

Mighty Jackie, The Strikeout Queen

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The year was nineteen thirty one, and exhibition baseball game.
The Yankees played an unknown team, Chattanooga Lookouts was its name.
Babe Ruth stepped up to bat. To the pitcher, he tipped his hat.
What happened next will sound absurd. But it's the truth, every word!

Strike one caught the corner. Babe watched that ball whiz by.
Strike two: sinking slider. Babe swung and missed this time.
He scowled at the pitcher, that puny thing.
The crowd was on its feet.
And before Babe knew what was happening,
Strike three! Down the middle.
The greatest batter in the world stormed back to the dugout;
He's just been struck out by a girl!

**Mighty Jackie, the Strike-out Queen.
Struck 'em out at seventeen.
Ev'ry paper and magazine cheered
For Jackie Mitchell, the Strike-out Queen!**

Up next: Lou Gehrig, well know as Iron Horse.
First pitch: wicked sinker; he slammed the air with might force.
He glared at the pitcher; he checked his swing.
The crowd went crazy now,
And before Lou knew what was happening,
Strike three! It was over.
Witnessed by the whole wide world, Lou stormed to the dug-out
He'd just been struck out by a girl!

(Chorus)

Commissioner decided that Jackie should be fired
'Cause baseball's not a woman's game.
But we know the truth: She struck out Babe Ruth
And now she's in the Hall of Fame!

(Chorus)



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