

Lars Nootbaar is proud to represent Samurai Japan

1 A Japanese-American baseball player Lars Nootbaar was selected as a member of the Japan national team for the World Baseball Classic. He is the first man born outside Japan to represent the Japan national team. He is an outfielder at St. Louis Cardinals. He was born and brought up in California and now is 25 years old.

2 His father Charlie is a Dutch-American, and his mother Kumiko is a Japanese. His full name is "Lars Taylor-Tatsuji Nootbaar". His Japanese name Tatsuji(達治) comes from his grandfather, who lives in Saitama.

3 There is a video of a 10-year-old Nootbaar saying: "Konnichiwa, I'm Lars Nootbaar, No.21 and I'm Japanese. I hope I do good during All-Stars and represent my country Japan."

4 Nootbaar has admired Japanese baseball players because when he was 9 years old, a team of Japanese high school all-stars came to the U.S. for exhibition games, and the Nootbaars were a host family for some members of the team. Some famous stars such as Masahiro Tanaka and Yuki Saito were in the team, too. Nootbaar played baseball with the Japanese players. He was given a team cap, and got all of their autographs. ①They are still his treasures.

5 So, when Nootbaar got ②a phone call one day, and was asked if he wanted to play for Samurai Japan at the WBC, he answered, "Yes!" right away.

proud 誇りに思っている represent~を代表する national 国代表の be born and brought up 生まれ育つ
Dutch オランダ(人)の admire~::~~を尊敬する・素晴らしいと思う exhibition game 勝負より観客を楽しませることを目的とした公開試合 autograph(有名人からもらう)サイン treasure 宝物 right away すぐに

Q1 ラーズ・ヌートバー選手は「」として初めて、日本代表チームの選手に選ばれた」ことで話題になっています。空欄に当てはまる言葉を日本語で答えましょう。

Q2 Where was he born and brought up? (□Please also check the state on the map.)

Q3 Nootbaar is a Japanese-American. Where are his parents from?

Q4 Where did his Japanese name Tatsuji come from?

Q5 10歳の頃、ヌートバー選手は何と言いましたか。動画の彼と一緒に発音し、さらに和訳しましょう。



Cardinals' Lars Nootbaar predicted playing for Japan when he was in Little League | Flippin' Bats / この動画の 0:08 から放送し、10歳のヌートバー選手と同じスピードで発音しましょう。

(和訳)

Q6 When Nootbaar was 9 years old, who stayed at his home? (Who were the famous players included in the team?)

Q7 What did 9-year-old Nootbaar and Japanese players do?

Q8 下線①が指し示しているものを2つ、説明しましょう。

Q9 下線②について：それは、どのような内容の電話でしたか。説明しましょう。

6 Nootbaar can speak only basic Japanese, but the language barrier is not a big problem among baseball players. Ohtani and Yu Darvish speak good English, and they are helping Nootbaar a lot.

7 And Nootbaar has been learning Japan's anthem "Kimigayo" from his mother. "My mom is very proud of me. That's very cool because I'm a mama's boy, and she's my best friend. She has sacrificed so much for me, so, to put a smile on her face and represent her heritage, ③it means a lot to me."

barrier 障壁・障害 anthem 国歌 be proud of ~:~を誇りに思う sacrifice 犠牲にする heritage 財産

★今日のニュースで覚えた言葉を書きましょう:()

Q10 Can Nootbaar speak Japanese fluently?

Q11 Why isn't the language barrier a big problem among baseball players?

Q12 How has he been practicing singing "Kimigayo"?

Q13 According to Nootbaar, how does his mother think of him?

Q14 下線③「それは僕にとって、大きな意味を持ちます」とありますが、itは具体的に何を指していますか。
本文中から、英語で抜き出しましょう。

Q15 What do you think about this news?

★次の文を3回以上読んで、暗唱しましょう。

1. He was born and brought up in California. 彼はカルフォルニアで生まれ、育ちました。

2. "I want to represent my country Japan." 「僕は自分の国、日本の代表になりたいです」

3. "My mom is very proud of me." 「母は僕を誇りに思ってくれています」

今日の文法（１）受動態 be 動詞 + 過去分詞 (by ~)

現在形	am / is / are + 過去分詞	~(ら)れる・される
過去形	was / were + 過去分詞	~(ら)れた・された
未来形	will be + 過去分詞	~(ら)れるだろう・~されるだろう

1) ラーズ・ヌートバー選手は、WBC で日本代表チームの選手として選ばれました。

Lars Nootbaar () () as a member of the Japan national team for the WBC.

2) 彼はカルフォルニアで生まれ、育ちました。

He () () and () () in California.

3) 彼は、おじいさんにちなんで、「達治」と名付けられました。

He () () Tatsuji () his grandfather.

4) 彼は「WBC でサムライジャパンのためにプレーしたい？」と質問されました。

He () (), “Do you want to play for Samurai Japan at the WBC?”

5) WBC は 3 月 21 日まで開催される予定です。

The WBC () () () until March 21st.

6) The team gave Nootbaar a team cap. この文を、受動態を使って書き換えましょう。

●主語を Nootbaar で始める ()

●主語を a team cap で始める ()

7) Where is baseball played in the world? Please name 5 countries.

今日の文法（２）It is ~ (for ~) to 動詞の原形.

例文 1) It is cool to play in Samurai Japan. 意味 :

例文 2) It is difficult for him to sing “Kimigayo”. 意味

次の語句を、日本語の意味を表すように、並べ替えましょう。

1) ペッパーミルのジェスチャーをすることは、とても楽しいです。

[a lot of / the “Pepper Grinder” gesture / is / do / fun / to / it / .]

2) 日本代表になること (=日本を代表すること) は、彼の夢でした。

[dream / it / Japan / his / represent / was / to / .]

3) 母を笑顔にすることは、私にとって大切です。

[for / on / to / me / it / my mother’s face / important / put a smile / is / .]

4) ヌートバー選手にとって、新しい友達を作ることは、簡単です。

[friends / to / Nootbaar / easy / for / make / is / new / it / .]