

America's Pasttime #3
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AMERICA'S PASTTIME - PART 3.

BOBBY VAN VANDENGELDER and BUCK BUCKWALTER appear on screen. They look completely exhausted. Buck is rip-roaring drunk.

BOBBY

We're back, I'm Bobby Van Vandengelder and at my side, as always, is my partner Buck Buckwalter, and it's hour twenty-nine, still top of the first inning in a real barn burner of a game between your Milwaukee Brewers and the St. Louis Cardinals. What do you think so far, partner?

BUCK

(completely sloshed.)

This is what baseball is all about. This is why I love this game...and why I love you, Bobby

BOBBY

Back at you, partner. Neither player is giving in as we're coming up, any minute now, on the first pitch. The crowd here is sitting on the edge of pins and needles, right Buck?

BUCK

He throws that ball...this place is gonna explode, mark my words.

BOBBY

And there's no better place for a fan to catch a ball game than right here at the friendly confines of Miller Park, eh partner?

BUCK

Absolutely. This place is awe inspiring. A real temple of the Baseball Gods. A modern day colossus that rivals The Hanging Gardens of Babylon or The Great Library at Alexandria.

BOBBY

Without all the books and bushes, of course. And this massive, impressive roof which leaks like a sieve and uses a motor and bearing system that wore down in the first six weeks as if it were designed and built by the Milton/Bradley Toy Company, is really a trademark of the city and the citizens that live here.

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BUCK

They really made a great sacrifice to keep Major League Baseball right here where it belongs.

BOBBY

Over half a billion tax dollars. Much of it diverted from public service and education funding.

BUCK

They say any child born in the area between now and 2015 will only reach a 2nd grade reading level in their lifetime.

BOBBY

But it's all worth it when you step through the turnstiles, buy yourself a brat from Gorman's Grill, sit in the grandstand and catch a piece of America's Pastime. And don't forget a nice cold cup of Miller High Life. Which brings us to the Miller High Life Trivia Question of the Game. Brought to you by Miller High Life, the champaign of bottled beers.

BUCK

(singing again, very drunk.)
Hooray for Captain Spaulding
The African explorer
Did someone call me snorer?
Hooray, hooray, hooray!

Buck takes a huge drink and passes out in his chair.

BOBBY

Funny you should drink yourself into a coma, there, partner, because our Miller High Life Trivia Question is this: San Diego utility outfielder Nick Darabount recently suffered from the alcohol related nerve disorder Wernicke's syndrome. Which vitamin/chemical compound, taken immediately intravenously, rapidly reverses Wernicke syndrome's fatal effects. Is it A.) Thiamine, B.) Niacine or C.) Benzodiazepine. Give us a call at 1-800-555-1800 if you know the answer to the latest Miller High Life Trivia Question brought to you by Miller High Life.

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your Milwaukee Brewer's TV Network.