During the 1933-34 offseason, team owner Frank Navin knew he needed a winner in his dugout. He had a talented young team, built around Charlie Gehringer and young slugger Hank Greenberg. But the Yankees were still dominating the league, and everyone was chasing them. Yankee slugger Babe Ruth was near the end of his career and New York was ready to part ways with him. Navin decided to offer the Yankees some cash to acquire the rights to the great slugger, who wanted to become a manager desperately. But Ruth was in Honolulu on an extended vacation, and Navin was unable to meet with him. Instead, he offered Connie Mack a deal to acquire catcher Mickey Cochrane. The move proved to be just what the Tigers ordered: they won pennants in each of Cochrane’s first two seasons and the World Series in 1935.