

# Babe Ruth Starts Training In Hopes Of Breaking Home Run Record Of 59

## PREDICTS YANKEES WILL WIN FLAG AND HE WILL SWAT SIXTY

### Observers Not Inclined To Agree With King Of Swat As "Rabbit Ball" May Be Missing; Big Boy Fighting Against Weight.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Imbued with the quite plausible belief that the season of 1925 will see him better his home run record or permanently abandon the chase, George Herman Ruth, the well-known outfielder, is today enroute for Hot Springs, Ark. for the purpose of boiling the beef right down to the bone.

Before boarding the train the Babe declared himself as follows: "He would hit at least 60 home runs and the New York Yankees would win another pennant. He weighed slightly less than what coal dealers refer to as a short ton.

"I admit that this year probably will mark my last serious effort to break my mark of 59." "The man said, 'I feel, of course, that I am good for five or six seasons more as a big leaguer, maybe longer. But as time goes on my chances of beating the record reduce. I have no illusions about that. What was easy when you were a kid becomes increasingly hard as you advance beyond the thirty mark."

### Observers Agree.

The great man expressed here the general opinion of close observers. They have witnessed his struggles with the mark for two years or more, and they are pleased to note that it is a losing battle. Just what the Babe weighs at the moment must remain a secret for the simple reason that the Babe is like the daisies. He won't tell.

### Given a Fair Chance.

Many may agree with the young man's ideas here, but not with his apparent belief that he has a white man's chance for the home run record. There are too many factors that will work against his efforts. One of them is the good word emanating from semi-official sources that the day of the slugger is gone. This, they say, is to be the pitcher's year, and the rather hectic efforts of the various clubs to line up and develop their staffs would seem to bear out this idea.

### Shortened Swing.

Ruth played 77 games on the wide open spaces of the Yankee stadium, and being a man of tact and discernment, he shortened his swing on many occasions. In fact, so many that he led the league in hitting. It might be mentioned that the Babe will play seven or eight games on the Yankee stadium again this season. He compiled his great record while playing half of the season at the Polo grounds where the strike ball is so convenient and moderately low.

The public themselves will try to see to it that the great man does not again run wild. They may not be giving him the usual international passes as before, but they so seldom give him a good one that his walks are almost monotonous.

### Anderson May Be A Member Aussie Davis Cup Team

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—It is reported in this country that an idea that J. D. Anderson, Australia's leading tennis player, might be invited to represent the United States in the Davis cup tennis team, which will play seven or eight games on the Yankee stadium again this season.

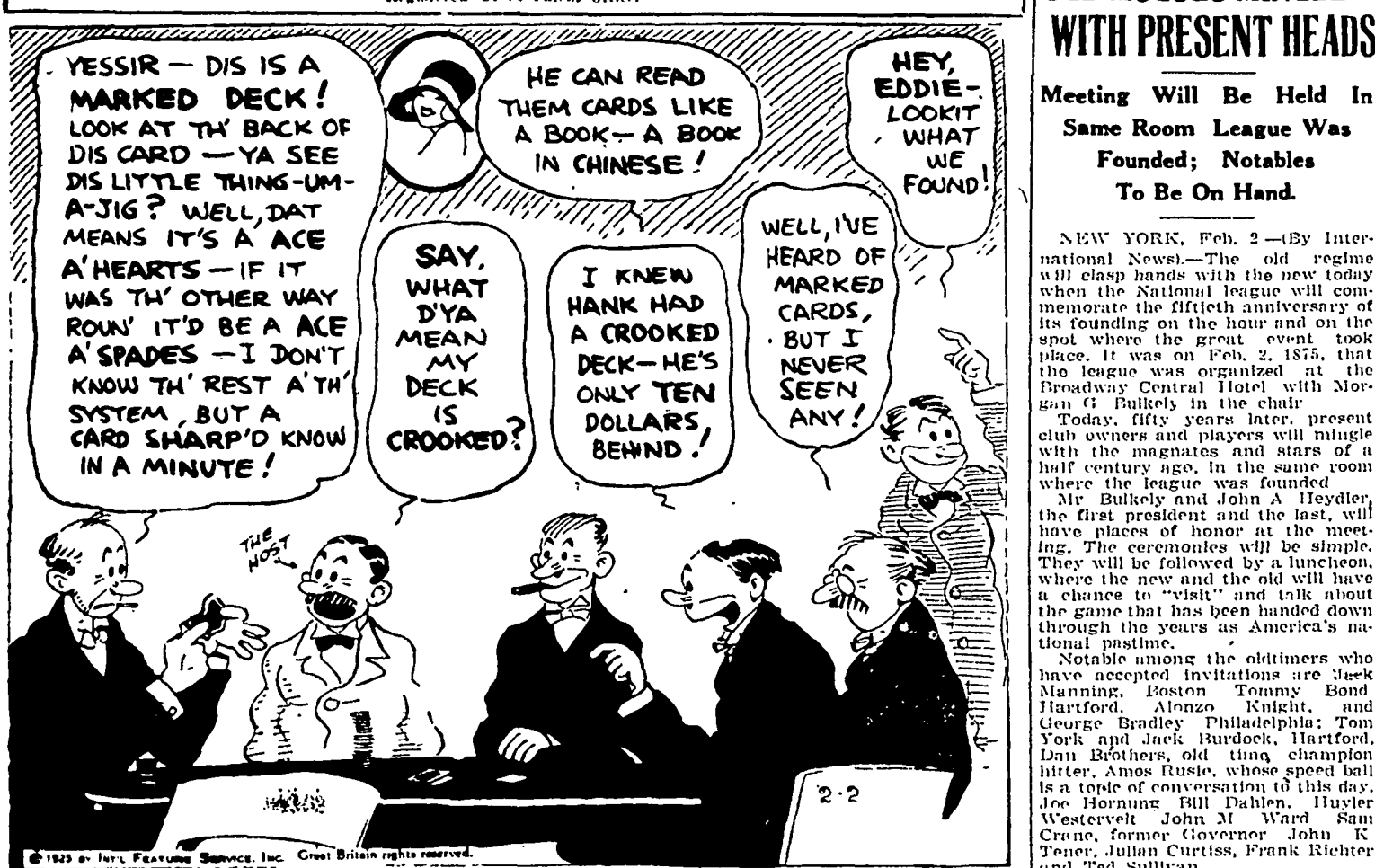
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## ILLINOIS AND OHIO STATE SET PACE IN BIG TEN BASKET RACE

### Dope Sheet Running True To Pre-Season Form; Iowa Tied For Fifth Place.

THE BIG TEN basketball dope sheet is running remarkably true to form thus far in the championship race. Today's compilation shows Illinois to be the undisputed pacemaker with four victories and no defeats, with Ohio State in second place, one-half a game behind the leaders.

Both of these teams were regarded as more or less certain to figure in the pennant race, and their impressive achievements indicate that neither is likely to crack during the campaign.

The big disappointments have been Wisconsin and Chicago. The Maroons were included in the triangle that tied for last year's championship, but have been unable to win a single game of four played.

Following are the standings and this week's program:

Team	W.	L.	Per.
Illinois	4	0	1.000
Ohio State	3	1	.750
Michigan	3	1	.750
Wisconsin	2	2	.500
Iowa	2	2	.500
Purdue	2	2	.500
Indiana	2	2	.500
Northwestern	2	2	.500
Chicago	1	3	.250
Wisconsin	1	3	.250

Tonight—Ohio State at Minnesota, Wisconsin at Michigan, and Iowa at Northwestern.

## CORNELL BEATEN BY RIPON FIVE, 27-25

### Badgers Forced Into Overtime Period; Purple Enjoys Half Time Lead.

SPECIAL IN THE GAZETTE.—The Ripon basketball team defeated the Cornell team in an extra period game by the score of 27 to 25. The game was a thriller from the start to the finish of the exciting period.

At the end of the regular forty-minute period the score was 23 to 21. Hartwell of Cornell led the score with a foul basket. Just as the final whistle sounded in the extra period Jones slipped down the sidewalk for a short shot and the bank a long one placing Ripon four points in the lead.

The first half was won by the Purple the score at half time being 19 to 13 in their favor. The shot accurately from all angles and in spite of the efforts of the Purple the lead was gradually increased. But in the second period Ripon began to break through the lowan's defense. Jones began to find the hoop, and led the score at 19 all as the Purple shot over his head from the corner.

The two teams fought an even tussle for the rest of the second period.

Game Up

Team	W.	L.	Per.
Ripon	5	1	.833
Illinois	4	0	1.000
Ohio State	3	1	.750
Michigan	3	1	.750
Wisconsin	2	2	.500
Iowa	2	2	.500
Purdue	2	2	.500
Indiana	2	2	.500
Northwestern	2	2	.500
Chicago	1	3	.250
Wisconsin	1	3	.250

## OLD MOGULS MINGLE WITH PRESENT HEADS

### Meeting Will Be Held In Same Room League Was Founded; Notables To Be On Hand.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(By International News)—The old regime will clash hands with the new today when the National League will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding on the hour and on the spot where the great event took place. It was on Feb. 2, 1875, that the league was organized at the Broadway Central Hotel with Morgan G. Bulfinch in the chair.

Today, fifty years later, present club owners and players will mingle with the magnates and stars of a half century ago, in the same room where the league was founded. Mr. Bulfinch and John A. Heydler, the first president and the last, will have places of honor at the meeting. The ceremonies will be simple. They will be followed by a luncheon, where the new and the old will have a chance to "rub" and talk about the game that has been handed down through the years as America's national pastime.

Notable among the oldtimers who have accepted invitations are Jack Manning, Boston Tommy Bond, Hartford, Alonzo Knight, and George Bradley Philadelphia; Tom York and Jack Burdock, Hartford; Dan Brothers, old time champion hitter; Amos Rusie, whose speed ball is a topic of conversation to this day; Joe Hornung, Bill Dahlen, Huxley Westervelt, John M. Ward, Sam Crane, former Governor John K. Tener, Julian Curtiss, Frank Richter and Ted Sullivan.

## TABERSKI MAKES GAIN ON RALPH GREENLEAF

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(By International News)—Frank Taberski, New York made a decided gain on Ralph Greenleaf Philadelphia in the national championship. Drake Billard league standing during the week past and today was 3 1/2 games behind the champion. According to the official standing Greenleaf has won 28 games and lost 18 and Taberski has won 25 games with 18 losses. Natallie of Baltimore is in third place.

## HARD GRIND HAS BEGUN TO TELL ON P. NURMI

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(By International News)—According to his friends and advisers Paavo Nurmi today was in poor physical condition in facing another week of attempted record breaking on American indoor tracks. The Finn, it was said, is suffering from a leg strain and a heavy cough and can hardly hope to be at his best for the 24-mile special at the Western Union games at tomorrow night.

Nurmi also is scheduled to run in a 2 1/2 mile event at the Newark A. C. games the following evening, and in the 3,000 meter special at the Wilce A. C. meet on Saturday.

## RED SOX BANK ON PROMISING ROOKIES

### Fohl Will Take Squad Of Forty To New Orleans; Veterans In Ranks.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press)—Bolstered in almost every position by promising youngsters as a result of trades and a thorough combing of the minor leagues, Red Sox will take his entire squad, numbering about forty men to New Orleans, the Sox new training grounds, March 1.

Doc Prothro, third baseman, was obtained from Washington in exchange for Mike McNally previously obtained from New York in a trade for Howard Slonks. Danny Clark was traded to San Antonio for Lucell Cross, a fine infield prospect, and a cash consideration.

The pit-bing staff will be strengthened by Rudolph Ballou, a right-hander from Salt Lake City and J. W. Keefe, who, pitching for Bay

## KOHAWK AND TIGER QUINTETS DISPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

### Troops Of Jenkins And Novak Cop Double Wins Over Week-end; Kohawks Scheduled To Play Hamline Here Saturday.

THE KOHAWK and Tiger cage fives presented further evidence over the week-end that they are dyed-in-the-wool contenders for the championships in their respective circuits. Bert Jenkins' Crimston collegians continued their dazzling performance in the Mid-west race by conquering Hamline, and Carleton on foreign courts. This double victory was somewhat of a surprise as both Minnesota schools have powerful combinations and the dope was favorable for an even break for the Kohawks.

## KANSAS TOPS LIST IN VALLEY CHASE

### Nebraska And Washington Tied For Second; Ames Brings Up The Rear.

THE UNIVERSITY of Kansas five took possession of first place in the Missouri Valley basketball race Saturday when Nebraska was defeated 25 to 20. The Cornhuskers previously had been tied with Washington in the championship, but the latter team dropped to second place with Nebraska when defeated by Oklahoma.

Kansas' sole setback was at the hands of the Kansas Aggies, which team now is tied with Grinnell for fourth place.

The showing of Grinnell has been the best of any Iowa team. Drake and Ames being at the bottom of the heap. The Bulldogs have managed to win two out of eight games, their victories being scored over Drake and Grinnell. Ames has been unable to win a single game, losing all six played. The Cyclones showed their best form of the season Saturday when they lost to Drake by a margin of one point.

### Play Hamline Saturday.

The only game scheduled for Jenkins' troops this week is with Hamline in the Benjamin Franklin high school gymnasium Saturday night. In view of their 25 to 20 win over the St. Paul collegians last Friday, the Kohawks are doped to annex their seventh straight conference victory before the week ends.

In trouncing Fort Dodge, 24 to 7, Saturday, after their narrow triumph at Spirit Lake the night before, the Washington Tigers showed some of their best form of the season.

Games won or lost during the regular season have no direct bearing on the state championships, but the results of such contests furnish a good idea as to which teams are likely to have something to say during the tournament days.

Novak's cagers have no game scheduled this week, but Manager Carlsen is endeavoring to book a game with some near-by team and is negotiating with the Cornell freshmen.

VALLEY STANDING

Team	W.	L.	Per.
Kansas	3	0	1.000
Nebraska	2	1	.667
Washington	2	1	.667
Knox College	2	1	.667
Grinnell	2	1	.667
Oklahoma	2	1	.667
Missouri	2	1	.667
Drake	1	2	.333
Ames	0	3	.000

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