just missed being a teammate of #2 with the Padres.**

Answer: Dave Roberts



8. **Third baseman and outfielder for the Tigers and the 1986 World Champion Mets, and a largely defunct roadside restaurant chain famously known for their ice cream, orange roof, and shortened name.**

Answer: Howard Johnson



9. A Hall of Fame manager for the Yankees and a 1950s red-baiting politician who was censured by the Senate.

Answer: Joe McCarthy



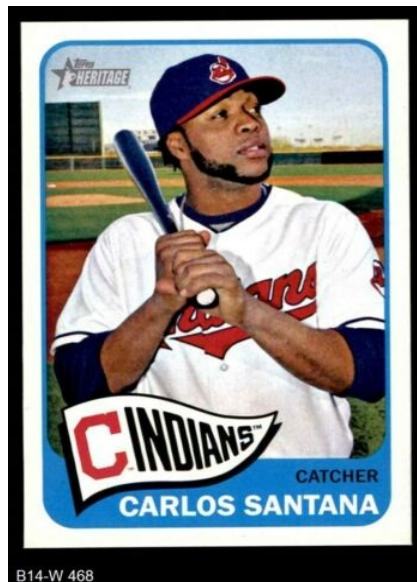
10. One is a starting guard for the Los Angeles Clippers. The second is “Mr. October.”

Answer: Reggie Jackson



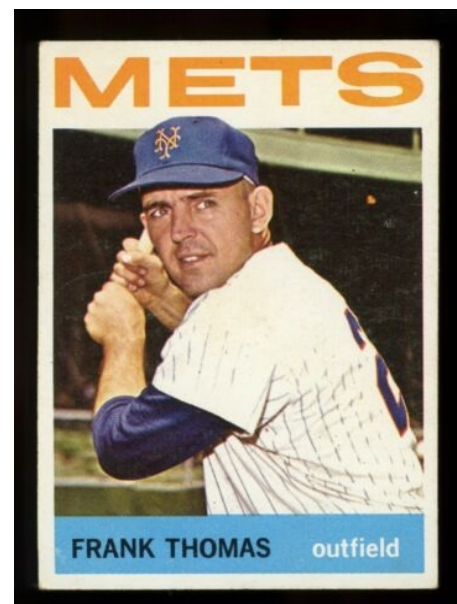
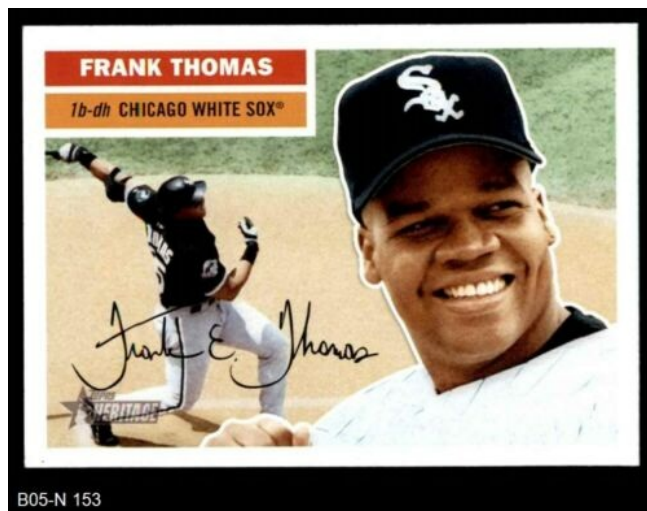
11. The first was primarily a DH for the Cleveland Indians, who is still active, albeit with a different team. The second is a noted guitarist, known for his namesake band and such hits as “Oye Como Va” and “Black Magic Woman.”

Answer: Carlos Santana



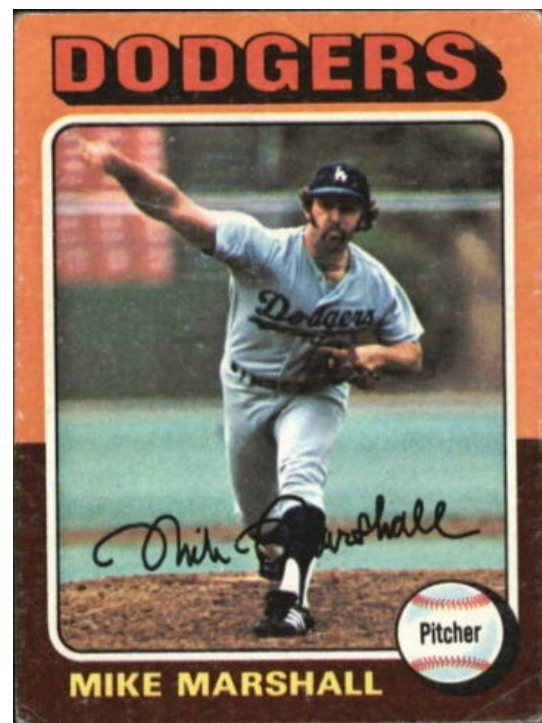
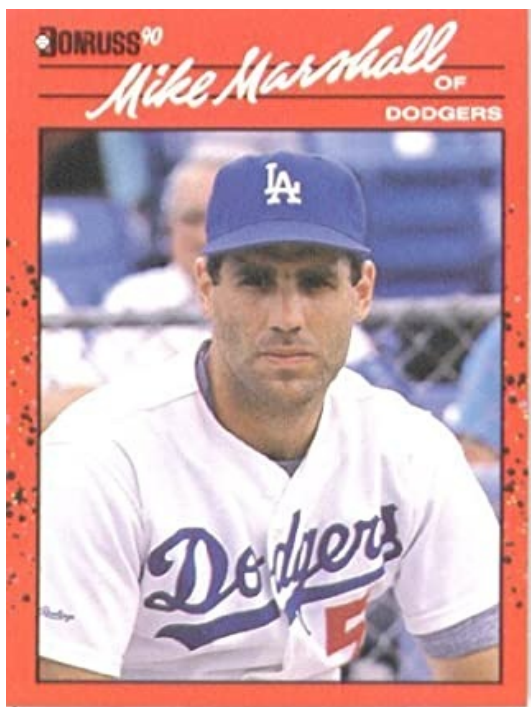
12. One is a Hall of Fame first baseman and designated hitter who now makes cheesy commercials for testosterone supplements and recently purchased the “Field of Dreams.” His namesake played 16 years as an outfielder for seven different National League teams, including the 1962 Mets.

Answer: Frank Thomas



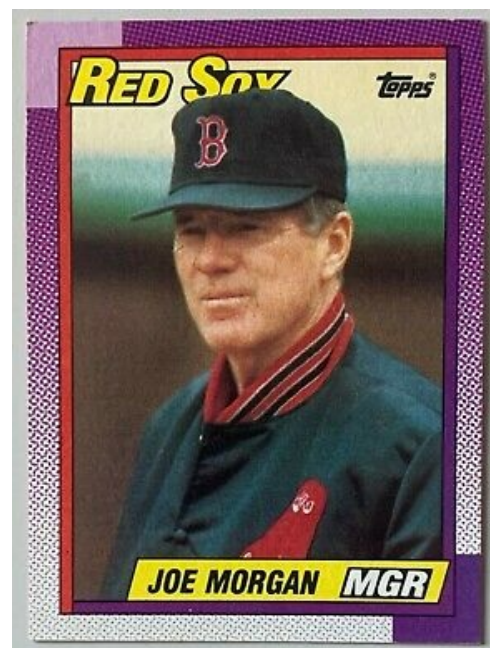
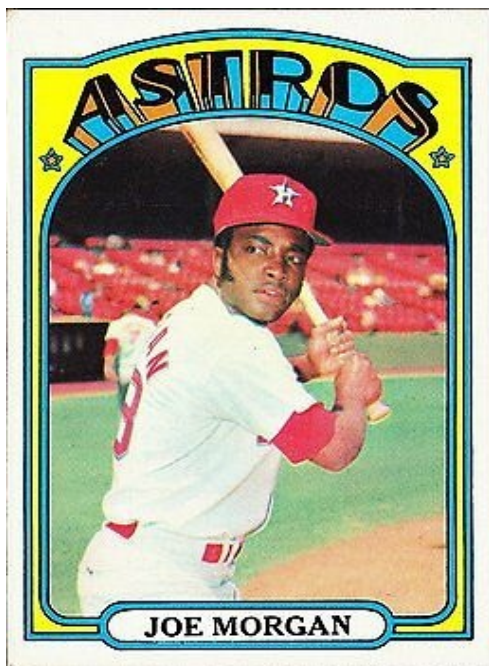
13. The right fielder for the 1988 World Series champions, and the recently deceased 1974 National League Cy Young award winner for the same team.

Answer: Mike Marshall



14. A Hall of Fame second baseman and two time MVP, and the manager of the Boston Red Sox from 1988 to 1991.

Answer: Joe Morgan



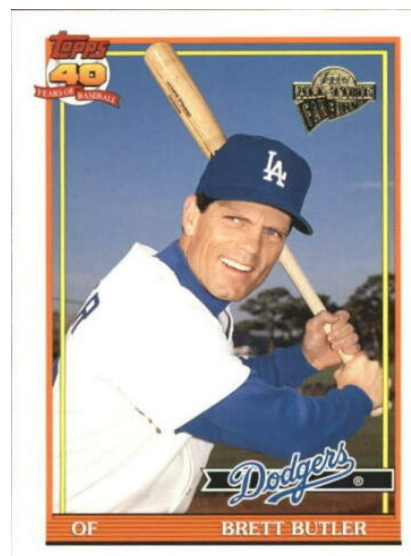
15. One was a right handed pitcher on the 1962 New York Mets. The other was a left handed pitcher on the 1962 New York Mets. If you need a third, he was a Hall of Fame hockey broadcaster for the Los Angeles Kings.

Answer: Bob Miller



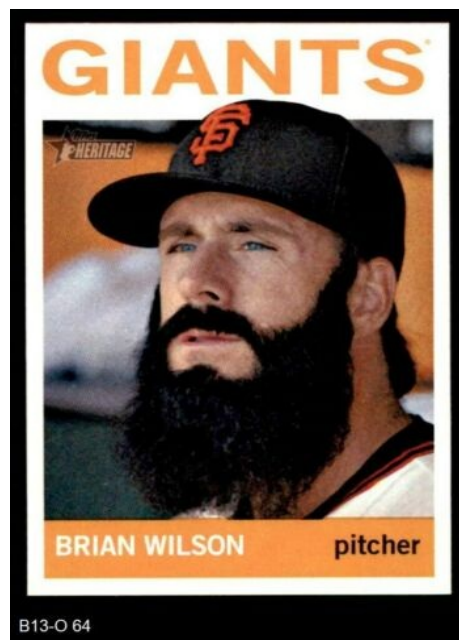
16. One is an actress and comedian from the TV series *Grace Under Fire*. The other is one of the better leadoff hitters from the 80s and 90s for the Braves, Indians, Giants, Dodgers, and Mets, who memorably overcame throat cancer while still active.

Answer: Brett Butler



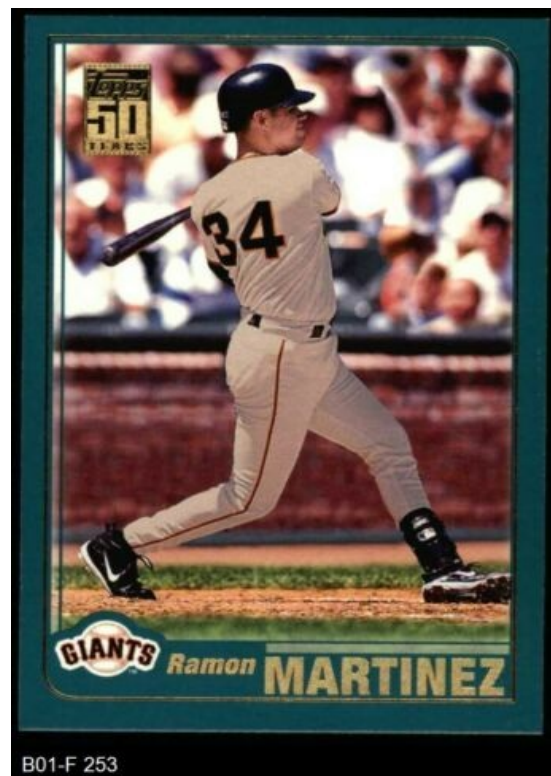
17. One was a bearded reliever for the Giants and Dodgers from 2006 to 2014; the other is the lead singer of an iconic, California-based '60s rock band.

Answer: Brian Wilson



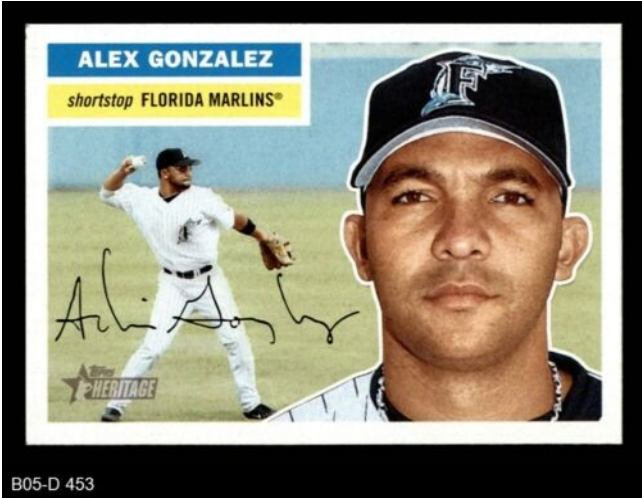
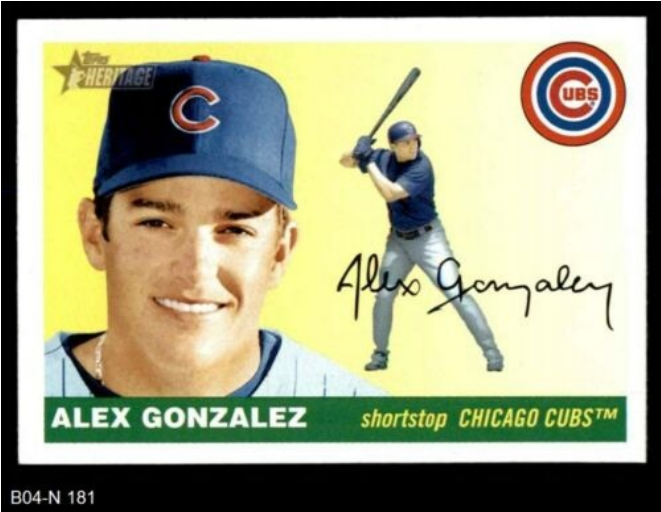
18. One is the brother of a Hall of Fame pitcher and won 20 games and threw a no-hitter for the Dodgers. The other was a journeyman infielder for the Giants, Dodgers, and four other teams in the late 90s and 2000s.

Answer: Ramon Martinez



19. The first was a shortstop for the Cubs, who committed a key error in Game 6 of the 2003 NLCS, known as the “Bartman” game. The second was the opposing shortstop for the Florida Marlins, who were the beneficiaries of the error.

Answer: Alex Gonzalez



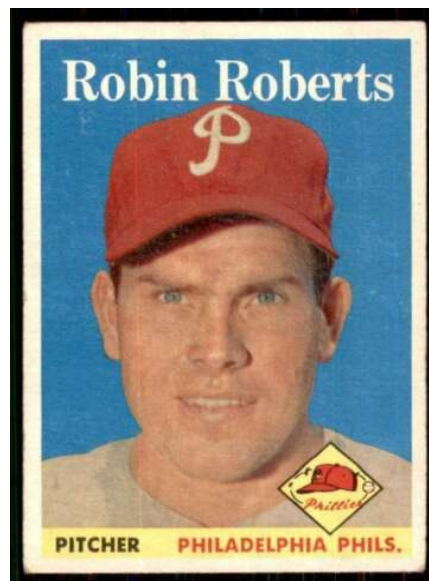
20. One is one of the greatest left handed hitters of all time, who was given a lifetime ban from the sport. The other was the controversial stage father of one of the most popular singers of his generation and his singing siblings.

Answer: Joe Jackson



21. One is a Hall of Fame pitcher, primarily for the Phillies; the other is a former ESPN anchor and host of “Good Morning America” who recently served as guest host on “Jeopardy.”

Answer: Robin Roberts



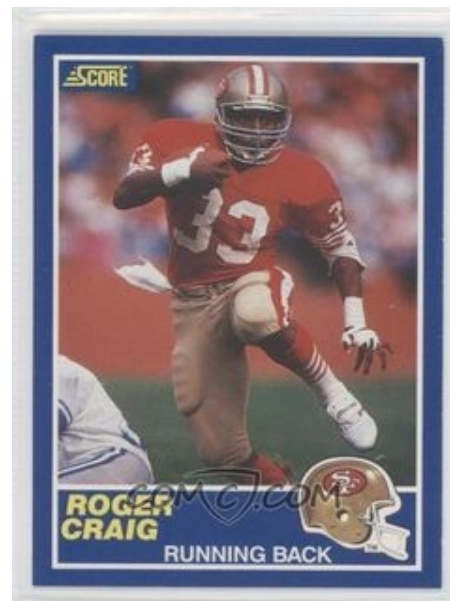
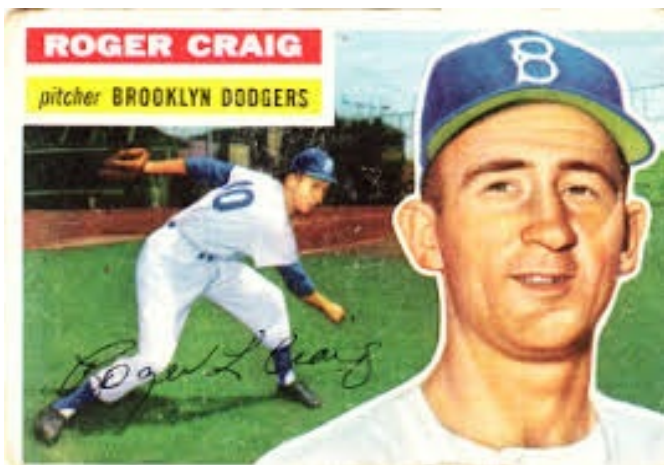
22. A 1980s/90s infielder for several teams, notably the Rangers and Indians. Despite having an extra “e” at the end of his name, he was called “the Governor” because of his namesake, a four term governor of the nation’s largest state.

Answer: Jerry Brown/e



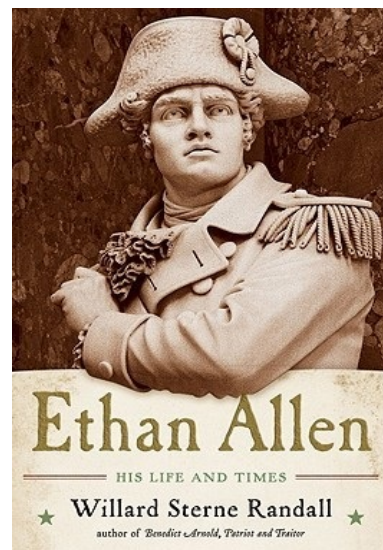
23. One of the last surviving members of the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers, who also pitched for the 1962 Mets and managed the San Francisco Giants, and a star running back for the Joe Montana-era San Francisco 49ers.

Answer: Roger Craig



24. An outfielder who played 13 years from 1926 to 1938, primarily for the Reds and Giants, and the leader of the “Green Mountain Boys” during the American Revolution, after whom a modern day furniture company is named.

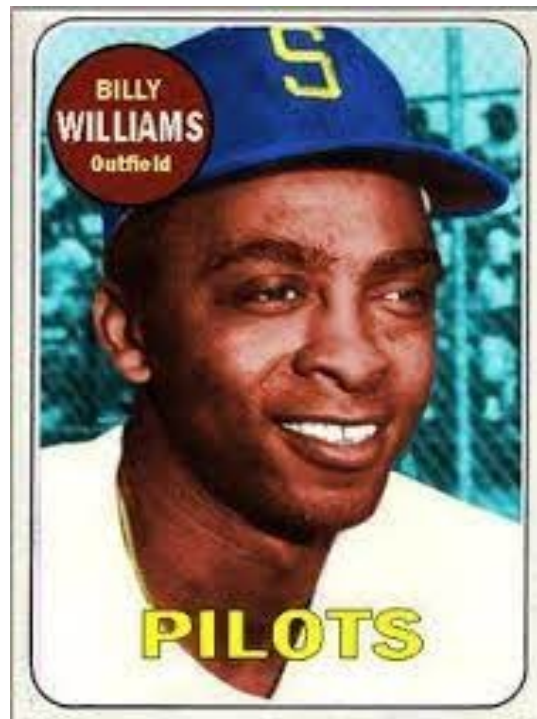
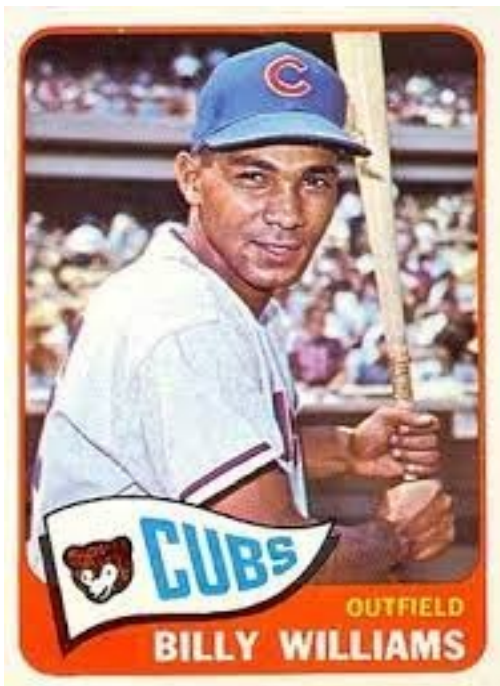
Answer: Ethan Allen



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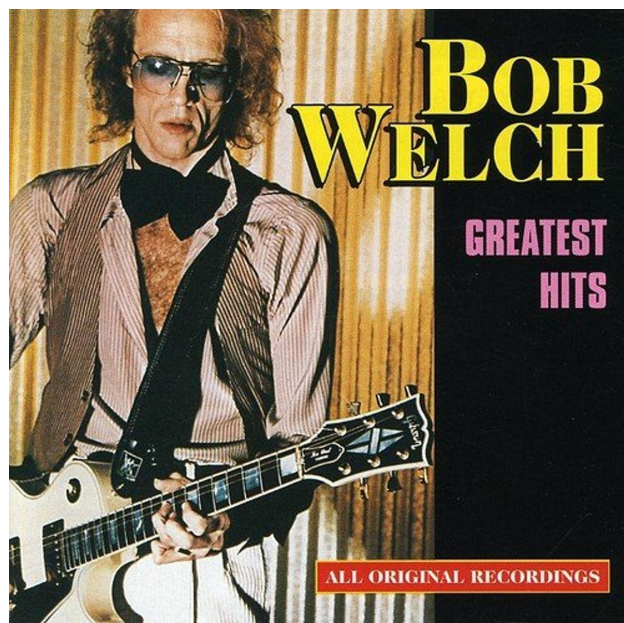
25. A Hall of Fame outfielder, primarily for the Cubs, and his namesake, who played four games for the 1969 Seattle Pilots, earning earned him a mention in “Ball Four.”

Answer: Billy Williams



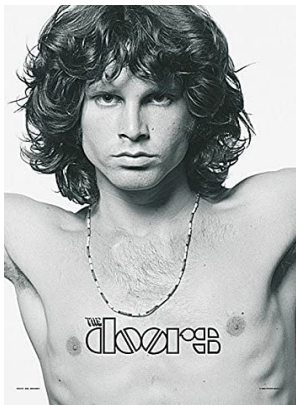
26. The player was the 1988 American League Cy Young Award winner with 27 wins, most since Denny McLain, and had a memorable save in the World Series ten years earlier. The second was a former member of Fleetwood Mac who had a moderately successful solo career, with hits such as “Sentimental Lady” and “Ebony Eyes.”

Answer: Bob Welch

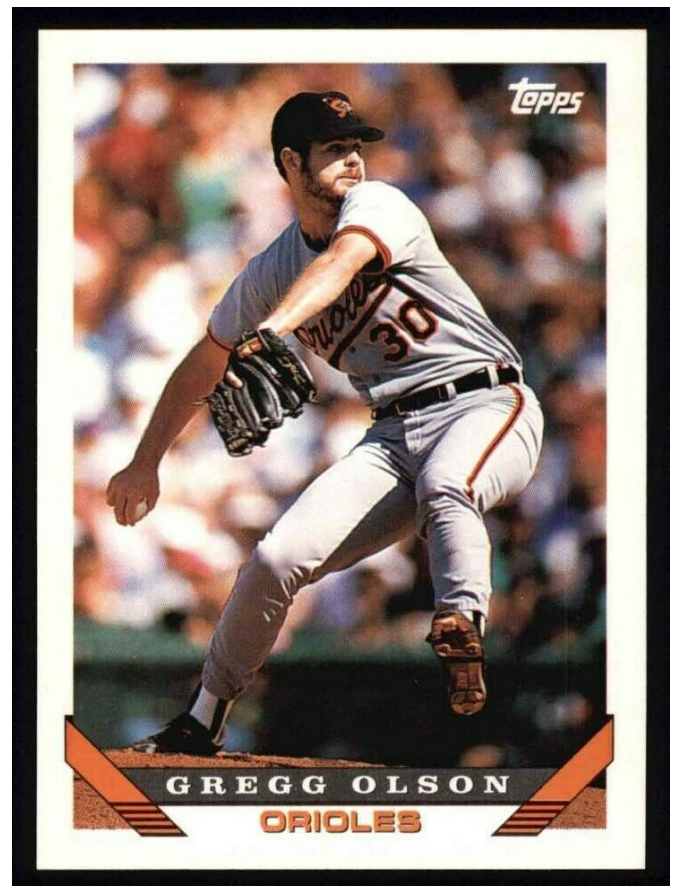


27. From “great player, mediocre musician,” we go to “great musician, mediocre player.” He was a journeyman second and third baseman in the 1970s and 80s for the Pirates, White Sox, and others. His namesake was the flamboyant lead singer for an iconic 60s band, who flamed out at the age of 27 and is famously buried in Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris.

Answer: Jim Morrison

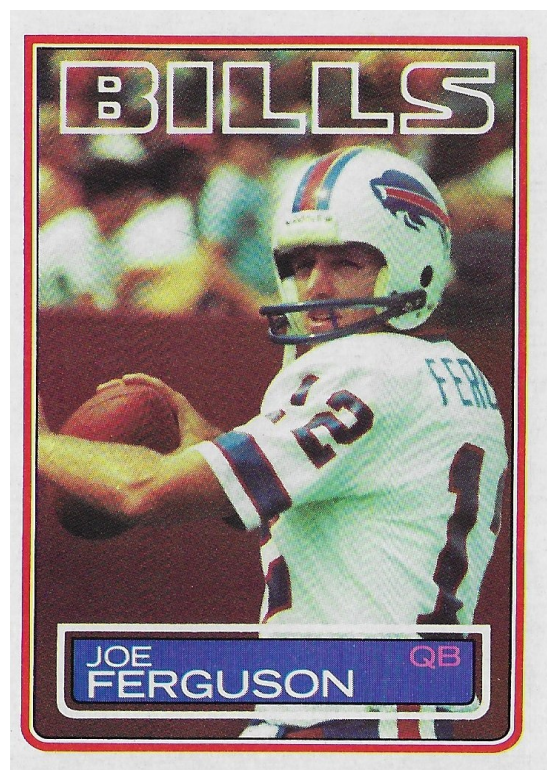
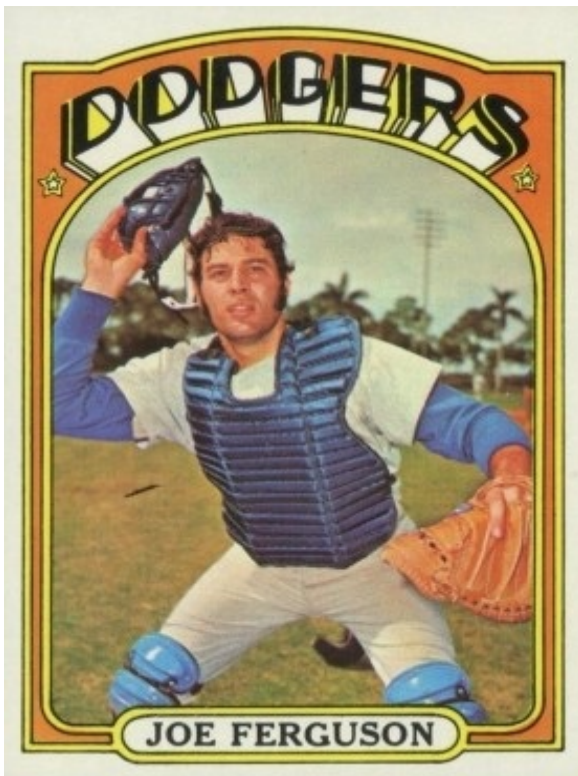


28. The first player was a catcher on the Atlanta Braves' first two pennant winning teams. Add a letter to the first name and you have the 1989 A.L. Rookie of the Year, as a relief pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles.



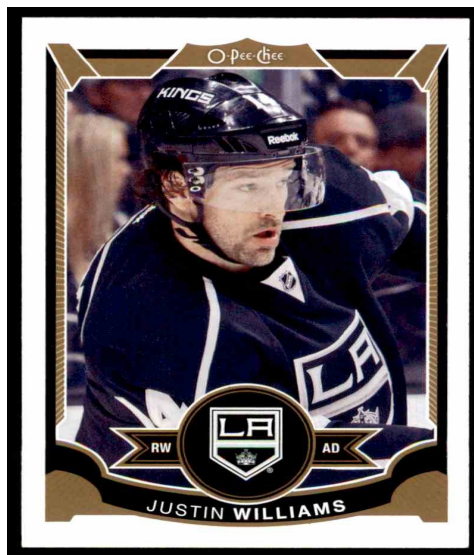
29. 1970s and 80s catcher and outfielder, primarily for the Dodgers and Astros, who made a memorable throw from right field in the 1974 World Series, and a former quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, born in the same town as Nolan Ryan (Alvin, TX).

Answer: Joe Ferguson



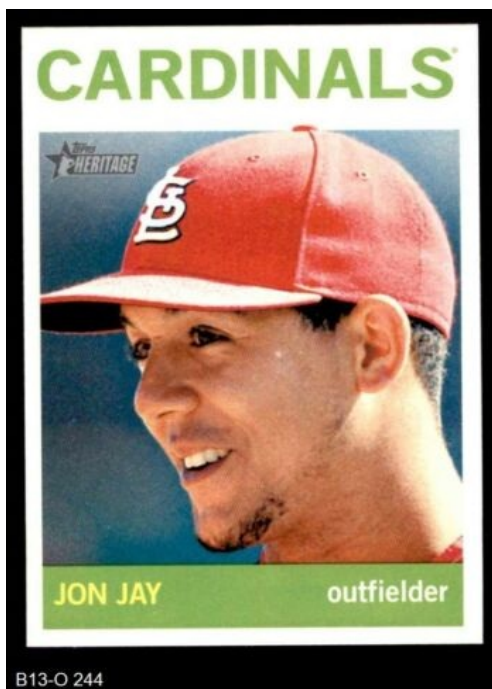
30. A young rookie outfielder for this year's St. Louis Cardinals, and the 2014 Conn Smythe award winner, who won three Stanley Cups and was nicknamed "Mr. Game 7."

Answer: Justin Williams



31. Center fielder, primarily with the Cardinals and most recently the Angels; nicknamed “The Federalist” because, other than spelling the first name differently, he is the namesake of the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Answer: Jo(h)n Jay



32. This outfielder played 8 seasons for the Dodgers and Pirates in the 1980s. His walk off squeeze bunt drove in the winning run and capped a four run ninth inning rally in a key win over the Braves during the 1983 pennant race, which the Dodgers won by 3 games. His namesake is the second largest tobacco company in America.

Answer: R.J. Reynolds

