Line-Up For Yesterday

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A is for Alex The great Alexander; More Goose eggs he pitched Than a popular gander.

B is for Bresnahan Back of the plate; The Cubs were his love, and McGraw his hate.

C is for Cobb, Who grew spikes and not corn, And made all the basemen Wish they weren't born.

D is for Dean, The grammatical Diz, When they asked, Who's the tops? Said correctly, I is.

> **E** is for Evers, His jaw in advance; Never afraid To Tinker with Chance.

F is for Fordham And Frankie and Frisch; I wish he were back With the Giants, I wish.

G is for Gehrig, The Pride of the Stadium; His record pure gold, His courage, pure radium.

H is for Hornsby; When pitching to Rog, The pitcher would pitch, Then the pitcher would dodge.

l is for Me, Not a hard-hitting man, But an outstanding all-time Incurable fan. J is for Johnson The Big Train in his prime Was so fast he could throw Three strikes at a time.

K is for Keeler, As fresh as green paint, The fastest and mostest To hit where they ain't.

L is for Lajoie Whom Clevelanders love, Napolean himself, With glue in his glove.

M is for Matty, Who carried a charm In the form of an extra brain in his arm.

N is for Newsom, Bobo's favorite kin. You ask how he's here, He talked himself in.

O is for Ott Of the restless right foot. When he leaned on the pellet, The pellet stayed put.

P is for Plank, The arm of the A's; When he tangled with Matty Games lasted for days.

Q is for Don Quixote Cornelius Mack; Neither Yankees nor years Can halt his attack.

R is for Ruth. To tell you the truth, There's just no more to be said, Just R is for Ruth.

S is for Speaker, Swift center-field tender, When the ball saw him coming, It yelled, "I surrender."

> **T** is for Terry The Giant from Memphis Whose .400 average You can't overemphis.

U would be 'Ubell if Carl were a cockney; We say Hubbell and Baseball Like Football and Rockne.

V is for Vance The Dodger's very own Dazzy; None of his rivals Could throw as fast as he.

W is for Wagner, The bowlegged beauty; Short was closed to all traffic With Honus on duty.

X is the first of two x's in Foxx Who was right behind Ruth with his powerful soxx.

Y is for Young The magnificent Cy; People battled against him, But I never knew why.

Z is for Zenith The summit of fame. These men are up there. These men are the game.