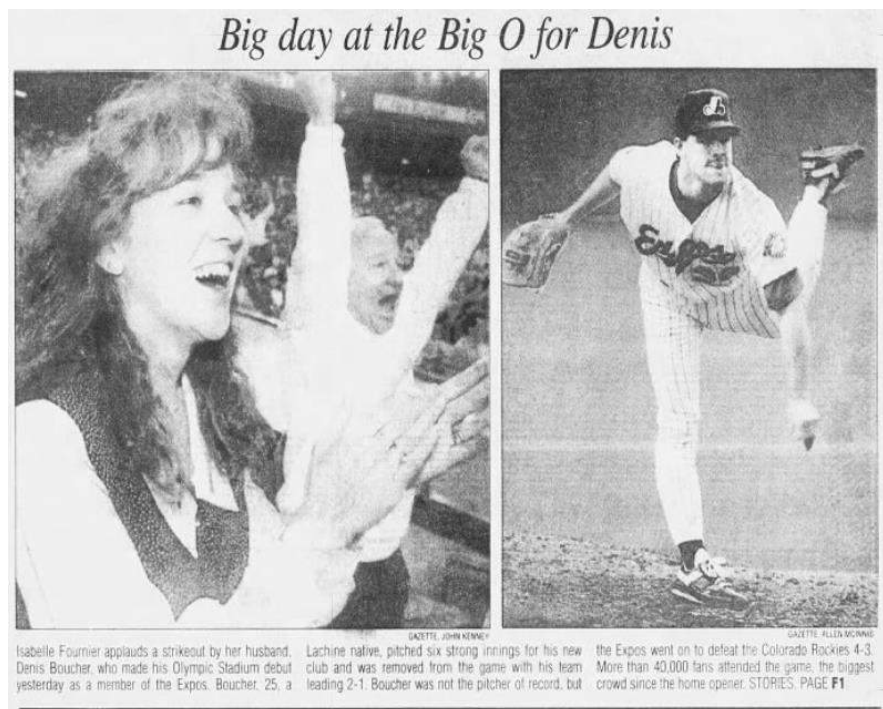


Batteries from the Great White North

On September 6, 1993 Montreal-born Denis Boucher made his Expos' debut in front of forty thousand home town fans.



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Part of the story that day was that Boucher was the first player born in Montreal to suit up for the Expos and just the second Quebecois to do so after Claude Raymond more than two decades earlier⁽²⁾. Also notable that day was the fact that Boucher and catcher Joe Siddall from Windsor, ON formed an all-Canadian battery⁽³⁾.



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The rarity of the latter event was noted but incomplete information was available at that time about other Canadian pitcher-catcher combos⁽⁶⁾. This gap in the historical record inspired a research project to find every all-Canadian battery in big league history and this paper is about the first one.

The term “Canadian” needs to be defined. People who were born in Canada may have emigrated soon thereafter and others born elsewhere may have moved to Canada before they could walk. Are they all Canadian? The uncertainty is a complication and, with no disrespect meant to Canadians born abroad, this paper is limited to players who were born in Canada. Resources may differ on places of birth so only players who had a Canadian home town listed in Baseball-Reference.com on October 23, 2019 are included in this review.

Through the 2019 season 255 Canadian-born players have appeared in at least one Major League game⁽⁷⁾; 132 pitched⁽⁸⁾ and 38 caught⁽⁹⁾. Once this list was compiled the next step was to align the pitchers’ and catchers’ careers to see where there were Canadian teammates who could potentially form a battery; then the box scores for those teams’ games were reviewed. Fifteen pairings of Canadian-born battery mates have been found and forty percent of them involve Russell Martin⁽¹⁰⁾. The first all-Canadian battery played in 1883.

There were very few Canadian pitchers and catchers in the early seasons of Major League baseball. The first to pitch was Edward Sylvester “The Only” Nolan (born in Trenton, ON)⁽¹¹⁾ with Indianapolis of the National League in 1878⁽¹²⁾ and the first catcher was William B. “Bill” Phillips (Saint John, NB)⁽¹³⁾ with Cleveland in 1879⁽¹⁴⁾. Nolan and Phillips both appeared for Cleveland in 1881 but Phillips only played first base that year⁽¹⁵⁾ so they never had the chance to form a battery.

The 1883 New York Gothams of the National League were the first team to have Canucks play at both pitcher and catcher⁽¹⁶⁾. James “Tip” O’Neill (Springfield, ON) is best known as an outfielder but he began his career that year in the pitcher’s box with a record of 5-12 and a 4.07 ERA in nineteen games⁽¹⁷⁾. Catcher John Humphries (North Gower, ON) played two major league seasons and he made his debut on July 7, 1883 after finishing his studies at Cornell⁽¹⁸⁾.



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O’Neill and Humphries first formed the Gothams’ starting battery on July 13 against the Buffalo Bisons⁽²¹⁾. They were not the first international battery, an honour that went to Irishmen Curry Foley (Milltown) and Sleeper Sullivan (city unknown) who accomplished that with the 1881 Buffalo Bisons⁽²²⁾. But O’Neill and Humphries were the first Canadian-born Major League battery.

New York Beaten.

At Buffalo on Friday, the Buffalo Club defeated the New York Club again after a rather interesting game, with better playing on both sides than on previous days. The defeat of the New York Club was owing to poor fielding by two or three players. The score was as follows:

BUFFALO. R. B. P. O. A. E.						NEW YORK. R. B. P. O. A. E.					
Foley, cf....	1	2	3	0	0	Ward, cf....	1	1	4	1	1
O'Rourke, lf 2	2	2	0	0	0	Connor, lb..	0	1	2	0	0
Schaffer, rf..	0	2	3	0	1	Welch, r.f..	0	1	2	0	0
Brothers, lb 1	1	4	0	0	0	Gillespie, lf.	0	1	5	0	0
Richa's'n, 2b	0	1	2	0	1	Caskins, s.s.	0	0	3	0	3
White, 3b....	1	0	3	1	2	Troy, 2b....	1	0	2	0	1
Rowe, c....	1	2	10	0	2	Hankins'n, 3b	1	2	3	3	0
Force, s.s....	0	0	0	0	0	O'Neill, p...	0	1	2	2	2
Galvin, p....	0	1	0	0	2	Humphries, c.	0	0	4	1	2
Total....	5	11	27	10	8	Total....	3	7	27	7	9
Buffalo.....	0	1	1	0	3	New York.....	0	0	0	0	1
New York.....	0	0	0	0	1	Earned runs—New York 1. Two-base hits—Ward and O'Neill. Three-base hits—O'Rourke and Foley. First base on called balls—Buffalo 1. New York 1. First base on errors—Buffalo 3, New York 3. Struck out—Brothers, White, Force, Ward 2, Connor 2, Welch, Hankins and O'Neill. Balls called—On Galvin 74, on O'Neill 57. Strikes called—On Galvin 21, off O'Neill 9. Passed balls—Humphries 2. Wild pitches—O'Neill 1. Time—2:00. Umpire—Mr. S. M. Decker.					

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Buffalo beat New York 6-3 that day with O'Neill pitching a complete game. He gave up six runs, none of which were earned, and he foretold his future hitting prowess by contributing a double. Humphries, in his third Major League game, was the starting catcher and played the full game. He didn't have any hits and he was charged with two passed balls.

The winning pitcher was Hall of Famer Pud Galvin, who was in the middle of a 46-win season. Fellow Hall of Famers Dan Brouthers, Deacon White and Jim O'Rourke also played for Buffalo. New York was pretty stacked too; their top three hitters were Hall of Famers Monte Ward, Roger Connor and Mickey Welch, and Hall of Famer Buck Ewing was given a day off so Humphries could start. There were thirteen Hall of Famers active in 1883 and seven started this game with another one watching from the bench⁽²⁴⁾.

O'Neill's next start⁽²⁵⁾ was a 10-1 loss in Cleveland on July 18.

New-York Demoralized. 7-18

At Cleveland on Wednesday, the Clevelanders played a great game of ball, and batted O'Neill, the New York pitcher, to the extent of 16 hits. Two and three-baggers were numerous. The fielding and base running of the Clevelanders was excellent, while the New Yorks made many costly errors, which lost them the game. McCormick and Briody and O'Neill and Ewing were the batteries. Over 1,400 persons witnessed the game. Dunlap made a two-bagger on the first half-inning, and scored on Glasscock's throw. Muldoon scored in the second inning on McCormick's put out and Glasscock scored in the fifth inning on York's two-bagger. In the sixth inning Muldoon made a three-base hit and scored on Ward's muff of Evan's fly. Evan's coming home on Briody's hit. York and Muldoon scored in the seventh inning on safe hits. In the eighth inning Dunlap, Hotelling, and Glasscock scored. The New Yorks succeeded in making 1 run, Gillespie scoring on Troy's single in the seventh inning. Ewing hurt his fingers in the eighth inning, and took

right field, Humphries finishing the game behind the bat. The score:

CLEVELAND.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.	NEW YORK.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Dunlap, 2b.	2	2	7	1	0	0	Ewing, c.r.f.	0	1	6	5	1	1
Hotelling, cf.	1	2	2	0	0	0	Connors, lb.	0	1	12	0	2	2
Glasscock, ss.	2	3	1	4	0	0	Ward, c.f.	0	0	2	0	1	1
York, l.f.	1	3	1	0	1	0	Gillespie, l.f.	1	3	1	0	0	0
Phillips, lb.	0	2	9	0	0	0	Cashin, ss.	0	0	1	3	0	0
Muldoon, 3b.	3	1	0	1	0	0	Troy, 2b.	0	0	3	5	2	4
Evans, r.f.	1	1	2	0	0	0	Hank'n, sb.	0	0	1	0	1	1
McCormick, p.	0	1	0	10	4	0	O'Neill, p.	0	0	0	5	3	3
Briody, c.	0	1	5	6	0	0	Humphries, c.	0	1	1	0	1	1

Total.... 16 16 27 22 5 Total..... 1 9 27 13 13

Cleveland..... 1 1 0 0 1 2 2 3 0-10

New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1

Earned runs—Cleveland 4. Three-base hits—York, Glasscock, Phillips, Muldoon and Troy. Two-base hits—Hotelling, York, Dunlap and Gillespie. First base on called balls—Cleveland 3, New York 4. First base on errors—Cleveland 6, New York 4. Struck out—Cleveland 3, New York 6. Double plays—Briody and Phillips. Passed balls—Humphries 2. Wild pitches—O'Neill 2. Umpire—Lane. Time—2:30.

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Humphries started in right field with Buck Ewing catching but, as *The Sporting Life* noted, "Ewing hurt his fingers in the eighth inning and took right field. Humphries finished the game behind the bat." Cleveland batted first that day so Humphries caught O'Neill for part of the eighth and all of the ninth innings. Bill Phillips was the Blues' first baseman and he may have been the first Canadian-born batter to face a Canadian battery. Further research into that game's play-by-play is needed to confirm if he indeed batted after Humphries started catching in the top of the eighth (see Appendix I for more information about this game).

O'Neill started again on July 28 in a 4-2 loss at Detroit and he and Humphries were battery mates for the third time.

Detroit Wins.

At Detroit, Mich., July 28th, the Detroit's good luck, assisted by Humphries' wild throws at the plate, allowed them to win the third game from the New Yorks. On Friday Humphries, by a timely hit, won the game, while Saturday's game may be charged up against him. Like the other games the batting was light on both sides, as only two earned runs were secured, and these for the visitors. The home battery excelled in all but one point and Jones is showing his pitching qualities nicely. O'Neill, however, did good work. Nearly two thousand people were present.

DETROIT.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.	NEW YORK.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Wood, lf.	0	1	2	0	0	0	Ewing, 2b.	0	1	2	3	1	1
Farrell, 2b.	0	1	2	3	1	0	Connors, lb.	1	2	13	0	0	0
Powell, lb.	1	1	8	0	0	0	Ward, ss.	1	1	0	5	1	1
Hanlon, c.f.	1	0	2	0	1	0	Gillespie, lf.	0	2	3	0	0	0
Bennett, c.	1	1	7	2	0	0	O'Neill, p.	0	0	0	0	1	1
Houck, ss.	1	1	2	5	0	0	Welch, rf.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Trott, 2b.	0	1	4	3	1	0	Humphries, c.	0	0	3	4	4	4
Weidman, rf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hank's'n, sb.	0	0	1	2	0	1
Jones, p.	0	1	0	2	2	0	Pierce, cf.	0	0	3	0	1	1

Total.... 4 7 27 15 5 Total..... 2 7 27 12 8

Detroit..... 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1-4

New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3-2

Runs earned—New York 2. Left on bases—Detroit 4, New York 7. Struck out—By O'Neill 5, Jones 2. Bases on balls—By O'Neill 1, Jones 2. Wild pitches—O'Neill 2. Passed balls—Humphries 2. Time, 1:55. Umpire—Decker.

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George Albert “Dandy” Wood (Pownal, PE) was the Wolverines’ leadoff hitter that day so if Bill Phillips wasn’t the first Canadian-born batter to face a Canadian battery, then George Wood was.

O’Neill appeared in some exhibition games ⁽²⁸⁾ but didn’t play another regular season game until September 8 in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Defeated.

At Recreation Park, Saturday, the Philadelphia and New York clubs met again, and the New Yorkers took terrible revenge for their defeat Friday. In the third inning they fell upon Coleman and pounded him all over the field, scoring thirteen runs before the side was put out. But seven innings were played, owing to darkness. The score:

NEW YORK. R. R. P. O. A. E.						PHILAD'A. R. R. P. O. A. E.					
Ewing, cf.,	2	1	2	1	0	Manning, r.f.	2	1	0	1	
Connors, lb.	2	2	0	0	1	Harb'ge, cf.	0	2	0	0	
Gillie, p.	3	2	2	0	1	McClell'n, ss.	0	1	5	3	
Cashin, ss.	2	3	1	5	0	Purcell, l.f.	1	1	4	0	
Dorgan, r.f.	1	4	3	2	1	Coleman, p.	0	0	0	1	
Troy, 2b	2	1	2	0	1	Farrar, lb.	1	1	7	2	
Hunk's'n, 3b	2	1	1	0	0	Ferguson, 2b	1	1	2	5	
O'Neill, p.	1	2	1	0	0	Warner, 3b.	1	2	1	0	
Hump'rs, c.	1	3	2	1	0	Ringo, c.	1	0	1	3	
Total	16	17	21	10	11	Total	6	10	21	12	
New York.....	0	0	13	0	0	1	2	16			
Philadelphia.....	1	2	2	0	1	0	6				

Runs earned—New York 10, Philadelphia 1.
 Two-base hits—Dorgan, Hankinson, O'Neill, Humphries, Manning. Three-base hits—Farrar and Warner. Base on errors—New York 5, Philadelphia 1. On called balls—New York 1, Philadelphia 4. Left on bases—New York 5, Philadelphia 6. Wild pitches—O'Neill 6. Passed balls—Humphries 4, Dorgan 1, Ringo 2. Umpire—Bradley.
 Time of game—2h. 15m.

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After falling behind early in the game the Gothams scored thirteen runs in the third inning in a 16-6 drubbing of the Quakers that was mercifully ended after seven innings due to darkness. O’Neill pitched the full game and Humphries started behind the plate, although he switched positions with right fielder Mike Dorgan part way through the game.

O’Neill pitched only one more time in 1883, on September 18, and Humphries was benched that day ⁽³⁰⁾ so the game in Philadelphia was the last one in which they appeared as teammates.

Humphries began the 1884 season with Washington of the American Association then he returned to New York for the last two months of the schedule after the Nationals folded. He spent the following three seasons with teams in Syracuse, Toronto and Rochester ⁽³¹⁾ then ended his baseball career and spent most of the rest of his life as a math and classics teacher. He died in California in 1933 at age 72 ⁽³²⁾

O’Neill also switched to the American Association in 1884. His pitching improved and he had a record of 11-4 with a 2.68 ERA for St. Louis. He also raised his batting

average eighty points while playing most of his games in left field. He never pitched again after 1884 but he became a star outfielder in the Association including hitting .435 and winning the Triple Crown in 1887⁽³³⁾. He remains one of the greatest Canadian-born Major Leaguers and an annual award presented by the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame is named in his honour⁽³⁴⁾.

In the first few seasons of Major League baseball the most common homeland of foreign-born players was Ireland. They were passed by the Canadians in 1884 and Canada remained the top source of foreigners for over a century until they were passed by the Dominican Republic in 1994. Canada has since also fallen behind Venezuela and Puerto Rico in supplying Major Leaguers⁽³⁵⁾ but the country still produces a few every year and two of them made history in 1883 as their nation's first home-grown battery.

Footnotes

- (1) Montreal Gazette, Tuesday, September 7, 1993, Page 1, unattributed photo caption.
- (2) Baseball Reference Play Index, Batting Season & Career Finder, Find Single Seasons Totals, Years = 1969 to 2004 / Leagues = National League / Team = Washing Nats/Les Expos / Additional Criteria: G >= 1 / Place of Birth = Canada / Sort By = Year (or first season) / Use ascending Order, https://www.baseball-reference.com/play-index/season_finder.cgi?request=1&sum=0&as=result_batter&offset=0&type=b&min_year_season=1969&max_year_season=2004&min_season=1&max_season=-1&min_age=0&max_age=99&lg_ID=lgNL&lgAL_team=tmAny&lgNL_team=tmWSN&lgFL_team=tmAny&lgAA_team=tmAny&lgPL_team=tmAny&lgUA_team=tmAny&lgNA_team=tmAny&isActive=either&isHOF=either&isAllstar=either&bats=any&throws=any&exactness=anypos&pos_1=1&pos_2=1&pos_3=1&pos_4=1&pos_5=1&pos_6=1&pos_7=1&pos_8=1&pos_9=1&pos_10=1&pos_11=1&games_min_max=min&qualifiersSeason=nomin&minpasValS=502&mingamesValS=100&qualifiersCareer=nomin&minpasValC=3000&mingamesValC=1000&c1criteria=G&c1gtlt=gt&c1val=1&c2gtlt=gt&c3gtlt=gt&c4gtlt=gt&c5gtlt=gt&c5val=1.0&location=pob&locationMatch=is&pob=Canada&orderby=year_id&number_matched=1&order_by_asc=1 Accessed October 23, 2019. The only Quebec-born players who appeared for the Expos from 1969 to 2004 are: Claude Raymond (1969 to 1971), Denis Boucher (1993 to 1994) and Derek Aucoin (1996).
- (3) Montreal Gazette, Tuesday, September 7, 1993, Page F3, unattributed article.

■ Before the game, Expos manager **Felipe Alou** was advised that the ball used for **Denis Boucher's** first pitch would be immediately taken from the game. The ball was to be autographed by the Canadian battery of Boucher and **Joe Siddall** and sent to Canada's baseball Hall of Fame.

"What happens," Alou asked, "if the ball is hit out of the park?" Then Alou, in jest, offered a suggestion: "Maybe I should call for a pitchout."

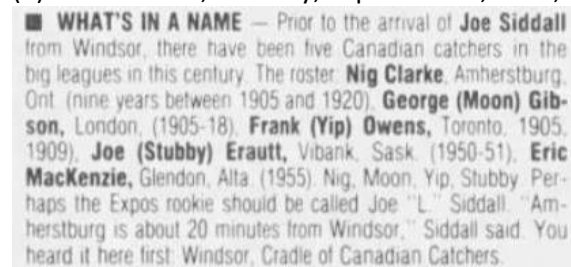
- (4) 1994 Topps Stadium Club Baseball Card #545 – found on Google Images, <https://www.google.ca/search?q=denis+boucher+1994+topps+stadium+club&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj->

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(5) 1994 Pacific Crown Collection #390 – found on Google Images

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(6) Gazette, Tuesday, September 7, 1993, Page F3, unattributed article.



This article fails to include five other Canadian-born catchers from the 20th century: Larry McLean, Art McGovern, Tom Daly, Ed Wingo and Jim Lawrence.

(7) Baseball Reference Play Index, Batting Season & Career Finder, Find Totals for Combined Seasons or Careers, Years = 1871 to 2019 / Place of Birth = Canada / Sort By = Year (or first season) / Use ascending Order,

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(8) *ibid*, with Defensive Position set at "P"

(9) *ibid*, with Defensive Position set at "C"

(10) The Baseball Reference Overview page for each Canadian-born Major League pitcher and catcher was reviewed and the following information for each of their seasons was compiled on an Excel spreadsheet: First and last name, position, year, team and league. This information was sorted by year with a filter for team to identify all teams that had at least one Canadian-born pitcher and at least one Canadian-born catcher in the same season. Box scores from various sources were then reviewed to find games with a Canadian battery. Some teams had both a Canadian pitcher and a Canadian catcher but didn't have a Canadian battery because the players in question never appeared in the same game. Some teams had multiple Canadian batteries in the same season because they had multiple Canadian-born players at one of the positions. Russell Martin has caught fellow Canadians Eric Gagne, Chris Leroux, John Axford, Jeff Francis and Andrew Albers, plus Ryan Dempster in the 2008 All Star game.

(11) Baseball Reference Play Index, Pitching Season & Career Finder, Find Single Season Totals, Years = 1871 to 2019 / Place of Birth = Canada / Sort By = Year (or first season) / Use ascending Order,

https://www.baseball-reference.com/play-index/season_finder.cgi?request=1&sum=0&as=result_pitcher&offset=0&type=p&min_year_season=1871&max_year_season=2019&min_season=1&max_season=-1&min_age=0&max_age=99&lg_ID=lgAny&lgAL_team=tmAny&lgNL_team=tmAny&lgFL_team=tmAny&lgAA_team=tmAny&lgPL_team=tmAny&lgUA_team=tmAny&lgNA_team=tmAny&isActive=either&isHOF=either&isAllstar=either&throws=any&role=anyrole&games_started=60&games_relieved=80&qualifiersSeason=nomin&minIpValS=162&minDecValS=14&mingamesValS=40&qualifiersCareer=nomin&minIpValC=1000&minDecValC=100&mingamesValC=200&c1gtlt=gt&c2gtlt=gt&c3gtlt=gt&c4gtlt=gt&c5gtlt=gt&c5val=1.0&location=pob&locationMatch=is&pob=Canada&orderby=year_id&number_matched=1&order_by_asc=1 Accessed October 23, 2019.

(12) Baseball Reference The Only Nolan Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/n/nolanth01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(13) Baseball Reference Play Index, Batting Season & Career Finder, Find Single Season Totals, Years = 1871 to 2019 / Played any one of selected positions = C / Place of Birth = Canada / Sort By = Year (or first season) / Use ascending Order,

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(14) Baseball Reference Bill Phillips Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/p/phillbi01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(15) *ibid*

(16) Spreadsheet noted in (10)

(17) Baseball Reference Tip O'Neill Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/o/o'neiti01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(18) Baseball Reference John Humphries Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/h/humphjo01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(19) Baseball Reference Tip O'Neill Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/o/o'neiti01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(20) Baseball Reference John Humphries Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/h/humphjo01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019

(21) Baseball Reference notes that Humphries' debut was July 7, 1883. Box scores for all of New York's games starting with this one were reviewed to find the first game in which O'Neill pitched and Humphries caught. They both played on July 7 but O'Neill was New York's right fielder that day and Mickey Welch pitched. There was no game on Sunday, July 8 then O'Neill pitched on the 9th but Buck Ewing was the catcher and Humphries didn't play. O'Neill played right field and Humphries sat out the game played on the 10th and neither played on the 11th. Humphries caught the game of the 12th with Welch and John Montgomery Ward splitting the pitching duties then O'Neill finally pitched to Humphries on Friday, July 13. Box scores for all of these games were found in *The Sporting Life*, July 15, 1883, Volume 1, Number 14, Page 4.

(22) Baseball Reference Play Index was reviewed to find all non-USA-born players from 1871 through 1883. Batting Season & Career Finder, Find Totals for Combined Seasons or Careers, Years = 1871 to 1883/ Place of Birth is not United States

https://www.baseball-reference.com/play-index/season_finder.cgi?request=1&sum=1&as=result_batter&offset=0&type=b&min_year_season=1871&max_year_season=1883&min_season=1&max_season=-1&min_age=0&max_age=99&lg_ID=lgAny&lgAL_team=tmAny&lgNL_team=tmAny&lgFL_team=tmAny&lgAA_team=tmAny&lgPL_team=tmAny&lgUA_team=tmAny&lgNA_team=tmAny&isActive=either&isHOF=either&isAllstar=either&bats=any&throws=any&exactness=anypos&pos_1=1&pos_2=1&pos_3=1&pos_4=1&pos_5=1&pos_6=1&pos_7=1&pos_8=1&pos_9=1&pos_10=1&pos_11=1&games_min_max=min&qualifiersSeason=nomin&minpasValS=502&mingamesValS=100&qualifiersCareer=nomin&minpasValC=3000&mingamesValC=1000&c1gtlt=gt&c2gtlt=gt&c3gtlt=gt&c4gtlt=gt&c5gtlt=gt&c5val=1.0&location=pob&locationMatch=isnot&pob=United_States&orderby=G&number_matched=1 Accessed October 25, 2019

Sixty-three players born in Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Germany, Cuba, Czech Republic, France and the Netherlands were found to have appeared in the Major Leagues between 1871 and 1883. In addition to Canada, Ireland and the UK also had both pitchers and catchers in that period. The methodology described in Note (10) was repeated for these players and *The New York Clipper* box scores were reviewed because *The Sporting Life* didn't start publishing until 1883. Foley played in all 83 Buffalo games in 1881 with 10 pitching appearances and Sullivan played in 35 games with 31 catching appearances. Box scores for all of Buffalo's games have not yet been found but that of the second game of July 4 showed them forming a battery. That box score was found in *The New York Clipper*, July 9, 1881, Page 247. They may have formed a battery in an earlier game but, regardless, they preceded the O'Neill and Humphries tandem by two years.

(23) *The Sporting Life*, July 15, 1883, Volume 1, Number 14, Page 4.

(24) Baseball Reference Play Index, Batting Season & Career Finder, Find Single Season Totals, Years = 1883 to 1883 / Hall of Fame = Yes / Additional Criteria, G >= 1 / Sort By G,

https://www.baseball-reference.com/play-index/season_finder.cgi?request=1&sum=0&as=result_batter&offset=0&type=b&min_year_season=1883&max_year_season=1883&min_season=1&max_season=-1&min_age=0&max_age=99&lg_ID=lgAny&lgAL_team=tmAny&lgNL_team=tmAny&lgFL_team=tmAny&lgAA_team=tmAny&lgPL_team=tmAny&lgUA_team=tmAny&lgNA_team=tmAny&isActive=either&isHOF=Y&isAllstar=either&bats=any&throws=any&exactness=anypos&pos_1=1&pos_2=1&pos_3=1&pos_4=1&pos_5=1&pos_6=1&pos_7=1&pos_8=1&pos_9=1&pos_10=1&pos_11=1&games_min_max=min&qualifiersSeason=nomin&minpasValS=502&mingamesValS=100&qualifiersCareer=nomin&minpasValC=3000&mingamesValC=1000&c1criteria=G&c1gtlt=gt&c1val=1&c2gtlt=gt&c3gtlt=gt&c4gtlt=gt&c5gtlt=gt&c5val=1.0&location=pob&locationMatch=is&orderby=G&number_matched=1 Accessed October 23, 2019.

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Rk	Player	G	Year	Age	Tm	Lg	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	IBB	SO	HBP	SH	SF	GDP	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	Pos
1	Pud Galvin	80	1883	26	BUF	NL	325	322	41	71	11	2	1	19	3		79							.220	.228	.276	.504	*1/789
2	Deacon White	94	1883	35	BUF	NL	414	391	62	114	14	5	0	47	23		18							.292	.331	.353	.684	*52
3	Jim O'Rourke	94	1883	32	BUF	NL	451	436	102	143	29	8	1	38	15		13							.328	.350	.438	.788	*72/5618
4	Dan Brouthers	98	1883	25	BUF	NL	441	425	85	159	41	17	3	97	16		17							.374	.397	.572	.969	*3/15
5	King Kelly	98	1883	25	CHC	NL	444	428	92	109	28	10	3	61	16		35							.255	.282	.388	.669	*92/451
6	Cap Anson	98	1883	31	CHC	NL	431	413	70	127	36	5	0	68	18		9							.308	.336	.419	.755	*3/192
7	Bid McPhee	96	1883	23	CIN	AA	385	367	61	90	10	10	2	42	18									.245	.281	.343	.624	*4
8	Mickey Welch	84	1883	23	NYG	NL	330	320	42	75	13	5	2	30	10		38							.234	.258	.325	.583	*189/7
9	John Ward	88	1883	23	NYG	NL	388	380	76	97	18	7	7	54	8		25							.255	.271	.395	.665	*819/564
10	Buck Ewing	88	1883	23	NYG	NL	396	376	90	114	11	13	10	41	20		14							.303	.338	.481	.820	*248/695
11	Roger Connor	98	1883	25	NYG	NL	434	409	80	146	28	15	1	50	25		16							.357	.394	.506	.900	*3
12	Tim Keefe	70	1883	26	NYP	AA	273	259	39	57	6	9	0	0	14									.220	.260	.313	.573	*1/84
13	Old Hoss Radbourn	89	1883	28	PRO	NL	395	381	59	108	11	3	3	48	14		16							.283	.309	.352	.661	*17/983

(25) All issues of *The Sporting Life* from May 6, 1883 (Volume 1, Number 4) through October 8, 1883 (Volume 1, Number 26) were reviewed for box scores of New York's games. Humphries played in 29 games, catching 21 times including 20 starts: July 7, 12, 13, 14, 18 (started in right field), 19, 28, August 11, 13, 15, 22, 24, 25, 28, 31, September 1, 4, 7, 8, 28 and 29. O'Neill played in 23 games, 19 as a pitcher, all starts: May 5, 7, 16, 18, June 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 30, July 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 18, 28, September 8 and 18. Only 6 of O'Neill's pitching appearances were after Humphries debut on July 7 and the two of them formed a battery 4 times: July 13, 18, 28 and September 8.

(26) *The Sporting Life*, July 22, 1883, Volume 1, Number 15, Page 4.

(27) *The Sporting Life*, August 6, 1883, Volume 1, Number 17, Page 4.

(28) For example, September 5, 1883 vs. Staten Island in a game played in New Brighton, NY with Humphries catching. *The Sporting Life*, September 10, 1883, Volume 1, Number 22, Page 5:

Exhibition game at New Brighton, Sept. 5:																								
NEW YORK.	R.	B.	F.	O.	A.	E.	S.	T.	I.	S.	I.	L.	D.	R.	B.	F.	O.	A.	E.					
Troy, 2b....	2	1	2	2	0	Cam'yer, rf.	1	0	0	0	2													
Connor, 1b..	0	0	8	0	0	Tyng, p.....	0	1	0	1	2													
Humphr's, c	0	0	7	2	0	Tower, l.f....	0	0	0	0	1													
Gillespie, lf.	0	1	0	0	0	Walder, 2b..	0	0	5	3	1													
Caskins, ss..	1	0	0	1	1	D. Cha'cy, 3b	0	2	0	5	2													
Borgan, rf....	2	3	3	0	0	Shaw, c.....	0	0	7	1	0													
Hank'son, 3b	2	2	0	0	0	Dawner, lb..	0	0	9	0	0													
Clapp, cf....	3	1	1	1	1	R. Halst'd, cf	0	0	0	0	0													
O'Neil, p....	0	2	0	4	4	S. Cha'cy, ss.	0	0	0	2	1													
Total....	10	10	21	10	6	Total....	1	3	21	12	9													
New York.....	0	4	0	4	0	1	1	10																
Staten Island.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1																
Runs earned—New York 2. First base on errors																								
—New York 6, Staten Island 5. Struck out—New																								
York 6, Staten Island 7. Left on bases—New York																								
6, Staten Island 7. Umpire—Mr. Williams. Time,																								
1:20.																								

(29) *The Sporting Life*, September 10, 1883, Volume 1, Number 22, Page 6

(30) *The Sporting Life*, September 24, 1883, Volume 1, Number 24, Page 4

At New York, 18th, the Cleveland Club easily defeated the New York team. The latter's pitcher O'Neil, was not well supported, and although hit very hard, it was generally after chances had been given to retire the side. One-armed Daly pitched exceedingly well for the Cleveland men. The fielding honors fell to Caskins, Dunlap, and Glasscock, and the best batting was done by Hotaling, Crowley, and Muldoon. The score:

CLEVELAND. R. B. T. O. A. E.		NEW YORK. R. B. T. O. A. E.	
Dunlap, 2b.	2 1 4 3 1	Ewing, cf.	0 0 0 0 0
Hotaling, cf.	0 3 3 0 0	Connor, lb.	0 1 13 1 1
Glasscock, ss.	1 1 2 3 0	Gillespie, lf.	1 1 1 0 0
York, l. f.	1 1 1 0 1	Caskins, ss.	0 1 2 4 0
Crowley, rf.	0 2 0 0 0	Dorgan, c.	0 1 7 3 2
Phillips, lb.	2 1 8 0 0	Troy, 2b.	0 0 1 4 1
Muldoon, 3b.	1 2 1 2 1	Hank'son, 3b.	0 0 1 2 1
Bushong, c.	1 1 8 0 1	O'Neil, p.	0 1 2 2 3
Daly, p.	1 1 0 1 3	Weich, rf.	0 0 0 0 0
Total.....	9 13 27 9 7	Total.....	1 5 27 16 8
Cleveland.....	0 5 0 0 1 1 0 1 1-9		
New York.....	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1		

Earned runs—Cleveland 2. First base on errors—Cleveland 5, New York 4. Struck out—Cleveland 5, New York 5. Left on bases—Cleveland 8, New York 7. Three-base hits—Glasscock, Phillips and Hotaling. Two-base hits—Crowley, O'Neil, Connor, and Hotaling. Total base hits—Cleveland 21, New York 7. Double plays—Muldoon, Dunlap, and Phillips, Dunlap and Phillips. Wild pitch—Daly 2, O'Neil 1. Passed balls—Bushong 1, Dorgan 3. Umpire—Decker. Time—2:15.

- (31) Baseball Reference John Humphries Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/h/humphjo01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019
- (32) McDonald, David Jack Humphries biography found on the SABR Baseball Biography Project page <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/1e3a9543> Accessed October 24, 2019
- (33) Baseball Reference Tip O'Neill Overview Page, <https://www.baseball-reference.com/players/o/o'neiti01.shtml> Accessed October 23, 2019
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Accessed between December 2018 and April 2019.

Appendix I – Box Scores from The New York vs. Cleveland game played July 18, 1883

The first game summary notes that one of Cleveland's runs in the eighth inning scored as a result of a Phillips single. That account also notes that Ewing was injured in the seventh inning. If that's true, then Phillips batted with Humphries behind the plate. All other accounts however, note an eighth inning injury so it is unclear who was catching during Phillips' last at bat.

Cleveland, 10; New York, 1.
CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—[Special.]—The New Yorks got a sound drubbing today in retaliation for their victory of Tuesday at the hands of the Cleveland. Nearly 2,000 people saw the game, which was as pretty a contest as could be wished for on the part of the home nine, who also batted like a whirlwind. O'Neil was banged all over the head, and his team failed to support him. Ewing and O'Neil were New York's test-tary at the start, but in the seventh Ewing's finger was driven out of joint and he gave way to Humphries, a new man who has lately joined the team. Gillespie scored New York's solitary run in the seventh on his own hit, Troy's single, Chalkin's putout, and York's careless throw home. McCormick and Brody were Cleveland's battery, and worked magnificently. Cleveland scored one run in the first on Dunlap's single and three-runners by York and Glascock, and one in the second on Muldoon's base on balls, a wild pitch, steal of third, and McCormick's out. They rested two innings, and in the fourth Muldoon scored again on his three-baser to centre and Ward's and of Evans' fly. Brody's single, and a fumble by Hammon. In the fifth two more runs were made by York and Evans on Phillips' three-baser and Troy's mull of a thrown ball at second. In the eighth three runs came in on singles by Hotelling, Glascock, and Phillips, Dunlap's double, York's sacrifice, Dunlap's steal of third, and a passed ball. Lane's umpiring was very bad. The score was:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cleveland	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	0-10
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-1

Earned runs—Cleveland, 4.
Two-base hits—Hotelling, York, Dunlap, Gillespie.
Three-base hits—York, Glascock, Phillips, Muldoon, Troy.
Left on bases—Cleveland, 4; New York, 7.
First base on errors—Cleveland, 6; New York, 4.
First base on balls—Cleveland, 3; New York, 4.
Struck out—Cleveland, 3; New York, 6.
Double play—Brody to Phillips.
Passed balls—Humphries, 2.
Wild pitches—O'Neil, 2.
Umpire—Frank Lane.

Cleveland, 10; New York, 1.
Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.
CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—Thirty-five hundred people saw the New York nine beaten 10 to 1 by the Gilt Edge lads this afternoon. The Clevelanders swung the bat for four three-base hits, and outfielded their opponents everywhere.

THE SCORE.

	A.	B.	H.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	B.
CLEVELAND.									
Dunlap, 2 b.....	5	2	2	1	1	0			
Hotelling, c. f.....	5	1	2	2	0	0			
York, 1. f.....	5	2	3	1	4	0			
Phillips, 1 b.....	5	1	3	1	0	1			
Muldoon, 3 b.....	5	0	2	9	0	0			
Evans, r. f.....	4	3	1	0	1	0			
McCormick, p.....	5	1	1	2	0	0			
Brody, c.....	5	0	1	0	10	4			
Totals	43	10	16	27	22	5			
NEW YORK.									
Ewing r. and c. f.....	4	0	1	6	3	1			
Connor, 1 b.....	4	0	1	12	0	2			
Ward, c. f.....	4	0	0	2	0	1			
Gillespie, 1. f.....	4	1	3	1	0	0			
Chalkin, s. s.....	2	0	0	1	3	0			
Troy, 2 b.....	4	0	3	3	2	4			
Hankinson, 3 b.....	5	0	0	1	0	1			
O'Neil, p.....	3	0	0	0	5	3			
Humphries, r. f. and c. f.....	3	0	1	1	0	1			
Totals	31	1	9	27	13	15			
Cleveland.....	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	0-10	
New York.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-1	

Earned runs—Cleveland, 4.
Two-base hits—Dunlap, Hotelling, York, Gillespie.
Three-base hits—Glascock, York, Phillips, Muldoon, Troy.
Sacrifice hits—Hotelling, York.
Total reached first base—Cleveland, 22; New York, 13.
First base on balls—Cleveland, 3; New York, 4.
First base on errors—Cleveland, 6; New York, 4.
Left on bases—Cleveland, 9; New York, 7.
Strikes called—Off McCormick, 44; off O'Neil, 24.
Balls called—On McCormick, 114; on O'Neil, 123.
Struck out—Cleveland, 3; New York, 6.
Pitching assists—McCormick, 6; New York, 3.
Wild throw—York.
Wild pitches—O'Neil, 2.
Passed balls—Humphries, 2.
Time of game—Two hours and twenty-five minutes.
Umpire—Lane.

THEY DO BETTER.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 18.—The Clevelanders played a great game of ball to-day, and batted O'Neal, the New York pitcher, to the extent of fifteen hits. Three-baggers were numerous. The fielding and base-running of the home team were excellent. The visitors made many costly errors, which lost them the game. McCormick and Briody and O'Neal and Ewing were the batteries. Over 1,000 people witnessed the game. Dunlap made a two-bagger on the first ball pitched, and scored on Glasscock's three-bagger. Muldoon scored in the second on McCormick's put-out, and Glasscock scored in the fifth on York's two-bagger. In the sixth inning Muldoon made a three-base hit and scored on Ward's mud of Evans' fly, Evans coming home on Briody's hit. York and Muldoon scored in the seventh on safe hits. In the eighth Dunlap, Hotelling and Glasscock scored. The visitors succeeded in making but one run, Gillespie scoring on Troy's single in the seventh inning. Ewing hurled a finger in the eighth, and took right field. Humphries finishing the game behind the bat. Frank Lane's umpiring was bad. He made seventeen errors in calling balls and strikes.

CLEVELAND.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Dunlap, 2b.....	3	2	1	2	7	1	0	0
Hotelling, c. f.....	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
Glasscock, s. s.....	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1
York, l. f.....	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Muldoon, 3b.....	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Evans, r. f.....	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
McCormick, p.....	3	0	1	0	10	4	0	0
Briody, c.....	4	0	1	5	6	0	0	0
Totals.....	43	10	15	27	22	5		

NEW YORK.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Ewing, c. & r. f.....	4	0	1	7	3	1		
Connor, l. b.....	4	0	1	11	0	2		
Ward, c. f.....	4	0	0	2	0	1		
Gillespie, l. f.....	4	1	2	1	0	1		
Caskins, s. s.....	2	0	0	1	4	1		
Troy, 2b.....	4	0	3	3	2	4		
Hankinson 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1		
O'Neal, p.....	3	0	0	1	2	3		
Humphries, r. f. & c.....	3	0	1	1	0	3		
Totals.....	31	1	8	27	11	16		

Innings— 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Cleveland..... 1 1 0 0 1 2 2 3 0—10
New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1
Runs Earned—Cleveland, 4.
Two-base Hits—Dunlap, Hotelling, York, Connor.
Three-base Hits—Glasscock, York, Phillips, Muldoon, Troy.
Total Bases on Clean Hits—Cleveland, 26; New York, 11.
Left on Bases—Cleveland, 8; New York, 4.
First Base on Errors—Cleveland, 7; New York, 5.
Wild Throws—York, Humphries.
Passed Grounders—Humphries, Connor, Caskins, Hankinson.
Missed Flies—Hotelling, Humphries, Ward, Ewing.
Muffed Thrown Balls—Troy (4), Connor.
Passed Balls—Humphries, 2.
Wild Pitches—O'Neal, 2.
Balls Called—On McCormick, 114; O'Neal, 129.
Strikes Called—Off McCormick, 44; off O'Neal, 38.
Time of Game—2 hours and 25 minutes.
Umpire—Frank Lane.

CLEVELAND-NEW YORK.

Special Telegram to The Inter Ocean.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 18.—The Clevelanders batted O'Neal freely to-day, while the New Yorkers could not hit McCormick with any degree of certainty. It was one of the most brilliant games the Clevelanders has played, being almost free from errors, except on called balls, while the New York fielders made many errors. This was lady day, and there were many of the fair sex at the game. Buck Ewing's catching was remarkably good until the eighth inning, when an injury to his hand sent him out to Reid and Humphries behind the bat.

THE SCORE:

CLEVELAND.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Dunlap, 2b.....	5	2	2	7	1	0		
Hotelling, c. f.....	5	1	3	2	0	1		
Glasscock, s. s.....	5	2	3	1	3	0		
York, l. f.....	5	1	2	1	0	1		
Phillips, 1b.....	5	0	2	9	1	0		
Muldoon, 3b.....	4	3	1	0	1	0		
Evans, r. f.....	5	1	1	2	0	0		
McCormick, p.....	5	0	0	0	3	4		
Briody, c.....	4	0	1	5	6	0		
Total.....	43	10	15	27	15	6		

NEW YORK.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Ewing, c. & r. f.....	4	0	1	7	3	1		
Connor, l. b.....	4	0	1	11	0	2		
Ward, c. f.....	4	0	0	2	0	1		
Gillespie, l. f.....	4	1	2	1	0	1		
Caskins, s. s.....	2	0	0	1	4	1		
Troy, 2b.....	4	0	3	3	2	4		
Hankinson 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1		
O'Neal, p.....	3	0	0	1	2	3		
Humphries, r. f. & c.....	3	0	1	1	0	3		
Totals.....	31	1	8	27	11	16		

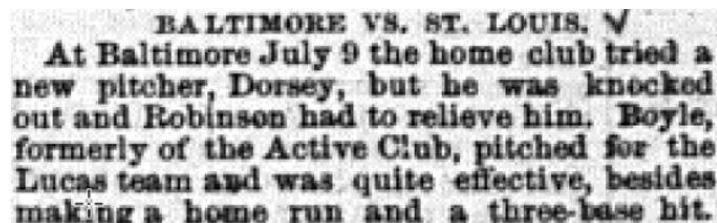
Innings— 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Cleveland..... 1 1 0 0 1 2 2 3 0—10
New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1
Runs Earned—Cleveland, 4.
Two-base Hits—Dunlap, Hotelling, York, Connor.
Three-base Hits—Glasscock, York, Phillips, Muldoon, Troy.
Total Bases on Clean Hits—Cleveland, 26; New York, 11.
Left on Bases—Cleveland, 8; New York, 4.
First Base on Errors—Cleveland, 7; New York, 5.
Wild Throws—York, Humphries.
Passed Grounders—Humphries, Connor, Caskins, Hankinson.
Missed Flies—Hotelling, Humphries, Ward, Ewing.
Muffed Thrown Balls—Troy (4), Connor.
Passed Balls—Humphries, 2.
Wild Pitches—O'Neal, 2.
Balls Called—On McCormick, 114; O'Neal, 129.
Strikes Called—Off McCormick, 44; off O'Neal, 38.
Time of Game—2 hours and 25 minutes.
Umpire—Lane.

What Happened to Jerry Dorsey?

At the end of the 2017 season Baseball Reference listed 129 Canadians who pitched in at least one big league game since 1871. Two pitchers debuted in 2018: Mike Soroka from Calgary, AB and Rowan Wick from North Vancouver, BC. Three more Canadians pitched their first games in 2019: Jordan Romano from Markham, ON and Cal Quantrill from Port Hope, ON plus veteran catcher Russell Martin from East York, ON who had his first pitching appearances in his fourteenth major league season. $129 + 2 + 3 = 134$. But the new total is only 132⁽¹⁾. What happened?

Comparing the 2017 and 2019 lists shows that Jerry Dorsey (born in Canada but in an unknown city)⁽²⁾ and Rube Vickers (born in St. Marys, ON) were deleted. Baseball Reference now shows Vickers' birthplace as Hillsdale, MI and no longer the home of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame⁽³⁾. The March/April 2018 newsletter of the SABR Biographical Research Committee notes the sources of the change as a World War II draft registration (Vickers was sixty when the war started) and an 1880 census (he was born in 1879)⁽⁴⁾. Vickers' situation will be the subject of a future research project and this paper will concentrate on the other player removed from the Canadian roll.

Jerry Dorsey had been credited with playing in a single Major League game: July 9, 1884 with the Baltimore Monumentals of the short-lived Union Association. The game summary in *The Sporting Life* stated "...the home club tried a new pitcher, Dorsey, but he was knocked out and Robinson had to relieve him." He gave up 8 runs in 4 innings and finished the game in right field⁽⁵⁾.



BALTIMORE VS. ST. LOUIS, V.
At Baltimore July 9 the home club tried a new pitcher, Dorsey, but he was knocked out and Robinson had to relieve him. Boyle, formerly of the Active Club, pitched for the Lucas team and was quite effective, besides making a home run and a three-base hit.

Credit for that game is now being given to an unrelated player with a similar name, Joseph Dorsey⁽⁶⁾. Since Jerry Dorsey isn't credited with any other big league games this change removes him from the register of major leaguers. This finding was announced in the January/February 2018 newsletter of the SABR Biographical Research Committee⁽⁷⁾. Is it justified?

The 1956 edition of the *Official Encyclopedia of Baseball* had assigned that game to Jerry Dorsey⁽⁸⁾ and various other publications like *The Baseball Encyclopedia*⁽⁹⁾, *Total Baseball*⁽¹⁰⁾, and *The Great Encyclopedia of 19th Century Major League Baseball*⁽¹¹⁾ continued the trend. Prior to *Total Baseball*'s first edition in 1989 Dorsey's place of birth had been listed as Auburn, NY so it has only been since 1989 that Jerry Dorsey had been recognized as a Canadian Major Leaguer. Unlike Rube Vickers however, Jerry Dorsey's nationality is not in question at this time. The issue is whether or not he actually took part in a big league game.

Jerry Dorsey began the 1884 season with Terre Haute, IN, of the Northwestern League⁽¹²⁾. He appeared in twenty games as their second baseman⁽¹³⁾ but by mid-June he was playing for Portsmouth of the Ohio State League⁽¹⁴⁾. This was a fairly high-level league and about a third of the players from 1884 saw time in the Major Leagues at some point in their careers⁽¹⁵⁾. Dorsey was still playing for Portsmouth in late September before ending the season with league rival Dayton⁽¹⁶⁾, where he also played in 1885⁽¹⁷⁾.

The Sporting Life was the one of the leading national sports papers in that era and in addition to covering the Major Leagues they provided box scores for the Northwestern League, including Dorsey's first team of 1884, Terre Haute. *The Sporting Life* didn't follow the Ohio State League, but newspapers from Dayton, OH and Cincinnati, OH reported on the games, and digital copies of those are available online. A lot of information for the season can be found but box scores are missing for some of Portsmouth's games, so the record is incomplete at this time. Here is what is known:

- The earliest box score showing Dorsey playing for Portsmouth is for a game played on June 18, 1884⁽¹⁸⁾ although it is possible that he appeared in earlier games.
- Dorsey is also included in box scores for Portsmouth games played on June 19⁽¹⁹⁾, 21⁽²⁰⁾, 27⁽²¹⁾, July 1⁽²²⁾, 2⁽²³⁾ and 31⁽²⁴⁾.
- Line scores were found for Portsmouth games of July 11⁽²⁵⁾ and 13⁽²⁶⁾ but without full box scores so it's unknown if Dorsey played in either of those games.

- Every box score in which he appears shows Dorsey playing second base.

Is it possible that Jerry Dorsey travelled to Baltimore to pitch for the Monumentals on July 9? Based on what has been found so far, yes. He is known to have played for Portsmouth on July 2 and July 31. He may have played in between but that cannot be confirmed at this point. It's about seven hundred kilometers from Portsmouth, OH to Baltimore, MD ⁽²⁷⁾, roughly the distance from London to Montreal ⁽²⁸⁾. Trains in the 1880s traveled at an average of about 60 kilometers per hour ⁽²⁹⁾ so Dorsey could have made the train trip on July 7 or 8, pitched on the 9th and returned to Portsmouth a day or two later ⁽³⁰⁾.

But does this make sense? In 1884 Jerry Dorsey was twenty-eight years old and split the season with teams in the Northwestern and the Ohio State Leagues. All box scores that have been found show him to be a second baseman, and there are no pitching statistics listed in Baseball Reference for any part of his professional career, which lasted from 1879 to 1888 ⁽³¹⁾. Why would a team in Baltimore give a pitching tryout to a well-seasoned second baseman playing in a league several states away?

Joseph Dorsey on the other hand was twenty years old in 1884 and, other than his single game for Baltimore, he pitched in a couple of games for Trenton in the Eastern League on June 17 ⁽³²⁾ and 20 ⁽³³⁾. And significantly, he was from Baltimore ⁽³⁴⁾. Is there more proof that he pitched the game in question? Yes there is. Although the *Sporting Life* summary for Baltimore's game of July 9 fails to give any information about Mr. Dorsey ⁽³⁵⁾, accounts in Baltimore and St. Louis papers did:

"Dorsey, late of the Trenton Club..."

BALTIMORE, MD., July 9.—The St. Louis Club easily defeated the Baltimore Unions here to-day by a score of eight to two. Dorsey, late of the Trenton Club, pitched for the home team, but was batted out of position in the third inning and Robinson took his place. ⁽³⁶⁾

"...Dorsey, formerly of the Trenton team..."

The Baltimore and St. Louis clubs of the Union Association went on the field at Union Park yesterday with two new pitchers, viz., Dorsey, formerly of the Trenton team, and Boyle, who has been pitching for the Actives, of Reading, Pa. Boyle takes the place on the

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There is no absolute proof that Jerry Dorsey did not pitch for Baltimore on July 9, 1884, but there is some pretty compelling information, namely two different stories noting that the player had previously been with Trenton while Jerry Dorsey is not recorded as ever having played there ⁽³⁸⁾.

Who is the more likely candidate, Jerry or Joseph? In 1884 Jerry Dorsey was a twenty-eight-year-old second baseman from Canada playing in the Ohio State League, seven hundred kilometers from Baltimore; Joseph Dorsey was a twenty-year-old pitcher from Baltimore.

The facts, circumstantial evidence and assumptions all point to Joseph Dorsey, not Jerry Dorsey, as being the starting pitcher for Baltimore of the Union Association on July 9, 1884. Since Jerry Dorsey is not credited with any other big league games, there is a pretty persuasive argument to remove him from the list of Canadian-born Major Leaguers. Sorry.

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Dick Fowler and Ripley's Believe It Or Not!

On May 8, 2018 the Seattle Mariners' James "Big Maple" Paxton (born in Ladner, BC) threw a no-hitter against the Toronto Blue Jays, becoming the first Canadian-born player to pitch a Major League no-no on Canadian soil ⁽¹⁾. He was also just the second Canuck to join the roster of pitchers with a no-hitter so as a result of Paxton's heroics the first to do so also had his name in the news: Dick Fowler ⁽²⁾.

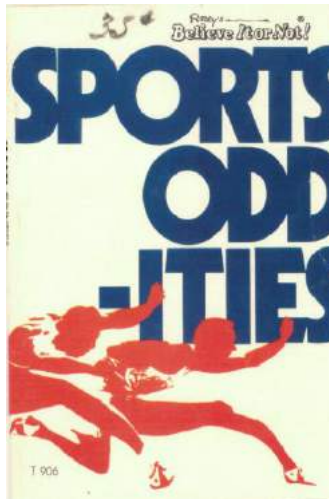


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Richard John Fowler was born in Toronto in 1921. He began his professional career in 1939 and two years later he joined the Philadelphia Athletics to start a ten-year major league career. Fowler got into 221 games, including 170 as a starter, and he compiled a record of 66-79 with an ERA of 4.41 and a WHIP of 1.493. He had seventy-five complete games, (three times as many as Clayton Kershaw has thrown in his career ⁽⁴⁾) with eleven shutouts including a no hitter ⁽⁵⁾.

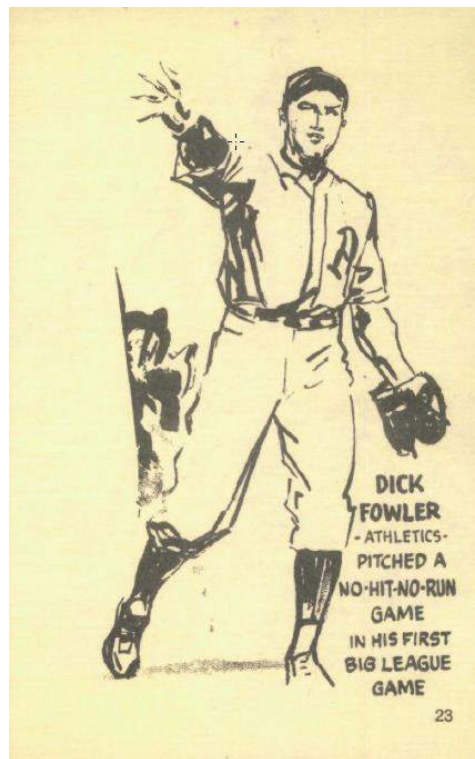
That no-hitter was the second game of a double header on Sunday, September 9, 1945 at home in Philadelphia against St. Louis. Fowler left the field after pitching the top of the ninth inning locked in a scoreless duel with the Browns' Ox Miller before the Athletics' right fielder Hal Peck lead off the bottom of the ninth with a triple. Peck was driven home on a walk-off single by second baseman Irv Hall to confirm the no-hitter. Fowler walked four and struck out six in a game that lasted an unbelievable one hour and fifteen minutes ⁽⁶⁾.

In 1960 Ripley Enterprises published a volume of *Ripley's Believe It Or Not!* cartoons related to sports:



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One of them featured Dick Fowler's no hitter:



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The book doesn't note when this cartoon originally appeared but it had to be some time between the no-hitter in 1945 and the book's publication fifteen years later.

Fans who follow the Blue Jays probably remember Roy Halladay getting to within one out of a no-hitter in his second big league start ⁽⁹⁾ and Red Sox supporters may remember Billy Rohr having a similar result in his first game ⁽¹⁰⁾ in 1967. But to complete a no hitter in one's first big league game? How come nobody mentioned

that about Fowler's game in the hoopla after Paxton's gem? There is one good reason: it wasn't Fowler's first game.

Dick Fowler made his major league debut in 1941, not 1945. He appeared in four games in 1941, then got into thirty-one more in 1942⁽¹¹⁾ before he was called into the Canadian Army with the 48th Light Highlanders. There are reports that he wasn't sent overseas because his young son was ill⁽¹²⁾ or because he was injured in military training⁽¹³⁾ but, regardless of the circumstances, Fowler served out the war in Canada before his release from the military.

A Canadian Press story about Paxton's no-hitter noted that Fowler's game was his "first game in three years after serving in the Canadian Army..."⁽¹⁴⁾ Maybe Ripley's was partially right. It may not have been his first game ever, but his first game after three years in the army is still pretty good.

But that wasn't the case. Fowler made his 1945 debut on September 1 and he had a few bullpen appearances before his first start. He was rusty, allowing twenty hits and five walks in eleven and two-thirds innings in three relief outings before putting it together in his fourth game.

1945 Pitching Game Log

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Rk	Gcar	Gtm	Date	Tm	Opp	Rslt	Inngs	Dec	DR	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	ERA	BF	GB	F
1	36	124	Sep 1	PHA	BOS	L,1-7	7-GF		99	3.0	6	3	3	2	2	0	0	9.00	17	3	4
2	37	127	Sep 3(1)	PHA	NYN	L,1-4	8-GF		1	1.2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	5.79	7	1	
3	38	129	Sep 5(1)	PHA	CHW	L,6-15	3-GF		1	7.0	13	8	8	2	2	1	0	8.49	36	12	
4	39	137	Sep 9(2)	PHA	SLB	W,1-0	SHO	W(1-0)	3	9.0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	4.79	29	11	
5	40	143	Sep 14	PHA	DET	L,0-1	CG(5)	L(1-1)	4	5.0	4	1	0	2	3	0	0	3.86	20	3	8
6	41	147	Sep 19(1)	PHA	@ BOS	L,10-11	4-8	L(1-2)	4	4.2	7	6	6	3	4	0	0	5.04	24	5	
7	42	152	Sep 23(2)	PHA	WSH	L,3-4	GS-7		3	7.0	10	3	3	4	2	0	0	4.82	34	11	
						1-6		W-L:1-2	2.7	37.1	41	21	20	18	21	1	0	4.82	167	1.12	

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The no-hitter was Fowler's lone win in 1945 and he remains the only pitcher throwing from sixty feet, six inches to have his only win in a season be a no-hitter⁽¹⁶⁾. Despite Mr. Ripley's claim, the no-hitter was not Fowler's first major league game; it was his thirty-ninth. And it was not his first game after missing three years because of his service in World War II; it was his fourth. But it was his first start in

three years and it was the only Canadian no-hitter in the first 147 years of the major leagues. All in all, not too shabby.

But Mr. Ripley, the answer to your question is: NOT!

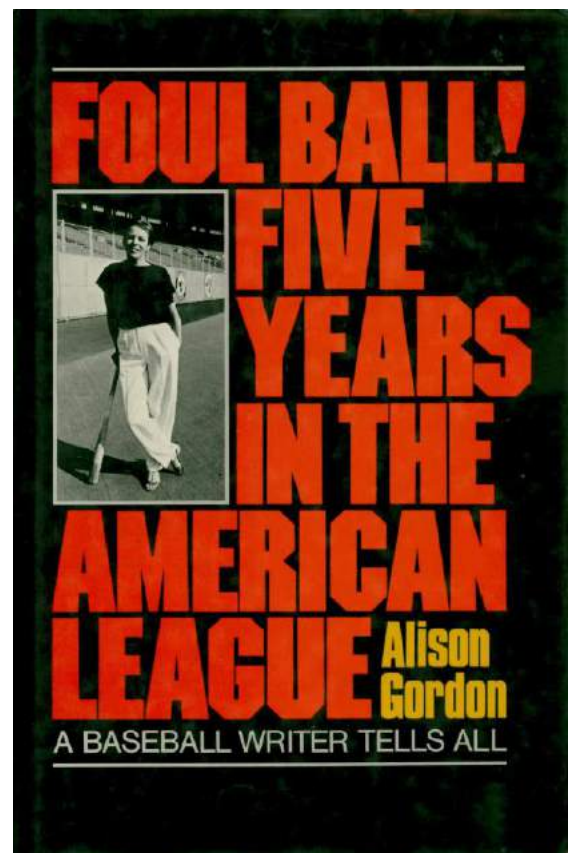
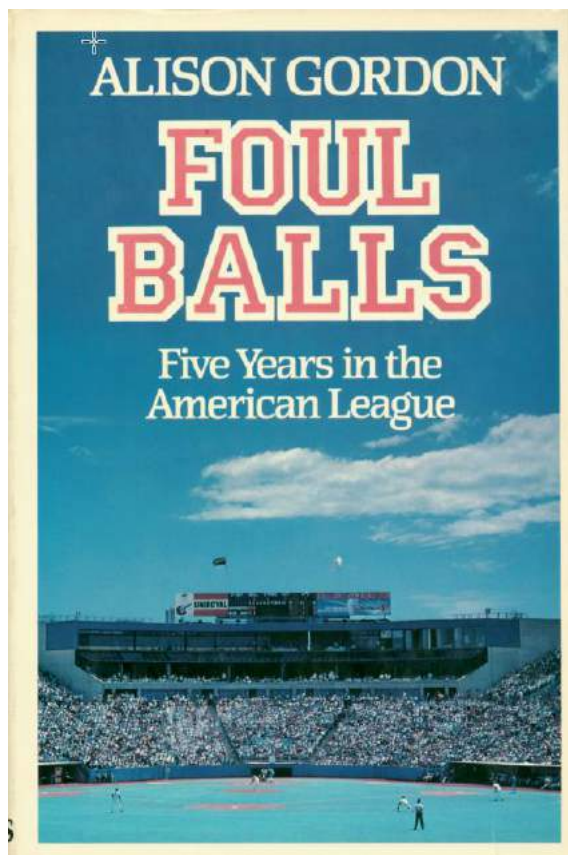
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Who was Alison Gordon's "Favourite" Player?

Alison Gordon was a pioneer, becoming the first female beat writer for a major league team when she covered the Blue Jays for the *Toronto Star* from 1979 to 1984 ⁽¹⁾. Her contributions to baseball in Canada were recognized with the 2017 Jack Graney award ⁽²⁾ but she unfortunately wasn't around to accept it because she passed away in 2015.

Gordon published her memoirs of her years in the press box with a book called *Foul Balls: Five Years in the American League*, released late in 1984. It was also published in the US as *Foul Ball!*.



The book contained a lot of funny and entertaining stories about the early years of the Blue Jays as they went from loveable losers to contenders. But there were also a lot of disturbing passages concerning the abuse Gordon had to withstand as one of the first of her gender in major league locker rooms. One in particular piqued my interest since Gordon kept the offender's name secret:

"I also met less savoury types that spring, one in particular whom I never will forget. His name is irrelevant, since only his mother remembers him, but he confirmed my most lurid fears about the new life I had chosen. He was a washed-up pitcher who had never amounted to much, but he yearned for a comeback. After playing for a while in Japan, he had come to the Jay camp for one last tryout. He was my age, an elderly thirty-six at the time, and when I met him I kidded him that the eyes of the old folks were on him, that he had to do well for all of us."⁽³⁾

That sounds like they had something in common and may have struck up a friendship. But they didn't. Gordon continued:

"I thought nothing more of it until a couple of nights later, when I ran into him in the hotel restaurant. He'd had a few. He signaled me over to the table and told me, with the earnestness that comes from the bottle, that he had an offer for me too splendid to pass up. It seems, as he told it, and I was never able (or perhaps, willing) to confirm the story, that the guys had taken to calling him grandpa and had taken up a collection for him. All he had to do to get \$500 was to take me to bed in front of witnesses.

He offered me \$200. Without discussing the insult of the implication that he deserved the bigger share, I politely declined. He couldn't believe it, and in a stage whisper clearly audible for several tables, he asked, with disbelief, for clarification."⁽⁴⁾

The passage continues in somewhat graphic detail, but you get the picture.

So, who was this "gentleman"?

- He was a pitcher.
- He had "never amounted to much".
- He was thirty-six at the time, which was Spring Training of 1979.
- And further along in the chapter Gordon noted that he was cut a week later, so he never played for the Jays.

The Blue Jays' 1980 Media Guide⁽⁵⁾ lists the spring training statistics from 1979, and it was a simple matter of reviewing each pitcher's career statistics to see which one was the best fit for these data points.

Eighteen pitchers appeared for the Blue Jays during their 1979 spring training schedule. Fourteen of them were in their twenties, including seven who weren't even twenty-five during training camp. Thirteen of the eighteen played for the Blue Jays during the 1979 regular season and two others were with Blue Jays' minor league affiliates, so only three of them were cut as Gordon described. Only one of the eighteen ever played in Japan. Putting all of that together one player's record fits rather nicely:

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Year	Age	Tm	Lg	W	L	W-L%	ERA	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	IBB	SO	HBP	BK	WP	BF	ERA+	FIP	WHIP	H9	HR9	BB9	SO9	SO/W	Awards
1965	24	ANA-min	A	7	2	.778	1.99	10	10	6	3			77.0	51	20	17	1	20	0	88	3	0	4			0.922	6.0	0.1	2.3	10.3	4.40		QOS MIDW
1966	25	ANA-min	AA	9	0	1.000	3.41	17	8	4	2			87.0	70	37	33	3	30	1	77	2	0	2			1.149	7.2	0.3	3.1	8.0	2.57		ELP TL
1966	25	CAL	AL	4	7	.364	3.74	20	13	0	3	1	0	91.1	92	39	38	11	25	4	37	1	0	1	380	89	4.16	1.281	9.1	1.1	2.5	3.6	1.48	
1967	26	ANA-min	AAA	8	4	.667	3.07	13	13	5	0			88.0	79	39	30	3	35	1	72	0	0	2			1.295	8.1	0.3	3.6	7.4	2.06		SLE PCL
1967	26	CAL	AL	5	5	.500	3.26	20	11	3	1	0	0	77.1	76	33	28	5	24	2	35	1	0	2	323	96	3.44	1.293	8.8	0.6	2.8	4.1	1.46	
1968	27	CAL	AL	10	6	.625	3.94	41	13	14	2	1	3	125.2	123	58	55	13	44	6	71	2	0	7	534	74	3.70	1.329	8.8	0.9	3.2	5.1	1.61	
1969	28	CAL	AL	1	8	.111	4.10	37	5	9	0	0	0	63.2	66	33	29	4	30	5	31	1	0	3	272	85	3.81	1.508	9.3	0.6	4.2	4.4	1.03	
1970	29	CAL	AL	22	12	.647	2.83	39	39	0	7	2	0	260.2	226	97	82	24	88	4	110	7	0	8	1086	128	4.09	1.205	7.8	0.8	3.0	3.8	1.25	AS,CYA-6,MVP-21
1971	30	CAL	AL	16	17	.485	2.99	37	37	0	10	2	0	276.2	225	105	92	17	82	10	135	3	0	7	1107	108	3.20	1.110	7.3	0.6	2.7	4.4	1.65	
1972	31	CAL	AL	18	11	.621	2.98	35	35	0	15	2	0	251.0	229	101	83	14	80	6	87	4	0	4	1029	98	3.43	1.231	8.2	0.5	2.9	3.1	1.09	
1973	32	CAL	AL	11	19	.367	3.68	37	36	1	13	1	0	257.0	273	120	105	26	76	0	65	3	0	4	1102	96	4.30	1.358	9.6	0.9	2.7	2.3	0.86	
1974	33	MIL	AL	9	20	.310	4.42	38	32	2	15	0	0	232.0	264	122	114	22	54	4	64	0	0	6	996	81	3.96	1.371	10.2	0.9	2.1	2.5	1.19	
1975	34	TEX	AL	4	6	.400	4.44	25	14	5	1	0	0	93.1	105	56	46	7	47	3	32	1	1	3	423	85	4.42	1.629	10.1	0.7	4.5	3.1	0.68	
1976	35	YOM	Fgn	8	7	.533	3.32	21	21	0	5	2	0	130.0	123	54	48	6	44	3	51	4	1	2	541		1.285	8.5	0.4	3.0	3.5	1.16	YOM JPCL	
1977	36	YOM	Fgn	11	9	.550	4.24	31	25	1	5	1	0	172.0	190	87	81	25	62	5	82	8	1	3	754		1.485	9.9	1.3	3.2	4.3	1.32	YOM JPCL	
1978	37	YOM	Fgn	3	2	.600	4.97	7	7	0	0	0	0	38.0	29	21	21	6	20	3	9	2	0	0	160		1.289	6.9	1.4	4.7	2.1	0.45	YOM JPCL	
10 Yrs				100	111	.474	3.50	329	235	34	67	9	3	1728.2	1679	764	672	143	550	44	667	23	1	45	7252	96	3.82	1.289	8.7	0.7	2.9	3.5	1.21	
162 Game Avg.				12	13	.474	3.50	40	28	4	8	1	0	208	202	92	81	17	66	5	80	3	0	5	874	96	3.82	1.289	8.7	0.7	2.9	3.5	1.21	
CAL (8 yrs)				87	85	.506	3.28	266	189	27	51	9	3	1403.1	1310	586	512	114	449	37	571	22	0	36	5833	100	3.76	1.253	8.4	0.7	2.9	3.7	1.27	
TEX (1 yr)				4	6	.400	4.44	25	14	5	1	0	0	93.1	105	56	46	7	47	3	32	1	1	3	423	85	4.42	1.629	10.1	0.7	4.5	3.1	0.68	
MIL (1 yr)				9	20	.310	4.42	38	32	2	15	0	0	232.0	264	122	114	22	54	4	64	0	0	6	996	81	3.96	1.371	10.2	0.9	2.1	2.5	1.19	

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The age is off: this player was thirty-seven in 1978 so thirty-eight in 1979, not thirty-six as Gordon recorded, but close enough. He pitched in the majors from 1966 through 1975 with a record of one hundred wins and one hundred and twelve losses. That included years of twenty-two, sixteen and eighteen wins from 1970 through 1972 with an All-Star Game appearance and a no-hitter⁽⁷⁾ in 1970. But that was followed by years of nineteen and twenty losses in 1973 and 1974. Perhaps “never amounted to much” is a bit harsh, but with a losing record and an above average ERA for his era we can slap him with the journeyman label.

The final confirmation is his three seasons with the Yomiuri Giants immediately preceding his spring appearance in Dunedin.

The incident described by Alison Gordon occurred over forty years ago and you would like to think that times have changed. But recent episodes with Gregg Zaun, Roberto Osuna, Jose Reyes, Steven Wright, Aroldis Chapman, Addison Russell and their ilk show that things have unfortunately not changed too much. But we can now “out” that player from 1979.

So who is our mystery man? Clyde Wright:



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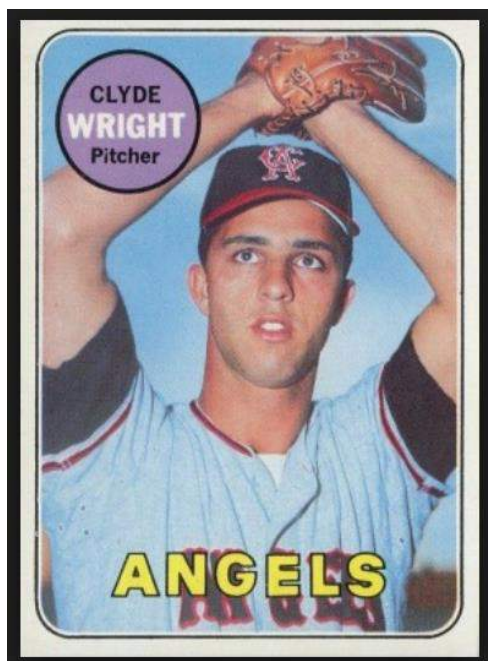


Clyde Wright

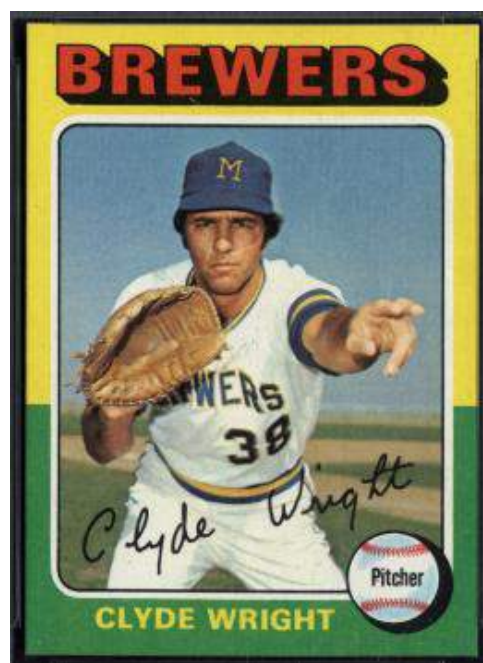
Position: Pitcher
Bats: Right • **Throws:** Left
 6-1, 180lb (185cm, 81kg)
Born: [February 20, 1941](#) (Age: 77-188d) in [Jefferson City, TN](#) 
Draft: Drafted by the [California Angels](#) in the [6th round](#) of the 1965 MLB June Amateur Draft.
School: [Carson-Newman College \(Jefferson City, TN\)](#)
Debut: [June 15, 1966](#) (Age 25-115d, 10,087th in MLB history)
 vs. [MIN](#) 9.0 IP, 4 H, 4 SO, 2 BB, 1 ER, W
Last Game: [September 20, 1975](#) (Age 34-218d)
 vs. [KCR](#) 0.0 IP, 0 H, 0 SO, 1 BB, 0 ER
Rookie Status: Exceeded rookie limits during 1966 season
Full Name: Clyde Wright
Nicknames: [Skeeter](#)
[View Player Bio](#) from the [SABR BioProject](#)
Relatives: Father of [Jaret Wright](#)

SUMMARY	WAR	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	SO	WHIP
Career	13.2	100	111	3.50	329	235	3	1728.2	667	1.289

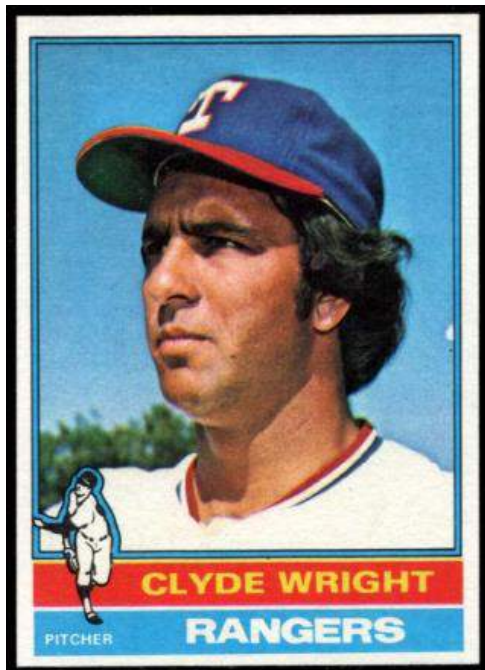
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Shortest Complete Games

Complete games are going extinct. Since the current rule for Saves was enacted in the late 1960s the annual total has been declining:

1970	852 total complete games	24 teams (35.5 average)
1980	856 total complete games	26 teams (32.9 average)
1990	429 total complete games	26 teams (16.5 average)
2000	234 total complete games	30 teams (7.8 average)
2010	165 total complete games	30 teams (5.5 average)

In 2019 the total for all thirty Major League teams was forty-five ⁽¹⁾, or an average of one and a half per team, and the leaders were Shane Bieber and Lucas Giolito with three apiece. Three pitchers tied for the National League lead with two each and only thirty-four pitchers had even a single complete game ⁽²⁾. Fergie Jenkins on the other hand completed 267 of his 594 starts including a total of fifty-four games between 1970 and 1971, or nine more than all major pitchers completed between them in 2019 ⁽³⁾.

Pop quiz: Who led the Blue Jays in Complete Games pitched in 2019? The team had one after having none in 2018 ⁽⁴⁾.

Here's a hint. This is a list of all of the games where the Blue Jays' starter completed seven or more innings:

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Rk	Player	Date	Tm	Opp	Rslt	App,Dec	IP	H	R	ER	E
1	Marcus Stroman	2019-04-19	TOR	OAK	W 5-1	GS-9, W	8.0	6	1	1	
2	Jacob Waguespack	2019-08-22	TOR	LAD	L 2-3	GS-7	7.0	1	0	0	
3	Marcus Stroman	2019-07-24	TOR	CLE	L 0-4	GS-7, L	7.0	5	1	1	
4	Marcus Stroman	2019-07-19	TOR	DET	W 12-1	GS-7, W	7.0	6	0	0	
5	Marcus Stroman	2019-06-18	TOR	LAA	L 1-3	GS-8, L	7.0	4	3	3	
6	Marcus Stroman	2019-06-01	TOR	COL	L 2-4	GS-7, L	7.0	7	4	3	
7	Aaron Sanchez	2019-05-07	TOR	MIN	L 0-3	GS-7, L	7.0	6	3	3	
8	Trent Thornton	2019-05-03	TOR	TEX	W 1-0	GS-7	7.0	1	0	0	
9	Marcus Stroman	2019-04-26	TOR	OAK	W 4-2	GS-7	7.0	1	0	0	
10	Matt Shoemaker	2019-04-03	TOR	BAL	W 5-3	GS-7, W	7.0	2	0	0	
11	Matt Shoemaker	2019-03-29	TOR	DET	W 6-0	GS-7, W	7.0	2	0	0	
12	Marcus Stroman	2019-03-28	TOR	DET	L 0-2	GS-7	7.0	2	0	0	

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Blue Jays starting pitchers lasted seven or more innings twelve times in 2019: seven games by Marcus Stroman, two by Matt Shoemaker and one each by Jacob Waguespack, Aaron Sanchez, and Trent Thornton. In ten of those games the starter didn't pitch after the end of the seventh inning.

The longest start by a Blue Jay pitcher in 2019 was on April 19 by Marcus Stroman. He finished eight innings and started the ninth inning with a 5-1 lead over Oakland but was replaced after surrendering a leadoff double ⁽⁶⁾.

If no pitcher finished nine innings, how did the Jays get a complete game? Here's another hint:

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
 Toronto Blue Jays	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1
 Chicago White Sox	1	2	1	0	X	4	7	0

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This game was played in Chicago on May 18 and was stopped by rain after the Jays batted in the top of the fifth inning. Since Chicago was ahead at that time the game was considered complete and the two pitchers of record received a decision. If it had stopped at the same time but with the game tied or Toronto ahead it would have been a suspended game to be finished later ⁽⁸⁾.

Toronto's starter that day was lefty knuckleballer Ryan Feierabend in his Blue Jays debut.



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Feierabend pitched the first four innings and, since the game never got to the bottom of the fifth, it was considered a four-inning complete game ⁽¹⁰⁾.

Was this the Blue Jays record? Yes it was. The

previous shortest complete game in Jays' history was five innings when Jim Clancy pitched a shortened shutout at home against Baltimore on September 15, 1977⁽¹¹⁾. Unlike the 2019 game, that one ended when the Orioles forfeited before the Jays batted in the bottom of the fifth inning because Baltimore manager Earl Weaver unsuccessfully argued to have a tarpaulin removed from the Toronto bullpen⁽¹²⁾. Not only was Clancy credited with a complete game shutout, but Orioles starter Ross Grimsley, like Feierabend, got credit for a four-inning complete game loss⁽¹³⁾.

How often has a pitcher completed a game with no more than four innings pitched? It's very rare, occurring only five times in the Expansion Era (i.e. since 1961):

Rk	Player	Date ▼	Tm	Opp	Rslt	App,Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
1	Ryan Feierabend	2019-05-18	TOR	CHW	L 1-4	CG(4), L	4.0	7	4	4	1	2	1
2	Steve Trachsel	2006-05-11	NYM	PHI	L 0-2	CG(4), L	4.0	6	2	2	2	3	1
3	Pete Smith	1990-05-09	ATL	CHC	L 0-4	CG(4), L	4.0	6	4	4	0	2	2
4	Ross Grimsley	1977-09-15	BAL	TOR	L 0-4	CG(4), L	4.0	5	4	4	3	1	0
5	Dick Drago	1971-07-30	KCR	BAL	L 0-1	CG(4), L	4.0	1	1	1	0	3	1

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How about if we go further back?

Rk	Player	Date	Tm	Opp	Rslt	App,Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
1	Bugs Raymond	1908-09-27 (2)	STL	CIN	L 1-6	CG, L	4.0	5	6	0	1	4	0
2	Red Ames	1909-10-04 (2)	NYG	PHI	W 1-1	CG, W	4.0	3	1	0	1	4	0
3	Lew Moren	1909-10-04 (2)	PHI	NYG	L 1-1	CG, L	3.2	3	1	0	2	2	0
4	Buck O'Brien	1912-09-17 (2)	BOS	CLE	L 2-3	CG, L	4.0	3	3	0	2	3	0
5	Slim Sallee	1913-07-06 (2)	STL	CHC	W 5-1	CG, W	3.0	3	1	1	1	1	0
6	Curly Brown	1913-10-05 (2)	SLB	CLE	L 3-4	CG, L	4.0	6	4	3	0	1	0
7	Red Faber	1914-09-07 (2)	CHW	DET	L 0-3	CG, L	4.0	4	3	1	3	3	0
8	Chief Johnson	1914-10-04 (2)	KCP	IND	L 0-4	CG, L	4.0	2	4	0	1	9	0
9	Fritz Coumbe	1918-07-19	CLE	PHA	L 0-2	CG, L	4.0	3	2	1	2	1	0
10	Al Mamaux	1919-06-16	BRO	STL	L 0-2	CG, L	4.0	5	2	1	1	5	0
11	Whitey Glazner	1923-07-22	PHI	NYG	L 4-5	CG, L	4.0	8	5	5	3	2	0
12	Danny MacFayden	1932-09-09 (2)	NYY	DET	L 1-4	CG, L	4.0	4	4	1	4	3	0
13	Stew Bowers	1935-09-29 (2)	BOS	NYY	L 0-4	CG, L	4.0	6	4	1	3	0	0
14	Whit Wyatt	1937-09-29 (2)	CLE	CHW	L 0-1	CG, L	4.0	5	1	1	1	3	0
15	Bill Cox	1939-09-24 (2)	SLB	CHW	L 3-4	CG, L	4.0	2	4	4	4	2	0
16	Don Larsen	1958-07-30	NYY	KCA	L 0-2	CG(4), L	4.0	4	2	2	2	1	1
17	Dick Drago	1971-07-30	KCR	BAL	L 0-1	CG(4), L	4.0	1	1	1	0	3	1
18	Ross Grimsley	1977-09-15	BAL	TOR	L 0-4	CG(4), L	4.0	5	4	4	3	1	0
19	Pete Smith	1990-05-09	ATL	CHC	L 0-4	CG(4), L	4.0	6	4	4	0	2	2
20	Steve Trachsel	2006-05-11	NYM	PHI	L 0-2	CG(4), L	4.0	6	2	2	2	3	1
21	Ryan Feierabend	2019-05-18	TOR	CHW	L 1-4	CG(4), L	4.0	7	4	4	1	2	1

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There have been twenty-one such games in the Retrosheet era, going back to 1908. The second and third games in the list are the same game, which was the case of a forfeit due to ejected players refusing to leave the field in the bottom of the fourth inning of a 1-1 tie. The winner only pitched four innings and the loser lasted three and two thirds, but the game was still considered complete. The fifth game was also a forfeit as the losing team was stalling to avoid a pre-arranged curfew⁽¹⁶⁾. The Jim Clancy start was the fourth of these games ending in a forfeit and the other seventeen were rain-shortened games.

Ryan Feierabend appeared in two games for the Blue Jays in 2019 and only pitched five and two thirds innings⁽¹⁷⁾ but the first of his two games put him in the history books with the only complete game for the Jays in 2019, the shortest complete game in Blue Jays' history and tied for the shortest complete game in a non-forfeit situation since 1908.

Footnotes

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Madison Bumgarner pitched the first 9 innings on July 18 in a game that the Giants won over the Mets in 16 innings so this was not a complete game and isn't included in the total of 45. 37 of the 45 complete games lasted 9 innings. Justin Verlander lost 2-1 to Detroit on August 21 and the other 36 pitchers to complete 9 innings won their games. Verlander and Mike Fiers pitched no-hitters and their games were the only ones with 120 or more pitches. Ariel Jurado of Texas pitched an 8-inning complete game in a road loss to Chicago (AL) and 7 complete games were in rain-shortened games of 6 or fewer innings. Derek Holland and Jameson Taillon each went 5 innings on April 20 and Lucas Giolito pitched 5 innings in Feierabend's loss. Other than these two shortened games there wasn't an instance of two pitchers facing off for an opposing complete game.

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Year-by-Year Team Pitching										Share & more ▼		Glossary													
Year	Lg	W	L	Finish	RA/G	ERA	G	CG	tSho	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP	SO9	HR9	E	DP	Fld%	Page	
2019	AL East	67	95	4	5.11	4.79	162	1	7	33	1440.1	1450	828	767	228	604	1332	1.426	8.32	1.42	96	141	.984	28.9	
2018	AL East	73	89	4	5.14	4.85	162	0	3	39	1433.2	1476	832	772	208	551	1298	1.414	8.15	1.31	101	138	.983	29.3	
2017	AL East	76	86	4	4.84	4.42	162	2	6	45	1465.0	1460	784	720	203	549	1372	1.371	8.43	1.25	92	145	.985	28.4	
2016	AL East	89	73	2	4.11	3.78	162	0	10	43	1459.1	1340	666	613	183	461	1314	1.234	8.10	1.13	88	144	.986	29.5	
2015	AL East	93	69	1	4.14	3.80	162	7	10	34	1441.0	1353	670	609	173	397	1117	1.214	6.98	1.08	88	145	.985	29.2	
2014	AL East	83	79	3	4.23	4.00	162	3	16	45	1443.0	1400	686	642	151	490	1199	1.310	7.48	0.94	87	130	.985	29.6	
2013	AL East	74	88	5	4.67	4.25	162	4	11	39	1452.0	1451	756	685	195	500	1208	1.344	7.49	1.21	111	145	.982	30.9	
2012	AL East	73	89	4	4.84	4.64	162	5	11	29	1443.2	1439	784	745	204	574	1142	1.394	7.12	1.27	101	167	.984	27.8	
2011	AL East	81	81	4	4.70	4.32	162	7	10	33	1458.2	1451	756	700	179	540	1169	1.353	7.21	1.10	110	148	.982	27.7	

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Weaver felt that the tarpaulin posed an injury risk to his left fielder. The umpire refused and Weaver pulled his team from the field. Springstead waited 15 minutes for the team to retake the field before declaring the forfeit. - New York Times; 09/16/1977, p 93 (Orioles)”

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Homer in the Homeland – an Update

On May 11, 2005 the Blue Jays and the Royals played a 12:37 PM Camp Day game at the Rogers Centre. It was a slugfest won by the Jays 12-9 thanks to a five run outburst in the bottom of the eighth inning. Notable that game was that in the top of the seventh inning Matt Stairs of Fredericton, NB homered to give the Royals a 9-7 lead, and then in the bottom of the eighth inning Corey Koskie of Anola, MB went deep for the Jays in their comeback rally ⁽¹⁾.

Canadians had previously hit home runs in Canada; Koskie's was his fourth in Toronto in 2005 alone ⁽²⁾. More than one Canadian had homered in the same game a few times before, including Koskie and his Twins teammate Justin Morneau of New Westminster, BC the year before ⁽³⁾. But was this the first time that two Canadians had homered in the same game in Canada?

A paper summarizing this research was presented at a Toronto SABR chapter meeting in 2006. It turned out that May 11, 2005 was the first time two Canadians went deep in a game played in Canada. Since then over 100 more all-Canadian homers have been hit ⁽⁴⁾ and this is a summary of some of the facts found since the original research was completed in 2005. But first, a few definitions:

Games Played in Canada

The Expos played their home games in Montreal from 1969 through 2004 and the Blue Jays have played in Toronto since 1977; they account for over 6,000 Major League games having been played in Canada through 2019. Were any games played in Canada before then? Information for games played away for both teams' home stadiums can be found on Retrosheet.org's Alternate Site Games Special List ⁽⁵⁾.

This list shows all of the games that have been played away for the usual home stadiums of both teams. A recent example is the games that the Yankees and Red Sox played in London, England in 2019. Other neutral site games have been played in Japan, Australia, Mexico and Puerto Rico and in US cities like Omaha, NB, Williamsport, PA and Fort Bragg, NC. Based on the Retrosheet list there has not been a neutral site, regular season game played in Canada since 1901. The list for 19th century games is incomplete and ongoing research has yet to find one played in Canada. Since no known regular season major league games were played in

Canada before the Expos' debut this analysis can be limited to a review of the home games played by the Expos and Blue Jays to find instances of a Canadian hitting a home run in Canada.

The Expos lost some home games to labour strife in 1972 (three games), 1981 (twenty-five), 1994 (twenty-nine) and 1995 (nine) and they played forty-three home games in Puerto Rico between 2003 (twenty-two) and 2004 (twenty-one). Twelve home games were shifted to the road in 1991 because of structural damage at the Olympic Stadium, and over the years nine games were rained out and either played elsewhere (five) or cancelled altogether (four). Overall the Expos played 641 games at Jarry Park between 1969 and 1976 and 2,145 games in the Olympic Stadium from 1977 through 2004, for a total of 2,786 games in Montreal ⁽⁶⁾. Five postseason games were played in the Olympic Stadium in 1981, as was the 1982 All-Star Game. These six games were included in the review but pre-season and other exhibition games were not.

Like the Expos, labour troubles cut the Blue Jays' seasons short in 1981 (twenty-eight games lost), 1994 (twenty-two) and 1995 (nine). There were a couple of rainouts that weren't made up in the Exhibition Stadium days (one each in 1977 and 1985) and the 2010 G20 Toronto Summit caused three home games to be moved to Philadelphia. The Jays have otherwise played a full slate of home games: 968 in Exhibition Stadium from 1977 through early 1989 and 2,451 at the SkyDome/Rogers Centre from mid-1989 through 2019, for a total 3,419 games in Toronto ⁽⁷⁾. Furthermore, the 1991 All-Star Game and thirty-three post season games have been played in Toronto (four in Exhibition Stadium and twenty-nine in SkyDome / Rogers Centre), and these were also reviewed.

Altogether there have been 6,205 regular season major league games, thirty-eight post-season games and two All-Star games played in Canada for a total of 6,245.

Canadian Players

Only players with a Canadian place of birth have been included in this analysis. Players born elsewhere and raised in Canada or others with Canadian ties like parents born in Canada have been excluded. Those other players' nationalities are sometimes a question of nuance and opinion rather than fact so using place of birth to determine if a player is Canadian made the research a lot easier. But this

assumption raises a question: is Canadian-born, Dominican Republic-raised Vladimir Guerrero Jr. more Canadian than US-born, Canadian-raised Chris Reitsma? Foreign-born Canadians will be reviewed in future updates but for now only those born in Canada have been included.

Since no Canadian neutral site games have been found, the search for Canadian home runs in Canada can be limited to games played since 1969. In the fifty-one seasons since the Expos' first game there have been a total of one hundred and fifteen Canadian-born major leaguers, but only forty-two of them ever hit a home run⁽⁸⁾. The Baseball Reference Overview page for each of the forty-two players was reviewed to see who hit a home run in either Montreal or Toronto⁽⁹⁾.

Each player's Baseball Reference game log was examined to find the games when they hit home runs in Canada⁽¹⁰⁾. Through the 2019 season this has happened 197 times, 196 in the regular season and once in the playoffs.

Firsts

- First Canadian-born player to hit a home run in Canada: Dave McKay, Blue Jays, May 4, 1977
- First in Montreal: Terry Puhl, Astros, July 25, 1980
- First Expo in Montreal: Larry Walker, Expos, June 22, 1990
- First Grand Slam: Terry Puhl, Astros, May 4, 1986
- First back-to-back games: Larry Walker, Expos, June 29-30, 1990
- First 2-homer game: Larry Walker, Expos, June 28, 1992
- First 3-homer game: Larry Walker, Rockies, April 5, 1997
- First lead-off homer: Brett Lawrie, Blue Jays, May 2, 2013
- First walk-off homer: Dave McKay, Blue Jays, August 26, 1978 (10th inning)
- First post-season homer: Russell Martin, Blue Jays, ALDS vs. Texas, October 9, 2016
- First off a Canadian pitcher: Matt Stairs, As off Paul Spoljaric, Blue Jays, August 13, 1999
- First game with two different Canadians: Matt Stairs, Royals and Corey Koskie, Blue Jays, May 11, 2005

Leaders

Most home runs hit in Canada by a Canadian Born Player - Career

Larry Walker	58
Russell Martin	36 (35 regular season, 1 post-season)
Brett Lawrie	23
Matt Stairs	22
Michael Saunders	15
Dave McKay	6
Corey Koskie	6
Justin Morneau	6
Terry Puhl	5
Jason Bay	5 (plus 2 vs Montreal in Puerto Rico)
Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	5
Joey Votto	3
Rob Ducey	2
Dalton Pompey	2
Aaron Guiel	1
Adam Loewen	1
Abraham Toro	1

Most home runs hit in Canada by a Canadian Born Player - Season

Larry Walker (Expos)	13 (1992)
Larry Walker (Expos)	13 (1993)
Russell Martin (Blue Jays)	13 (2015)
Michael Saunders (Blue Jays)	10 (2016)
Larry Walker (Expos)	9 (1990)
Russell Martin (Blue Jays)	9 (2016) – 8 regular season, 1 post season
Russell Martin (Blue Jays)	8 (2017)
Larry Walker (Expos)	7 (1994)
Matt Stairs (Blue Jays)	7 (2007)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	7 (2012)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	7 (2014)
Matt Stairs (Blue Jays)	6 (2008)
Larry Walker (Expos)	5 (1991)
Corey Koskie (Blue Jays)	5 (2005)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	5 (2011)

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (Blue Jays)	5 (2019)
Dave McKay (Blue Jays)	4 (1978)
Larry Walker	4 (1997)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	4 (2013)
Russell Martin (Blue Jays)	4 (2018)
Matt Stairs	3 (1999)
Jason Bay	3 (2008)
Justin Morneau	3 (2010)
Dave McKay (Blue Jays)	2 (1977)
Matt Stairs	2 (2003)
Larry Walker	2 (2005)
Justin Morneau	2 (2007)
Michael Saunders	2 (2012)
Michael Saunders	2 (2013)
Joey Votto	2 (2017)
Terry Puhl	1 (1980)
Terry Puhl	1 (1983)
Terry Puhl	1 (1984)
Terry Puhl	1 (1986)
Terry Puhl	1 (1988)
Rob Ducey (Blue Jays)	1 (1987)
Larry Walker	1 (1995)
Matt Stairs	1 (1996)
Larry Walker	1 (1999)
Larry Walker	1 (2000)
Matt Stairs	1 (2000)
Rob Ducey (Expos)	1 (2001)
Larry Walker	1 (2001)
Corey Koskie	1 (2002)
Larry Walker	1 (2002)
Aaron Guiel	1 (2004)
Matt Stairs	1 (2004)
Matt Stairs	1 (2005)
Russell Martin	1 (2007)
Jason Bay	1 (2008)
Joey Votto	1 (2009)
Justin Morneau	1 (2009)

Michael Saunders	1 (2010)
Adam Loewen (Blue Jays)	1 (2011)
Russell Martin	1 (2012)
Jason Bay	1 (2013)
Dalton Pompey (Blue Jays)	1 (2014)
Dalton Pompey (Blue Jays)	1 (2015)
Abraham Toro	1 (2019)

Expos	48
Blue Jays	100
Not Expos or Blue Jays	49

Most home runs hit in Canada by a Canadian Born Player - Game

Larry Walker	3 (April 5, 1997)
Larry Walker (Expos)	2 (June 28, 1992)
Larry Walker (Expos)	2 (August 4, 1994)
Larry Walker	2 (June 14, 2005)
Michael Saunders	2 (April 27, 2012)
Michael Saunders	2 (May 4, 2013)
Michael Saunders (Blue Jays)	2 (July 23, 2016)
Justin Morneau	2 (July 23, 2007)
Justin Morneau	2 (May 17, 2010)
Matt Stairs	2 (August 13, 1999)
Russell Martin (Blue Jays)	2 April 17, 2015)

Expos	2
Blue Jays	2
Not Expos or Blue Jays	7

1 (172 times)

Most home runs hit in Canada by Canadian Born Players – Season, All Players

2016	19 – 18 regular season, 1 post season
2015	14
1992	13
1993	13
2007	10

2012	10
2017	10
1990	9
2005	8
2014	8
1994	7
2008	7
2013	7
2011	6
2019	6
1991	5
2009	5
1978	4
1997	4
1999	4
2010	4
2018	4
1977	2
2000	2
2001	2
2002	2
2003	2
2004	2
1980	1
1983	1
1984	1
1986	1
1987	1
1988	1
1995	1
1996	1
1969	0
1970	0
1971	0
1972	0
1973	0
1974	0

1975	0
1976	0
1979	0
1981	0
1982	0
1985	0
1989	0
1998	0
2006	0

Grand Slams

Terry Puhl	1 (May 4, 1986)
Matt Stairs	1 (August 13, 1999)
Larry Walker	1 (August 11, 2000)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	1 (August 10, 2011)
Michael Saunders	1 (April 27, 2012)

Walk Offs

Larry Walker (Expos)	3 (September 13 and 29, 1992, May 29, 1994)
Brett Lawrie (Blue Jays)	2 (September 5, 2011, May 1, 2012)
Dave McKay (Blue Jays)	1 (August 26, 1978)

Seasons with the most Canadian-born players hitting a home run in Canada

2005	3 (Walker, Stairs, Koskie)
2007	3 (Stairs, Martin, Morneau)
2009	3 (Bay, Votto, Morneau)
2012	3 (Lawrie, Saunders, Martin)
2013	3 (Lawrie, Saunders, Bay)
1999	2 (Walker, Stairs)
2000	2 (Walker, Stairs)
2001	2 (Walker, Ducey)
2002	2 (Walker, Koskie)
2004	2 (Stairs, Guiel)
2008	2 (Stairs, Bay)
2010	2 (Morneau, Saunders)
2011	2 (Lawrie, Loewen)
2014	2 (Lawrie, Pompey)

2015	2 (Martin, Pompey)
2016	2 (Martin, Saunders)
2017	2 (Martin, Votto)
2019	2 (Guerrero Jr., Toro)
1977	1 (McKay)
1978	1 (McKay)
1980	1 (Puhl)
1983	1 (Puhl)
1984	1 (Puhl)
1986	1 (Puhl)
1987	1 (Puhl)
1988	1 (Puhl)
1990	1 (Walker)
1991	1 (Walker)
1992	1 (Walker)
1993	1 (Walker)
1994	1 (Walker)
1995	1 (Walker)
1996	1 (Stairs)
1997	1 (Walker)
2003	1 (Stairs)
2018	1 (Martin)
1969	0
1970	0
1971	0
1972	0
1973	0
1974	0
1975	0
1976	0
1979	0
1981	0
1982	0
1985	0
1989	0
1998	0
2006	0

Stadium Totals for home runs hit by Canadians

SkyDome/Rogers Centre, Toronto	128
Olympic Stadium, Montreal	62
Exhibition Stadium, Toronto	7
Jarry Park, Montreal	0 ⁽¹¹⁾

Canadian Batter off Canadian Pitcher

August 13, 1999	Matt Stairs, Oakland off Paul Spoljaric, Toronto (grand slam)
May 2, 2013	Brett Lawrie, Toronto off Ryan Dempster, Boston (lead off)
June 22, 2016	Michael Saunders, Toronto off James Paxton, Seattle

Pitchers who surrendered Multiple all-Canadian home runs

Roy Halladay	4	Stairs (May 5, 2004), Bay (September 20, 2008 and August 19, 2009), Morneau (September 9, 2009)
Shawn Camp	3	Votto (June 25, 2009), Bay (August 18, 2009), Morneau (May 17, 2010)
James Shields	3	Stairs (July 28, 2008), Lawrie (August 26, 2011), Martin (June 18, 2017)
Craig Breslow	2	Lawrie (August 10, 2011), Martin (July 2, 2015)
Chris Carpenter	2	Stairs (May 6, 1999), Ducey (June 15, 2001)
David Carpenter	2	Lawrie (June 30, 2012), Martin (May 5, 2015)
R.A. Dickey	2	Saunders (May 4, 2013) – 2 homer game
Chad Gaudin	2	Walker (June 15, 2005) – 2 homer game
Bill Gullickson	2	Puhl (July 21, 1983 and July 8, 1984)
Wade LeBlanc	2	Saunders (July 23, 2016), Guerrero Jr. (August 16, 2019)
Shaun Marcum	2	Morneau (July 23, 2007) – 2 homer game
Denny Neagle	2	Walker (June 28, 1992 and June 30, 1993)
Rick Porcello	2	Martin (May 28, 2016), Guerrero Jr. (May 22, 2019)
Anthony Telford	2	Walker (April 4 and 5, 1997) – back-to-back games
Bob Tewksbury	2	Walker (August 4, 1994) – 2 homer game
Chris Tillman	2	Lawrie (May 24, 2013, April 23, 2014)

Montreal / Toronto Interleague Games

June 15, 2001	Rob Ducey, Expos off Chris Carpenter, Blue Jays, in Montreal
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Footnotes

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