

Let's Remember Some Guys IV: Patriot Day Edition

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1. In the “big rink in the sky,” the “good lord” is “between the pipes” and this guy and Mark Bavis are “on the wing,” according to the Dropkick Murphys’ “Your Spirit’s Alive.” This guy shares his nickname and surname with a 1920s-1930s hall of famer who retired after fracturing his skull in a fight and was the first-ever athlete to have his number retired. He is probably the only NHL guy to be memorialized on Denis Leary’s shirt in two episodes of *Rescue Me*. Via his surname, he is the namesake of the lion mascot of the L.A. Kings. For 10 points, remember this guy, a 2-time Bruins Stanley Cup winner who died when Flight 175 hit the World Trade Center, nicknamed “Ace”?
ANSWER: Ace **Bailey** [or Garnet Edwards **Bailey**]

2. In this guy’s best season, he had a 79 OPS+, became the sixth man to start 10+ games at DH, catcher, and right field, and battled rookie Bengie Molina for playing time on the 1999 Angels. Five years before Scott Cousins flattened Buster Posey, this guy was catching for the Giants when his career basically ended after rookie Prince Fielder steamrolled him at the plate. This bald and pudgy white guy was wearing an FDNY Squad 41 hat when he caught a pitch thrown by a man whom Derek Jeter had just warned “don’t bounce it.” For 10 points, remember this guy, a backup catcher who was on the Yankees when he caught George W. Bush’s post-9/11 World Series first pitch?
ANSWER: Todd **Greene** [or Todd Anthony **Greene**]

3. This guy was introduced between naval storekeeper Sonia Gaddy and Army sergeant Karl Pendergass at a post-9/11 opener. On the same night that George W. Bush threw out a 2001 World Series first pitch, Bush recorded a pregame message for a game at Madison Square Garden that ended when a Christian Laettner steal led to this guy clanging a last-second open three that would have tied the game at 93. On NBC News, the top story on the morning of 9/11, which the attacks supplanted, was this guy’s intent to sign a two-year veteran-minimum deal. For 10 points, remember this guy, a shooting guard who holds several franchise records for players over 40 on the Wizards?
ANSWER: Michael **Jordan** [or Michael Jeffrey **Jordan**; accept **M.J.**]

4. This guy rejected “comparisons between his contributions” and the “true valor and heroism of the responders,” but he agreed to be pictured in full uniform wearing FDNY and NYPD hats for two “giant Polaroids” in the style of Joe McNally’s “Faces of Ground Zero” series. This guy called a team meeting that resulted in a unanimous vote not to fly to Oakland to play the Raiders, which was a major factor in the NFL’s decision to cancel the games after 9/11. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s halftime quip that the “Dolphins have to be terminated” presaged this QB’s 23-point comeback in the “Monday Night Miracle.” For 10 points, remember this guy, an Italian-American Jets quarterback?
ANSWER: Vinny **Testaverde** [or Vincent Frank **Testaverde** Sr.]

5. This guy and Ike Diogu are the only recent NBA players with significant career minutes to be born on September 11. In a 2011 Bucks/Kings/Bobcats 5-player trade that should be iconic in the guys universe, this guy is the remaining traded player who wasn’t a 2011 draft pick and isn’t Stephen Jackson, Corey Maggette, Beno Udrih, or John Salmons. His 20 points on 8-for-10 shooting in a 104-89 Game 1 win made him the only bench player to lead either team in points in a 2016 NBA Finals game, which he did on the strength of his pull-up game. For 10 points, remember this guy who helped the Warriors to three titles after supremely fucking up his knee with the Clippers?
ANSWER: Shaun **Livingston** [or Shaun Patrick **Livingston**]

6. This guy and Russ Davis went to Seattle in the trade that brought Jeff Nelson and Tino Martinez to the Yankees. This guy, whose only career superlative was leading the NL in wild pitches in 1999, went absolutely insane in the prior year’s playoffs, with a 1.23 ERA and 32 strikeouts in 22 innings across 4 starts. In this guy’s second stint with the Yankees, games canceled after 9/11 meant that his shutout 12th inning in Game 5 of the 2001 World Series gave him MLB’s first-ever November win. This guy, and not Kevin Brown or Andy Ashby, was MVP of the 1998 NLCS for the Padres. For 10 points, remember this guy, the all-time MLB leader in wins among players named “Sterling”?
ANSWER: Sterling **Hitchcock** [or Sterling Alex **Hitchcock**]

7. Two days after 9/11, reports surfaced that this guy, then 18 years old, would have been on the World Trade Center observation deck that morning had he not left his camera in his hotel room during a run. In his last major pre-9/11 competition, which was in Fukuoka, this guy won a record six gold medals. This guy was accused by German coach Manfred Thiesmann of using steroids prior to a competition at which he set three world records in freestyle. He won three golds and two silvers at that international competition held in his hometown, the 2000 Sydney Olympics. For 10 points, remember this guy, a decorated Olympic swimmer from Australia whose nickname references a torpedo?
ANSWER: Ian **Thorpe** [or Ian James **Thorpe**; accept **Thorpedo**]

8. In a 2008 incident that sadly appears to have had no effect on the film *Uncut Gems*, this guy was arrested for punching the boyfriend of a woman he allegedly accosted at the Mohegan Sun casino. Because the 2001 NFL season was pushed back a week by 9/11, this guy had the first non-special-teams tackle in a February Super Bowl, a stop on Torry Holt. In that same game, a Willie McGinist hold negated a fourth-quarter 97-yard scoop and score for this Patriots guy whose Chris Berman nickname included the word “lucky.” For 10 points, remember this guy, a Patriots safety who played opposite Lawyer Milloy, and whose first name sort of sounds like “Kentucky”?
ANSWER: Tebucky **Jones** [or Tebucky Shermain **Jones**]

9. In 2011, John Thompson thanked this guy’s assistant, Danny Schwartz, for making a serendipitous schedule change that resulted in Thompson not being on Flight 77 when it hit the Pentagon. Right after a scene at the KTLA5 newsdesk, this guy makes a disgusted face in his cameo in Blink-182’s “What’s My Age Again” video. An enraged David Stern left “to go call someone important like Stephen A. Smith” after this guy accused Stern of rigging the draft lottery. On *Talk2*, this guy started a scuffle with his insistence at using the name “Chris” for his guest Jim Everett. For 10 points, remember this guy, a host who, according to his 2000s ESPN show title, “is burning”?
ANSWER: Jim **Rome** [or James Phillip **Rome**; accept *Jim Rome Is Burning*]

10. Fox Sports reported that this guy was staying at the Millennium Hilton directly across from the WTC on 9/11 and, after seeing both planes hit, escaped by running down 50 flights of stairs in his underwear and commandeering an occupied taxi. He and Antonio Langham were the only two guys to play on the original and expansion Browns. After a historically bad 2018 combine, this guy’s son of the same name has made two Pro Bowls and was traded to the Chiefs in 2021. After a play that took 3 years off his career, this guy nicknamed “Zeus” was ejected for shoving Jeff Triplette. For 10 points, remember this guy, a right tackle who, in 1999, was nearly blinded by a penalty flag?
ANSWER: Orlando **Brown** [or Orlando Claude **Brown** Sr.]

11. On 9/11, this former Cantor Fitzgerald broker was commuting through the World Trade Center on his way to his job at Thomson Reuters when he was forced to escape falling debris. This guy’s first wife, a college volleyball player who had the surname Mountain, died of sepsis at age 29. After failing to make the Celtics’ roster following a college career in which he scored the most points in Boston Terriers history, he played for the SEABL’s Bulleen Boomers in the early 1990s. Via his first wife, Elizabeth, two of his kids are eligible to be enrolled in the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. For 10 points, remember this guy who was playing in Australia when his NBA-star son was born?
ANSWER: Drederick **Irving** [or Drederick Rubin **Irving**]

12. This guy struck out looking on a Steve Karsay curveball during an at bat slightly delayed by a curtain call for the previous batter. This guy, on deck as the cleanup hitter, greeted Mike Piazza at the plate after Piazza’s famous post-9/11 home run. In 1999, after this guy’s most notable career hit, Todd Pratt hoisted him in the air once he rounded first. This guy and John Olerud played the corners in what an *SI* cover called the “best infield ever?” He hit a “grand slam single” in the 1999 NLCS and lost a 1993 fight to a pitcher 20 years his senior. For 10 points, remember this guy, a really good White Sox third baseman who rushed the mound and got pummeled by Nolan Ryan?
ANSWER: Robin **Ventura** [or Robin Mark **Ventura**]

13. In a 2011 opener on the ten-year anniversary of 9/11, the game became tied at 24 when this guy blocked a Matt McBriar punt that Isaiah Trufant returned for a TD. In 2011 and 2012, this guy's efforts extended his team's NFL record to 10 and 11 straight years with a kickoff return TD. This guy, who took snaps at corner in 2012 after Darrelle Revis's ACL tear, was the victim of an initially uncharged crime whose 10-2 guilty verdict was vacated by a 2020 Supreme Court case. He was playing for Edmonton when he was assaulted in Terrytown, Louisiana after leaving his car. For 10 points, remember this Jets rusher out of USC who was shot dead in a purported road rage crime in 2016?
ANSWER: Joe **McKnight** [or Joseph Nathan **McKnight** Jr.]

14. In one of the Champions League matches that took place within hours of the 9/11 attacks, this Englishman was red carded for a 12th-minute penalty that allowed debutantes Mallorca to beat his heavily favored team. In 2001, this guy had not yet transferred in a deal that sent William Gallas the other way, and thus was *not* present when his future backline mate wagged his dick at stranded Americans watching CNN at a Holiday Inn bar near Heathrow about 11 hours after the 9/11 attacks. He was a regular on Arsenal's "Invincibles" and, after transferring to a crosstown rival, he won the 2012 Champions League final. For 10 points, remember this guy, a very good Chelsea left back?
ANSWER: Ashley **Cole**

15. This guy claimed that "the Illuminati are taunting us" in response to the question "have you seen the new Taco Bell commercial?" in a conversation in which he stated that, while he doesn't think "9/11 was an inside job," he found *Loose Change* to be "thought-provoking." Arian Foster and Barstool's PFT Commenter explore "cover ups, conspiracies, and cryptids" on *Macro dosing*, a show on this guy's ThreeFourTwo network. This guy's company also puts out Duncan Robinson's *The Long Shot* and a show this guy hosts with Tommy Alter that is basically the same as his old *Ringer* show. For 10 points, remember this guy, a podcasting maven and former Clippers shooting guard?
ANSWER: J. J. **Redick** [or Jonathan Clay **Redick**]

16. This guy gave up a 2011 walk-off to Ronny Paulino, leading the *Hardball Times* to note the purported "irony" of the Mets getting a "game-winning hit by a catcher whose last name begins with a 'P'" in both their first game after 9/11 and on the night bin Laden was killed. This guy, whose wife is a 3-time *Survivor* contestant, has a long wiki page that describes his early 2010s duels for 5th starter slots with Vance Worley and Joe Blanton. In 2008, Brett Myers conspired with everyone at Phillies spring training to convince this guy he'd been traded to Japan. For 10 points, remember this guy, a sinkerballer who only averaged 4.9 whiffs per 9 despite having the initials "K.K."?
ANSWER: Kyle **Kendrick** [or Kyle Rodney **Kendrick**]

17. This guy claimed he had a "hard time believing a plane could take a skyscraper down demolition style," and tweeted "amazing how people can HATE a man they have never even heard speak; we've only heard one side," after Osama bin Laden was killed. In his first NFL start, his game and rookie season ended abruptly when Ray Lewis broke his shoulder. In this guy's only Super Bowl, his lost fumble on the first play of the fourth quarter set up a Greg Jennings TD. This guy, who wrote three episodes of HBO's *Ballers*, broke out after injuries to Willie Parker. For 10 points, remember this guy, a back out of Illinois who had 1,000-yard seasons in 2009 and 2010 for the Steelers?
ANSWER: Rashard **Mendenhall** [or Rashard Jamal **Mendenhall**]

18. As Jim Rome was to John Thompson, Thompson was to Ed Cooley and this rival assistant guy, who both missed Flight 175 after Brandon Bowman committed to Georgetown based on a chance meeting with Thompson. This guy emailed *PTI* claiming if our leaders were "like [Bob] McKillop," we "could have gotten the CIA and FBI to talk" and "prevented the 9/11 tragedy," after a 78-48 loss to Davidson in which his players double teamed Steph Curry and held him to 0 points. In 2017, he walked an imaginary handshake line after a contentious win over Rider while coaching a MAAC school. For 10 points, remember this former Maryland assistant who coached Loyola and Siena?
ANSWER: Jimmy **Patsos** [or James John **Patsos**]

19. This guy's two clutch homers to extend the Rock Cats' run in the 2001 Eastern League playoffs prevented teammate Brad Thomas from boarding Flight 11. In both 2004 and 2005, he hit exactly .263 with 12 homers. In his last game, he went 0/3 with 3 strikeouts and was pulled for Kirk Nieuwenhuis in Game 1 of the 2015 World Series. He is the most recent AL Central guy to hit two homers in the same inning and the most recent of the three guys who hit for the cycle in both leagues. Like Justin Morneau, this guy won a batting title in his 30s with the Rockies and is a member of the Twins Hall of Fame. For 10 points, remember this guy, an outfielder known as "Cuddy"?
ANSWER: Michael **Cuddyer** (kuh-DYE-ur) [or Michael Brent **Cuddyer**]

20. In 2018, a signed poster of this guy's iconic play was a prize for "peer-to-peer fundraisers" in the first annual "9/11 Memorial Stair Climb presented by Chase." This guy, who stuck on an NBA roster because he was not eligible to be cut after he was injured trying to dunk on his team's star in practice, went undrafted after playing for four schools in his native Oklahoma. He went 2-for-18 in a Finals Game 7 after his title-winning three attempt in Game 6 was blocked by Hakeem Olajuwon. He blew by B. J. Armstrong and rocked the rim over Horace Grant in the 1993 playoffs. For 10 points, remember this guy who jammed "The Dunk" as the 1990s Knicks shooting guard?
ANSWER: John **Starks** [or John Levell **Starks**]

21. According to the Brookings Institution, a game that left this guy spending 9/11 in a hospital going in and out of consciousness on a morphine drip was the first game played at a new stadium that cost federal taxpayers \$54 million. Watching that game, which this guy exited after a hit by Shaun Williams, may have saved the lives of many opposing fans who called in sick to work the next day. In a memoir about marrying a 9/11 widow, Adam Schefter describes watching, just before the attacks, this guy play in a Monday Night opener at the new Mile High Stadium and break his leg. For 10 points, remember this guy, a white wide receiver for the 1990s and early 2000s Broncos?
ANSWER: Ed **McCaffrey** [or Edward Thomas **McCaffrey** Jr.]

22. This guy gave up 6 runs behind Tyler Chatwood in a game in which winning starter Trevor Bauer etched "BD 911" on the mound and then denied it stood for "Bush did 9/11." After becoming the first Mariner since Freddy Garcia to throw 2 straight shutouts, he reemerged as a reliever and was traded in July 2016 for Dan Vogelbach. Jake Odorizzi, Wil Myers, and this guy were the good Royals prospects the Rays got for James Shields and Wade Davis. After a rain delay, he got his first-ever save by retiring fellow alliteratively named guy Michael Martinez to end a 108-year title drought. For 10 points, remember this guy, a Cubs lefty who got the last out in the 2016 World Series?
ANSWER: Mike **Montgomery** [or Michael Paul **Montgomery**]

23. According to the Brookings Institution, this guy's recruiting "training camps" were "almost like an NBA combine." In January 2011, KG told an autograph-seeking Lakers ballboy to, in as many words, ask this guy instead. In an apparent nod to lawyer Carlos Warner's Akron roots, one of this guy's former assistants wrote that "LeBron James is a very bad man" who should "apologize to the city of Cleveland." The observation that this guy played with the "wrong Rockets" is often accompanied by a Google preview showing his height as 6'5". For 10 points, remember this guy who, as per Terry Rozier, "should've hooped instead of tryna kill people cause he tall as hell"?
ANSWER: **Osama bin Laden** [accept either underlined portion]

24. In a 2021 interview with *Sports Illustrated*, this guy remembered losing his childhood friend, Cantor Fitzgerald trader Eric Sand, on 9/11. He said that his only memory was of Lilian Garcia singing the national anthem on a broadcast on which he said, about Houston, "it's the right place to be, and it's the right night to put on a great show." The September 2021 documentary *Never Forget* shows this native New Yorker commenting a show with Jim Ross two days after 9/11. For 10 points, remember this guy who joined WWE after the collapse of his ECW promotion, a self-styled "advocate" who has served as the in-universe manager for Roman Reigns and Brock Lesnar?
ANSWER: Paul **Heyman**

25. This guy's career ended with 12 games on the Lakers, where he was dealt after signing his last NBA contract on September 11, 2010 with the Nets. When Doug Overton wore numbers "9" and "11" on the 1997-98 Sixers, this guy, acquired by Philly in a February 1998 trade, also wore #9. Revelations about this guy that surfaced in a lawsuit between Eric Fleisher and Andrew Miller tainted his tenure with a team he joined in 1998 and rejoined from 2001-03 after a short stint with the Pistons. Glen Taylor and Kevin McHale were suspended for signing, for 10 points, what Terrapin whose cap-circumventing contract led to the forfeiture of three first-round picks by the Wolves?

ANSWER: Joe **Smith** [or Joseph Leynard **Smith**]

26. This visiting guy was a probable starter in the rainout that begins Bob Millsap's viral story about getting his bond trader friend so hungover that he slept in on 9/11. Adam Wainwright toured the WTC on 9/10 while in town to see that night's rainout, whose scheduled starters were this rookie guy and 19-1 Roger Clemens. After this guy was traded with Jorge de la Rosa in the Curt Schilling deal, he and Steve Sparks had 6+ ERAs behind Brandon Webb and Randy Johnson in the 2004 D-Backs rotation. He "perfected" a 59-MPH eephus curve, dubbed his alliterative "flip," and posted a 5.64 ERA across 2005-07 in Tampa. For 10 points, remember this guy, a bad lefty named Casey?

ANSWER: Casey **Fossum** [or Casey Paul **Fossum**]

27. In a 2017 YouTube Q&A, this guy said that he was with his mom opening a checking account on 9/11, which was three days before his 24th birthday. This guy appears in the 2019 documentary *The Booksellers* working as an expert for the oldest bookstore in New York, Argosy, which his family owns. This guy, who admitted making a "platonic Tinder profile" in a successful bid to spend July 3, 2016 infiltrating Fort Bragg, is the son of the creator of the comic strip *Inside Woody Allen*. His indifference to grubbing children, more than his crass acquisitiveness, seems to be why he's regarded as baseball's "most hated fan." For 10 points, remember this guy, a noted MLB ballhawk?

ANSWER: Zack **Hample** [or Zachary Ben **Hample**]

28. Seven million more people saw this guy kick two field goals in a shutout win over the Raiders than episode two of the ABC series *The Path to 9/11*, which aired on the 5-year anniversary of the attacks. On the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, this guy tore his ACL on a season-opening kickoff that Percy Harvin returned for a TD. The 2009-10 Jets made their first of two straight AFC Championships after this opposing guy missed 3 FGs in the divisional round. After a groin injury in 2012, this 2nd-most-accurate guy among retired kickers was cut in favor of his 2011 stand-in, Nick Novak. For 10 points, remember this guy, a kicker out of Iowa who played from 2004-12 with the Chargers?

ANSWER: Nate **Kaeding** [or Nathaniel James **Kaeding**]

29. This guy wrote a couplet claiming "some of you may remember" that Brian Cardinal "signed his Piston contract on the tenth day of September," which marks an astonishingly unexpected transition from NBA transactional news to sincere post-9/11 trauma in his poem "On that September Tuesday." This author of the memoir *Unscripted* discussed how he hated acting like he didn't have a growth on his neck, which led him to reveal his non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis to colleagues, in the documentary *The Inside Story*. "No one" is by far the most frequent sponsor of this guy's "neat-o stat of the night." For 10 points, remember this guy, the host of TNT's *Inside the NBA*?

ANSWER: Ernie **Johnson** [or Ernest Thorwald **Johnson** Jr.; accept **E.J.**]

30. The longest of the three paragraphs of this guy's French wiki page reports that a 2014 Zak Levitt documentary profiled a Cantor Fitzgerald bond trader who died on 9/11 named Dan Trant. On this guy's English wiki page, the reader is a click away from learning that the creator of an event named for this guy also played Tony Minelli in the original 1951 *Angels in the Outfield*. A "passing" duel between the Rams and Steelers over this guy led to a 1979 rule change. Each year, this guy gets a free trip to Newport Beach to be heckled by the family of 49ers receiver Paul Salata and receive the Lowsman Trophy. For 10 points, remember this guy, the annual last pick in the NFL draft?

ANSWER: Mr. **Irrelevant** [accept **Monsieur Irrelevant** or **Irrelevant** Week or **Monsieur sans Importance**; prompt on answers indicating "last pick in (NFL/NBA) draft"; prompt on "Kelvin **Kirk**" or "Mike **Almond**"]