

# "Schoolboy" Rowe Gets Shutout

**Held Indians to 4 Safeties—Babe Ruth Attends Opening Unnoticed—"Dizzy" Dean Hammered**

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 15—Lynwood Rowe, the tall Arkansas schoolboy, put Detroit Tigers on the road to their third straight pennant when he pitched Cleveland Indians into submission before 18,200 opening day fans at Cleveland yesterday, 3-0.

Rowe held the Indians to four hits issued no passes, allowed no Cleveland runner to reach second base and fanned six.

Rowe's task was made easy by Hank Greenberg, 1935 home-run champion of the majors, who drove in two runs in the first inning with a double.

Al Simmons paved the way for Detroit's third run with a double in the sixth.

Mel Harder, ace of the Cleveland pitching staff, was taken out in the sixth, after having allowed nine hits.

## "HACK" WILSON HAS A JOB!

CHICAGO, April 14—Hack Wilson, one-time home run hitting outfielder for the Chicago Cubs, was offered \$5,000 to play for the Chicago Mills semi-pro team this season.

William G. Harley, manager of the Mills club, telegraphed the offer to Wilson at his home in Martinsburg, W. Va. Harley indicated he might increase the offer if it were not acceptable to Wilson, who hit 56 home runs in 1930, a National League record.

## GOT THEM IN FOURTH

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 15—Curt Davis limited Boston Bees to four hits as Phillies defeated them, 4-1 before a National League opening day crowd of 9,000 at Philadelphia yesterday.

Phillies made all their runs off Danny MacFayden in the fourth inning when Vergez singled, went to second on Norris' sacrifice and scored on Davis' single. Singles by Allen, Watkins' infield out, and Johnny Moore's single scored two more and the final run crossed the plate on Dolph Camill's double against the right field fence.

Boston scored its tally in the eighth when a pass to Cuccinello, Lee's single and a big batsman loaded the bases with none out. Cuccinello scored a Lopez grounded into a double play.

Wilson was sent to Portland of the Pacific Coast League by the Brooklyn Dodgers, but failed to report.

The Scotch patient was fumbling in his pocket.

"You don't need to pay me in advance," said the dentist.

"I'm no' going to," was the reply. "I'm only countin' ma money before you gie me the gas."

"My wife always gets historical when I stay out late at night."

"Hysterical, you mean."

"No, historical. She digs up all my past history."

## Shots Here And There

NEW YORK, April 14—Down the sports trail:

Thirteen men, most of them fading in the baseball skies, will write the exciting story of the 1936 major league pennant races. Here they are—the spot men of the ivory fields:

Outfielder Al Simmons, the Tiger "rookie" whose war club is counted on to give the "champs" from Detroit the added punch they need; Catcher Frank Pytlak and Outfielder Bruce Campbell, healed sick men of the Cleveland tribe; second baseman Tony Lazzeri and shortstop Frank Crosetti, Yankee defense key men, who must play long and well; Manager-Shortstop Joe Cronin, the fellow who has to perform like his old self and keep his club of stars in harmony; Pitcher Charlie Root, Chicago Cub veteran, who can't halt his comeback if the champs are to win; Pitcher Fred Fitzsimmons and Manager-first baseman Bill Terry, giants with doubtful legs and arms, who are needed badly; Manager second baseman Frankie Frisch, a player the "Gas House Gang" can't replace a second, and Roy Parmelee, a "must" addition to the pitching Deans; Outfielder Lloyd Waner, a "must" member of the famous Warner brother act, and Pitcher John Tising, a rookie the Pirates need at his greatness to round out a pennant-winning pitching staff. After May 15 when the rosters are trimmed to the 23-man maximum, there will be 368, or less players in big league uniform, but centre your optics on the 13.

Add Mickey Walker to the ranks of the men who made it and haven't got it. Along Broadway's cauliflower row it is estimated Mickey made \$1,500,000 from the ring. He's now reported almost broke, fronting for a restaurant. They called him the rumson bulldog. Bulldog? Not when it comes to money, he isn't.

Edwin C. "Alabama" Pitts is finding it almost as tough in making good in baseball as it was in getting out and into the game. He estimates he made \$5,000 last year playing baseball and football, but is so intent on making good on the diamond that he is quitting the gridiron. It's the everlasting credit of American sport that every one in it goes out of his way to give Alabama a helping hand.

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The move bore fruit as the close-checking Maritimer hung grimly on to his check all during the fray. Crawford took time out from his shadowing duties to rip through for 17 points highest individual performance of the game and was the outstanding man on the floor.

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## CRONIN IS ONLY LEADER WITH A BRAG

NEW YORK, April 14—Major league base ball managers have learned about predictions from the haunted coaches of football.

In direct contrast to other years, a tour of the spring camps this year revealed only one manager who was audacious enough to come out flat-footed with the prediction that his team would win the pennant. That was Joe Cronin, pilot of the gold-plated Boston Red Sox.

"What else could I say?" asked Joe. "Tom Yawkey has spent a lot of money getting stars together because he wants to give Boston, the best town in baseball, a pennant winner. In view of that do you think I can go around like the rest of the managers with gloom written all over my face and joy in my heart? No, I can't do it. I think the Red Sox will win the pennant with games to spare. Sure we've lost a flock of exhibition games, but they don't mean a thing. Watch us when the games count."

Bill Terry, rated as baseball's greatest optimist and prophet in the spring of 1933 when he forecast a pennant for his Giants, has been silenced, too, this year. Bill predicted the Giants would walk their heat to the flag room. He was right in '33, wrong in '34 and wrong in '35. Beyond saying he doesn't rate any National League club above the Giants this spring, Bill is a silent man.

If any manager had the right to come out with a pennant winning prediction it is Mickey Cochrane of the world's championship Detroit Tigers. Mickey's got what it takes—and more, yet Mickey jumps and scowls nervously every time a sports writer asks him if he thinks the Tigers are a cinch to win.

"Get me right, now," says the careful Mickey. "I don't want to say we're a cinch to win but that we have as good a chance as anyone. Lots of things can happen in baseball you know, if . . ."

## FIVE VETERANS NATIONAL LOOP ARE ON BLOCK

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## NEW YORK EXPERT PICKS 'EM FOR PLACES

**Rud Rennie Says Close Battles Loom for Both Leagues—"Yanks Lack Will to Win."**

It seldom is easy to pick the winners. It is not often that anyone can do it with confidence. Even then he is likely to be wrong. This year it is especially difficult. For years the finish of the National League race has been close. This year it looks as if the American League also will have a nip-and-tuck battle right up to the very end.

### Yankees May Drop

The Tigers, pennant winners in the American League in the last two consecutive years, are going to get plenty of opposition from the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Red Sox. The Yankees, runners-up last season, will be lucky to finish third. The chances are they will be in fourth place.

In the other league, last year's champions, the Cubs, are going to need all last year's luck to beat out the Cardinals and the Giants.

The Cardinals always are dangerous because of their vast resources. They have power and pitching to start with and, in case of need, they can delve into their chain stores and come up with suitable replacements.

The Giants have acquired a second baseman to strengthen a team of veterans which two years in succession has crumpled on its way to the finish.

The Cardinals' hopes of finishing first depend on the two Deans and Frank Frisch, the manager. Frisch, an outstanding second baseman in his time, finds it more difficult every year to stand the strain of 154 ball games. With him out of the lineup (as he is likely to be from time to time) the Cardinals have no adequate second baseman. If anything goes wrong with either of the Deans the Cardinals will have only half a pitching staff.

If the Giants and Cardinals remain intact both clubs are likely to finish ahead of the Cubs. If not, the Cubs probably will win again.

### Dodger Infield Green

The struggle for top place in the second division probably will be between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds. The Dodgers' infielders are too young and inexperienced to raise high hopes for this season.

The one dominant impression of the American League is that the Yankees will not win the pennant. If nothing else, spirit is lacking. They are not pennant-minded. The Tigers, the Indians and the Red Sox are. Every one of these teams thinks it is going to win.

The burden, of course, is on the Tigers. When any team wins the pennant two years in a row, the odds against it winning the third time increase. Overconfidence sets in and has to be combatted along with the enemy. That is one thing. More obvious is the increased power of the Red Sox and the new nerve of the Indians.

Red Sox Lack Pitching  
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## "RAJAH" GIVEN CREDIT FOR ACQUISITION JIM BOTTOMLEY

NEW YORK, April 14—The wail of don a uniform again. All this has been dissipated with the deal that sends him to the Browns. Sunny Jim resplendent note when it was announced the other day that James Bottomley, four-year National League first baseman, was to play with the St. Louis Browns during the coming season. It was indeed a slick bit of strategy by Hornsby, who well remembers the active part Sunny Jim played in giving St. Louis its first pennant and world series championship in 1926.

St. Louis likes Bottomley and Bottomley likes St. Louis. Sunny Jim, whose hair is turning gray at the temples, may not be good for more than two or three years of service in the big leagues, but he is such a popular figure in the Mound City that the shrewd Trader sees him as a good counter attraction to the Cards at Sportsman's Park.

It did not cost the Trader much to lure Bottomley out of the senior circuit—just Johnny Burnett, utility infielder, who went to the Cincinnati Reds in an even-up swap. Moreover, it was a means of showing the Browns' resentment toward Jack Burns, regular first baseman for five years, who was a holdout until last week.

As soon as Bottomley arrives at the West Palm Beach training camp, Trader Hornsby may announce that Sunny Jim will be his regular first baseman. Burns, it is felt, may be used as bait for a pitcher. With Zeke Bonura still balking at the terms of the White Sox, Hornsby is likely to propose a deal with Jimmy Dykes, whereby Burns will go to the Sox for one or two of Dyke's abundant supply of moundmen.

**Rumors of Retirement Die**  
There were rumors that Bottomley intended to retire from the game; that he would rather pitch hay than

will win the pennant. They will make it tougher for whoever does win it, that's all. Tom Yawkey, president of the club, has spent \$1,000,000 on ball players in an effort to build a pennant winner. He has wasted a lot of money. On every hand baseball men, considering this year's team ask: "Who's going to do the pitching?" Grove and Ferrell, the team's best pitchers, have old arms. They staged comebacks last year; but there is no assurance that they will be as good again this year. Nor is Cronin the ball player he was with the Senators.

No, Cleveland is the team to watch. It is virtually the same team that finished third last year; but with this notable exception. It has a new manager, Steve O'Neill, a swell guy. The Indians will play ball for him. They didn't for his predecessor, Walter Johnson, Johnson, a famous figure in baseball, was disliked by his men. They say he was not a good manager, that he made outlandish pitching assignments.

Save for Jimmy Fize, who is strictly a first baseman, the Cardinals have only one other spare infielder in camp—Stuart Martin, a tall, frail player, who does his best work at third. Ankerman will substitute for Leo Durocher at shortstop, but if anything should happen to Manager Frank Frisch on the sidelines, the probability is that Charley Gelbert, regular third baseman, would fill in for Frisch, with Pepper Martin being called in from the outfield for another whirl at the far corner.

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Now that Burnett has gone to Cincinnati, the Reds indicate that they no longer have any use for Therenow's services, and may cut him adrift.

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MONTREAL, April 14—Montreal C.P.R., a band of youngsters most of whom have played together since they were kids, employed their greater experience tonight over Mount Allison University to win the Dominion basketball crown.  
The Railroaders captured a hard-fought contest 50-48, adding this two-point edge to the 11-point advantage they gained by winning the first game of the total-points series 43-32 last night. C.P.R. as winner of this series was to have played against Assumption College, of Windsor, Ont. in the Canadian final but the Collegians were forced to default and

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