

Baseball on Big League Lots Gets Under Way Before Big Crowds

CLOSE RACES IN PROSPECT

70,000 Fans Present In One Stadium

New York, April 13.—(UP)—Strengthened by a vote of confidence extended by 235,000 fans at seven opening major league games, baseball was embarked today on what promises to be its most successful season.

A record-breaking crowd estimated at 68,000 to 72,000 saw the Yanks defeat the Philadelphia Athletics here and in every city in which the opening day games survived rain and cold weather both last year and this, the 1927 attendance figures exceeded those of 1926. The total was about 12,000 over the 1926 total.

With unusually close races predicted for both leagues, it seemed certain that attendance figures and gate receipts would keep pace with the higher salaries being paid the stars of the game this year and club owners lost any last lingering doubts they may have had over the season's prospects.

Openers Reviewed

An axiom of baseball says "openings mean nothing. It's standing on July 4 that counts." That doesn't mean, of course, that early games do not count in the final computation but that by mid-season the staying and playing power of the pennant contenders can be more accurately computed.

To such clubs as the Philadelphia Phillies and the Boston Red Sox, who can hit a tie for first place for once in the year by winning the first game, the opener is a game of importance.

To stronger clubs, the inspirational value of a quick start is important, as was shown in the case of the New York Yankees last year.

When the season opened in 1926 the Yanks were considered first one of those clubs that was needed on the schedule, but they got off to such a flying start that they had enough wind left to out-step the late season challenge of the Cleveland Indians, even out of step.

Provides "Dope"

The opening games do give though they were stale and all some material for the use of the dope pencil, however.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, rated by many critics as the favorite for the National league championship, won their starter against the Cincinnati Reds, another contender. The Pirates also handed the first defeat of the season to Pete Donohue, ace

Out Our Way



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN.

By Williams

League Baseball

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	5	9	1
San Francisco	12	17	2
Vinci, Shea, Flynn and Severoid; May and Vargas.			

	R.	H.	E.
Missions	5	13	0
Seattle	3	9	2
Pillotte and Walters; Graham, Brandt and Schmidt.			

	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	5	12	1
Los Angeles	6	6	2
Hasty, Cooper, Craghead and Boel; Wright and Hannah.			

National

New York at Philadelphia game postponed, rain.	R.	H.	E.
At Boston	2	9	3
Brooklyn	4	7	0
Boston			

Barber, Ehrhardt and Healine; Benton and Gibson.	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati game postponed, rain.			
At Chicago	5	13	0
St. Louis	0	2	1
Chicago			

Haynes and O'Farrell; Blake, Kaufman and Hartnett.	R.	H.	E.
At New York	4	14	0
Philadelphia	10	16	1
New York			

Gray, Willis, Pate, Kline and Perkins; Reuther and Collins.	R.	H.	E.
Boston at Washington game postponed, rain.			
At Cleveland	7	9	2
Chicago	2	8	3
Cleveland			

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Nanking Hero



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One of the first American fighting men wounded during the Chinese fighting was Ray D. Plumley of Nanking, la. hero of the evacuation of Nanking. Plumley, a sailor, kept firing after he was wounded by attacking Chinese, until civilians under his care had made their way to safety. Mrs. J. K. Davis, wife of the American consul at Nanking, gives him credit for saving her life.

June, 1926, is reported in custody of navy officials. The navy department today notified Bend authorities of Lowell's capture on April 8 and withdrew the \$50 reward offered for information as to his whereabouts.

OLYMPIA GETS \$70,000

Washington, April 13.—(UP)—Secretary of War Davis today accepted the offer of \$70,000 for the port of Olympia, Wash., and ordered the district engineer to expend that sum for improvement of Olympia harbor.

Lowell Reported Found
William Joseph Lowell, a former Bend boy who had been sought on a charge of desertion from the United States navy since

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BILLY EVANS SAYS

Ruth's Contract

Did the New York Yankees make a wise move when Babe Ruth was signed to a three-year contract calling for \$70,000 per annum?

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion on this point.

Babe Ruth requested a one-year contract for one hundred thousand dollars. He agreed to take \$30,000 less on a three-year document.

Babe Ruth is one ball player who earns every cent he receives for his services, regardless of the size of his contract. Therefore, he is entitled to just as much money as he can get.

Gets the Money

The worth of a ball player is determined by two things, value to his club, playing ability alone considered and his drawing powers at the gate.

As a player, Ruth has been standard-bearer of the Yankees ever since he broke into the limelight as the game's greatest slinger. When Ruth slips, the Yanks do likewise.

As a gate attraction, no star in the history of baseball even slightly compares to the Bambino. He is outstanding as a money-getter for the magnates. When the club owners profit financially, they are far more generous in player and umpire salaries.

Thus, Ruth has been a great man for baseball from many different angles. He has fattened the bank roll of not only the owners but the salaries, players and umpires, as well.

Player Value

Getting back to the original subject of this discussion, the wisdom of signing Babe Ruth to a three-year contract at \$70,000 per year.

A great many prominent men in baseball, among them several

major league club owners, have expressed to me the opinion that Ruth would have been a better player for the Yankees under a one-year contract at \$30,000 more for the season.

They point to Ruth's remarkable comeback of last season. Counted down and out by some of the experts, he had one of his greatest years.

It will be recalled that 1926 was Ruth's last of a three-year contract that compensated him to the extent of \$52,000 or one thousand weekly over the entire year.

Ruth realized he had to show in order to get another fat contract. There is no denying that he did an excellent job of baseball in 1926.

Money to Spend

Fear is expressed that Ruth's new three-year contract will tend to destroy ambition and initiative on his part. Knowing that he is all set for three years may cause him to take things too easy.

Maybe it will and then again maybe it won't.

Ruth is a peculiar critter. Money to him means nothing in particular, except that it is nice to have plenty of it to spend. I know a lot of ball players who would be worth a half-million if they had earned as much as Ruth and had the chance to make real money that has come his way for almost 10 years. He isn't!

His great love for the game, a certain vanity that everyone has in being successful, may cause Ruth to keep going at top speed, even though he has nothing to worry about for three years.

Still there are a lot of wise baseball men, who insist they are from Missouri on this point.

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Sport Tabloids

Portland, Ore., April 13.—(UP)—Dixie La Hood, Butte Mont., featherweight, won on a foul in his fight with Sammy Shack, New York, here last night. The low blow was struck in the seventh round.

Salem, Ore., April 13.—The Portland Beavers, appearing on Oregon soil for the first time in 1927, defeated the Salem Senators 5 to 4 here Tuesday afternoon.

Des Moines, Ia., April 13.—Buddy McDonald, St. Paul, out-punited Mike Rosefall, Omaha, in a 10-round bout here. They are welterweights.

Chicago, April 13.—Dave Shade, California, won a 10-round decision over Phil Krug, Harrison, N. J. Meyer Grace, Philadelphia, won from Tillie Kid Herman on a foul in the third round of a scheduled 10-round match.

Cleveland, April 13.—Sid Terris, New York, knocked out Babe Herman, New York, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

San Francisco, April 13.—After taking the worst of it for nine rounds, Lefty Cooper came back in the final canto last night with a deadly offensive against Yvan Laffleur, French middleweight. Cooper scored three knockdowns and earned a draw.

Los Angeles, April 13.—Ace Hudkins, Omaha welterweight, by virtue of two knockdowns in the fourth round, won the de-

Baseball's Big 4

Babe Ruth went hitless in three trips to the plate.

Rogers Hornsby made a double and a home run and scored four runs.

Ty Cobb made one hit, beating out a slow roller.

Tris Speaker made two singles.

Averages

Batting	Fielding
Ruth	1.000
Hornsby	1.000
Cobb	1.000
Speaker	1.000

Batters Earn Ticket For a Free Boat Ride

Work of Pete Allen of the Bend Elks and Anderson of the Hood River team in connecting with the ball in the game Sunday has earned for these two players a free boat at East Lake for any on day in the season. It was learned here today. W. C. Tyson, manager of the East Lake resort, offered the prizes for the first players on the two teams getting two-baggers. Anderson's hit was a three-bagger. Allen connected with a two-bagger in the second inning.

In connection with the Sunday game, it has been learned that Wood, playing third for Bend, was not given credit in the published box score for a put-out he earned when he retired Oyler in the eighth inning.

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