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M Michael Jayson 00:00
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor radio program. Today's show takes us back to October 2008.


K Kathy Bush 00:12
The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors and their special guests in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Kathy Bush, and today we have again three regular panelists, and we've held our special visiting professor hostage. We have sent messages home to his family, however, so I guess it's not a real hostage.


R Roy Finkenbine 00:42
"Send in some clean clothes"


K Kathy Bush 00:43
Sure, you know, or, yeah, "Send us his credit card numbers".

J Jeffe Boats 00:46
(Speaking, but words were covered up by other dialogue) That would have been more effective.


J Jeffe Boats 00:48


 jeffe boats 00:10
How are you doing?


 Kathy Bush 00:48
You know, Jeffe, you're going for the overkill again. All right. I said the shoes and socks were enough to send them. Oh, low key. All right. Let's introduce the panelists. To my right from the Department of Math and Math Education, it's Professor Jeffe Boats.


 Kathy Bush 00:52
I'm doing just fine. And across the table, from the Department of History, its chair as well as the keeper of our Black Abolitionist Archive collection. It's Professor Roy Finkenbine.


 Roy Finkenbine 01:14
Good to be here, Kathy. In the words of Homer Simpson, "Say something bad about pants".

 Kathy Bush 01:20
But always say something good about donuts. Absolutely. And sitting next to Roy, from the College of Engineering and Science, the director of its Pre-College Engineering Programs, It's Professor Dan Dan, the math man Maggio,

 Dan Maggio 01:32
Hi, Kathy.

 Kathy Bush 01:33
How's it going, Dan?

 Dan Maggio 01:34
Good, Kathy.

 Kathy Bush 01:35
Glad to hear it. Keep drinking coffee, Dan. (The professor laugh) There we go. And sitting across from Dan, certainly now released from his blindfold and handcuffs - um, and hostage situation. It's our professor from Communication Studies. The head of our journalism program here at UDM it's Professor Tom Stanton.

T Tom Stanton 01:54
I told you my family wouldn't care that I was gone.

K Kathy Bush 02:01
(Laughs) Actually, we did get a message from your family. They said "Next time, wash the socks". But that's okay. So this is a show where you can send us questions about hostages.

R Roy Finkenbine 02:12
(Jokingly) I've been kidnapped by KMart!

K Kathy Bush 02:14
Yeah, really. You'd send us questions about anything cartoons, kidnappings, you name it. So hey, send us some questions.

A Announcer 02:21
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu, Or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

K Kathy Bush 02:29
We're back again with more questions because we've been kind of holding on to these and we don't want Pat Thompson out in Milford Michigan thinking that we were dissing him. But these have been some excellent questions dealing with the area that Tom has written about, which is sports trivia. In fact, in Term Two - in the winter semester; not trivia, but Tom is actually gonna be teaching a class dealing with journalism and sports.

T Tom Stanton 02:50
Yeah, Detroit sports history and journalism.

K Kathy Bush 02:53
That's so great. So any favorite sports writers or journalists you've had over the years here in Detroit - people that you really revere or - ?

T Tom Stanton 03:00
I think half the people who are in sports journalism in Detroit were inspired by Joe Falls.

K Kathy Bush 03:04
Okay. Yay.

T Tom Stanton 03:04
Wrote for many years for the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News, but also Jim Murray out of Los Angeles.

K Kathy Bush 03:09
Okay.

T Tom Stanton 03:10
Red Smith in New York. going back further.

K Kathy Bush 03:12
Okay,

T Tom Stanton 03:13
Grantland Rice.

K Kathy Bush 03:13
Oh, yay, yay.

R Roy Finkenbine 03:16
Any stories you can lay on us there?

J Jeffe Boats 03:19
No, it'd be awesome if over the summer, you could teach a course on sports trivia and then you could hold it in a pub and then you can test could be on these little TVs with the remotes and

could hold it in a pub and then you can test could be on those little TVs with the remotes and you know, and it ticks down. It would be awesome.

K Kathy Bush 03:31
(Laughs) Always thinking

T Tom Stanton 03:32
Is this a new tradition of Jesuits and Sisters of Mercy?

K Kathy Bush 03:34
Why not? Why not? You know, I think they've hit a few bottles of wine somewhere along in that tradition.

J Jeffe Boats 03:39
You know, they're clamoring for more computer based instruction.

K Kathy Bush 03:42
Right. Let's combine those two. There we go. Well, interestingly enough, we didn't - with any of these sports questions, Patrick didn't bother to give us any grading scale. You guys really smoked it on home on that last kind of mix one, but these are about baseball. Okay, so let's see how they work. What hide was first used to cover baseballs in 1975?

J Jeffe Boats 04:08
Horse, wasn't it?

K Kathy Bush 04:09
No. If it is, it's not what it says here.

J Jeffe Boats 04:12
Oh, well maybe they changed it in -

D Dan Maggio 04:13

Um, Hamster

K Kathy Bush 04:14
Hamster. (laughs) How many hamsters would it take to -

D Dan Maggio 04:18
I was just guessing.

K Kathy Bush 04:19
And thank God, it wouldn't be a clincher ball, one of those 16 inch balls. How many -

D Dan Maggio 04:19
You said I should at least try in your class.

K Kathy Bush 04:24
Yeah. Okay. (laughs)

D Dan Maggio 04:24
Uh, well, cow obviously.

K Kathy Bush 04:28
It is. Cowhide. I guess I'm wondering -

J Jeffe Boats 04:31
They used to call it old horsehide, right? Maybe they switched.

K Kathy Bush 04:33
Uh, ask this guy.

T Tom Stanton 04:34

I was gonna go with a human, but -

K Kathy Bush 04:36
Human? (laughs)

D Dan Maggio 04:37
No.

K Kathy Bush 04:38
I think that was the German League 1939 or whatever. Yeah, there we go.

T Tom Stanton 04:41
Sorry about that.

K Kathy Bush 04:41
No, no, no. What baseball announcer said that "Pope Paul VI's death", and this is a quote, "puts a damper even on a Yankee win" Oh my gosh.

J Jeffe Boats 04:54
I didn't know the Pope was such a fan.

K Kathy Bush 04:55
I was gonna say - yeah, he tuned in on, you know, long range radio there. Shortwave.

T Tom Stanton 05:00
So what year was that?

K Kathy Bush 05:02
Uh, he died in the 70s? Pope John Paul the - or, this is Pope Paul the sixth, so -

R Roy Finkenbine 05:07
So he died- Because- Was it 63? When did Pope John Paul -

K Kathy Bush 05:13
That was in 64. Yeah. So this would be after that, and then they had -

K Kathy Bush 05:18
Not Mel Allen. This would be another famous New York announcer though.

T Tom Stanton 05:19
Mel Allen, maybe.

J Jeffe Boats 05:23
Phil Rizzuto?

K Kathy Bush 05:23
That's it. Phil Rizzuto.

D Dan Maggio 05:24
Oh

K Kathy Bush 05:24
Yeah, that's him. But wow.

J Jeffe Boats 05:26
The Money Store

K Kathy Bush 05:28
Yes. There we go. What country's first US major league player was Chan-Ho Park?

R Roy Finkenbine 05:35
Korea? South Korea?

K Kathy Bush 05:37
South Korea. I was gonna say - name that Korea.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:39
I keep forgetting about that nasty parallel there.

K Kathy Bush 05:42
Well, you know, somebody's gotta keep that parallel.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:45
We were supposed to annihilate North Korea. So then we'll be down to one.

K Kathy Bush 05:47
There you go. Although, sadly, their leader I guess is in a bad physical or health condition. At least that's what's being reported. Since there's not - you know, he's not being seen anywhere. Now, this question. I don't know. It seems a little out of date. But - what two cities have the oldest stadiums in Major League Baseball?

T Tom Stanton 06:06
Well, Boston and Chicago.

K Kathy Bush 06:07
Yeah. It's odd, because this answer says Boston and Detroit. Oh!

T Tom Stanton 06:13
Well, Fenway Park is from the same day as me Navin Field which became Tiger Stadium.

K Kathy Bush 06:13



Kathy Bush 06:18

Yeah. But I mean, since it's now just down to like a flagpole. How many of you have seen been down there? Tom, obviously you have. I have. Anybody else been down?



Roy Finkenbine 06:27

And what do they have to raise? 289,000 or something, or it all goes. is that the



Kathy Bush 06:31

Well that's the threat.



Kathy Bush 06:33

Yeah. It's in stages. So that's the next stage.



Kathy Bush 06:35

Yeah, it's - it's just hard to look at. You know, it just is really hard to look at.



Roy Finkenbine 06:40

I'm not a very good prophet; because at one point, right before Tiger Stadium closed, I predicted that, based on statements he had made, that our former panelist Greg Sumner, if they ever tried to tear down Tiger Stadium would actually be chained to the outside of the stadium.



Kathy Bush 06:56

Well, Not bloody likely. Since he's walking around teaching now



Roy Finkenbine 07:00

No, he's now singing Woody Guthrie in his class on the Dust Bowl.



Kathy Bush 07:04

Well, there's an attraction. Come to you UDM and hear lounge lizards in your classes. What baseball teams games are announced on TV by Skip Caray?



J Jeffe Boats 07:16
The Cubs.

K Kathy Bush 07:18
No, no.

R Roy Finkenbine 07:18
The Braves.

K Kathy Bush 07:19
Yes, it is. It's the Atlanta Braves.

J Jeffe Boats 07:21
Oh, I was gonna guess it was Harry Caray's son

K Kathy Bush 07:23
Oh. that he -

R Roy Finkenbine 07:25
Yeah - "Holy cow".

K Kathy Bush 07:26
Yeah. How long did Harry broadcast for the Cubbies anyway?

R Roy Finkenbine 07:30
Oh, several fifths. I think.

T Tom Stanton 07:33
He was with the White Sox before he -



Kathy Bush 07:34

Before that. Yeah, that's what I thought - he went from the Sox to the Cubs. Yeah.



Jeffe Boats 07:38

He was with the Cubs for uh one, uh two, uh three decades or so.



Kathy Bush 07:41

(Laughs) Boy, you know, people were talking about a Chicago Subway Series this year.



Roy Finkenbine 07:48

Boy, that faded fast.



Kathy Bush 07:49

Yeah. Wow. Boy, that really - That was a huge disappointment. I have one nephew who was like - he said he was "so despondent, he couldn't go to school" There you go. What shortstop holds the Major League record for games played, assists and double plays. Wow, that's a nice.



Jeffe Boats 08:06

Oh - Ozzie?



Kathy Bush 08:07

Yes.



Jeffe Boats 08:08

He would do a backflip. Yeah.



Kathy Bush 08:10

That's pretty nice. That's more than pretty nice. I'm, I like him, but I'm more impressed. What pitcher's 1.12 ERA in 1968 was the lowest?



Roy Finkenbine 08:22

Bob Gibson.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:23

Yeah. In post World War Two play. I'm wondering who would have had it - if it's post World War Two -

J Jeffe Boats 08:27

That would go back to the dead ball era

K Kathy Bush 08:28

I mean. Thank you. I mean, that's incredible.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:33

But the thing that worked against that was the fact that you'd have starting pitchers go out and pitch double headers.

J Jeffe Boats 08:38

Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 08:39

Yeah. Isn't that amazing?

J Jeffe Boats 08:41

Well, you know, what was it - Cy Young had 40 wins or something in one season. But what - he probably pitched 70 games

R Roy Finkenbine 08:47

I can hear their manager talking to the pitching coach. "Well, he's up to 400 pitches. Do you think we should take him out??"

K Kathy Bush 08:52

Yeah, I mean, you know- when you think about today that is, that's true. It's just like with football. I'm always amazed - when I first started learning about the game and my dad told me that, you know, "these guys used to play both ways". They played offense and defense.

J Jeffe Boats 09:04
Oh, yeah.

K Kathy Bush 09:04
And I'm just like, you gotta be kidding me.

J Jeffe Boats 09:06
And they wouldn't drink water during the game because that was for pansies.

K Kathy Bush 09:09
Agh! Dude!

J Jeffe Boats 09:10
You didn't want to ruin your conditioning by drinking water during the game.

K Kathy Bush 09:13
Aw, man. Tear up. Who was the last American League baseballer to win the Triple Crown in 1967?

T Tom Stanton 09:26
Carl Yastrzemski.

K Kathy Bush 09:27
You got it, the Yaz man. Yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 09:29
And - There was another Triple Crown winner in the AL shortly before that. Was it 65, Tom? 66?
Frank Robinson

K Kathy Bush 09:37
Was it? Aw, neat. Good player. I liked him.

R Roy Finkenbine 09:41
He was, according to the late Bill DeWitt who traded him for six also rans and a sack of feed,
"He was an old 30"

K Kathy Bush 09:49
Oh! Ou! That's mean.

R Roy Finkenbine 09:50
And then he won the Triple Crown right after.

K Kathy Bush 09:55
Oh!

D Dan Maggio 09:56
What is the Triple Crown?

R Roy Finkenbine 09:57
You lead in batting average. homeruns and RBIs.

K Kathy Bush 10:00
I mean, think about that. That's a pretty awesome achievement. That'd be nice one to have put
on your-

D Dan Maggio 10:05
Yeah, I thought about it. Okay.

K Kathy Bush 10:07
Okay. (laughs)

J Jeffe Boats 10:09
Well, home runs and RBIs often go together.

K Kathy Bush 10:11
Well, yeah.

J Jeffe Boats 10:11
If you're big in one, you're probably big in the other, but batting average -

K Kathy Bush 10:14
Yeah

J Jeffe Boats 10:14
to have that kind of power and consistency is very rare.

K Kathy Bush 10:16
Thank you.

R Roy Finkenbine 10:17
Then you get people like Dave Kingman, who back in the 70s, Tom; he'd have things like 30 home runs and 45 RBI's.

D Dan Maggio 10:24
throwing pebbles off the roofs of domes.

K Kathy Bush 10:29
Yeah, but still pretty neat. What Pittsburgh Pirate had exactly 3000 career hits before dying in a plane crash?

R Roy Finkenbine 10:37
Oh, Roberto Clemente.

K Kathy Bush 10:39
Yeah. Ow! Boy, that's sad. You know? What's the LCS to a baseball pennant winner?

J Jeffe Boats 10:48
League Championship Series

K Kathy Bush 10:49
That's right. Well, you know, some people might think it's a new deal agency. And you never know, depending on the context that way. How many seasons did Lou Gehrig play every inning of every game?

J Jeffe Boats 11:03
All right, well, when the record was broken, uh, when the guy from the Royals, Ripken broke the record, it was 2100.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:12
And they played 154 game seasons -

K Kathy Bush 11:15
Okay, we're gonna do this mathematically See, you've gotta experience this.

J Jeffe Boats 11:21
That comes out to a little over 14 seasons, but as far as complete seasons, probably 13.

D Dan Maggio 11:26
Did he do it in 3000 or 2000?

T Tom Stanton 11:28
I think Jeffe is right, or -

K Kathy Bush 11:31
Let me read the question again. How many seasons did Lou Gehrig play every inning of every game?

R Roy Finkenbine 11:37
Oh, every inning of every game.

T Tom Stanton 11:39
None, probably

K Kathy Bush 11:40
One. But I was - the way you guys jumped in and took that apart - It was beautiful to watch. I gotta admit, that logic is so great.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:51
(laughs) But it was totally meaningless.

K Kathy Bush 11:52
No, but still, it sounded really great. Everybody out there's going "Are these guys smart or what?" You know.

D Dan Maggio 11:59
And I got it completely wrong.

K Kathy Bush 12:03
That's okay. As we always tell our students, "Read the question". There you go. Okay. Who holds the record for most innings pitched in a major league season? And his name came up before.

R Roy Finkenbine 12:15
Sy Young.

K Kathy Bush 12:16
It is Sy Young.

J Jeffe Boats 12:17
What's the record? Probably about 400?

K Kathy Bush 12:18
Oh, gee. That they don't tell.

J Jeffe Boats 12:20
Probably five - six hundred.

K Kathy Bush 12:21
Could be. I couldn't tell you there. What major league baseball team did the Walt Disney Company assume operational control of in 1996?

J Jeffe Boats 12:30
It's the Diamondbacks, right.

K Kathy Bush 12:33
Not the Diamondbacks.

J Jeffe Boats 12:35
Oh, the Angels.

K Kathy Bush 12:36
It is the California Angels. Ugh, and while we think about Disney ball, let's take a break

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P Production Element 12:41
Ask The Professor FLASHBACK

A Announcer 14:03
You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program from October 2008. Matt Mio and the current panel of professors will return later this summer with more brand new episodes of Ask the Professor, so email your questions today to atp@udmercy.edu.

K Kathy Bush 14:26
And we're back with sports trivia questions, but this time on an American sport - on baseball - which has been very very good to this panel today. You guys are smoking it home on here. Woo hoo. Okay, how many seasons saw Hank Aaron blast 50 or more homers?

T Tom Stanton 14:42
None.

K Kathy Bush 14:43
That's right. That's absolutely correct. What ballpark was Pete Rose playing in when he broke Ty Cobb's career hit record?

R Roy Finkenbine 14:53
Riverfront.

K Kathy Bush 14:54
Yes. That's was his own stadium. Was it not?

R Roy Finkenbine 14:57
Mm-hm

K Kathy Bush 14:58

Okay, Tom, opinion: Pete Rose - Hall of Fame?

D Dan Maggio 15:01
No.

T Tom Stanton 15:02
Well, talent wise, but not, uh -

R Roy Finkenbine 15:04
Yeah, as a player, not a coach, I would say.

T Tom Stanton 15:06
Yeah, he not going to go. He violated the one rule that's posted in every locker room.

D Dan Maggio 15:11
What? "Don't bet" They put in the locker rooms?

K Kathy Bush 15:13
Oh, yeah.

D Dan Maggio 15:14
Maybe he never read it.

T Tom Stanton 15:15
Since 1919. Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 15:17
Yeah. I mean, it's not like it just got put up like five years before or whatever. It's been there a long-g-g time.



R Roy Finkenbine 15:23
And as I think I told you, Eddie Cicotte. What's the pronunciation -

T Tom Stanton 15:28
There's a debate over how to say it.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:29
But, he's buried in Livonia.

K Kathy Bush 15:32
Is he really?

T Tom Stanton 15:33
This is one of the pitchers from the 1919 Blacksox?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:33
The theory is he used some of his ill gotten money to buy a farm in what is now Livonia.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:38
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 15:41
Oh my god. I didn't know that. That's amazing. You don't like the Costas Compromise - Let him in but then put on the plaque "Band from Major League Baseball"?

T Tom Stanton 15:50
Well, I don't know, you gonna put Shoeless Joe in too?

K Kathy Bush 15:53
Well, that's what I mean. I just I always think -

R Roy Finkenbine 15:55
Say it ain't so.

K Kathy Bush 15:55
No, I don't think -

T Tom Stanton 15:56
It's nice that the Hall of Fame stands for something.

K Kathy Bush 15:58
I think it is. My sister would always wear his number. She was ruthless, playing clincher ball in the league in Chicago. So I always have this great argument with her. So now I can say "A real sports authority, someone who writes about it thinks you're wrong". Thank you. (Kathy laughs)
That'll make Thanksgiving so much better this year.

T Tom Stanton 16:13
Yeah. I'm sure.

K Kathy Bush 16:13
It always does. What Major League Baseball team has fans dubbed The Cheeseheads?

J Jeffe Boats 16:19
Major League Baseball?

J Jeffe Boats 16:20
Yeah, that's what - I've never heard this.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:22
That's what Green Bay football fans are called.



D Dan Maggio 16:22
The Brewers?

K Kathy Bush 16:22
Yeah. It is the Brewers.

J Jeffe Boats 16:22
Yeah, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

K Kathy Bush 16:22
But I never knew that they were called -

R Roy Finkenbine 16:26
That's what I thought was Cheeseheads

R Roy Finkenbine 16:27
Yeah, they have the running sausage or something.

K Kathy Bush 16:30
Yeah, that's I was gonna - That's their motto, isn't it?

R Roy Finkenbine 16:32
And the guy - When they hit a home run, the guy that comes down into the, uh -

T Tom Stanton 16:35
Bernie Brewer

R Roy Finkenbine 16:35
stein of beer.

K Kathy Bush 16:36
Yeah, that's what - Yeah, I could see something like foam heads or something because the Brew thing.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:40
Who's the player, Tom, that took out the running sausage?

K Kathy Bush 16:45
Oh you're kidding.

T Tom Stanton 16:46
Yeah, a classic moment.

K Kathy Bush 16:49
Why do they let people get that drunk? That is so bad. What legendary manager explained, "You have to have a catcher. If you don't, the pitch will roll all the way back to the street."

R Roy Finkenbine 17:04
That's gotta be Casey Stengel.

K Kathy Bush 17:06
Is that not great? Thanks case. Never thought of that, dude.

K Kathy Bush 17:15
As someone who catches in a baseball league, I love catcher quotes. I think my favorite is a quote from Bob Uecker. Bob Uecker was asked "How do you catch a knuckle ball?" and he said, "Wait until it stops rolling."

K Kathy Bush 17:22
There you go. Why not? There it is. What explosive base stealer took a 2.75 million pay cut to play for the Kansas City Royals in 1995?

T Tom Stanton 17:37
Probably Rickey Henderson

K Kathy Bush 17:38
No, because I love Rickey Henderson. That guy could jump.

J Jeffe Boats 17:42
He retired with the Yankees.

K Kathy Bush 17:43
Yeah, but this is, uh Yeah. Oh gosh.

T Tom Stanton 17:46
Lou Brock.

K Kathy Bush 17:47
No, actually, this name is not one that's familiar to me. But that doesn't mean too much. Because I'm not exactly a Royals fan. Vince Coleman.

J Jeffe Boats 17:56
Oh, yeah.

K Kathy Bush 17:56
Really?

R Roy Finkenbine 17:57
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 17:57
Okay. Was he a lifer? Or I mean, did he

J Jeffe Boats 18:00
He was a Cardinal. Wasn't he?

K Kathy Bush 18:02
No, I mean, some guys stay with teams. So I was wondering like, why would you -

J Jeffe Boats 18:05
Nom that was a trade. I think he was a Cardinal.

K Kathy Bush 18:07
Really?

J Jeffe Boats 18:08
Wasn't he? Vince Coleman.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:08
I think you may be right.

K Kathy Bush 18:09
Doesn't he have like a Marty Marion jersey in his office?

K Kathy Bush 18:09
I'll have to ask Charles. Because if he ever - if even carried water into their stadium, he'd know about it. I'm not kidding. You ask him. He'll tell you who was like the pitching coach in 74 -

K Kathy Bush 18:23
Yes. Oh my god, Yeah, he's like a mad dog on him.

T Tom Stanton 18:27



Shortstop from way back when.



Jeff Boats 18:29

GQ Magazine said they were the best uniforms in all sports. Cardinals jerseys



Kathy Bush 18:33

Really? Cards gear?



Jeff Boats 18:35

Yep.



Kathy Bush 18:35

Oh don't say that in parts of Chicago buddy. (Laughs)



Roy Finkenbine 18:38

I remember the 1968 Baseball issue from Sports Illustrated that had - It was a photograph of inside the Cardinals locker room and had Cepeda's jersey and all the names who have played there. And the caption was "The Million dollar Starting Lineup"



Kathy Bush 18:59

Woe, and just think now. Oh my, a million bucks is about nothing.



Tom Stanton 19:02

But they've got some good uniforms. I mean, did you ever see the Chicago White Sox short pants uniforms? Like those were classic



Jeff Boats 19:09

Fitting for the disco era.



Kathy Bush 19:09

Yeah, very classic, and it's poly and ester -

K Kathy Bush 19:15

Well, yeah, there's some that are like "Dude, you look like you play for a really bad bar league you know?" That's one thing I have to compliment the Yankees on. Yankee pinstripe is a very classic look. Nice look. There you go. So I said my nice thing about New York. I'm gonna go to Heaven now. What former Giants star is the godfather of Barry Bonds?

R Roy Finkenbine 19:35

Oh, Willie McCovey

T Tom Stanton 19:36

Willie Mays.

K Kathy Bush 19:37

Yeah. Do you think he's a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame?

R Roy Finkenbine 19:37

Willie Mays.

J Jeffe Boats 19:41

Yes

T Tom Stanton 19:41

Willie Mays?

K Kathy Bush 19:42

No, no. Barry Bonds.

T Tom Stanton 19:45

Yeah. He's in.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:45
With an asterisk.

K Kathy Bush 19:46
Well, do you think?

T Tom Stanton 19:49
He had a great career before -

K Kathy Bush 19:50
Oh, Yeah.

T Tom Stanton 19:52
Before he started pumping up.

K Kathy Bush 19:53
Yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:53
Although he could never do it in the playoffs. He was not Mr. October.

K Kathy Bush 19:58
Yeah, that happens. Well, we have to say farewell to Dan who's doing the conference call thing.
Oh, we're gonna miss your contributions here, Bucko.

D Dan Maggio 20:05
I'll slip some food under the door.

K Kathy Bush 20:07
All right. Okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 20:08
Where are your priorities Dan? (laughs)

K Kathy Bush 20:12
What's the most home runs hit by one player in a single major league game?

D Dan Maggio 20:17
Four.

K Kathy Bush 20:18
Did you answer that? It's true, Dan. Thank you for that final contribution, dawg. In what establishments were 90% of the viewers watching the first televised World Series. So what, who sponsored or where did these viewers go for the first televised World Series?

T Tom Stanton 20:37
I'm not following ya.

K Kathy Bush 20:38
Okay, I know it's really oddly worded, so I'll try to reword it. These establishments or these businesses are where 90% of viewers who watched the first televised World Series watched it from.

J Jeffe Boats 20:51
Not everybody had televisions back then.

R Roy Finkenbine 20:51
Bars?

K Kathy Bush 20:51
Yeah, taverns they have here. Well, I mean, that would make sense.



Kathy Bush 20:56

No. I'm wondering, though, what was the first year they televised the World Series?



Roy Finkenbine 20:59

Well, supposedly, when the stock market crashed in 29 -



Kathy Bush 21:04

Okay (laughs)



Roy Finkenbine 21:05

Franklin Delano Roosevelt went on television, according to Joe Biden.



Kathy Bush 21:09

Really?



Roy Finkenbine 21:11

And talked to the American people.



Jefte Boats 21:12

That's impressive considering the first broadcast was 1936 wasn't it? The first broadcast



Kathy Bush 21:18

But didn't they do it at the World's Fair? The World's Fair in New York that they had that - Yeah, it was like some pavilion that was like the World of Tomorrow or whatever. And they that's where it was done.



Jefte Boats 21:29

Well, that should have been in the world of three years previous because the 36 Olympic Games Hitler broadcast on television, it was the first signal that was strong enough to leave the atmosphere.

K Kathy Bush 21:38
Really? Oh!

J Jeffe Boats 21:39
That's why in the book CONTACT, Carl Sagan has the aliens who hear the transmission send it back to us.

K Kathy Bush 21:47
Really?

J Jeffe Boats 21:47
Which is a little confusing at first. Your first contact with outer space is them sending a message from Hitler back at you. You's kinda wonder about them a little bit.

K Kathy Bush 21:54
There's a lot about technological things. The bit about recording with electronic tape and things what they did was really - and then brought to the U.S. by Bing Crosby. I'm not kidding you. He really did. He used to first craft music show. I mean, true enough. Not that Bing was connected to the Nazi Party. Please grandma, don't get upset with me on that one. What governor was on hand at home plate to greet Hank Aaron when he broke Babe Ruth's homerun record?

T Tom Stanton 22:18
Jimmy Carter

K Kathy Bush 22:19
Frequent a whore house.

K Kathy Bush 22:19
Jimmy Carter, how cool. I mean, that is really great. What did Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, and Roger Hornsby all do in their first major league at bat?

K Kathy Bush 22:28

(Laughs) Whoa. Not Ted. Please.

K Kathy Bush 22:39
Hit a homerun?

J Jeffe Boats 22:39
Hit a homerun.

J Jeffe Boats 22:41
No? Strikeouts.

K Kathy Bush 22:42
Strikeouts. Yeah. Oh please. The Legend of Teddy Baseball. My dad loved Ted Williams - because he fought not just on the big one, but in Korea as well. I've had to hear the story of Teddy ballgame my whole life long. What Bean Towner is second only to Pete Rose in total major league games played? So this Boston player second only to Pete Rose in total -


T Tom Stanton 23:06
It would have to be Yastrzemski. Wasn't it?


K Kathy Bush 23:07
It is the Yaz again. Absolutely. And our last question for baseball trivia, What major league baseball team was forced to endure a 20 day road trip in 1996?

J Jeffe Boats 23:21
Oh


K Kathy Bush 23:21
20 days on the road. That just doesn't seem right, eh?


J Jeffe Boats 23:23
Was that due to a natural disaster of being forced to be relocated?

 Kathy Bush 23:27
There's not an explanation.


 Roy Finkenbine 23:29
The Montreal Expos?


 Tom Stanton 23:29
An earthquake, maybe?


 Tom Stanton 23:30
No, but that's what I'm saying. What would keep a team 20 days on the road? That would really -

 Roy Finkenbine 23:35
Fans didn't want to watch them -


 Tom Stanton 23:36
The San Francisco Giants?


 Tom Stanton 23:38
No. It's National League. I could tell you that.


 Jeffe Boats 23:46
No idea


 Roy Finkenbine 23:46
and it's not the Expos?

 Tom Stanton 23:48


 Tom Stanton 23:48
What happened in 96?


 Kathy Bush 23:50
Oh, actually, we have one more question.


 Jeffe Boats 23:51
Oh, the Braves!


 Kathy Bush 23:52
It's the Braves.


 Jeffe Boats 23:52
Because of The Olympics. They were forced out.

 Roy Finkenbine 23:54
As were, apparently, many professors at Georgia Tech. The university decided to make money by moving all the professors out of their offices that summer, and renting out the offices to the media. (Kathy laughs) I bet they're non union.

 Kathy Bush 23:54
There you go.

 Kathy Bush 24:10
I was gonna say. They really did that?

 Roy Finkenbine 24:12
Yes. They did that.

 Kathy Bush 24:13
That's totally evil. I'm sorry, there was one question that I actually missed. What was pitcher Dock Ellis, the first Major Leaguer to wear in his hair on the field?

J **Jeffe Boats 24:13**
Tell me it's not ponytails.

K **Kathy Bush 24:24**
but it is something that is an accoutrement for the hair.

T **Tom Stanton 24:29**
A barrette?

K **Kathy Bush 24:31**
Not a barrette, but some thing else.

R **Roy Finkenbine 24:33**
Is it a substance?

K **Kathy Bush 24:33**
No, no. Nothing like that. Sorry, don't we're not defaming any sports players.

R **Roy Finkenbine 24:38**
No. I meant like pomade, as opposed to -

K **Kathy Bush 24:39**
Oh, no, no, no. When you said substance, I'm sorry. I'm thinking - Uh, it says here "curlers". So I don't know if he did the spongy thing - or what he was doing. That's really interesting. Okay. Well, those are good questions, Patrick. And you probably like gave up on us, because I was holding on to these for several months, but we really appreciate them and we'll make sure that you get - in fact, two T shirts. We'll make sure you get one each

K **Kathy Bush 24:40**
Next year, send us some baseball questions for a World Series show.



Roy Finkenbine 25:04

Oh! Well, I know - Okay, growing up, who was your favorite team then?



Jeffe Boats 25:12

I grew up on the Mets, but I've since converted to the Church of the Detroit Tigers.



Kathy Bush 25:16

Oh! Okay



Jeffe Boats 25:17

When they had the worst season ever, that's when I was like going out for exercise and walking, you know, like 11 miles and walk the duration of a game.



Kathy Bush 25:25

Mm - Okay.



Jeffe Boats 25:27

So that was - I'm trying to - I'm blanking on the announcer's voice now.



Roy Finkenbine 25:30

Ernie?



Jeffe Boats 25:31

Ernie Harwell. Yeah. I loved Ernie. I wish he hadn't retired.



Kathy Bush 25:35

Well, yeah. When he - That voice was - if you grew up in this area, that's the voice that you heard.



J Jeffe Boats 25:41
Ernie kept me company on a lot of long walks.

K Kathy Bush 25:42
You really like the Tigers too, Tom?

T Tom Stanton 25:43
Oh, third generation.

T Tom Stanton 25:44
I grew up with a father who would recite the 1935 Tigers line-up to me.

K Kathy Bush 25:44
Aw! Okay.

K Kathy Bush 25:50
Oh, yes!

K Kathy Bush 25:50
Oh, sweet!

T Tom Stanton 25:50
Greenberg, Rogell, Marv Owen, the whole was the group.

T Tom Stanton 25:51
So I learned of learned of the game from him who learned of it from his father, who saw Ty Cobb play -

K Kathy Bush 25:58
Ohhh!

T Tom Stanton 25:59
after he had emigrated from Poland - after my grandfather had emigrated, not Ty.

K Kathy Bush 26:03
Yay!

R Roy Finkenbine 26:03
And for fans that are listening that haven't read Tom's book, The Final Season, they really should. It's a good piece of work.

T Tom Stanton 26:10
Thank you.

K Kathy Bush 26:10
That's a gift my brother really, really loved. And he was like the ultimate baseball guy.

T Tom Stanton 26:16
Oh, thank you very much.

K Kathy Bush 26:17
Yeah, so - (The end-of-show bell rings) Oh! Well, we'll stop here. Let me thank our panel, Professor Maggio, Professor Finkenbine -

R Roy Finkenbine 26:25
Good to be here. Kathy,

K Kathy Bush 26:27
Glad to have you here. Professor Boats -

J Jeffe Boats 26:28

You're out!

K Kathy Bush 26:29
Oh, no. And Professor Stanton.

T Tom Stanton 26:30
Go Dodgers!

T Tom Stanton 26:31
All right.

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A Announcer 27:54
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