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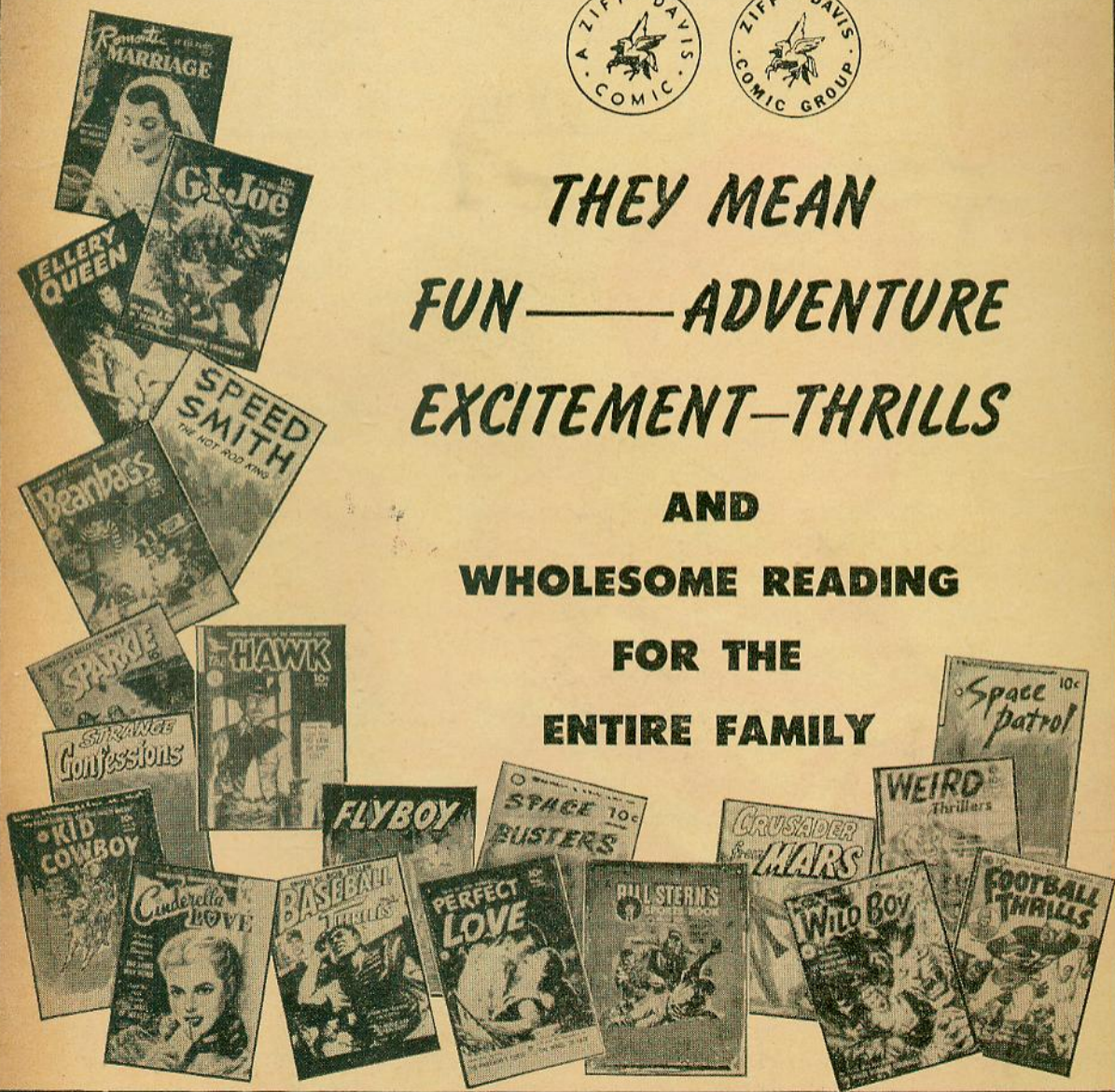
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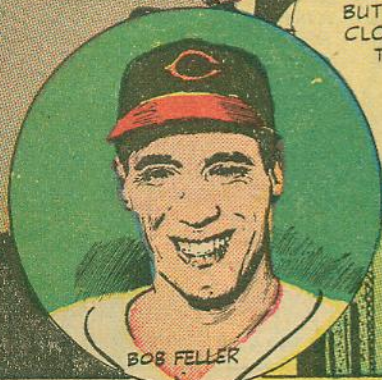
# The CLIPPER BOWS OUT The Real Story of JOE DIMAGGIO

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**  
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To Joe Dimaggio:  
a great ballplayer - a great American,  
this issue of Baseball Thrills is dedicated.  
In Admiration:  
Bob Feller



"ORDINARILY, TO GUYS LIKE ME WHO PLAY THE GAME, THERE ARE CERTAIN FEATURES ABOUT A FELLOW ATHLETE THAT ARE UNMISTAKABLY 'PRO'. BUT JOE DIMAGGIO IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER PLAYER. JOE IN STREET CLOTHES IS NO DIFFERENT FROM JOE IN BASEBALL FLANNELS. HE'S THE BALLPLAYER'S BALLPLAYER... LET'S GO BACK TO THE 1936 ALL-STAR GAME. THAT WAS JOE'S FRESHMAN YEAR, AND HE WAS SELECTED TO PLAY FOR THE AMERICAN LEAGUERS. HOWEVER, THE YANKEE SENSATION WAS AN ALL-STAR FLOP - HE WENT HITLESS IN FIVE TRIPS AND EVEN FIELDED BADLY. LONG AFTER HIS TEAMMATES LEFT, DIMAGGIO SAT ALONE IN THE LOCKER ROOM..."



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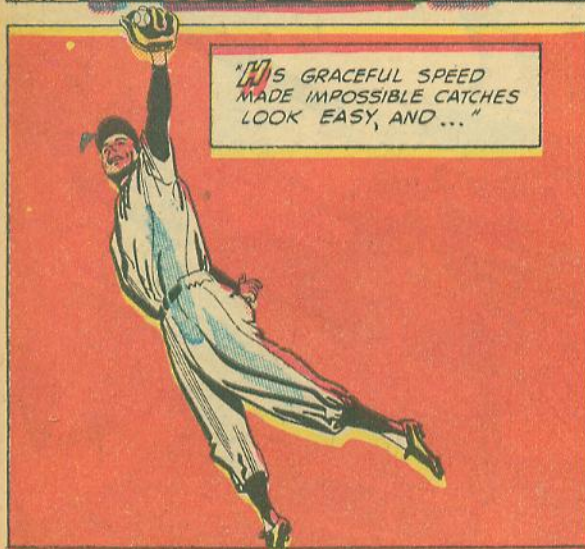


"THAT EVENING ONLY ONE PERSON CAME BY TO CONSOLE JOE -- HIS YANKEE MANAGER, JOE MCCARTHY..."

"NOT LONG AFTER THE ALL-STAR CLASSIC, JOE WAS BURNING UP THE LEAGUE. HIS SPECTACULAR BASE RUNNING BECAME THE TALK OF THE CIRCUIT..."

DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN, KID! IT HAPPENS TO 'EM ALL! YOU JUST GOT A BAD GAME OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!

NO, MR. MCCARTHY! IT WAS ME -- NOTHING ELSE! I GUESS I READ TOO MANY PRESS CLIPPINGS ABOUT JOE DIMAGGIO! BUT I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!



"HIS GRACEFUL SPEED MADE IMPOSSIBLE CATCHES LOOK EASY, AND..."

"HIS TREMENDOUS POWER AT BAT EARNED HIM A .323 BATTING AVERAGE AND THE RESPECT OF THE ENTIRE LEAGUE. YES, JOE DIMAGGIO HAD LEARNED HIS LESSON, AND BY THE END OF HIS FIRST YEAR HE WAS A REAL YANKEE! HIS ALL-STAR DEBUT WAS A THING OF THE PAST..."



"THE 1936 YANKEES COPPED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT, AND THEN DEFEATED THE N.Y. GIANTS IN THE WORLD SERIES, 4 GAMES TO 2. AND IN THE YANKEE DRESSING ROOM AFTER THE FINAL VICTORY, A PROUD DIMAGGIO POSED FOR PICTURES WITH HIS CHAMPION TEAMMATES..."

TELL ME, JOE, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE ON A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM IN YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR?

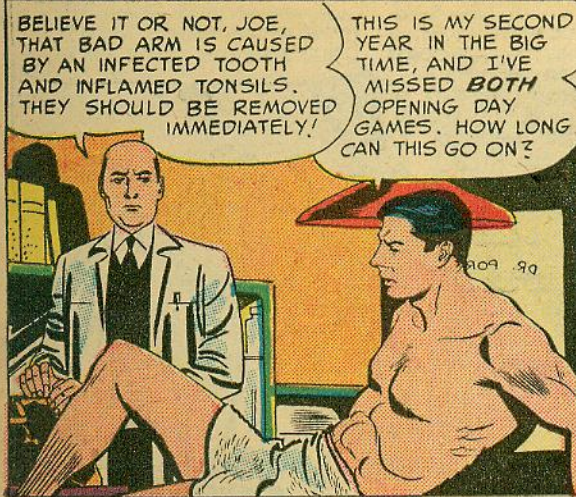


I'M LUCKY AND PROUD TO BE A YANKEE! IF ANYONE HAD TOLD ME TWO YEARS AGO THAT I'D BE PLAYING WITH STARS LIKE LOU GEHRIG, TONY LAZZERI, BILL DICKEY, RED ROLFE AND THE OTHERS, I WOULD HAVE SAID HE WAS CRAZY! YES, SIR -- I'M PROUD TO BE A YANKEE!



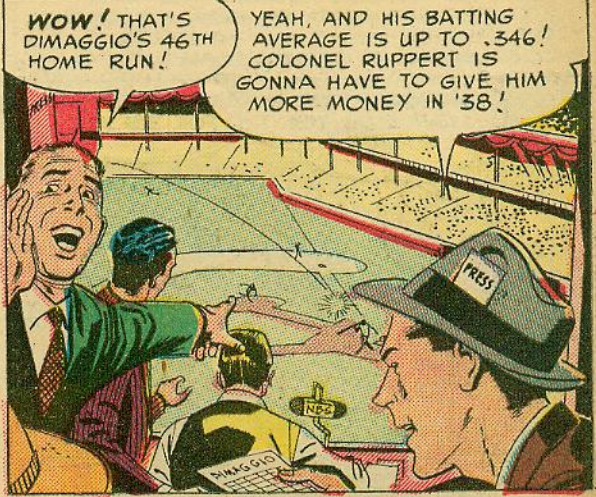
"JOE WAS ALL SET TO START HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR OFF WITH A BANG IN 1937, BUT..."

"ONCE BACK IN UNIFORM, HOWEVER, JOE SET THE LEAGUE ON FIRE AGAIN..."



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, JOE, THAT BAD ARM IS CAUSED BY AN INFECTED TOOTH AND INFLAMED TONSILS. THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY!

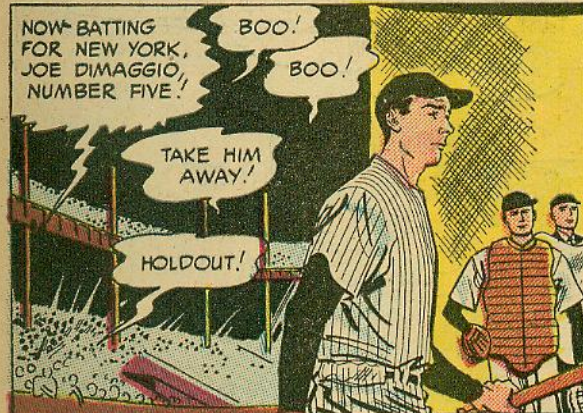
THIS IS MY SECOND YEAR IN THE BIG TIME, AND I'VE MISSED BOTH OPENING DAY GAMES. HOW LONG CAN THIS GO ON?



WOW! THAT'S DIMAGGIO'S 46TH HOME RUN!

YEAH, AND HIS BATTING AVERAGE IS UP TO .346! COLONEL RUPPERT IS GONNA HAVE TO GIVE HIM MORE MONEY IN '38!

"THE FOLLOWING YEAR JOE MISSED OPENING DAY AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME IT WAS DUE TO SALARY DIFFICULTIES. FINALLY, YANKEE OWNER RUPPERT GAVE IN TO DIMAGGIO'S DEMANDS, AND WHEN JOE MADE HIS BELATED DEBUT..."



NOW BATTING FOR NEW YORK, JOE DIMAGGIO, NUMBER FIVE!

BOO!

BOO!

TAKE HIM AWAY!

HOLDOUT!

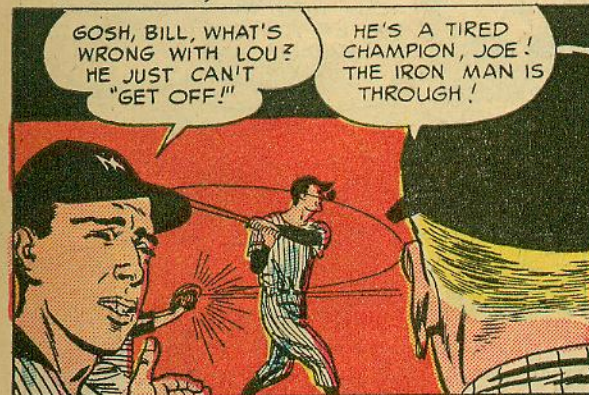


DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, KID! THEY GIVE EVERYBODY THE SAME TREATMENT!

I DESERVE IT, LOU! BASEBALL BELONGS TO THE FANS AND I ALLOWED MY PERSONAL LIFE TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR GAME!

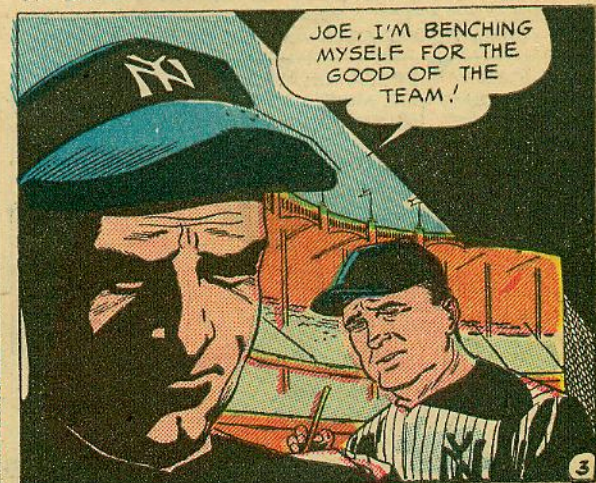
"JOE STARTED LATE IN 1938, BUT FINISHED THE SEASON IN GRAND STYLE — BLASTING 32 HOMERS AND BATTING .342. THE FOLLOWING YEAR JOE WAS BETTER THAN EVER, AND ON HIS WAY TOWARDS HIS FIRST BATTING TITLE. BUT THE YANKEE IRON MAN, LOU GEHRIG, WAS SLOWING DOWN..."

"BILL DICKEY WAS RIGHT, FOR SOME DAYS LATER GEHRIG APPROACHED MCCARTHY..."



GOSH, BILL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOU? HE JUST CAN'T "GET OFF!"

HE'S A TIRED CHAMPION, JOE! THE IRON MAN IS THROUGH!



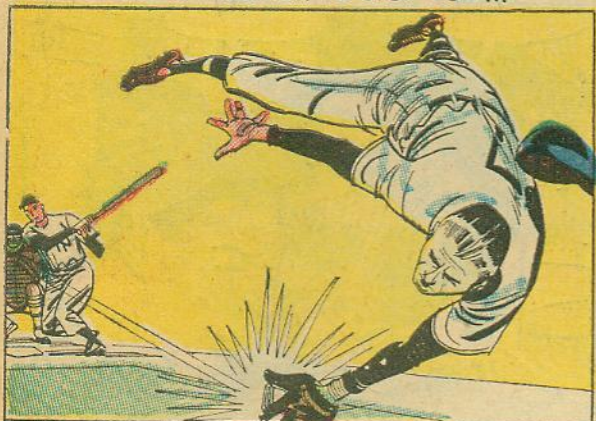
JOE, I'M BENCHING MYSELF FOR THE GOOD OF THE TEAM!



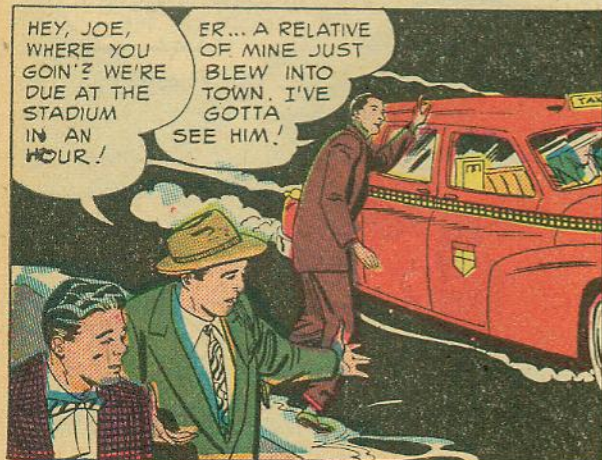
"WITH GEHRIG GONE, DIMAGGIO BECAME THE TOP MAN OF THE YANKEES ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONSTANTLY PLAGUED BY INJURIES, JOE SPARKED IN THE FIELD. ON MAY 15, 1941, HE STARTED ON HIS RECORD-BREAKING HITTING STREAK..."



"ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 17TH, JOE'S HISTORY-MAKING STREAK WAS STOPPED AT 56 GAMES, AND IT WAS THE CLEVELAND INDIANS WHO TURNED THE TRICK. HOWEVER IT TOOK TWO 'IMPOSSIBLE' CATCHES BY KEN KELTNER TO STOP JOE..."



"JOE WAS NEVER TOO BUSY TO VISIT THE SICK, ALTHOUGH HE NEVER GRANDSTANDED ABOUT IT. HE WAS LOYAL TO HIS FANS AS THEY WERE TO HIM..."



YOU JUST BEAT WILLIE KEELER'S CONSECUTIVE HITTING RECORD OF 44, JOE! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE IN THE RECORD BOOKS?

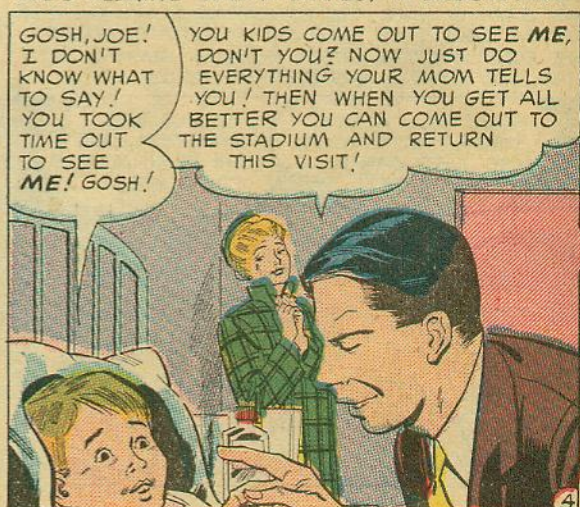
IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING UNLESS MY HITS COME WHEN THE TEAM NEEDS THEM! THE YANKEES COME FIRST!



"WHEN THE NEXT BASEBALL SEASON ROLLED AROUND WE WERE AT WAR. JOE GAVE UNSELFISHLY OF HIS TIME TO HELP MANY CAUSES..."



"JOE'S 'RELATIVE' WAS A SICK BOY IN BROOKLYN..."





"IN FEBRUARY, 1943 JOE ENLISTED, EVEN IN THE SERVICE, DIMAG WAS PLAGUED BY HIS OLD INJURY JINX. HE SUFFERED SEVERE STOMACH DISORDERS, BUT NEVER ONCE COMPLAINED..."



JOE, HOW WILL THIS LONG LAY-OFF AFFECT YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RETURN TO FORM TO LEAD THE YANKEES AGAIN?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I **MUST** GET BACK TO BASEBALL! HOWEVER, IF I'VE FALLEN OFF IN ANY WAY THEN I'LL QUIT THE GAME! THE YANKEES COME FIRST!

"JOE REJOINED THE YANKEES IN '46, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, THE CLIPPER FELL BELOW .300, HITTING .290. A HEEL INJURY PAINED HIM SEVERELY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON..."

"FOLLOWING HIS DISAPPOINTING SEASON, JOE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT RETURNING IN 1947. BUT HIS TEAMMATES TALKED HIM OUT OF IT. THE CLIPPER HAD AN OPERATION ON HIS TROUBLESOME HEEL, AND..."



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IS DIMAG THROUGH?

LEDGER 3¢  
CAN JOE HELP YANKS IN '47?

Daily Journal  
ARMY TAKES ITS TOLL ON JOE



WE'RE ALL VERY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS, MR. DIMAGGIO, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REJOIN YOUR TEAM UNTIL JULY!

JULY? NO! I'VE GOTTA GET BACK SOONER-- I'VE JUST GOTTA!

"JOE HAD A SPECIAL SHOE CONSTRUCTED, AND FIVE DAYS AFTER THE SEASON OPENED..."

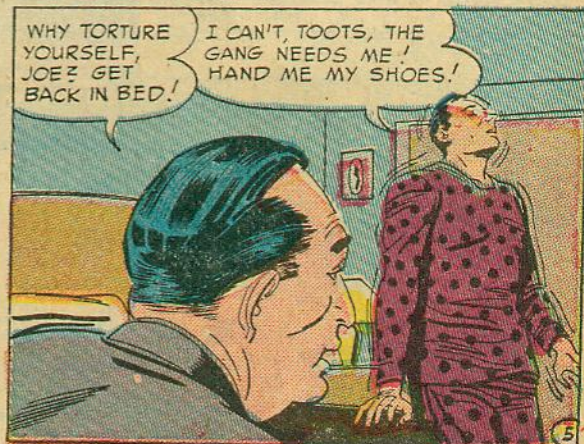
"THROUGHOUT THE '48 SEASON JOE FORCED HIMSELF INTO UNIFORM. ONLY HIS CLOSE FRIEND, RESTAURANTEUR, TOOTS SHOR, KNEW WHAT JOE WAS GOING THROUGH..."



HEY, LOOK! THERE'S JOE!

HUBBA HUBBA, GANG! JOE'S BACK!

LET'S GO!



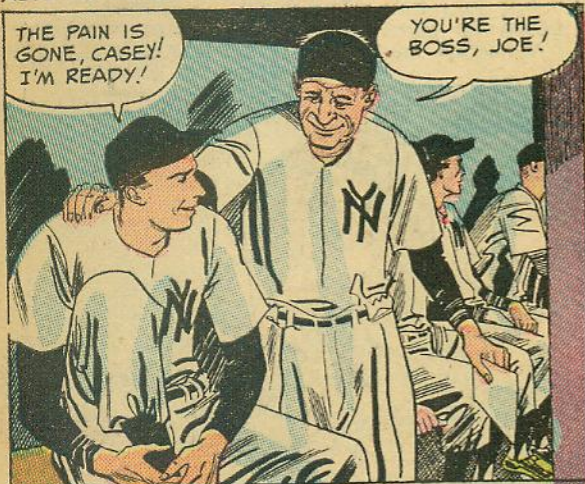
WHY TORTURE YOURSELF, JOE? GET BACK IN BED!

I CAN'T, TOOTS, THE GANG NEEDS ME! HAND ME MY SHOES!

"FEW PEOPLE KNOW THE EXCRUCIATING PAIN JOE SUFFERED, BUT HE LED THE TEAM TO A PENNANT AND A WORLD SERIES VICTORY OVER THE DODGERS..."



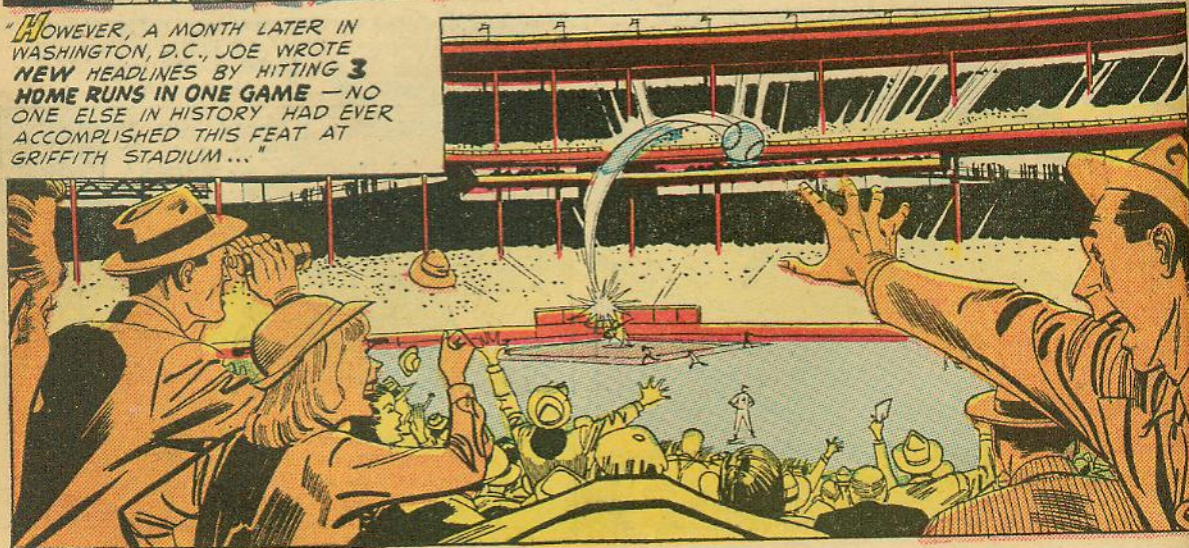
"JOE UNDERWENT ANOTHER OPERATION IN 1949 AND IT WASN'T UNTIL JUNE THAT THE CLIPPER WAS ABLE TO REJOIN THE BALL CLUB AT BOSTON..."



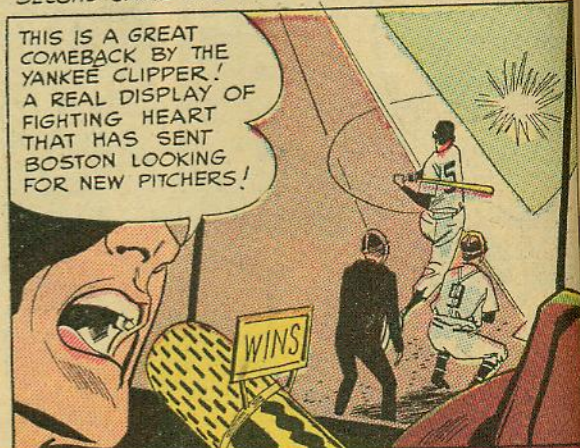
"BY SEPTEMBER THE OVERWORKED DIMAGGIO HAD LOST FIFTEEN POUNDS AND, HE FELL VICTIM TO VIRUS PNEUMONIA. BUT ONCE AGAIN THE WILL TO PLAY MADE HIM LEAVE HIS SICK BED TO BE WITH HIS TEAM. ON OCTOBER 1, 1949 THE FANS GAVE JOE ONE OF THE BIGGEST DAYS EVER SEEN AT YANKEE STADIUM..."



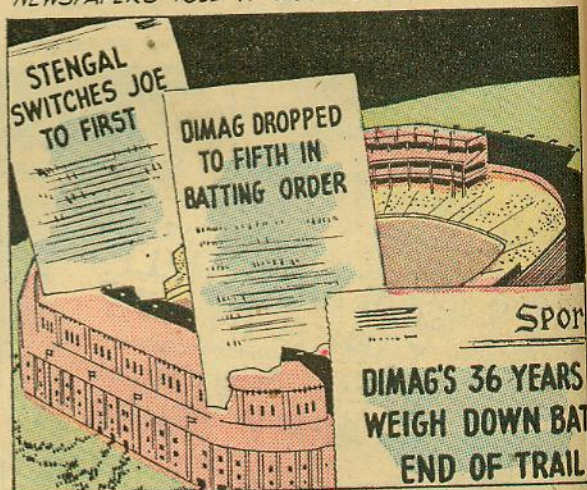
"HOWEVER, A MONTH LATER IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JOE WROTE NEW HEADLINES BY HITTING 3 HOME RUNS IN ONE GAME — NO ONE ELSE IN HISTORY HAD EVER ACCOMPLISHED THIS FEAT AT GRIFFITH STADIUM..."



"DIMAGGIO'S 1949 DEBUT WILL ALWAYS BE ONE OF THE GREATEST STORIES IN BASEBALL HISTORY. IN THE FIRST OF THE THREE-GAME SERIES HE BELTED A SINGLE AND A HOMER. TWO HOMERS IN THE SECOND GAME AND ANOTHER IN THE THIRD GAME..."



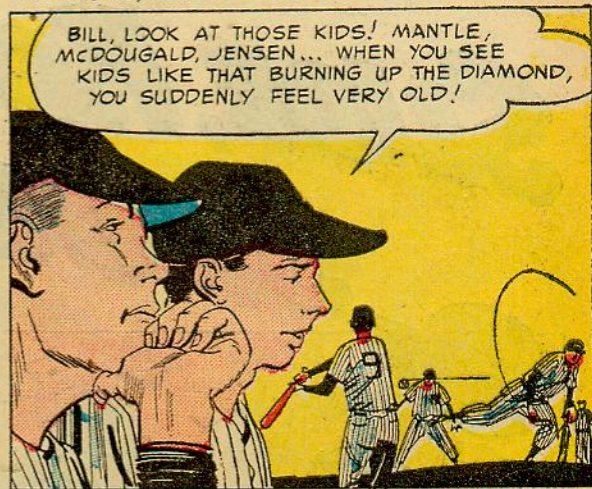
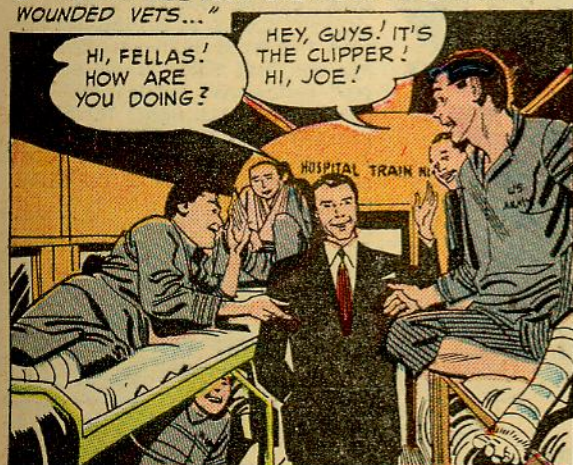
"1950 WAS A DIFFERENT STORY. THE NATION'S NEWSPAPERS TOLD IT GRAPHICALLY..."





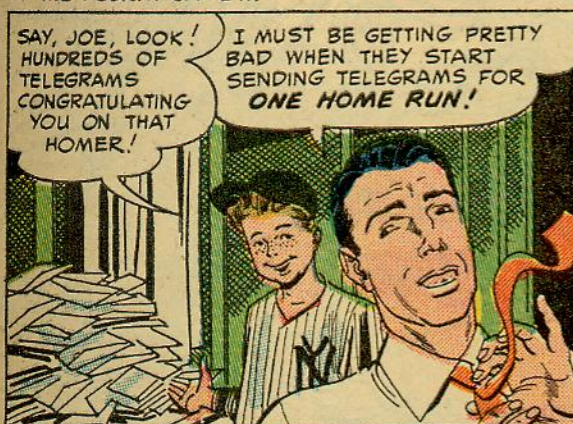
"DIMAG LED THE YANKS TO ANOTHER PENNANT AND A SERIES VICTORY OVER PHILADELPHIA. DURING THE OFF SEASON JOE FLEW OVERSEAS TO ENTERTAIN WOUNDED VETS..."

"AS THE '51 SEASON MOVED ALONG JOE, ACHING AND AILING, COULDN'T GET GOING..."

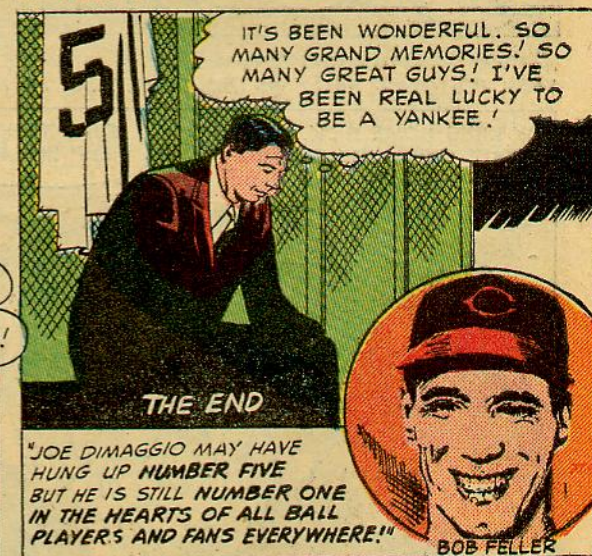


"THE '51 SEASON ENDED AND JOE FELL BELOW .300 BUT THE YANKS PLUGGED ON TO ANOTHER PENNANT. IN THE SERIES AGAINST THE MIRACLE GIANTS JOE CAME TO LIFE AND FINALLY BLASTED A HOMER IN THE FOURTH GAME..."

"A FEW DAYS LATER, SCOUT ANDY HIGH'S NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT ON THE YANKEES WAS RELEASED. THIS WAS A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF YANKEE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS COMPILED AFTER WEEKS OF CLOSE OBSERVATION. THE GIANTS BASED THEIR COMPLETE SERIES STRATEGY ON THIS REPORT..."



"BUT JOE KNEW BETTER. HE HAD SEEN GEHRIG FADE. HE HAD SEEN THE ONCE MIGHTY JOE LOUIS CRUMBLE. DIMAG WAS PROUD - BETTER TO GO OUT WHEN YOU'RE STILL ON TOP. JOE MADE HIS HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE YANKEE OFFICES..."





# SLIDE, KELLY, SLIDE!

MICHAEL "KING" KELLY, BELOVED PLAYBOY OF BASEBALL, ORIGINATED MANY OF THE PRACTICES WE ACCEPT TODAY IN BASEBALL. HE WAS THE FIRST HIGH-SALARIED PLAYER, THE FIRST TO BE SOLD FOR IMPORTANT MONEY AND THE FIRST BASEBALL HERO TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE STREETS BY AUTOGRAPH HOUNDS. BUT MOST IMPORTANT, HE MADE THE SLIDE FAMOUS. HERE WE SEE HIM CLINCHING THE 1886 PENNANT FOR THE CHICAGO WHITE STOCKINGS AS HE SLIDES ACROSS HOME PLATE WITH THE WINNING RUN...



AFTER THE GAME, THE "CRANKS," AS FANS WERE CALLED THEN, FOLLOWED KELLY AS THOUGH HE WERE THE PIED PIPER...

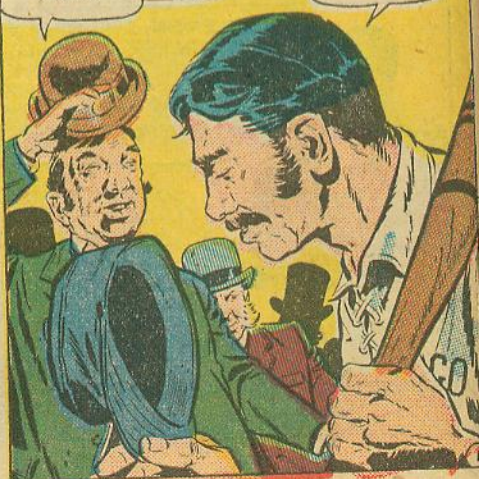
MY KID'S HOME SICK, KING... HOW ABOUT SIGNIN' MY SCORECARD FOR HIM?

SURE THING... IF IT'LL HELP HIM GET WELL!



WE LOVE YA, KING — ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT!

I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!





BUT TWO MONTHS LATER, WHEN KELLY PICKED UP A NEWSPAPER, HE GOT THE JOLT OF HIS LIFE...



KELLY RUSHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE WHITE STOCKINGS' PRESIDENT, SODEN...



BUT REMEMBER... NO MATTER WHAT UNIFORM YOU WEAR, WE'LL STILL BE PULLING FOR YOU! GOOD LUCK, KING!



THE FOLLOWING SPRING, KELLY REPORTED TO BOSTON...



A HORSE AND CARRIAGE — TO SORTA MAKE IT EASIER FOR YA TO GET TO THE BALL PARK!

GEE! THIS IS MIGHTY NICE OF YOU FOLKS!



KELLY SOON BECAME THE DARLING OF ALL BOSTON... EVEN THOUGH THE TEAM WAS NOSED OUT FOR THE PENNANT BY DETROIT IN 1887 AND BY NEW YORK IN 1888...

THAT'S KING'S FOURTH HIT TODAY! HE'S CARRYING THE WHOLE TEAM!

BOSTON MAY NOT GRAB THE TITLE... BUT WE'VE GOT THE GREATEST PLAYER IN BASEBALL!



DURING THE '89 SEASON, AN UPSET STOMACH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE PLAYS IN BASEBALL...

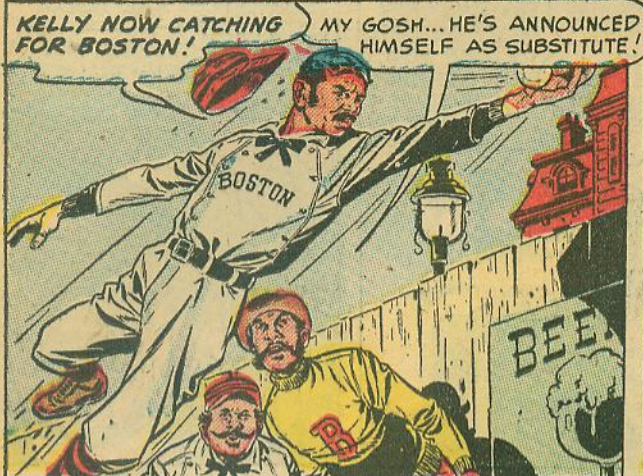
YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME PLAY, SKIPPER! I'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE I GET INTO ACTION!

NOTHIN' DOIN', KELLY! THE DOC SAYS YOU'RE TO SIT THIS ONE OUT UNTIL YOUR APPETITE COMES BACK! YOU JUST LEND YOUR MORAL SUPPORT FROM THE BENCH!





LATE IN THE CRUCIAL GAME, A RIVAL HITTER LIFTED A HIGH FOUL OUT OF REACH OF THE BOSTON CATCHER. QUICKLY KELLY LEAPED INTO ACTION...



HEY! WHAT GOES HERE? KELLY ENDED THE INNING WITH AN ILLEGAL CATCH! HE CAN'T DO THAT!

YEAH? WELL, HERE'S THE RULE BOOK! SHOW ME WHERE IT SAYS HE CAN'T!



AS A RESULT OF THIS PLAY, A NEW RULING WAS INTRODUCED IN 1890. THE RULE, WHICH STILL STANDS TODAY, STATES THAT NO PLAYER MAY ENTER A GAME UNLESS HIS NAME IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SPECTATORS BY THE UMPIRES OR OTHER OFFICIALS...

DESPITE HIS TOP SALARY OF \$5,000, KELLY WAS UNABLE TO KEEP OUT OF MISCHIEF...

I'M RUNNING A BALL CLUB, NOT A CIRCUS! I'VE PUT UP WITH KELLY'S ANTICS LONG ENOUGH!



FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOSTON BALL CLUB, I'M TRADING YOU TO NEW YORK. LET'S HOPE THE CHANGE WILL DO YOU GOOD!



YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME... NOT AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR BOSTON!

SORRY, KING... BUT BASEBALL'S BIGGER THAN ANY ONE MAN! THAT'S THE LESSON YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN!



BUT KELLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT FACT, FOR TWO WEEKS LATER IN THE NEW YORK LOCKER ROOM...

WHERE'S KELLY? WHY ISN'T HE HERE?

HE... ER... MISSED THE TRAIN, MR. FREEDMAN! I'LL SEE THAT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!



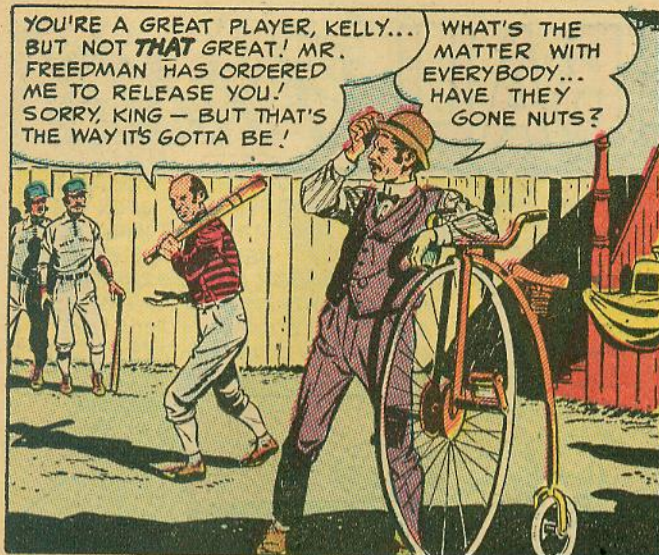
KELLY DIDN'T MISS ANY MORE TRAINS AFTER THAT, BUT HE STILL CONTINUED TO PLAGUE THE MANAGER, JUST BEFORE A CRUCIAL GAME IN 1894...

SO YOU SKIPPED BATTING PRACTICE EVEN THOUGH I WARNED YOU, EH, KELLY?

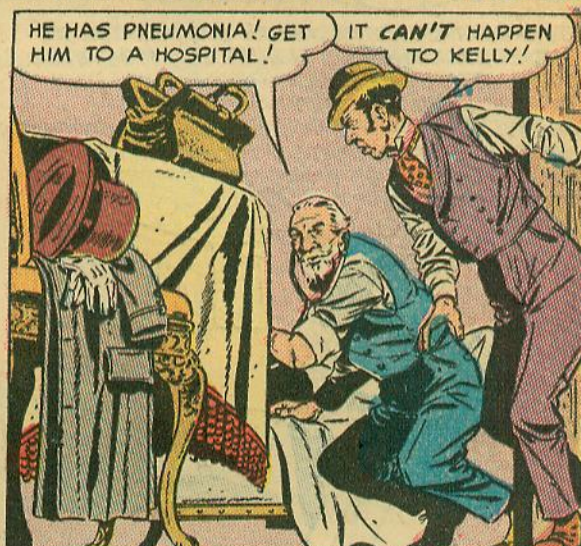
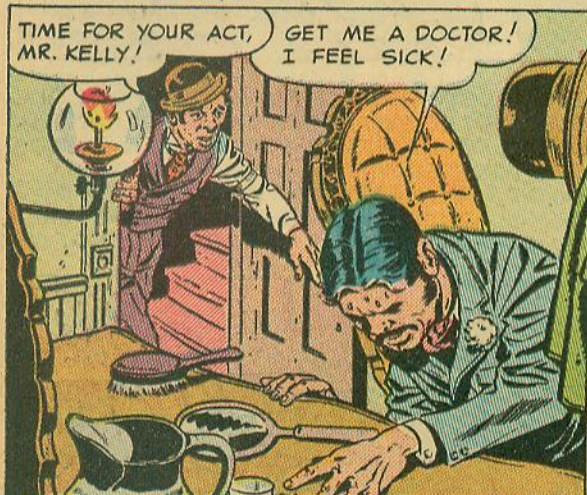
AW, TAKE IT EASY, SKIPPER! - I DON'T NEED NO PRACTICE!







SO KING KELLY BECAME AN ACTOR, AND PACKED THE THEATER. ONE DAY...

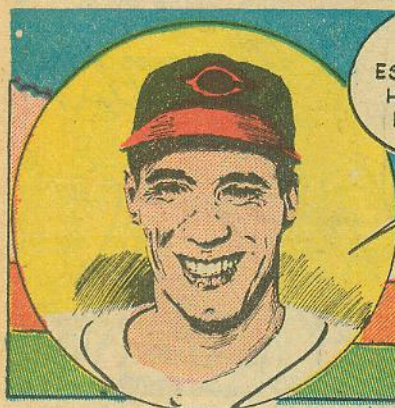


FOR DAYS A SOBER-FACED CROWD WAITED IN HUSHED SILENCE OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL... UNTIL ONE MORNING...



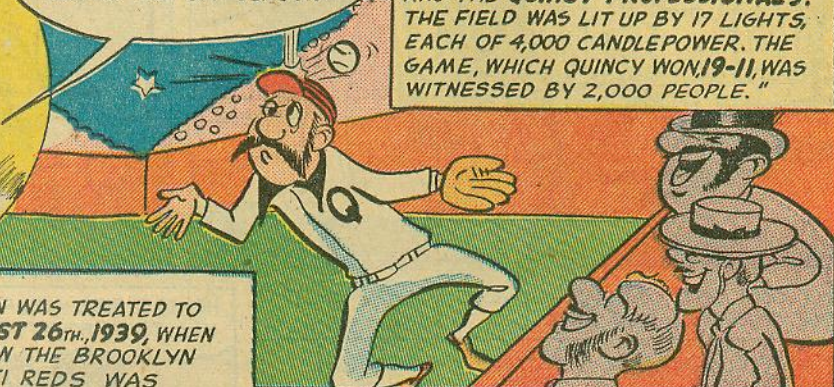


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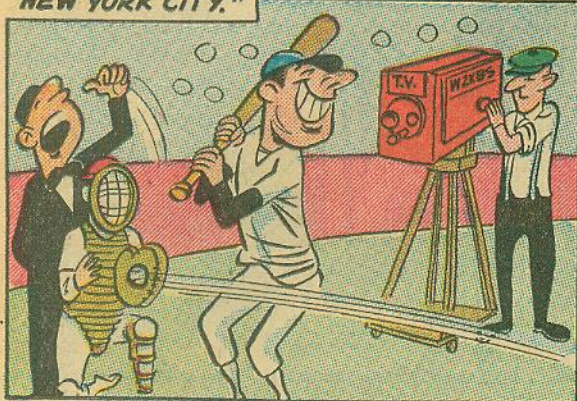


I LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT BASEBALL—ESPECIALLY BASEBALL "FIRSTS." HERE ARE SOME I DUG UP DURING THE OFF-SEASON...

"THE FIRST NIGHT GAME IN BASEBALL HISTORY WAS PLAYED WAY BACK ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1893 AT LEAGUE PARK, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, BETWEEN M.E. COLLEGE AND THE QUINCY PROFESSIONALS. THE FIELD WAS LIT UP BY 17 LIGHTS, EACH OF 4,000 CANDLEPOWER. THE GAME, WHICH QUINCY WON, 19-11, WAS WITNESSED BY 2,000 PEOPLE."



"THE FAITHFUL BROOKLYN FAN WAS TREATED TO A BASEBALL FIRST ON AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 1939, WHEN THE DOUBLE-HEADER BETWEEN THE BROOKLYN DODGERS AND THE CINCINNATI REDS WAS TELEVIEWED FOR THE FIRST TIME. TWO CAMERAS WERE USED ALTERNATELY BY STATION W2XBS, NEW YORK CITY."

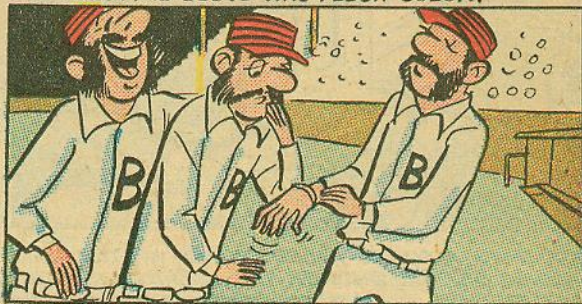


"MANY'S THE TIME I QUAKED WITH FEAR WHEN A PINCH-HITTER CAME UP TO FACE ME. MANAGER PAT TEBEAU OF THE CLEVELAND SPIDERS STARTED IT ALL ON JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1892 WHEN HE ORDERED JOHN JOSEPH DOYLE TO PINCH-HIT. DOYLE WAS BASEBALL'S FIRST PINCH-HITTER. HE DELIVERED IN GRAND STYLE BY SLAMMING OUT A SINGLE."

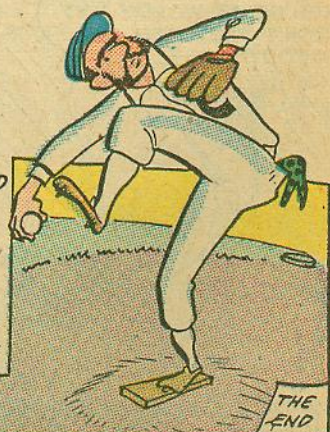


AW, PAT, DID YA HAVE TO WAKE ME NOW?

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE PRO PLAYERS WOULD BE TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE COURAGE OF CHARLES C. WAITE, FIRST BASEMAN OF BOSTON IN 1875. THE BOYS WERE REALLY TOUGH IN THOSE DAYS AND CAUGHT BAREHANDED. IT TOOK A LOT OF NERVE ON WAITE'S PART TO COME STROLLING OUT ONTO THE DIAMOND WITH A BASEBALL GLOVE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. THE GLOVE WAS FLESH COLOR."



"THERE HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF SHUT-OUT (NO-RUN) GAMES IN BASEBALL HISTORY, BUT THE FIRST WAS PLAYED AT CHICAGO ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 1875 BETWEEN THE HARTFORD (CONN.) DARK BLUES AND THE CHICAGO WHITES (NO RELATION TO OUR PRESENT-DAY "CHISOX"). CHICAGO WON THE GAME IN THE ELEVENTH INNING 1-0."



LITTMAN

THE END



# the "POPSICLE" KIDS SAVE THE DAY

TESS AND TIM SOLVE A BIG GIFT PROBLEM

WOW! WE ALMOST FORGOT MOM AND POP'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

IT'S NEXT WEEK AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY FOR A GIFT!

I'M BROKE TOO!

I GOT IT! WE'LL USE THE "POPSICLE" GIANT GIFT LIST!

TERRIFIC IDEA!

HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL PLASTIC APRON FOR MOM... A HUNTING KNIFE FOR DAD!

I'LL COUNT OUR BAGS!

## THE BIG DAY

MY, WHAT A LOVELY APRON!

AND LOOK AT THIS SWELL HUNTING KNIFE!

SAVED BY THE BAGS WITH THE POLKA DOTS, EH KIDS?

YOU SAID IT! AND THESE "POPSICLE" GIFTS ARE SWELL PRESENTS FOR ANY OCCASION, FOR ANYONE, TOO!

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# IT'S ALL IN THE GAME

A WEIRD throw, a circus catch, or just a ball player's odd habit makes the break that wins games and championships. Baseball history is full of such oddities from the time the game was first played in 1839—when Abner Doubleday gave America this brand-new national pastime.

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An unbelievable catch by "Wee Willie" Keeler of the Baltimore Orioles enabled Baltimore to nose out Boston in 1894 to climax a wild pennant race.

Right field on the Baltimore grounds gave visiting outfielders nightmares. Directly behind it was a high fence, sloped at a 65 degree angle. Starting midway between the fence and the infield, the outer pastures ran downhill.

The two teams battled down to the final inning without a score. Then Boston made its bid. With a single, a sacrifice and a base on balls, the visitors appeared to be in position to win the ball game and the highly coveted pennant. Jake Stahl, one of the longest hitters on the Boston club, waved his bat confidently at the plate, as the two runners moved cautiously along the base paths.

The Baltimore pitcher delivered a blazing fast ball . . . and an instant later the resounding crack of the bat brought the big crowd to its feet. On an ever-rising line, the ball sailed out into right field. Keeler, one of the fleetest men in the business, was off with the crack of the bat. Seeing the ball was going over his head, Willie leaped up on the slope of the fence, going higher along the incline; his eye never leaving the ball. Then, before the crowd realized it, Willie had the ball in his glove, and was perched on the top of the fence. So great was his momentum, however, he could not stop running after the catch, and plunged over and fell *outside* into the street.

Seldom in baseball history had a ball player received such an outburst of applause as greeted Keeler when he climbed over the fence and tossed the ball to the infield.

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Clark Griffith, who now owns the Washington

Senators, was considered one of the brainiest pitchers ever to unnerve a batter. As a hurler for Cincinnati in 1901, he proved his mettle in a critical game against the Senators. The Washington club, needing a run to tie, had men on second and third, with the dangerous Al Selbach at the plate.

Griffith's best line was taunting batters, and unnerving them further with his slow, deliberate motions on the mound. When Selbach stepped into the batter's box, Griffith opened his heckling barrage:

"I'll bet you couldn't hit this next pitch with a board, Al!"

Then he delivered one high and wide. The over-eager Selbach swung and missed. Griffith kept up his steady chatter from the mound. Each time he fired the ball only after long preparatory intervals. Finally the count was three balls and two strikes. Now thoroughly aroused, Selbach was straining to knock the cover off the ball.

Smiling calmly, Griffith eyed Selbach and said: "All right, slugger, let's see you hit this one!"

And then he deliberately tossed the ball underhand toward the plate. Selbach, in his eagerness to hit the slow delivery, fell to his hands and knees before the ball reached the plate, and was called out on strikes.

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Back in 1937 a rookie pitcher named Red Lynn made his big league debut with the New York Giants. As the youngster nervously strode out to the mound, the veteran catcher followed him.

"Look, kid," the burly backstop said, "just don't be nervous. There's nothin' to worry about. Watch me and I'll flash you the signals—one finger for a fast ball an' two for a curve."

The rookie nodded, the umpire cried, "Play ball!" and the game was on. The catcher squatted behind the plate and signalled for a fast ball. The rookie's first pitch sailed six feet over the backstop's head. Once again the signal was for a fast ball and the next pitch was even wilder. The big veteran tugged at his mask, pounded his enormous



mitt and for the third time signalled for the fast ball. The rookie's third pitch sailed past the receiver and bounced off the protective net behind home plate.

The crowd booed as the catcher trotted out to the mound for a confab with his jittery battery mate.

"Calm down, kid!" he said. "Don't be so nervous. You remember the signals—one finger for a fast ball, two for a curve."

"Sure, I remember them!" the frightened rookie gulped. "But, please, sir, I do wish you'd call for that two-finger curve all the time. I just can't seem to grip the ball with only one finger!"

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Outfielder Jimmy Slagle's penchant for chewing tobacco made him the memorable hero of an eighteen-inning contest between Chicago and Philadelphia during the 1902 season.

It was the eighteenth inning with Philadelphia at the plate, a runner on first base and two men out. The score was tied at 1 to 1. In this tense moment, Jimmy Slagle felt a fresh "chaw" of tobacco was just the thing he needed to relax his tightening nerves.

Just as he jammed his huge right hand into his back pocket for the tobacco, he heard the crack of the bat. The ball sped its way on a line to deep left center, and he broke into a frantic sprint. Then, to his horror, he discovered that his right hand, still trapped in the back pocket, refused to come out. A quick jerk failed to release the hand, and Slagle, racing on, leaped, stuck up his left hand and caught the ball. Then he pulled out the plug of tobacco, and began to munch happily as he trotted in. The crowd stood up to give him a thunderous ovation.

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Mike Kelly, one of baseball's immortals before the turn of the century, and hero of the legendary phrase, "Slide, Kelly, Slide!" figured in many a single-handed break.

While catching for the Chicago White Stockings in a game at Cincinnati in 1886, Kelly found his club's seemingly certain victory threatened by a late Redlegs' uprising. Two men were out in the last of the ninth, Chicago was leading, 3 to 2, and what might be the tying run was on first base.

Kelly's pitcher, John Clarkson, wound up and delivered. There was a resounding smack of bat on horsehide, and the sphere went whistling on a line

out toward right field. It was a clean drive, nearly to the fence, but the base-runner did not watch the ball. The Redlegs' third base coach frantically waved him on as the Chicago outfielders scrambled to retrieve the ball.

It was here that Kelly rose to true greatness. As the ball was relayed in from the outfield, he tossed aside glove and mask, as though the ball had been "fied out" and the inning was over. The runner, seeing Kelly trot off the field, slowed his pace as he rounded third.

At that moment, the ball came winging into home plate on a straight line. With his bare hands, Kelly caught the ball and tagged the open-mouthed runner between third and home for the final putout!

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Another ball player had a habit of missing trains. Only his magnificent plays afield saved him from the fines slapped on him.

For missing a train in Boston, during 1897, Outfielder Bill Lange of Chicago had been assessed a \$100 fine. Apparently not having learned his lesson, Lange missed another train the next day and arrived in Philadelphia too late for the game. Result: another \$100 fine.

With \$200 due to come out of his paycheck in an era when players' salaries were far below the present scale, Bill Lange was anything but happy when he took the field for the game with Washington.

But Lange didn't have much time to brood. The game went nip-and-tuck, with Chicago holding a one-run lead all the way to the last half of the eleventh inning. Then Washington began to threaten, by getting two runners on base. After that the ever-dangerous Selbach came to the plate.

On the first pitch, Selbach smashed a ball that appeared to be going far over Lange's head. The outfielder, a strapping lad of some 225 pounds, dug his spikes in furiously and headed for the center-field fence. The boards splintered as he slammed into the fence. One panel crashed outward. But from the wreckage crawled Lange holding the ball in his fist. As the crowd roared its tribute of applause, Lange bellowed to Manager Cap Anson: "Fines still hold, Cap?"

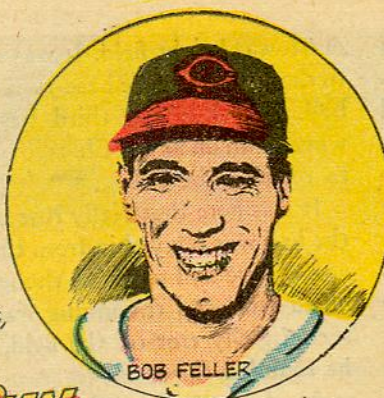
The overjoyed Anson shook his head.

"Not after *that* catch, son," he said. "But I'd like to see the same kind of hustle down at the depot the next time we pull out of town!"

THE END



**"NO** MORE WILL THEY SPEAK OF THE MIRACLE BRAVES OF 1914! FOR 37 YEARS THAT FAMOUS LEGEND LIVED. NOW IT IS DEAD... AND A NEW LEGEND IS BORN! THE STORY OF THE 1951 GIANTS, AND OF **BOBBY THOMSON'S...**



**"IT ALL STARTED IN SPRING, 1951, AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. AND AS THE SPORTS WRITERS FLOCKED AROUND LEO DUROCHER..."**

EVERYONE FIGURES YOUR TEAM FOR SECOND, LEO! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

LISTEN! LAST SEASON WE WON 50 OF OUR LAST 70 GAMES. WE STARTED SLOW, SO WE FINISHED THIRD! WE'RE GOING TO START FAST!



# HOME RUN THAT KILLED BROOKLYN!!



**"THE GIANTS DID START FAST-- IN REVERSE! AFTER JANSEN HURLED AN OPENING GAME SHUT-OUT, THEY LOST ONE, WON ANOTHER...AND THEN..."**

**"THEIR LOSING STREAK STOPPED AT ELEVEN, BUT THE GIANTS WERE MIRED IN LAST PLACE. THEN DUROCHER JUGGLED HIS LINE-UP. LOCKMAN WENT TO FIRST BASE AND IRVIN BECAME AN OUTFIELDER..."**

**"SLOWLY THE GIANTS BEGAN THE LONG, HARD CLIMB UP THE LADDER. THEY REACHED FIFTH PLACE ON MAY 25TH... AND LEO MADE ANOTHER MOVE. A YOUNG COLORED STAR WAS BROUGHT UP TO PLAY CENTERFIELD..."**

WHAT'S WRONG WITH US, EDDIE? HOW CAN A TEAM LIKE THIS LOSE 11 STRAIGHT?

EVERYTHING'S GOING WRONG, AL! WHEN WE GET PITCHING, WE DON'T HIT! WHEN WE SCORE RUNS, THEY SCORE MORE! WE JUST GOTTA BEAR DOWN!

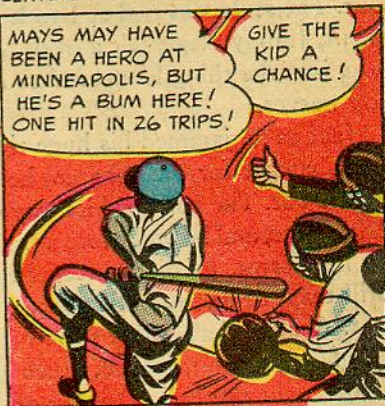


LOOKA THE WAY MONTE IRVIN'S FILLING LOCKMAN'S SHOES IN THE OUTFIELD!



MAYS MAY HAVE BEEN A HERO AT MINNEAPOLIS, BUT HE'S A BUM HERE! ONE HIT IN 26 TRIPS!

GIVE THE KID A CHANCE!



**"IN A FEW WEEKS, YOUNG WILLIE WAS HITTING OVER .300, BLASTING HOMERS, PLAYING SPECTACULAR BALL IN THE FIELD. THE GIANTS SETTLED DOWN AND JANSEN, MAGLIE AND HEARN BEGAN TO PRODUCE..."**

**"EARLY JUNE! SECOND PLACE! THE SAME IN JULY, BUT THE GIANTS GOT NO FURTHER FAST... AS THE DODGERS KEPT PULLING AWAY. ON JULY 25TH, LEO MADE HIS THIRD BIG MOVE! BOBBY THOMSON BECAME A THIRD BASEMAN..."**

**"THE GIANTS MOVED FAST, BUT THEY COULDN'T BEAT BROOKLYN... LOSING 12 OF 15 GAMES TO THEM. ON AUGUST 12TH THE GIANTS WERE 13 1/2 GAMES BEHIND! THE RACE WAS OVER, THE EXPERTS SAID, BUT THEN THE GIANTS EXPLODED..."**



BROTHER, THAT'S WHERE THOMSON BELONGS! HE'S TERRIFIC! AN' IS HE HITTIN' NOW! WOW!

WATCH US MOVE! LOOK OUT, DODGERS!



HOW D'YA LIKE THAT? THEY WON SIXTEEN STRAIGHT!

NOBODY'S GONNA STOP US NOW!

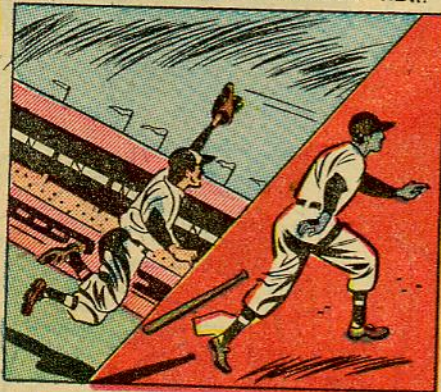






"LATE AUGUST, AND THE 13½ GAME LEAD WAS CUT TO 5! THE SPORTS WORLD WAS ABLAZE OVER A FIGHTING BALL TEAM THAT WON ALL THE CLOSE ONES..."

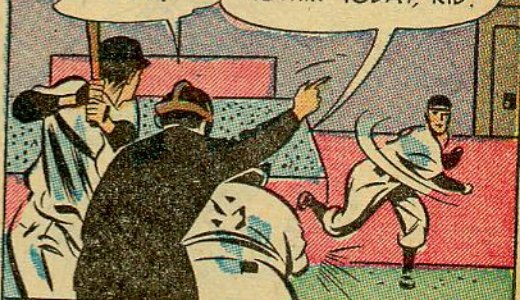
"THE GIANTS ROLLED INTO SEPTEMBER, WINNING THREE IN A ROW FROM BROOKLYN! SEVEN GAMES TO PLAY! 4½ BEHIND! BUT THEN THEY TOOK 7 STRAIGHT TO CLOSE THE SEASON, AND THE DODGERS, ON THE SPECTACULAR LAST DAY, NEEDED A PHENOMENAL 12TH INNING CATCH AND 14TH INNING HOMER BY JACKIE ROBINSON TO SAVE A PENNANT TIE..."



"THE THREE-GAME PLAYOFF OPENED AT EBBETS FIELD. THE PITCHING OF JIM HEARN, AND HOMERS BY THOMSON AND IRVIN STARTED NEW YORK OFF WITH A 3-1 VICTORY. NEXT DAY, AT THE POLO GROUNDS, CHARLIE DRESSEN HAD TO USE A KID ROOKIE, CLEM LABINE, AND..."

ST-E-E-RIKE  
THREE! YER  
OUT!

ATTABOY, CLEM! YA  
GOT 'EM FOOLED!  
THEY CAN'T DO  
NOTHIN' TODAY, KID!



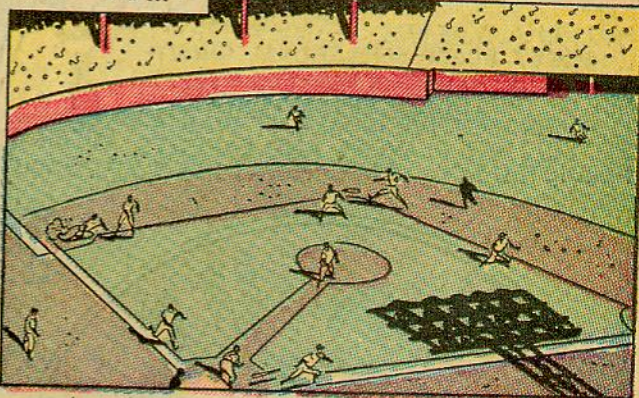
"...LABINE HURLED A BRILLIANT, 4-HIT, 10-0 SHUTOUT TO TIE THE SERIES..."

"THEN THE THIRD AND FINAL GAME... THE 157TH OF THE SEASON... THE BIG ONE FOR THE PENNANT. MAGLIE VS. NEWCOMBE. IT WAS 1-1 UNTIL THE 8TH THEN THE DODGERS RAMMED 3 HOME RUNS THE GIANTS CAME TO BAT IN THE LAST OF THE NINTH, TRAILING 4-1..."

WE'RE NOT BEAT  
YET, GUYS! WE'VE  
COME FROM BEHIND  
ALL SEASON! YOU  
CAN DO IT!



"50,000 PEOPLE IN THE STANDS! MILLIONS WATCHING ON TV. DARK SINGLED TO RIGHT! MUELLER SINGLED, TOO! DANGEROUS MONTE IRVIN POPPED UP! BUT WHITEY LOCKMAN SLICED A DOUBLE DOWN THE LEFT FIELD LINE, AND THE DODGER LEAD WAS CUT IN HALF—4-2..."



"AS BOBBY THOMSON STEPPED TO THE PLATE, MANAGER DRESSEN CALLED ON BIG RALPH BRANCA TO REPLACE THE TIRED NEWCOMBE..."

NO! NO!  
NO!!! NOT  
BRANCA! HE  
THROWS TOO  
MANY HOME  
RUN BALLS!

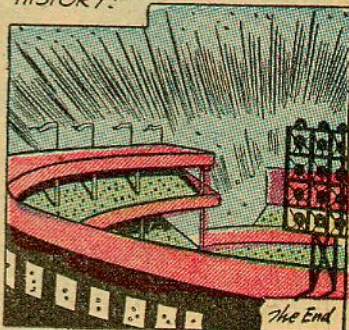
YEAH! AN'  
THOMSON HITS  
HIM LIKE A  
"COUSIN." HE  
SMACKED HIM  
FOR A HOMER  
TWO DAYS AGO!

"TWO ON BASE! TWO OUTS SEPARATED THE DODGERS FROM THE PENNANT! BRANCA THREW THE FIRST ONE HIGH, INSIDE. BRANCA PITCHED AGAIN... VERY SAME SPOT! THOMSON SWUNG AND THEN — THE HOME RUN HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD!"

IT'S ALL OVER! THE  
GIANTS WON THE  
PENNANT! YAHOOO!!



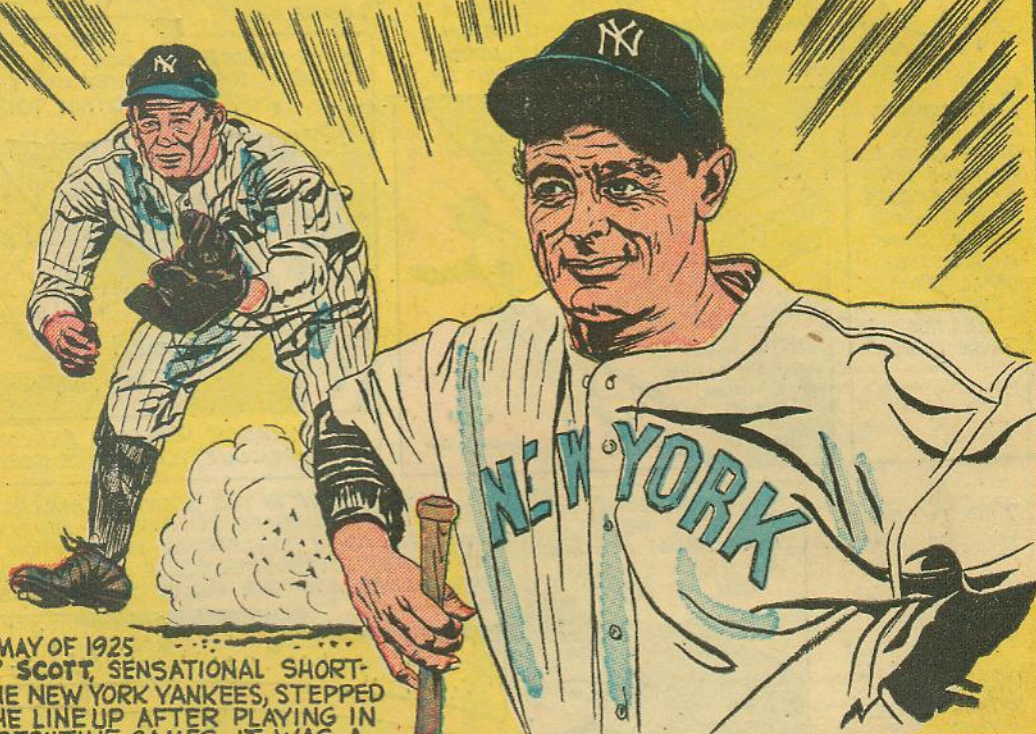
"YES, THE GIANTS WON THEIR FIRST PENNANT IN 14 YEARS! ONCE AGAIN THE HISTORIC OLD POLO GROUNDS, SO RICH IN BASEBALL LEGEND, WAS THE SCENE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC HIT, MARKING THE MOST DRAMATIC END OF THE MOST DRAMATIC SEASON IN ALL OF BASEBALL'S HISTORY!"



The End



# STRANGE SPORTS FACTS

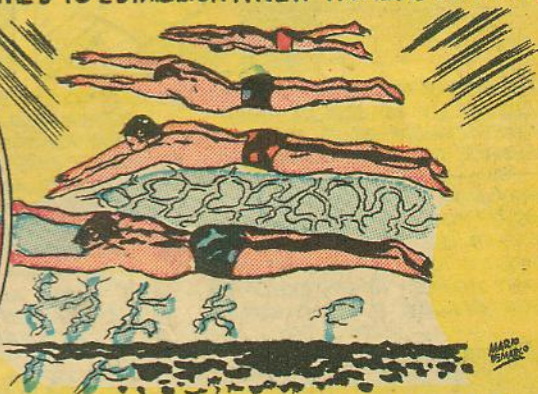


EARLY IN MAY OF 1925 EVERETT SCOTT, SENSATIONAL SHORT-STOP OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES, STEPPED OUT OF THE LINEUP AFTER PLAYING IN 1307 CONSECUTIVE GAMES. IT WAS A RECORD THAT PLAYERS AND EXPERTS PREDICTED WOULD STAND FOR A LONG TIME...

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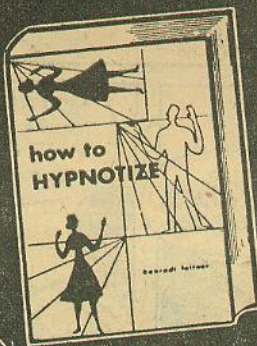
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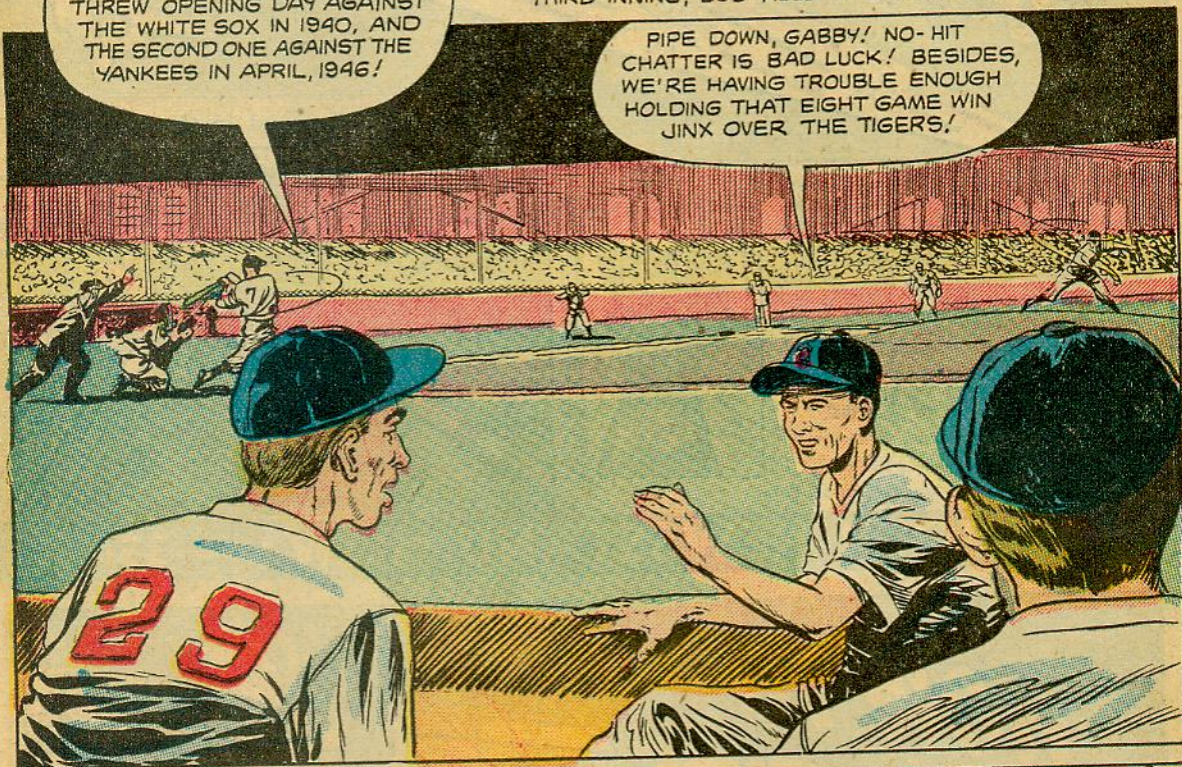


# SKINNING the TIGER

"I'M A BENCH WARMER FOR THE CLEVELAND INDIANS. MY NAME ISN'T IMPORTANT--MOST LIKELY YOU NEVER HEARD OF ME. WHAT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS THE STORY I HAVE TO TELL. THIS IS A GAME THAT MADE BASEBALL HISTORY, AND MY BUDDY, 'GABBY' THREATENED TO JINX BOB FELLER RIGHT INTO LAKE ERIE. IT WAS JULY 1, 1951 AND WE WERE PLAYING THE DETROIT TIGERS. GOING INTO THE THIRD INNING, BOB HELD A 1-0 LEAD..."

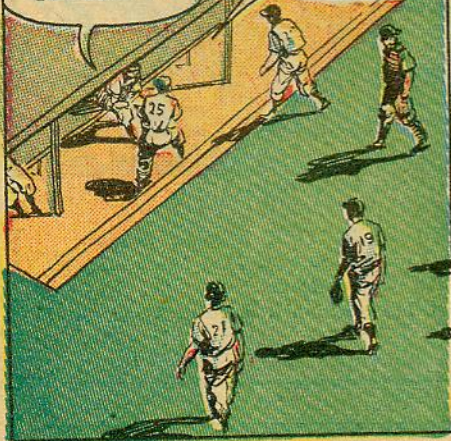
**Wow!** DETROIT HASN'T GOT A HIT YET! THIS REMINDS ME OF THE **NO-HITTER** FELLER THREW OPENING DAY AGAINST THE WHITE SOX IN 1940, AND THE SECOND ONE AGAINST THE YANKEES IN APRIL, 1946!

PIPE DOWN, GABBY! NO-HIT CHATTER IS BAD LUCK! BESIDES, WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE ENOUGH HOLDING THAT EIGHT GAME WIN JINX OVER THE TIGERS!



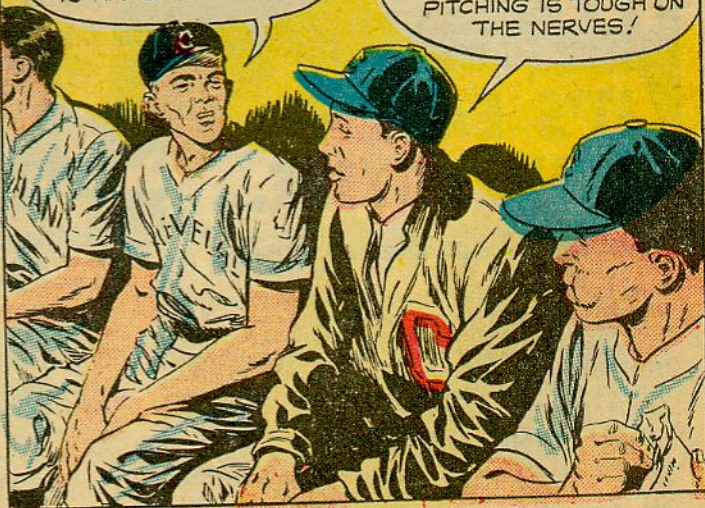
MAYBE YOU NEVER HEARD THAT ONLY **TWO GUYS** IN HISTORY EVER PITCHED **THREE NO-HIT** GAMES-- **CY YOUNG** AND **LARRY CORCORAN!**

SHUT UP, GABBY! HERE COMES BOB!



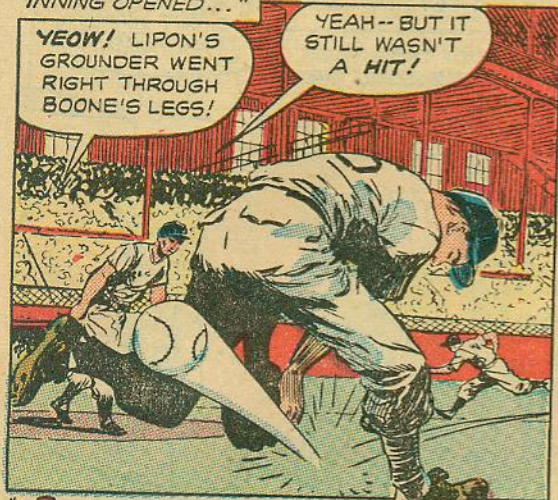
YOU REALLY PICKED A TOUGH ONE TODAY, BOB! THAT DETROIT SOUTHPAW IS HARD TO BEAT!

YOU SAID IT, GABBY! BOY! I SURE WISH I HAD MY OLD-TIME FAST BALL! THIS CONTROL PITCHING IS TOUGH ON THE NERVES!





"IT SURE WAS A TIGHT PITCHERS' BATTLE, AND BOB WAS BEARING DOWN ALL THE WAY. THEN, AS THE DETROIT HALF OF THE FOURTH INNING OPENED..."



YEOW! LIPON'S GROUNDER WENT RIGHT THROUGH BOONE'S LEGS!

YEAH-- BUT IT STILL WASN'T A HIT!

"ON THE NEXT PITCH, LIPON WENT DOWN-- BUT CATCHER HEGAN'S THROW WAS TOO LATE..."

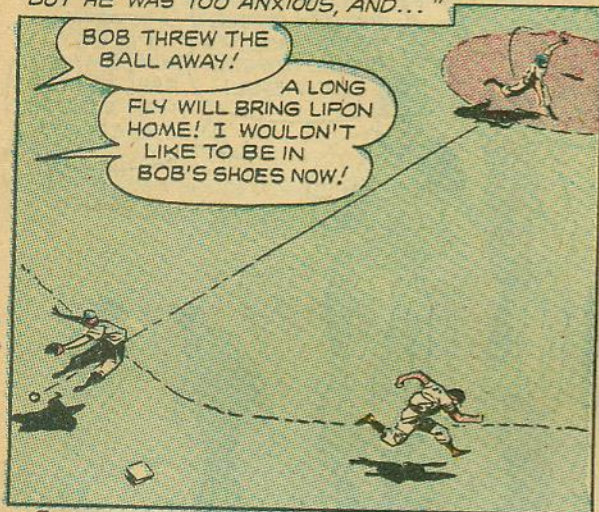
OW! THAT STOLEN BASE PUTS THE TYING RUN IN SCORING POSITION!

MAYBE BOB CAN PICK 'IM OFF SECOND. HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT THAT!



"BOB DID TRY TO CATCH LIPON BUT HE WAS TOO ANXIOUS, AND..."

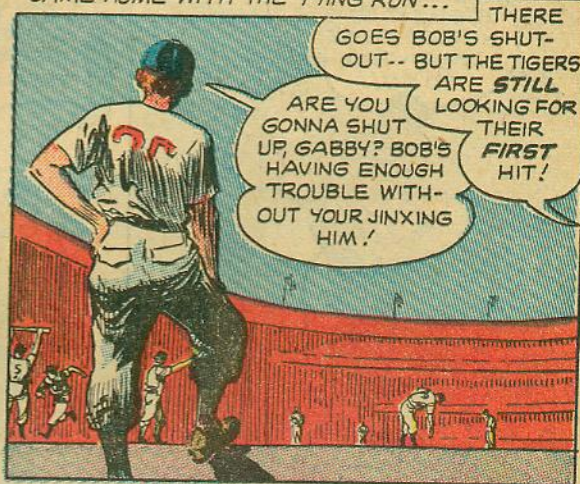
OFF SECOND,



BOB THREW THE BALL AWAY!

A LONG FLY WILL BRING LIPON HOME! I WOULDN'T LIKE TO BE IN BOB'S SHOES NOW!

"IT WAS JUST AS IF THE BATTER HEARD GABBY, 'CAUSE HE LIFTED A LONG FLYBALL AND LIPON CAME HOME WITH THE TYING RUN..."



THERE GOES BOB'S SHUT-OUT-- BUT THE TIGERS ARE STILL

ARE YOU GONNA SHUT UP, GABBY? BOB'S HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE WITHOUT YOUR JINXING HIM!

LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST HIT!

"AS THE INNING ENDED..."

MY FAULT, GANG! I WAS A LITTLE TOO ANXIOUS TO GET LIPON!

FORGET IT, PAL! WE'LL SKIN THAT TIGER YET!



"INNING AFTER INNING FELLER WORKED WITHOUT GIVING UP A HIT. BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, CLEVELAND WAS HELPLESS AGAINST LEFTY BOB CAIN, UNTIL THEIR TURN AT BAT IN THE EIGHTH. SAM CHAPMAN LACED INTO A FASTBALL, AND..."



GOOD BOY, SAM!

A TRIPLE! WE GOT THOSE CATS NOW!

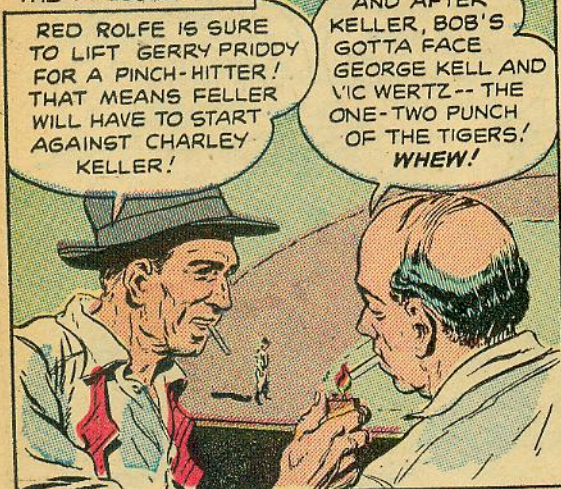
"A MOMENT LATER, CHAPMAN CAME HOME ON LUKE EASTER'S SINGLE, GIVING US A 2-1 LEAD..."



THERE'S NO STOPPING US NOW, BOB! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TAME THOSE TIGERS IN THE NINTH AND THAT SKIN IS OURS!



**"EVERYONE WAS ON EDGE AS DETROIT CAME TO BAT FOR THE FATEFUL NINTH. AND IN THE PRESSBOX..."**



RED ROLFE IS SURE TO LIFT GERRY PRIDDY FOR A PINCH-HITTER! THAT MEANS FELLER WILL HAVE TO START AGAINST CHARLEY KELLER!

AND AFTER KELLER, BOB'S GOTTA FACE GEORGE KELL AND VIC WERTZ-- THE ONE-TWO PUNCH OF THE TIGERS! **WHEW!**

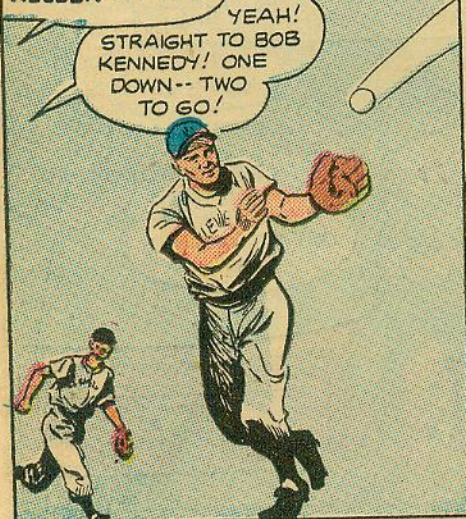
**"AS KELLER STEPPED INTO THE BATTER'S BOX..."**



THIS IS GETTING TOO MUCH FOR MY NERVES! I CAN'T WATCH ANY MORE!

JUST THINK WHAT BOB'S GOING THROUGH OUT THERE! HE'S THE GENT WITH THE NERVE!

**KELLER HIT IT!**



YEAH! STRAIGHT TO BOB KENNEDY! ONE DOWN-- TWO TO GO!

**"CATCHER JIM HEGAN CALLED FOR TIME AS GEORGE KELL STEPPED TO THE PLATE..."**



KELL'S THE BIG BOY ON THE TIGERS, BOB! WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!

I'LL GET HIM, JIM! I FEEL BETTER THAN I DID AT THE START!

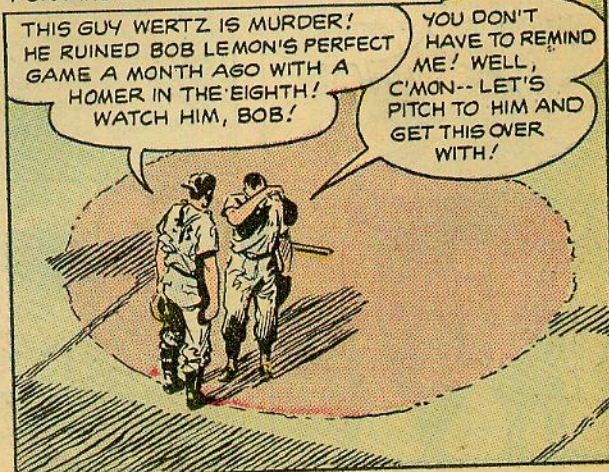
**"ON THE FIRST PITCH TO KELL..."**



WOW! WHAT A CATCH!

WHAT A BALL CLUB! THEY'RE BREAKING THEIR NECKS TO WIN THIS ONE FOR BOB! ONE MORE OUT-- THAT'S ALL BOB NEEDS!

**"AS THE EVER-DANGEROUS VIC WERTZ TOOK HIS POSITION IN THE BATTER'S BOX, HEGAN RAN OUT FOR ANOTHER CONFAB WITH BOB..."**



THIS GUY WERTZ IS MURDER! HE RUINED BOB LEMON'S PERFECT GAME A MONTH AGO WITH A HOMER IN THE EIGHTH! WATCH HIM, BOB!

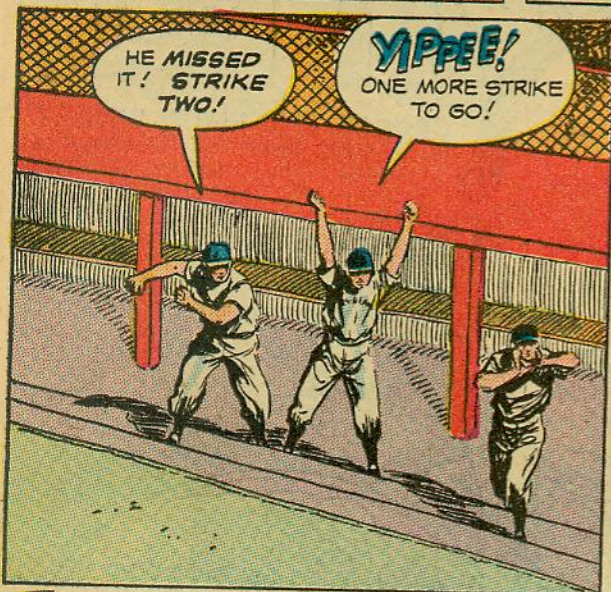
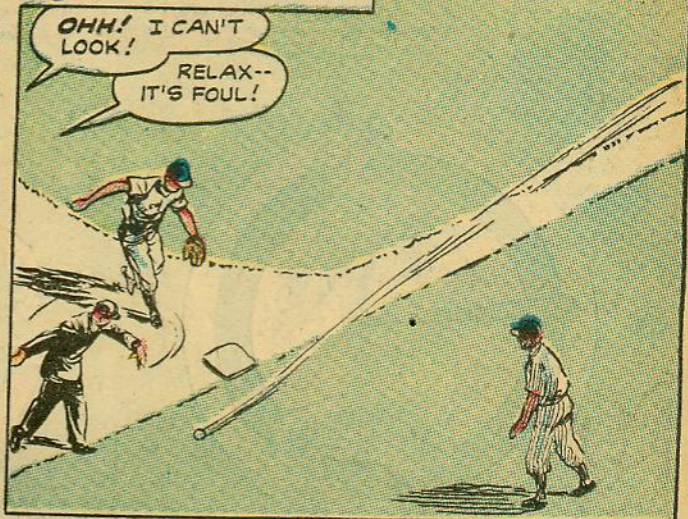
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ME! WELL, C'MON-- LET'S PITCH TO HIM AND GET THIS OVER WITH!



**I** DIDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES AS BOB WENT INTO HIS WINDUP. I SLAPPED A GLOVE OVER GABBY'S MOUTH TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING..."



"ON THE FIRST PITCH..."



"SUDDENLY, FELLER'S CONTROL WENT SOUR, AND..."



"THREE AND TWO, TWO OUT, LAST INNING. EVERYONE WAS STANDING, WAITING..."

"AS THE BALL CRASHED INTO HEGAN'S MITT, THE STADIUM EXPLODED WITH A DEAFENING ROAR!"

HE STRUCK 'IM, OUT!!

NOW! I'D HATE TO BE IN FELLER'S SHOES NOW!

ONE MORE STRIKE! HANG ON, BOYS!



PUT ME DOWN, YOU GUYS! IT TOOK NINE OF US TO TAKE THIS NINTH STRAIGHT FROM DETROIT!



THE END

"YEP, THAT'S BOB FELLER! NOT ONCE DID HE MENTION HIS HISTORY. MAKING THIRD NO-HITTER. HIS ONLY THOUGHT WAS TO WIN THE GAME. I'M PROUD TO BE HIS TEAMMATE!"



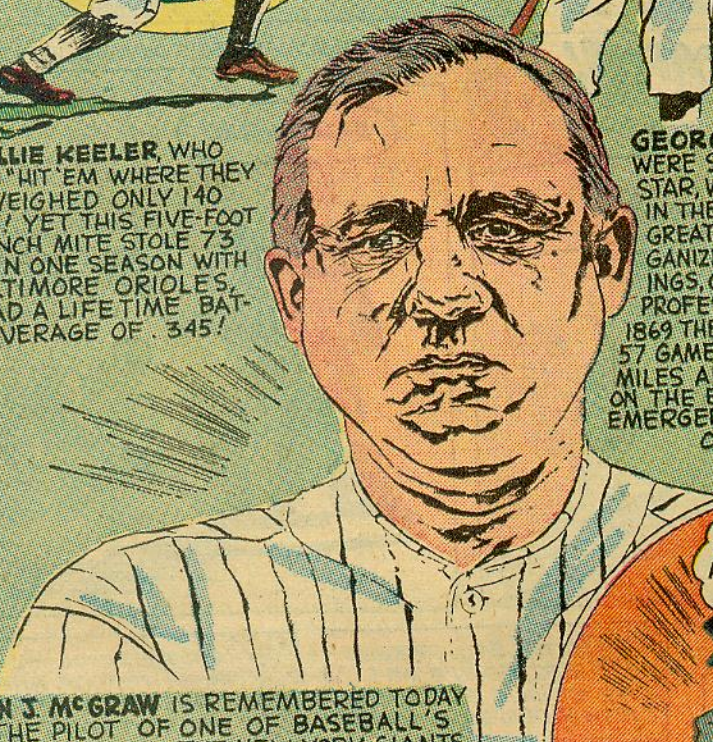
# BASEBALL FACTS



**WEE WILLIE KEELER**, WHO LIKED TO "HIT 'EM WHERE THEY AIN'T" WEIGHED ONLY 140 POUNDS! YET THIS FIVE-FOOT FOUR-INCH MITE STOLE 73 BASES IN ONE SEASON WITH THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES, AND HAD A LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE OF .345!



**GEORGE AND HARRY WRIGHT** WERE SONS OF AN ENGLISH CRICKET STAR, WHO MOVED TO THIS COUNTRY IN THE 1860'S. THE TWO BOYS BECAME GREAT BASEBALL PLAYERS. THEY ORGANIZED THE CINCINNATI RED STOCKINGS, ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE PROFESSIONAL TEAMS OF ALL TIME. IN 1869 THE RED STOCKINGS ENGAGED IN 57 GAMES, THEY TRAVELLED OVER 12,000 MILES AND CARRIED ONLY NINE MEN ON THE ENTIRE SQUAD. YET THEY EMERGED VICTORIOUS IN EVERY ONE OF THE 57 GAMES!!



**JOHN J. MCGRAW** IS REMEMBERED TODAY AS THE PILOT OF ONE OF BASEBALL'S GREATEST TEAMS, THE NEW YORK GIANTS. YET "MUGGSY," AS HE WAS CALLED, HAD BEEN AN OUTSTANDING THIRD BASEMAN WITH THE FAMOUS BALTIMORE ORIOLES. HE HAD A LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE OF .334, AND WAS A SENSATIONAL BASE RUNNER.



ON JULY 1, 1859 AMHERST AND WILLIAMS UNIVERSITIES CROSSED BATS IN THE FIRST INTER-COLLEGIATE BASEBALL GAME EVER HELD. THE GAME WHICH WAS PLAYED AT THE AMHERST CAMPUS WAS WON BY AMHERST BY A 73 TO 32 SCORE. EACH TEAM SUPPLIED A BASEBALL TO BE USED DURING THE GAME. TODAY THOSE BALLS ARE TO BE SEEN IN THE TROPHY CASE AT AMHERST COLLEGE.

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# LAKEFRONT LARRUPERS

## The Cleveland Indians

A GUY NEVER GETS OVER THE THRILL OF BEING A MAJOR LEAGUE BALL PLAYER. EVEN TODAY THIS "OLD CAMPAIGNER" STILL TINGLES WITH EXCITEMENT WHEN HE LOOKS AT THE MAGIC LETTERS SCRAWLED ACROSS HIS BASEBALL SHIRT. I'M PROUD TO BE AN "INDIAN." THIS IS THE STORY OF A GREAT BASEBALL TEAM.



**T**HE FIRST PROFESSIONAL TEAM SPONSORED BY CLEVELAND TOOK THE FIELD IN 1869 AS THE **FOREST CITYS**. IN 1888 THE **FOREST CITYS**, REPLACING DETROIT IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE, BECAME THE **SPIDERS**. IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER THIS CHANGE THAT THE **SPIDERS** ACQUIRED ONE OF BASEBALL'S FIRST GREAT STARS...

**DENTON TRUE YOUNG!"**

STERN ROYALTY KINSTER



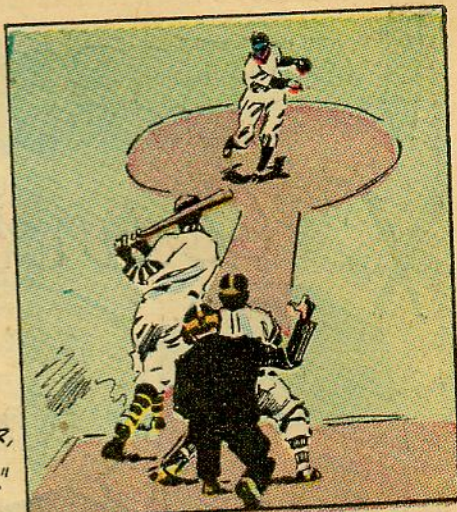
"IN 1890, DAVIS HAWLEY, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE SPIDERS, PAID CANTON, OHIO OF THE TRI-STATE LEAGUE \$250 FOR THE CONTRACT OF DENTON YOUNG, FRESH OFF THE FARMS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO. WHEN YOUNG ARRIVED AT CLEVELAND..."

THE KID'S GREEN, SKIPPER, BUT PLENTY FAST!

FAST AIN'T THE WORD! THE KID'S A REAL CYCLONE!



"THE NAME SPREAD AS RAPIDLY AS HIS FAME, AND SOON, DENTON YOUNG BECAME 'CYCLONE' YOUNG. BUT OPPOSING BATSMEN NEARLY BROKE THEIR BACKS TRYING TO HIT HIS PITCHES. THREE YEARS AFTER HIS DEBUT AS A MAJOR LEAGUER, CY WON 36 GAMES..."



"THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES WERE THE KINGPINS OF BASEBALL IN 1895, WINNING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT BY A WIDE MARGIN. BALTIMORE CITIZENS CAME OUT IN DROVES TO WELCOME THE RUNNER-UP SPIDERS AS THE LATTER ARRIVED TO MEET THE CHAMPS IN THE TEMPLE CUP SERIES..."



"ALL BALTIMORE TURNED OUT FOR THE SERIES, AND THE LITTLE BALL PARK WAS JAMMED TO CAPACITY. AS CY YOUNG PREPARED TO TAKE THE MOUND..."

GIVE 'EM ALL YA GOT, CY! LET'S SEE YA CLIP THEIR WINGS!

I'LL TRY MY BEST, SKIPPER!



"FIVE GAMES LATER, THE SPORTS WORLD HAILED A NEW HERO-- CY YOUNG, THE CONQUEROR OF THE MIGHTY ORIOLES. CY TRODE TO THE MOUND THREE TIMES AND EACH TIME HE SET DOWN THE CHAMPS FROM BALTIMORE. THE TEMPLE CUP WENT BACK TO CLEVELAND WITH THE SPIDERS..."





"THEN, IN THE WINTER OF 1900, A MAN NAMED BAN JOHNSON ADDRESSED A GROUP OF BASEBALL MAGNATES IN A MEETING THAT WAS TO MAKE BASEBALL HISTORY..."

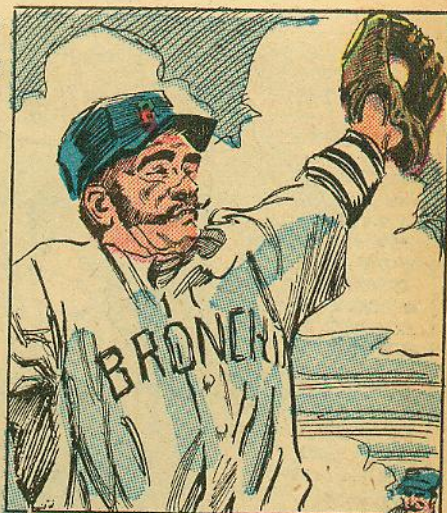
GENTLEMEN, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE HAS MONOPOLIZED BASEBALL FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS. I FEEL THAT THERE'S ROOM FOR ANOTHER MAJOR LEAGUE -- **AMERICAN!**



YES! YES!

COUNT CLEVELAND IN!

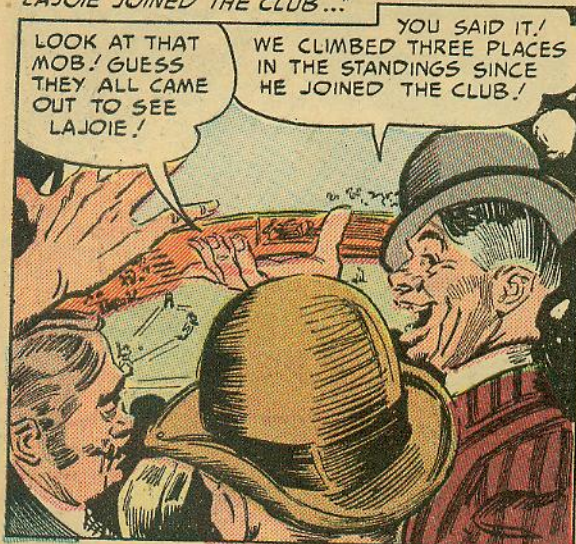
"CLEVELAND'S FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE NEW LEAGUE WERE DISASTROUS! AFTER WINDING UP IN 6TH PLACE IN 1900 AND IN 7TH PLACE IN '01, THE OWNERS FELT THAT A CHANGE WAS NEEDED! BUT THE ONLY IMPROVEMENT WAS A CHANGE OF NAME TO **'BRONCHOS'**



"BUT SOME MONTHS LATER, LARRY 'NAPOLEON' LAJOIE JOINED THE CLUB..."

LOOK AT THAT MOB! GUESS THEY ALL CAME OUT TO SEE LAJOIE!

YOU SAID IT! WE CLIMBED THREE PLACES IN THE STANDINGS SINCE HE JOINED THE CLUB!



"LAJOIE WAS NOT ONLY A GREAT HITTER AND FIELDER, BUT A NATURAL LEADER AND FIELD GENERAL AS WELL! IN 1903 THE CLEVELAND PRESS CONDUCTED A POLL TO FIND A NEW NAME FOR THE RE-JUVENATED BRONCHOS..."



HERE ARE THE RESULTS, JACK! GIMME A STORY, EIGHT-COLUMN HEAD: **IT'S ALL OVER -- FANS RENAME CLUB THE 'NAPS.'**

THAT'S ONLY NATURAL -- AFTER A GREAT BALL PLAYER -- NAPOLEON LAJOIE!



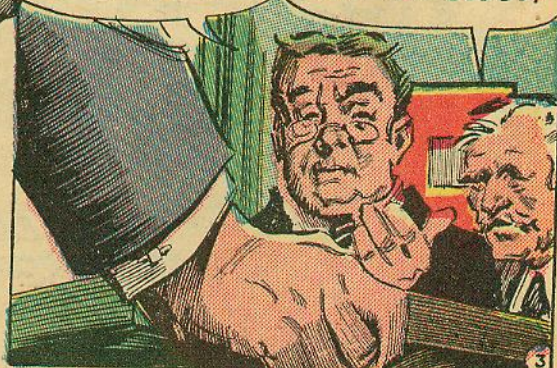
"NAP BECAME MANAGER IN '05 AND SERVED UNTIL 1908, WHICH WAS HIS LAST FULL YEAR AT THE HELM! CLEVELAND FINISHED IN SECOND PLACE, DUE LARGELY TO THE GREAT PITCHING OF ADDIE JOSS! ON OCTOBER 2ND, ADDIE MADE BASEBALL HISTORY BY HURLING A PERFECT GAME AGAINST THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX..."



"WITH LAJOIE GONE IN 1915 AND THE PITCHING OF JOSS GOING TO WASTE, THE CLEVELAND FRONT OFFICE WAS FRANTIC..."

THE CLEVELAND PRESS HAS HELD A POLL AND RENAMED THE TEAM THE **INDIANS** -- BUT THAT DOESN'T WIN US A PENNANT!

YEAH! WE'VE HAD FIVE NAMES AND NO PENNANTS! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOME BUYING -- WE NEED NEW BLOOD!





"THE INDIANS GOT THEIR NEW BLOOD! STEVE O'NEILL, BILL WAMBSGANSS, BILLY SOUTHWORTH AND ELMER SMITH BECAME FAMILIAR NAMES IN THE CLEVELAND LINEUP! THEN IN A TRADE THAT ROCKED THE BASEBALL WORLD OF 1916, AND SHOOK BOSTON TO ITS FOUNDATION **TRIS SPEAKER**, THE 'GREY EAGLE', WAS OBTAINED FROM THE RED SOX..."



I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS SHORT RIGHT FIELD YOU'VE GOT IN CLEVELAND. SKIP!

SHE'S ALL YOURS, TRIS, ALL YOURS!

"**SPEAKER BATTED .386 AND WON THE AL. BATTING CROWN FROM TY COBB, WHO HAD HELD IT NINE YEARS RUNNING!** IN 1917 HIS BIG BAT LIFTED THE INDIANS TO THIRD PLACE! **SPEAKER'S NATURAL LEADERSHIP AND KEEN INSIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY WON HIM THE MANAGER'S SPOT IN 1919!** THE 'SPOKE' PROVED HIMSELF A FINE JUDGE OF PITCHING MATERIAL THAT YEAR WHEN..."



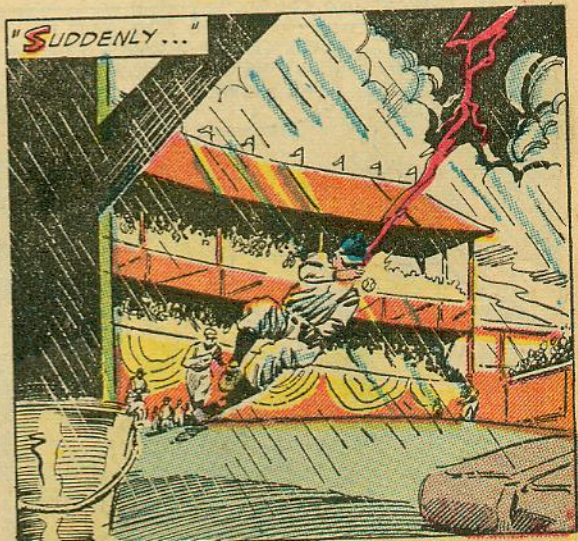
BOSS, I SIGNED RAY 'SLIM' CALDWELL! I THINK HE CAN WIN FOR US!

WHAT? THAT PITCHER IS WASHED-UP! HE'S GOT A GLASS-ARM!

"A FEW DAYS LATER, CALDWELL, WITH HIS 'WASHED-UP GLASS ARM', WAS HANDING THE PHILADELPHIA A'S A PASTING! RAY NEEDED ONLY TWO STRIKES IN THE LAST OF THE NINTH TO END THE GAME, WHEN A TERRIFIC STORM BROKE..."



NUTS, JUST WHEN I HAD THIS GUY!



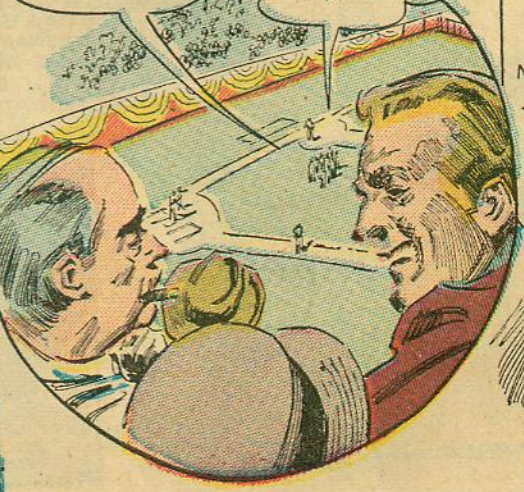
"SUDDENLY..."

"HIS TEAMMATES RAN TO THE STRICKEN CALDWELL AND APPLIED ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION FOR A BREATHLESS TEN MINUTES..."



HE'S COMING AROUND NOW! EASE HIM ONTO THE STRETCHER!

WHAT A YA MEAN, STRETCHER? GIMME THAT BALL! I'VE GOT A GAME TO WIN!



CALDWELL GOT UP AND, ON TWO PITCHED BALLS, STRUCK OUT THE BATTER TO WIN THE GAME! ON SEPTEMBER 10TH SLIM HURLED A NO-HITTER AGAINST THE YANKEES! YOU FEEL PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN WHEN YOU READ ABOUT GUYS LIKE SLIM CALDWELL!





"IN 1920, THE GREY EAGLE BATTED .386 TO LEAD THE INDIANS TO THEIR FIRST PENNANT! THE REDSKINS FACED THE BROOKLYN TROLLEY DODGERS IN THE WORLD SERIES, AND AFTER FOUR GAMES IT WAS EVEN-UP! CLEVELAND FANS STORMED DUNN FIELD FOR THE CRUCIAL FIFTH GAME, OFTEN CALLED THE MOST FANTASTIC WORLD SERIES GAME IN HISTORY! THEY HADN'T LONG TO WAIT FOR ACTION! IN THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE FIRST INNING CLEVELAND LOADED THE BASES..."



NOW BATTING FOR CLEVELAND, ELMER SMITH!

"BURLEIGH GRIMES, DODGER PITCHER, WORKED CAREFULLY! HE GOT AHEAD OF SMITH WITH TWO STRIKES, WASTED ONE AND THEN ON THE FOURTH PITCH..."



"AS ELMER SMITH CROSSED THE PLATE CLEVELAND FANS NEARLY TORE THE STADIUM APART! THIS WAS THE FIRST GRAND-SLAM HOMER IN WORLD SERIES HISTORY!"



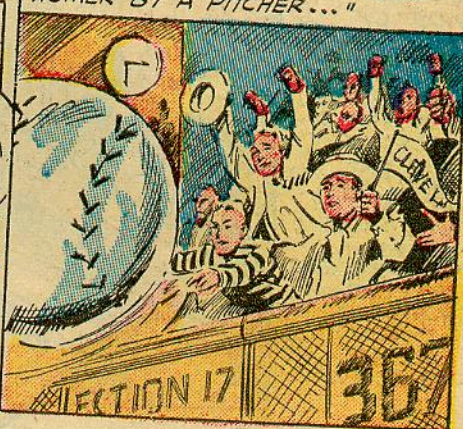
"MORE FIREWORKS WERE IN STORE! IN THE FOURTH INNING, WITH TWO ON, JIM BAGBY, ACE CLEVELAND PITCHER, CAME TO BAT..."

GET HOLD OF ONE, JIM, AND WE'LL SEW UP THE BALL GAME!

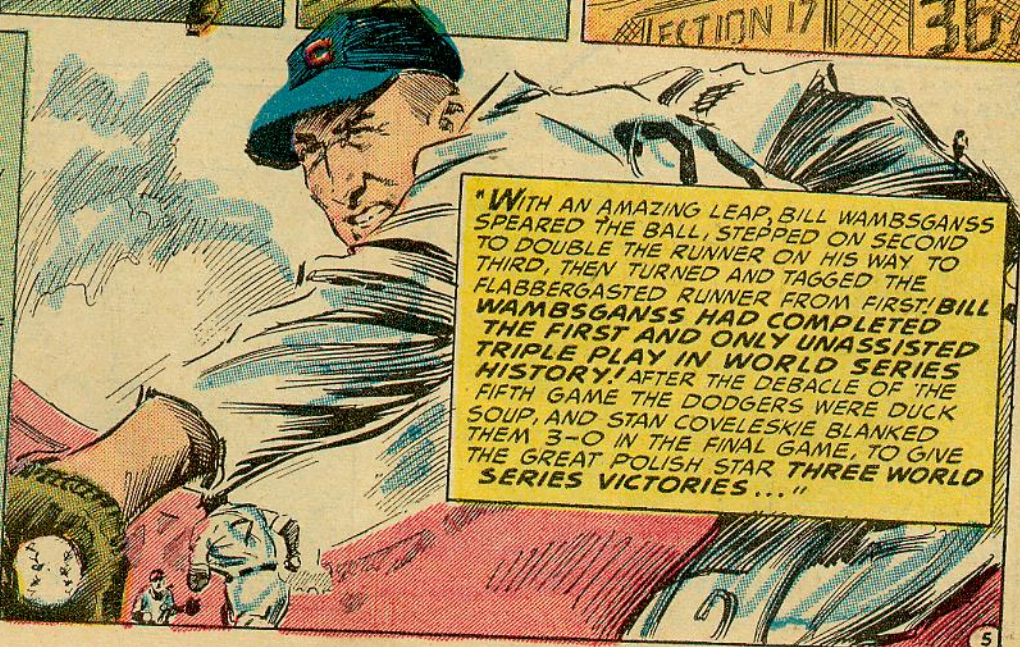
THINK AH'LL BUST ME ONE INTO THEM WOODEN SEATS, SPOKE!



"THIS WAS NO IDLE BOAST! TWO PITCHES LATER BAGBY SENT BLEACHER FANS SCRAMBLING FOR HIS THREE-RUN BLAST! THE FIRST WORLD SERIES HOMER BY A PITCHER..."



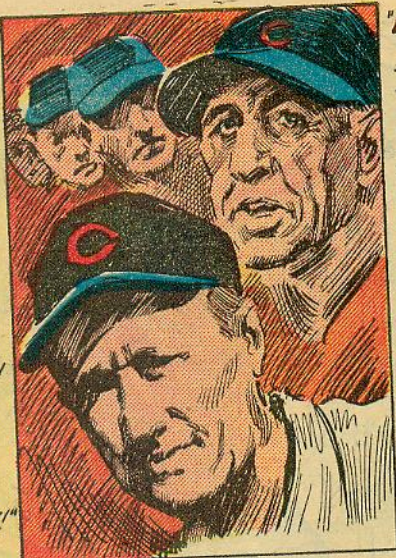
"BUT THE BIGGEST TREAT OF ALL WAS YET TO COME! IN THE FIFTH, WITH MEN ON FIRST AND SECOND, THE DODGERS, ALTHOUGH TRAILING 7-0, TRIED TO GET BACK INTO THE BALL GAME! CLARENCE MITCHELL BLASTED WHAT LOOKED LIKE A SURE BASE HIT TOWARD RIGHT-CENTER FIELD! THE RUNNERS STARTED TO ADVANCE BUT..."



"WITH AN AMAZING LEAP, BILL WAMBSGANSS SPEARED THE BALL, STEPPED ON SECOND TO DOUBLE THE RUNNER ON HIS WAY TO THIRD, THEN TURNED AND TAGGED THE FLABBERGASTED RUNNER FROM FIRST! BILL WAMBSGANSS HAD COMPLETED THE FIRST AND ONLY UNASSISTED TRIPLE PLAY IN WORLD SERIES HISTORY! AFTER THE DEBACLE OF THE FIFTH GAME THE DODGERS WERE DUCK SOUP, AND STAN COVELESKIE BLANKED THEM 3-0 IN THE FINAL GAME, TO GIVE THE GREAT POLISH STAR THREE WORLD SERIES VICTORIES..."



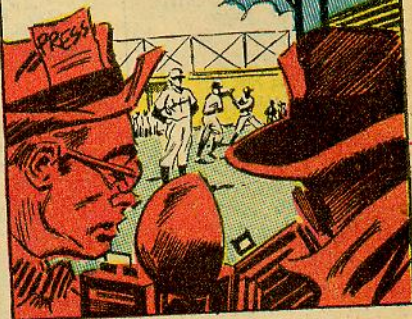
"FOR THE NEXT 18 YEARS A SUCCESSION OF MANAGERS FILED IN AND OUT OF CLEVELAND BUT NONE COULD WIN A PENNANT! SUCH GREAT PLAYERS AS ROGER PECKINPAUGH AND THE IMMORTAL WALTER JOHNSON FAILED AT THIS ASSIGNMENT!"



"IN 1936, A FARM KID STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS, I JOINED THE INDIANS! IT WAS ABOUT THAT TIME THE FRONT OFFICE STARTED A GRADUAL BUILD-UP OF THE CLUB! THEY OBTAINED KENNY KELTNER IN 1938 AND THE SENSATIONAL LOU BOUDREAU A YEAR LATER!"

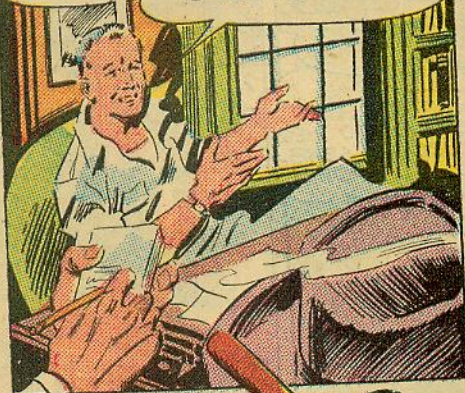
WELL, THE INDIANS SEEM TO BE SHAPING UP! GIVE THEM ANOTHER YEAR AND THEY'LL TAKE THE PENNANT!

CROSS YOUR FINGERS, BUDDY!



"BUT WE NEVER GOT THAT 'YEAR'-- PEARL HARBOR TOOK CARE OF THAT! MOST OF THE REGULARS WOUND UP IN SERVICE-- I WAS IN THE NAVY--AND 'POOF' WENT THE BIG BUILD-UP! AFTER THE WAR, DYNAMIC YOUNG BILL VEECK BOUGHT THE CLUB IN '46, AND THINGS BEGAN TO POP..."

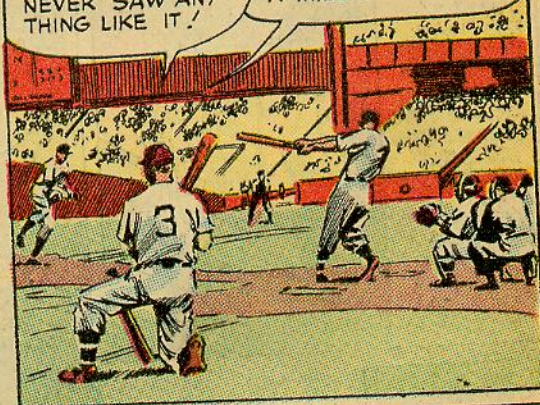
TELL YOUR READERS I'VE TRADED ALLIE REYNOLDS TO THE YANKS FOR JOE GORDON! WE'VE OBTAINED GENE BEARDEN, DALE MITCHELL AND OTHERS! LARRY DOBY, THE GREAT NEGRO STAR, IS JOINING US, TOO!



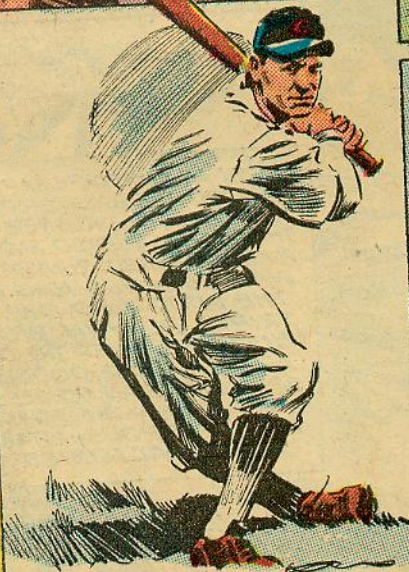
"BY '48 WE WERE ON OUR WAY! ANOTHER GREAT NEGRO STAR HAD JOINED US-- SATCHEL PAIGE! HE WAS IN THE TWILIGHT OF HIS CAREER BUT MAN COULD PITCH!"

WHAT KIND OF PITCH WAS THAT? NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT!

THAT'S OLD SATCH'S 'HESITATION PITCH!' HE'S GOT A MILLION OF 'EM!



"THE '48 RACE WAS A THRILLER ALL THE WAY! GENE BEARDEN AND BOB LEMON WON 20 GAMES EACH! I WON A RESPECTABLE 19! OUR HITTING WAS REAL POWERHOUSE STUFF WITH MANAGER LOU BOUDREAU HITTING .355, DALE MITCHELL .336, DOBY .300 AND KELTNER, .297, BACKED UP BY 119 RUNS BATTED IN AND 31 HOMERS! JOE GORDON BATTED IN 124 RUNS AND BLASTED 32 HOMERS! THESE BOYS KEPT US IN THE RUNNING ALL SEASON..."



"IT WAS NIP-AND-TUCK ALL SEASON! WITH ONLY SEVEN GAMES LEFT WE WERE TIED FOR FIRST PLACE WITH BOSTON AND NEW YORK! THE PRESSURE WAS TERRIFIC, AND THE RACE WENT ON TO THE VERY LAST DAY! THE TIGERS HAD JUST CHASED ME TO THE SHOWERS AND EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON THE BOSTON-N.Y. GAME!"

FINAL SCORE! BOSTON 10, NEW YORK 5!

THE SEASON'S OVER, BOYS! BUT

WE'RE TIED WITH THE RED SOX-- AND THAT MEANS A PLAY-OFF AT BOSTON TOMORROW!





"THE PLAYOFF GAME CALLED FOR A COOL CLUTCH PITCHER! IT WAS A TOUGH DECISION FOR ANY MANAGER TO MAKE..."

I'M STARTING GENE BEARDEN IN THE PLAYOFF!

YOU'RE KIDDING, LOU! THE KID'S ONLY HAD ONE DAY'S REST!

"A CROWD OF 34,000 JAMMED ITS WAY INTO BOSTON'S FENWAY PARK FOR THE PLAY-OFF GAME..."

I'VE PUT YOU ON THE SPOT, GENE! JUST DO YOUR BEST AND WE'LL BACK YOU UP!

I WON'T LET THE BOYS DOWN, LOU! I PROMISE!

"GENE GOT OFF TO A SHAKY START BY GIVING UP A DOUBLE AND SINGLE FOR ONE RUN! THE BOSTON FANS GOT ON GENE, AND BELIEVE ME, I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE IN A SPOT LIKE THAT!"

GET THE SHOWERS READY, LOU!

SIC 'EM, TED!

COME ON, YOU RED SOX!

BOX SCORE

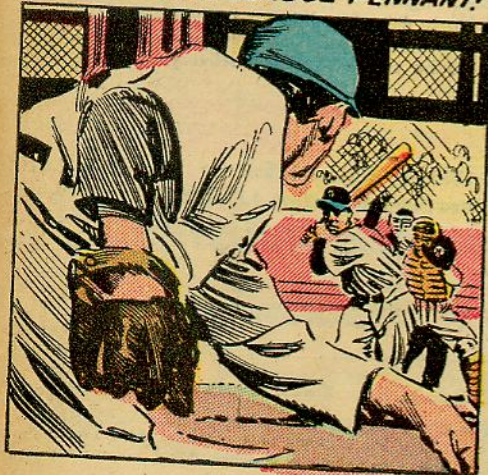
"IN THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE FIRST, AS BOUDREAU STEPPED TO THE PLATE..."

GOT TO GET THE KID SOME INSURANCE-- GOT TO...

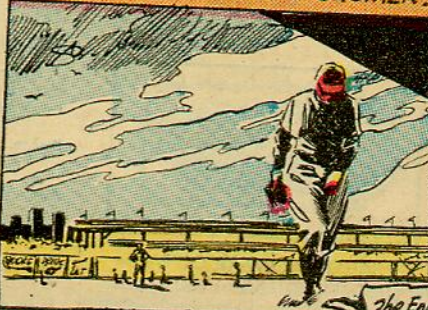


"BOSTONIANS ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT HOMER LOU BELTED OVER THE LEFT FIELD WALL!"

"IN THE FOURTH, KELTNER BLASTED HIS 35TH HOMER OF THE YEAR, AND LOU BOUDREAU POLED ANOTHER IN THE FIFTH! GENE SETTLED DOWN AND EASED HOME WITH AN 8-3 WIN-AND THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT!"



"AFTER THE THRILLING PENNANT RACE, THE WORLD SERIES WITH THE BOSTON BRAVES WAS A LET-DOWN! I HAD A BIG CHANCE TO WIN MY FIRST WORLD SERIES GAME, BUT FAILED TWICE! IN THE FIRST GAME I LOST A REAL HEART-BREAKER! IN THE FIFTH I WAS DOWNRIGHT BAD AND GOT CHASED! NEVERTHELESS, WE TOOK IT IN SIX GAMES-- THANKS TO LEMON, BEARDEN AND GROMEK!"



WE BOUNCED BACK IN 1951 AND GAVE THE YANKS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY! WELL, HERE WE ARE IN ANOTHER SEASON, AND I'M HOPING TO GET INTO ANOTHER WORLD SERIES! EVEN THOUGH I'VE PITCHED THREE NO-HITTERS AND SET OTHER BASE-BALL RECORDS, MY REAL AMBITION IS TO WIN A WORLD SERIES GAME! BUT WIN OR LOSE, YOU'LL FIND THE INDIANS IN THERE BATTLING ALL THE WAY-- THAT'S HOW THIS CLUB IS BUILT!



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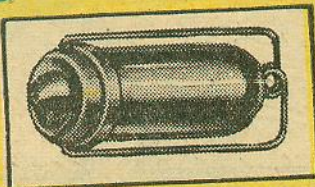
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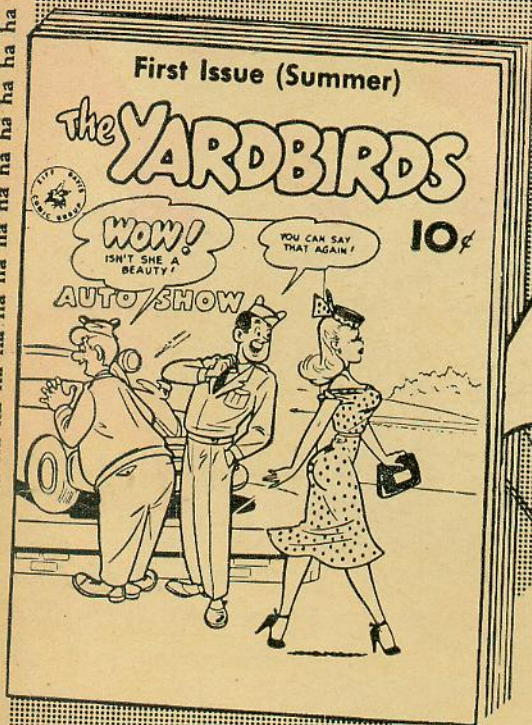
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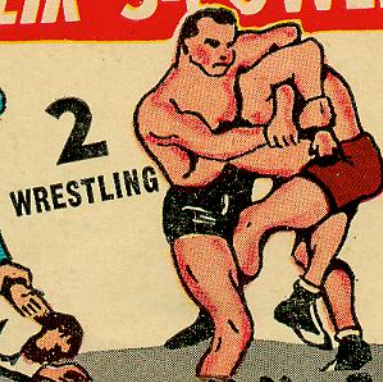


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