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Next spring will be filled with nostalgia. Ready or not, we will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the opening of what is now known as Progressive Field. Countless details from Jacobs Field's inaugural 1994 season will be remembered, analyzed, and toasted.

Of course, it doesn't hurt that the 1994 team was developing into a pennant contender. We are still familiar with those rosters of the 1990s. We know the players on a first-name basis. Why not? To us, they are family. It matters little whether their skills faded because they were near the end of the line by the time they arrived in Cleveland (a couple of them), or if they came up short of the ultimate goal (all of them), or if they eventually ended up getting signed by a desperate Chicago White Sox franchise (about 9,438 of them, I think).

If next season marks twenty years at The Jake, then that means this year is the twentieth anniversary of the last season at Cleveland Stadium. Make no 'mistake' (yes, that is a pun): I would not want to go back to that old place (at least, not for baseball). But the good memories from the Stadium are countless. 1993 featured the display of some building blocks of the powerhouse teams of the mid to late 90s.

How well do you recall the 1993 Indians roster? We thought it would be fun to test our memory

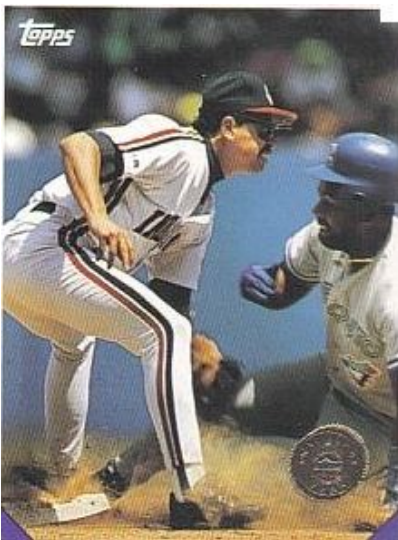
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banks. I'm thinking this may appeal to Tribe fans of all ages. For one thing, even if you are a teenager, you know of those mid-90s teams. For another, the 'questions' here are simply photos of the players- photos snipped from their 1993 baseball cards. Staying as mainstream as possible, we only used cards issued by Topps. So chances are, you guys have these cards in your closet, anyway.

We'll call this quiz "Name That Player". Ready? The answers are at the bottom of this piece. Begin.



1) The photo at the top is your first question. Tragically, he never played in 1993. But every Cleveland Indians fan needs to know his story. [One excellent place to be up to speed with that is here](#)

2) I always think of this player (left) in the same way I think of running back Jim Brown. Jim Brown, and this player. This player, and Jim Brown. But that's only because my mother once met each, and each was very kind to her. But that may not help you.

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This ballplayer would soon be traded. The player received in return played the same position, quickly becoming a building block of the 90's Indians. But the player in this photo was a fine fielder in his own



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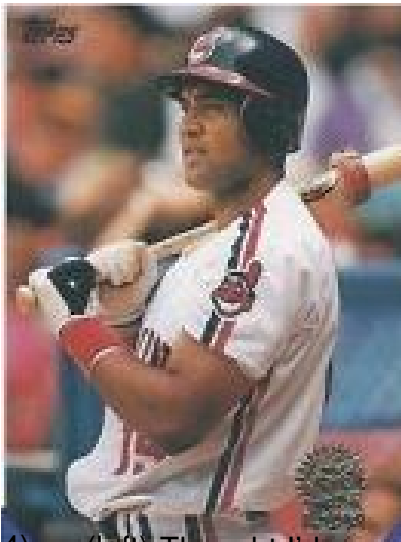
3) This pitcher (right) is someone of whom I have no memory at all. Zero. But, again, you probably have his baseball card so... Yes. Yes, the ruling is in, and we have confirmation that it is a fair question.

Wikipedia says he came up with the Dodgers, then pitched with the Tribe before spending a couple seasons with the Tigers.

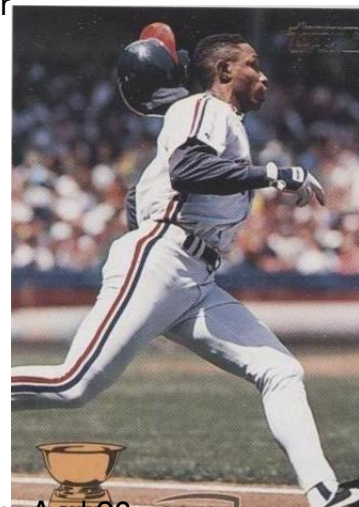
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4) (left) Thought I'd go easy on you for this one. I bet he knows who Number



is above. The only one I've ever seen this guy (right) like three times. And 20 years



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Indians player who was the #2 stretch a bit for. He (right) was the other player the



and this is the only one of the 44 (4) with a background of Tom's Place and the Orioles. You

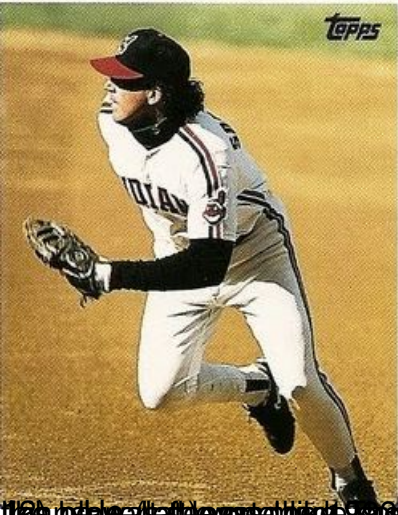
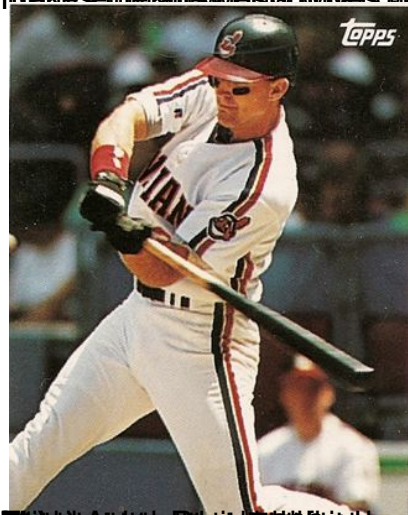
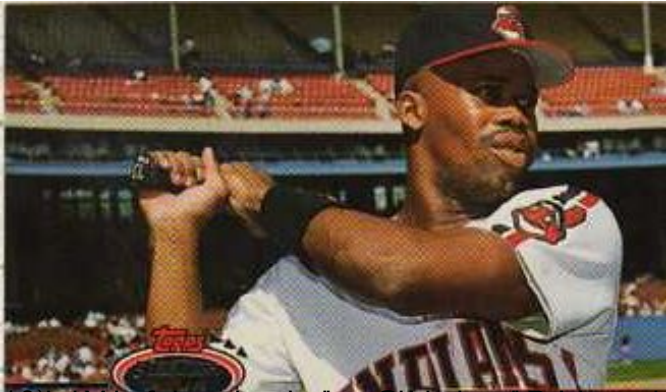


Topps Back to Back (number 571) in the 1993 (you- you know that 571 was his (right) 1993

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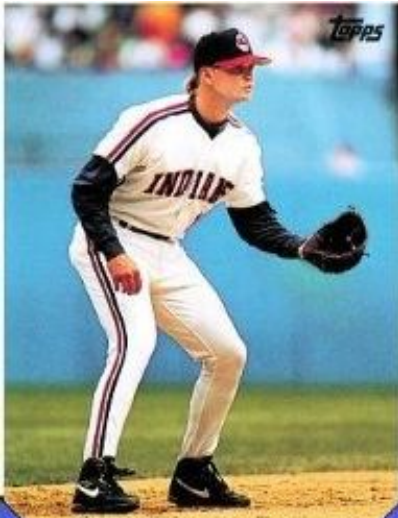
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He'd hit the first grand slam ever at The Lake in May of 1994. He'd also been the first to play in the state of Ohio, this player (right) fizzled. These



the 1997 Marlins briefly reliever (left) as a highly effective Florida Marlin, stifling the Indians in



Same as was on his way to his first hit in 1993. (Right) was pitched for the Atlanta Braves

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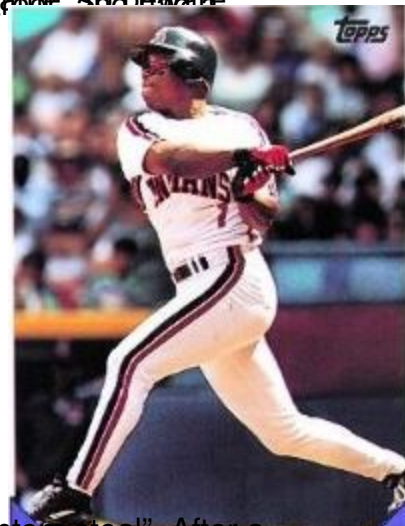
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Not only did he strike out more batters than any other pitcher in the American League in 1993, he was



to win eleven seasons. In 1993, he won the MVP award and was named the American League's Most Valuable Player.

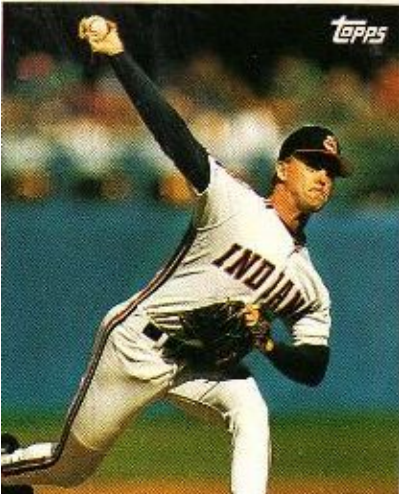


On a very hot day in the field, he juggled the ball and achieved a "phantom steal". After a

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ALL STITCHES IN THE FAB OF THE T-SHIRT THAT HE WORE IN THE 2004 Indians All-Star Game had been



As a result of the 1994 season, the Indians were forced to bring back Olerud. The sale,

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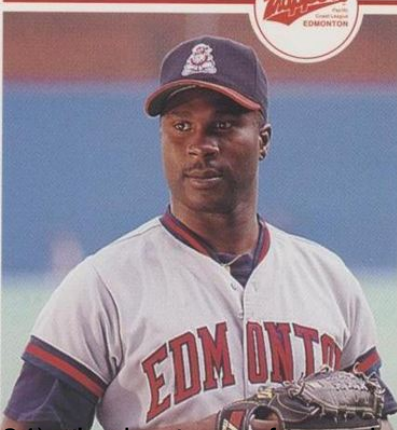
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20) Eric was the catcher (left) who caught the most games for the Indians in 1993. Wore



23) Another catcher (right) who would back up Number 4, above, for several seasons.



24) Steve was a pitcher of tragedy, this 1993 Indians pitcher (left) was killed in November, when his

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250. See if you can identify this player from a name only. Here is a 1992 av



May 5, 1992. The photo shows a game in progress. The batter is swinging the bat. The pitcher is in the middle of his motion. The catcher is crouching behind the batter. The umpire is standing behind the catcher. The fielders are in their positions. The crowd is cheering. The game is being played on a clear day.