

Canadian Players in MLB

QUICK FACTS

- ◆ **Ferguson “Fergie” Jenkins** is the only Canadian-born MLB player in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also the only pitcher in MLB history to strikeout more than 3,000 batters while walking fewer than 1,000 batters.
- ◆ **Larry Walker** was selected to five All-Star teams and won the National League's Most Valuable Player Award in 1997.
- ◆ **Adam Stern**, who now plays for the Baltimore Orioles, hit an inside-the-park home run while playing for Team Canada in the inaugural **World Baseball Classic**. An **inside-the-park home run** occurs when a batter hits a home run without hitting the ball over the fence. Typically a player must be very fast to achieve such a feat.
- ◆ In 2006, rookie **Russell Martin** and veteran **Eric Gagné** became the first French-Canadian battery in MLB history. A **battery** is what the catcher (Martin) and pitcher (Gagné) are called together.
- ◆ **Team Canada** won two out of three games in the first round of the inaugural World Baseball Classic, including an exciting win over a highly favoured Team USA.
- ◆ **Justin Morneau** tied Larry Walker's single-season record for Canadians with 130 RBIs in 2006.
- ◆ Left-fielder **Jason Bay** was named to his third consecutive All-Star Game when the 77th Annual Midsummer Classic was played in his home ballpark, PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Do you know which MLB club plays in Pittsburgh?
- ◆ Pitcher **Eric Gagné** holds the MLB record for consecutive saves. A pitcher is credited with a **save** when he “saves” the lead for his team at the end of the game.
- ◆ A modern-era record **22 Canucks played for MLB clubs** in 2006.
How many current Canadian players can you name?

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