

## LOS ANGELES V. TORONTO

In honor of the first international World Series in 32 years, the following players were born and/or grew up in either the Greater Los Angeles area or the Greater Toronto area (also known as “Canada”).

### Los Angeles

1. Members of the same infield at Locke High School in the early 1970s, they are both members of the Hall of Fame (need both names).
2. Pitched a no-hitter on LSD (allegedly).
3. Second player (behind Jackie Jensen) to play in both the Rose Bowl and the World Series, where he hit two pinch hit HRs for the Dodgers in 1959. Later an attorney in Los Angeles.
4. Dodgers starting pitcher in Game 5 of 2024 World Series and cousin of the Quizmaster’s pain management doctor. High school teammate of Max Fried and Lucas Gioloto.
5. Hall of Fame second baseman and Boston Red Sox teammate of Ted Williams.
6. 42 Forever.
7. Catcher, first and third baseman for eleven MLB teams and, like your Quizmaster, attended UCLA; born on the same day as Sandy Koufax’s perfect game (September 9, 1965).
8. Fellow UCLA alum and 2023 A.L. Cy Young Award winner who could use refresher course on covering first base.
9. Hall of Fame pitcher who grew up in same town as your Quizmaster (Van Nuys, California) and was a high school teammate of the late Robert Redford.
10. All-time Los Angeles Dodger leader in hits who had 31 game hitting streak, yet is best remembered for his three errors in Sandy Koufax’s final game. Has the highest career WAR (60.8) of any non-banned player that has never appeared on a Hall of Fame ballot, and was recently found to be the biological father of former MLB player Eric Anthony.
11. Hall of Famer and two time MVP who was born in Illinois but, like your Quizmaster, went to high school in the San Fernando Valley (he is three weeks older). His older brother owns one of the most dubious distinctions in MLB history.
12. Hyphenated-named player who played in the same Little League as your Quizmaster, and whose real-life mom was the movie mother in “Little Big League.” He was an All-Star and joined the 30-30 club in 2025.

13. Relief pitcher who won two games and saved two others in the 1959 World Series, earning MVP honors. His brother, a catcher and former MLB manager, is widely credited with turning Sandy Koufax into a dominant pitcher.

14. Six time Gold Glove first baseman credited with saving his manager's son from injury during World Series; his father was a wide receiver for the 1960s Los Angeles Rams.

15. Catcher for Phillies and Dodgers, and the only known alumnus of Agoura Pony Baseball (where your Quizmaster coached for six years) to play in the major leagues. Fifth on the all time list of home runs by a Jewish ballplayer.

16. Son of 1992 N.L. Rookie of the Year and L.A. Dodger home run record holder; made MLB debut with the worst team in baseball in 2025.

### **Canada**

17 & 18. One point each: name the two Canadian born players elected to the Hall of Fame.

19. Aside from one of the answers above, he is the only Canadian born pitcher to win the Cy Young Award.

20. & 21. One point each: aside from one of the answers above, they are the two Canadian born players to win a Most Valuable Player award.

22. A World Champion pitcher with the 1964 Cardinals and the 1969 Miracle Mets, he later graduated medical school and became the Blue Jays' team physician.

23. & 24. One point each: two brothers and former teammates who appeared in this year's playoffs, one for Cleveland and one for Seattle.

25. A player in this year's World Series who was born in Montreal and whose father is a member of the Hall of Fame.

26. Four time All-Star catcher who both debuted and played his last game for the Dodgers, and in between also played for the Yankees, Pirates, and Blue Jays.

27. 70s pitcher for St. Louis, Boston, Texas, and Milwaukee, whose last name is the name of yet another MLB city.

28. Southern California native and defending World Series MVP who played for Team Canada in 2017 and 2023 World Baseball Classics.

Tiebreaker: Number of home runs hit by #28 in 2025.

## ANSWERS

1. Ozzie Smith and Eddie Murray.
2. Dock Ellis.
3. Chuck Essegian.
4. Jack Flaherty.
5. Bobby Doerr.
6. Jackie Robinson.
7. Todd Zeile.
8. Gerrit Cole.
9. Don Drysdale.
10. Willie Davis.
11. Robin Yount (brother Larry Yount entered game as RP for Houston Colt .45s, injured his arm and never threw a pitch, and never returned to MLB. Still credited with appearing in the major leagues).
12. Pete Crow-Armstrong.
13. Larry Sherry (brother Norm Sherry).
14. J.T. Snow (father Jack Snow).
15. Mike Lieberthal.
16. Kyle Karros (father Eric Karros).
- 17/18. Fergie Jenkins and Larry Walker
19. Eric Gagne.
- 20/21. Justin Morneau and Joey Votto.
22. Ron Taylor.
- 23/24. Bo and Josh Naylor.

25. Vladimir Guerrero, Jr.
26. Russell Martin.
27. Reggie Cleveland.
28. Freddie Freeman (mother was Canadian).

Tiebreaker: 24.