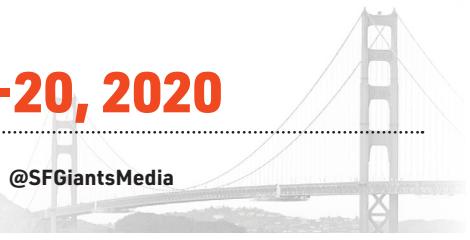


# SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

## WEEKLY NOTES: SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2020

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### NEWS & NOTES

▶ Calling all Little Leaguers and coaches! Join us for an exclusive **Giants Little League Day** presented by Dignity Health on Saturday, September 26 where we show appreciation for all of our local Little League coaches and highlight our up and coming youth baseball players of the future. In addition to THREE great items (**Buster Posey** and **Johnny Cueto FiGPiNs** and **Youth Batting Gloves**), your ticket also includes access to an exclusive pre-game virtual event featuring some of your favorite Giants personalities! Join **Mike Krukow** as he hosts this special day and learn about the journey to the big leagues from our amazing panelists. Ticket proceeds benefit Pitch In for Baseball & Softball. **For more information on this Special Event, please visit <https://www.mlb.com/giants/tickets/specials/littleleague>** ◀◀



▶ The third and final issue of *The Gamer* is now out digitally and free for all to download. This month's issue features hot-hitting infielder **Donovan Solano** talking about his baseball upbringing in Colombia and what it's been like for him this season. This issue also features **Assistant Coach Alyssa Nakken** as well as a look at how this year's virtual **Junior Giants at Home** program went. Fans can also get a look at series previews for the Giants remaining opponents in 2020. **[Click here to read today](#)** ◀◀



### THIS WEEK IN GIANTS HISTORY

**SEPT 14 2009** The Giants defeated the Rockies 9-1 to gain ground in the Wild Card race. **Tim Lincecum** struck out 11 batters over 7.0 innings to notch his 14th win of the season. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

**SEPT 15 1960** **Willie Mays** tied a Major League mark by hitting three triples in an 8-6 victory over the Phillies. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

**SEPT 16 1983** Pitcher **Mark Davis** extended his streak to 18 scoreless innings against the Dodgers in a two-hit, 1-0 victory. Davis singled and later scored the run in the 6th inning. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

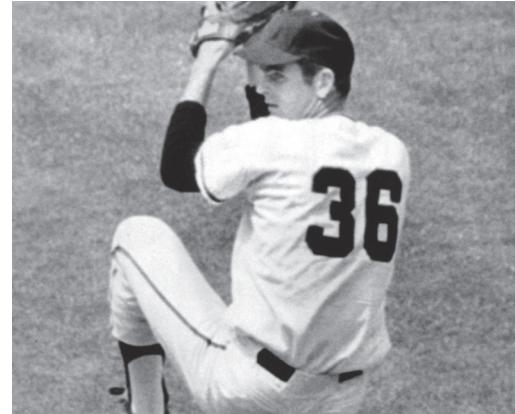
**SEPT 17 2019** **Mike Yastrzemski** hit his 20th home run of the year in his first game at Fenway Park as he was joined by his grandfather Carl, who threw him the celebratory first pitch. It marked the first home

run by a Yastrzemski at Fenway Park since Carl took Moose Haas deep on July 31, 1983. The memorable game was also marked by Manager **Bruce Bochy's** 2,000th career win, a benchmark reached by just 10 managers in Major League history, all of which are in the Hall of Fame. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

**SEPT 18 1954** The Giants' **Don Mueller** made his 200th hit an inside-the-park home run, making him the first Giant to get 200 hits since **Joe Moore** in 1936. **Willie Mays** also hit an inside-the-park homer as the Giants beat the Phillies 9-1. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

**SEPT 19 1970** The Giants' **Gaylord Perry** (right) retired the first 19 batters and settled for a three-hitter in beating the Padres 3-0. It was Perry's fourth straight shutout. **[Box](#)** ◀◀

**SEPT 20 1955** New York Giants slugger **Willie Mays** hit two home runs against the Pittsburgh Pirates, giving him 50 for the year and making him the seventh player in Major League history to accomplish the feat. **[Box 1](#)** ◀◀ | **[Box 2](#)** ◀◀



### THIS WEEK'S GIANTS PODCASTS (PRES. BY T-MOBILE)



Inside Giant Moments takes you behind the scenes of the most iconic moments in Giants history with the players who made these moments, memories. Host Mark Willard of KNBR dives in each week with exclusive interviews on the official San Francisco Giants podcast.

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All 27 episodes of the Inside Giant Moments podcast with Mark Willard are now online and can be listened to at your leisure. Go behind the scenes with the folks who lived through some of the best memories in Giants history and take a trip down memory lane.



Gigantes Podcast, hosted by Spanish-language broadcaster **Erwin Higueros**, is a weekly podcast that will have interviews from former Giants players, coaches and staff members focusing on their culture. Higueros discusses the difficulties and sacrifices each of them have faced throughout their professional journeys.

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 Episode 7 - Saul Martinez  
 Episode 8 - Luis Landero

## GIANT BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**Gaylord Perry**  
(82)



**Orlando Cepeda**  
(83)

September 15

September 17

## GIANTS YOUTUBE CONTENT



**El Profesor**  
Watch Beginning Wednesday

If's **Mauricio Dubón** and **Wilmer Flores** teach us some basic Spanish words and phrases in SFG Productions' newest series *El Profesor*.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- As California continues to fight numerous wildfires, the Giants are partnering with the **American Red Cross** to raise funds to help people affected by these wildfires. **Donations can be made by visiting redcross.org/giants**

## BEYOND THE GIANTS VAULT



► Housed in a 5,000 square foot building, the Giants Archives consists of memorabilia and artifacts from our team's 138-year history. As part of the Giants Fan Page, fans can now, for the first time, learn about and view memorabilia from our collection.

► This week, the Vault is taking a look at some of the so called "Phantom Pins" that were produced for some great Giants teams that didn't quite make it to the World Series.

► Excitement was high for the 1952 season after the Giants won the National League Pennant the previous year. Early in the season the Giants lost two Hall of Fame players when Willie Mays only played in 34 games before he was drafted into the Army and Monte

Irvin broke his ankle during a Spring Training game and only appeared in 46 games that season. Even without those mainstays the Giants managed to finish in second place to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952, but their time in New York was running out – is this why the clock on the pin the Giants created for the World Series is set to the eleventh hour?

**The full look at the Phantom World Series pins is online starting Thursday**



## GIANTS PLAYER SPOTLIGHT | CALEB BARAGAR



► Caleb was born in Jenison, Mich., in the western part of the state, a suburb of 17,000 people 10 miles from Grand Rapids and about half an hour from Lake Michigan.

► He didn't start playing baseball until he was 10 when neighbors who had a son two years older told his parents it was time for Little League.

"My parents never pushed me to do anything I didn't want to do," he says. By 13, he was on travel teams.

► He also played football, soccer and basketball. He and brother Noah often engaged in spirited makeshift baseball games in the front yard with a tennis ball and foam bat. "It was really, really competitive," Noah says. "Someone would go in the house, crying."

► Jenison is nearly the same distance to Chicago as Detroit, so unlike

many other Michiganders—but like his dad and grandfather before him—Caleb was a Cubs' fan growing up.

► As he got into travel ball, all the family's vacations revolved around his tournaments. Except for a trip to visit one of Joni's sisters in Arizona and to go to the other sister's wedding in Hawaii, "The money we had was spent on baseball," Joni says. His parents also paid for private pitching lessons, including from Grand Rapids native Rick Kreuger, who pitched in 17 games over four seasons in the 1970s, mostly for the Boston Red Sox. Kreuger's business card read "Humility before honor." "That stuck in our head for a long time and came to have some meaning for us," she says.

► The lessons were Caleb's idea. "It wasn't us pushing him," Joni says. "He wanted to pitch. He had the desire to be on the mound. Caleb has always had a strong-willed, determined demeanor. That quality set him up for pitching."

► He also began to give up other sports. "Every sport that he played in, he was pretty good at," Mark says. "You could tell after a while that baseball was his passion. Seventh grade was his last year playing football. He played a little soccer. Once he was in high school, it was all baseball. That's all he wanted to do."

(Mark hadn't played baseball since elementary school, but he played hockey and tennis in high school.)

He threw two no-hitters

## FAMILY INFORMATION

- Father, Mark, is a sales representative for a beer and wine distributor
- Mother, Joni, is a dental assistant in a periodontist's office
- Brother, Noah, is almost six years younger, and is now playing baseball at Lansing Community College.

at Jenison High School, and was honorable mention all-conference as a senior (5 wins, 66 strikeouts). He's quick to note that one no-hitter came against the worst team in the division, and he walked six batters, garnering some good-natured ribbing from his coach. Although he also played some first base and outfield, his father says he wasn't much of a hitter.

► He dreamed of Division 1 baseball but wasn't recruited out of high school. So he went to Jackson (Mich.) College, a community college about 115 miles from home. He planned to become a doctor if baseball didn't work out. He started to work out while at Jackson and things took off from there. Several college programs recruited him, and he chose Indiana University.

► In 2016, the Giants drafted him in the ninth round, 275th overall. Mark had to take Noah to a high school tournament that day, so Joni stayed home with Caleb, waiting for the congratulatory phone call. "It was a cool night," Joni recalls. "Caleb wanted to go to the mall to get a Giants hat."