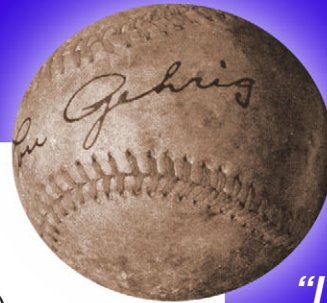


LOU GEHRIG

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1925** Joined the New York Yankees
- 1934** Won the Triple Crown (.363 B.A., 45 HRs, 147 RBIs)
- 1939** Consecutive streak of 2,130 games played ended
- 1939** Recognition day held to honor Gehrig on July 4th
- 1939** Elected to the Hall of Fame in December

Lou Gehrig's accomplishments on the field made him an authentic American hero, and his tragic early death made him a legend.

Gehrig became a New York Yankee in 1925. His consecutive-game streak didn't come easily. He played every game for more than 13 years despite a broken thumb, a broken toe and back spasms. Later in his career, Gehrig's hands were X-rayed and doctors were able to spot 17 different fractures that had "healed" while Gehrig continued to play.

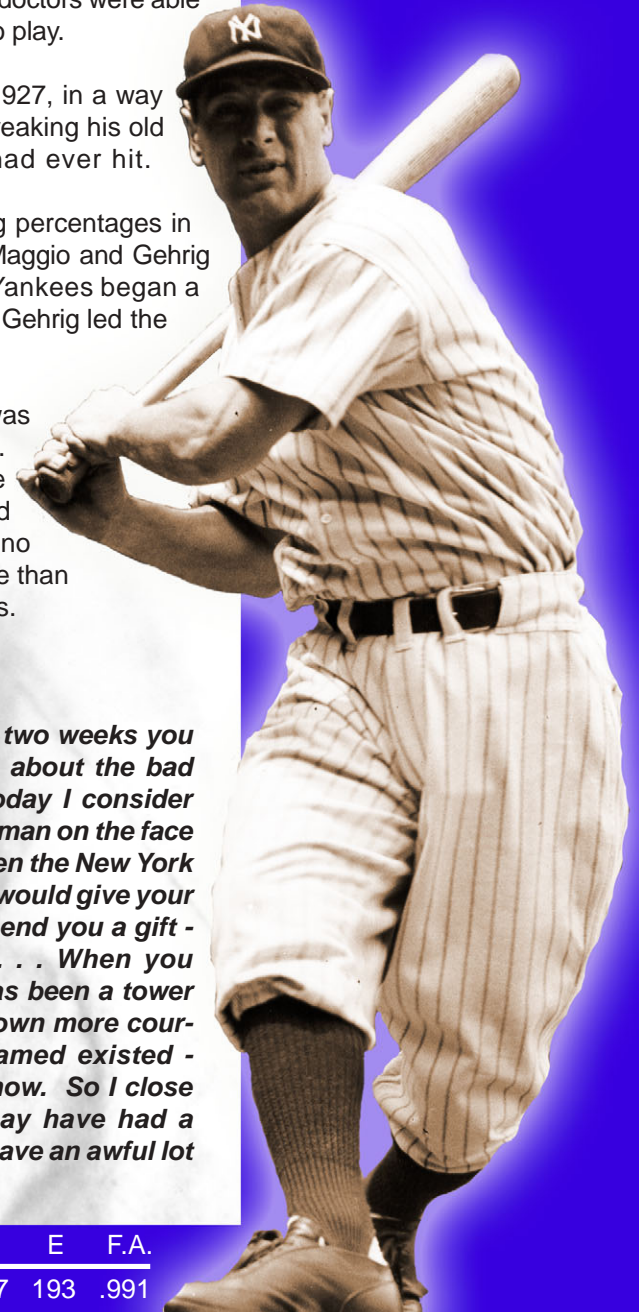
Babe Ruth and Gehrig began dominating the baseball headlines in 1927, in a way two players had never done before. That year Ruth hit 60 homers, breaking his old record of 59; Gehrig clouted 47, more than anyone other than Ruth had ever hit.

Gehrig led the American League in home runs, on-base and slugging percentages in 1936, as the Yankees recaptured the title. For the next two years, DiMaggio and Gehrig would dominate the league the way Gehrig and Ruth had, and the Yankees began a four-season dynasty that included winning four World Series. In 1936, Gehrig led the league in home runs and runs scored.

In 1938, Gehrig fell below .300 for the first time since 1925, and it was clear that there was something wrong. He lacked his usual strength. Gehrig played the first eight games of the 1939 season, but he managed only four hits. Doctors at the Mayo Clinic diagnosed Gehrig as having a very rare form of degenerative disease. There was no chance he would ever play baseball again. On July 4, 1939, with more than 62,000 fans in attendance, Gehrig spoke his immortal words of thanks.

"I would not have traded two minutes of the joy and the grief with that man for two decades of anything with another."

-- Lou Gehrig's wife, Eleanor



FAREWELL SPEECH

"Fans, for the past two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of this earth . . . When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, send you a gift - that's something . . . When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed - that's the finest I know. So I close in saying that I may have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for."



G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	B.A.	PO	A	E	F.A.
2,164	8,001	1,888	2,721	535	162	493	1,990	.340	19,511	1,087	193	.991