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Babe Ruth's AL RBI Record

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RESEARCH PROCEDURE – ascertain complete R/RBI details for each and every game Ruth played.

- (1) Compare RBI stats in unproofed Retrosheet PBPs with RBI stats in official DBD records.
- (2) Get RBI stats from newspaper accounts for games with no Retrosheet PBPs and compare with RBI stats in official DBD records.
- (3) Resolve RBI discrepancies via multiple newspaper accounts.
- (4) Report findings – RBI-Errors and Corrections

Babe Ruth's RBI Record – 1914-1919

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fewest</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1914	0	2	2	→ 0
1915	20	21	21	→ 20
1916	15	16	15	→ 16
1917	10	12	12	→ 14
1918	64	66	66	→ 61
1919	112	114	114	→ 113
TOTAL	221	231	230	→ 224

RBI Errors in Official Records for Yankees 1920-1924

<u>Year</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>G (Ruth)</u>
1920	29	11	4
1921	28	15	4
1922	31	16	6
1923	25	14	8
1924	28	13	3

Babe Ruth's RBI Record – 1920-1924

Year	<u>Fewest</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1920	136	137	137	→ 135
1921	170	171	171	→ 168
1922	96	99	99	→ 96
1923	130	131	131	→ 130
1924	121	121	121	→ 124
TOTAL	653	659	659	→ 653

RBI Errors in Official Records for Yankees 1925-1929

<u>Year</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>G (Ruth)</u>
1925	17	13	1
1926	32	16	10
1927	7	10	1
1928	20	14	6
1929	13	11	0

Babe Ruth's RBI Record – 1925-1929

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fewest</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1925	66	66	66	➔ 67
1926	145	155	146	➔ 153
1927	164	164	164	➔ 165
1928	142	142	142	➔ 146
1929	154	154	154	154
TOTAL	671	681	672	➔ 685

RBI Errors in Official Records for Yankees 1930-1934

<u>Year</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>G (Ruth)</u>
1930	16	9	0
1931	15	12	1
1932	5	6	0
1933	13	11	1
1934	5	7	0

Babe Ruth's RBI Record – 1930-1934

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fewest</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1930	153	153	153	153
1931	163	163	163	→ 162
1932	137	137	137	137
1933	103	103	103	→ 104
1934	84	84	84	84
TOTAL	640	640	640	• 640

Babe Ruth's RBI Record – 1914-1934

<u>Years</u>	<u>DBD</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1914-19	-----	230	→ 224
1920-24	654	659	→ 653
1925-29	681	672	→ 685
1930-34	640	640	• 640
1914-1934	(1975)	2201	→ 2202

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<u>Year</u>	<u>DBD</u>	<u>SABR</u>	<u>Elias</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1919	---	114	---	➔ 113
1920	137	137	136	➔ 135
1921	170	171	171	➔ 168
1923	130	131	131	➔ 130
1926	155	146	151	➔ 153
1928	142	142	---	➔ (146)

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CONCLUSIONS:

- **Corrected 45 RBI-Errors in Ruth's record.**
- **Achieved more accurate RBI record for Ruth.**
- **BUT, R/RBI details still needed for 22 games – 100% agreement between boxscores and DBD.**

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