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- 1) Played in the first All Star Game in 1933;  
Also selected in 1934, 1935, and 1937
- 2) Batting average of 300 or more for 8 years
- 3) Lifetime batting average of 299
- 4) Tied for most hits in one game: 6 hits on  
April 13, 1933
- 5) Tied for record for most assists in one  
season: 25 assists, 1929
- 6) Four years of 400 put-outs or more per season:  
1931, 1932, 1935, and 1936. Established  
league record.
- 7) One season of only one error for entire season
- 8) Led league, outfielders, in put-outs: 1932-1935
- 9) Holds all-time record for outfielders on two clubs:  
996 for 116 games with Washington, 1928  
989 for 135 games with St. Louis Browns, 1935
- 10) Fielding record of 983 for lifetime
- 11) Played in Major League for 16 years
- 12) Coached for 2 years at Washington

The following statistics are from the  
Baseball Encyclopedia, 1979

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Player Register

	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	HR %	R	RBI	BB	SO	SB	BA	SA	Pinch AB	Hit H	G by POS
<b>Sammy West</b> WEST, SAMUEL FILMORE B. Oct. 5, 1904, Longview, Tex.																	
BL TL 5'11" 165 lbs.																	
1927 WAS A	38	67	16	4	1	0	0.0	9	6	8	8	1	.239	.328	19	4	OF-18
1928	125	378	114	30	7	3	0.8	59	40	20	23	5	.302	.442	7	0	OF-116
1929	142	510	136	16	8	3	0.6	60	75	45	41	9	.267	.347	3	1	OF-139
1930	120	411	135	22	10	6	1.5	75	67	37	34	5	.328	.474	0	0	OF-118
1931	132	526	175	43	13	3	0.6	77	91	30	37	6	.333	.481	0	0	OF-127
1932	146	554	159	27	12	6	1.1	88	83	48	57	4	.287	.412	3	0	OF-143
1933 STL A	133	517	155	25	12	11	2.1	93	48	59	49	10	.300	.458	6	1	OF-127
1934	122	482	157	22	10	9	1.9	90	55	62	55	3	.326	.469	2	0	OF-120
1935	138	527	158	37	4	10	1.9	93	70	75	46	1	.300	.442	3	3	OF-135
1936	152	533	148	26	4	7	1.3	78	70	94	70	2	.278	.381	3	0	OF-148
1937	122	457	150	37	4	7	1.5	68	58	46	28	1	.328	.473	14	3	OF-105
1938 2 teams	STL	A (44G -	.309)	WAS	A (92G -	.302)											
" total	136	509	155	27	7	6	1.2	68	74	47	30	2	.305	.420	9	2	OF-126
1939 WAS A	115	390	110	20	8	3	0.8	52	52	67	29	1	.282	.397	6	0	OF-89, 1B-17
1940	57	99	25	6	1	1	1.0	7	18	16	13	0	.253	.364	26	8	1B-12, OF-9
1941	26	37	10	0	0	0	0.0	3	6	11	2	1	.270	.270	12	4	OF-8
1942 CHI A	49	151	35	5	0	0	0.0	14	25	31	18	2	.232	.265	2	0	OF-45
16 yrs.	1753	6148	1838	347	101	75	1.2	934	838	696	540	53	.299	.425	115	26	OF-1573, 1B-29



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Baseball Encyclopedia, 1979

*Lifetime Fielding Leaders*

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PUTOUTS/GAME

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OF

1. Taylor Douthit	3.0
2. Richie Ashburn	2.9
3. Mike Kreevich	2.8
4. Dom DiMaggio	2.8
5. Sammy West	2.7
6. Sam Chapman	2.7
7. Fred Schulte	2.7
8. Lloyd Waner	2.7
9. Vince DiMaggio	2.6
10. Max Carey	2.6
11. Joe DiMaggio	2.6
12. Terry Moore	2.6
13. Jim Busby	2.6
14. Wally Berger	2.6
15. Baby Doll Jacobson	2.6

*Lifetime Fielding Leaders*

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CHANCES/GAME

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OF

1. Taylor Douthit	3.2
2. Richie Ashburn	3.0
3. Dom DiMaggio	3.0
4. Mike Kreevich	2.9
5. Sam Chapman	2.9
6. Sammy West	2.9
7. Max Carey	2.9
8. Fred Schulte	2.8
9. Lloyd Waner	2.8
10. Vince DiMaggio	2.8
11. Joe DiMaggio	2.8
12. Tris Speaker	2.8
13. Terry Moore	2.7
14. Baby Doll Jacobson	2.7
15. Wally Berger	2.7









Bill Dickey Charley Gehringer Vernon Gomez Al Simmons Jimmy Foxx Bob Grove Jimmy Dykes Babe Ruth Oral Hildebrand



Upper Martin Hal Schumacher Frank Frisch Chuck Klein Bill Hallahan



Gabby Hartnett Tony Cuccinello Pie Traynor Jimmy Wilson Carl Hubbell



Chick Hafey Woody English Bill Terry Frank O'Doul Wally Berger

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Rick Ferrell Tony Lazzeri



Lou Gehrig Wes Ferrell

### The Skippers



Connie Mack John McGraw

**MORE CHANGES COMING  
IN NEWARK PERSONNEL**

Bears Not Exactly What They Should Be  
to Annex Second Straight Flag;  
Olson Going to Albany

NEWARK, N. J.—George M.  
Weiss, big medicine man of  
the Bears, still believes the  
champions need a tonic. Not

### DODGERS LOOK BETTER, BUT STAY ON TREADMILL

Failure of Beck and Carroll to Hold Early  
Pace, Biggest Drawback; Fireworks  
Promised in Ebbets' Suit

ROOKLYN, N. Y.—Altered con-  
siderably in personnel since  
the start of the season and  
finally geared up as Manager  
Max Carey expects to go  
through the balance of the  
1933 campaign, the Dodgers  
for the last ten days or so  
have given about the finest example of  
going nowhere by dint of great effort of  
any club in the league. They've been play-  
ing 50-50 ball—winning one day and losing  
the next. That has been enough to lift  
the club a notch or two in the standing,  
but not enough to make them seem for-  
midable candidates for a place among the  
championship contenders.

It may be that the Brooklyn club will  
surprise its somewhat disappointed client-  
ele if it ever succeeds in clicking on all  
cylinders at once. So far, however, real  
cohesion has been entirely absent from the  
club all season. Something always has  
been sour.

In the beginning, it was the Brooklyn  
infield and outfield. No doubt about it,  
the infield was greatly improved by the  
acquisition of Sam Leslie and the succession  
of Jimmy Jordan to Glenn Wright's short-  
stop post, while the outfield seems to have  
straightened itself out. Hack Wilson,  
Johnny Frederick and Danny Taylor  
merely snapped out of their early season  
doldrums.

Beck and Carroll Fade Out.  
Then the pitching, which had been rather  
good earlier in the year, became just as  
consistently off key. Owen Carroll and  
Walter Beck, the newcomers who regis-  
tered most of Brooklyn's early victories,  
were lammed terrifically and often.  
Had Carroll and Beck held up, the  
chances are that the Dodgers would have  
been occupying a place in the first division  
by this time.

Certain minor factors have entered into  
the thing. Sam Leslie was under the  
weather for a couple of days with ptomaine  
just after he seemed to have snapped out  
of a batting slump with four hits in one  
game. Danny Taylor was nursing a  
strained back on the bench, while in the  
midst of hitting in a long string of con-  
secutive games, and Jordan, the boy short-  
stop, pulled some sort of a muscle and  
was given a short rest.

## FANS' DREAM OF GREATEST GAME COMES TRUE AT CHICAGO ON JULY 6

Americans Hold 13-Point Hitting Advantage Over Nationals:  
Game Will Start as Southpaw Battle, With Grove and  
Hubbell on Mound; 49,000 Expected to Attend



CHICAGO, Ill.—The fans' dream for years—a game between the best  
players in the two major leagues—is about to come true. The dream  
will reach realization, July 6, when the stars of the National and  
American leagues meet at Comiskey Park in a test of their skill for  
the benefit of the Association of Professional Ball Players of America,  
the net proceeds to be used as a basis for a fund to erect a home  
for that charitable organization. The game will be called at 1:15 o'clock,  
but in case of rain, it will be played at 11 o'clock the following morn-  
ing. John McGraw, former manager of the New York Giants, in charge  
of the National League All-Stars, and Connie Mack, pilot of the Phila-  
delphia Athletics and at the helm of the American League's repre-  
sentatives, will again renew their battle of wits. It will be the fourth time that the  
two veteran leaders have met in a supreme test. In the three previous meetings, Connie  
Mack has been returned the victor twice to McGraw's once, Mack's Athletics defeat-  
ing McGraw's Giants in the World's Series, of 1913 and 1911 and McGraw triumphing in 1905.

The game will begin as a battle of south-  
paws, Connie Mack announcing that Bob  
Grove of the A's will start on the mound  
for the American League and McGraw nomi-  
nating Carl Hubbell of the Giants for the  
National League. There is little to choose  
between the two, Grove holding a slight  
edge on winning percentage and Hubbell a  
big advantage in strikeouts. During the  
current season, the A's ace has won 12 and  
lost four, while the Giants star southpaw  
has won 11 and lost five; Grove has struck  
out 41, and given 145 hits and 39 bases on  
balls, while Hubbell has fanned 88 and  
yielded 128 hits and 26 walks.

American Leads in Hitting.  
The American League representatives enter  
the game, according to the line-ups an-  
nounced, with a marked advantage in hit-  
ting ability, the team, exclusive of the  
pitcher, having a batting average of .318  
as compared with .303 for the National  
League, according to the latest official av-  
erages.

The probable line-ups and latest bat-  
ting averages are:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Dick Bartell, Phillies, ss.....	.295
Frank Frisch, Cardinals, 2b.....	.306
Chuck Klein, Phillies, rf.....	.371
Paul Waner, Pirates, cf.....	.275
Bill Terry, Giants, 1b.....	.305
Lefty O'Doul, New York, if.....	.266
Pie Traynor, Pirates, 3b.....	.307
Gabby Hartnett, Cubs, c.....	.302
Carl Hubbell, Giants, p.....	.149

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
Earl Averill, Indians, cf.....	.282
Charley Gehringer, Tigers, 2b.....	.289
Babe Ruth, Yankees, rf.....	.308
Lou Gehrig, Yankees, 1b.....	.335
Al Simmons, White Sox, if.....	.372
Joe Cronin, Nationals, ss.....	.362
Jimmy Dykes, White Sox, 3b.....	.274
Bill Dickey, Yankees, c.....	.307
Lefty Grove, Athletics, p.....	.143

Reserves for Both Leagues.  
It is expected that many of the reserves,  
allowed each club, also will see action. The  
alternate National League pitchers are Bill  
Hallahan, St. Louis; Harold Schumacher,  
New York, and Lon Warneke, Chicago. The  
other players are Woody English, Chicago,  
and Tony Cuccinello, Brooklyn, infielders;  
Pepper Martin, St. Louis, Wally Berger,  
Boston, and Chick Hafey, Cincinnati, out-  
fielders; Jimmy Wilson, St. Louis, catcher.  
The American League reserves are: Wes-  
ley Ferrell, Cleveland; Vernon Gomez, New  
York; Oral Hildebrand, Cleveland, and Al-  
vin Crowder, Washington, pitchers; Jimmy  
Foxx, Philadelphia, and Tony Lazzeri, New  
York, infielders; Sam West, St. Louis; Ben  
Chapman, New York, outfielders; Rick Fer-  
rell, Boston, catcher.

The American League team has been  
designated as the home club, wearing white  
uniforms with their individual club em-  
blems, while the National League repre-  
sentatives will be considered the traveling  
aggregation, wearing road uniforms bearing  
National League insignia. Mack's team  
will occupy the third base dugout. Slightly  
over 49,000 persons—the capacity of the  
park—are expected to attend. No standing  
room will be sold. Tarpaulins from Comis-  
key Park, Wrigley Field and Soldiers' Field  
will cover the diamond, insuring its perfect  
condition, and the game will be played un-  
less there is a downpour at playing time.

The umpires selected for the game are  
Bill McGowan and Bill Dinneen for the  
American League and Bill Klem and Charley  
Rigler for the National League.

## WHITNEY AND LEE INFUSE BRAVES WITH NEW LIFE

Tribe Remains in Position to Move Up  
When Brown, Worthington Return;  
Red Sox Hold Even Gain

BOSTON, Mass.—The showing of  
the Braves in their home stand  
against the Western clubs au-  
gers well for the chances of  
the club to climb higher in the  
pennant scramble. Despite  
mishaps which have deprived  
the Tribe of the services of  
Bob Brown and Bob Worthington, the team  
has kept within striking distance of the  
first division, and, since the acquisition of Whit-  
ney and Lee, has seemed to find itself. Hit-  
ters upon whom much was dependent have  
begun to get their batting lamps adjusted,  
pitching has remained at a high level and  
the morale of the club has been bolstered.

One year ago, the Tribesmen were in  
second place, a few jumps back of the Cubs  
and Pirates, and excitement here was at  
fever heat. But injuries which took Worthing-  
ton, Shires and Hargrave from the line-  
up in August, when the club was facing a  
tough Western jaunt, accompanied by a  
losing slump, wrecked what chances the  
team had to figure in the big money.

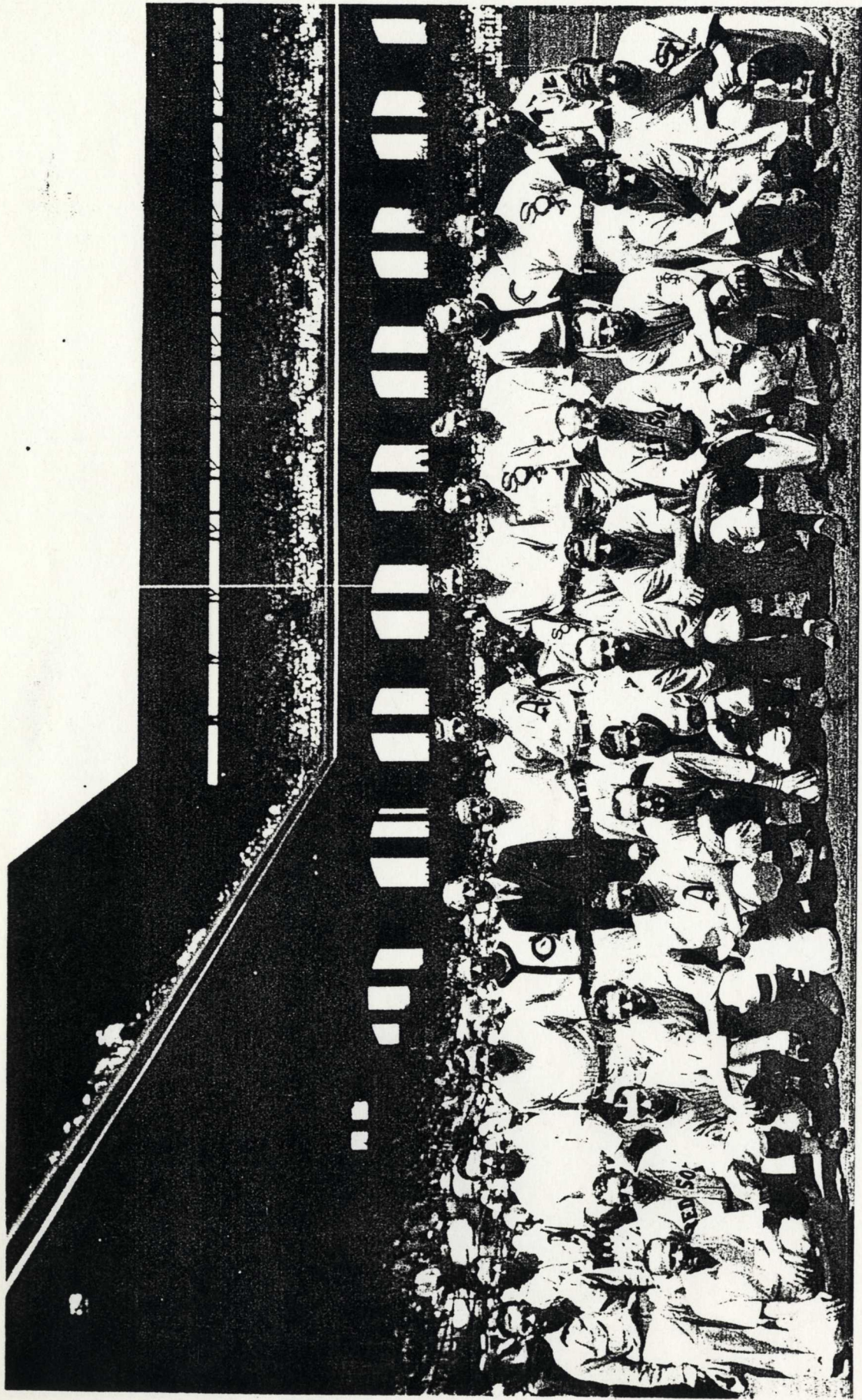
Comparison of the standing of this year's  
outfit with that of 1932 at this time would  
prove nothing. Although the 1933 team is  
lower in percentage than that of last year,  
the club is much stronger, and when Brown  
and Worthington return, which should be  
soon, the improvement in the team's play  
will be even more noticeable.

Two New Starting Pitchers.  
With the absence of Brown, Fred Frank-  
house and Ben Cantwell, chiefly used as  
relief pitchers in 1932, have come to the  
front as starting boxmen and have turned  
in some high-class performances. Ed Brandt  
is the same classy flinger and Leo Mangum  
has been flashing some nice pitching stunts.  
Huck Betts, who rang up an impressive  
string of consecutive victories early last  
season, has experienced more difficulty in  
winning this year, but his work may prove  
more consistent in the long run than that  
of last year.

The Jordan-Whitney-Gyselman-Urbanski  
infield is an improvement over the vari-  
ous combinations which functioned last  
year. Whitney has adjusted himself nicely  
to the shift from third base to second and  
has contributed with the bat toward win-  
ning a number of games. Hal Lee, in the  
outfield, has won favor with the fans, and  
Randy Moore, playing through the season  
as a regular, after several seasons of utility  
work, continues to hit the ball at a .300  
clip. Wally Berger is hitting around the  
.300 mark, with frequent wallops over the  
fence.

Mowry in Roll of Pinch-Hitter.  
Joe Mowry, highly-touted youngster from  
the American Association, who couldn't  
seem to hit major league pitching consis-  
tently while playing regularly, has been  
used in pinch-hitting roles and has come  
through several times with a hit or earned  
a pass.  
Frank Hogan has started to hit and Buck





1933 All Star Game

Bottom row l. to r.: club house boy, Eddie Collins, Tony Lazoria, Alvin Crowder, Jimmy Fox, Art Fletcher, Earl Averill, Eddie Romell, Ben Chagman, Rick Farrell, Sam West, Charlie Garinger, bat boy

Top row l. to r.: bat boy, bat boy, Left Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Oral Hildebrand, Connie Mack, Joe Cronin, Lefty Graves, bat boy, Bill Dickey, batting practice pitcher, Lefty Gomez, Wes Farrell, Jimmy Dykes, bat boy



# Game of 1933

## Comiskey Park, Chicago, July 6

Babe Ruth, with his genius for stealing the thunder, was the hero of the first All-Star Game as the American Leaguers defeated the Nationals, 4-2. The Bambino's two-run homer in the third inning represented the margin of victory. In addition, Ruth made the game's best defensive play. He moved his 38-year-old legs fast over the turf to grab a steaming line drive by Chick Hafey in the eighth inning.

The American League players wore their regular home uniforms, but John Heydler, then National League president, dressed up the N.L. players in special uniforms for the occasion. They were steel gray with "National League" spelled out in blue letters across the blouses. The game yielded \$52,000, of which \$45,000 went to the Association of Professional Ball Players, the game's benevolent society.

Connie Mack stated that the American League was out to win rather than to see how many stars it could inject into the box score. He made only one change in his lineup apart from pitchers. By contrast, N.L. Manager John McGraw used 17 players.

McGraw started Bill Hallahan, Cardinal southpaw, in hopes of curbing Ruth and Lou Gehrig, but the selection was unfortunate for the National League. Hallahan was terribly wild, giving up five walks and three runs before he was derrickd with none out in the third inning. All of the N.L. runs came off Alvin Crowder, Mack's middle pitcher.

Lefty Gomez was credited with the victory, but he still is prouder of the fact that he drove in the first run in All-Star competition. After Al Simmons flied out in the second inning, Jimmie Dykes coaxed a pass. Joe Cronin also worked Hallahan for a walk, but Rick Ferrell lined out. Gomez then surprised the N.L. contingent by lining a single over shortstop to plate Dykes. The box score:

### American League 4, National League 2 (American League Leads Series, 1-0)

NATIONALS							AMERICANS						
	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Martin (Cardinals), 3b.....	4	0	0	0	3	0	Chapman (Yankees), lf-rf.....	5	0	1	1	0	0
Frisch (Cardinals), 2b.....	4	1	2	5	3	0	Gehring (Tigers), 2b.....	3	1	0	1	3	0
Klein (Phillies), rf.....	4	0	1	3	0	0	Ruth (Yankees), rf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0
P. Waner (Pirates), rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	West (Browns), cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hafey (Reds), lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	Gehrig (Yankees), lb.....	2	0	0	12	0	1
Terry (Giants), lb.....	4	0	2	7	2	0	Simmons (Wh. Sox), cf-lf.....	4	0	1	4	0	0
Berger (Braves), cf.....	4	0	0	4	0	0	Dykes (White Sox), 3b.....	3	1	2	2	4	0
Bartell (Phillies), ss.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	Cronin (Senators), ss.....	3	1	1	2	4	0
cTraynor (Pirates).....	1	0	1	0	0	0	R. Ferrell (Red Sox), c.....	3	0	0	4	0	0
Hubbell (Giants), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	Gomez (Yankees), p.....	1	0	1	0	0	0
eCuccinello (Dodgers).....	1	0	0	0	0	0	Crowder (Senators), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson (Cardinals), c.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	bAverill (Indians).....	1	0	1	0	0	0
aO'Doul (Giants).....	1	0	0	0	0	0	Grove (Athletics), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hartnett (Cubs), c.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	Totals.....	31	4	9	27	11	1
Hallahan (Cardinals), p.....	1	0	0	1	0	0							
Warneke (Cubs), p.....	1	1	1	0	0	0							
dEnglish (Cubs), ss.....	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Totals.....	34	2	8	24	11	0							

National League.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0-2
American League.....	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	x-4

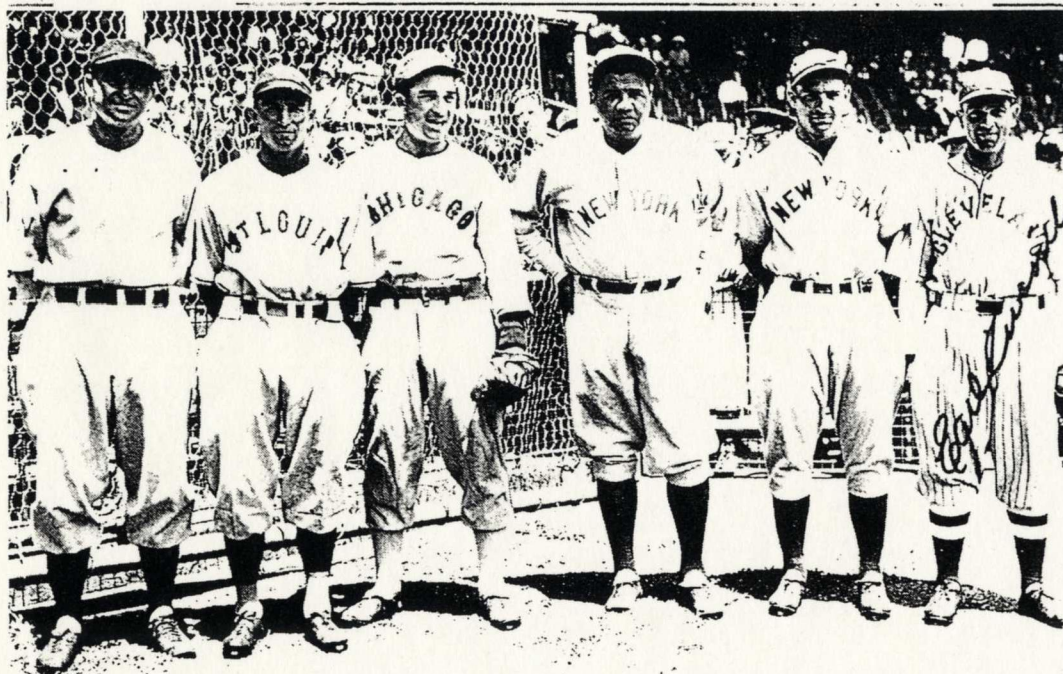
Nationals							Americans						
	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Hallahan (Cardinals).....	2*	2	3	3	5	1	Gomez (Yankees).....	3	2	0	0	0	1
Warneke (Cubs).....	4	6	1	1	0	2	Crowder (Senators).....	3	3	2	2	0	0
Hubbell (Giants).....	2	1	0	0	1	1	Grove (Athletics).....	3	3	0	0	0	3

\*Pitched to three batters in third.

Winning pitcher—Gomez. Losing pitcher—Hallahan.

aGrounded out for Wilson in sixth. bSingled for Crowder in sixth. cDoubled for Bartell in seventh. dFlied out for Warneke in seventh. eFanned for Hubbell in ninth. Runs batted in—Martin, Frisch, Ruth 2, Gomez, Averill. Two-base hit—Traynor. Three-base hit—Warneke. Home runs—Ruth, Frisch. Sacrifice hit—Ferrell. Stolen base—Gehring. Double plays—Bartell, Frisch and Terry; Dykes and Gehrig. Left on bases—Americans 10, Nationals 5. Umpires—Dinneen and McGowan (A.L.), Klem and Rigler (N.L.). Time of game—2:05. Attendance—47,595.





## *The Babe*

1934 American League All Stars

### *Outfielders*

Heinie Manush -.349  
 Sam West -.326  
 Al Simmons -.344  
 Babe Ruth -.288  
 Ben Chapman -.308  
 Earl Averill -.313

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# Game of 1934

## Polo Grounds, New York, July 10

For drama, excitement and a quick change in fortunes, the second All-Star Game was a real thriller. Victory again went to the American League, 9-7, but only after a titanic struggle. Despite the big score, the game saw some of the greatest All-Star pitching by Carl Hubbell and Mel Harder.

The N. L. had the better of it in the early going, grabbing a 4-0 lead as Hubbell performed his mound magic. After the first two A. L. stars reached base in the opening inning, the Giants' southpaw struck out Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx in succession. In the second inning, he fanned Al Simmons and Joe Cronin to make it five strikeouts in succession. After Bill Dickey singled, Lefty Gomez became Hubbell's sixth whiff victim in two innings.

The Americans bounced back with a vengeance to score eight runs off Lon Warneke and Van Mungo in the fourth and fifth innings. The Nationals then kayoed Red Ruffing before he could retire a batter in their fifth turn, but Harder came on to perform his magic, holding the N. L. to one hit over the last five rounds.

Homers by Frank Frisch in the first inning and Joe Medwick with two aboard in the third staked the Nationals to their early 4-0 lead.

Earl Averill was the Americans' batting hero. He hammered a run-scoring triple as a pinch-hitter in the fourth inning and then doubled across two more runs in the fifth. The box score:

### American League 9, National League 7

#### (American League Leads Series, 2-0)

AMERICAN							NATIONALS						
	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Gehring (Tigers), 2b.....	3	0	2	2	1	0	Frisch (Cardinals), 2b.....	3	3	2	0	1	0
Manush (Senators), lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	aHerman (Cubs), 2b.....	2	0	1	0	1	0
Ruffing (Yankees), p.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	Traynor (Pirates), 3b.....	5	2	2	1	0	0
Harder (Indians), p.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	Medwick (Cardinals), lf.....	2	1	1	0	0	0
Ruth (Yankees), rf.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	dKlein (Cubs), lf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0
Chapman (Yankees), rf.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	Cuyler (Cubs), rf.....	2	0	0	2	0	0
Gehrig (Yankees), lb.....	4	1	0	11	1	1	eOtt (Giants), rf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0
Foxx, (Athletics), 3b.....	5	1	2	1	2	0	Berger (Braves), cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1
Simmons (Wh. Sox), cf-lf.....	5	3	3	3	0	0	fP. Waner (Pirates), cf.....	2	0	0	1	0	0
Cronin (Senators), ss.....	5	1	2	2	8	0	Terry (Giants), lb.....	3	0	1	4	0	0
Dickey (Yankees), c.....	2	1	1	4	0	0	Jackson (Giants), ss.....	2	0	0	0	1	0
hCochrane (Tigers), c.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	gVaughan (Pirates), ss.....	2	0	0	4	0	0
Gomez (Yankees), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	Hartnett (Cubs), c.....	2	0	0	9	0	0
bAverill (Indians), cf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	Lopez (Dodgers), c.....	2	0	0	5	1	0
West (Browns), cf.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	Hubbell (Giants), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	39	9	14	27	14	1	Warneke (Cubs), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
							Mungo (Dodgers), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
							cMartin (Cardinals).....	0	1	0	0	0	0
							Dean (Cardinals), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
							Frankhouse (Braves), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
							Totals.....	36	7	8	27	5	1
American League.....	0	0	0	2	6	1		0	0	0	—9		
National League.....	1	0	3	0	3	0		0	0	0	—7		

Americans							Nationals						
	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Gomez (Yankees).....	3	3	4	4	1	3	Hubbell (Giants).....	3	2	0	0	2	6
Ruffing (Yankees).....	1†	4	3	3	1	0	Warneke (Cubs).....	1*	3	4	4	3	1
Harder (Indians).....	5	1	0	0	1	2	Mungo (Dodgers).....	1	4	4	4	2	1
							Dean (Cardinals).....	3	5	1	1	1	4
							Frankhouse (Braves).....	1	0	0	0	1	0

\*Pitched to two batters in fifth. †Pitched to four batters in fifth.

Winning pitcher—Harder. Losing pitcher—Mungo.

aPopped out for Hubbell in third but was permitted to replace Frisch in seventh. bTripled for Gomez in fourth. cWalked for Mungo in fifth. dSingled for Medwick in fifth. eForced runner for Cuyler in fifth. fFanned for Berger in fifth. gForced runner for Jackson in fifth. hRan for Dickey in sixth. Runs batted in—Frisch, Medwick 3, Cronin 2, Averill 3, Foxx, Simmons, Ruffing 2, Traynor, Klein. Two-base hits—Foxx, Simmons 2, Cronin, Averill, Herman. Three-base hits—Chapman, Averill. Home runs—Frisch, Medwick. Stolen bases—Gehring, Manush, Traynor, Ott. Double play—Lopez and Vaughan. Left on bases—American 12, Nationals 5. Umpires—Pfirman and Stark (N. L.), Owens and Moriarty (A. L.). Time of game—2:44. Attendance—48,363.



# Game of 1935

## Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, July 8

A crowd of 69,831—the largest throng to see an All-Star Game—packed Cleveland's big lakefront stadium for the third contest and, being largely American League rooters, thrilled to the junior circuit's third successive victory, 4-1.

Cardinals' Manager Frank Frisch, who piloted the National League team, started his own southpaw, Bill Walker. After retiring the A. L.'s first batter of the game, Walker passed Charley Gehringer, but Lou Gehrig forced him. Jimmie Foxx then applied his broad shoulders to a pitch and rode it into the left-field stands for a homer and a 2-0 lead.

The Americans jumped on Walker for another run in the second inning on a triple by Rollie Hemsley and Joe Cronin's fly to Wally Berger. Hal Schumacher struck out five in his four-inning tour of duty for the Nationals, but yielded the Americans' final run in the fifth inning. With two out, Joe Vosmik singled and went to third on Gehringer's single. After Gehrig walked, filling the bases, Foxx singled Vosmik across.

Mickey Cochrane, American League manager, used just two pitchers, Lefty Gomez and Mel Harder. Gomez worked the first six innings, yielding three hits and the lone National League run. It came in the fourth inning when Arky Vaughan led off with a double to right and scored on Bill Terry's single.

Because Harder worked five innings in the 1934 game and Gomez went six in this contest, the National League had the All-Star rules changed so that no pitcher could hurl more than three innings unless a game went into overtime. Harder allowed only one hit in three innings this time, giving him a record of permitting only two hits in eight successive innings against the N. L.'s hardest hitters.

The box score:

### American League 4, National League 1

#### (American League Leads Series, 3-0)

NATIONALS							AMERICANS						
	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Martin (Cardinals), 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	Vosmik (Indians), rf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Vaughan (Pirates), ss.....	3	1	1	2	2	0	Gehringer (Tigers), 2b.....	3	0	2	1	3	0
Ott (Giants), rf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	Gehrig (Yankees), 1b.....	3	1	0	12	0	0
Medwick (Cardinals), lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	Foxx (Athletics), 3b.....	3	1	2	0	0	0
Terry (Giants), 1b.....	3	0	1	5	1	0	Bluege (Senators), 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins (Cardinals), 1b.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	Johnson (Athletics), lf.....	4	0	0	4	0	0
Berger (Braves), cf.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	Chapman (Yankees), lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
bMoore (Giants), cf.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	Simmons (Wh. Sox), cf.....	4	0	2	2	0	0
Herman (Cubs), 2b.....	3	0	0	1	4	0	Cramer (Athletics), cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson (Phillies), c.....	3	0	1	8	0	0	Hemsley (Browns), c.....	4	1	1	6	0	0
cWhitehead (Cardinals).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cronin (Red Sox), ss.....	4	0	0	1	4	0
Hartnett (Cubs), c.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	Gomez (Yankees), p.....	2	0	0	0	2	0
Walker (Cardinals), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	Harder (Indians), p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0
aMancuso (Giants).....	1	0	0	0	0	0	Totals.....	32	4	8	27	10	0
Schmuacher (Giants), p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0							
dP. Waner (Pirates).....	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Derringer (Reds), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Dean (Cardinals), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Totals.....	31	1	4	24	8	1							
National League.....							0 0 0 1 0 0						
American League.....							2 1 0 0 1 0						
Nationals							Americans						
	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Walker (Cardinals).....	2	2	3	3	1	2	Gomez (Yankees).....	6	3	1	1	2	4
Schumacher (Giants).....	4	4	1	1	1	5	Harder (Indians).....	3	1	0	0	0	1
Derringer (Reds).....	1	1	0	0	0	1							
Dean (Cardinals).....	1	1	0	0	1	1							

Winning pitcher—Gomez. Losing pitcher—Walker.

aFlied out for Walker in third. bFlied out for Berger in seventh. cRan for Wilson in seventh. dGrounded out for Schumacher in seventh. Runs batted in—Foxx 3, Cronin, Terry. Two-base hits—Vaughan, Wilson, Gehringer, Simmons. Three-base hit—Hemsley. Home run—Foxx. Left on bases—Americans 7, Nationals 5. Umpires—Ormsby and Geisel (A. L.), Magerkurth and Sears (N. L.). Time of game—2:06. Attendance—69,831.





1937 All Stars

Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio,  
Sam West and Jim Bottomly



# Game of 1937

## Griffith Stadium, Washington, July 7

The American League All-Stars, made up largely of Yankees, really dazzled, pounding out an easy 8-3 victory before a crowd of 31,391. The turnout included President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who drove on the field in an open car, plus cabinet officers and members of Congress.

Joe McCarthy, A. L. manager, had five of his Yankees in the starting lineup—Lou Gehrig, Red Rolfe, Joe DiMaggio, Bill Dickey and Lefty Gomez. All but Gomez played the entire game. Gehrig, enjoying his last big season, was the winners' batting star, driving in four runs with a homer and double.

Dizzy Dean, the Nationals' starting pitcher, remembered this game to the day he died. He began the day as baseball's outstanding pitcher, but a toe fracture suffered in the third inning started him on the downgrade and he never was the same thereafter.

It all began when Diz shook off Gabby Hartnett on a 3-and-2 pitch to Gehrig. Throwing a smoking fast ball instead of a curve, Dean saw Gehrig send it high over the distant right-field wall for a two-run homer and a 2-0 lead. Earl Averill, next up, then hit a line drive back at Dean's foot with the force of a machine gun bullet. Dizzy managed to recover the ball and retire Averill, but when he reached the clubhouse, he discovered he had a broken toe on his left foot.

The Americans pretty well sewed up the game against Carl Hubbell in the fourth inning, tagging him for three runs on a walk, a single, Rolfe's triple and a single by Charley Gehringer. The box score:

### American League 8, National League 3

#### (American League Leads Series, 4-1)

NATIONALS							AMERICANS						
	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
P. Waner (Pirates), rf.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	Rolfe, (Yankees), 3b.....	4	2	2	0	1	2
Herman (Cubs), 2b.....	5	1	2	1	4	0	Gehringer (Tigers), 2b.....	5	1	3	2	5	0
Vaughan (Pirates), 3b.....	5	0	2	3	0	0	DiMaggio (Yankees), rf.....	4	1	1	1	1	0
Medwick (Cardinals), lf.....	5	1	4	1	0	0	Gehrig (Yankees), lb.....	4	1	2	10	1	0
Demaree (Cubs), cf.....	5	0	1	3	1	0	Averill (Indians), cf.....	3	0	1	2	0	0
Mize (Cardinals), lb.....	4	0	0	7	0	0	Cronin (Red Sox), ss.....	4	1	1	4	3	0
Hartnett (Cubs), c.....	3	1	1	6	0	0	Dickey (Yankees), c.....	3	1	2	2	0	0
bWhitehead (Giants).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	West (Browns), lf.....	4	1	1	5	0	0
Mancuso (Giants), c.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	Gomez (Yankees), p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bartell (Giants), ss.....	4	0	1	2	3	0	Bridges (Tigers), p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0
J. Dean (Cardinals), p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	dFoxy (Red Sox).....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbell (Giants), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	Harder (Indians), p.....	1	0	0	1	1	0
Blanton (Pirates), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	Totals.....	35	8	13	27	13	2
aOtt (Giants).....	1	0	1	0	0	0							
Grissom (Reds), p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0							
cCollins (Cubs).....	1	0	1	0	0	0							
Mungo (Dodgers), p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0							
eMoore (Giants).....	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Walters (Phillies), p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0							
Totals.....	41	3	13	24	11	0							

National League.....	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0-3
American League.....	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	x-8

Nationals							Americans						
	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
J. Dean (Cardinals).....	3	4	2	2	1	2	Gomez (Yankees).....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Hubbell (Giants).....	$\frac{2}{3}$	3	3	3	1	1	Bridges (Tigers).....	3	7	3	3	0	0
Blanton (Pirates).....	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0	1	Harder (Indians).....	3	5	0	0	0	0
Grissom (Reds).....	1	2	1	1	0	2							
Mungo (Dodgers).....	2	2	2	2	2	1							
Walters (Phillies).....	1	2	0	0	0	0							

Winning pitcher—Gomez. Losing pitcher—J. Dean.

aDoubled for Blanton in fifth. bRan for Hartnett in sixth. cSingled for Grissom in sixth. dGrounded out for Bridges in sixth. eForced runner for Mungo in eighth. Runs batted in—Gehrig 4, Rolfe 2, Gehringer, Dickey, P. Waner, Medwick, Mize. Two-base hits—Gehrig, Dickey, Cronin, Ott, Medwick 2. Three-base hit—Rolfe. Home run—Gehrig. Double play—Bartell and Mize. Left on bases—Nationals 11, Americans 7. Umpires—McGowan and Quinn (A. L.), Barr and Pinelli (N. L.) Time of game—2:30. Attendance—31,391.



# SAM WEST



By  
Paul  
Green

When talking about the great stars  
of the '30s, don't forget this original All-Star!

Fans have often debated the value of a winning team or major city location in terms of a player's recognition as a star. Sam West never played in a World Series. He was also never on a New York team. But he was a great player. It's just that casual fans and Cooperstown have overlooked that fact.

West spent 16 years in the major

leagues, many of them with the Washington Senators, a few with the St. Louis Browns, and his final campaign was with the White Sox. In the period from 1927 to 1942, these clubs were not what you might call regulars in the Fall Classic, yet when the American League selected its first All-Star team in 1933 one of those named was Sam West.

If you talk to players from the era you will discover it was no fluke. West was not only a good outfielder defensively, he was also a lifetime .299 hitter, turning in a number of seasons above the .320 mark. While many may not be aware that this man who spent so many years on less publicized teams was a star, there is no doubt in the minds of

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se who faced him.

reen: You came up to the Senators 927?

est: That's right.

reen: Had you spent any time in minor leagues prior to that?

est: Four years.

reen: I have heard stories that the ors were a pretty rough place. Is that ?

est: I was at Birmingham, that was ble AA, and it was one of the finest ble AA ballclubs I know of in the d. We traveled just like the big ies did.

reen: Oh, really?

est: Yes, sir.

reen: Did you get much coaching ?

est: Well, you didn't get much ing. There was your manager, and generally had a catcher for a coach pitcher for a coach and that was t it. I got all my training when I to Washington.

reen: Was that a little difficult? outfield in 1927 had Speaker, Rice loslin.

est: Tris Speaker, he was my , he helped me more I guess than dy.

reen: Oh, he did?

est: Yes, he played center field in

reen: So he kind of took you under ng.

est: That's right, I worked out with every day. I only went to bat 39

reen: Did he give you a lot of good ?

est: Oh, certainly he did. I went to ajor leagues and was a pretty good and a lousy outfielder. He worked ae every day, and, as it turned out, me a pretty good outfielder and a hitter.

reen: Well, he was well respected in reas.

est: Oh, yes sir.

reen: Did he make any changes in ou approached the game?

est: No, he just showed me how he l the outfield and I just went along im and tried to copy everything I rom him.

reen: Well, he had great instincts, larly when going back on a ball. he?

est: Yes, sir.

reen: Now, about you being a lousy I seem to remember a lifetime e of .299 next to your name.

est: Well, you know, if you don't Collectors Digest



West called Walter Johnson a "great, great fellow."

hit .300 you're a lousy hitter.

Green: You mean in those years, the earlier times.

West: Any time, even today, if you hit .300 you're a great hitter; if you hit .299 you're a lousy hitter. Just that one point difference.

Green: That one point makes all the difference.

West: Yes, sir.

Green: What was Walter Johnson like as a manager?

West: Oh, he was a fine, fine fellow, one of the finest fellows I ever met. Walter was kind of like me. He didn't play the game like a lot of other people were playing. He was a great, great, fel-



SPEAKER, BOSTON - AMERICAN

West said Speaker was his coach. "He helped me, I guess, more than anybody."

low, God rest him.

Green: Well, he was an exception, wasn't he? Very nice person at a time when there were some pretty tough customers.

West: That's right; he was just a little too nice.

Green: I hear he wouldn't brush a batter back.

West: He was always afraid he'd hit someone.

Green: By 1927 he would have slowed down some. Was he still pretty fast?

West: Well, Joe Judge hit him with a line drive in spring training down in Tampa in 1927, and he wore a brace the rest of the season. He pitched the first ballgame against Boston. I'll never forget it. He shut them out 1-0. They couldn't even bunt him with that brace on his leg, that's how good he was.

Green: Do you remember your first game?

West: Sure, it was in Cleveland. I pinch hit against Uhle.

Green: Now, Uhle was a pretty good pitcher.

West: I'll tell you he was.

Green: How did you do against him that day?

West: He struck me out.

Green: Did that bother you a little?

West: No, no, he struck out a lot of them.

Green: So your confidence was still pretty good.

West: That's right; he struck out a bunch of us.

Green: You didn't really start regularly until about 1930, did you?

West: Paul, I got hit in the head in Birmingham in 1926, July the eighth, and they wouldn't let me play against left-handed pitching for a long, long time, so 1930, I guess, was when they started letting me play regular. In 1927, 1928, and 1929 I would just play against right-handed pitching.

Green: It was pretty common back then for pitchers to throw at you, wasn't it?

West: This fellow didn't throw at me; I know he didn't throw at me. It rained that day before the game and you know minor leagues, they had no tarps or anything to cover the field. It was wet around home plate and I was leading off. First pitch, I took my stride and my spikes didn't hold and all I could do was duck my head.

Green: Obviously you had medical care, but does something like that stay



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in the back of your mind?

**West:** Certainly it does, lord yes, you don't get over that for a long, long time.

**Green:** You had to fight that fear just to stay in the league, didn't you?

**West:** You're not kidding.

**Green:** You must have felt like you had really climbed a mountain when you finally were a regular.

**West:** Oh lord yes, I was tickled to death.

**Green:** Without the rules and protection like today, some people were pretty badly hurt.

**West:** I remember an outfielder with the Giants got hit in a exhibition game and he never played anymore.

**Green:** And, of course, there was Chapman and Cochrane.

**West:** Oh, yes.

**Green:** Did you like playing with the Senators?

**West:** Oh, I sure did; we had a fine ballclub there.

**Green:** Just a little behind the Yankees and Philadelphia.

**West:** You know, Washington, D.C., is the most beautiful city I've ever seen.

**Green:** You got traded to St. Louis.

**West:** Yes, in 1933.

**Green:** How did you view that trade?

**West:** Oh, you're always unhappy when you leave all your friends. We were all one big happy family over in Washington. Of course, you go to St. Louis and they have some fine, fine people over there.

**Green:** Now, I've heard horror stories about the conditions in St. Louis. In fact, I think I've heard it called a rat hole, at least the lockerroom.

**West:** I never saw a rat in there in my whole life.

**Green:** What about the showers, I hear they weren't too good, either?

**West:** The shower stalls were terrible; I'll say that.

**Green:** The list of complaints goes on — the infield was supposedly bad.

**West:** It was hard as concrete; it was awful.

**Green:** Bad in the outfield, too?

**West:** Yes, sir; it was always 106, 107, 108 there in the summer. There was no way you could keep the infield and outfield soft, no way. The ballpark had no chance.

**Green:** So, you would give it a nod as a tough place to play.

**West:** Oh, yes.

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## WEST

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**Green:** Were there other parks that were tough for an outfielder?

**West:** I don't know of any tougher than St. Louis. The old Cleveland field was a tough ballpark. It wasn't home sweet home itself.

**Green:** Now, you got to St. Louis, and that club didn't appear to be going very far.

**West:** No.

**Green:** Did that bother you?

**West:** Certainly, nobody likes to be on a loser.

**Green:** Probably makes 106 degrees feel about three times worse.

**West:** Oh lord, yes.

**Green:** How good was Bottomley? He came over for the last couple years of his career.

**West:** He was great — a great, great first baseman. We had some good ball-players.

**Green:** Did you ever think you'd see the dollars there are in baseball today?

**West:** I never dreamed it would happen in baseball.

**Green:** You moved back to Washington in 1938, correct?

**West:** Yes.

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**Green:** They had Simmons and the Ferrell brothers who were quite a pair.

**West:** Yes, they were, and we had Bluege at third base, too, and he was one of the finest third basemen that's ever played.

**Green:** He was a whale of a fielder, wasn't he?

**West:** He was great. He was the greatest I've ever seen.

**Green:** And he didn't have the sort of glove they wear today.

**West:** Oh lord, no. I don't know how they catch a ball in one of those big gloves, I don't.

**Green:** Or how they find it when they do catch it.

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Ossie Bluege was the best at third that West ever saw.

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## WEST

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**West:** That's right. I went up to the All-Star Game last year and borrowed a glove and I couldn't find the ball in the glove.

**Green:** But if a ball hits that glove it's almost got to stay in; doesn't it?

**West:** Well, one didn't that night.

**Green:** I think there were a couple.

**West:** Yes, and the left fielder for the National League took his glove out there and it looked like a washtub. The ball hit in the glove and bounced out.

**Green:** You were involved in the first

All-Star Game, weren't you?

**West:** I played in it.

**Green:** Was that a big thrill?

**West:** The biggest thrill I ever had in baseball.

**Green:** I hear Connie Mack made no bones about wanting to win that game.

**West:** He said that the team that started would finish if we were ahead. I was the only substitution he made.

**Green:** You came in for defense for Ruth.

**West:** For Ruth, yes, and I got credit for making a great catch in the ninth inning but never touched the ball. Chapman made the catch. Chapman



*One of the best spitball pitchers of the era.*

moved from center to right and I played center, you see. They announced over the radio that I replaced Ruth in right, so they thought I made the catch.

**Green:** I imagine you got the needle about that a bit.

**West:** Well, Chapman got the needle.

**Green:** Was there a strong feeling about that game?

**West:** You bet. Mr. Mack, he read the riot act to us, he wanted to beat McGraw.

**Green:** Coveleski was quite a spitball pitcher, wasn't he?

**West:** Oh yes. He was a great spitball pitcher.

**Green:** Was he the best?

**West:** He and Big Ed Walsh were the best.

**Green:** You wouldn't have faced Walsh. Didn't the White Sox have Faber when you came up?

**West:** Red Faber instead of Walsh. You're exactly right. There were three of them in the league when I came up.

**Green:** Was the spitball tough?

**West:** Oh, it was just like a knuckleball, a little different of course. The spitball broke down all the time. The knuckleball went in all directions. We would rather hit against a spitball than a knuckleball.

**Green:** Who would throw a knuckler? I know Lyons had one.

**West:** Lyons had one. Dutch Leonard had one. There were several of them in the league.

**Green:** Who was the toughest pitcher for you?

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## WEST

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West: All of them.

Green: There must have been one you really didn't like to see on the mound.

West: Grove, of course, was the toughest of all.

Green: Was he the fastest?

West: That I've ever seen.

Green: And you would have faced Feller, wouldn't you?

West: Yes, I hit against Feller. I had a few hits off Feller.

Green: So, speed-wise Feller didn't equal Grove in your mind?

West: Lord, no.

Green: You would have seen Cobb in his last year or so, what was he like?

West: Just like any other ballplayer who had been up there 20 years. He had a hard time running, bending over, couldn't throw.

Green: But he could always swing the bat. Was he still a pretty ornery customer?

West: He had slowed up a little, I guess.

Green: He had started to mellow?

West: I believe he had.

Green: You're probably lucky he's not here to hear you say that. Although I guess he wasn't too bad off the field.

West: No, no, of course I never did see him off the field, only on the field.

Green: What about Ruth?

West: He was the greatest.

Green: He's number one in your book. He was apparently a good outfielder.

West: He was a good outfielder, and he could run, and he could throw. He had a great arm, just a great arm, a true arm.

Green: So, he's at the top?

West: Yes, sir. He's number one.

Green: I know Speaker sometimes had his people walk Ruth. What strategy would your clubs use when playing the Yankees?

West: We didn't do that unless there were men on second and third. Bucky Harris used to say when we'd go out to their ballpark, Yankee Stadium, "Don't wake 'em up and they'll beat us 3-2, make 'em mad and they'll beat us 21-1."

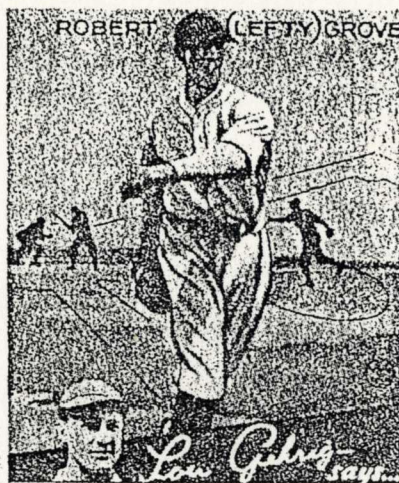
Green: That's quite a line.

West: That's the truth; he actually said that.

Green: That's quite a way to look at it.

West: Don't wake 'em up, let 'em sleep and they'll just beat you 3-2.

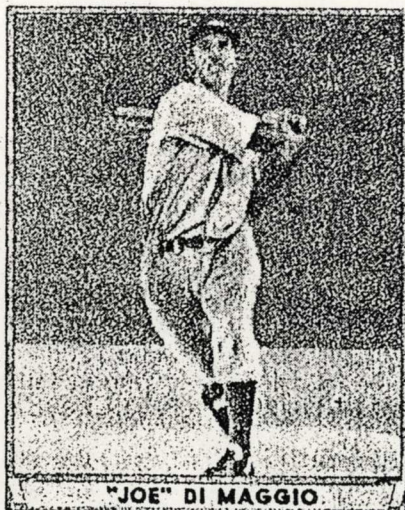
Green: Were they the best team



According to West, Lefty Grove was the fastest and toughest pitcher he ever faced.



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DiMaggio was "a great ball player. If he had had good legs he would have been even better."

you've ever seen? You got to see the 1927 team?

West: By far the greatest I've ever seen. They only won about 114 ball-games out of 152 or 154.

Green: And they didn't fool around with the Pirates either.

West: They sure didn't.

Green: You saw DiMaggio come up. How did he impress you?

West: He was a great ballplayer, if he had had good legs and good knees he would have been even better, but he was great.

Green: Was Williams similar?

West: No, all he wanted to do was hit. He didn't go out and work on playing the outfield. But he sure could hit, that's for sure.

Green: Do you remember having a favorite park to play in?

West: I loved to play ball in Detroit.

Green: That was a fairly cozy park.

West: Yes it was, and they had the finest infield and outfield you ever played on.

Green: They also had some good players, like Gehring.

West: He was a great hitter and a great ballplayer. As Gomez would say, "They'd wind him up on opening day and he wouldn't run down until October the first," that was what he said.

Green: Did it feel strange to go to the White Sox after all those years.

West: Yes, I got a bad break. I tore up my left shoulder in spring training and I was left handed, so I didn't get to play much with them. But I'll tell you that Jimmy Dykes was a fine, fine manager, and a fine, fine fellow.

Green: What was the club like?

West: Well, Dykes wouldn't let you have an off day, we'd get up and play a round of golf of something, and the losers would have to buy the dinner that night.

Green: So he kept you active.

West: That's right.

Green: Despite your modesty, .299 is a pretty fair average, and you certainly were highly regarded defensively. Do you think about the Hall of Fame?

West: Well, no. I'd be tickled to death to get into the Hall of Fame but I know I never would because if you don't hit a lot of home runs you don't get into that Hall of Fame.

Green: Were you disappointed not getting into a World Series?

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**Green:** Did you ever get frustrated about it?

**West:** Oh, yes.

**Green:** What do you think about salaries today?

**West:** We played for peanuts. More power to them; it's time for ballplayers to start making some money.

**Green:** Looking back over the years, were you happy with the time you spent in the game?

**West:** Oh, certainly; I loved playing baseball.

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