



Behold! It's the third installment of TCF's countdown of the Top 100 Names in Cleveland Sports History. Today, we move along down the list to players #50-26, as we continue to mine for the rhythmical, the rhymey, and the ridiculous from over a century's worth of Cavs, Indians, and Browns rosters. Here in Part 3, the 1970s make their presence felt, arboreal stereotypes are discussed, and names that sound like funny body parts are celebrated with only minimal shame.

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#50 – Campy Russell

Forward, Cleveland Cavaliers, 1974-1980, 1984

The Cavaliers' Miracle of Richfield team has an impressive four representatives in our Top 50, starting here with the sleepy-eyed forward out of Michigan, Campy Russell (birthname: Michael Campanella Russell). Also known as "Mr. Moves," Campy put together six fine seasons in the wine and gold, including a 22 PPG, 7 RPG, 5 AST 1978-79 campaign.

#49 – Candy LaChance

First Baseman, Cleveland Blues, 1901

In the inaugural season of the Cleveland Indians franchise (then known as the Blues), their most feared hitter was a dapper, mustachioed gentleman named Candy... such were the times. Silly name or not, LaChance was a rare switch-hitting first baseman who played 12 years of Big League ball-- mostly in Brooklyn-- and hit .280 for his career.

Honorable Mention: **Candy Maldonado**, *Outfielder, Cleveland Indians, 1990, 1993-1994*

In 1990, almost a century after Candy LaChance's lone season in Cleveland, the Indians' most feared hitter was a "Candy" once more—only this time he was a chubby-cheeked journeyman from Puerto Rico. Such were the times.

#48 – Mason Unck

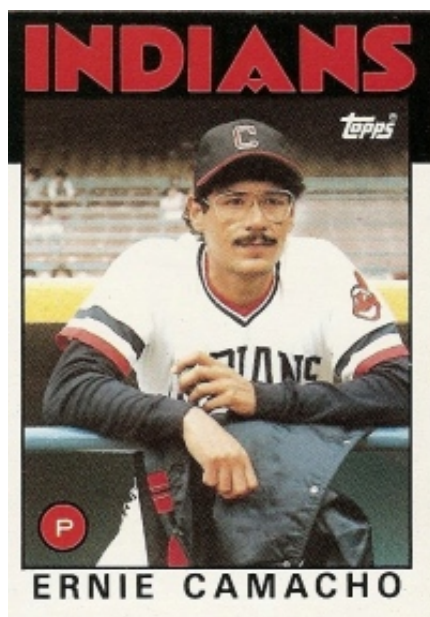
Linebacker, Cleveland Browns, 2003-2006

A career special teamer, this Arizona State grad likely could have maintained his anonymity forever had it not been for the way our ears instinctively perked up whenever an announcer (probably Ian Eagle) said—somewhat bemusedly—“tackle made by... Unck.” Granted, this was something that only happened a handful of times in four years.

#47 – Bunk Congalton

Rightfielder, Cleveland Naps, 1905-1907

From Unck to Bunk, here's another one of those too-good-to-be-true entries from Nap Lajoie's "Murderer's Row of Silly Monikers." Back in 1906, the Canadian-born Congalton finished second on the club to only Lajoie himself with a .320 average, but the Naps sold him to Boston the next year for a dozen tobacco tins—or whatever teams sold players for in 1907.



#46 – Ernie Camacho

Relief Pitcher, Cleveland Indians, 1983-1987

Though his middle name at birth was Carlos, he'd become better known to the Cleveland faithful as Ernie "Macho" Camacho—the Tribe's makeshift closer for a couple seasons in the mid '80s. With just 44 career saves, Ernie's popularity is hard to explain with numbers or rational thought. Maybe it was the glasses, or the '80s porn stache... but it's probably the name. Honorable Mention: **Bert Blyleven**, *SP, Cleveland Indians, 1981-85*

Who can forget the glory days in 1984 when Bert and Ernie would combine for a Tribe win?

#45 – Tree Rollins

Center, Cleveland Cavaliers, 1988-1990

Trees are tall. Well, unless we're talking about saplings. Or bonsais, I guess. But when they started calling Wayne Rollins "Tree," it's safe to assume it had something to do with him being 7'1". I cannot verify this, however. It's possible that he actually breathed carbon dioxide or shed acorns. He was a bench player. We didn't know him that well.

#44 – Chico Salmon

Utility, Cleveland Indians, 1964-1968

Born in Panama as Ruthford Eduardo Salmon, "Chico" wound up as one of a slew of snappy-named Tribesmen in the mid '60s, playing just about every position on the diamond for Birdie Tebbetts' good but never good enough ballclub. Salmon hit .307 as a rookie in 1964, but never topped .256 in his subsequent four years in Cleveland.

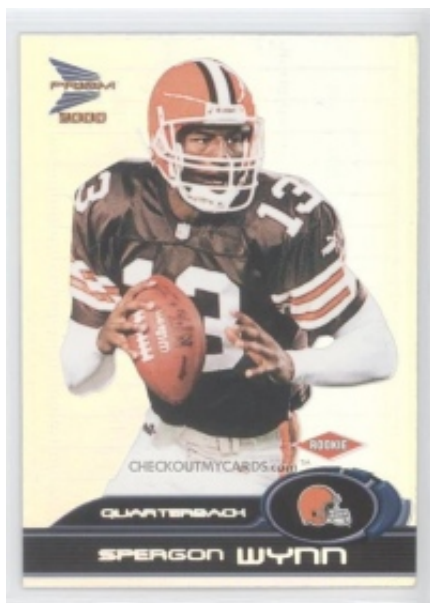
#43 – Early Wynn

Starting Pitcher, Cleveland Indians, 1949-1957, 1963

With 164 of his 300 career wins coming in Cleveland (including #300 as a scrap heap geezer in 1963), Early Wynn makes most lists of all-time Indian greats. He makes our list, however, for having a name so well suited to his work— particularly on days in which he'd triumph in the first game of a doubleheader. ...Just think about it for a second.

Honorable Mention: **Herb Score**, *SP, Cleveland Indians, 1955-1959*

In the same rotation as Early Wynn was another name picked right out of an unwritten baseball comic strip—Herb Score; deemed usable only because Joe Strikeout was a bit of a stretch.



#42 – Spurgeon Wynn

Quarterback, Cleveland Browns, 2000

So, if an “early wynn” is synonymous with victory, what exactly would a “spergon wynn” be? As it turns out, he would be a crappy quarterback. It’s harder to say what’s sadder about Spergon Wynn’s brief time in Cleveland—his 22-54 (41%) completion percentage and zero touchdowns, or the fact that many fans were still clamoring for him to unseat Tim Couch.

#41 – Satchel Paige

Pitcher, Cleveland Indians, 1948-1949

What’s left to be said about arguably the greatest pitcher of all-time? Nothing really. But what a cool name, right?

#40 – Butch Beard

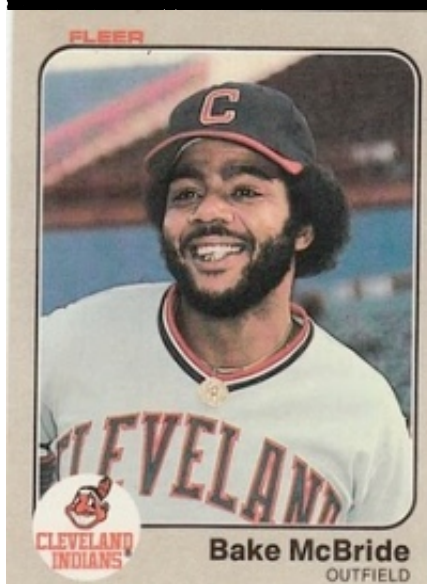
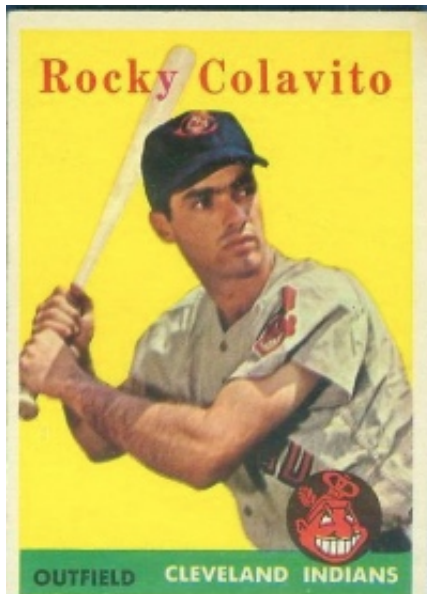
Guard, Cleveland Cavaliers, 1971-72, 1975

As Bruce Willis explained in *Pulp Fiction*, the name “Butch” is American and thus, “doesn’t mean anything.” Combined with the English word for masculine face fuzz, however, “Butch Beard” is not merely a well-traveled, mediocre NBA player, but a major accomplishment in macho name history, as well-- topped perhaps only by former New York Met outfielder Butch Huskey.

#39 – "Super" Joe Charboneau

Leftfielder, Cleveland Indians, 1980-1982

He had everything you could ask of a baseball folk hero: a name with perfect rhythmical assonance, a boatload of charisma, and a self-perpetuated mythology involving DIY dentistry and bottle-opening eye sockets. All “Super” Joe Charboneau was missing was his health, as his Rookie-of-the-Year coming out party also proved to be his final bow.





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