

# 3 SANDY LEON CATCHER

**Full Name:** Sandy David (Balan) Leon  
**Bats:** Switch **Throws:** Right **Height:** 5-10 **Weight:** 225  
**Opening Day Age:** 26  
**Born:** March 13, 1989 in Maracaibo, VZ  
**Resides:** Maracaibo, VZ  
**Major League Service:** 1 year, 50 days  
**Acquired:** From Washington in exchange for cash considerations on March 30, 2015  
**Signed By:** Mike Rizzo and Dana Brown (Nationals)  
**Contract Status:** Signed through 2015



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## Career Highlights

👉 Switch-hitting catcher entering 1st season with the Red Sox...Was acquired from the Nationals on 3/30/15 in exchange for cash considerations.

👉 In his 4th season in big league spring training camp (also 2012-15 with WSH).

👉 Switch-hitter has played 34 big league games, all with the Nationals over the last 3 seasons (2012-14)...Has thrown out 6 of 15 (40%) potential base stealers in the major leagues...WSH went 16-10 (.615) in his 26 ML starts.

👉 Has caught 48% (187 of 389) of attempted base stealers between the major and minor leagues over the last 5 seasons.

👉 Over his 8 minor league seasons, he has thrown out 45% (245 of 543) of attempted base stealers.

👉 Named by *Baseball America* as the best defensive catcher in the Nationals' farm system following the 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2012 seasons.

👉 Signed with the Nationals on 1/17/07 after participating in a private workout in his native Venezuela in front of General Manager Mike Rizzo.

**2014: Appeared in an ML career-high 20 games over 4 stints with the Nationals, making 17 starts... Spent most of the season with Triple-A Syracuse.**

👉 Threw out 5 of 8 potential base stealers with Washington and also caught 12 of 21 would-be base stealers (57%) with Syracuse.

👉 Was set to begin the season with Double-A Harrisburg, but was summoned to WSH on 4/2 after Wilson Ramos injured his left hand on Opening Day.

👉 Hit .182 (8-for-44), 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 5 BB, and 5 R in 13 games before being optioned to Triple-A Syracuse on 5/16.

👉 Hit his 1st ML home run on 4/14 at MIA, a 2-run shot off RHP Kevin Slowey.

👉 Had a 2nd stint with WSH from 6/11-25...Returned again from 8/5-7 to replace Ramos (paternity leave).

👉 Hit .229 with 9 2B, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 23 BB, and 26 R in 51 games for Syracuse.

👉 Returned to the Nationals when rosters expanded on 9/1.

👉 Played in 46 games for Aguilas del Zulia of the Venezuelan Winter League, hitting .211, 8 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 14 RBI.

**2013: Spent first full season at Double-A with WSH's Harrisburg affiliate...Was a September call-up to the Nationals.**

👉 Hit .177 (55-for-310) in 95 games for Harrisburg but posted 47 walks compared to 57 strikeouts.

👉 Walked once every 7.7 PA with the Senators.

👉 Was batting .221 before a 4-for-79 slide over the last 25 games of the season...15 of his 16 extra-base hits came before the All-Star break.

👉 Including a 3-game rehab stint with Single-A Auburn, threw out 27 of 70 (39%) would-be base stealers

👉 Appeared in 2 September contests for Washington, going 0-for-1.

👉 Following the season, played for Zulia in the Venezuelan Winter League, batting .353 (42-for-119) in 38 games.

**2012: Saw first Triple-A and major league experience in 6th pro season.**

👉 Made MLB debut on 5/14 vs. SD, but suffered a high right ankle sprain in a 4th-inning home plate collision with Chase Headley.

👉 Endured 6-week stint on the DL, but in 1st game upon return, notched 1st big league hit, a 7th-inning single off eventual Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey on 7/19 vs. NYM.

👉 On 7/27 at MIL, gunned down Jonathan Lucroy to register the 1st caught stealing of his ML career.

👉 Washington went 7-2 in his 9 starts.

👉 Combined to hit .322 (65-for-202) with 19 2B, 3 HR, and 26 RBI in 64 minor league games between Short-A Auburn (rehab), Double-A Harrisburg, and Triple-A Syracuse.

👉 Played 32 games for Zulia in the Venezuelan Winter League.

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👉 Following the season, was named by *Baseball America* as the best defensive catcher in the Nationals' farm system for the 4th time.

**2011: Spent entire season with High-A Potomac and set a career-high with 28 extra-base hits, including a career-best 21 doubles and 6 homers.**

👉 Also registered career-highs in RBI (43) and games (109)...Hit a then-career-best .251 (93-for-370).

👉 Threw out 53% (60 of 113) of attempted base stealers, the best mark in the Carolina League...Also topped the CL with 104 appearances at catcher.

👉 Had 6 homers after totaling 4 roundtrippers over his first 4 pro campaigns (2007-10).

👉 Despite receiving 31 more PA than the season prior, struck out 10 fewer times.

👉 Went 4-for-14 (.286) in 5 playoff games for the P-Nats.

👉 Named a Carolina League Post-Season All-Star.

👉 Played for Zulia in the Venezuelan Winter League, appearing in 14 games (11 at C).

👉 After the season, tabbed the best defensive catcher in WSH's farm system and the best defensive catcher in the Carolina League by *Baseball America*.

**2010: Returned to Single-A Hagerstown and named to the mid-season South Atlantic League All-Star team.**

👉 Tallied a career-best 50 walks in 98 games en route to .345 OBP.

👉 Topped the SAL in caught stealing percentage (51%, 61 of 119).

👉 Hit .321 (25-for-78) with a .415 OBP against left-handed pitchers.

👉 Made Venezuelan Winter League debut, playing 2 games for Zulia.

**2009: Played for both Single-A Hagerstown and Short-A Vermont.**

👉 Began the year with 23 games for the Suns before the start of the New York-Penn League season.

👉 Combined to bat .238 (58-for-244) with 13 doubles and the first 2 home runs of his professional career.

👉 Threw out 43 of 106 (41%) attempted base stealers over the 2 stops.

👉 Connected for 1st pro home run, a 7th-inning solo shot, on 8/23 at Tri-City.

👉 Following the season, cited as the best defensive catcher in the Nats chain by *Baseball America*.

**2008: Returned for a 2nd season with the Rookie-level Gulf Coast League.**

👉 Hit .189 (14-for-74) but tallied 11 RBI in 26 games.

👉 Gunned down 37% of attempted base stealers (11 of 30).

👉 Went 2-for-6 with a pair of doubles in the playoffs as the Nationals lost the GCL Championship series.

**2007: Made pro debut with the Rookie-level Gulf Coast League Nationals.**

👉 Drew 17 walks in 31 games.

👉 Made pro debut on 6/19 vs. the GCL Dodgers...Walked twice and scored 2 runs.

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### Personal

👉 Last name pronounced "lay-OHN."

### Sandy Leon's Career Record

YEAR	CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
2007	GCL Nationals	.202	31	94	10	19	0	0	0	11	4	0	0	17	15	0	0	3
2008	GCL Nationals	.189	26	74	12	14	1	1	0	11	1	0	2	9	18	1	2	5
2009	Hagerstown	.218	23	78	7	17	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	21	0	0	3
	Vermont	.247	50	166	16	41	10	1	2	18	1	2	2	24	29	1	1	5
2010	Hagerstown	.249	98	325	48	81	10	6	2	36	5	5	0	50	79	3	5	19
2011	Potomac	.251	109	370	36	93	21	1	6	43	9	3	1	33	69	1	3	10
	Auburn	.333	5	15	3	5	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
2012	Harrisburg	.311	40	135	15	42	12	0	1	19	1	2	2	9	16	1	0	3
	Syracuse	.346	19	52	8	18	5	0	2	4	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	.267	12	30	2	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	11	0	0	1
2013	Auburn	.077	3	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
	Harrisburg	.177	95	310	35	55	12	1	3	26	0	1	3	47	57	0	0	6
2014	WASHINGTON	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Syracuse	.229	51	170	26	39	9	0	5	25	0	0	0	23	36	1	0	0
	WASHINGTON	.156	20	64	7	10	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	6	20	0	0	1
<b>Major League Totals</b>		<b>.189</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Minor League Totals</b>		<b>.236</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>

2007 Signed by the Washington Nationals as a non-drafted free agent on 1/17

2012 On disabled list with a high right ankle sprain, 5/15-7/2

2015 Acquired by the Boston Red Sox in exchange for cash considerations on 3/30

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### Additional Batting Statistics

YEAR	CLUB	OBP	SLG	OPS	TB	GDP
2012	WASHINGTON	.389	.333	.722	10	1
2013	WASHINGTON	.000	.000	.000	0	0
2014	WASHINGTON	.229	.219	.447	14	1
<b>Major League Totals</b>		<b>.280</b>	<b>.253</b>	<b>.533</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>

### Career Fielding Record

YEAR	CLUB	POS	PCT.	G	GS	PO	A	E	TC	DP
2012	WASHINGTON	C	.987	12	9	73	5	1	79	1
2013	WASHINGTON	C	1.000	1	0	2	0	0	2	0
2014	WASHINGTON	C	.994	20	17	154	9	1	164	1
<b>Career Totals</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>.992</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2</b>

### Career Single-Game Highs

<b>HITS</b>	2, 3 times, last 4/14/14 for WAS at MIA
<b>DOUBLES</b>	1, 3 times, last 4/22/14 for WAS vs. LAA
<b>HOME RUNS</b>	1, 4/14/14 for WAS at MIA
<b>RBI</b>	2, 2 times, last 4/14/14 for WAS at MIA
<b>RUNS SCORED</b>	2, 4/14/14 for WAS at MIA
<b>WALKS</b>	2, 2 times, last 4/30/14 for WAS at HOU
<b>STRIKEOUTS</b>	3, 2 times, last 4/26/14 for WAS vs. SD
<b>STOLEN BASES</b>	None
<b>HITTING STREAK</b>	4, 7/19-22/12 for WAS
<b>EJECTIONS</b>	None

### Home Run Notes

<b>MULTI-HOME RUN GAMES (0)</b>
<b>LEADOFF HOME RUNS (0)</b>
<b>GRAND SLAMS (0)</b>
<b>PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0)</b>
<b>EXTRA-INNING HOME RUNS (0)</b>
<b>GAME-ENDING HOME RUNS (0)</b>
<b>INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0)</b>

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