

On This Date

February 27, 1902

Born on February 27, 1902, in Luray, Missouri, **Roy Hutson** is hitting .357 for the Topeka Senators of the Southwestern (D) League when the National League's Brooklyn Robins purchase his contract on August 18, 1925, for \$2,500.

Hutson has an unexpected fan in Dale Gear, the President of the Southwestern League and a former major league pitcher, who opines that the "broad-shouldered" outfielder is a better player in his first year of professional baseball than future Hall of Famer Zack Wheat was when he entered the majors as a 21-year-old in 1909.

An excellent lead-off man, he also has the reputation of being the fastest man in the Southwestern League. At the time of his signing, Hutson has 146 hits in 403 times at bat. He is leading the league in stolen bases with 83 and runs scored with 116 in 111 games. Able to hit with power to any field, 14 of his 146 hits are home runs.

In seven late-season games with the sixth-place Robins, the left-handed hitting Hutson hits an even .500 with four singles and an RBI in eight at bats. On September 26, in his only major league start, he is 2-for-3 with a sacrifice bunt in the leadoff spot as Brooklyn ends a 12-game losing streak with a 4-1 road win at Cincinnati.

A two-sport star at Warrensburg (Mo.) Normal College, now Central Missouri University, he also stars in basketball, where as a junior in 1925 he earns honorable mention honors on the mythical All-America team as a forward and plays in the National AAU Tournament at Kansas City.



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1925 Topeka Senators