

Babe Ruth Plays in Old Form

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Over Sultan of Swat.
Forty-Year-Old Veter-
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By Harry Grayson
NEW YORK.—Well, the Yanks are practically certain to launch their initial western trip in first place, and the boys have quit worrying about what is going to happen to George Herman Ruth.

The spindly-legged fat man again may become a problem when the midsummer sun hardens the base paths and gardens, but right now he is doing a splendid job of demonstrating that life really does begin at 40.

It was a waste of time for Ruth to have his eyes examined the other day. He should have consulted a leg pepper-upper, for it is when his underpinning commences to rebel that the New York club bumps into trouble.

The ineffectiveness of Joe McCarthy's slingers last season largely was attributed to their eagerness to pitch in such fashion that the ball would not be hit in the direction of the heavy-footed Babe.

Baseball won't seem the same when Ruth bows out of the regular lineup, and with a half dozen managerial changes this season, it was strange that the sport for which he did so much could not find a place where he could satisfy a burning ambition to be a manager.

Ruth has made money for everybody—owners, players, and umpires. Yet last winter when Col. Jacob Ruppert offered him to American League outfits as a pilot free, gratis and for nothing, there was no great stampede for his services.

The loop in which the Babe spent his brilliant career did not give him a tumble.

The only offer that appealed to the big fellow came from a member of the National League, which has been so envious of him for all these years. But when the Cincinnati club offered to pay Ruth \$35,000 and 10 per cent of home receipts above \$400,000, Colonel Ruppert gave the Babe \$35,000, or \$10,000 more than he expected to pay him, rather than have him go to the rival circuit.

Who knows? Perhaps the Colonel has Ruth in mind as a future Yankee strategist.

Young Tom Yawkey wanted Ruth in Boston, a city that still considers the Babe its own, but the man with the blue-ribbon bat sought to invest \$100,000 there before the New York capitalist purchased the Red Sox, and they could not get together.

Ruth submitted the Cincinnati proposition to Frank Navin, of Detroit, who decided to give the A's \$100,000 and Catcher Pearson for Mickey Cochrane instead.

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Baer, Hoffman In Good Graces

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BOXING

GRADE SCHOOLS SEEKING TITLE

**Mills and Fremont Clash
Thursday Afternoon
for Championship.**

Mills and Fremont grade schools will meet on the Roosevelt diamond Thursday afternoon to determine the Senior League title. The winner will be awarded the Rotary club trophy.

Mills moved into the finals Tuesday afternoon by putting down the Pelican school team, 7 to 5.

J. W. Peak, director of physical education in the city schools, has announced that the championship contest will start at 4:00 o'clock.

Archie Huff, Mills hurler, assisted his team's victory Tuesday by striking out 11 Pelican batters.

The summary:

	Mills	AB	R	H
Huff, p.	3	0	1	
McCormick, 1b.	3	1	1	
Dean, cf.	3	0	0	
Young, ss.	1	3	1	
Hardin, rf.	3	2	0	
Longmire, lf.	3	0	0	
Bishop, 3b.	3	0	1	
Leisel, c.	3	1	1	
Vogel, 2b.	3	0	0	
Total	25	7	5	

	Pelican	AB	R	H
Martin, 2b.	3	0	0	
Webber, c.	2	0	0	
Howard, cf.	3	0	0	
Cessun, p.	3	1	2	
Graham, rf.	2	1	1	
Giovanni, 1b.	2	1	1	
Smith, ss.	2	0	0	
Ward, lf.	2	0	0	
Salisbury, 3b.	1	2	1	
Total	19	5	5	

New American Sloop Ready For Cup Race

BIRSTOL, R. I., May 16, (UP)—Champane dripping from her sharp graceful prow, the new sloop Rainbow slid down the ways today a few miles from the course where she may meet the British challenger, Endeavour, in the American cup races in September.

Three hundred including Governor Theodore Francis Green, who will be host to President Roosevelt at one of the races, and U. S. Senator Jesse H. Metcalf of Rhode Island, representing the nation, witnessed the colorful ceremonies at Herreshoff boat yards.

As a cannon shot echoed across the waters of Narragansett bay from Harold S. Vanderbilt's yacht, Varo, Mrs. Vanderbilt christened the sloop.

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SOCKER SUHR



With his bat booming at a clip that keeps him among the first five hitters of the National League, Gus Suhr, above, is making the Pirates' attack plenty potent. The Pittsburgh first sacker is having his best year in the majors.

Webfoots Lead Baseball Race In Northwest

SEATTLE, May 16, (AP)—Oregon rode at the top of the Northern Division coast conference baseball standings today after the Idaho Vandals had knocked Washington State out of that berth yesterday, with a 5 to 1 win.

The University of Washington Huskies were also on their way back here after their disastrous Oregon trip. They finally won yesterday from Oregon State, 10 to 7, after losing their previous three games of the trip.

Les Albee, Idaho first baseman, got a home run with two on in the second inning at Moscow, to give the Vandals their commanding lead. The Cougars failed to tally till the ninth.

Oregon has won five of seven games, Washington State three out of five, and Washington has won three and lost three.

Husky Batters Score Victory Over Beavers

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 16 (AP)—The big bats of the University of Washington baseball team finally boomed into effectiveness and the Huskies defeated Oregon State college, 10 to 7, here yesterday.

The win gave the Huskies an even break with the Beavers, but it was their first victory in four road games, two straight being dropped to University of Oregon.

The Beavers rallied for three runs in the eighth when Mitola's home run injected new life. Another run was added in the ninth inning and the bases loaded before Enquist replaced Marlowe on the mound for Washington and ended the game with two strikeouts.

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CARL HUBBELL DEFEATS CUBS

**Giants More Optimistic
After Strong Showing
of Southpaw.**

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.
(Associated Press Writer)
In the course of a disastrous tour through the western sector of the National League the New York Giants have managed to prove only that they still are dangerous when Carl Hubbell is pitching.

What started as a joyous jaunt for the league leaders ended with the Giants in fourth place after losing eight games and winning five. But they found one bright spot in the picture Tuesday when they celebrated their release from the terrors of the road by smashing out a 10 to 3 decision over the Chicago Cubs behind Hubbell's hurling and knocked the Cubs right out of the lead.

The slender Oklahoman, whose left arm bore much of the pitching burden of the 1933 campaign, bore down once he got past a bad first inning and gave only five hits and one run in the remainder of the game and it was an error by Travis Jackson, the 21st of 22 the Giants made in 13 western games, that caused part of the trouble in the first.

To back him up, the Giants smacked 15 hits, including Mel Ott's seventh homer, drove Charley Root to the showers in four innings and just breezed through as every player got at least one safe blow. Joe Moore also hit for the circuit as one of his three safeties and Dolph Camilli contributed a Chicago homer.

The triumph left the Giants only a half game out of third place as Brooklyn's Dodgers also staged a finishing celebration and beat out the Cardinals 6 to 5. Despite the brilliant efforts of Jack Rothrock, who wallowed a homer, a double and three singles and figured in all the scoring that gave the Cards a 5-1 lead, the Dodgers wouldn't be stopped once Jim Mooney began to weaken.

Although defeated, the Cards ended their home stand with nine victories and only three losses, as record cancelled only by the Pittsburgh Pirates, who won eight and lost two to end in first place. Although a half game behind the Cubs in the game count, the Bucs had a .552 average and Chicago .567.

All other major league games were washed out.

NEW YORK, May 16, (UP)—Tuesday was "axe day" in the major leagues, an important date of the baseball season. The fretting and fuming of managers arose unsmuffed as they swung the axe, chopping down their squads to the 23-player limit which goes into effect at midnight. Rookies and slapping veterans were shunted to the minors.

At dusk one or two managers like Walter Johnson of the Indians, were still looking for necks to guillotine, or for trades to bolster their clubs.

One of those guillotined was Burell Grimes, the veteran spit ball pitcher, after 27 years in the majors. He was released outright by the Cardinals.

Yankees sent Lyn Larry, 37.5, 000 infielder, to the Red Sox in exchange for infielder Fred Muller and an unnamed sum of cash. Muller then was released on option to the Yanks' Newark farm club. Catcher Norman Kies and pitcher Charlie Devens also were sent to Newark. John Schulte, formerly of the Cubs and Braves, was made Yankee bull pen coach.

St. Louis Browns returned Big Jim Weaver, right hand pitcher, to Newark and avoided paying \$15,000 for him. Athletics gave catcher Eddie Madjeski and utility infielder John Wingfield unconditional releases, but the A's took on two players from the south, catcher Charley Moss, and George Yarter.

Detroit sent Steve Larkin, right hand pitcher, to the Toledo club of the American association. Cubs sent Lynn Nelson, right hand flinger, to Atlanta for the Southern association. The Dodgers released Phil Page, southpaw hurler, and Glenn Chapman, utility outfielder, to Albany of the International circuit. And so on.

There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.

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Fort Klamath Pole Vaulter Enters Finals

Walter Ferguson, the "one man track team" from Fort Klamath high school, has been entered in the state championships at Oregon State college in Corvallis next Saturday.

Ferguson will join a squad of Klamath Falls high school athletes and possibly several men from Chiloquin in an effort to bring back points to Klamath county.

The young Fort Klamath star, completing his final year of competition, is one of the outstanding pole vaulters in the state. He bettered the meet record at the Modoc field event here Saturday.

Los Angeles Pitcher Puts
Down Reds Without
Score, 8 to 0.

(The Associated Press)
Gabby Street's declaration of confidence that his San Francisco Missions would be the team to throw Los Angeles for its first series loss this season appeared today to be a bit optimistic.

The pace setting Angels blanked the second place Missions, 8 to 0 Tuesday to lengthen their first place lead in the Pacific coast league race to five full games. Fay Thomas held the Missions to 6 scattered hits while his team mates found Wayne Osborne and Charles (Dutch) Lieber for a total of 17 bingles. Outfield Frank Demaree, leading the league in batting and home runs, got three hits out of four trips to the plate and added another home run to his list. First baseman Oglesby also hit a homer.

The San Francisco Seals strengthened their hold on third place by defeating the Hollywood Stars, 3 to 1. Two odd breaks gave the Stars their only run and kept the Seals from scoring at least one more run. Leroy Herrmann, who held Hollywood to 4 hits, covered first base in the third inning and received the throw from Jack Fenton for what should have been an easy out. But Herrmann neglected to touch the bag and while he was arguing the decision with Umpire Rue, second baseman Joe Berny romped home with the Hollywood tally. In the seventh inning Elias Funk hit a steaming liner between first and second for what should have been a sure hit that would have brought in outfielder Joe Di Maggio. Instead, the ball struck Di Maggio as he raced for second, automatically putting him out and retiring the side.

Ducks Lose Another
Seattle broke its losing streak of seven games last night, defeating Sacramento, 6 to 1. Outfielders Fred Berger and Hunt each hit a homer for the Indians. Paul Zahner, pitching steadily ball most of the game, walked in the seventh inning.

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