**Shohei Ohtani** (大谷 翔平 *Ōtani Shōhei*, born July 5, 1994) is a Japanese [professional baseball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Professional_baseball) [pitcher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitcher) and [designated hitter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Designated_hitter) for the [Los Angeles Angels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Angels) of [Major League Baseball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Baseball) (MLB). He previously played for the [Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hokkaido_Nippon-Ham_Fighters) of [Nippon Professional Baseball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nippon_Professional_Baseball)'s (NPB) [Pacific League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_League). Ohtani was the first pick of the Fighters in the 2012 draft. He has officially recorded the fastest pitch by a Japanese pitcher and in NPB history at 165 kilometres per hour (102.5 mph).