Jeopardy Category: Baseball Personas

Respond with the appropriate question based on the scenarios depicted in Chapter 7 of *Moneyball*.

1. This person maintained the video archives of Oakland A’s at-bats.

2. This Oakland A’s player trembled at the thought that the opposing team would ever hit a ball toward his zone of the outfield.

3. This manager’s appearance reminded Michael Lewis of General Washington’s iconic pose when crossing the Delaware River.

4. Favorably compared to Jason Giambi for his offensive skill, this home-run record-setter would command too high a salary to even be considered for the Oakland A’s.

5. This economics whiz flippantly upended the question of his career choice by quipping back, “as if a job on Wall Street would be any more meaningful?”

6. Players from this nation are likely to develop a reputation of “swinging at anything”.

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**Short Answer**

1. What benefit does a player with good plate discipline give to his teammates later in the batting lineup? Name the Oakland A’s player who is most weakened when former teammate Jason Giambi, now with the Yankees, is at bat.

2. What type of player is Billy Beane both able and willing to recruit? List key qualities that make such a player (i) affordable and (ii) desirable.

3. Which of the _desirable_ qualities in a new recruit (see last question) can be taught, and which must already be visible in his career statistics?

4. What made Scott Hatteberg and David Justice _affordable_ for the Oakland A’s? What common strength of theirs allows them to fit right in with Billy Beane’s offensive strategy?