



# I Bet You Didn't Know! Sports Trivia

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CC Sabathia is a heavyweight pitcher – in more ways than one. He was honored with the 2007 American League Cy Young Award with Cleveland, and after a trade to Milwaukee in July of 2008 he led the Brewers to their first playoff appearance in 26 years by going 11-2 with an ERA of 1.65. But get this: When Sabathia signed with the Yankees before the 2009 season, he reportedly weighed in at a hefty 290 pounds. The title of heaviest big league pitcher ever has historically gone to “Jumbo” Brown, a reliever for five teams from 1925 through 1941 who was listed at 295 pounds.

Ever heard of the Wonderlic test? It’s a 12-minute, 50-question multiple-choice exam that has been used for decades by the NFL and by corporations to evaluate prospective players and employees. Recently, Major League Baseball came up with its own version of the Wonderlic. Baseball’s consists of 100 true-or-false questions. But not to worry, most players shouldn’t have much of a problem passing. Here’s a typical true-false statement from the test: “Athletic competition began on Earth in 1974.” If you are wondering, the answer is false.

Feeling unmotivated? This should change your attitude. D.J. Gregory, a 30-year-old with cerebral palsy, was once given little hope of walking. But he proved the experts wrong. In 2008, Gregory walked every hole of every round on the PGA Tour – a total of 3,256 holes covering 988 miles. To attend all the events, he traveled 79,838 miles, visited 23 states and two foreign countries (Canada and England) and drank 280 bottles of water, 259 bottles of sports drinks and 332 sodas.



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