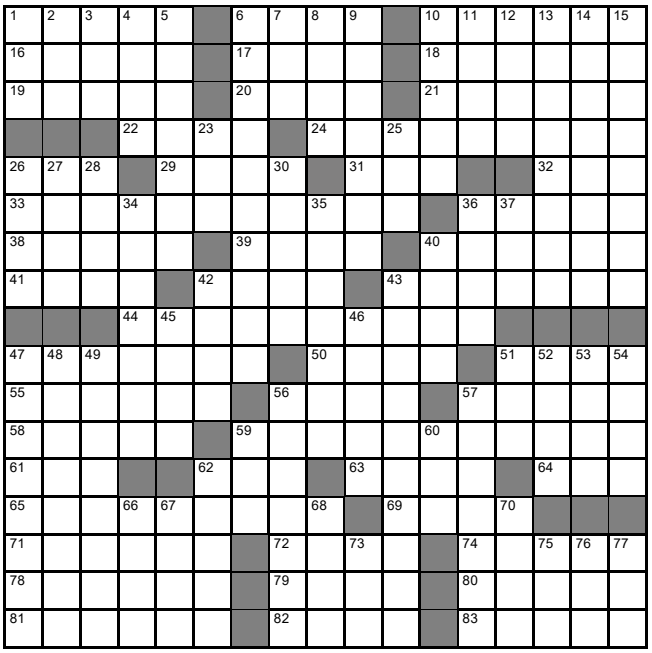
Looking Up for Number One

# The answer to this meta was a baseball player with a 7-letter surname.



**Across**

**1.** You need some of these from the BBWAA to get into the 77-D

**6.** Mallorca or Menorca

**10.** Old TV show "My Little _____"

**16.** Lacking the strength to move

**17.** Black in Brest

**18.** Brazilian soccer player for Ajax

**19.** Author and activist Lakshmi

**20.** Petunia, to Harry Potter

**21.** Anxiety

**22.** Ex-Yankee superstar not related to the meta (abbr.)

**24.** Rock from Sanford, Florida (2017)

**26.** Grampa Simpson

**29.** Second largest dwarf planet in the Solar System

**31.** Hers, to Caesar

**32.** What Salvador's amigos might have called him?

**33.** Doc who crashed on amphetamines (2019)

**36.** A stroke a cue is inclined to make

**38.** Form of precipitation

**39.** Moran who played Joanie on "Happy Days"

**40.** "The __ the Wind" by Patrick Rothfuss (if you haven't read this you have not yet lived)

**41.** Current event?

**42.** Oldest independent state in the Arab world

**43.** Degree of interest?

**44.** The character of Jimmy Dugan in "A League of Their Own" is loosely based on his life (1951)

**47.** Phillipines body of water not named for the guy on Star Trek

**50.** Biblical verb

**51.** Monty Hall game show "Let's Make a ____"

**55.** Japanese dish of steamed rice and grilled eel (Yum!)

**56.** What someone might call the constructors --- oh sorry, I misread the fill ---- umm - common data structure in Python

**57.** Bantu-speaking ethnic group

**58.** Ruth and others

**59.** Wayne Gretzky bought his baseball card in 1991 (1936)

**61.** Something a private equity firm might take part in (Abbr)

**62.** Hit well against, in baseball slang

**63.** "Wolves at the Door" by Bad ____ Rising (great song)

**64.** Baseball class just below the majors

**65.** When asked if he would throw at his grandmother if she was batting against him, he said "Only if she was crowding the plate" (1972)

**69.** Cairo slitherers

**71.** Med for anxiety disorders

**72.** Hospital areas often overflowing during the Covid surges

**74.** Friend of Gayle

**78.** Deficient in marbles?

**79.** One billionth

**80.** Hasta ___

**81.** More tense

**82.** Tide competitor

**83.** R.E.M.'s "It's the __ the World"

**Down**

**1.** Prestigious person

**2.** "____ Clear Day You Can See Forever"

**3.** Oversexed stuffed animal (not Harvey Weinstein)

**4.** American humorist Bombeck

**5.** Gawk

**6.** Torn

**7.** Old French coin

**8.** Navel findings

**9.** As Masashi Kishimoto said "_____ explosion"

**10.** Tierney who played Abby on "ER"

**11.** 2019 thriller starring Sasha Luss

**12.** Major East Coast road (abbr)

**13.** Toyota principle #12

**14.** Unlike 43-D

**15.** Military podcast hosted by two anti-war army vets

**23.** Disney airport code

**25.** Very in Veracruz

**26.** Contemptible Brit

**27.** Another Tide competitor

**28.** Looked at

**30.** Capital city of the Golden Horde

**34.** "Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na ____" (not Batman)

**35.** Reached home and cleared the plate?

**36.** German philosopher mentioned in "American Pie"

**37.** Entertainment giant headquartered in Leawood, KS

**40.** Word you hope to hear while waiting in line

**42.** Sign

**43.** Playoff time

**45.** Instant replay cameras, for short

**46.** Microscope adjustment

**47.** Re-rent

**48.** Sustained

**49.** "_____ oar," task requiring greatest effort (see, you learned something today)

**51.** Created a hole

**52.** Italian hot head

**53.** In a boat on the ocean

**54.** Former capital of Italy

**56.** Suiting up

**57.** Part Eastern-European, or a baby frog

**59.** Rte.

**60.** Jazzman Montgomery

**62.** Hal Steinbrenner, for instance

**66.** Age of an ancient Roman who could get Medicare in VIII years

**67.** University which bears the name of its British-American, merchant and slave trader, benefactor

**68.** Non-profit organization whose president, Mark Emmert, earns almost $3 million a year

**70.** Turned a tale

**73.** Prefix with son and form

**75.** Nickname of Harold Grange

**76.** Last word of the first line of "American Pie" (sorry, I like the song)

**77.** It's in Cooperstown, the place where baseball was not invented by Abner Doubleday (abbr.)