

# A Schott From The Bleachers

## Babe Ruth's First Major League Home Run

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On Thursday, May 6, 1915, George Herman "Babe" Ruth hit the first of his 714 major league home runs. It came off a pitcher named Jack Warhop, and was belted at the Polo Grounds since the Yankees rented the site from the Giants for their home games. Here's the way the *New York Times* described Ruth's first homer:

*For Boston, the big left-handed pitcher, Babe Ruth, was all that a pitcher is supposed to be and some more. He put his team into the running in the third inning by smashing a mighty rap into the upper tier of the right field grandstand. Ruth was the first batsman to face Warhop in the third inning and with no apparent effort he slammed a home run into the grandstand.*

Here's the box score of the historic game played on May 6, 1915:

BOSTON							NEW YORK						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hooper, rf	5	0	0	1	1	0	Maisel, 3b	5	1	2	3	1	1
Wagner, 2b	5	0	3	4	2	1	Hartzell, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Speaker, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0	High, cf	6	1	3	4	2	0
Lewis, lf	6	1	3	2	0	0	Pipp, 1b	6	0	1	14	0	0
Hoblitzel, 1b	5	0	0	20	0	0	Cook, rf	5	2	2	2	0	0
Scott, ss	5	0	1	0	6	0	Peckinpaugh, ss	5	0	0	2	6	0
McNally, 3b	6	0	0	2	5	1	Boone, 2b	4	0	2	4	3	0
Carrigan, c	4	1	1	3	1	1	Nunnamaker, c	5	0	0	10	2	0
a - Henricksen	1	0	1	0	0	0	Warhop, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Thomas, c	0	0	0	2	0	0	b - Mullen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ruth, p	5	1	3	1	5	1	Piet, p	2	0	0	0	0	1
Totals							Totals						
	46	3	12	37	20	4		45	4	10	39	15	2

a - Batted for Carrigan in 11<sup>th</sup>

b - Batted for Warhop in 8<sup>th</sup>

Score by innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E	
Boston	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	=	3	12	4
New York	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	=	4	10	2

Summary: 2-base hits – Carrigan, Lewis, Scott, Boone. Home Run – Ruth. Stolen Bases – Cook 2, Maisel, Hooper, Hartzell, Hoblitzel. Double Play – Peckinpaugh to Pipp. Sacrifices – Speaker, Hartzell, Hoblitzel. Left on Bases – New York 9, Boston 10. Bases on Balls – off Warhop 4, Ruth 3. Struck Out – by Warhop 1, Piet 6, Ruth 3. Hits – off Warhop 10 in 8, Piet 2 in 5. Hit By Pitcher – by Ruth (Cook). Wild Pitch – Ruth.

Umpires – Evans and Mullaney. Time of Game: 2 hours, 35 minutes.

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