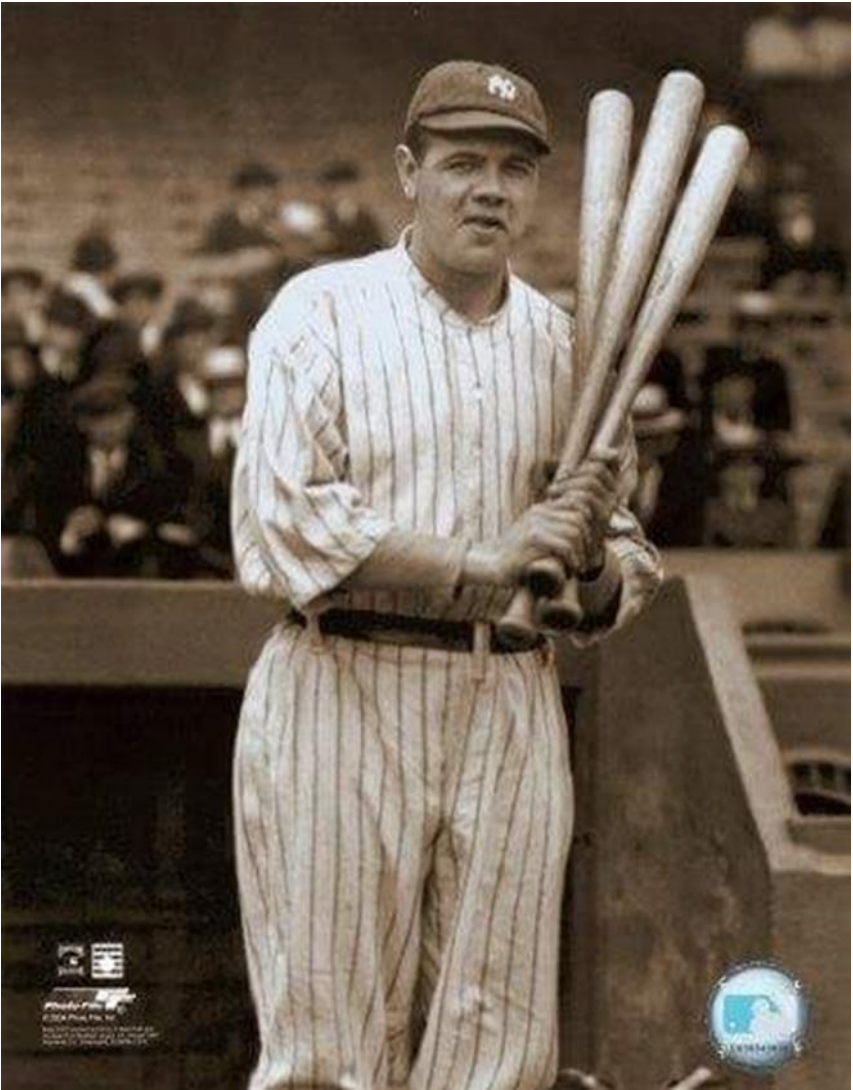
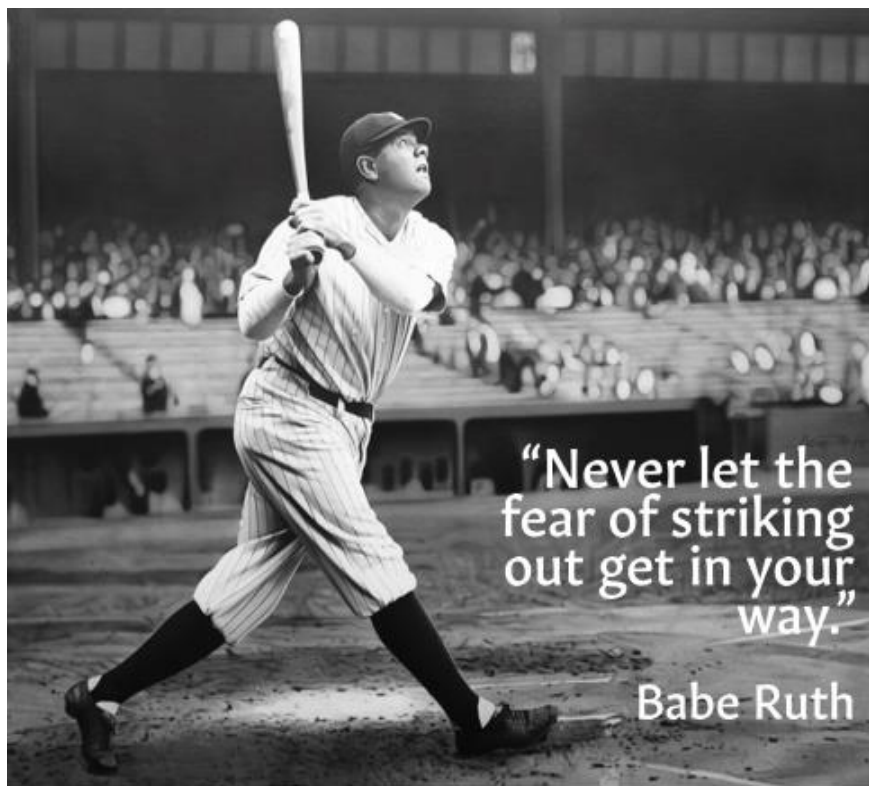


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On July 1, 1924, New York Yankee Babe Ruth, aka the “Sultan of Swat,” played in an exhibition game on this field. The “Babe” gave the fans a show - a double, a stolen base, and a home run out of right field. Today we will enjoy the national pastime cheering on the *Flemington Neshanock* and *Liberty Base Ball Club* in a 19th century game.

Events like today’s often start with one person’s vision and depend on the efforts of a team to make it happen. In 1994, Mayor Dick Mueller had the idea of a “Babe Ruth Day.” The Delanco Historic Board and Recreation Commission have revived this event with assistance from Delanco Public Works, Delanco Police, Washington Fire Company and many others. Paid advertising in this program guide allowed this event to be free and open to the public – thank you.

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“On This Field”

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Dedications

Dedicated to the glorious day, July 1, 1924 when legendary Babe Ruth came to Delanco to play an exhibition game... The biggest event in Delanco history before or since.

BABE RUTH MAKES CIRCUIT CLOUT, WINNING GAME FOR DELANCO NINE

DELANCO, July 2.—Babe Ruth broke up another ball game last night. The mighty Babe played with the Delanco nine of the Burlington County League against a team composed of the pick of the other teams in the same League and proceeded to smack the longest drive ever made on the local park which won the game for Delanco, 4 to 2.

The Sultan of Swat also connected for a two-bagger and fielded in the usual big league fashion. In the first inning the Babe batted third and got his double after two were out. He then stole third and scored on a single by Dietrich. On his second trip to the plate in the third frame, Babe lined to deep right where Gilbert was waiting for him. In the fifth with a man on second and the score tied, and with a count of three and two, the Bambino socked one of Jack Sweeneys over the fence and far away. In his final try in the seventh, Babe stopped an inshoot with his knee and received a free trip to first base.

Al Cooper, Trenton lad, pitched a steady game for the local team after having a bad first inning. He allowed but 6 hits and held the picked

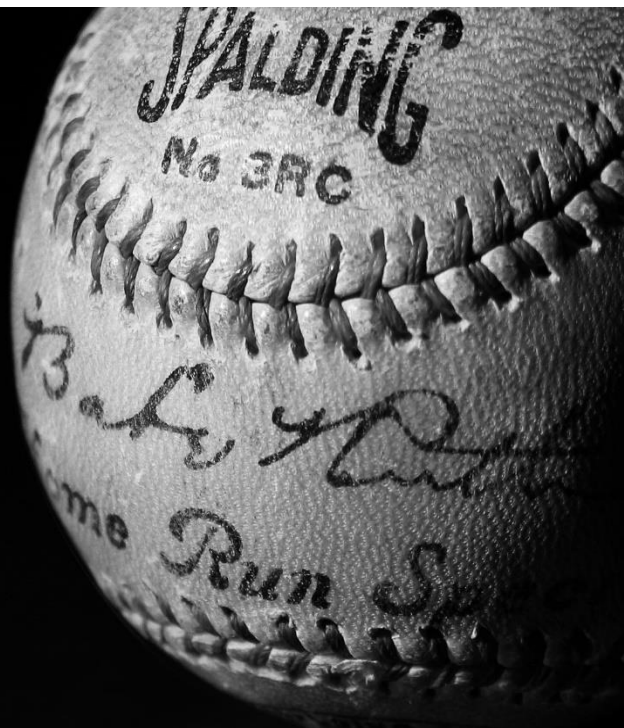
team scoreless after the first and thereby set the stage for the Big Bam to do his stuff.

The crowd at the game was the largest in the history of the local ball park and the game was a thriller from all standpoints. Following the game, Ruth was entertained by the Delanco A. A. for whose benefit the game was held.

Delanco						League Stars					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Hughes,3b	5	0	0	2	1	D.Foulks,3b	4	0	0	2	2
Horn,2b	4	1	3	5	1	Schele,2b	5	1	0	0	1
Ruth,1b	3	2	2	12	1	Frappoli,2b	1	0	0	1	1
Sholl,rf	4	0	0	2	0	Gilbert,rf	4	0	1	2	1
Dietrich,c	3	0	1	2	1	Koekh'dt,1b	3	0	2	7	6
Moore,cf	3	0	1	1	0	Nelson,lf	3	0	2	0	0
Hirnes,cf	1	0	0	0	0	J.Foulks,lf	1	0	0	1	0
Banks,lf	2	0	0	1	0	Gillam,ss	4	0	0	1	5
Kalbach,lf	2	0	0	1	0	Woolston,cf	3	0	0	1	0
Dunn,ss	2	0	0	6	4	Everham,cf	1	0	0	0	0
Erdie,ss	1	0	0	2	5	Cartwell,c	4	0	0	0	0
Cooper,p	4	1	1	1	4	Sweeney,p	5	1	1	0	5
						Lippincott,p	1	0	0	6	0
Totals	34	4	9	27	14	Totals	55	2	6	24	11
League Stars	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Delanco	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	x-4

Two-base hits—Horn, 3; Ruth, Cooper, Sweeney. Errors—Erdie, Bookholdt, Gillam. Home run—Ruth. Stolen bases—Ruth, Schele. Base on balls—Off Sweeney, 1; Cooper, 1. Struck out—By Sweeney, 8; Cooper, 2. Hit by pitcher—Sweeney (Ruth). Umpires—Campbell and Walker.

Dedicated also to the fond memory of our friend, Richard "Dick" Mueller, long-time resident of Delanco, former Mayor, founder of the Delanco Recreation Commission, founder of the modern Babe Ruth Day tradition. . . And lifelong fan of America's pastime, baseball.



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BABE RUTH GREETS OLD BASE BALL FAN



Joseph Himes, of Riverside, N.J. (reader's left), one of the town's oldest residents, is chatting with the Sultan of Swat at the Delanco – All Stars game yesterday. Mr. Himes is eighty-five years old and has followed sports all his life. Ruth played first base for Delanco and swatted a home run and a double. He was hit once. He sent home three of the runs which enabled Delanco to win, 4 to 2.



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Striker = Batter

Mascot = Batboy

The Garden = The Outfield

Muff = Error

Muckle = Power

Kicking = Complaining to the
Umpire

Inshoot = Screwball

Baseballist = Player

Muffin = Unskilled Player

Hand Down = Out

Timber = Bat

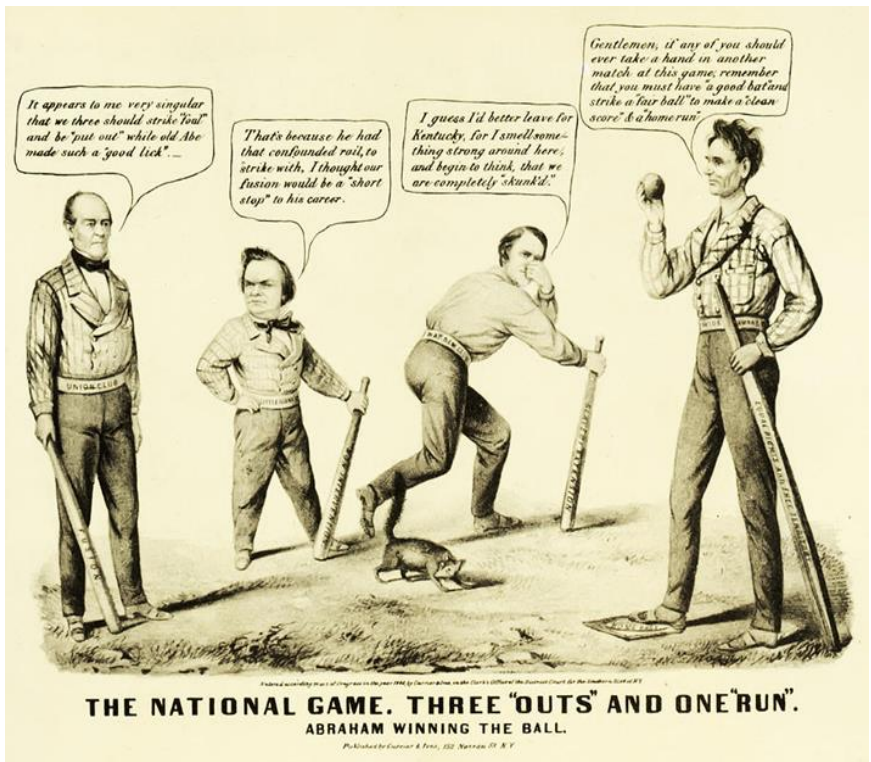
Jimjam = Wild Pitch

Sockdolager = A Long Hit

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19th Century Rules of the Game

Base Ball rules changed frequently in the 19th Century. The following are some examples:

They did not play nine innings until 1857. Before that, the winner was the first to 21 runs.

Gloves were not used until the late 1870s and were not common until the 1880's. 19th Century Base Ball teams almost always play barehanded.

Before 1865 an out could be made if the ball was caught before it touched the ground OR on the first bounce (called the Bound Game). A foul Ball was still an out if caught on one bounce until 1883.

Until 1876, a batted ball was fair or foul depending on where it hit the ground first. It did not have to stay fair past the bases.

Balls and strikes were not called before the early 1860's and then only at the discretion of the umpire. The early 1870s saw limits of three balls and three strikes and the batter could request where he wanted the ball to be pitched. In 1879, nine balls constituted a walk, in 1880 eight, in 1884 six, in 1887 five (and four strikes), and finally today's three strikes and four balls in 1889.

Pitchers could only deliver the ball below the waist until 1883. They pitched from a 3 x 6 pitching box, 45 feet away in the early 1860s. The pitching rubber was introduced in 1893. The pitching mound was probably used in the late 19th century, but was not formally in the rules until 1904.



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Casey at the Bat

by Ernest L. Thayer

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;
The score stood four to two with but one inning more to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;
They thought if only Casey could but get a whack at that--
We'd put up even money now with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,
And the former was a lulu and the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;
And when the dust had lifted, and the men saw what had occurred,
There was Johnnie safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley; It rattled in the dell;
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place;
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face.
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt;
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt.
Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,
Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped--
"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

From the benches black with people, there went up a muffled roar,
Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore.
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted someone on the stand;
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew;
But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said, "Strike two."

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered fraud;
But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed.
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clenched in hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow....

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
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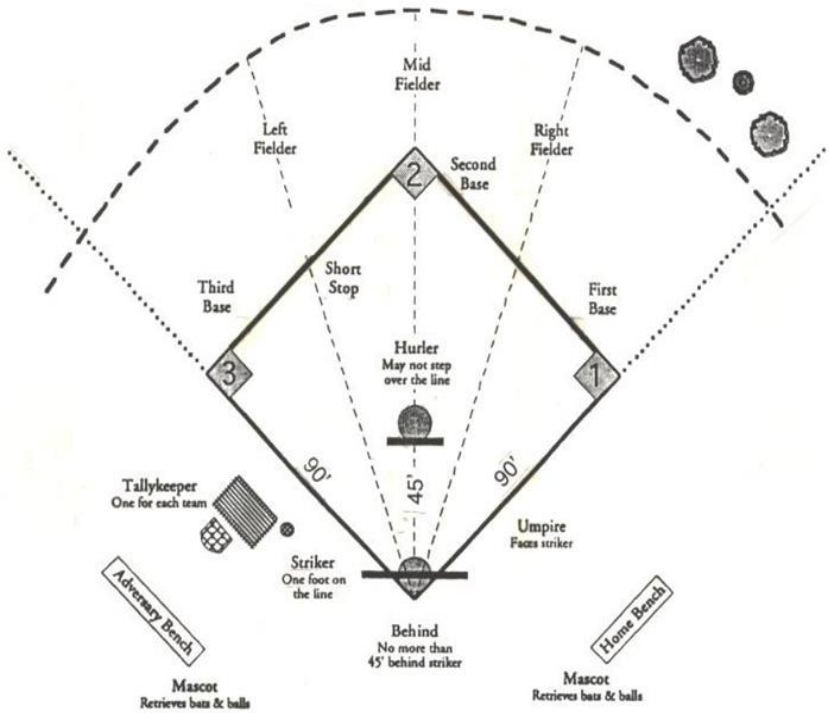
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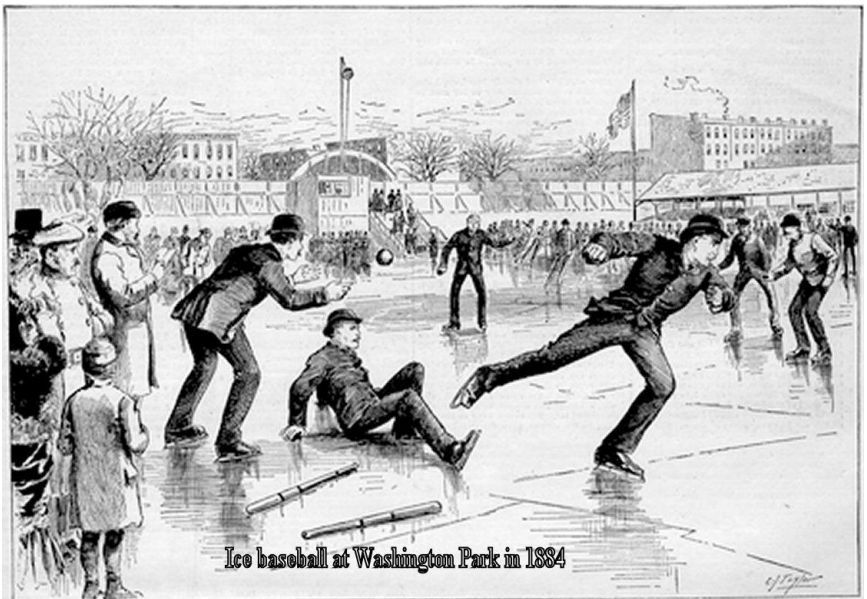
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What you need to know about Delanco

Our Town

Our town was established by local farmers on the site of Lenni Lenape hunting and fishing grounds at the confluence of what the Indians called the "Ancocas" Creek and the Delaware River. It was one of many camps in the watershed of the creek. Beginning in 1677, settlers were mainly English Quaker farmers and fishermen. Steam-boat service came to the Rancocas in 1824 and wharves were built. The railroad came through about 1834, and larger steamboats came to the upper Delaware in 1850. As a transportation hub, the area was ripe for development. Delanco became a postal zone in 1857. In 1859 Beverly Township divided from Wellingborough, and Delanco became independent in 1926. The first cart and pedestrian bridge on the Rancocas here was built in 1870. Trolley service arrived in 1901.

Delanco Land Company Development

1848

Land north of Burlington Avenue to the Delaware River was originally Perkins, then Heaton Farmland. It was purchased by the Delanco Land Company in 1848. Riverfront lots were laid out and sold. The company went to Sheriff's sale in 1855. Beginning in 1856 the riverfront lots attracted wealthy Philadelphia industrial families. Many of their summer residences remain, now as permanent homes.

Wilmerton's Delaranco Development

1855

Land south of Burlington Avenue to the railroad west of Walnut Street was farmland owned by Richard F. and Elizabeth Wilmerton. In 1848, 30 acres were sold to the Thomas Fletcher family for a vineyard and winery. The rest was surveyed for building lots in 1852, then chartered and developed as the village of Delaranco beginning in 1855. Land was set aside for a village green. We call this section Old Town. The Wilmerton family lived in a large home at Burlington and Rancocas Avenues, now part of Gateway Park. A number of hotels and summer boarding houses became established. Most of these homes were built for tradesmen drawn to town to work in the shipbuilding and shoemaking industries.

Main Street in Our Town

Before and After 1870

Union Avenue served as the main street from 1850 to 1870, running from the steamboat wharf on the Delaware River to the railroad station on the Rancocas Creek. There was no cart/pedestrian bridge over the Rancocas in Delanco until 1870. After the bridge was built, the town "turned 90 degrees." Burlington Avenue became the new main street and Old Town Delanco began to lose its importance for retail commerce.

JFK Democratic Club of Delanco

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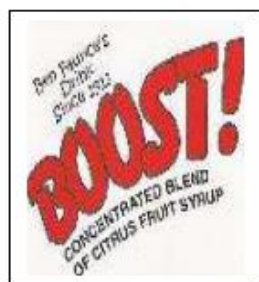
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The True Story Behind “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

Jack Norworth and Albert von Tilzer are a virtually unknown duo that wrote a song that has been sung by millions of people in dozens of cities across the United States. In fact, it is the third-most frequently sung tune Americans sing, behind only “Happy Birthday” and “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

That song is “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” and as everyone knows, it’s sung at every Major League Baseball game during the seventh-inning stretch. But just where did the song come from?

If you think it was written by an avid fan for his favorite team... and that in no time at all it became an everyday event at Major League Baseball games...you’re completely wrong. In fact, the man credited with writing the song had never been to a baseball game.

Here’s how one of our country’s most famous songs came about.

Inspiration for a song can be an important event, a romantic interest or something personally meaningful in the songwriter’s life. For 29-year-old songwriter Jack Norworth it was none of those—inspiration came from a billboard.

The year was 1908 and Jack Norworth was riding a subway in New York. Being a songwriter, he was always looking for ideas for his next tune. Glancing out the window as the subway rolled along, he saw a billboard announcing an upcoming event. The ad wasn’t for Cracker Jack. It wasn’t an ad for peanuts. It didn’t say, “Take someone out to a ballgame!”

It simply said, “Baseball Today—Polo Grounds.”

The Polo Grounds was the baseball park where the National League’s New York Giants played. Maybe on that day Jack Norworth imagined riding the subway all the way to the Polo Grounds and catching the game. Maybe he imagined the peanuts and blue sky and the good time he’d have rooting for the home team.

Inspired, Jack took out a scrap of paper and wrote out the lyrics for “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” Here are the complete lyrics to the song. (Notice that when you’re at a baseball game, you’re singing just eight lines of the song, the ones that make up the chorus):

The song was a major hit on the vaudeville circuit for many years, but wasn’t sung at a ballpark until 1934 - for a high school in Los Angeles. It was played later that year during the fourth game of the 1934 World Series.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Katie Casey was baseball mad,
Had the fever and had it bad.
Just to root for the home town crew,
Ev'ry sou
Katie blew.

On a Saturday, her young beau
Called to see if she'd like to go
To see a show, but Miss Kate said "No,
I'll tell you what you can do:

"Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
Just buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game."

Katie Casey saw all the games,
Knew the players by their first names.
Told the umpire he was wrong,
All along,
Good and strong.
When the score was just two to two,
Katie Casey knew what to do,
Just to cheer up the boys she knew,
She made the gang sing this song:

"Take me out to the ball game...."

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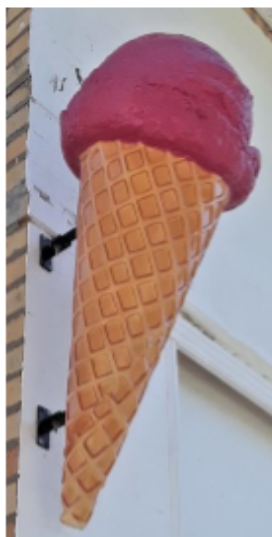


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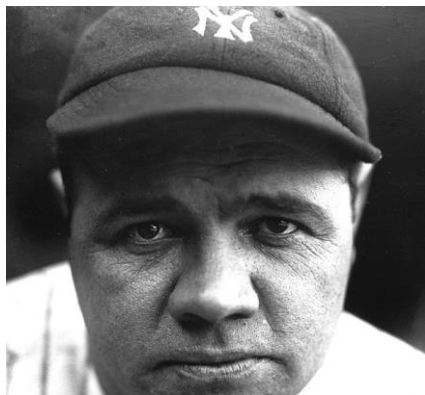


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Game Called by darkness — let the curtain fall.
No more remembered thunder sweeps the field.
No more the ancient echoes hear the call
To one who wore so well both sword and shield:
The Big Guy's left us with the night to face
And there is no one who can take his place.

Game Called — and silence settles on the plain.
Where is the crash of ash against the sphere?
Where is the mighty music, the refrain
That once brought joy to every waiting ear?
The Big Guy's left us lonely in the dark
Forever waiting for the flaming spark.

Game Called — what more is there for us to say?
How dull and drab the field looks to the eye
For one who ruled it in a golden day
Has waved his cap to bid us all good-bye.
The Big Guy's gone — by land or sea or foam
May the Great Umpire call him "safe at home."

--- Grantland Rice, August 16, 1948
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