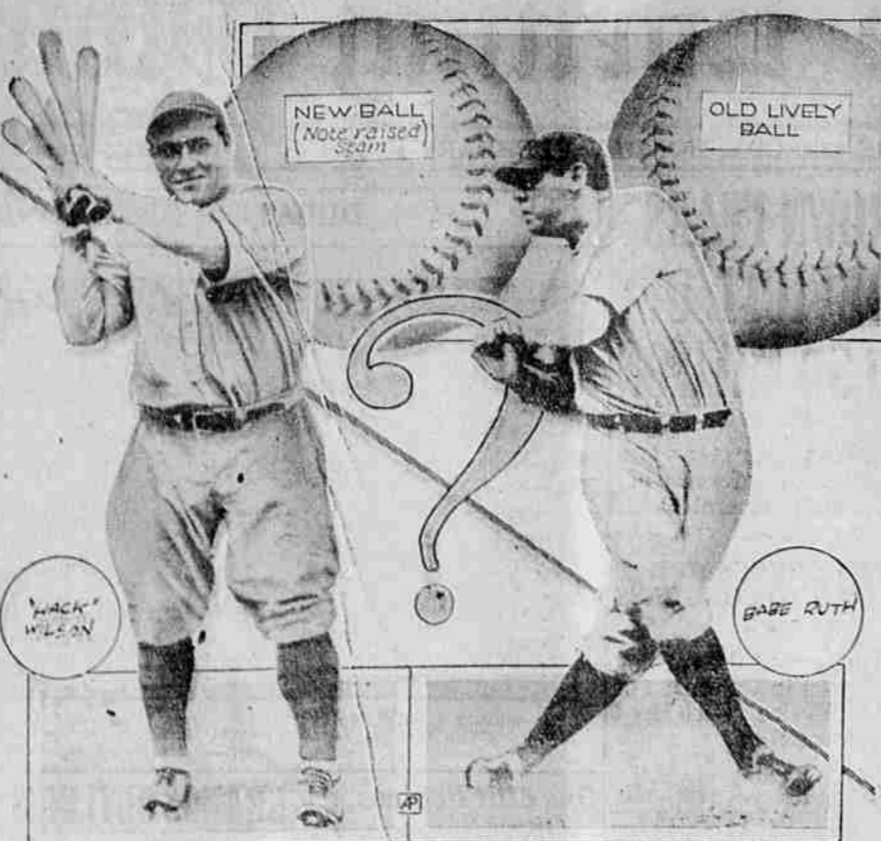


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Both Hack, who contributed 58 homers to the National league pitchers in 1930, and the Bambino reached the height of their power with the rabbit ball and its counterstitch. The Babe began his serious squatting in 1919, hitting 29 home runs with a ball that was not considered "fively." He reached the pinnacle, however, in 1927, driving 60 of the "rabbit" balls out of the American league parks.

Just what the two titans of the sport will do to the new ball is a conjecture. Babe says it will not stop him, because he hits the ball clean, but it will do away with freak home runs.

The raised seams should tend to increase wind and air resistance, thus making it seem reasonable that the new ball will not travel as far when hit, says President E. A. Bernard of the Junior Circuit.

The pitchers, hampered for 12 years by all sorts of restrictions, may have something to say about what the Ruth-Wilson combination and other home run sluggers do with the new ball. For several years the hurriers have complained that the smoothness of the ball cover has made it extremely difficult to control.

The answer of the major leagues is raised stitches to furnish the pitcher with a better grip. In 1929, 1,260 home runs rang off the bat.

were led at 87 when the event reached the 90 mark late yesterday. They were Pete Baggerman, St. Louis, N. V. Elliot and Harley Woodward, both of Houston, Tex.; Frank Troch, Portland, Ore., and Russell E. Elliott of Kansas City.

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ST. PAUL'S BELLS HUSHED FOR 'GLOOMY DEAN'S' SLEEP LONDON (AP)—Dean Inge can sleep better now. He couldn't sleep, he complained, while the great bells of gloomy St. Paul's cathedral, of which he is the gloomy dean, boomed out the hours. Now every night at 6:30 a man climbs to the tower and stops the chimes. They are started again at 6:30 a. m.

As soon as they were stopped other residents near the cathedral complained that they couldn't sleep because the bells were silent.

WORMS EAT NUTS LISBON (AP)—Portugal's chestnut crop has suffered enormously from parasites and thousands of bags of the product, destined for Argentina and the United States had to be destroyed because they were too wormy for export.

WHISTLE BRINGS SHOT VIAREGGIO, Italy (AP)—Gino Benedetti, 23, liked to whistle and imitated the song of birds so well that he was shot twice by Matragli di Leonida as the latter was hunting. The whistler went to a hospital and the hunter to jail.

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The O. R. and W. last narrow gauge railway in Ohio, soon is to be abandoned.

MORE FARM-FED TEXAS BEEF COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP)—An increase of 40,000 to 61,000 in the number of cattle on feed by Texas demonstrators this year is interpreted as a gauge for the trend toward the farm-feeding of beef cattle in the range country.

COTTON POOL GROWS MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Alabama farmers have doubled the number of bales of cotton pooled with the state farm bureau cotton association during the past year. Figures show pooling to date total 178,999 bales compared with 89,608 bales at the same time last year. Delivery is expected to surpass 200,000 bales before the end of the season.

MOST FOODS TASTE BETTER IF COOKED IN SMALL AMOUNTS

Same is True of Hills Bros. Coffee, Which is Never Roasted in Bulk

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Washington Sure of Tie in Northern Division of Coast Circuit.

Table with columns for Northern Division (Washington, Oregon State, Washington State, Oregon, Idaho) and Southern Division (California, Southern California, Stanford, U. C. L. A.).

Last Week's Results: Washington State 37-35, Oregon 31-32, Oregon State 37-47, Idaho 24-40, Washington 43-24, Washington State 42-33, California 37, Stanford 34, Southern California 24, U. C. L. A. 23.

This Week's Schedule: Monday—Idaho vs. Oregon at Eugene. Tuesday—Idaho vs. Oregon at Eugene. Saturday—Oregon State vs. Oregon at Eugene, Idaho vs. Washington State at Pullman, Stanford vs. California at Berkeley, U. S. C. vs. U. C. L. A. at Los Angeles.

By The Associated Press The Washington Huskies need only to win one of their four remaining games to clinch the Northwest division championship of the Pacific Coast conference series.

The mathematical possibility of their losing results so intricate plans are under way for holding the coast championship meet at Seattle next month with the Huskies facing either California or Southern California for the title.

The two southern schools are in a tie and will wind up their regular schedule next Saturday.

The Huskies moved full a 43 to 42 victory over the Oregon Washington State Friday night and pulled another out of the five Saturday when Ned Nelson, sub forward, scored a field goal in the last two minutes of play to defeat the Cougars 24-23.

Orangeburg Win Oregon State won two games from Idaho, 37 to 24 and 47 to 48, and as a result is first with Washington State for second place in the conference race.

Oregon and Oregon State took their third win at Eugene Saturday night. Proceeding that the Websters tackle Idaho at Eugene in a two-game series tonight and tomorrow night. Washington State and Idaho meet at Pullman Saturday night.

Many of the Swiss watch, balance wheel shafts used in the United States are made in a small one-man shop at Jump River, Wis.

Roller Skates Special Jr. Size Model Ball Bearings 75c pr. Regular \$1.50 W. H. Bohnenkamp Company

Winter Sports Sunday Feature Near Bend, Ore.

BEND, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—Fifteen hundred spectators braved a snowstorm yesterday to watch a ski tournament at the Skyliner's cabin at Sisters. The fresh snow hindered judging of the events and was a contributing cause of the one accident of the meet.

Harold Paulsen, Skyliner, suffered a leg fracture when he collided with a tree while participating in the eight mile cross country race. He was brought out three miles to the highway on a toboggan.

The class A-23-mile cross country was won by Emil Nordin, Skyliner, with a time of 3:45:55. Manfred Jacobson, McClellan, Cal., was second, and Oliver Puckett, Crater Lake, third.

Hjalmer Ryvan, Cascade Ski club, Portland, was first in the class B eight mile cross country with 1:24:10. John Ring, Skyliner, was second, Ole Amold, Skyliner, third, and G. A. Berglund, Cascade, fourth. Cecil Morris, Cascade, fifth.

John Ring's 90-foot jump won him first place in the class A jump. Andre Roach, Cascade, was second, and Arne Steen, Cascade, third.

In the class B jump, Olaf Skjerve, Skyliner, was first with 95 feet. Kay Olstad, Skyliner, second, and Arthur Anderson, Hood River Ski club, third.

First place in the combination jump and race class A event went to Ring. Andre Roach was second. The class B combination event was taken by Olaf Skjerve.

Al Simmons The Greatest, Says Boy

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 16 (AP)—Al Simmons is the greatest ball player in the major leagues, even though his golf is a bit off at times. This is the opinion of 12-year-old H. King Wade Jr., known in the baseball colony here as "Al's pal."

The lad spends every hour he can with the Philadelphia fence bender and Sunday they tour the links of the country club. It happens not infrequently that King's score is lower than Al's—but what's a golf score between pals?

King's father, Dr. H. King Wade, a prominent physician here, took his son to St. Louis to see the A's play. When matches were being given for home runs.

Just before Al went to bed King said "Al isn't going to get a home run."

"Believe?" was the answer. But Simmons rapped out the first home run of the season and for the favorable prediction gave a watch to King with this inscription on the back: "From Al Simmons to H. King Wade Jr., 1929-1931. Home run 7-13-30."

They met two years ago when Simmons came here for his annual pre-season conditioning.

Mrs. Thula Geelan Wins Tahoe Derby

TAKHOE, Cal., Feb. 16 (AP)—Mrs. Thula Geelan, 608 team number of Meador, Idaho, possessed the title of champion today after having won the third annual Tahoe-Sierra dog derby over a field of men.

Trying her team of eight setter dogs over the 25 mile course, the field had led in elapsed time of two hours 18 seconds throughout the race. She also led in the first day's elapsed time. Her total time was 1:47:34.

Old McCoy, Reno, Nev., placed second and Rex Stever, Astoria, Idaho, third. The crew with Liberty Crockett, Meador, Idaho, who finished fourth, ended the run in a bunch.

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