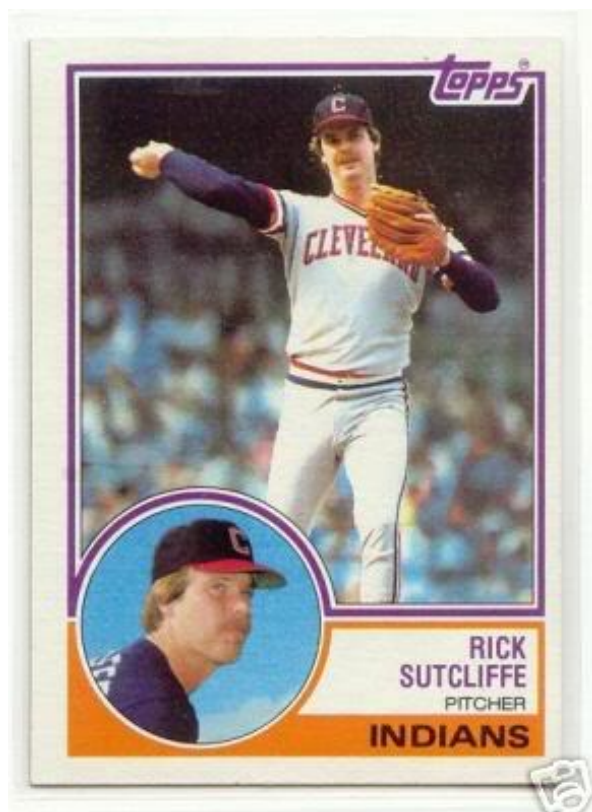


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An ex-big league general manager recently joked about a trade he'd made. He'd given up a lot for an aging star- but hey, he had not originally given up that much for *those* players. So, he rationalized that through the combination of the two trades, he'd made a nice deal. Sure, the entire 'transaction' played out over several years, but so what?

Fans occasionally play these kinds of games with trades. For example, consider Tribe starting pitching prospect Carlos Carrasco. You probably are familiar with the 2009 deadline trade that brought CarCar to Cleveland: he, Jason Knapp, Jason Donald and Lou Marson were acquired for Cy Young winner Cliff Lee and outfielder Ben Francisco.

How did Lee join the Indians in the first place? You'll likely also recall the June, 2002 trade that sent front-of-the-rotation starter Bartolo Colon to the Montreal Expos. The sports talk shows exploded with reaction: the Tribe just quit! Colon was necessary for a playoff run, and they traded him for "Lee Stevens and three minor leaguers"! Of course, the haul included Grady Sizemore, Brandon Phillips, and Cliff Lee.

So, spanning 2002 to 2009, an oversimplified – but fun – generalization is that the Cleveland Indians traded "Bart" (as manager Mike Hargrove referred to him) for Carrasco.

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Trades that can be linked in such a manner typically feature good players. Players who don't amount to much get released. They typically don't get acquired by other teams via trades.

So it seems fair to test our memories of similarly linked trades from the past. In full disclosure, I would not have remembered many of these deals. But you might, and they are fun to consider.

Let's try this. I will only go back a couple generations. I'll name a player as a starting point, and another player as an ending point. You'll be familiar with many of the trades they were a part of. I'll also note when the linked trades were made (these can be clues) . See if you can recall the trades.



1) Catcher Eddie Taubensee; Pitcher Corey Kluber.

Deals:

- December, 1991 (so, you know Taubensee was a part of this trade)
- Spring training, 1997 (at least one player in the 1991 trade was dealt here)

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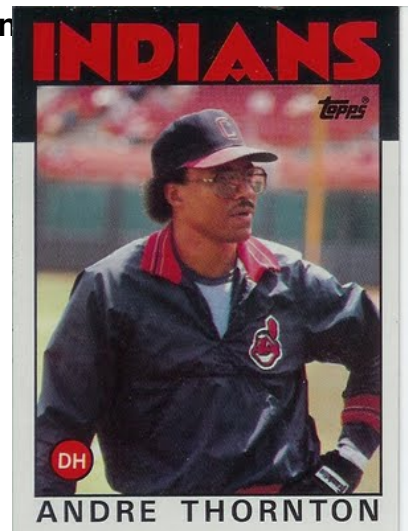
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- Late June, 2000 (at least one player acquired in the 1997 trade was dealt here)
  
- Late July, 2010 (so, you know Kluber was a part of this trade)

2)     **Pitcher Sam McDowell; Outfielder Andre Thornton**



Deals:

- November, 1971
  
- June, 1975
  
- December, 1976

3)     **First Baseman Russell Bryan; Pitcher Trevor Bauer.**

Deals:

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- June, 2002
- July, 2006
- December, 2012



4)     **Second Baseman Jack Brohamer (right); Third Baseman Brook Jacoby.**

Deals:

- December, 1975
- October, 1978
- August, 1983

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### 5) **Second Baseman/DH/Outfielder Jorge Orta; Third Baseman Travis Fryman.**

I am showing one of the trades, since this one is pretty awesomely stretched out over time. If you think about the dates of the deals before and after, you may be able to connect the dots pretty well.

Deals:

- December, 1981
  
- June, 1984
  
- December, 1989 *OF Joe Carter was traded by the Tribe to the San Diego Padres, for top C prospect Sandy Alomar, Jr, fellow 2B prospect Carlos Baerga, and OF Chris James (SMU star RB and Eric Dickerson teammate Craig James' brother).*
  
- July, 1996
  
- November, 1996
  
- December, 1997

### 6) **Outfielder/DH/Third Baseman Von Hayes; Outfielder Dion James**

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Deals:

- 1983



- December, 1988

- July, 1989

### 7) **Outfielder Milton Bradley; Relief Pitcher Joe Smith**

Deals:

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- December, 2008

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### 8) **Catcher Max Alvis; Pitcher Pat Dobson**

(Here is a clue: it will help a lot if you are familiar with how the Indians acquired and dealt away Oscar Gamble.)

Deals:

- 1970
  
- December, 1971
  
- November, 1972
  
- November, 1975

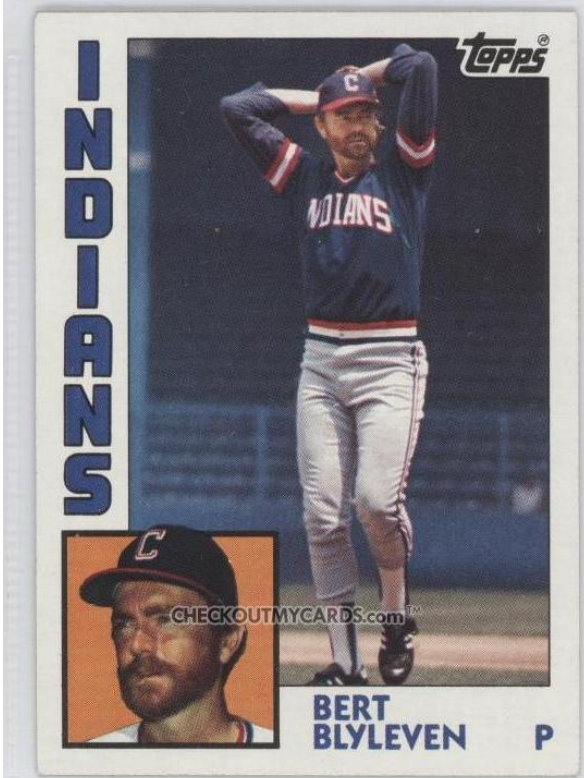
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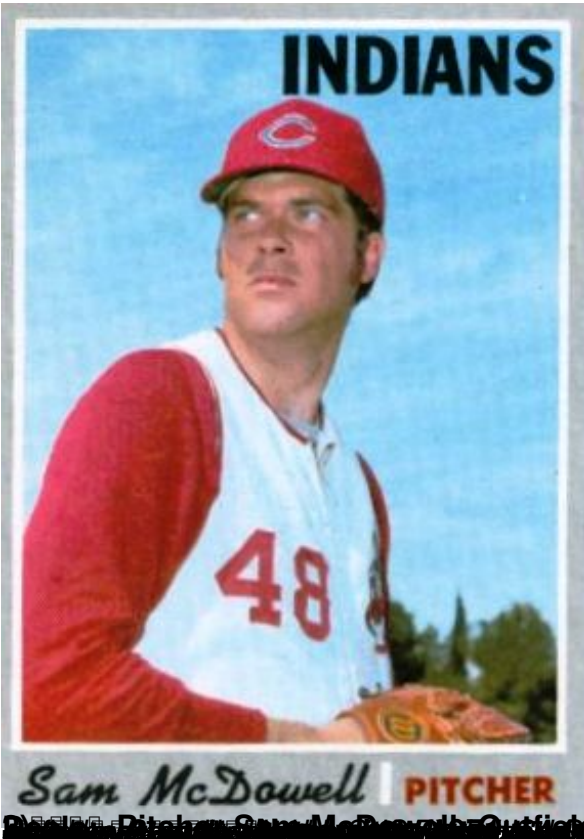
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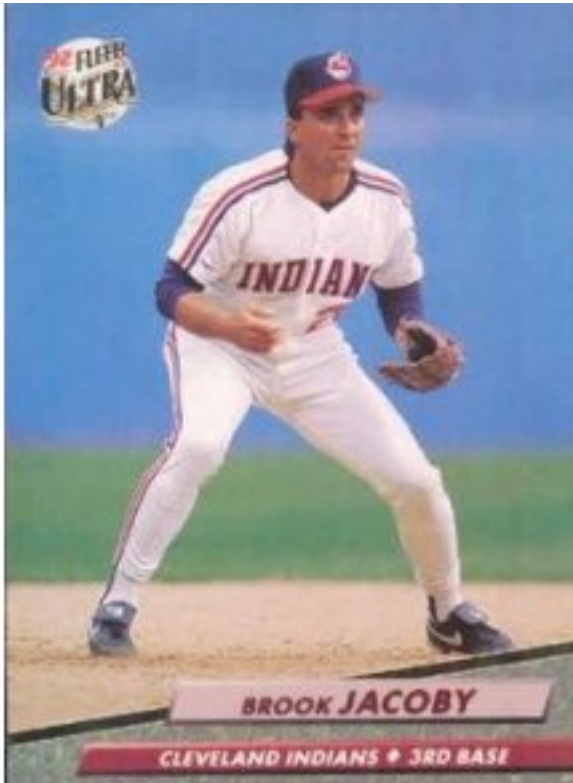


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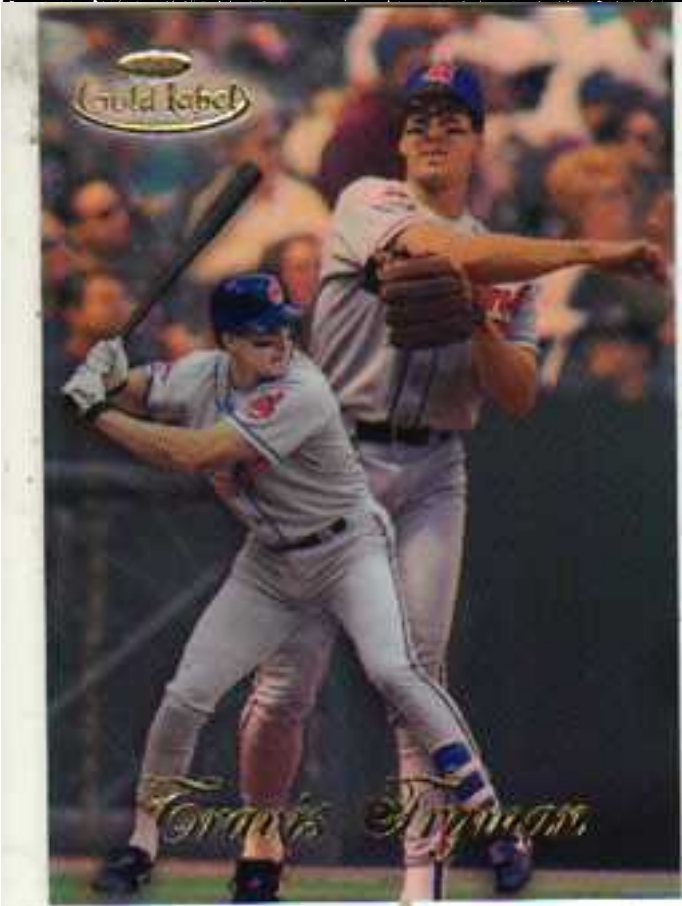
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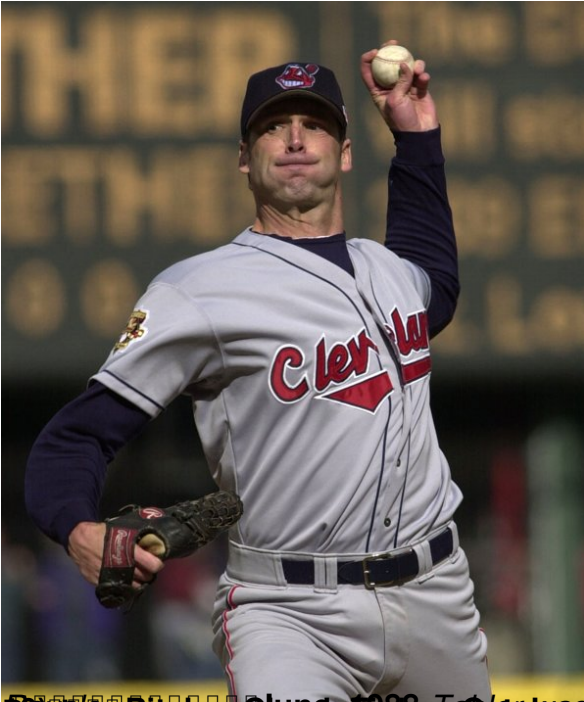


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