



## TRAUMATIC NOTES

### LUQUE IN MOUND "FAREWELL."

**A**DOLFO LUQUE, one of the greatest and most durable of all pitchers, sang his swan song in the final game of his career, the first of the season against Cincinnati's Reds for the Selections at Cuban La Tropical Stadium, Havana, Cuba, March 23.

Luque, according to popular demand, was his team's starting pitcher in this final game of the season, a series which ended in one victory each and a 4-4 tie in the final game, that contest being called by mutual agreement to permit the Reds to catch their boat for Miami.

After yielding three singles for two runs in the first inning, Luque gave up another run in the second on a hit by Don Lang which took a bad hop past the center fielder to turn it into a triple, and a double by the shortstop which let in the third.

In the third Adolfo allowed one single and no runs, then quit, not even taking his turn at bat as first up in his team's third inning. Had he gone to bat he would have received an ovation equalling any he ever got anywhere.

But Adolfo didn't bat because he was too tired.

"I'm going to be 50 in August, I cannot pitch any more, so I'll never pitch again," he said after the game. "Tomorrow I will stay in bed all day. I must have rest. I'm not as young as I used to be."

Coming back to the States, Adolfo Swigart and Tom Lander, for the Yankees, and Hugh Culhugh, for the Cubs, experienced little difficulty in returning to the States. The Yankees, who had been in Havana, March 22, 5, and San Bernardino, March 21, 2, Charley Root, Vern Olsen and Julian Tubb hurried for Chicago.

With Casey Stengel's Bees needing all the punch they can get, it seems likely that Outfielder Chet Ross, a graduate of the Hartford farm, will win one of the regular outposts. Up to the end of last week, he had hit safely in every game played by Boston and boasted a batting average well above .500.

Dizzy Dean, Cub pitcher, did his work-out on a horse at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, March 28. A cowboy, mandolin player, who appears on a radio program, brought two of his horses to the field and he and Dean did a number of rope tricks while the movie cameras hummed.

Five errors, three of them by Rookie Shortstop Martin Marion, proved a major factor in the defeat of the St. Louis Cardinals by the New York Yankees, 6 to 4, at Winter Haven, Fla., March 25. The veteran pitcher, Carl Hubbell, blanked the Redbirds for four innings, but they touched him for three runs in the fifth, highlighted by Joe Oregano's 300-foot homer. Hubbell was followed on the hill by Clyde Castleton and Walter Johnson.

Rookies Murry Dickson, Ernest White and Harry Brecheen pitched for Ray Blades' squad.

President William Harridge, Umpire-In-Chief Tom Connolly and Publicity Director Henry P. Edwards of the American League, who have been in Florida for over a month on a vacation and inspecting the spring training camps, left Sebring, Fla., March 20, for Chicago.

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## Heavy Firing in Florida

### HOLLYWOOD, Fla.—A slugging

match, such as is seldom seen even in spring exhibition games, was staged here, March 21, by the Philadelphia Phillies and Columbus American Association Red Birds. The two teams pounded out a total of 41 hits, including three homers, and scored 20 runs. The Phils won, 17 to 12, collecting 23 bingles to 18 for Columbus.

The next day, the same teams again went at it hammer and tongs at Miami Beach, the Red Birds winning this time, 17 to 7.

Cal, March 18. Vallie Eaves, Jess Dobner and Clint Brown hurled for the Hoses, the last-named making his first competitive appearance in the series and blanketing the A's over the last three innings. After Nelson Potter and Jennings Poindecker had held the Dykesmen to a single apiece, Chicago rapper, Bill Beckman for three runs and the victory.

Alejandro Crespo, the Cuban flash who featured the first game of the Cincinnati-Cuban series at Havana with a four-run homer, scored his first run in the final game, March 24, by running home from second on an infield out, a flashy play reminiscent of Ty Cobb's daring on the bases.

"No, it's not named after me," declared Manager Bill Terry of the New York Giants, referring to the Fort Myers' park, Terry Field, training base of the Cleveland Indians.

Outfielder Buster Adams was released on option by the St. Louis Cardinals to their Rochester farm in the International League, March 25.

Frank C. Rand, St. Louis Browns' director and stockholder, arrived at the San Antonio, Tex., camp, March 18, to look over the team in training.

Wildness of Southpaw Edgar Smith was an important factor in the 7 to 5 setback the Cubs at Los Angeles, Cal., March 24. Smith, who issued six passes, was yanked after he had walked the first three batters in the third inning. His successor, Jack Knott, forced Riddle to hit into a double play but he did not get the job done. The win gave the Cubs a three to two edge in the Chicago spring series.

**LILLARD SPOILS GAME FOR OLD TEAM.**

**A**FTER yielding four runs in the first two frames, Pitcher Gene Lillard, ex-Cub now with Los Angeles, put his team back in the game by blanketing a home run with two on bases in the last of the third and the Pacific Coast League club tied the game, 3 to 3, in the fifth.

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## PUMP AND PILOT BREAK EVEN



### GAGS ran riot at a big civic banquet given in Pasadena, Cal., the evening

of March 18, in honor of the Chicago White Sox, during which the strenuous routine of the training period was forgotten by the players in good-natured mingling with the citizenry. Among the outstanding features were the presentation of a pair of dark glasses and white cane to Umpire Bill Summers of the American League, and to Jimmy Dykes, besides a dignified gift of a handsome cigar lighter, a picture of himself framed in a toilet set. The picture of the pitcher and manager in an amicable pose together fits in with Jimmy's forecast that he had sworn off questioning the umpires—at least, until the season opens.

for the retirement of Pitcher Bill Lohman in the fifth, the young backstop's hot liner through the pitcher's box splitting Lohman's right thumb nail.

Blanked for six innings by their Newark farmhands, the Yankees scored three times in the seventh on homers by Bill Beckman and Jake Powell, then added another trio in the eighth, with the help of several walks, to defeat the International League, 6 to 4, at St. Petersburg, Fla., March 22. The Red Birds put together a double play in the eighth, and a home run pitched for the McCarthyism.

Hugh Mulenby subdued Columbus on one hit for four innings, but Lefty Clyde Small was knocked out of the box in the fifth by a double by Ben Jones. The Yankees scored nine runs and went on to defeat the Phillies, 17 to 7, at Miami Beach, Fla., March 21. The Yankees' victory was a double play in the eighth, and a home run pitched for the McCarthyism.

Effective pitching by Vernon Kennedy and Elden Auker highlighted the Browns' 7 to 2 conquest of Tulsa of the Texas League, March 21. The Browns' victory was a double play in the eighth, and a home run pitched for the McCarthyism.

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## First Aid for Umpires

### Wirt Gammon, sports editor of the

Chattanooga Times, commenting on the editorial in THE SPORTING NEWS, which called for more uniformity in the calling of games on account of darkness and which suggested an enterprising inventor would confer a favor on the game if he would produce an instrument to register the proper proportion of daylight, reveals there is such a device.

"Light meters, which would do the exact job THE SPORTING NEWS discusses, are generally used by photographers," Gammon points out. "The most expensive one costs \$24. It is handy enough to carry in one's pocket. What is needed is not the device, but the rule requiring umpires to carry the meter. Some enterprising league president could install this right away, even passing the cost of the meter to the umpires via the scorecard."

"For what are they waiting—a few more riotous scenes because spectators believe they know daylight when they see it, although the umpires insist it is dark?"

Toledo of the American Association and the second team, remaining at San Antonio, trimmed Tulsa of the Texas League, 12 to 3. St. Louis hurlers showed they were rounding into form, Howard Mills and Bob Muncie combining to hold the Cardinals to six hits, while Wade and Johnny Whitehead, hurling for the second team, also limited Tulsa to half a dozen safeties.

Agapito Mayor, young southpaw of the Cuban All-Stars, who pitched against the Red Sox in the second game of the series, played at Havana, Cuba, March 21, 23, was one of the four players selected by the American League for a trial in Cincinnati's 1940 training camp.

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### Genuine Autographed LOUISVILLE SLUGGER BATS

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### Limit Conditional Sales

#### CHICAGO, Ill.—A time limit of 30

days to conditional sale assignments has been announced by Commissioner Landis, through Secretary Leslie M. O'Connor. Purchasing clubs must decide within that period whether it is desired to purchase the player's contract outright. The announcement to club owners reads: "You are informed that the period of trial to be stipulated in conditional sale assignments should be limited to 30 days of the assignment's playing season, except that a period of not exceeding 60 days may be stipulated if the transfer agreement truthfully sets forth that this additional period is allowed in view of the player's incapacity from recent injury or sickness, or in view of prolonged absence from the game as the result of voluntary retirement or ineffectuality."

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but he tried to retain some of his old champions and hoped to build a new winning combination around the popular Jimmie. But after Connie's once great team finished last in 1935, he traded Foxx and pitcher John Marcum to the Red Sox for pitcher Gordon Rhodes, catcher George Savino and \$150,000.

Tom Yawkey got stuck on some of the high-priced stars he purchased, but he got full value from his Foxx investment. Jimmie was 28 when he came to Boston, and enjoyed some of his greatest seasons at Fenway Park.

In Philadelphia, he'd hooked up with Al Simmons to form a slugging duo. In Boston he soon was coupled with the great young slugger from San Diego, Ted Williams. The pair soon made beautiful music on the Fenway fences.

The 1939 season, Ted's first in Boston, was Foxx's last as A. L. home-run champion.

## Hit for Distance Everywhere

No matter where Foxx played, he hit history-making homers. It generally is agreed that he hit a longer ball than any other right-handed hitter in the game. He whaled them over the roof-tops in Philadelphia and his homers high over the left field fence and screen and street in Boston were classics.

He hit one into the upper left field stands at Yankee Stadium that they still talk about. Jimmie belted one unbelievable homer in Detroit and hammered several balls over the high left field roof at Chicago's Comiskey Park, a truly epic feat.

Foxx hit .300 for the Red Sox in 1941, his last full season in the American League. He dropped to .270 in 30 games in the spring of 1942, and on June 1 the Red Sox sold Foxx to the Cubs for the interleague waiver price.

Foxx's National League career was undistinguished. He was expected to give the Cubs a lift at the plate, but was of little help in 1942, hitting only .205, with three homers, in 70 games.

Jimmie was engaged in war work in 1943 and did not play pro ball. He was back with the Cubs as coach and part-time player in 1944, but was released in midseason after getting only one hit in 20 times at bat. He finished the season as manager of Portsmouth (Piedmont).

## Seven Homers in Final Year

In the last war year, 1945, Freddy Fitzsimmons, manager of the Phillies, offered Jimmie a job with the club. Foxx bowed out with some of his earlier acclaim. Playing in 89 games, most of them at first base, he hit .268, and added the final seven homers to his collection of 534.

His last game in the National League, and in big league baseball, was as a pitcher. Ben Chapman, who had succeeded Fitz as Phillie manager, called on Foxx to pitch a Sunday game late in the season.

Foxx was out of baseball in 1946, but in 1947 started the season as manager of the St. Petersburg Saints of the Florida-International League. He even had Johnny Allen, former Yankee and Indian ace, as one of his starting pitchers.

Foxx never received pay commensurate with his slugging feats. He was easy-going, and often quick to agree to terms. At Philadelphia he never came close to

## Two Homers Washed Out, Foxx Missed Ruth's Mark

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — There is no doubt that Jimmie Foxx had some bad breaks in 1932, when his 58 homers fell two short of tying Babe Ruth's record of 60 in 1927. Actually, Jimmie hit 60 American League homers that season, but two came in games rained out before they became legal contests.

Foxx always felt that a screen stretched across the right field pavilion in St. Louis, running from right-center to the foul line, prevented him from passing Ruth's record. The screen was erected prior to the 1932 season.

"Ruth had the benefit of that open stand when he hit his 60 homers in 1927," recalled Jimmie shortly before his death. "It was my tough break that it was erected the year I had my big chance. While I was a righthanded hitter, I could spray my shots on occasion, and I hit half a dozen balls against that screen that would have been homers the year before."

Foxx no doubt exaggerated, but veteran St. Louis writers, checking scorebooks, recalled he hit several balls against the screen in right-center that season.

Al Simmons' last contract with the A's, \$100,000 for three years.

Later Jimmie did better with the Red Sox, where he received his top salary of \$32,500.

Late in Foxx's career with the Red Sox, he and Harold Paddock, a Cleveland golf architect, acquired two golf courses in St. Petersburg, Fla., the Jungle Club and Shore Acres.

Unfortunately, World War II, with travel and gasoline restrictions, ruined whatever chance Foxx had of making a success of his Florida golf venture. He had to surrender his valuable leases, with options to buy, on his golfing properties.

## Victim of Bad Breaks

The collapse of the golf business in St. Petersburg was an omen of the bad breaks that were to follow Foxx's retirement from the game. He wasn't a playboy to the extent that Ruth was, but he had a sunny, amiable disposition and found it difficult to say no when someone suggested a lark or a loan.

He had some money left from his baseball earnings after the failure of the golfing venture, but gradually lost these funds, too. He returned to St. Petersburg in the middle 1950s and drove a gasoline truck. Next he went over to Miami and landed a connection with a South Miami manufacturer of fishing equipment. He lost that job and, to complicate matters, physicians told him he had a heart condition and would "have to watch his step."

In the winter of 1957-58, Jimmie swallowed his pride and announced he was flat broke. He said he had some MVP trophies, but his wife and children couldn't eat them.

Next, Foxx drifted to Phoenix, Ariz., and newspapers carried further tales that he was on his uppers. A subsequent restaurant venture at Galesburg, Ill., was unsuccessful.

It was a career of ups and downs, striking successes and heartaches, but nothing that Foxx did in later years can wipe out the brilliant memory of Hall of Famer James Emory Foxx, who could drive a ball farther than any other right-handed hitter in the game.

Foxx is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Nanci Canaday; three sons, John, James and William, and his brother, Sam.

# Obituaries

## Damon Kerby

Damon Kerby, a member of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's staff for 40 years and formerly one of its baseball writers, died of cancer after a three-month illness, July 22. He was 62 years old.

Kerby was a reporter and sports writer for the Pueblo (Colo.) Star-Journal when he came to St. Louis in 1926 to watch the Cardinals play. In the press box, he met J. Roy Stockton, then the sports editor of the Post-Dispatch, who later brought him to St. Louis.

After covering sports for about ten years as a member of the Baseball Writers Association of America, Kerby transferred to the newspaper's Everyday Magazine staff. He was the assistant features editor at the time of his death.

J. R. Ludlow Wray, 73, co-founder of the Philadelphia Eagles and former college and professional football coach, died at the Angletot Nursing Home in Philadelphia July 24.

Wray joined with the late Bert Bell in acquiring the Frankford Yellow Jackets for \$5,000 in 1933 and forming the Eagles. Four years later, he sold his interest to Bell for \$4,000.

Regarded as a master of defensive football, Wray coached the Boston Redskins in 1932 and the Eagles from 1933 to '35.

He was an All-America center at the University of Pennsylvania and played professional football before joining his alma mater's coaching staff in 1923. He served as head coach in 1930.

## Donald Steinbrunner

Major Donald Steinbrunner, former assistant football coach at the Air Force Academy, was killed in Vietnam July 20. He was a navigator on a transport plane that was shot down by ground fire.

Steinbrunner was captain of the football and basketball teams at Washington State University and played one year as an end with the Cleveland Browns before a knee injury forced him to quit.

After joining the Air Force, he served on the academy's football staff for five years before being assigned to Vietnam.

Joe Kilgore, former University of Alabama halfback who later served as an assistant coach of the Crimson Tide, died of cancer at Tuscaloosa, July 21. He was 52 years old.

Kilgore made the Alabama varsity as a sophomore in 1934 and played as a regular for three years on teams that compiled a record of 23 victories against only three defeats and two ties.

In 1937, when Alabama went to the Rose Bowl, he was an All-America selection of International News Service.

Chester A. (Chet) Wynne, former head football coach at Auburn and Kentucky, died in Chicago at the age of 68 July 17.

Wynne, who played at Notre Dame under Knute Rockne, coached at Auburn from 1930 to '33 and then was at Kentucky from 1934 to '37.

In 1932, his best season as a coach, Auburn won nine games, tied one and outscored its opposition by 221 points, 275 to 54.

Frederick M. Ellis, 61, chairman of Tufts University's physical education department, died at Burlington, Mass., July 18.

He was one of Tufts' greatest athletes and held the record for the longest punt in Tufts' football history, 76 yards in 1927.

# CLASS A AVERAGES

## California League

Compiled by William J. Weiss

BATTING										
Player-Club	G.	AB.	H.	HR.	RBI.	Pct.				
Mallon, Fresno.....	92	349	111	1	38	.318				
Hairston, Lodi.....	77	233	74	11	51	.317				
Mastagni, Stockton.....	85	292	90	3	45	.308				
McGraw, Lodi.....	87	298	91	13	45	.306				
Anderson, Stockton.....	87	293	89	6	38	.304				
Marsden, Fresno.....	87	349	101	0	27	.294				
Budd, Santa Barb.....	88	320	94	11	66	.294				
Lee, Modesto.....	80	275	79	13	43	.287				
Pfisterer, Fresno.....	80	256	73	0	35	.285				
Arnold, Fresno.....	79	272	76	2	20	.279				
E. Davis, Modesto.....	90	313	87	20	58	.278				
Hollowell, Santa B.....	75	252	70	8	39	.278				

PITCHING										
Pitcher-Club	G.	IP.	SO.	W.	L.	ERA.				
Hough, Santa B.....	19	157	132	14	4	2.12				
Tatum, San Jose.....	13	94	83	6	4	2.49				
Bayless, Bakers'f'd.....	18	132	127	12	4	3.00				
T. Jones, Reno.....	23	125	208	10	8	3.02				
Sebastian, Stockton.....	18	110	100	9	8	3.03				
Bryant, Fresno.....	16	108	120	8	8	3.08				
Sprague, Modesto.....	24	100	65	8	6	3.15				
Knuckles, Modesto.....	20	128	118	11	7	3.16				
Knutson, Bakers'f'd.....	18	114	102	7	4	3.24				
Pawlowicz, St'kton.....	19	116	94	6	9	3.57				

## Carolina League

Compiled by Howe News Bureau

BATTING										
Player-Club	G.	AB.	H.	HR.	RBI.	Pct.				
Bradley, Peninsula.....	65	218	75	6	35	.344				
Breeden, Kinston.....	58	203	68	9	41	.335				
Hebner, Raleigh.....	66	241	80	2	29	.332				
Kelly, Kinston.....	82	337	110	4	35	.326				
Campbell, Raleigh.....	72	227	74	6	42	.326				
Money, Raleigh.....	88	308	99	12	57	.321				
Hopkins, Lyn'burg.....	86	280	89	10	53	.318				
Hisle, T'water.....	88	338	107	16	53	.317				
Allen, Tidewater.....	88	318	99	19	75	.311				
Holt, Peninsula.....	84	318	99	4	41	.311				
Walton, Asheville.....	91	329	103	22	62	.313				
Velazquez, P'n'sula.....	63	227	71	6	45	.313				

PITCHING										
Pitcher-Club	G.	IP.	SO.	W.	L.	ERA.				
Clem, Raleigh.....	15	119	72	9	2	1.59				
Daniel, Asheville.....	20	130	103	11	2	2.08				
Rubliotta, Ly'burg.....	12	85	62	5	5	2.12				
Palmer, Tidewater.....	12	92	5	4	2.15					
Bethke, Durham.....	20	122	68	7	4	2.21				
G. Jones, Gr'boro.....	17	129	83	12	4	2.37				
Zajacki, Bur'ngton.....	20	127	89	9	6	2.41				
Brown, Rocky Mt.....	22	124	107	9	7	2.54				
Wegener, T'water.....	14	87	101	7	4	2.69				
Warden, Rocky M.....	19	136	123	13	3	2.71				

## Florida State League

Compiled by Howe News Bureau

BATTING										
Player-Club	G.	AB.	H.	HR.	RBI.	Pct.				
Hill, Orlando.....	79	298	94	5	28	.315				
Chilcott, W. Haven.....	74	243	711	6	42	.292				
Stewart, St. Pete.....	83	303	86	0	20	.284				
Martinez, Tampa.....	73	257	73	3	38	.284				
Sugimoto, Orlando.....	87	293	81	3	25	.276				
Fernandez, Tampa.....	66	229	63	1	22	.275				
Recob, Ft. L'dale.....	82	313	85	0	22	.272				
Day, St. Pete.....	88	341	921	7	48	.270				
Keough, Leesburg.....	83	315	85	11	46	.270				
Montanez, St. Pet.....	89	320	86	3	37	.269				
Crowley, Miami.....	87	326	87	3	38	.267				
DaVanzo, St. Pet.....	90	313	83	2	42	.265				

PITCHING										
Pitcher-Club	G.	IP.	SO.	W.	L.	ERA.				
Paul, W. Haven.....	19	118	100	10	2	1.22				
Murray, Orlando.....	18	140	151	13	2	1.29				
Patrylo, Miami.....	12	91	87	5	4	1.29				
Guzman, St. Pete.....	16	128	114	13	2	1.41				
Clark, Ft. L'dale.....	18	139	67	12	6	1.42				
Jancsek, St. Pete.....	14	101	53	10	2	1.69				
Figuerola, W. Hav.....	18	121	90	9	2	1.86				
Curlee, Miami.....	14	100	64	6	4	1.98				
White, St. Pete.....	16	102	99	7	2	2.21				
Camacho, Tampa.....	26	150	97	11	7	2.22				

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# Foxx, No. 3 on All-Time Homer List, Dead

## Hall of Fame Member Held Numerous Slugging Marks

By FRED LIEB

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

**Jimmie Foxx**, No. 2 among baseball's righthanded home-run hitters and third only to Babe Ruth and Willie Mays in the all-time home-run derby, died in Miami, Fla., July 21. The Dade County Medical examiner's office said the broad-shouldered former Maryland plowboy choked to death when a piece of meat lodged in his throat as he was eating dinner at the home of his brother, Sam.

Funeral services for the famed Double-X, 59, were held in Miami, July 25, with interment in Flagler Memorial Park.

**Foxx**, who spent his greatest years with the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox, hit 534 big league homers, the last ten in the National League. This mark was topped only by Ruth's majestic 714 until Mays also surpassed Jimmie's figure in 1966.

**Foxx** and Hank Greenberg, Detroit slugger of the 1930s, were tied as the greatest righthanded sluggers for one season, each clouting 58 round-trippers, **Jimmie** in 1932 and **Hank** in '38.

Only the two Yankee immortals, Ruth and Lou Gehrig, led **Foxx** in lifetime RBIs. **Jimmie** banged 1,921 runs across the plate in a big league career stretching from 1925 to 1945. The Babe logged 2,209 RBIs and Gehrig 1,991.

**Foxx** led the American League twice in batting, .356 with the 1933 Athletics and .349 for the 1938 Red Sox. He won the American League's Most Valuable Player prize three times, 1932, 1933 and 1938, and was a three-time A. L. leader in runs batted in (with a high of 175 in 1938). He led the A. L. in homers three times and tied for the home run crown once.

### Record of Consistency

**Jimmie** holds a major league record with 20 or more homers in 12 consecutive seasons, 1929 through 1940.

In a three-season span, 1932-34, he lashed out 150 homers for Connie Mack. **Jimmie's** lifetime batting average was .325, and in three World Series he hit .344.

**Foxx** also bombed the National League in early All-Star play and won the third game for the A. L. with a two-run, first-inning homer at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium.

He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1951.

Like Ruth, **Foxx** sprang from the small Chesapeake state of Maryland, and by an odd twist of fate, the birthplaces of two of the top three home-run hitters are only 50 miles apart. Ruth was born in a room behind a Baltimore waterfront saloon, **Foxx** in a farmhouse outside of Sudlersville.

**Jimmie** was born on October 22, 1907, and played ten big league games before he reached his eighteenth birthday.

### Bombed Semi-Pro Hurlers

With a boy's hearty appetite, whetted by work on the farm, **Jimmie** filled out physically and, in schoolboy and semi-pro games, he could hit a ball much farther than any of his teammates or neighborhood opponents.

Furthermore, he had a real fast ball when he pitched. When he didn't pitch, he caught.

Frank Baker, former home-run hitting third baseman of the Athletics and Yankees, owned a farm and had banking interests in Trappe, Md. Frank still liked to dabble with baseball in the 1920s, and for a spell managed the Easton (Eastern Shore) club.

News of young **Foxx's** batting prowess drifted over the Maryland farm country. When **Jimmie** was only 16, Baker visited Sudlersville to sign the youngster to an Easton contract. In 76 games in 1924, **Foxx** hit .296 and smacked ten homers. The would-be track star stole eight bases.

Baker immediately sensed he had a coming star in **Foxx** and

### Jimmie Only Righthander In All-Time RBI Top Five

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

**Jimmie Foxx** was the only righthanded hitter to break into the top five RBI men of all time. All of the others who drove in 1900 or more runs were lefthanded swingers.

They are as follows: Babe Ruth, 2,209; Lou Gehrig, 1,991; Ty Cobb, 1,954; Stan Musial, 1,951, and **Foxx**, 1,921.

gave Mack, his old Philadelphia master, first chance at his Sudlersville find.

**Foxx**, by this time 17, was sent to Providence, then in the International League, for part of the 1925 season. He caught, played first base and the outfield. There **Jimmie** hit .327 for 41 games, but oddly enough, smashed only one home run.

Mack had a good second-place club in 1925, but he brought young **Jimmie** up in the latter part of the season.

Connie used the plowboy in ten September games, and Double-X hit a fantastic .667, six hits in nine official times at bat.

From that moment on, **Jimmie** had a locker at old Shibe Park until financial reverses forced Mack to sell him to the Red Sox a decade later.

### Made Pro Bow as Catcher

When **Foxx** broke in with the A's, he was listed as a catcher. But Connie decided that wasn't his best position. For a while, he was undecided whether he would use **Foxx** at third or at first. Eventually, first base got the call, though well into his career **Jimmie** continued to catch and play third base on occasion.

**Foxx** played 26 games in 1926, 61 in 1927, and 118 in 1928. It was in '28 that he became the Athletics' regular first baseman.

He became a full-fledged star in 1929, contributing a .354 batting average, 33 homers and 117 RBIs to Mack's seventh Athletic pennant.

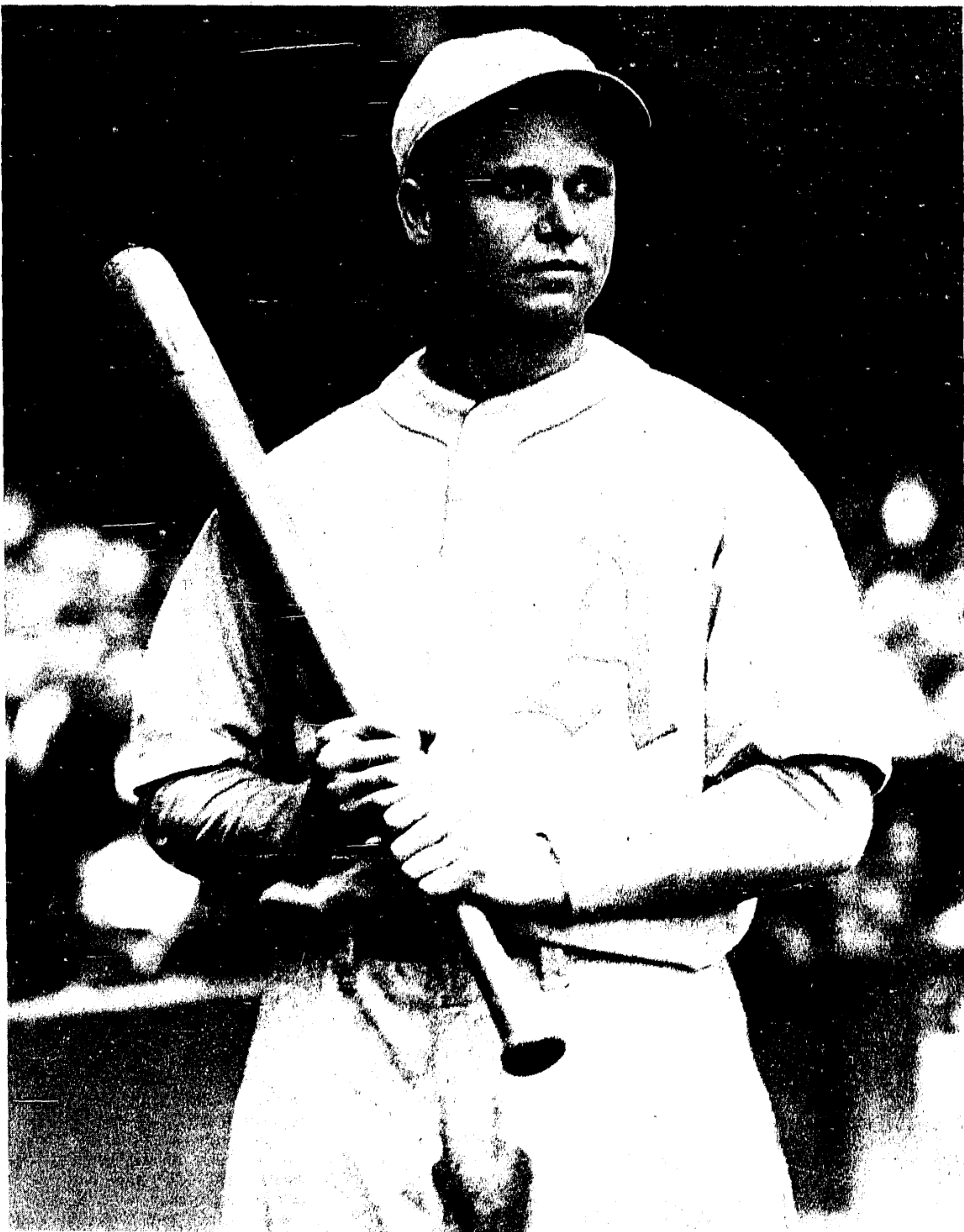
"That Fawksie has developed into quite a man for us," remarked Mack proudly, giving **Foxx** name his quaint New England pronunciation.

Beginning in 1929, **Foxx** played 124 games or more for 13 consecutive seasons. He hung up an imposing string of .300 batting averages, compiled a lot of slugging records and became a fine defensive first baseman.

"And that Fawksie is fast; don't you forget it," Mack once told a reporter. "He looks like a little truck, but he gets over the ground."

**Foxx** won his first Most Valuable Player prize in 1932, when he led the American League in homers with 58 and RBIs with 168. He missed the batting title, and the Triple Crown, by a fluke.

Powerful **Jimmie** hit .364 in 585 times at bat in 154 games against



Jimmie Foxx . . . Mightiest Righthanded Walloper in Diamond History

Dale Alexander's .367 in 392 at-bats and 124 games.

Alexander was a lumbering first baseman who divided his time between the Tigers and Red Sox in '32. Under the present system, requiring a champion batsman to have a minimum of 477 appearances at the plate, **Foxx** would have been the 1932 batting king.

Though **Foxx** lost the Triple Crown by an eyelash in 1932, he made it in 1933, when he again was voted the Most Valuable Player. That year he had the highest A. L. batting average .354, led in homers with 48 and runs batted in with 163.

### Drove In 175 Runs in '38

**Foxx** lost a bid for a second Triple Crown in 1938, when he led in hitting with .349, in RBIs with a superb 175 and hit 50 homers, second-highest total of his career. That season, Greenberg soared to 58 round-trippers.

By that time, **Jimmie** had become a member of the Boston Red Sox. Mack, hard hit by the depression, was forced to peddle the stars of his Athletic champions of 1929-30-31.

Al Simmons, **Jimmie** Dykes and Mule Haas went to the White Sox for cash after the 1932 season. Following the barren 1933 campaign, the crack catcher, Mickey Cochrane, went to Detroit and the ace southpaw, Lefty Grove, to the Red Sox.

Mack had fine offers for **Foxx**.

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## Double-X Compiled Fabulous Swat Feats

Year.	Club.	League	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.	F.A.
1924	Easton	East. Sh.	76	260	33	77	11	2	10	.....	.296	.966
1925	Philadelphia	Amer.	10	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	.667	.000
1925	Providence	Int.	41	101	12	33	6	3	1	15	.327	.955
1926	Philadelphia	Amer.	26	32	8	10	2	1	0	5	.313	1.000
1927	Philadelphia	Amer.	61	130	23	42	6	5	3	26	.323	.975
1928	Philadelphia	Amer.	118	400	85	131	29	10	13	79	.328	.971
1929	Philadelphia	Amer.	149	517	123	183	23	9	33	117	.354	.995
1930	Philadelphia	Amer.	153	562	127	188	33	13	37	156	.335	.990
1931	Philadelphia	Amer.	139	515	93	150	32	10	30	120	.291	.986
1932	Philadelphia	Amer.	154	585	*151	213	33	9	*58	*160	.304	*.992
1933	Philadelphia	Amer.	149	573	125	204	37	9	*48	*163	*.356	.990
1934	Philadelphia	Amer.	150	530	120	180	26	6	44	130	.334	.993
1935	Phila. (a)	Amer.	147	535	118	185	33	7	*36	115	.348	*.997
1936	Boston	Amer.	*155	585	130	198	32	8	41	143	.338	.990
1937	Boston	Amer.	150	560	111	192	24	6	36	127	.285	*.994
1938	Boston	Amer.	149	565	130	197	33	9	50	*175	*.349	.987
1939	Boston	Amer.	124	467	130	168	31	10	*35	105	.360	.992
1940	Boston	Amer.	144	515	106	153	30	4	36	110	.297	.991
1941	Boston	Amer.	135	487	87	146	27	8	19	105	.300	.989
1942	Boston (b)	Amer.	30	100	18	27	4	0	5	14	.270	.998
1942	Chicago	Nat.	70	205	25	42	8	0	3	19	.205	.983
1943	Chicago	Nat.	15	20	0	1	1	0	0	2	.050	1.000
1944	Chicago (c)	Nat.	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
1944	Portsmouth (d)	Pied.	89	224	30	60	11	1	7	38	.268	.978
1945	Philadelphia	Nat.	6	6	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.167	.....
1946	St. Pet's b'g	Fla. Int.	6	6	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.167	.....
(Out of Organized Ball)												
American League Totals.....2143 7685 1096 2543 438 124 524 1862 331 .991												
National League Totals.....174 449 55 103 20 1 10 59 .229 .981												
Major League Totals.....2317 8134 1751 2646 458 125 534 1921 .325 .990												

(a) Traded with Pitcher John Marcum to Boston Red Sox for Pitcher Gordon Rhodes, Catcher George Savino and \$150,000, December 10, 1935.

(b) Released on waivers to Chicago Cubs, June 1, 1942.

(c) Released as player and signed as coach, July 6, 1944; released to Portsmouth as manager, August 25, 1944.

(d) Released by Portsmouth, December, 1944 and signed by Philadelphia Phillies, February 10, 1945.

### WORLD SERIES RECORD

Year.	Club.	League	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.	F.A.
1929	Philadelphia	Amer.	5	20	5	7	1	0	2	5	.350	1.000
1930	Philadelphia	Amer.	6	21	3	7	2	1	1	3	.333	1.000
1931	Philadelphia	Amer.	7	23	3	8	0	0	1	3	.348	.986

World Series Totals.....18 64 11 22 3 1 4 11 .344 .994

\*Denotes led league. †Denotes tied for league lead.