

"Long Bob"



D.O.B.: 1896

D.O.D.: 1977

Cause of Death: Natural Causes

Location: Rose Hills Memorial Park; Garden of Prayer; Lot 5310; #1

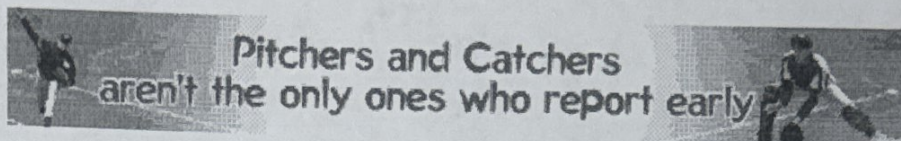


Biography:

He was a baseball player for the New York Yankees in the 1920's.

On the 1927 team he usually hit 6th behind Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. In that year his batting average was .337.





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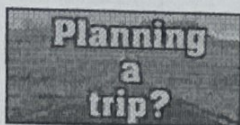
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Bob Meusel

Nickname(s): Long Bob, The Rifle
1896-1977

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OF-3B 1920-30 Yankees, Reds

- Led League in hr 25
- Led League in rbi 25

	Games	Average	HR	RBI
Career	1407	.309	156	1067
World Series	34	.225	1	17

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Though Bob Meusel had numbers superior to some Hall of Famers, he could have done even better, according to manager Miller Huggins and others, had it not been for his indifferent attitude. The younger brother of NL star Irish Meusel, Bob was a solid, all-around player, capable of hitting with power and for high average, and of stealing a base. Long Bob, at 6'3", was the tallest member of the great 1927 Yankees, a muscular outfielder with one of the strongest throwing arms in the game.

Meusel batted .313 or better in seven of his first eight seasons. He struck out a league-high 88 times in 1921, and was one of the all-time strikeout victims in [World Series](#) play (24). He became the first Yankee to win a HR title batting righthanded exclusively, with 33 in 1925, the year Babe Ruth missed 50 games after his "big bellyache." Meusel was also the 1925 AL RBI champ, with 138.

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When pals Meusel and Ruth took part in a 1921 barnstorming tour against the wishes of Commissioner Landis, both were suspended for the first 39 days of the 1922 season. Meusel was a grim, unpopular character. In 1924, bat in hand, he charged Detroit pitcher [King Cole](#) following a close pitch. The ensuing riot was called one of the worst in modern baseball history, and resulted in a forfeit and heavy fines for the participants.

Meusel led the Yankees in stolen bases five times, with a high of 26 in 1924. He stole second, third, and home in a May 16, 1927 game, and pilfered home twice in WS play. He and [Babe Herman](#) are the only players to hit for the cycle three times. On September 5, 1921, he tied a ML record with four outfield assists in one game. He ranks among the all-time Yankee leaders in doubles (338), triples (87), RBI (1,005), and batting average (.311). (ME)

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» **May 7th, 1921:** [Bob Meusel](#) of the Yankees hits for the cycle, and his triple with 2 on beats the Senators 6-5 in the 9th. Former president Wilson witnesses the exciting game in Washington.

» **September 5th, 1921:** In the Labor Day afternoon game at Boston, won by the Red Sox 8-2, the Yankees OF makes a record 5 assists, 4 by [Bob Meusel](#). Meusel, with one of the strongest arms in baseball, will lead the AL in assists in 1921 and 1922.

» **October 10th, 1921:** In game 5 an unearned run in the first is all the Giants can manage off [Waite Hoyt](#), despite 10 hits and a walk. A 1-1 game is decided in the 4th when Ruth surprises the Giants IF with a perfect bunt, then makes it home on Meusel's double off [Art Nehf](#). [Bob Meusel](#) scores on a sacrifice fly, and 3-1 is the result. The 35,758 spectators bring the players' pool to a record \$302,522.23.

» **October 16th, 1921:** In defiance of a Landis ban on WS participants playing post-season exhibitions, Ruth, [Bob Meusel](#), and P [Bill Piercy](#) launch a barnstorming tour in Buffalo. Five days later, they cut it short in Scranton. In the meantime Ruth openly challenges Landis to act. The judge does, fining the players their WS shares--\$3,362.26--and suspending them until May 20th of the following season.

» **August 5th, 1923:** Against the Browns, Ruth again bats righthanded. After the Babe hits his 26th and 27th HRs off of Ray Kolp, relief P [Elam Vangilder](#) takes no chances with Ruth and walks him intentionally in the 11th and again in the 13th inning. Ruth bats righty against Vangilder. [Bob Meusel](#)'s single wins the game 9-8.

» **June 13th, 1924:** The first-place Yankees come to Detroit with the Tigers close on their heels. New York leads 10-6 in the top of the ninth. [Bob Meusel](#) takes a pitch in his back, hurls his bat at P Bert Cole, and charges the mound. Players from both teams start swinging. Fans rush out of the stands, eager to mix it up with players, police, and each other. The fight goes on for nearly 30 minutes while umpire [Billy Evans](#), unable to clear the field, forfeits the game to New York. Cole and Meusel are suspended for 10 days; Meusel is fined \$100, and Cole and Ruth \$50 each.

» **October 4th, 1928:** The first game is a swift execution before 61,425 at New York. [Babe Ruth](#) has a single and double and scores twice, once on [Bob Meusel](#)'s 4th-inning HR, and [Lou Gehrig](#) is 2-for-4 with 2 RBI off Bill Sherdel (21-10). [Waite Hoyt](#) (23-7) sets the Cards down with 3 hits, one a solo HR by Bottomley in the 7th, for a 4-1 win.

» **September 12th, 1930:** Brooklyn C [Al Lopez](#) drives one over the head of Cincinnati LF [Bob Meusel](#), and the ball bounces into the bleachers at [Ebbets Field](#). It will be the ML's last recorded bounce HR, as the NL rules after the season that such a hit will henceforth be a double. The AL had made the change after the 1929 season.

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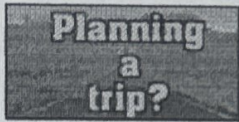
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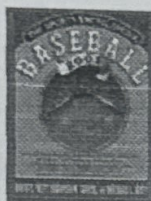
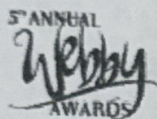
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New York owned the baseball world. If there was any doubt to the claim, the final standings of 1921 and 1922 could easily back it up. During both previous seasons, the Giants and Yankees had won their league flags, and 1923 seemed to pose no problem for either of the clubs. But when problems from without are not present, the strife seems to manifest from within. Such was the case when an overabundance of success or jealousy of others' good fortunes caused the Giants to inform Yankee owner Colonel Jacob Ruppert that his American Leaguers were no longer welcome tenants in the Polo Grounds.

This decision sent the Colonel out to build Yankee Stadium - a 62,000-seat palace within a mile of the National League park. With the most attractive stadium in the country, an exciting club, and a super drawing card in slugger Babe Ruth, the Yankees enjoyed a banner year at the gate and won a third consecutive American League pennant on the field. Although the Bambino swatted 41 homers into the friendly seats of the stadium, drove home 131 runs, and batted a robust .393, the Yankee long suits were pitching and defense. A trade with Boston brought lefty Herb Pennock into the starting rotation with Joe Bush, Sam Jones, Bob Shawkey, and Waite Hoyt to form the class hill staff of the loop. A solid infield cut off many opponent's runs, and the attack led by Ruth, Bob Meusel, and Wally Pipp provided enough Yankee runs for a final 16-game pennant margin.

Detroit and Cleveland, both possessors of .300 team batting averages, were the distant runner-ups to the New Yorkers. The Tigers fielded a Hall of Fame outfield in batting leader Harry Heilmann, manager Ty Cobb, and rookie Heinie Manush, while Tris Speaker both managed the Indians and

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provided the sock with his .380 batting average and 130 runs batted in. Both clubs, though, lacked the pitching to finish closer to the top. The fall of 1922's contending [St. Louis Browns](#) into the second division was insured by the eye ailment which sidelined star first-sacker [George Sisler](#) for the entire campaign.

With their hometown rivals unfurling a championship and new stadium, the Giants felt obligated to match the upstarts. To begin the promotional campaign, the Polo Grounds were embellished and enlarged to a capacity of 54,000 seats. To further woo spectators into their den, to Giants won their third straight championship in a close race with the [Cincinnati Reds](#). While no slugger on the order of Ruth graced the Jints' lineup, [Frankie Frisch](#) starred in his own manner with a .348 batting mark and blazing speed afield and on the bases. While [Ross Youngs](#) belted only three homers, he hit .336 and covered right field more gracefully than the Babe. [George Kelly](#) provided solid batting, and Giant [Irish Meusel](#) enjoyed a better year than brother Yankee Bob. [Dave Bancroft](#), as usual, played an air-tight shortstop, but his late-season bout with pneumonia gave rookie [Travis Jackson](#) an extended trial in his slot. The pitching staff flashed no aces, but enough numbers to get by, as [Jack Scott](#) and reliever [Rosie Ryan](#) led the staff with 16 victories apiece.

[Cincinnati](#) boasted of the loop's top pitching with 20-game winners [Dolf Luque](#), [Eppa Rixey](#), and [Pete Donohue](#), but lacked enough hitters like [Edd Roush](#) to overtake New York. Second-division clubs held the league batting stars, as [Rogers Hornsby](#) of the Cardinals won his fourth straight batting title, and [Cy Williams](#) the home run title to give his last-place [Philadelphia Phillies](#)' teammates something to cheer about.

For the third straight October, the World Series was played in New York, but this time in two parks. [Casey Stengel](#) won the opener in Yankee Stadium for the Giants with a ninth-inning inside-the-park home run and gave [Art Nehf](#) a 1-0 victory in game three with another circuit blast. But the Nationals won no other games, as the Yankees' attack found the Giants' pitchers easy marks. A six-game Series victory, spiced with three Ruth homers, marked the Yankees emergence from the underdog role in New York—a part which they had reluctantly held since their birth in 1903.

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Year	Ag	Tm	Lg	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG
1920	23	NYY	AL	119	460	75	151	40	7	11	83	4	4	20	72	.328	.359	.517
1921	24	NYY	AL	149	598	104	190	40	16	24	135	17	6	34	88	.318	.356	.559
1922	25	NYY	AL	121	473	61	151	26	11	16	84	13	8	40	58	.319	.376	.522
1923	26	NYY	AL	132	460	59	144	29	10	9	91	13	15	31	52	.313	.359	.478
1924	27	NYY	AL	143	579	93	188	40	11	12	120	26	14	32	43	.325	.365	.494
1925	28	NYY	AL	156	624	101	181	34	12	33	138	13	14	54	55	.290	.348	.542
1926	29	NYY	AL	108	413	73	130	22	3	12	81	16	17	37	32	.315	.373	.470
1927	30	NYY	AL	135	516	75	174	47	9	8	103	24	10	45	58	.337	.393	.510
1928	31	NYY	AL	131	518	77	154	45	5	11	113	6	9	39	56	.297	.349	.467
1929	32	NYY	AL	100	391	46	102	15	3	10	57	1	5	17	42	.261	.292	.391
1930	33	CIN	NL	113	443	62	128	30	8	10	62	9		26	63	.289	.330	.460
11 Seasons					5475		1693		95		1067		102		619	.309	.356	.497
					1407	826		368		156		142		375				
162 Game Avg.					630	95	194	42	10	17	122	16	11	43	71	.309	.356	.497
Career High					156	624	104	190	47	16	138	26	17	54	88	.337	.393	.559

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Year Ag Tm Lg Pos G PO A E DP FP lgFP RF lgRF

1920	23	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	64	116	10	7	3	.947	.964	1.97	2.19
				3B	45	34	75	13	3	.893	.947	2.42	3.46
				1B	2	12	0	0	3	1.000	.990	6.00	10.47
1921	24	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	147	253	28	20	8	.934	.959	1.91	2.23
1922	25	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	121	202	24	12	0	.950	.964	1.87	2.23
1923	26	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	121	206	17	11	2	.953	.965	1.84	2.29
1924	27	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	143	252	17	14	4	.951	.970	1.88	2.30
				3B	2	2	0	0	0	1.000	.952	1.00	3.05
1925	28	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	131	249	9	4	6	.985	.966	1.97	2.30
				3B	27	22	42	2	2	.970	.948	2.37	3.04
1926	29	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	107	211	4	9	1	.960	.967	2.01	2.28
1927	30	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	131	249	15	14	1	.950	.964	2.02	2.26
1928	31	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	131	259	16	7	6	.975	.975	2.10	2.24
1929	32	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	OF	96	206	9	7	2	.968	.966	2.24	2.30
1930	33	<u>CIN</u>	<u>NL</u>	OF	112	223	8	9	3	.962	.969	2.06	2.29
Position Total				OF	1304	2426	157	114	36	.958	.966	1.98	2.27
				3B	74	58	117	15	5	.921	.947	2.36	3.30
				1B	2	12	0	0	3	1.000	.990	6.00	10.45
Overall Total					1380	2496	274	129	44	.956	.965	2.01	2.33

Postseason Batting

Year	Round	Tm	Opp	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	SB
1921	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>NYG</u>	8	30	3	6	2	0	0	3	2	5	.200	.250	.267	1
1922	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>NYG</u>	5	20	2	6	1	0	0	2	1	3	.300	.333	.350	1
1923	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>NYG</u>	6	26	1	7	1	2	0	8	0	3	.269	.269	.462	0
1926	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>STL</u>	7	21	3	5	1	1	0	0	6	1	.238	.407	.381	0
1927	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>PIT</u>	4	17	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	.118	.167	.118	1
1928	WS	<u>NY</u>	<u>STL</u>	4	15	5	3	1	0	1	3	2	5	.200	.294	.467	2
6 World Series				34	129	15	29	6	3	1	17	12	24	.225	.291	.341	5

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Batting Average 1927-.337-9	Slugging % 1920-.517-7 1921-.558-6 1922-.522-9 1923-.478-9 1924-.494-10 1925-.542-9 1927-.510-9	OPS 1921-.915-8 1922-.898-9	Games 1925-156-1	At Bats 1921-598-10 1925-624-4	Runs 1921-104-10
Hits 1921-190-9	Total Bases 1921-334-3	Doubles 1920-40-4	Triples 1921-16-4	Home Runs 1920-11-7	RBI 1921-135-3

1924-188-9	1924-286-6 1925-338-2 1927-263-9	1921-40-5 1924-40-5 1927-47-5 1928-45-3	1922-11-10 1924-11-6 1925-12-7	1921-24-2 1922-16-6 1924-12-6 1925-33-1 1926-12-8	1923-91-9 1924-120-3 1925-138-1 1927-103-7 1928-113-3
Strikeouts 1920-72-4 1921-88-1 1922-58-6 1923-52-8 1924-43-10 1925-55-6 1927-58-4 1928-56-5 1930-63-7	Stolen Bases 1921-17-8 1924-26-2 1926-16-6 1927-24-2				

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Bob Meusel

Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6' 3"
 Weight: 190 lbs.
 Born: Jul 19, 1896 in -, California
 Died: Nov 28, 1977 in -, California
 College: None

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CAREER BATTING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	LG	AVG	BATTING												
				G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	OBP	SLG	
1920	NYA	AL	.328	119	460	75	151	40	7	11	83	20	72	.359	.517	
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Totals				AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	OBP	SLG
Totals				.309	1407	5475	826	1693	368	95	156	1067	375	619	.356	.497

YEAR	TEAM	LG	BATTING						BASERUNNING				MISC	
			HBP	GDP	TB	IBB	SH	SF	SB	CS	SB%	AB/HR	AB/K	
1920	NYA	AL	2	-	238	-	12	-	4	4	.500	41.8	6.4	
1921	NYA	AL	2	-	334	-	12	-	17	6	.739	24.9	6.8	
1922	NYA	AL	3	-	247	-	11	-	13	8	.619	29.6	8.2	
1923	NYA	AL	2	-	220	-	10	-	13	15	.464	51.1	8.8	
1924	NYA	AL	5	-	286	-	14	-	26	14	.650	48.3	13.5	
1925	NYA	AL	1	-	338	-	17	-	13	14	.481	18.9	11.3	
1926	NYA	AL	1	-	194	-	23	-	16	17	.485	34.4	12.9	
1927	NYA	AL	2	-	263	-	21	-	24	10	.706	64.5	8.9	
1928	NYA	AL	2	-	242	-	18	-	6	9	.400	47.1	9.3	
1929	NYA	AL	0	-	153	-	5	-	1	5	.167	39.1	9.3	
1930	Cin	NL	1	-	204	-	14	-	9	-	---	44.3	7.0	
Totals			HBP	GDP	TB	IBB	SH	SF	SB	CS	SB%	AB/HR	AB/K	
Totals			21	-	2719	-	157	-	142	102	.582	35.1	8.8	



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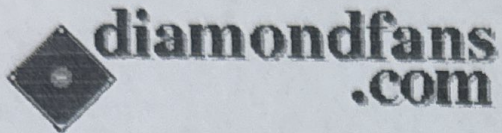
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**Player Profile:
Bob Meusel**

Name:	Robert William "Bob" Meusel
Outfielder; third baseman Right-handed batter	
Lived:	1896 - 1977
Career span:	1920 - 1930
Hall of Fame?	No
Primary teams:	New York Yankees
Best Year:	1925 - .290, 33 HR, 133 RBI (led league in HR and RBI)

Why he's important: Meusel was a member of the famed "Murderer's Row" of the great Yankee teams of the 1920s. On the 1927 team, often mentioned as the greatest ever, he usually hit sixth, behind Ruth & Gehrig. That year he batted .337, which was only good enough for fourth best on the team! Ironically, his greatest power year was 1925, when the Yankees turned in their worst performance of the decade, finishing next to last. He never hit more than a dozen home runs in a year after that, though he continued to hit for a good average and drive in runs. He was also a fine outfielder who was known for his strong throwing arm. His career was played in the shadow of Ruth and Gehrig, but "Long Bob" Meusel was an outstanding player in his own right.

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Cy Williams

**Outfielder, RH; Chicago Cubs 1912-1917;
 Philadelphia Phillies 1918-1930; Born: Wadena,
 Indiana 12/21/1887, Died: Eagle River, Wisconsin
 4/23/1974**

Fred 'Cy' Williams was a highly sought after college athlete, who excelled at Notre Dame in football, track and baseball. He was signed by the Chicago Cubs immediately after his graduation in 1912. After playing only part-time during his first three seasons, he powered 13 home runs in 1915; the next season his 12 homers tied for the National League lead. He was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1918 and blossomed into one of the top players in baseball.

An all-around athlete, 'Cy' Williams had speed, an excellent throwing arm and bulging muscles. With the introduction of the lively ball in 1920, he led the NL with 15 homers and racked up a .325 batting mark, the first of six years of hitting over .300. By 1923, he along with Babe Ruth was baseball's power-boy. In 1923, Williams' 41 homers tied him with Ruth for the ML lead. He won his fourth NL home run title with 30 in 1927 at the age of

39. When he retired after the 1930 season, his 251 career homers were the NL record for left-handed batters. 'Cy' Williams career: .292 BA, 1,981 hits, in 2002 Games, 306 Ds, 74 Ts, 251 Hrs, 1024 R, 1005 RBIs, a high .470 slg/pct, 690 Ws, and struck out only 721 times in 6,780 at bats.



Riggs Stephenson

**2nd baseman, Outfielder, Right-handed;
Cleveland Indians 1921-1925; Chicago Cubs
1926-1934**

Jackson Riggs Stephenson has the highest lifetime batting average (.336) of any eligible ballplayer not in baseball's Hall of Fame. He damaged his right shoulder while starring in football at the University of Alabama in 1918-1920, and was unable to field capably. His hitting, though was not impaired because of the football injury. He was signed by the Cleveland Indians directly from college and hit .330, .339, .319, and .371 in his first four years, while playing 2nd base. Unable to make the pivot on double plays due to his injured throwing arm, he was then converted to an outfielder.

Traded to the Chicago Cubs for the start of the 1926 season, Stephenson became one of the team's offensive stars. In 1927, he batted .344 with 46 two-base hits, scored 101 runs, and struck out only 28 times in 579 at bats. In 1929, he hit .362, 17 homers and drove in 110 runs to help the Cubs win the pennant. This team was the first outfield in NL history to have all three men with more than 100 RBIs each. He was also a main hitting force for the 1932 pennant winning Cubs and hit .444 in the World Series, which they lost to a New York Yankees' squad led by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Riggs Stephenson career: .336 BA, 1515 hits, 321 Ds, 54 Ts, 63 Hrs, .407 on-base-pct, 494 Ws, only 247 Ks in 4508 at

bats.



Bob Meusel

**Outfielder, Right-handed; New York Yankees
1920-1929; Cincinnati Reds 1930 Born: San
Jose, CA 7/19/1896**

'Long Bob' Meusel carried a .309 life-time batting average for perhaps the greatest team of all-time - the 1927 New York Yankees, and was a big part of their 'Murderers Row'. Although, he played only 11 seasons in the big leagues, he hit 40 or more doubles five times, captured a home run title, tied a ML record with four assists in one game, stole second, third and home in one game, and is one of only three players to hit for the cycle three times in his career.

The 6-3, 190 pound, nicknamed 'Long Bob' because of his long legs, stole 140 bases in his career. In 1924, he played right-field, smashed 24 homers, drove in 135 runs and helped the Yankees win their first-ever pennant. All-told, Meusel played on six Yankee pennant winners, 1921-1923, 1926-28. Bob Meusel Career: .309 BA, 1693 hits, 368 Ds, 95 Ts, 156 Hrs, 1067 RBIs, .497 slg/pct, .356 on-base-pct, in 1,407 Games, 5476 at-bats.
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George 'Boots' Grantham

**2nd Base & 1st Baseman, Bats LH, Throws RH;
Chicago Cubs 1922-24; Pittsburgh Pirates
1925-31; Cincinnati Reds 1932-33; N.Y. Giants 1934;
5-ft-10 inches, 170 pos. Born: Galena, Kansas
5/20/1900**

George 'Boots' Grantham played in the wrong era. In the today's game, he would have been a classic designated hitter; collecting a mega-bucks' big-league salary. He played 12-plus years, had eight consecutive over .300 seasons, and ended with a .302 career batting mark. But field, he could not - hence his nickname 'boots'. He made his big-league debut with the Chicago Cubs in 1923 as a 2nd baseman and committed 55 errors - 25 more than the next highest 2nd baseman, while finishing last in fielding pct. He also led the NL by fanning 92 times.

The next year, 1924, Grantham hit .306, led the NL again with 63 Ks and again led the league in errors, 48. After the season, he was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates and shifted to 1st base. He hit his career high in batting, .326, for the pennant winning Pirates but finished last in chances per/game, which he did again in 1926 when he batted .318. He was moved back to second base the following year, hit .305 and finished 7th in fielding/pct on another Pirate pennant winner. In 1930, he batted .324, along with 18 home runs, and 99 RBIs. Of course, he led all NL 2nd baseman with 35 errors. 'Boots' Grantham career: .302 BA, 1508 hits in 4989 Games, 912 Runs, 712 RBIs, 717 Ws, 526 Ks, .392 on-base-pct, 292 Ds, 93 Ts, 105 Hrs. 132 stolen bases in 185 attempts.

Yogi Berra's Comic Book

December 8, 1983 Baseballhistorian.com - Archive News - The American League announced that Cardiologist and former New York Yankee infielder, Dr. Robert Brown, has been elected as president of its league. Known as Bobby Brown during playing days, 1946-1954, his career batting average was .279. In four World Series with the Yankees, Brown hit .439.

While playing for the Yankees, Brown often studied for his medical exams in the Yankee clubhouse. Once while finishing a medical text, teammate Yogi Berra, who just finished reading a comic book asked Brown, "How did yours turn out?"

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