

MANAGERS AS PLAYERS QUIZ

There's a saying that great players make terrible managers. But the following individuals were successful as both. Except as noted below in the Tiebreaker, each of them won either a Manager of the Year award (first awarded in 1983) or a World Series.

1. (One point each.) Two Cardinal Hall of Fame second basemen who won the World Series as Cardinal managers.
2. The National League MVP and batting champ in 1970 (.363).
3. Not really a sign of success as a player, but this three time WS winner and two time MOTY holds the record for most games played during his only season in the major leagues.
4. This former MVP holds the record for most grand slams in a season (6), but never hit another in his 14 year career. Made his WS debut in 2025 coaching against the team that he formerly managed.
5. (One point each.) These two men and teammates each hit critical home runs in the same year off past or future Cy Young Award winners. Those HRs enabled their team to upset two highly favored opponents and win the LCS and World Series, respectively.
6. The first player to win a Most Valuable Player award primarily as a DH. Austin native buried at the Texas State Cemetery
7. Three time MOTY; one time WS champion. One of the first four players from the same team to hit 30+ home runs in the same season, and was on deck when Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run.
8. Thief of the base that helped end the Curse of the Bambino. Recently won his fourth ring.
9. Hit 43 home runs in 112 games before 1994 players' strike cut short his possible challenge to Roger Maris's record.
10. Oldest of the only three brothers to play outfield for the same team in the same game.

11. Aside from Shohei Ohtani, the only player to win the MVP award in both leagues.

12. Second baseman who made a key defensive catch of a popup to help win Game 7 of the 1952 World Series.

13. Recently deceased WS winner as both a second baseman and manager; two-time MOTY who hit 43 home runs for 1973 Atlanta Braves.

14. Caught both a no-hitter by Nolan Ryan and a perfect game by Sandy Koufax.

15. One of only two persons to manage the Dodgers, Yankees, and Mets; hit the first World Series home run in Yankee Stadium (a game winning, inside the park one, no less).

16. Hall of Famer who was the MVP in the 1993 World Series.

17. Won 139 games during a 14 year pitching career, all but one of which with the same team. Later became a broadcaster and manager for that team, and is the namesake of a SABR chapter.

18. He was played by Philip Seymour Hoffman in "Moneyball."

19. Three-time MOTY with two different teams (one in each league) and WS winner with a third team; also a Rookie of the Year winner.

20. Hall of Fame pitcher who won 20 games seven times; won WS despite managing a different team for more games that season.

21. Hit 91 home runs, including 29 in one season, and before 2025 was the last non-Yankee manager to win two consecutive World Series.

22. Hall of Famer and the last player-manager to win the World Series, and the last manager to win a World Series for his franchise.

23. His 18 pitch at bat in May 2004 ended in a home run, even though he only hit 35 during a 14 year playing career.

Tiebreaker: Who is the only one of the above answers that does NOT fit the theme (i.e. was not MOTY and did not win a World Series?)

ANSWERS

1. Rogers Hornsby (1926) and Red Schoendienst (1967).
2. Joe Torre (won WS with NYY 1996, 1998-2000; AL MOTY 1996).
3. Sparky Anderson (152 games for PHI in 1959).
4. Don Mattingly (NL MOTY in 2020 with MIA; managed LAD 2011-15).
5. Mike Scioscia (NLCS 1988, off Doc Gooden; AL MOTY in 2002 and 2009; won WS with ANA in 2002) and Kirk Gibson (WS 1988 off Dennis Eckersley; NL MOTY with ARI in 2011).
6. Don Baylor (AL MVP with CAL in 1979; NL MOTY with COL in 1995).
7. Dusty Baker (LAD Garvey, Cey, Smith and Baker 1977; NL MOTY 1993, 1997, and 2000; won WS with HST in 2022).
8. Dave Roberts (won WS with BOS 2004 as player; won WS with LAD as manager 2020 and 2024; NL MOTY in 2016).
9. Matt Williams (NL MOTY in 2014 with WAS).
10. Felipe Alou (NL MOTY in 1994 with MTL).
11. Frank Robinson (NL MVP with CIN in 1961; AL MVP with BAL in 1966; AL MOTY with BAL in 1989).
12. Billy Martin (won WS with NYY as player in 1952 and as manager in 1977).
13. Davey Johnson (won WS with BAL in 1966 and NYM in 1986); AL MOTY with BAL in 1997; NL MOTY with WAS in 2012).
14. Jeff Torborg (1990 AL MOTY with CWS).
15. Casey Stengel (HR in 1923 WS; won 8 WS with NYY. Joe Torre is the other).

16. Paul Molitor (WS MVP with TOR; 2017 AL MOTY with MIN).
17. Larry Dierker (NL MOTY with HST in 1998).
18. Art Howe (managed OAK 1996-2002).
19. Lou Piniella (AL MOTY with SEA in 1995 and 2001; NL MOTY with CHC in 2008; won WS with CIN in 1990; won ROTY with KCR in 1969).
20. Bob Lemon (207-128 for CLE 1946-58; fired as manager of CWS after going 34-40 in 1978; hired by NYY after Billy Martin was fired (again); went 48-20 and won WS).
21. Clarence (Cito) Gaston. (29 HR for SDP in 1970; won WS with TOR in 1992 and 1993).
22. Lou Boudreau (CLE 1948).
23. Alex Cora (BOS 2018; hit HR for LAD on 5/12/04 off Matt Clement CHC)

Tiebreaker: Art Howe (#18).