

# Iron Man? Silly, Says Hank

## Persistence of Gehrig Hurting Yankees, View

By Henry McLemore  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
New York, July 21 (AP)—I know this will brand me as a heretic of the first, second and even third waters, but I feel obliged to say today that of all the things that bore me in baseball, nothing bores me so much as Lou Gehrig's feat of playing 2042 consecutive games for the Yankees.

The fact that Gehrig has not missed a league game since that afternoon of June 1, 1925, when he replaced Wally Pipp at first base, leaves me cold and I find the counting of the games he has played a much better means of wooing sleep than the counting of sheep.

**Abnormal Heroics**

To come right out and say so I consider Gehrig's insistence on playing even when he has fractured bones (such as he now has), concussions, fever and all-around miseries, as abnormal and none too flattering. Usually it is the dumb or the desperate who continue to carry on while in pain. The human thing to do when you're hurt is to take it easy, not pull out all the stops marked "heroic."

This is especially true when all your heroics will get you a gold watch and the sobriquet, "Iron Horse."

Granting that Gehrig's refusal to give-in and miss a game when he is injured is good for his scrap book and ego, I wonder if it is good for his team? There have been times, when he was a better first baseman injured than anyone who could have been put in to replace him. But I doubt if that is true today. He knocked but one ball out of the infield against the Indians in the crucial game Monday, and it was plain he was favoring his badly swollen thumb.

**Team of Cripples?**

Suppose a manager found himself with a team composed entirely of men protecting a consecutive game streak? Picture a team where the catcher had a cracked wrist but insisted on going behind the plate, and the pitcher demanded his right to work, fractured skull or no fractured skull; a team where the shortstop hobbled about with a sprained ankle, the second baseman with pneumonia, the third baseman with beriberi, and the outfield with advanced cases of chestnut blight.

It wouldn't take the supporters of such a team long to cease admiring such foolish gameness and demand that its players be replaced by able-bodied workmen. Yet such a team is entirely possible. In this country all men are free and equal and if one man can stay at a position until he drops, so can all the others.

**Make Way for Wheel Chair**

Unless Gehrig relents before too many more years have passed and goes to the bench, the rules of baseball should be changed. The present set-up makes no allowance for a wheel chair at first base, or a crutch. And it won't take long before Gehrig will have to employ one or the other. The Yankees should have a ground rule whereby a fly ball dropping in Gehrig's wheel chair, or a liner ricocheting off his crutch or shawl, would be good for no more than two bases. And there should be a rule stating whether Gehrig's foot or the wheel of his chair must touch first base to constitute an out.

There would be no end of complications. In fact, I think Gehrig would do the game a great favor if he would just up and go fishing one afternoon next week. If he hasn't any tackle I would be glad to lend him some, and I might even throw in a can of worms to boot.

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## Silverton to Meet Hills Creek Nine

Silverton, July 21—The Silverton Red Sox bounced back into the state semi-pro tournament last night behind the three-hit pitching of Bob White, Willamette university chucker, and walloped eastern Oregon's Kinzua, 4 to 0.

Tonight at 7:30 Silverton meets Hills Creek in the semi-finals for the right to meet the undefeated Edwards crew Friday evening, in a game that will decide the top semi-pro team of Oregon in 1938.

Silverton scored in the third and sixth, bringing in three rallies in the latter inning on Peaky's double, a single by Walt Bonney, an outfield error and a single by Baker. Hills Creek rallied in the dying moments of the game to edge out the Portland Bubs 3 to 2. A blow by Bishop brought Bun Kelay across with the tying run, and another single by Dick Wright sent Cox in. Bud Brewer, Hills Creek chucker, allowed but four hits and whiffed 17. He was in constant danger, however, from the erratic support from teammates, who committed six errors. Summaries: Kinzua..... 0 3 1 Silverton..... 4 0 0 Bodes, Erickson and Pate; White and Houser. Portland Bubs..... 2 4 2 Hills Creek..... 3 2 6 Carstensen, Fenner, Richards and Butschenschon; Brewer and Clininger.

## Grimm Newest "Moses" Slated To Lead Cubs

By Sid Feder  
(Associated Sports Writer)  
The Chicago Cubs set of three brain trusters, which couldn't do a thing about hitting slumps and pitching failures, and which didn't particularly impress the rest of the National league, gave way today to a two man board of strategy headed by the county fair guy, Gabby Hartnett.

The unrivalling of the large figure of garrulous Gabby as head man of the Cubs, succeeding Cholly Grimm, overshadowed the rest of a colorful baseball picture.

The Cubs, famous for years for changing horses in mid-stream, did it again in leading Grimm's woes on the 230 pound frame of the big fighting Irishman.

**Where's Tony?**

But in the background, somehow, you see the quiet figure of the other half of the board of strategy, Tony Lazzeri, and you wonder how he fits into the picture. There's the angle that Gabby is getting the chance because he deserved it, but think back to last October when Tony signed with the Cubs, and recall that tongues were wagging all over the place about old poosh 'em opp's ambition to boss a big league club.

Meantime, Pittsburgh and St. Louis continued to be the chief battlegrounds in the National league race. The Pirates, by splitting a twin bill with the Phillies yesterday, increased their lead by a full game over the Giants, who took two beatings at the hands of the Cardinals' outpaw pitching.

**Run Splurge Wins**

The Phils featured a 10 run fifth inning to wallop the Bucs 11-0 in their first game, but Russ Bauers turned in a five-hitter for a 4-1 Pirate win in the nightcap. Clyde Shoun stopped the Giants with four hits to give the Cards a 7-3 victory in their opener. Lefty Bob Welland fanned 10 and Johnny Mize hit three homers and the Cards clicked 7-1 in the afterpiece.

The Reds dropped back to fourth place, behind the Cubs, by losing a 4-3 decision to the Boston Bees in a Cincinnati night game. Max West's ninth-inning homer turned the trick for the Bees.

Only one other game got by old man weather on the program. In that one, the Senators socked the Detroit Tigers, 7-2, behind Wes Ferrell's effective elbowing.

# Coach Is Pessimistic, But Alabama Should Be Better

By Paul Simmons  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 21 (AP)—The nerve-wracking going for Alabama on the Southeastern conference football front last season was bad enough. The way Coach Frank Thomas sees it now, it may be worse next fall. Thomas' Crimson Tide won the conference title all right and went on to the Rose Bowl but it had to pull so many games out of the fire by last-minute rallies that the coach was constantly on the verge of jitter.

"It was one tough league," Thomas recalled—and the look on his face showed he wasn't joking.

"But it will be worse next fall. Practically all of the teams should be stronger."

**Fears First Game**

Alabama has taken a high rank in the national football realm for a good many years, but Thomas fears his very first 1938 game may give the Tide a terrible jolt.

"We start with Southern California," he explained, "and it looks as though we have picked a tartar. The Trojans figure to have one of the strongest teams in the nation."

The thing that seems to be causing the "Bama coach the most grief is trying to find someone to step into the shoes of Joe Kilgore, spearhead of Alabama's 1937 running and passing attack.

Charley Boswell is a good ball-carrier, but not too good at punting and passing. Herky Mosey excels in the latter two chores but is not so good at carrying the mail.

**Other Side of Story**

"And," Coach Thomas added, "that's not all of my woe. There are a couple of linemen I can't see how we can possibly replace—LeRoy Monsky, all-America guard, and Jim Ryba, tackle."

Some believe, though, that Coach Thomas should not be pessimistic. He lost several good men but he'll have some able regulars back—for instance, Carey Cox, center; Capt. Lew Boetick, guard; Perron Shoemaker and Tut Warren, ends; George Zivich, right halfback, and Charlie Holm, fullback, to say nothing of Boswell and Moseley.



Frank Thomas: The Bowl for the Crimson Tide?

## Plans for Legion Tournery Ready

Woodburn—August 6 and 7, dates set for the state American Legion Junior baseball series to be held at Legion park here, are drawing near and plans are rapidly being completed.

Seven teams are leading the race in three districts with very little information coming in from Eastern Oregon, the district which Ontario represented last year.

Woodburn and Estacada will open their series here next Sunday with a place in the finals at stake. Estacada dethroned the Woodburn team as district champion last year after the locals had represented the district the year before.

Eugene and Medford remain in the race in their locality. Medford cleaned up in the southern part of the state while Eugene won a two out of three game playoff with Toledo.

Postoffice Pharmacy, last year's state champions, Ed Rey Roofers and New Rivolt Theatre remain in the Portland race. Ed Rey and the Theatre men are advancing fast at Postoffice had won the first half race.

## Softball Pacers Win Close Tilts

Both Paper Mill and Waits, currently leading the Salem softball loop, maintained their tie at the top of the league standings Wednesday evening by turning back bids from the rank and file.

Waits rallied to come home ahead of 20-30, 6 to 5, and the Paper-makers finally managed to defeat Square Deal, 3 to 1.

The Waits' 20-30 game was decided in the final two innings when Waits pitched four runs across. Vern Gilmore pitched five-hit ball for the losers but could not offset errors in the tight spots.

It was a pitcher's game in the second game, with Crawford of the Papermakers and Henry Singer of Square Deal fighting it out. Crawford had a slight edge, allowing three hits to five that Singer allotted, and passing but five men while Singer issued passes to six.

The "break" came in the seventh when Jimmy Nicholson powered a double to right field, scoring Parrish.

## Boxing Matches At Boys' Camp

By Jimmy Cole  
Silver Creek Recreational Area—Last night was one of the most exciting times we have had at "Y" camp. It was the famous "Y" smoker, with boxing matches and other entertainment put on by the boys.

The most whirling match was between two twin brothers, Harold and Hiri Holland. No one could tell which boy was which, so we just cheered both of them at once. All of the matches saw blows exchanged with a rapidity that was difficult to follow with the eye. Each match consisted of two one minute rounds. Other matches of the evening were as follows:

Fred Gruver, 140, vs. Zane Russell, 144. Pete Houser, 125, vs. Bob Woodburn, 115. Bob Sederstrom, 140, vs. Ried Nelson, 125. Gordon Willer, 110, vs. Evan Botse, 105. Bill Morse, 120, vs. Vern Flynn, 115.

The evening was wound up by five gallons of ice cream donated by the James Tryons.

The softball game of the year was between the all-stars and the leaders, with the leaders noosing out a 9 to 8 victory over the hard playing youngsters.

Today the powers to be voted that the swimming pool was to be drained and cleaned, so the entire camp left on a short hike around Silver Creek falls.

## Beavers Cut Angels' Lead

San Francisco, July 21 (AP)—The uncertain Portland Beavers tripped the Pacific Coast league leading Los Angeles Angels last night, 6 to 3, in a see-sawing thriller.

Portland's win reduced the Angels' leadership to two games as a timely ninth inning double play nipped a San Francisco rally and enabled the second place Sacramento Solons to take a 6 to 5 decision.

The Angels took an early lead, putting a run across in the first inning. The Beavers came back in their half of the inning to tie the score after Manager Bill Sweeney hit a triple and scored on a single. The Portland club then scored again in the third and fourth.

With one out in the last of the ninth and the score 6 to 5 in favor of Sacramento, the Seals' Dominic DiMaggio, youngest of the baseball DiMaggios, smashed out a two bagger. Harvey Storey drew a walk and Brooks Holder hit into a double play to end the Seals' threat.

In a free-hitting ball game Seattle made it two in a row over the Oakland Acons, 11 to 7. Seattle converted six hits into as many runs in the third inning and after that was never headed although the Oaks threatened in the seventh and eighth innings when they scored a total of five runs.

Overcoming a Hollywood lead with a six run outburst in the sixth inning, the San Diego Padres, although outlit, went on to win, 11 to 5. The Stars got 14 hits to the winners' 11. The Stars' inability to hit in the clinches left 11 to die on the bags.

## Sports Parade

By Henry McLemore  
Shawnee-on-Deleware, July 21 (AP)—I have a good mind to advise my barrister to sue the Japanese department of public welfare for cancelling the Olympic Games scheduled for Tokyo in 1940.

Ever since that day in Berlin when it was announced Tokyo would be host to the athletes, I have been preparing myself for a trip to Japan. For two years I have spent my time, energy and money studying the Japanese language, developing a taste for exotic foods, and moulding my Georgia cracker form so it would not look too ridiculous when draped in a kimono and hakama.

I believe I could collect a goodly sum from the department of public welfare just for the time I have spent on trying to learn to write my name in Japanese. If you think writing "Henry McLemore" in Japanese is a trivial feat just try it sometime. You start off first with a thing that resembles a sea-gull in full flight. No, on second thought it doesn't look like a sea-gull at all, but the lower end of a broken hockey stick. The next character really demands an artist. The best description I can give is that it looks like Adolph Menjou's eyebrows when they are registering surprise.

There is some more to the Henry, but it is the "McLemore" part that confounded me. When written in Japanese "McLemore" could easily be mistaken for the footprints of an emu with sore feet, walking across red hot sand.

Writing Japanese, however, is a pushover compared to talking it. Knowing that I would get lost in Tokyo I started by learning to say "Where is my hotel?" Sounds simple, doesn't it? But play this on your larvae at twilight "bokuno yadoma doitodada." That's what you must say if you get lost and can't remember where your lodging place is. That took me months to master, and so did "kondowa kimono ogoru ban dayo," which, when broken down to its essential parts, means "it's your time to enjoy a round."

After enjoying a close friendship with my palate for 30 years I in a desire to feel at home in Tokyo, started eating such dishes as sashimi tempura and kake-no-dotoyaki. Now, at any moment, I expect my palate's barrister to serve me with papers.

To a palate accustomed to hominy, turnip greens, black-eyed peas and hog-jowl, sashimi is a signal for rebellion. Because sashimi is sliced raw fish and the first few dishes of it makes your stomach feel as if it were a goldfish bowl.

Any jury, I believe, would award me a handsome settlement for the suffering I endured in wearing a kimono and hakama, the latter item being a skirt which, while not cut on the bias, is certainly cut by a tailor biased against the male from appearing anything but ridiculous.

That kimono and hakama nearly broke up my home. My wife never could get quite accustomed to sharing an apartment with a man who insisted on slipping on a kimono and hakama when friends dropped in. And the time I suggested I wear it to the theatre—I figured I might as well get accustomed to being seen in public in the outfit—well, I would rather not pain you with the details.

So you see, I really have a good case against the Japanese department of public welfare. Anyone with a brief case he doesn't know what to do with can have the job of representing me.

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## 17 Years' Service On Cubs Rewarded

Chicago, July 21 (AP)—A big, red-faced Irishman, delighted with his own good fortune but sad for the man he replaced, took over the job of managing the Chicago Cubs today after 17 years' service as the club's catcher.

Charles Leo Hartnett, 37, a man everybody likes, was made manager by Owner Phil K. Wrigley, who, dissatisfied with the team's fourth place position in the National league standings, fired Charlie Grimm.

The Cubs were five and a half games out of first, had lost their last game, which ended a seven-game winning streak.

Although Grimm's contract runs until the end of 1938, his release was effective today. He will be paid for the full term of his contract. Wrigley and Hartnett claimed to have made no arrangement as to Hartnett's salary as manager.

"Leo will not be fired if the team fails to win the pennant," Wrigley said. "That's too short notice. I think I'm safe in saying he'll be given a contract for 1939."

Gabby's major league career—17 years with the Cubs—is one of the most brilliant in baseball. He went to them in 1922 from the Worcester (Mass.) club of the Eastern league and was a hit almost at once.

As a handler of pitchers, he has no peer. His throwing arm is deadly. His knowledge of opposing National league batsmen probably is unequalled. His popularity is unlimited in Chicago and he stands almost as well with fans of every other city.

Hartnett has caught 100 or more games for 12 years, last year tying the "iron man" record of Ray Schalk, former Chicago White Sox star. His lifetime batting average is .300. In 1935, he was voted the National league's most valuable player.

Los Angeles, July 21 (AP)—The top bracket of Pacific coast league pitching standings remained virtually unchanged today, with Win Ballou of San Francisco still unbeaten in seven games.

## Milwaukie Mentor Named by Astoria

Astoria, July 21 (AP)—The Astoria school board named Norville May, coach at Milwaukie high school, as Astoria's high school football mentor yesterday. May will succeed George Emigh, who resigned to coach basketball at Franklin high, Portland. He was selected from among 14 applicants.

May coached all sports at Springfield and Milwaukie. He was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1920.

Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robinson left recently for a week's vacation trip to northern Washington where they will visit his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson of Rice, Wash.

## Northwest Series Slated

The annual semi-pro series between the top teams of Oregon and Washington will open next Tuesday to determine the semi-pro champion of the northwest, it was announced today.

It will be a five-games series, unless one team manages to win three straight games on McGinnis field.

## Lack of Gasoline Held Crash Cause

Red Bluff, Calif., July 21 (AP)—An airplane crash that killed Ben Torrey, 43, veteran flier and aerial huntman, and Jack Baskins, 19, a flying student, was blamed by investigators today on lack of gasoline.

Torrey and Baskins were crushed to death early last night when their plane dove into a field a mile from the Red Bluff airport, which Torrey managed. They were riding in a plane Torrey had purchased the same day.

## Industrial League

A triple by Ritchie and a two-batter-blow by Taylor in the ninth gave Building Supply a 4-3 margin over Paper Mill office. In the other game, Foresters submerged Hansen-Liljequist 11 to 3, as Keuscher brought in three tallies on a home run. Summaries: Building Supply..... 4 12 3 P. M. Office..... 3 2 8 Ritchie and Taylor; Swales and Mader. Foresters..... 11 10 3 Hansen-Liljequist..... 3 9 8 Valentine and Oala, Keuscher and Ojala.

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