



"You can be the fastest man in Baseball, but not be able to steal a base unless you can analyze the pitcher." --Vince Coleman

Ah, ah, ah. I know what you're thinkin'. Did he go oh for four or oh for five. Well, in all the pop-ups and weak strike-outs, I lost count myself. But seein' as this is an M-100, the most powerful adolescent explosive in the world, and could blow your hand clean off, you've gotta ask yourself, "Am I feelin' lucky?" Well, are ya, punk?

My first thoughts on this incident were,
A) Thank God the kid wasn't blinded!
B) Thank God this jerk wasn't still playing for my beloved Cardinals.

But then I wondered what my stretch would be if I'd tossed a quarter stick of dynamite into a crowd of people who had just paid a portion of my obscenely inflated salary.

Picture the scene. Three of the most notorious malingerers in the game, out of shape greedheads, together in one car after a game; Coleman, Bonilla, and Eric Davis. When it comes to actually working on the fundamentals of the craft that has made them rich, these guys have a work ethic somewhat similar to your twelve year old when you ask him to unload the dishwasher. Their contempt for that girl, the game and you, came together in one perfect moment when they launched their missile and then drove off, laughing.

The outrage is compounded by the absence of any leadership in Baseball, namely a commissioner. This office was created because the owners couldn't police themselves. Now it's not necessary? Not bloody likely! The owners need to elect a commissioner, now, or else just toss the keys to Jerry Reinsdorf and tell him to turn out the lights when he's done. Call me crazy, but I think Colin Powell could use a hobby after he retires.

Vince Coleman is a vicious little twerp who needs to be summarily drummed out of the game of Baseball. A reality check service job at the beach may be prescribed. The Mets as a whole are a gang of thugs out of control, and are an embarrassment to the game. Dallas Green, the "Disciplinarian" apparently had his spine removed before taking this job. The entire situation at Shea Stadium is a P.R. nightmare, and if the powers-that-be think the public is either unaware or uninterested, they are as mistaken as a DH rule.

Vince, you may be the fastest man in Baseball, but you're not gonna steal this one, baby. Because you didn't analyze the pitcher.

Baseball Quiz

1) Yaz hit .301 26 years ago for the AL title, the lowest ever. Who had the lowest average ever for a senior circuit crown?

- A) Sherry Magee
- B) Larry Dole
- C) Chick Hafey
- D) Honus Wagner

2) Who is the only pitcher to yield three homers in one World Series inning?

- A) Dick Hughes
- B) Tim Lollar
- C) Vinegar Bend Mizell
- D) Virgil Trucks

3) He had 100 RBI's at the mid-season break, and still didn't make the All-Star Team. Who was this guy?

- A) Tommy Davis
- B) Roger Maris
- C) Jimmie Foxx
- D) Hank Greenburg

4) Speaking of All-Star Games, Hubbell struck out Ruth, Gehrig, Foxx, Simmons and Cronin in a row. Who broke the streak?

- A) Jimmy Dykes
- B) Earl Averill

- C) Bill Dickey
 - D) Charlie Gehringer
- 5) This player had the most home runs of anyone to win the title with fewer than 100 RBI's
- A) Duke Snider
 - B) Dave Johnson
 - C) Harmon Killebrew
 - D) Rico Petrocelli
- 6) Which of these guys did not get four hits in their first ML game?
- A) Casey Stengel
 - B) Mel Ott
 - C) Willie McCovey
 - D) Kirby Puckett
- 7) The only player to homer in all four divisions in one year
- A) Dick Allen
 - B) Otis Nixon
 - C) Ken Singleton
 - D) Dave Kingman
- 8) Everybody knows Carlton won 27 games with the last place Phillies in 1972. Who collected the most victories with a cellar-dweller in the AL?
- A) Dean Chance
 - B) Eddie Rommel
 - C) Nolan Ryan
 - D) Walter Johnson
- 9) Who was the only speed merchant to lead both leagues in stolen bases?
- A) Red Schoendienst
 - B) Ron Le Flore
 - C) Rock Raines
 - D) Lonnie Smith
- 10) The only catchers to lead their leagues in triples, NL & AL.
- A) Daulton & Ferrell
 - B) McCarver & Fisk
 - C) Grote & Hegan
 - D) Crandall & Tenace
- 11) This man completed the intergration of the majors, the first black to play for the last all white team.
- A) Carlos Paula
 - B) Tom Alston
 - C) Vic Powers
 - D) Pumpsie Green
- 12) Who is the only man who is enshrined in both the Football and Baseball Hall of Fame?
- A) Cal Hubbard
 - B) Jocko Conlan
 - C) Jim Thorpe
 - D) Clark Griffith
- 13) Who were the first NL & AL shortstops to win the MVP Award?
- A) Ernie Banks & Frankie Crosetti
 - B) Pee Wee Reese & Harvey Kuenn
 - C) Leo Durocher & Joe Cronin
 - D) Marty Marion & Lou Boudreau
- 14) Who was the only player to hit for the cycle in both leagues?
- A) Chris Chambliss
 - B) Bob Watson
 - C) Darrell Porter
 - D) Brett Butler
- 15) Which of these guys had two no-hitters?
- A) Sonny Seibert
 - B) Sal Maglie
 - C) Bob Forsh
 - D) Ewell Blackwell

Pete - If you ace this one, I'll buy you dinner.
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