

Howie Newman's latest baseball CD: *Baseball's Greatest Hits, Volume 3*

Celebrating the grand old game in song ... one more time

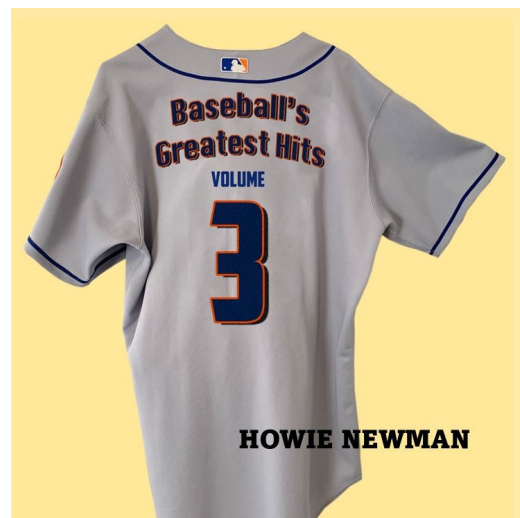
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Boston-area singer-songwriter Howie Newman has released his third collection of baseball songs, *Baseball's Greatest Hits, Volume 3*. It's his first baseball album in 16 years and seventh release on Major League Records. The songs are published by Chin Music (BMI).

A sportswriter for 18 years (Boston Globe, Patriot Ledger, Associated Press, Baseball Digest and others), Newman has been able to combine his fond appreciation of the game with humor and a unique approach to songwriting.

"Baseball lends itself to song more than any other sport," he explained. "It's probably the slow, deliberate pace, which enables fans to fully understand and identify players and dramatic situations. "Baseball also has the **richest history, best nicknames and most distinctive jargon**. It's a songwriter's nirvana. For me, anyway."



Remembering some of the great moments

Baseball's Greatest Hits, Volume 3 recalls some of the game's **memorable, and most quirky, moments**, such as Tony Cloninger's two grand slams, Harvey Haddix's 12-inning gem and Mike Hessman's minor-league home run mark. Newman also looks at baseball's most unusual pitch and the long off-season of disappointment for teams that fell just short.



Backed by electric guitar, drums, bass, piano, fiddle, mandolin and other instruments, Newman embraces country, rock and folk in this lively five-song compilation.

Hall of Fame

Like his two previous baseball releases, *Baseball's Greatest Hits, Volume 3* has been accepted into the **National Baseball Hall of Fame Archive** in Cooperstown, N.Y. In addition, his **"Dump the DH"** bumper sticker, part of a 1985 national campaign, is on display in the main museum (see www.howienewman.com/dumpthedh for photos and details).

Musical Baseball Show

For the past eight years, Newman has performed his Musical Baseball Show at Boston-area coffeehouses, libraries and community centers. The concert includes **baseball songs, trivia and stories** about his days as a sportswriter (for video clips, his upcoming schedule and additional information, visit www.howienewman.com/baseball-show).

THE SONGS

The Ballad of Mike Hessman

Mike Hessman holds the record for the most home runs hit in the minor leagues (433). Was it a blessing or a curse?

Knuckleball

Dedicated to the memory of Tim Wakefield

Learn about the origin of this mystery pitch and some of its greatest practitioners, along with a bit of knuckleball trivia.

The Other Tony C

Tony Cloninger is the only pitcher ever to hit two grand slams in one game. With the advent of the universal DH (ugh!), it's pretty safe to say this feat will never be equaled.

Twelve Perfect Innings

The greatest game ever pitched was not a perfect game, a no-hitter or a shutout. It wasn't even a victory. On May 26, 1959, Harvey Haddix of the Pittsburgh Pirates retired the first 36 Atlanta batters, only to lose in the 13th inning. You could look it up. Or just listen to the song.

Wait Until Next Year

Before the dilution of the baseball playoffs, you actually had to take first place to qualify for the postseason. It was win or go home in those days. Such was the plight of the old Brooklyn Dodgers (those damn Yankees!) and the 1978 Red Sox (the Yankees ... again).