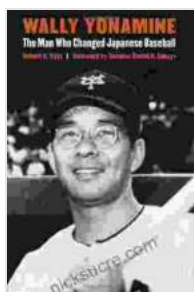


# Wally Yonamine: The Man Who Changed Japanese Baseball

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## Early life

Wally Yonamine was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 17, 1925. He was the son of Japanese immigrants. Yonamine began playing baseball at a young age and was a standout player at McKinley High School. After graduating from high school, Yonamine played for the University of Hawaii.

## Professional career

In 1950, Yonamine signed with the Mainichi Orions of the Japanese Baseball League (JBL). He was one of the first non-Japanese players to play in Japan. Yonamine quickly became a star in Japan, leading the JBL in home runs in 1951. He also helped the Orions win the Japan Series in 1954.

In 1959, Yonamine was traded to the Yomiuri Giants. He helped the Giants win the Japan Series in 1959, 1960, and 1961. Yonamine retired as a player in 1964.

### **Managerial career**

After retiring as a player, Yonamine became a manager. He managed the Giants from 1965 to 1971 and led the team to three Japan Series titles. Yonamine also managed the Seibu Lions from 1978 to 1981.

### **Legacy**

Wally Yonamine is considered one of the greatest players in Japanese baseball history. He was a pioneer for non-Japanese players in Japan and helped to popularize the game in the country. Yonamine was also a successful manager, leading the Yomiuri Giants to three Japan Series titles.

Yonamine died on September 20, 2011, at the age of 86. He was inducted into the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000.

### **Impact on Japanese baseball**

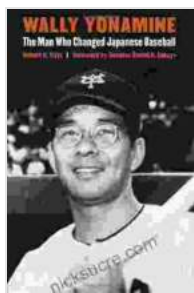
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Yonamine's impact on Japanese baseball can be seen in the number of non-Japanese players who have played in Japan since he first arrived in the country. In 2019, there were over 100 non-Japanese players playing in Japan. This number is expected to continue to grow in the years to come.

Yonamine's impact on Japanese baseball can also be seen in the way the game is played today. The Japanese style of baseball is known for its emphasis on speed and contact hitting. This style of play is in part due to the influence of Yonamine, who was a fast and agile player.

Yonamine was a true pioneer in Japanese baseball. He helped to break down barriers and pave the way for non-Japanese players to play in Japan. He also helped to popularize the game in the country and shape the way it is played today.

Wally Yonamine was a legendary figure in Japanese baseball. He was a pioneer for non-Japanese players in Japan and helped to popularize the game in the country. Yonamine was also a successful manager, leading the Yomiuri Giants to three Japan Series titles. Yonamine's legacy continues to this day, as he is considered one of the greatest players in Japanese baseball history.



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