

Ruth Named Century's No. 1 Baseball Figure

Cobb Finishes Poor Second

Gehrig Ranks Third In AP Ballot Count

NEW YORK, Feb. 4-(AP)—George Herman Ruth, the inimitable and immortal Babe, was named today the greatest baseball player of the past 50 years.

The mightiest home-run slugger the game ever has known, Ruth was more than a great player. This large, hulking top-heavy man with the dainty ankles, who lambasted 730 baseballs out of big league ball parks was the idol of the youngsters of America.

He continues on that pedestal even in death. No player ever has left as great an impression on America's national game as this lusty, fun-loving and magnetic person. Starting out in life as a waif in Baltimore (Md) Ruth became the most colorful and most lovable figure any sport has ever known.

Holder of nearly every long range hitting record in the books including the most coveted of all—60 home runs in a single season—Ruth easily outdistanced all opposition in the opinion of sportswriters and sportsmen in the Associated Press Mid-Century poll.

It was strictly a two-man race between the New York Yankee slugger and Ty Cobb, American league's 12-time batting champion, with the Babe a runaway winner. So completely did the poll dominate that they drew all but 24 of the 393 votes cast. The Bambino bagged 253 votes to 116 for the fiery Detroit Tiger outfielder.

Lou Gehrig, who together with Ruth formed the most fearsome one-two punch in the history of baseball, attracted eight votes to land third place. Ruth earned more money in baseball salaries than anybody else. When he retired from active duty in 1935, he had made more than a million dollars including his top figure of \$80,000 in 1930-31. That was the same overgrown 19-year-old lad who signed with Baltimore at \$600 a season following his "graduation" from St. Mary's industrial school in February of 1914.

Ruth went on to gain undying fame as a pitcher and outfielder with the Boston Red Sox and earned even greater fame as a member of the Yankees. During his hey-day as the Sultan of Swat, the excited ruler of the four-base wallop, Ruth was the Yankees' ace. He pitched more than anybody else who made the Yankees one of the greatest machines of all time. Fifty six of Ruth's records still stand intact. The one most famous know about is the 60 circuit swats in one season, 1927. He slammed 714 in regular season play, 15 in world series competition and one in an All-star game. The nearest to him was Jimmy Foxx with 534. He batted in more runs than any other ball player. He was given the most bases on balls. He won the American league's home run crown 10 times and tied twice. He led the league in batting in 1924 with a .378 average. As a pitcher, he holds the record for the most consecutive scoreless innings pitched in world series play, 29. It could go on and on.

HOW HIGH IS UP? - By Alan Maver

REVEREND BOB RICHARDS OF THE ILLINOIS A.C. THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR POLE VAULT CHAMPION HAS BEEN ADDING TO HIS INDOOR LAURELS IN THE EARLY WINTER MEETS!

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE

WHEN DON LAZ, OF ILLINOIS, HISTORY'S 2ND 15-FOOT VAULTER, RICHARDS, WHO'S SOLE IN THE WORLD, AND SAN DIEGO'S BOBBY SMITH, WITH HIS NEW SPIN GLASS VAULTING POLE GET TOGETHER THIS SKYLIGHT SHOULD BE THE LIMIT!

8-Man Mat Tournery Tuesday

Eight title-conscious and capable junior heavyweight grapplers will battle it out in an elimination tournery Tuesday night at the armory for the month's coveted chance to take a crack at Al Szasz and his Coast Junior belt.

Festered with pleas from the grapplers for a title shot, promoter Elton Owen arrived at the tournery idea as the only fair way to provide an opponent for Szasz and at the same time satisfy all hands. The tournery will be of the single elimination type. The eight

ambitious matmen will draw for first-round pairings at 8:30 o'clock. The seven matches will be for one fall or of 15 minutes duration. Three judges will be selected from among the fans to render verdicts where no falls are gained.

Among the eight tournery-participants will be the Great Atlas, who has been yowling for a chance at Szasz long and loudly the past several weeks. Others who'll be bending muscles are Frank Stojack, Leo Wallick, George Dusette, Rough Boy Tony Ross, and Leo Grable plus a couple of promising youngsters—Arnie Skalland, 23-year-old Norwegian scientific exponent who'll be making his local debut and Dale Kiser, who'll be out to gain needed experience Tuesday eve.

City Leaguers Resume Action

The American division of the City Basketball league will attempt to get their second half action started Monday night at Leslie after weather blocked 'em last week and the National division will swing into the second round of the second half on Wednesday.

Two clubs—Page Woolens and Naval Reserve continue to dominate play. The Woolens wrapped

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS (American Division) (1st Half)

Page Woolens	5	0	1,000
12th St. Market	3	2	600
Knights of Col.	2	3	400
Epping Lumber	2	4	200
Warner Motors	2	4	333
West Salem Merchants	1	4	200
Monday games: Knights of Columbus vs. 12th Street; Epping Lumber vs. Warner Motors; West Salem Merchants vs. Capitol Post.			

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS (National Division) (2nd Half)

Naval Reserve	5	0	1,000
Post Office	1	0	1,000
City Transit	1	0	1,000
National Guard	1	0	200
Marine Reserves	0	1	200
Capitol Business	0	1	200
Burrough's Inn	0	1	200

up the American division first-half crown with five straight wins and the Navy's ditted with a 6-0 record and will be out to duplicate in the final leg. The Navy's, who copped the initial half title with a 6-0 record kept in the groove with another triumph in their last outing.

This week's schedule: Monday—(American division) KC's vs. 12th Street Market at 7; Epping Lumber vs. Warner Motors at 8; West Salem Merchants vs. Capitol Post at 9. Wednesday—(National) Post Office vs. Naval Reserve at 7; Marine Reserve vs. City Transit Lines at 8; Capitol Business College vs. National Guard Co. B at 9.

Centrals Top Cards, 54-44

Bob Altenhofen went on a one-man point-making rampage at St. Joseph's hall Saturday night to lead the Central Catholic basketball club of Portland to a 54-44 victory over Sacred Heart. Altenhofen piled up 29 points, and while he wasn't dunking in baskets himself, he was setting them up for teammates.

The Portlanders stormed to a 22-16 lead in the first quarter. Sacred Heart came back strongly in the second period, and trailed only 31-22 at halftime. That's as close as the Cardinals could come, however. Central Catholic led 42-31 as the final period opened.

Cent. Catholic (54) (44) Cae. Heart (33) (33) Ecker (17) (17) Staudinger (17) (17) Collieran (17) (17) Conroy (17) (17) Weger (17) (17) Reserves: Central Catholic—O'Flaherty 4, Reaverman 1; Sacred Heart—Webster 4, Gieses 4, Halftime score: Central Catholic 31, Sacred Heart 22. Officials: George Sirnio and John Kolb.

Dallas Beats Bulldogs 45-33

DALLAS, Feb. 4-(Special)—The Dallas Dragons climbed into third-place in the Willamette Valley league cage race tonight as they drubbed the Woodburn Bulldogs, 45-33 in a makeup tilt.

Paced by Wes Ediger's 15 points, the Dallas gang was in control most of the way, leading at the intermission, 25-13. Don Fischer tossed in nine markers for the Dragons and Ralph Undseth was high for the 'Dogs with eight points. Dallas JV's took the preliminary mix, 52-22.

Woodburn (33) (45) Dallas (45) (33) Ediger (15) (15) Fischer (9) (9) Undseth (8) (8) Olson (8) (8) Henderson (4) (4) Cook (4) (4) Bell (3) (3) Clark (3) (3) Reserves: Woodburn—Vandehey 7; Dallas—Head 2, Halftime score: Dallas 25, Woodburn 13. Officials: Cecil Quesseth and Dale Bates.

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Amerks Given Chance to Win Slat Jumpers Seek World Title Today

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 4-(AP)—Light snow fell on Lake Placid today, assuring perfect conditions for 45 ski jumpers from eight nations who will compete tomorrow for the world's ski jumping championship.

Too Many Hours Gotham Prep Mentors Strike

NEW YORK, Feb. 4-(AP)—Efforts to reach settlement in the strike of some New York high school athletic coaches got nowhere today after a 90 minute meeting at the board of education headquarters.

The coaches voted to strike against an order by Frederic Ernst, associate superintendent, requiring that they devote three more hours a week to classes in addition to coaching duties. Team captains have been acting as coaches.

Both sides were said to be eager to settle the dispute, but no progress was reported at the session between Ernst and a coaches' committee.

Jump Tournery Lures Skiers

SEATTLE, Feb. 4-(AP)—Sky-buster Birger Rued of Norway and the northwest's best leapers will compete next Sunday at Leavenworth, Wash., in the annual Pacific Northwest Ski association jumping tournament.

Olav Ulland of the Seattle Ski club said Rued—now on tour in this country—had promised to enter and to bring along some other member of the Norwegian team.

The leading Class A, B and senior jumpers from Portland, Spokane, Seattle and western Canada will be entered, Ulland said.

Stahley Back With Huskies

SEATTLE, Feb. 4-(AP)—Neil (Skip) Stahley, who was Washington's backfield coach during spring practice in 1948, is coming back for another fling at the job. A member of Howie Odell's original grid coaching staff here, Stahley was enticed away by the University of Toledo, which made him head coach. His resignation was to be announced today in Toledo.

Washington's Athletic Director Harvey Cassill said the football staff now is complete. Jimmy DeAngella, who played at Yale and later assisted Odell, joined the staff as a general assistant earlier in the week.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Tolt, Oregon, February, 1950 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic survey, Portland, for the Oregon Statesman.)

Feb.	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
	Time	Time
5	8:27 a.m. 4.1	8:24 p.m. 0.9
6	8:39 a.m. 6.4	8:59 p.m. 0.6
7	8:45 p.m. 6.2	9:10 p.m. 0.6
8	8:58 p.m. 6.7	10:01 a.m. 1.4
9	9:07 p.m. 8.6	9:49 p.m. 1.3
10	9:17 p.m. 9.9	10:37 a.m. 1.0
11	9:26 p.m. 4.9	10:22 p.m. 2.0
12	9:31 a.m. 7.0	11:23 p.m. 0.7
13	9:37 a.m. 4.5	11:33 p.m. 2.7
14	9:43 a.m. 7.1	1:06 p.m. 0.3
15	9:48 p.m. 4.4	12:27 a.m. 2.3
16	9:53 a.m. 4.8	2:46 p.m. 0.0
17	9:59 a.m. 7.1	1:45 a.m. 2.3
18	10:05 a.m. 9.9	2:48 p.m. -0.4
19	10:13 p.m. 7.3	3:01 a.m. 3.3
20	11:23 p.m. 8.1	4:42 p.m. -0.6
21	10:03 a.m. 7.3	4:00 p.m. 2.3
22	12:12 a.m. 8.4	5:04 p.m. 2.0
23	10:58 a.m. 7.3	6:10 p.m. -0.7

Bauer Sisters Reach Finals

Bush, MacKinnon Also In Four-Ball Running

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Feb. 4-(AP) The amazing young Bauer sisters, Marlene and Alice from Midland, Tex., reached the finals of the fifth annual women's international four-ball golf tournament today by defeating Jean Hopkins, Cleveland, O., and Edean Anderson, Helena, Mont., 3 and 1.

They will meet Betty Bush, Hammond, Ind., and Betty MacKinnon, Mount Pleasant, Tex., who upset defending champions Polly Riley, Fort Worth, Tex., and Bee MacWane, Birmingham, Ala., one up on the 20th hole in the semi-finals.

After turning one up at the end of nine holes, the Bauer sisters went two up on the 10th hole with a par four. Miss Hopkins, winner of the tournament in 1946, won the 13th as she copped an eight-foot putt.

But little Marlene, who celebrates her 16th birthday this month, scored a birdie four on the 16th green to regain the two-up margin and she and her 23-year-old sister combined for a par four on the 17th, ending the match.

Dodson Rides Victor Theory Takes Bahamas 'Cap

MIAMI, Feb. 4-(AP)—Calumet farm's Theory, reportedly Trainer Ben Jones' chief Kentucky Derby threat, won the \$7,500 Bahamas handicap for three-year-olds today at Hialeah.

Ridden by Doug Dodson, former Calumet regular jockey, the favored Theory finished the seven furlons three-fourths of a length before S. I. Crew's Cross Wave. Hal Price Headley's Lotowhite was third in the field of 12.

The winner was clocked in 1:24.5, and returned \$3.90, \$3.50 and \$3.

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