

Let's Remember Some Guys IV

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A note: I have a somewhat loose idea of "functionally retired" that encompasses "I don't think this player will be back in MLB/the NFL/the NBA/the top competitive level of their sport", so be aware that some of my players might really skirt what we're going for with players being retired by 2020.

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1. According to Tim Kurkjian, in 2006 this player performed a card trick that scared Luis Castillo into moving his locker to the other side of the locker room. While playing for the 2001 New Britain Rock Cats, this player's playoff heroics, including a game 1 walkoff homer, are credited with saving a teammate from dying in 9/11. This player's franchise record 27 game hitting streak was surpassed the following season by Nolan Arenado. In 2013, this player won the National League batting title, bolstered by a .356 average at Coors Field in Colorado. For 10 points, name this longtime Minnesota Twins rightfielder.

ANSWER: Michael **Cuddyer**

<MLB>

<Actually retired>

2. This player won the 2009-10 ACB MVP, and remains the only non-Argentine South American player to have won that award. During a First Take special in which Skip Bayless wasn't allowed to discuss Tim Tebow, he called this player "the best pick-setter in the league". On July 9, 2015, this player was salary dumped to the Atlanta Hawks, which reunited him with Mike Budenholzer while allowing this player's former team to sign a top power forward. This player was memorably blocked by LeBron James in game 2 of the 2013 NBA Finals, before blocking Dwyane Wade in the closeout game of the 2014 Finals. For 10 points, name this Brazilian center who started for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 NBA Finalist Spurs.

ANSWER: Tiago **Splitter**

<NBA>

<Actually retired>

3. In college, this player was the leading scorer for 2013-14 Xavier, which lost a play-in game to TJ Warren and NC State in the NCAA tournament. This player's one season in the NBA saw them put up atrocious shooting splits of .345/.190/.538. In spite of that, this player hit the 3-pointer that gave Russell Westbrook his record-setting 42nd triple-double in a season, breaking Oscar Robertson's record of 41. For 10 points, name this backup point guard for the 2016-17 Thunder, who according to Steven Adams is memorable because his first name is "James" spelled backwards.

ANSWER: Semaj [Se-mah-jay] **Christon**

<NBA>

<In the German league, maybe not functionally retired there but I think it's less likely he'll be back in the NBA than the other questionable NBA player in here>

4. In a 2016 game vs. Iowa State, this player laid down in a solid blue part of an end zone to hide before receiving a lateral on a kick return. This player was the leading receiver for the 2016 Kansas Jayhawks after following David Beatty from his previous school, and put up 127 receiving yards and a touchdown against Kansas State. This player was part of a strong 2013 Texas A&M wide receiver class behind Ricky Seals-Jones, and contributed mainly as a slot receiver and kick returner, including being the leading kick returner in a 49-42 loss to Alabama. For 10 points, name this Texas A&M and Kansas wide receiver known for his distinctive 5-syllable first name.

ANSWER: LaQuvionte **Gonzalez**

<College Football>

<Functionally retired; also this is too hard but I want him to show up so I can use the hidden player trick clue>

5. In a 2009 breakfast burrito ad, this player performed their most well-known sport while wearing a Jack in the Box head before falling off a cliff. In ESPN+'s "Roll the Tape", the episode "Totally Extreme" features an explainer from this player that discusses this player's steering while looking out a 6" by 12" window and not having mirrors, as well

as references to their organization RAIL. This player first experimented with their most well-known sport by hill-bombing the location where their brother died in a motorcycle accident, during which this player found it safer to sit or lie down on the skateboard. For 10 points, name this “Godfather of Street Luge” that one might’ve heard about in Jon Bois’ “The Bob Emergency”.

ANSWER: Bob **Perevra**

<Street Luge>

<On LinkedIn he calls himself “Former Street Luge Racer, but still active”. Street Luge isn’t in the X games anymore, though. Eh?>

6. This player hit a falling Chandler Parsons in the face with an outlet pass, causing them both to make Shaqtin’ a Fool. In a New Year’s Eve game against the Spurs, this player accidentally made a tip-in in front of Tim Duncan to send the game to overtime. It’s not Jeremy Lin, but in the 2012 NBA offseason, this player received a “poison pill” offer sheet to join the Rockets that would’ve paid this player \$15 million in their third season if matched. In a 2014 playoff series against the Trailblazers, this player started alongside Dwight Howard as part of a two center lineup; after losing that series, this player was traded to the Pelicans to play alongside Anthony Davis. For 10 points, name this Turkish center who retired after long-term treatments for Crohn’s disease.

ANSWER: Ömer **Asik** (Omer **Asik** if the characters don’t render right)

<NBA>

<Actually retired>

7. This player once said they’d rather play in the NFL and die 10 to 15 years earlier than not play in the NFL and live a full life. In this player’s last career game, he was injured on a Vance McDonald stiff arm on a 75-yard touchdown. This player recorded their only career touchdown in 2016 as a pick-six of former teammate Jay Cutler, which this player followed by saying “Fuck you, Chicago”. In a 2013 game against the Packers, this player blew a coverage on Randall Cobb, leading to a 48-yard game-winning touchdown. For 10 points, name this former Cal safety who played most of his career for the Bears.

ANSWER: Chris **Conte**

<NFL>

<Actually retired>

8. This player set 2 straight career highs in points against Portland during the 2016-17 season, with 22 and 23 points respectively. In a 2016 blowout against the Lakers, this player scored 21 points in 18 minutes, prompting this player to point at Kevin Durant and receive a single-fingered beckoning gesture in return. It’s not Cam Payne, but before a game against Memphis, this player had his jersey retired at Germantown HS, prompting players like Draymond Green and Steph Curry to attend with him. For 10 points, name this guard for the 2015 through 2017 Warriors, whose last NBA playing time was with the Pelicans.

ANSWER: Ian **Clark**

<NBA>

<In China, I’m calling him functionally retired since I don’t think he’ll be back in the NBA but it’s suspect>

9. This player was the first base coach for the 2014 Cubs, and was assistant hitting coach on the 2016 World Series-winning Cubs before becoming the Angels’ hitting coach. Along with Brooks Conrad, this player often hit home runs as a pinch hitter for the early 2010’s Braves, including a 2-run NLDS homer off Sergio Romo in 2010. This player made 3 straight World Series from 2007 to 2009, and in 2008 had a pinch hit homer in game 4 before making the final out of the series in game 5. As detailed in *Moneyball*, the player was traded with Justin Miller to

the Blue Jays to acquire closer Billy Koch. For 10 points, name this journeyman 3rd baseman and pinch hitter, who won 2002 AL Rookie of the Year.

ANSWER: Eric **Hinske**

<MLB>

<Actually retired>

10. At a 2011 tennis exhibition, this player and Dominika Cibulkova had an impromptu on-court dance-off. In 2011, this player jokingly reported being scratched by a Kangaroo lying in grass. This player made their first Grand Slam final while losing to Kim Clijsters in 2009; this player would become the #1 ranked player worldwide the following year. After returning to #1 in 2018, this player was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis after having to be carried to a plane by husband and former NBA player David Lee. For 10 points, name this Danish tennis player, who defeated Simona Halep in the 2018 Australian Open for her only Grand Slam win.

ANSWER: Caroline **Wozniacki**

<Tennis>

<Actually retired>

11. In a 2013 Christmas-week game against the Buccaneers, this player scored on a reverse off an end-around, helping lead his team to victory along with running back Zac Stacy. In a 2014 game against the Seahawks, this player had a 90 yard TD on a punt return when his teammate pretended to field the punt. This player was one of 5 players to perform a “hands up, don’t shoot” protest before a Raiders game, along with Jared Cook, Kenny Britt, Chris Givens, and Tavon Austin. In college, this player had 303 yards and 5 TD’s receiving in a 70-63 defeat of Baylor while playing along former high school teammate Geno Smith. For 10 points, name this West Virginia and St. Louis Rams wide receiver who retired due to shooting-related head injuries.

ANSWER: Stedman **Bailey**

<NFL>

<Actually retired>

12. This player split main kickoff return duties for the 15-1 Panthers with Fozzy Whitaker. This player took over for Nathan Peterman in leading the Bills to a win over the Colts in a 2017 snow game. This player’s first start was a Tuesday night game against the Eagles, in which this player had his second straight game with a rushing touchdown. This player started a 2013 playoff game in place of an injured Christian Ponder, but went 11 for 30 passing. This player accounted for 3 touchdowns in the second half of a December 24th game against Washington that also saw Adrian Peterson tear his ACL. For 10 points, name this wide receiver/quarterback from UAB who played several games in relief of Brett Favre for the 2010-11 Vikings.

ANSWER: Joe **Webb**

<NFL>

<Not on any rosters this year, wasn’t really last year, so functionally retired?>

13. This player is the men’s Summit League career leader in 3 point percentage, albeit the league was called the Mid-Continent Conference at the time. This player spent a plurality of their NBA career with the Hornets, after which this player became an assistant coach at their alma mater under their father, Homer. This player is an active coach, and led Grand Canyon to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2021; previously this player had been fired from Vanderbilt. For 10 points, name this player who led Valparaiso to a win over Ole Miss in the 1998 NCAA basketball tournament with a buzzer-beating 3.

ANSWER: Bryce **Drew**

<College Basketball>

<Retired as a player, obviously not as a coach>

14. During the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, this player was the apparent target on a fake pass that instead was handed off to Ian Johnson for a game-winning 2 point conversion. After losing a 2004 quarterback battle to Jared Zabransky at Boise State, this player converted to wide receiver. Before joining the Patriots, Cam Newton's only NFL reception was a screen thrown by this player. In 2010, a Vincent Jackson holdout let this player record 110 receiving yards and a 59-yard touchdown catch for the Chargers in a week 1 game against the Chiefs. For 10 points, name this former Boise State wide receiver, who had almost 500 receiving yards for the 2011-12 Carolina Panthers.

ANSWER: Legedu **Naanee**

<NFL? Kind of hybrid college football and NFL>

<Actually retired>

15. Following a 2010 season in which the Braves criticized this player for his conditioning, this player had 201 hits as the starting centerfielder for the Royals. In 2013, this player took over for Rajai Davis as the Blue Jays' left fielder, and was implicated but not suspended in the Biogenesis scandal. This player won the 2012 All-Star Game MVP after scoring in the 1st inning and then adding a 2-run homer in an 8-0 shutout. This player's associates created a fake website to help appeal a PED suspension; that suspension led to this player being ineligible for the 2012 batting title, which went to teammate Buster Posey. For 10 points, name this one-time Yankees prospect sometimes known as "the Melk Man".

ANSWER: Melky **Cabrera** Astasio (DO NOT ACCEPT first names other than Melky, e.g. Miguel)

<MLB>

<I think he's in the Dominican league, but probably retired-ish>