

A Schott From The Bleachers

Lou Gehrig

The Last Time Lou Gehrig's Name Appeared in a Baseball Box Score

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The following are excerpts from the Kansas City Times covering the game of Monday, June 12, 1939 – an exhibition contest at Kansas City. This was the last time Lou Gehrig's name appeared in a baseball box score.

“And all the Yankee notables performed at least for part of the game. The starting lineup found Joe DiMaggio playing in center, Bill Dickey behind the bat and Frank Crosetti at short. You even found the venerable Lou Gehrig, most popular of all the Yankees, at first base.

“Lou played by popular demand. He hadn't intended to play at all, but Lou is an obliging fellow and so he accommodated. After taking one turn at the bat in the second, when he grounded to Priddy, he retired in favor of Babe Dahlgren. But he had shown himself and the crowd roared to his name.

“Vance pushed a hit past the slow-moving Gehrig and McCullough scored.

“Lou Gehrig remained here and leaves this morning for the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., where the veteran intends to undergo a physical examination.

“Gehrig made his first appearance in a game since he dropped out of the Yankee line-up May 2. He was given a great hand when he came to bat in the third.”

At Kansas City, June 12, 1939

NEW YORK	AB	H	PO	A	KANSAS CITY	AB	H	PO	A
Frankie Crosetti, ss	2	1	1	3	Johnny Sturm, 1b	4	0	14	1
Bill Knickerbocker, ss	2	0	2	3	Phil Rizzuto, ss	4	0	1	4
Red Rolfe, 3b	4	1	1	1	Bill Matheson, lf	4	1	2	0
Tommy Henrich, rf	4	1	4	0	Vince DiMaggio, cf	3	1	1	0
Joe DiMaggio, cf	3	0	0	0	Jerry Priddy, 2b	4	1	3	9
Jake Powell, cf	1	0	2	0	Bud Metheny, rf	4	0	1	0
Bill Dickey, c	1	0	0	0	Bill Hitchcock, 3b	3	1	1	1
Buddy Rosar, c	3	1	3	1	Clyde McCullough, c	3	1	3	1
Charlie Keller, lf	4	2	2	0	Joe Vance, p	2	1	1	1
Joe Gordon, 2b	3	0	4	4	a – Jack Saltzgaver	1	0	0	0
Lou Gehrig, 1b	1	0	4	0	Frank Makosky, p	0	0	0	1
Babe Dahlgren, 1b	3	3	4	0					
Steve Sundra, p	4	0	0	3					
Totals	35	9	27	15	Totals	32	6	27	18

R – Crosetti, Rosar, Keller, Gordon, McCullough. RBI – Henrich, Vance, Dahlgren 2. 2B – Crosetti, Rosar, 3B – McCullough, Keller. SB – Hitchcock. DP – Rizzuto to Priddy to Sturm 2; Gordon to Knickerbocker to Dahlgren. BB – Off Sundra 2, Vance 1. SO – by Sundra 3, Vance 1, Makosky 1. HO – Vance 8 in 1; Makosky 1 in 0. Loser – Vance.

Umpires – Dunn and Bond.
Attendance – 23,864

	R	H	E	LOB
New York	1	0	0	0 1 0
Kansas City	0	0	1	0 0 0

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