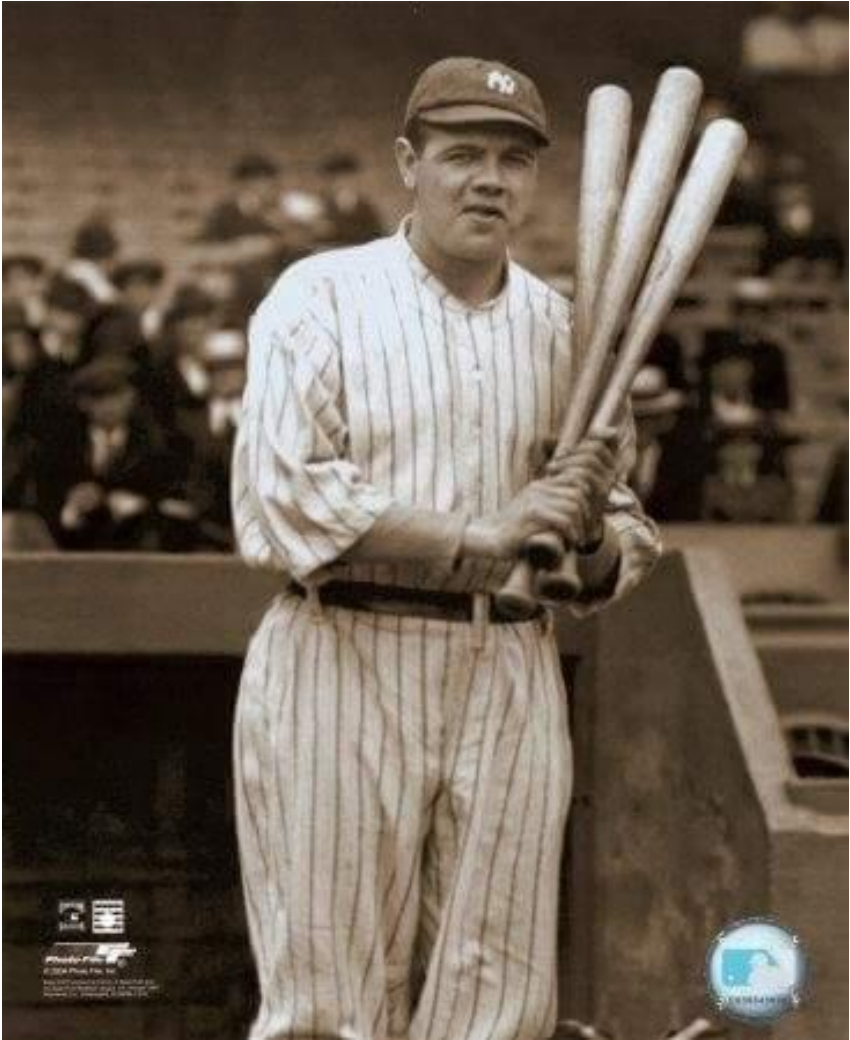
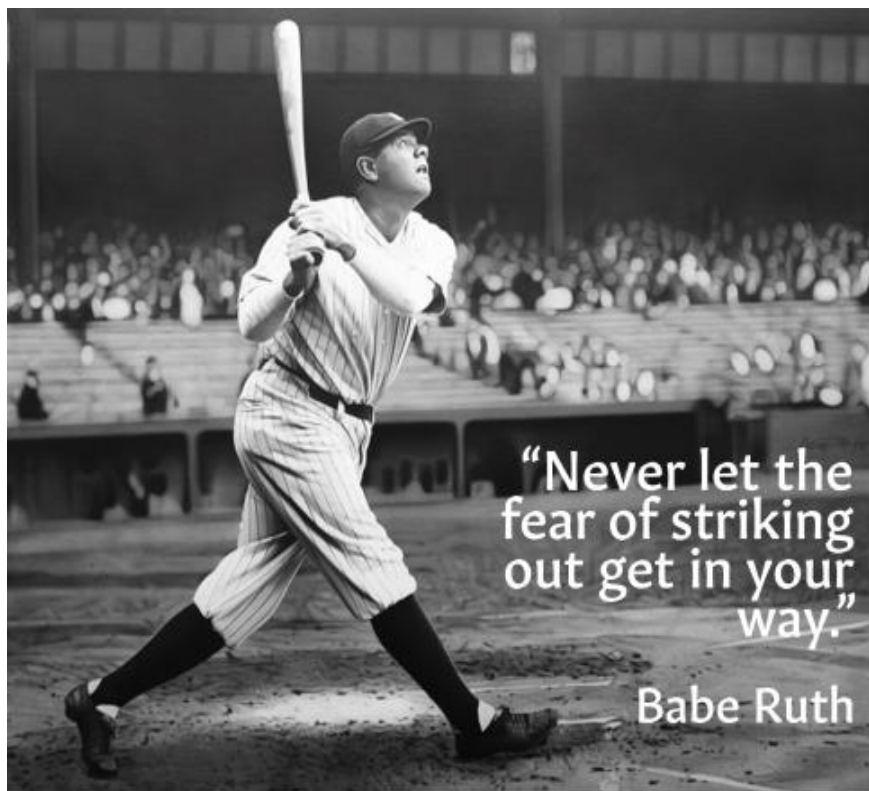


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Babe Ruth played an exhibition game on this very field, July 1, 1924. Babe Ruth Day was established by former Mayor Richard “Dick” Mueller in 1994. Dick’s passion for baseball informed Delanco’s youth sports. He was a founder of Delanco Recreation Commission in 1965 and started the Delanco Girls’ Softball league in 1973. Dick served as Mayor in the 1980’s. We honor Dick’s service today.

We love history in Delanco. Here at the confluence of the Rancocas and the Delaware, served by colonial ferries, C&A Railroad and steam ship lines, we became a hub of activity in the American Revolution, War of 1812, Underground Railroad, and Civil War. Delanco’s history was a major attraction when I located here in 1983.

Before you leave our lovely little town, please tour our treescaped Delaware riverfront where historic mansions line the broadwater. Sidetrack through our streets from Zurbrugg Mansion at the foot of Union Ave east to the train tracks at historic Rancocas Crossing.

Thanks to our volunteers on the committee: Delanco’s Recreation Commission, Police Department, Fire and EMS squads, Public Works crew, and especially the Historic Preservation Advisory Board. You are truly preserving a huge piece of Delanco’s History today.

Mayor John M. Browne

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Introduction of the players

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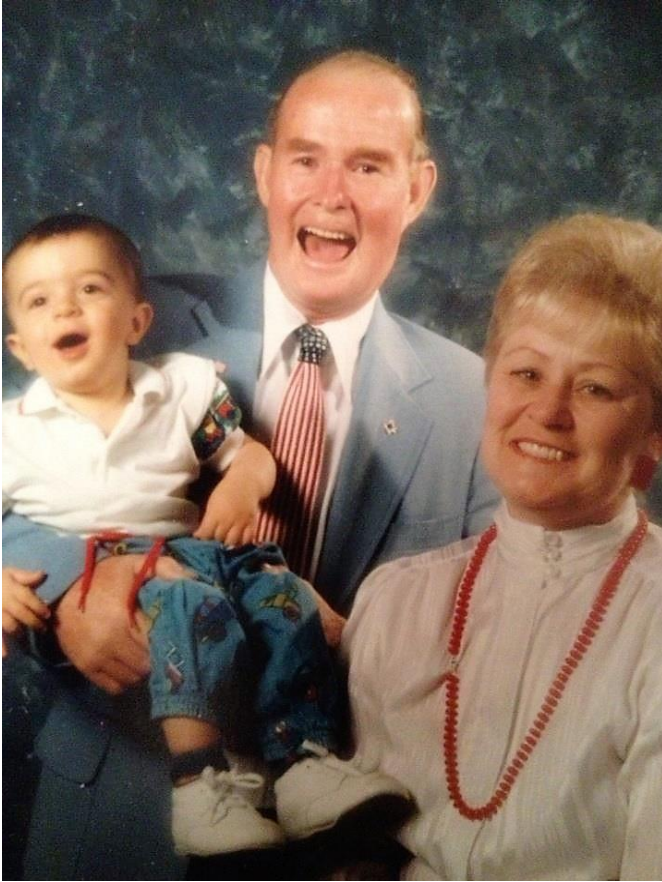
Babe Ruth was born in 1895 and left the St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore to play minor league baseball in 1914. A year later he began pitching for the Boston Red Sox, and in two World Series, he set a record for consecutive shutout innings. As a pitcher, he won 94 games and lost only 46 – but his bat turned him into a left fielder who could play and hit every day. From 1919 to 1921, he broke the home-run record each year. He led the league twelve times, hitting 40 and more home runs in eleven of his seasons, and in 1927 he hit 60. In his twenty-two years as a major leaguer, he had 2,873 hits, of which 714 were home runs. His average in ten World Series was .326.

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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.

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Horn, 2b	4	1	3	3	1		Schele, 2b	3	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		Rookholdt, 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	2	
Kalbach, lf	2	0	0	1	0		Woolton, 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	2		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	35	2	6	24	11	
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Two-base hits—Horn, 3; Ruth, Cooper, Sweeney. Errors—Erdie, Rookholdt, 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 memory of Richard "Dick" Mueller, long-time resident of Delanco, former Mayor, founder of the Delanco Recreation Commission, founder of Babe Ruth Day
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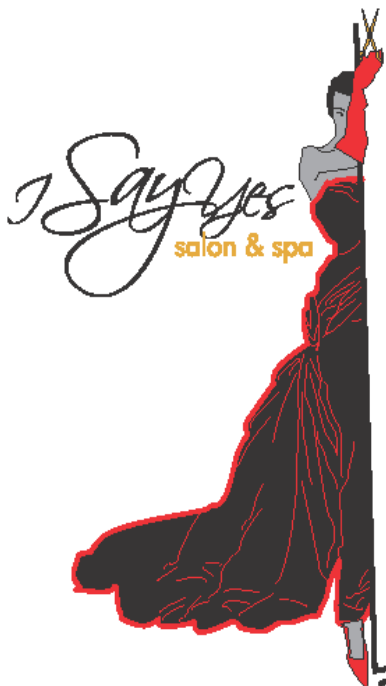
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Umpire: Sam “It Ain’t Nothin’ ‘til I Say” Bernstein

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19th Century Base Ball Terminology

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

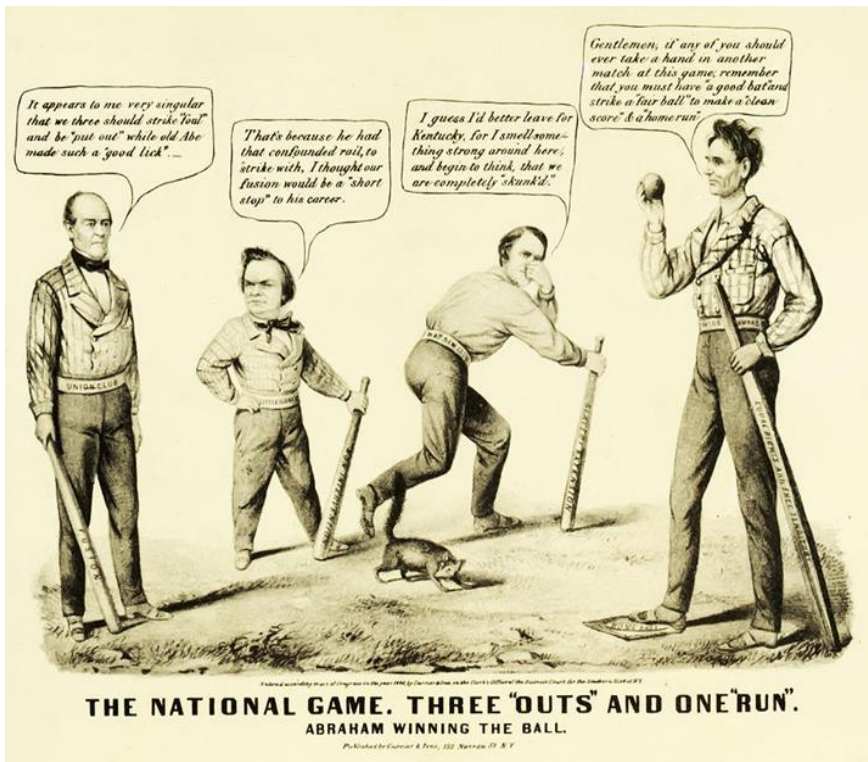
Jimjam = Wild Pitch

Sockdolager = A Long Hit

Ace = A Run

Outshoot = Curveball

Cake = Player of Little Skill



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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Source: Bob Kenney’s *150 Years of Progress*



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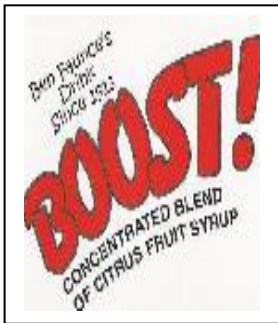
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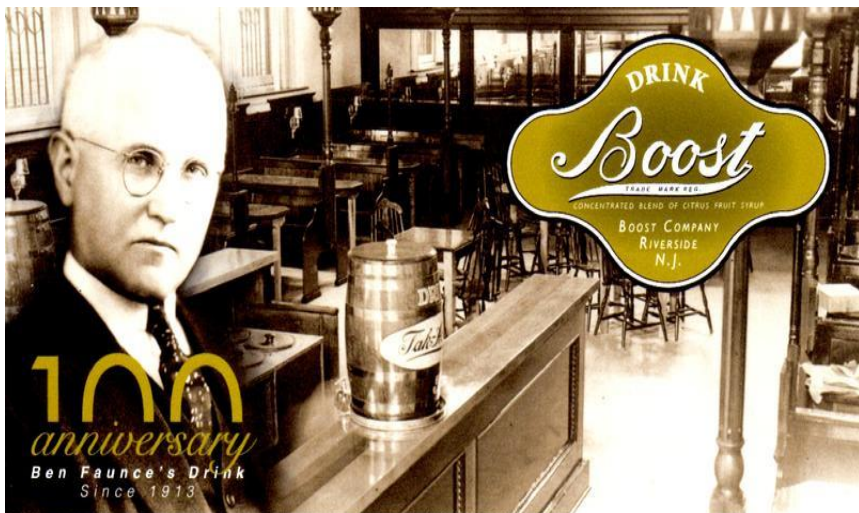


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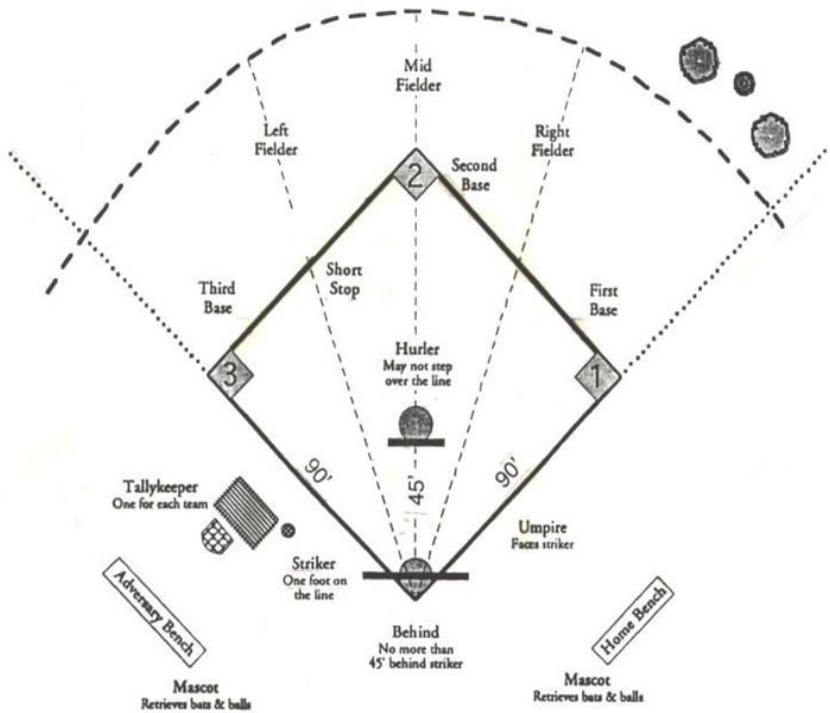
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Casey at the Bat

by Ernest L. Thayer

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;
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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 some one 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;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
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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

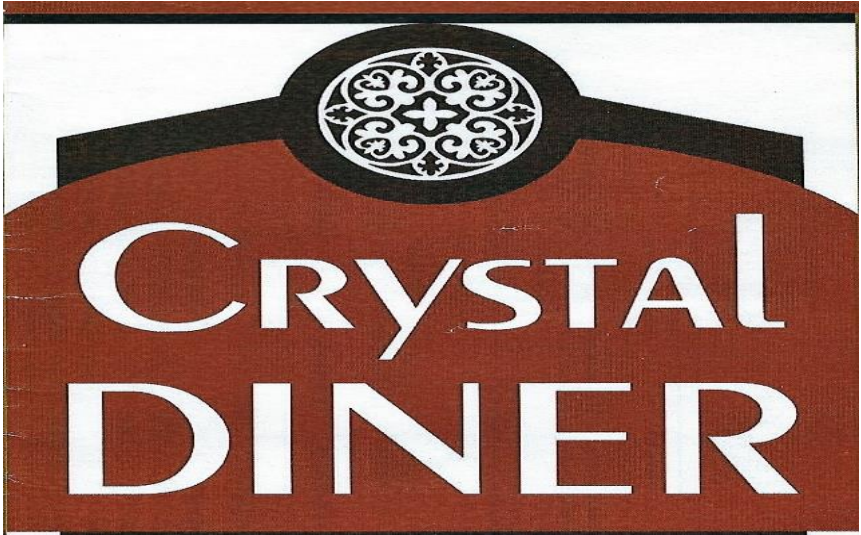
Katie Casey was baseball mad,
Had the fever and had it bad.
Just to root for the home town crew,
Ev'ry sou
Katie blew.

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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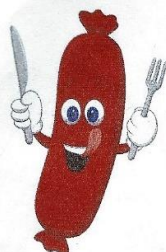
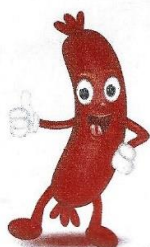
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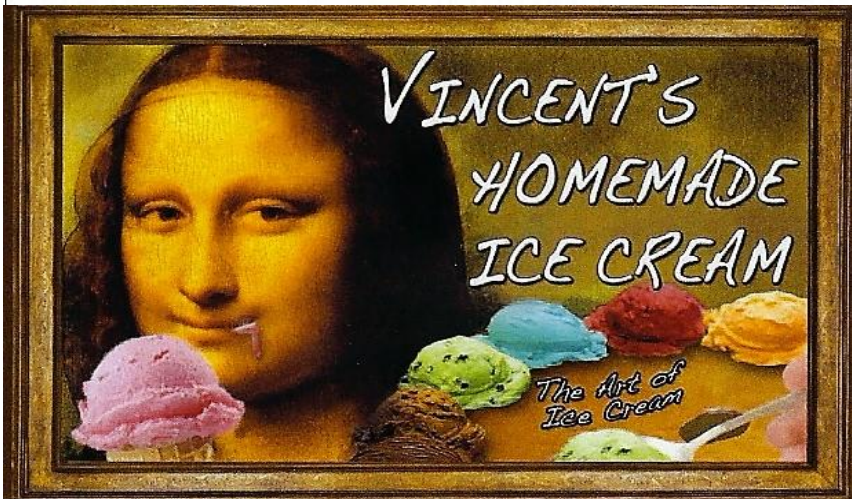
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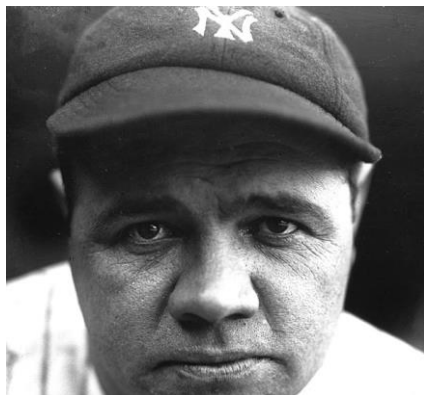
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GAME CALLED

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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