

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – June 6 - 10, 2011
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Summer is here. Baseball is back! How about a baseball related Deaf culture question. This question came my way from a colleague in Georgia, Ray Williams. Ray himself could be the subject of a DCQW one of these days. You never know. Thanks Ray for putting me on to this interesting question.

Most readers of DCQW will recognize the name William “Dummy” Hoy as an icon of Deaf culture. He is credited with inventing the “hand signals” that umpires use to this day to indicate balls, strikes, outs etc. Because William was deaf he suggested these hand signs to the umpire so he could see balls and strikes being called from his position in center field.

Which of the below major league records does William Hoy hold to this day?

- a. Most home runs hit in one game.
- b. Throwing out the most base runners at home plate in one game.
- c. Most saves by catching the ball at the fence in one game.
- d. Most strikeouts in one game.

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Answer: “b” - On June 19, 1889, against the National League’s Indianapolis Hoosiers, William “Dummy” Hoy, a deaf center fielder for the Washington Senators, recorded a baseball first: throwing out three base runners at home plate in

one game—still a major league record. (Cited from:
<http://www.americanprofile.com/articles/baseball-facts/>)

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