

Lou Gehrig

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How did he become famous?

He became a good baseball player and got a rare disease



What number was he?



What team did he play for?

New York
Yankees



What position did he play ?

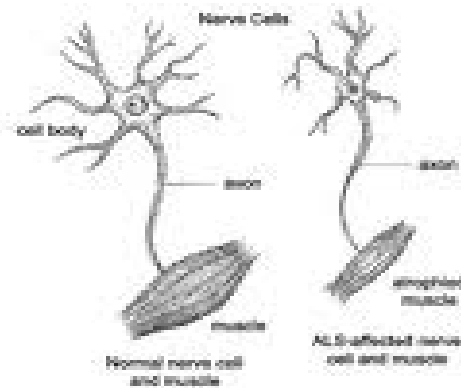
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Why did he retire?

- He got a really bad disease that made his muscles stop .



ALS

- **Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis** (abbreviated **ALS**, also referred to as **Lou Gehrig's disease**) is a form of [motor neuron disease](#). ALS is a [progressive](#),^[1] fatal, [neurodegenerative disease](#) caused by the degeneration of [motor neurons](#), the nerve cells in the central nervous system that control [voluntary muscle](#) movement. The condition is often called **Lou Gehrig's Disease** in North America, after the famous [New York Yankees](#) baseball player who was diagnosed with the disease in 1939. Today, renowned physicist [Stephen Hawking](#) is the best-known living ALS patient. The disorder causes muscle weakness and atrophy throughout the body as both the [upper](#) and [lower motor neurons](#) degenerate, ceasing to send messages to muscles. Unable to function, the muscles gradually weaken, develop [fasciculations](#) (twitches) because of denervation, and eventually [atrophy](#) because of that denervation

What did he do at school?

- He never missed a day of school. He had a scholarship for college but did not go because his job as a Yankee would help his family.



What sports did he play at school ?

- Kickball, baseball, and soccer.



Who were his teammates?

- Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle.



Why is his name Lou if his name
isn't Lou?

- His actual name is Henry Louis Gehrig but
he was called Lou

What year did he get on the team?

- 1923 when the owner of the Yankees saw him play.



What was another of his claims to fame?

- Over a fifteen-season span from [1925](#) through [1939](#), he played in [2,130 consecutive games](#), the streak ending only when Gehrig became disabled by the fatal neuromuscular disease that claimed his life two years later. His streak, long considered one of baseball's few unbreakable records[\[6\]](#), stood for 56 years, until finally broken by [Cal Ripken, Jr.](#), of

“The Luckiest Man on the Face of the Earth”



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