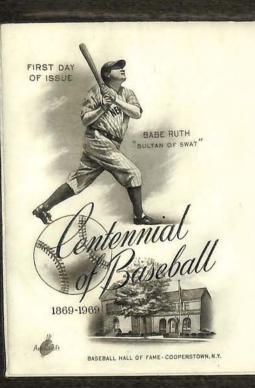






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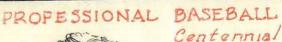
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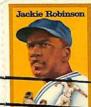
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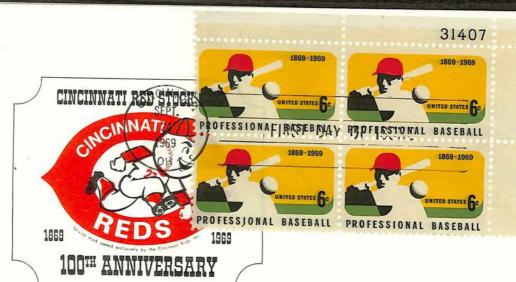


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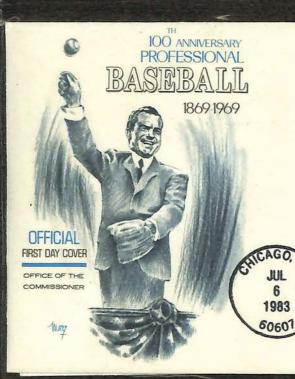


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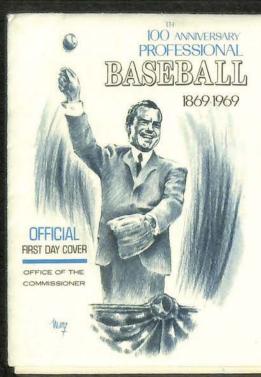
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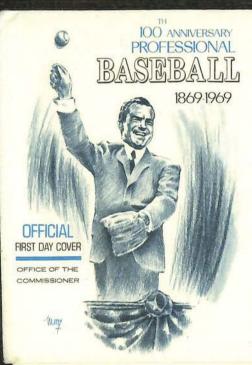






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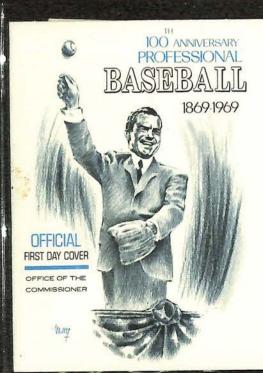




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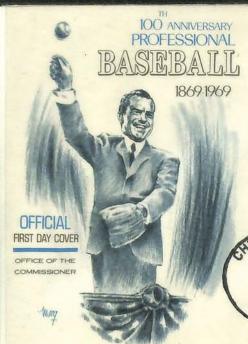
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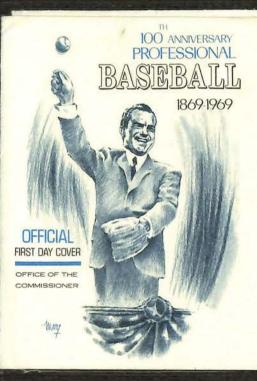
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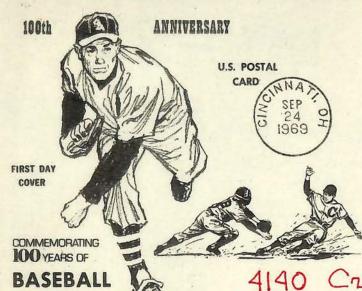
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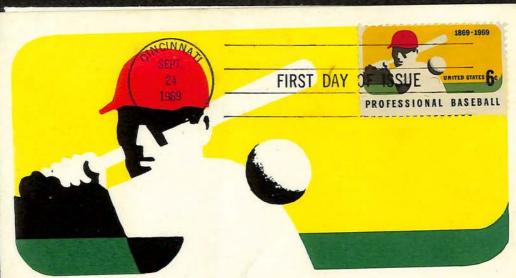
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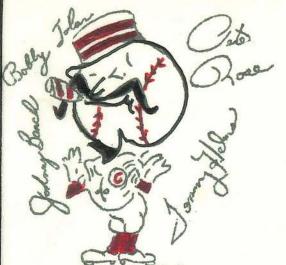


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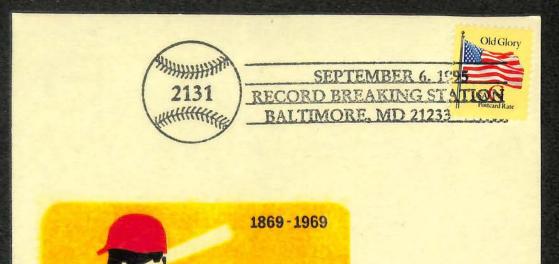
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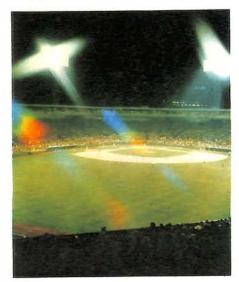




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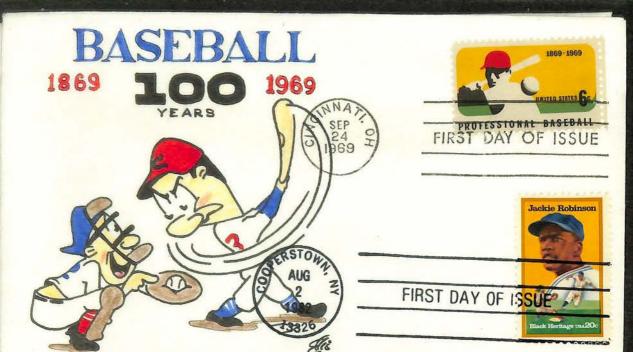
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Cooperstown, New York, was the so-called birthplace of a game called base-ball in 1839 when Abner Doubleday reorganized the game and put it on the road to become the sport which is known today. A native New Yorker, Doubleday was born in Ballston Spa, graduated from West Point in 1842, fought in the Mexican War and at Gettysburg in the Civil War, where he distinguished himself.

Baseball has been known for years as the national game in the United States although it is extremely popular in many Latin American countries as well as in the Far East. In action, the game is played between two teams staffed with nine men on each side. The field is in the form of a diamond with ninety feet between each of the four bases. The pitcher really starts the game when he throws the ball something over sixty feet to the catcher. The batter attempts to connect with the ball and thus reach first base and eventually travel around the bases to safely reach home plate. Teams bat until there are three outs and an inning is completed when each team has made three outs. Generally the game lasts for nine innings although rules are in the book to alter this when certain circumstances prevail.

The year 1969 represents the centenary of professional baseball. It was in Cincinnati in 1869 that players of the Red Stockings became the first to work for salaries which ranged from \$800 to \$1400 a year. By 1867 the National Association of Baseball Players consisted of 237 clubs. The National League was established in 1876 and the American League in 1903. To list baseball's immortals would be a gigantic task, but high on such a list would be Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner and Connie Mack.

Professional baseball today is divided up into many leagues. Play starts in the spring following training camp workouts. The major leagues end the season in autumn with the World Series to decide the nation's top team. To help celebrate the one hundredth birthday of professional baseball the U. S. Post Office Department issued a commemorative stamp on September 24, 1969, with the first day sale at Cincinnati, Ohio.





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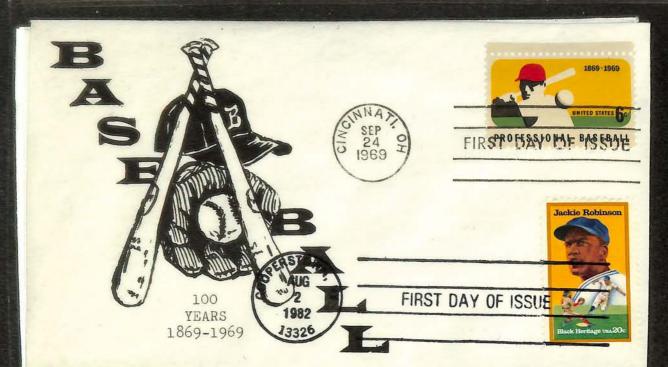
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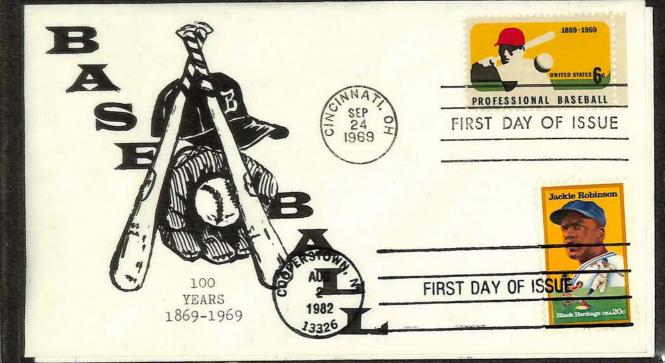
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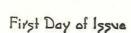


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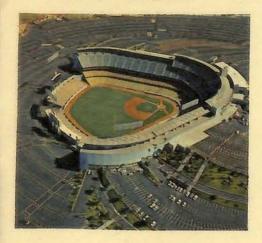






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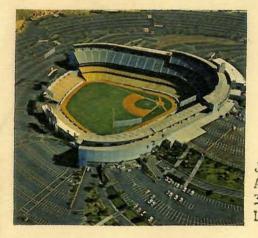


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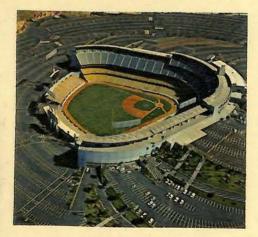
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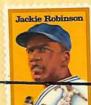
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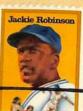


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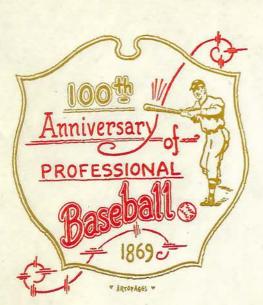
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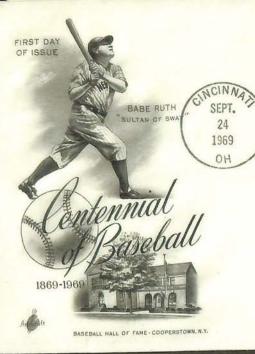




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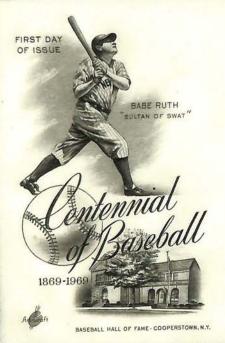
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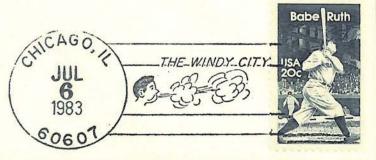
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It was in Cincinnati, in 1869, that players of the Red Stockings became the first to work for salaries.

Alexander Joy Cartwright was the father of modern baseball introducing a diagram showing where the nine players were to stand as well as the umpire and scorer. He was made Mason in Lodge Le Progress de L'Oceanie, Hawaii; later charter member Hawaiian Lodge No. 21.

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