



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS WEEKLY NOTES: SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2020

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NEWS & NOTES ◀

- ▶ The Giants will announce the **2020 Willie Mac Award** winner prior to Saturday night's game vs. San Diego. The "Willie McCovey Award" is an annual honor bestowed upon the most inspirational player on the San Francisco Giants, as voted upon by the players, coaches, training staff and fans. The award was established in 1980, in honor of former legend and Hall-of-Famer **Willie McCovey**. The winner will receive a plaque engraved with the words "Competitive Spirit, Ability and Leadership" to characterize the qualities both McCovey and the winner exemplifies.
- ▶ **Strike Out Violence** - The Giants will raise awareness for violence prevention during tonight's game. Longtime Giants community partner **La Casa de las Madres** remains committed to ending the cycle of violence against women and children in our communities. La Casa continues to provide emergency shelter, a 24/7 hotline and text line and support for women and children facing domestic violence. Since shelter in place, La Casa has sheltered over 100 women and children and provided over 10,000 meals to survivors. Through the virtual Junior Giants at Home program, Junior Giants reinforced lessons about bullying prevention. As part of the curriculum, the **Strike Out Bullying Art Contest** provided an opportunity for kids to artistically express what their community would look like if it were violence-free. The Giants will celebrate the art contest winners during Monday night's game: Maceson from the Daly City T-Ball League, Swara from the Milpitas Minors League, Alana from the Lodi Majors League and Roma from the Milpitas Seniors League.
- ▶ 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 upbringings 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](#) ◀◀



GIANTS INTERVIEW SCHEDULE ◀



Monday - September 21

7:35 a.m. - Mike Krukow joins Murph & Mac

Tuesday - September 22

7:35 a.m. - Duane Kuiper joins Murph & Mac

4:30 p.m. - Dave Flemming joins Tolbert, Krueger & Brooks

Wednesday - September 23

7:35 a.m. - Mike Krukow joins Murph & Mac

11:50 a.m. - Jon Miller joins Papa & Lund

Thursday - September 24

7:35 a.m. - Shawn Estes joins Murph & Mac

5 p.m. - Larry Baer joins Tolbert, Krueger & Brooks

Friday - September 25

7:35 a.m. - Mike Krukow joins Murph & Mac

THIS WEEK IN GIANTS HISTORY ◀

- SEPT 21 2000** With an 8-7 win over the Diamondbacks, the Giants clinched the NL West for their second division title in four years. [Box](#) ◀◀
- SEPT 22 1969** **Willie Mays** hit his 600th career home run. The historic homer off Mike Corkins of the Padres proved to be the game-winner in a 4-2 Giants victory at San Diego Stadium. [Box](#) ◀◀
- SEPT 23 2006** **Barry Bonds** hammered his 734th career home run to establish an all-time National League record. Bonds surpassed Hank Aaron in senior circuit annals with solo roundtripper at Milwaukee (off Chris Capuano). [Box](#) ◀◀
- SEPT 24 1993** **Will Clark** crushed Gene Harris' first pitch with two outs in the 10th as SF downed the Padres 4-3 in front of 24,351. **Barry Bonds** stroked his 41st shot of the year as well, and the Giants pulled to within 1.5 games of NL West leading Braves. [Box](#) ◀◀
- SEPT 25 2019** Newcomer **Jaylin Davis** hit his first career home run, hitting a walk-off solo homer off Colorado's RHP DJ Johnson in the bottom of the 9th inning to give the Giants a 2-1 win. He became the first Giant to hit a walk-off homer for his first MLB home run since **Fran Healy** on April 15, 1971 vs. Houston, and the seventh Giant in history to do so. [Box](#) ◀◀
- SEPT 26 2002** **Livan Hernandez** (12-16) pitched a masterful two-hitter as the Giants beat the Padres 6-0. Hernandez was tied with Ben Sheets for most losses in the National League. The Giants stayed three games ahead of Los Angeles for the Wild Card spot. [Box](#) ◀◀

SEPT 27 1997 SF clinched its first NL West championship in eight years with 6-1 defeat of Padres in front of 48,179. **Rod Beck** (below) registered the final three outs, including his strikeout of Greg Vaughn that sent Candlestick into a frenzy. [Box](#) ◀◀



THIS WEEK'S GIANTS PODCASTS (PRES. BYT-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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EPISODES 28 & 29

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Mauricio Dubón & Darin Ruf

The final two episodes of the podcast are here with Mauricio Dubón, released last week, and Darin Ruf, chatting for special editions of Inside THIS Giant Moment. Dubón shares his enthusiasm for playing center field, his eagerness to learn from all of his teammates, his perspective having grown up in Honduras, and his insights on the uniqueness of 2020 baseball. Ruf shares his experience playing baseball in Korea, his 2020 journey to earning a roster spot, and how the Giants hitting coaches have helped him develop as a DH.



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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Episodes 1-8
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- Episode 2 - Nick Ortiz
- Episode 3 - Carlos Orellana
- Episode 4 - Ciro Villalobos
- Episode 5 - Pablo Peguero
- Episode 6 - Jose Alguacil
- Episode 7 - Saul Martinez
- Episode 8 - Luis Landero

GIANT BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK ◀



Sam Coonrod
(28)

September 22

GIANTS YOUTUBE CONTENT ◀



JUGADAS GIGANTES 2020

Jugadas Gigantes 2020
Watch Beginning Wednesday

There's been plenty of highlights during the 2020 season thus far. Re-live some of them in this week's highlight video using the calls of Spanish Radio announcer Erwin Higueros!

JULY/AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
LAD	26	27	28	29	30	31
TEX	2	3	4	5	6	7
COL	8	9	10	11	12	13
LAD	14	15	16	17	18	19
HOU	20	21	22	23	24	25
OAK	26	27	28	29	30	31
LAA	1	2	3	4	5	6
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SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ARI	8	9	10	11	12	13
SEA	14	15	16	17	18	19
SEA	20	21	22	23	24	25
COL	26	27	28	29	30	7/6/20

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▶ **SF-Marin Food Bank in Lot A** – SF-Marin Food Bank recently reached 1 million lbs. of food distributed during the drive-through operation in Giants Lot A, and are up up to 1.3m lbs. distributed in total. The Food Bank has served nearly 28,000 direct attendees, rippling out to nearly 46,000 individuals, on Lot A since the food pantries began in mid-May. [Learn more by visiting sfmfoodbank.org](http://sfmfoodbank.org) ◀◀

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.

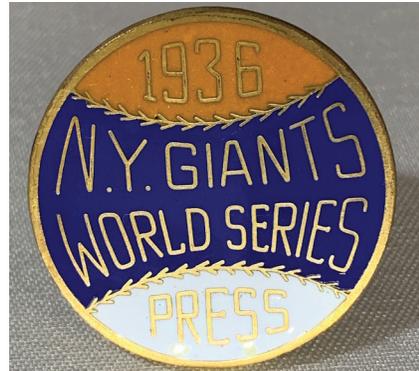
▶ Sometimes exciting things can happen even when the Giants lose the World Series.

▶ The 1936 World Series was the fourth time the New York Giants played the NY Yankees for the title, and the first time the Yankees had

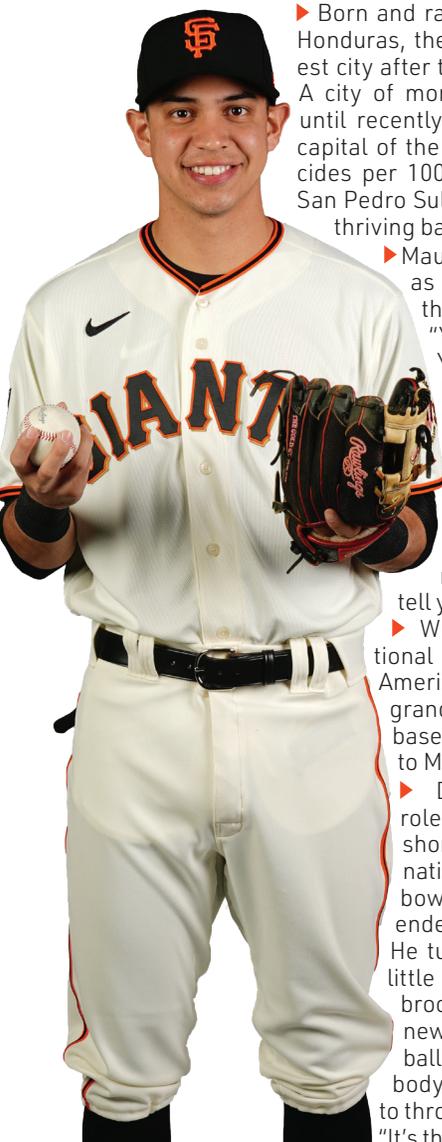
Bay Area native, Joe DiMaggio, patrolling center field in the Fall Classic. The highlight for the Giants may have been when player/manager Bill Terry helped his team win the fifth game with a sacrifice single. In the bottom

of the tenth inning, after fouling two balls off, and watching two balls go by, Terry lifted a fly ball into deep left center field which DiMaggio caught, but he was unable to throw out Jo-Jo Moore who scampered home from third base with the winning run for the Giants.

More pins from the World Series pin collections will be on-line starting Thursday ◀◀



GIANTS PLAYER SPOTLIGHT | MAURICIO DUBÓN ◀



▶ Born and raised in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, the country's second largest city after the capital, Tegucigalpa. A city of more than 600,000 people until recently known as the "murder capital of the world," with 187 homicides per 100,000 residents in 2013, San Pedro Sula was once the hub of a thriving banana trade.

▶ Mauricio remembers the city as rough, and said he was the victim of muggings. "You grow up quickly. You've got to watch your back the whole time."

▶ "If you get robbed here (in the U.S.), it's a huge deal. There, it's like nothing happened. It was not a big deal. I was really young. I did not resist. That's what they tell you to do."

▶ While soccer is the national sport, as in many Latin American countries, Dubon's grandfather and father loved baseball and passed that on to Mauricio and his brother.

▶ Danilo was Mauricio's role model. Danilo was a shortstop for the Honduran national team, but an elbow injury at the age of 16 ended his baseball hopes. He turned to his focus to his little brother, advancing from broomsticks and wadded up newspapers to real bats and balls. "When there was nobody around, he was the one to throw me BP," Mauricio said. "It's thanks to him, I'm here. Af-

ter school, it was eat, then go to baseball."

▶ Their grandmother let them turn her garden into a makeshift baseball yard, where they would play for hours. "We made a little Wiffle ball field, literally in the garden," Mauricio says. "She always planted flowers but we would kick them around because we were playing."

▶ Mauricio's mother Jeannette asked the group if they could take her son back to America, where she thought he'd have better opportunities. He had never been away from home alone. Ritchey conferred with his wife, agreed he had room in their house, and later that week, brought the teenager to Sacramento for the summer.

▶ Mauricio returned to Honduras for his sophomore year then spent his junior and senior years with the Ritcheys and playing for Capital Christian, hitting over .500 both seasons. He went to Giants games whenever he could, wearing a Brandon Crawford jersey and sometimes a Pablo Sandoval panda hat.

▶ He graduated from high school in 2013 and was drafted in the 26th round by the Boston Red Sox. He signed for \$16,000.

▶ After he was drafted, he moved in with another host family, the Garcias, whose son Dubon had befriended in high school. The following year, he went to Game 5 of the 2014 National League Championship Series at the Giants' ballpark and watched Travis Ishikawa hit the home run that sent San Francisco to the World Series.

▶ Two years later, in 2016, Boston traded him to the Brewers and he quickly became Milwaukee's No. 5 prospect.

▶ An ACL tear shortened his 2018 minor-league season. He returned in 2019 to the minors and hit .297 and 16 home runs in his first 98 games. He was promoted to the big leagues in July of that season, becoming the first true Honduran to reach the majors. He was sent back down after a few days.

▶ Weeks later, the Giants acquired him in exchange for Drew Pomeranz and Ray Black. Sent to Triple-A Sacramento, he left 35 tickets per game for his two former host families. He hit .323/.391/.485 with four home runs and 23 runs in 25 games.

▶ He made his Giants debut in August 2019, and by season's end had started 21 games.

▶ He arrived at spring training 2020 brimming with confidence and energy – which is basically who he is all the time. He told the Chronicle's John Shea before spring training was halted due to the coronavirus pandemic: "I love the attention. I love the spotlight that people put me in. I mean, I want to be that guy that people look at and say, 'OK, we can go with Dubon. He can do it. He's the one.' In a sense, I want that weight. I want to be that guy."

▶ "On a trip back to Honduras, he saw many people wearing Giants' hats. He told one, "Nice hat," and the man replied, "I wear it for that Honduran kid who plays for them," not knowing he was talking to "that kid."