

# September 24, 1932

## Social Registerite debut...

New York Yankee rookie Charles Devens, a Harvard graduate and a Boston social registerite, pitches a six-hit, 8-2 complete game victory against the Boston Red Sox in his major league debut ... Devens strikes out four and walks five in the Yankees' next-to-last game of the season.

A star pitcher for Harvard, Devens attracts the attention of major league scouts after pitching two no-hit games against arch-rival Yale ... on June 29, Devens signs with the Yankees for a \$10,000 bonus and a \$5,000 contract for the remainder of the season.

In three seasons (1932-1934) for the Yankees, Devens is 5-3

### Yankees Win With Devens On Mound

BOSTON, Mass., Saturday, Sept. 24.—Charlie Devens, former Harvard University hurler, made his big league debut here today and held the Boston Red Sox to six hits, the New York Yankees winning, 8 to 2.

Lou Gehrig hit a home run in the fifth with two on and Babe Ruth hit one in the ninth with the bases empty. Ruth's home run was his forty-first, Gehrig's his thirty-fourth.

New York—					Boston—				
	AB	H	O	A		AB	H	O	A
Combs, cf.	5	1	4	0	Spogrdl, 2b	5	1	2	2
Sewell, 3b	4	1	1	2	Oliver, cf.	4	1	1	0
Ruth, lf.	3	1	1	0	Johnson, lf.	4	0	1	0
Hoag, lf.	0	0	0	0	Alexndr, 1b	2	3	12	1
Gehrig, 1b	2	2	2	0	Stumpf, rf	2	0	4	0
Lary, 1b.	2	0	2	0	Pickring, 3b	2	0	1	2
Lazzeri, 2b	2	1	4	1	Warstler, ss	3	1	4	4
Farrell, 2b	2	1	2	1	Fate, c...	3	0	2	1
Dickey, c	4	1	2	0	Galgher, p	1	0	0	0
Jorgens, c	0	0	2	0	Welch ..	1	0	0	0
Byrd, rf.	4	1	4	0	Boerner, p	0	0	0	0
Crossetti, ss	2	0	2	5	Jolley...	1	0	0	0
Devens, p.	2	0	0	1	Michaels, p	0	0	0	2
					Oison...	1	0	0	0

Totals... 32 9 27 16 Totals... 30 6 27 13

\*Batted for Gallagher in fifth.

†Batted for Boerner in sixth.

‡Batted for Michaels in ninth.

New York ..... 010 150 001—8  
Boston ..... 000 002 000—2

Summary: Runs—New York 8 (Combs, Ruth 2, Gehrig 2, Byrd, Crossetti); Boston 2 (Alexander, Stumpf). No errors. Two-base hits—Lazzeri, Byrd. Home runs—Gehrig, Ruth. Bases on balls—Off Devens 7, Gallagher 6, Michaels 2. Struck out—By Devens 4.

### Back to Clubs from Majors

#### Lovely Gal May Make Charlie Devens Re-sign from Diamond

Boston, Nov. 8 (AP).—Some frosty morning in the not too distant future, the mail basket of Ed Barrow, business manager of the New York Yankees will probably contain a letter stating that Charlie "Hasty Pudding" Devens, his "broad-A" enunciating pitcher, has decided to re-sign from professional baseball and resume his place in Boston society.

For the word is going about the clubs, not only the ultra Hasty Pudding but also the Tennis and Racquet, that Charlie's fiancée, granddaughter of a Massachusetts governor, and her blue-blood connections frown upon his present methods of earning a living.

During a recent society wedding, where Charlie was an usher, friends of this ball-playing product of Groton and Harvard backed him and his bride-to-be in a corner and teased her into stating that "Charlie will get into banking after we are married."

Their ceremony has been assigned to an early December date on Boston's social calendar, but, according to reports from State street, Charlie has lost no time plunging into banking. The financial district scouts have it that Charlie has already started in one of the mightier banking institutions that specializes in Harvard men. And to show that Devens is astute in a financial way, consider his original Yankee contract.

Just to get the signature of this Boston scion cost the Yankees 10 thousand dollars. Charlie got five thousand dollars more in salary and a five thousand-dollar world series cut pulled his income for three months up to 20 thousand dollars. In addition, the Yankees had to keep Devens with them, in comparative idleness, all season for his first-year contract forbade his removal to a farm.

with a 3.75 ERA in 82 innings pitched ... Devens leaves baseball after the 1934 season when his fiancée's father reportedly tells him that he does not want a baseball player for a son-in-law.



Charlie Devens  
1932 New York Yankees

Serving in the Navy during World War II, Devens is a flight deck officer on the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid when it comes under attack by the Japanese on November 25, 1944 ... Devens, whose great uncle is Union Civil War hero General Charles Devens, is awarded the Bronze Star for his actions during the attack and subsequent damage control efforts.

The last living New York Yankee from Babe Ruth's final championship season of 1932, Devens passes away on August 13, 2003, in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 93.