



They say the name on the front of the jersey should matter more than the one on the back. But they say a lot of things, don't they? And they're quite often wrong. So how about we just ignore them and celebrate the 25 Greatest Names in Cleveland Sports History, instead?

Yes, we're finally down to the final chapter, the grand finale, the best of the best. It's time to reveal the 25 pro athletes who signed their unforgettable signatures into the hearts of Cleveland fans forever. Some of them were Hall of Famers, some of them were scrubs, and one of them hasn't even suited up yet. But all of them are mighty fun to namedrop.

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#### FINAL FACTOIDS ABOUT THE TOP 100

**Positions:** Out of the top 100 names, the majority were pitchers (19), outfielders (18), wide receivers (8) or NBA guards (8).

**Eras:** The most represented decades in the list were the 2000s (20), 1970s (19), 1990s (15), 1980s (13), and 1950s (7).

**Home States:** The leading name-producing states were New York (9), California (8), Texas (8), Florida (8), Georgia (7), and Ohio (6). 14 players were born outside the U.S.

**Birthname vs Nickname:** Somewhat surprisingly, 64 of the top 100 names were the player's original birth names.

**Hall of Famers:** 10 members of the Top 100 are also in their sport's respective Hall of Fames. And now... The Top 25!





