

Was Hard to Get Babe Out

Hub Pruet Only Pitcher Who Had Ruth's Number
By GAYLE TABOT
NEW YORK (AP) — Earl Whitehill, the old Detroit and Washington southpaw, was visiting the bench at Yankee Stadium and talking baseball, and almost invariably happens in the circumstances the talk around to Babe Ruth.
Whitehill, who won 217 games in his career, was asked by one of his fellow American League pitchers ever what might be termed a master plan for trying to get Babe out.
"Perhaps it is not generally known," he said, "but I have discovered a certain weakness of any-thing resembling a weakness, the news gets around the league faster than a brush fire. Pitchers do not like batters, and the feeling is reciprocated with interest."
"Most of the boys thought the best idea was to pitch him high and outside," Whitehill recalled. "That way he wasn't so likely to pull one into the right field seats on you. But there never was any general agreement on that, fellow."
"The trouble with the Babe was that you'd give him a certain pitch and he would miss it by a foot, I mean by a foot, and you would think to yourself that you had something. A couple of pitches later you would come in with it again and he would knock it out of the lot. Myself, I liked to curve him low and had better luck than some of the others."
"I squint at the Babe's home run records and you know that he won only a dozen of his mammoth total off Whitehill in the 11 years they faced each other. Any pitcher who held Ruth to an approximate average of one homer a season was pointed out on the streets."
"Hub Pruet of the Browns was the only one who really had the Babe's number," Earl continued. "If I remember right, he struck him out something like 13 times in a row. All he had was a screwball that broke down maybe even sharper than Carl Hubbell's. He would hold the ball out in front of him and tell the Babe he was going to throw him another screwball and the Babe would break his back swinging at it. I think Ruth only hit two homers off him in his career."
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Battery Wins Opener Of Football Season

Defeats General Motors 2-0 In Well Contested Game

The 1952 football season got off to a good start last evening before a better than average number of spectators. In a well contested game, the Heavy Battery defeated the General Motors by two goals to nil.

The Battery had the best of the opening exchanges and Roue did well to spoil Armstrong. Later he brought off a great save from Pavlikis and then saved on the line. But he had no chance when Smith headed in a beautiful cross from Holkestad. Battery showed better team play. Krause saved Maron's corner kick. Matthews showed to advantage but the General Motors were mainly on the defensive. Smith shot over as did Pat Wilson at the other end on a snap drive. Murray was just wide from Wilson and half-time came with the Battery a goal up.

Battery were lucky to go two goals ahead when in a mix-up, Price was unfortunate to turn the ball past his own goalie. Robinson sent Tait ahead but Krause saved. With the sun behind them the Motors pressed but finished weakly. Tait shot over from close in and Krause brought off a great save after the General Motors forward line showed a spell of neat combination. Dunbar saved at the expense of a corner. Battery were always dangerous when they broke away while Krause saved well from Murray, Tait, Bowman and then outgusted Pat Wilson when the latter seemed to be through.

Teams:
Heavy Battery—Krause; Dunbar, Parkhouse; Jensen, Georgeson, Ford; A. Gomez, Pavlikis, Ralph Smith, Armstrong, Holkestad; Darrow Gomez, Youden.
General Motors—Roue; Robinson, Price; Lien, Eby, John Wilson; Murray, Bedford, Pat Wilson, R. Maron, S. Maron; Matthews, Tait.

Krause played one of his best games and was very fast on close-in plays. Dunbar was as reliable as ever and Parkhouse used his speed to good advantage. Georgeson and Jensen were resourceful and constructive. Ford was effective. Smith and Pavlikis were always a threat. Holkestad's cross that produced the first goal was a beauty. Armstrong is still a great playmaker and rarely wasted a ball. A. Gomez and Youden did well. Darrow Gomez came on in the second half. He must be credited with being able to turn out a team whose members play well collectively and individually.

Roue, who turned out in goal when Boulter had to go to Terrace on business, was very good and could not be blamed for either goal. Robinson was fast and resourceful though he got a nasty knock from Smith. Price kicked hard and was unlucky to score against his own team. Eby was clever in breaking up plays and setting up his own forwards. Lien played a tenacious and successful game. John Wilson played hard and robustly. Towards the end he set up several dangerous movements. Matthews, Tait and Murray were the best forwards. Tait was fast and crossed the ball nicely while Murray showed good footwork and centred well. Matthews promises to be one of the best playmakers for the Motors. He has speed and ball control. The Maron boys give promise of being assets to the team. Pat Wilson got few chances but had to

SPORTS

Baseball Scores

American
St. Louis 0, Philadelphia 1.
Detroit 2, Washington 6.
Cleveland 7, New York 2.
Boston 7, Chicago 2.
National
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 5.
New York 3, St. Louis 1.
Brooklyn 5, Cincinnati 4.
Boston at Chicago, postponed, cold weather.
Western International
Salem 7, Yakima 1.
Victoria 2, Vancouver 7.
Spokane 5, Lewiston 4.
Tri-City 2, Wenatchee 10.
Pacific Coast
San Francisco 10, Hollywood 7.
Sacramento 0, San Diego 1.
Portland 4, Seattle 3.
Los Angeles at Oakland, postponed.

Scores Four Knockdowns

CHICAGO — Undeclared Southpaw Chuck Davey, scoring four spectacular knockdowns on Wednesday night, easily defeated Chico Vejar with harpooning lefts to the face and stomach in their ten-round welterweight battle in the Chicago stadium.
Making an astonishing whirlwind finish, Vejar was credited with winning only one tenth round. Second and ninth were even.

Rookie Wins For Red Sox

Boston Stays in Lead—Indians Humble Yankees

NEW YORK — Bill Henry, unheralded rookie lefthander of the Boston Red Sox, turned in his fourth victory without loss Wednesday to defeat Chicago White Sox 7-2, and maintain a Sox one-game edge over Cleveland Indians in the American League pennant race.
Runner-up Indians defeated the once proud New York Yankees 7 to 2 in the only other day game in the majors.
Henry allowed only five hits and helped his own cause by driving in two runs on a triple and single. Red Sox wrapped it up with a four-run attack in the second inning against Ken Holcombe. Johnny Pesky featured a rally with bases loaded on a ground rule double.
The only scheduled National League day game between Boston and the Cubs at Chicago was

postponed because of the cold weather.
Red hot Washington Senators turned back Detroit Tigers 6-2 for their sixth straight victory in the night game at Washington. Sid Hudson limited the Tigers to five hits while the third place Senators whacked Ted Gray and Fred Hutchinson for eight. Senators clinched the decision with a four-run outburst against Gray in the third inning.

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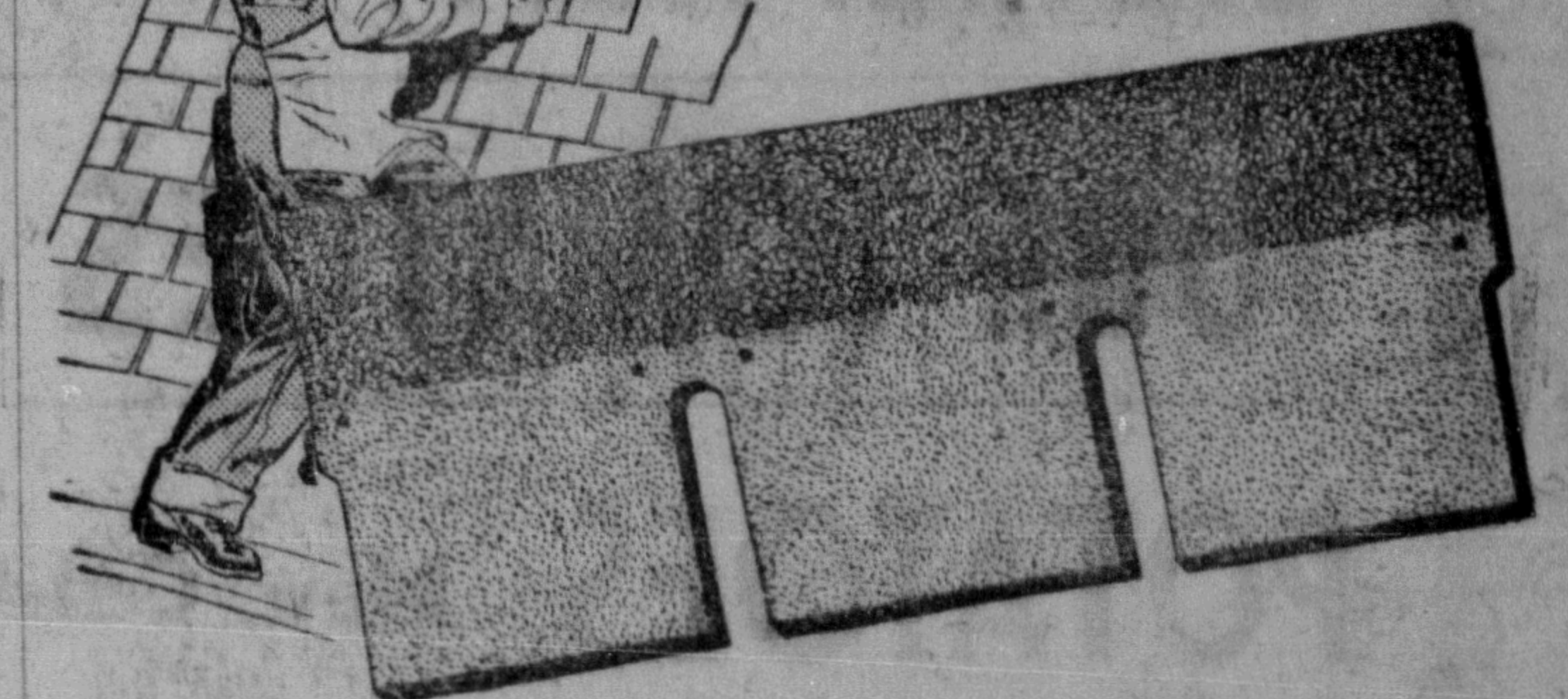
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