

# SPORTS IN THE 1920'S

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# Yankee Stadium



- \* The Yankee Stadium was the home ballpark of the New York Yankees. In the 1920's, the Yankees couldn't find a place to play ball, but they seemed to attract quite a large crowd. In fact, the Yankees were the first team to attract more than one million fans! So along with the Yankee Co-Owners and the help from many others, the Yankee Stadium was created to fulfill the needs of not only the players, but the fans as well. It was the first ball park to be called a stadium because it was so huge! It was built in 284 days and was finished in 1923. In 1928, conditions forced them to expand the stadium!





# Babe Ruth

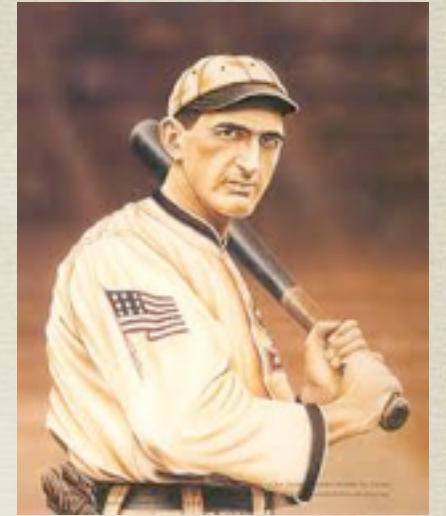


- \* George Herman (Babe) Ruth Jr. played Major League baseball from 1914-1935. In the 1920's he played for the New York Yankees and attracted a huge crowd. The position that he played was right field. Ruth was notorious for hitting home runs. During his career with the Yankees, he won four World Series. The 1920's was an era where baseball exploded tremendously, and there is no doubt that Babe Ruth was one of the reasons. His batting ability changed the game from being a slow, low scoring game, to a interesting, high scoring game. He was the first player to ever score 60 home runs in one season. In his career, he hit 714 home runs!





# Shoeless Joe Jackson



- \* Joseph Jefferson Jackson also played Major League baseball in the early 1920's. He got his name by taking his shoes off in a game because his new spikes wore blisters on his feet. He was associated with the Black Sox Scandal, when the White Sox tried to fix the World Series. Because of this, he was banned for the 1920 season. Shoeless Joe Jackson played for the Chicago White Sox and played left field. He was also a major hitter. Actually, Babe Ruth claimed that he was inspired to hit like Shoeless Joe Jackson.



# Red Grange

- \* Harold Grange, or otherwise known as Red, Number 77, The Wheaton Iceman, or The Galloping Ghost was the most well known college football player of his time. He was a star halfback, averaging in about five touchdowns a game, just in high school! He was recruited by the best football coach in the nation, Bob Zuppke and later played at the University of Illinois. Grange was a true football star. He played in 237 games, carried the ball 2,013 times and averaged 8.1 yards per carry.





# Man O' War



- \* Man O' War is thought to be one of the most Thoroughbred racehorses of all time. His record was 20 out of 21. His owner was August Belmont Jr. Man O' War was named after Belmont's father. His wife thought it would be suitable to name the newborn horse after her husband that was fighting in the war, Man O' War. This horse was later sold to a man named Samuel D. Riddle for five thousand dollars.



# Gertrude Ederle



- \* Gertrude Ederle once said, “People said that women couldn’t swim in the channel, but I proved that they could.” As it turns out, she was the first woman to swim across the English Channel in 1926! It took her 14 hours and 30 minutes! She won 3 olympic medals in 1924, a gold for 4x100 m Freestyle Relay, a bronze for 100 m Free Style, and another bronze for the 400 m Freestyle.





# Jack Dempsey



- \* William Harrison “Jack” Dempsey was a great boxer. He held the world heavyweight title for 7 consecutive years. He was known as “face of boxing” because he was so popular. In fact, Dempsey made boxing popular as well, matches started being broadcasted on the radio as much as baseball, and everyone was tuning in to listen to the excitement. He was a very passionate and aggressive fighter in the ring. Dempsey’s career didn’t last forever though, in 1940 he retired from boxing with an exceptional record of 60-7-8 and 50 of these wins were knockouts!



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