



You've been studying the franchise your whole life. You structure your schedule around their daily rhythms, nine months out of every year.

Typical Cleveland Indians trivia questions? They add little to the catalog of knowledge you have cultivated. The top highlights of the team's past are fine for the national media to discover every couple years (as in: ...the Indians won 111 games in 1954 and were swept in four games and Willie Mays made a nice catch...). But you have long moved past such 'low hanging fruit.'

The history of the Indians franchise is rich with stories that are full of texture. Some are humorous, others are poignant, and still others hold intrigue as a sign of their times. The best trivia is rooted in such stories.

Expressed in terms of a radio format, consider your local FM Classic Rock station. You'll hear some nice tunes there- you'd play expert air guitar to Jimi Hendrix, and air drums to Grand Funk Railroad. Same here- and I am familiar enough with those as to not require a "white man's overbite." That's the point, though. We've heard those hits over and over- you may have become half-tired of them when they were first released. That's why many favor a "deep tracks"

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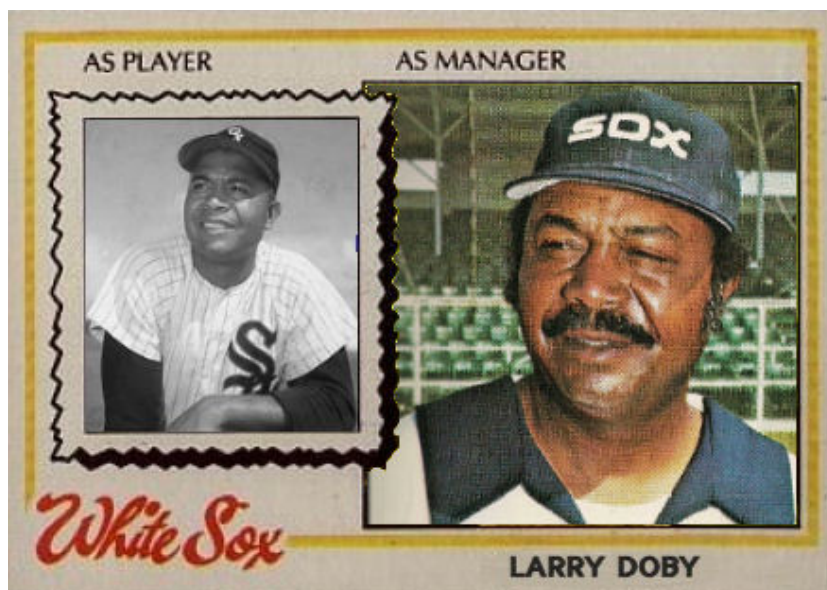
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approach. Those seldom-heard gems - from top-selling and unheralded albums alike – expand their experience and challenge their insight.

With this in mind, take a shot at some “deep tracks” trivia questions. Feel free to share your own thoughts, or to disagree with mine.

1) An Indians manager is generally credited with being the first to tap his arm that corresponded to the throwing arm of the reliever he wanted to enter the game. Before he began this practice, he was known to employ creative signs to communicate to the bullpen. He performed these while walking to the mound.

Mike “The Bear” Garcia rarely pitched out of the pen, but this manager signaled for him by holding his arms out- as if he were fat. Garcia wasn’t exactly fat, but the sign was effective.



The manager signaled for Ray Narleski by drawing an imaginary “N” in the air.

He signaled for Don Mossi by cupping his hands over his ears, mimicking the big-eared Mossi.

Who was this manager?

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2) When Frank Robinson came to the Cleveland Indians in 1974, Larry Doby was a coach on the team. Back in 1947, Doby had been the first black ballplayer in the American League. Tribe owner Bill Veeck hired him as the second black player in the big leagues, after Jackie Robinson.

Doby (the card is not real- it is photoshopped) did not become the first black manager; Frank Robinson did. His first season as Tribe skipper was in 1975. Doby did become the second black big league manager, when the Chicago White Sox hired him. Who was the White Sox owner?

3) More Doby. In the 1950s, the Indians were very good (even better than they had been in the late 1930s). There was no playoff system, and the Yankees were usually better- but not in 1954, when the Tribe won the pennant.

Yogi Berra won the American League MVP Award in 1954. But Doby had very similar stats that season.

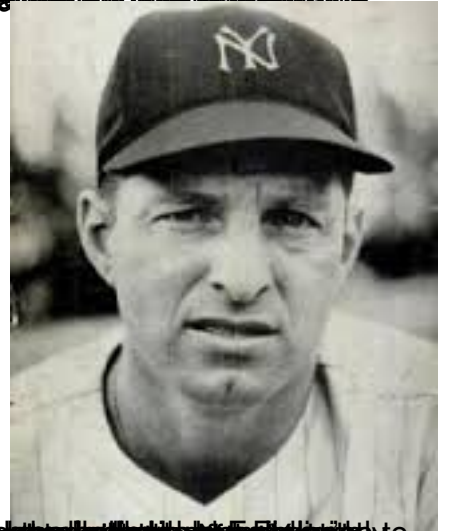
Besides Doby, who on the Indians garnered first place votes in the A.L. MVP award race?

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The 1914 Boston Red Sox team photo. From left to right: pitcher Babe Ruth, first baseman Jimmy Collins, second baseman Fred Clarke, and catcher Harry Sawyer.



Baseball Hall of Famer Fred Clarke, who played for the Boston Red Sox from 1914 to 1920 and then for the Cleveland Indians from 1921 to 1927.



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