
BABE RUTH'S MITT (META)--SOLUTION



This logic problem is deliberately written to be unsolvable without the feeder answers of the round—even if all of the clues are followed, there will be ambiguities impossible to clarify. The trick lies in the phrase “so routine it borders on comedy”—the four answers to each feeder puzzle correspond to positions in Bud Abbott and Lou Costello’s famous “Who’s On First” routine! Teen Titans solvers receive the extra clue of a coach listing of “B.A. and L.C. of the Susquehanna Hat Company” (another Abbott and Costello routine). Matching the answers to “Who’s on First” will allow solvers to place the relevant athletes (who play the same sport as the Relic creator) into their positions:

Bobby Orr’s Skates/Mariusz Czerkawski, Hockey: *SAMANTHA WHO?* 1st Base
Aly Raisman’s Leotard/Alicia Sacramone, Gymnastics: *WHAT ABOUT BOB*, 2nd Base
Bill Russell’s Jersey/Nate Archibald, Basketball: *I DON’T KNOW HOW TO LOVE HIM*, 3rd Base

Tom Brady’s Helmet/Adam Vinatieri, Football: *TOMORROW NEVER DIES*, Pitcher
(If you’re curious: the other players in the routine, though not relevant to this puzzle, are Today the Catcher, I Don’t Give A Darn the Shortstop, Why the Left Fielder, and Because the Center Fielder; the Right Fielder is never named in the original bit, although an official board game gave them the name Nobody).

With these four players in place, we can solve the logic problem!

Let’s begin by figuring out who played what position. The entire infield is spoken for except Peres Jepchirchir the Marathoner and Lisbeth Slamintoher the Roller Derby Player (Clue 8). Clue 10 indicates that the Catcher’s sport “requires a helmet”, meaning that Slamintoher is in that position; Jepchirchir, by process of elimination, is Shortstop.

The only remaining athlete whose sport requires a ball is Stéphanie Mugneret-Béghé the Soccer Player; she plays for the Foggy Brume Appreciation Club and is somewhere in the outfield (Clue 6). We also know that Simon Carapella, the Ultimate Frisbee Player, was in Left Field and hit a double (Clue 10). By process of elimination, Amy Westenfeld must be the remaining outfielder, and since we know she hit a triple (Clue 12), Mugneret-Béghé must have hit a single (Clue 5).

Clues 7 and 10 tell us that Jepchirchir and Carapella were the people playing for the two three-word charities: the Extraction Education Program and the Jigsaw Peace Corps. Clue 7 also indicates that the sport of the athlete who played for the EEP’s can be “won without teammates”; since Ultimate Frisbee is a team sport, Jepchirchir played for the EEP and Carapella for the JPC. These clues also confirm that Jepchirchir must be the

lone home run hitter (Clue 3), since she as Shortstop batted fourth and Clue 11 indicates that of the first four batters, only someone playing for a four-word charity's hit type didn't match their position in the batting order. Building on this clue chain, we know that Czerkowski, who batted first, must be the athlete whose hit type did not match their batting order placement mentioned in Clue 11, since all three singles happened *after* the home run. This in turn confirms that Slamintoher, who batted second, got a double, and the Center Fielder, who batted third, got a triple; the Center Fielder must thus be Westenfeld (Clues 5 and 12), and Mugneret-Béghé is thus in Right Field.

We can now focus a little more on the charities each athlete played for. We know Czerkowski played for a four-word charity (Clue 11); pairing that information with Clue 8 confirms that he played for the BAPHLBall Hall of Fame, meaning that Slamintoher played for the Elect Puzzle Constructors Reform Society. We know that Jepchirchir played for the Extraction Education Program, and furthermore that she batted fourth; since Nate Archibald batted fifth, and basketball is a team sport, the Heavy Meta-I Support Group player (whose "sport can be won without teammates" and who "batted back to back" with the EEP player per Clue 7) must be Westenfeld. We also know, thanks to Clue 9, that the first two singles were hit consecutively by the athletes playing for the Caesar Stick Shift Squad and the Foggy Brume Appreciation Club in that order; since we've determined that Mugneret-Béghé played for the FBAC and batted seventh, this means that Adam Vinatieri, who pitched and batted sixth, played for the CSSS and also got a single.

Since we now know that the first two singles were batted sixth and seventh, that means the player in the fifth position—Nate Archibald—did *not* hit a single; we also know that Carapella hit a double (Clue 10), meaning that the only player who could have hit the final single was Alicia Sacramone on Second Base. We can combine that fact with Clue 4 to confirm that Archibald got a triple, since he's the only "base-playing athlete" left: we know Czerkowski didn't hit a single because he batted before Jepchirchir's home run, we know that Sacramone must have hit a single, and we know that Slamintoher hit a double. This also confirms, via Clue 4, that Archibald played for the Informal Logic Problem Solvers, and by process of elimination, Sacramone played for the Sudoku Bizarre Variant Foundation.

All that remains now is hammering out the last hit! We know there aren't any more singles and home runs, and we've confirmed that there are at least two triples—hit by Archibald and Westenfeld—and two doubles—hit by Carapella and Slamintoher. The final hit thus can't be a triple, as that would make three triples and two doubles, which contradicts Clue 3. Therefore, Czerawski—the only person whose hit type we don't yet know—must have hit a double to satisfy the conditions of Clues 3 and 11. We've now completed the logic problem and can fill in Quarfy's Scorecard!

QUARFY'S SCORECARD!

Player Name (Last)	Batted	Position	Hit A...	Playing For...
Czerawski	1st	1B	Double	BAPHLBall Hall of Fame
Slamintoher	2nd	Catcher	Double	Elect Puzzle Constructors Reform Society
Westenfeld	3rd	CF	Triple	Heavy Meta-I Support Group
Jepchirchir	4th	Shortstop	Home Run	Extraction Education Program
Archibald	5th	3B	Triple	Informal Logic Problem Solvers
Vinatieri	6th	Pitcher	Single	Caesar Stick Shift Squad
Mugneret-Béghé	7th	RF	Single	Foggy Brume Appreciation Club
Carapella	8th	LF	Double	Jigsaw Peace Corps
Sacramone	9th	2B	Single	Sudoku Bizarre Variant Foundation

Now that the scorecard's filled in, it's time to extract our answer! The scorecard itself--and specifically its columns--provide a clue: use the batting order as an index into each player's last name, and the type of hit they achieved as an index into their charity.

Czerawski (1)/BAPHLBall Hall of Fame (2): CA
Slamintoher (2)/Elect Puzzle Constructors Reform Society (2): LL
Westenfeld (3)/Heavy Metal-I Support Group (3): SA
Jepchirchir (4)/Extraction Education Program (4): CR
Archibald (5)/Informal Logic Problem Solvers (3): IF
Vinatieri (6)/Caesar Stick Shift Squad (1): IC
Mugneret-Béghé (7)/Foggy Brume Appreciation Club (1): EF
Carapella (8)/Jigsaw Peace Corps (2): LI
Sacramone (9)/Sudoku Bizarre Variant Foundation (ES)

Read "call" as an instruction to "call in" your solution, and you'll have the answer to this meta at last: **SACRIFICE FLIES!**