

My Dad a Real Yankee Fan



Roxie Henry 1912 - 1983



I dedicate this book in memory of my dad.

Lewis "Little Louie" Henry was my Dad. He was born in 1912. His nickname was "Roxie" because as a small boy he liked to throw rocks. He was called Rocky which evolved into "Roxie" which stuck with him throughout his life.



Even though he was born, raised, and lived in Ohio, he was a true New York Yankee fan. In 1927, the Yankees were called "Murderer's Row." My dad would hitch hike 150 miles to Cleveland, Ohio when he was 15-years old just to watch Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.



My dad took a three week vacation each year during the years 1948 through 1954. He would take me with him on his vacation. We traveled by bus and train to New York City. The New York Yankees was our favorite team but we also saw the NY Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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Back in 1950, the American League had 8 teams and the National League had 8 teams. Eventually, I had been to every stadium where these 16 teams played. We followed the Yankees from NYC to Boston to Philadelphia, Washington D.C. to Chicago and ended up in St. Louis.

I will never forget August 16, 1948 my Yankee hero, Babe Ruth died, I was in the hospital at the same time appendicitis - emergency surgery required. I was 10 years old.



In this book, I write about the athletes and their achievements, the positives.

No one wants to read about losing. Nobody likes to get disrespected, and I think when you lose a game, you feel that way to some degree.

Who wants to be absorbed in another evening of discouragement. Losing can really wear a fan down. It's something we understand: It always happens, and sometimes a lot. But losing so much? Give me a break. This, for a fan, is excruciating.

This book will cover the top three franchises.

Introduction



Arguably, the most successful professional sports team in the United States, the Yankees have won 19 American League East Division titles, 40 American League championships.

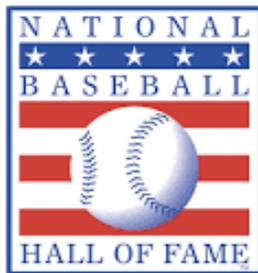


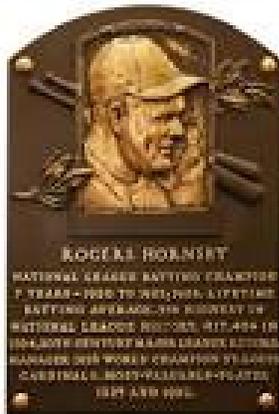
The Green Bay Packers have won 13 league championships, the most in NFL history, with nine pre-Super Bowl NFL titles and four Super Bowl titles.



No organization has won more titles than the 17-time World Champion Boston Celtics. The Celtics tradition of winning championships has stood the test of time.

This book is "old school" and the Hall of Famers.

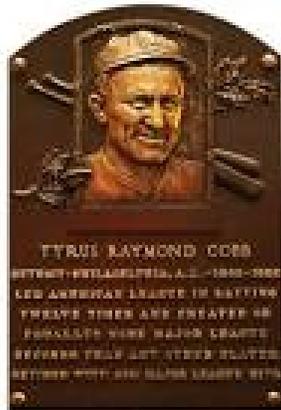




Rogers Hornsby

Off the field, Rogers Hornsby was tough, uncompromising and outspoken. On it, he was perhaps the greatest right-handed batter in baseball history.

Rogers Hornsby hit .424 in 1924 is the highest single-season average of the modern era.



Ty Cobb

Ty Cobb was the dominant player in the American League during the Dead Ball Era, and arguably the greatest player in the history of the game.

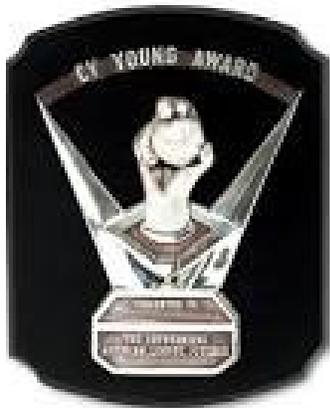
Cobb was known for his aggressive base running style and his ability to hit to all fields. He won nine consecutive AL batting titles from 1907 to 1915 and three more in his career. He hit .320 or better for 22 consecutive seasons.

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Christy Mathewson set a modern era record for wins by an NL pitcher with 37 in 1908, from 1903-14, Mathewson never won fewer than 22 games in a season and led the NL .

The Cy Young Award is given annually to the best pitcher in each league.



Cy Young Award

Cy Young, the right-hander won 511 games during his tenure in baseball, almost 100 more than any other pitcher in history. He recorded 30 victories on five occasions .

He led his league in wins during five seasons and pitched three no-hitters, including a perfect game in 1904.

In 1908, he pitched his third no-hitter at 41 years and three months old, setting a record for oldest pitcher to throw a no-hitter that stood for 82 years.

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2021 Cy Young Award winners:



Robbie Ray

American League
Robbie Ray Toronto
Won 13 Lost 7



Corbin Burnes

National League
Corbin Burnes Milwaukee
Won 11 Lost 5

Today, it's almost impossible to compare statistics with the Dead Ball Era where Ty Cobb batted .320. A.G. Spalding won 241 games in four years, that's an average of 60 wins a year. Back then if you batted .260 you were sent down to the Minor Leagues. Today you can bat .260 and get in the Hall Of Fame.

This book will cover the beginning of the sport, through the Dead Ball Era, and top three franchises.

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There is no position player in the Hall of Fame with a batting average of .250 or lower.

Only three hitters have made it to the Hall of Fame with a sub-.260 batting average: Killebrew, Rabbit Maranville and Ray Schalk. The latter two played up-the-middle defensive positions, partially during the dead-ball era.

2021 America League best batting average



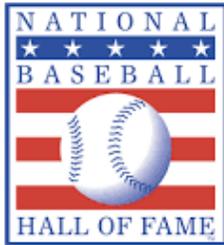
Yuli Gurriel HOUSTON .319

2021 National League best batting average



Trea Turner WSH/LAD .328

Baseball Hall of Fame



By position, there are: 83 pitchers, 19 catchers, 24 first basemen, 20 second basemen, 17 third basemen, 26 shortstops, 22 left fielders, 24 center fielders, 26 right fielders, 2 designated hitters, 22 managers, 10 umpires and 38 executives/pioneers.

There are four categories in which a baseball legend can become an immortal by election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame: Player, Manager, Umpire or Executive.

More than 19,000 players have stepped onto a major league diamond in the 150-year history of professional baseball. Only 235 have been elected to the Hall of Fame - a rate of about one percent of all major leaguers. Combined with the 29 Negro League players elected by committees and special elections, the total number of ballplayers enshrined is 264.

The following are some of the players my father has watched. Hall of Fame Dominant Players in the past.



Lefty Gomez



Lefty Grove



Carl Hubbell



Walter Johnson



Sandy Koufax



Christy Mathewson

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Robin Roberts



Hoyt Wilhelm



Cy Young



Roy Campanella
Catcher



Bill Dickey
Catcher



Frank Chance
1st Baseman



Jimmie Foxx
1st Baseman



Harmon Killebrew
1st Baseman



Johnny Mize
1st Baseman



Bill Terry
1st Baseman



Johnny Evers
2nd Baseman



Frank Frisch
2nd Baseman

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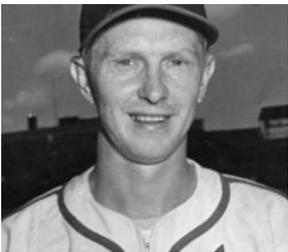
Rogers Hornsby
2nd Baseman



Tony Lazzeri
2nd Baseman



Jackie Robinson
2nd Baseman



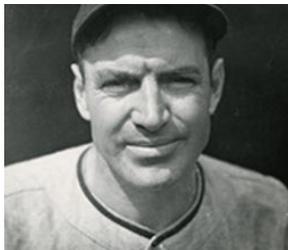
Red Schoendienst
2nd Baseman



Frank Baker
3rd Baseman



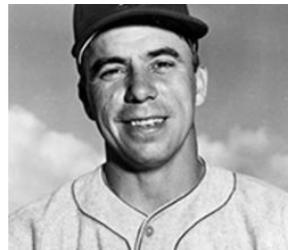
Jimmy Collins
3rd Baseman



Pie Traynor
3rd Baseman



Lou Boudreau
Shortstop



Pee Wee Reese
Shortstop



Phil Rizzuto
Shortstop

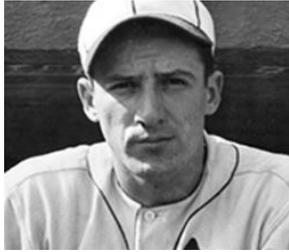


Honus Wagner
Shortstop



Ralph Kiner
Left Fielder

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Joe Medwick
Left Fielder



Al Simmons
Left Fielder



Ty Cobb
Center Fielder



Earl Combs
Center Fielder



Larry Doby
Center Field



Mickey Mantle
Center Fielder



Willie Mays
Center Fielder



Tris Speaker
Center Fielder



Duke Snider
Center Fielder



Al Kaline
Right Fielder



Mel Ott
Right Fielder



Enos Slaughter
Right Fielder