Babe Ruth as I knew him / by Waite Hoyt.

**Author**
Hoyt, Waite, 1898-

**DESCRIPTION:**

**General Remarks**
This is a pamphlet published in 1948 chronicling the career of Babe Ruth as told by Babe Ruth's friend, Waite Hoyt. This pamphlet is periodically loaned for exhibit as part of a collection of Reds memorabilia.

**Binding**
This is a stapled pamphlet with a paper cover. The pamphlet is stapled through the fold in two places. The cover contains text and color images on a ferrotyped shiny paper.

**Textblock**
The textblock is a single gathering of twelve folios. The textblock is paginated with the first leaf paginated as page 3 and the ultimate leaf as page 50.

**Primary Support**
The textblock is composed of a thin machine made wove paper.

**Medium**
Textblock is printed in black ink.

**Attachments|Inserts**
There is a bookplate hinged onto the first page along the gutter that reads, “The gift of Elizabeth W. Risings.”
The bookplate consists of a thick machine made white paper.

**CONDITION:**

**Summary**
The booklet is in severe condition. The cover has nearly detached from the textblock and is in danger of becoming lost.

**Binding**
The cover is torn along the fold and is mostly detached in half. The surface of the cover is soiled in grime. There are spots of dark splattered stains along the bottom left quadrant of the front cover and there is a punctured hole located in the top left of Babe Ruth’s hat. The staples contain corrosion.

**Textblock**
The front leaf contains a detaching broken fragment along the top edge and there is a punctured hole in the top middle that corresponds to the hole in the front cover. Overall, the paper is slightly dirty.

**Primary Support**
The textblock has discolored overall from light beige to dark brown. The paper is extremely brittle.

**Medium**
Text and printed color cover appear stable.

**Housing**

**Housing Narrative**
No prior housing.

**Attachments | Inserts**
The book plate has a stronger structural integrity than the textblock paper and may cause the textblock paper to tear if not carefully handled.

**Previous Treatment**
No prior treatment is noted.

**Materials Analysis**
No analysis was conducted at this time.

**TREATMENT:**

**Proposal**
1. Surface clean areas in need of repair only.
2. Remove the staples to prevent corrosion damage.
3. Repair the fragments and puncture in the first leaf of the textblock.
4. Repair the cover along the fold to reattach the broken halves.
5. Re-bind the textblock and cover by sewing through the original staple holes.
7. Complete a condition report for the object in preparation of future loan exhibitions.

**Housing Need**
Envelope in pambinder

**Factors Influencing Treatment**
The curator would like to preserve the evidence of use; therefore, the surface dirt will not be reduced. However, in areas were the paper requires repair, these areas may be surface cleaned prior to introducing water soluble adhesives.

**Performed Treatment**
1. The torn and punctured areas of the cover and textblock leaves were surfaced cleaned locally with an Absorbene smoke sponge.
2. The pamphlet was disbound by removing the staples.
3. The detaching fragments and puncture in the first leaf of the textblock were repaired with kozo tissue and wheat starch paste.
4. The fold along the cover was repaired on the inside and outside with kozo tissue and wheat starch paste to reattach the broken halves.
5. The textblock and cover was rebound by sewing through the original staple holes 18/3 linen thread. The thread was previously toned with Golden Acrylics from white to beige so that it would not be distracting when on display.
6. The pamphlet was housed in a sink mat with a polyester window for exhibition.
7. After treatment, a condition report was prepared for the object in preparation of future loan exhibitions.

**Housing Provided**

**Custom**

**Housing Narrative**

The pamphlet was housed in a sink mat constructed out of Rising Museum matboard. Because the pamphlet was likely to travel and be placed on display, a polyester window sling was added to the front window mat to protect the object, a rare earth magnetic closure was added to the construction of the mat for secure transit and upright display. [CV, 3 hours]

**Storage Recommendations and Handling notes**

Because the pamphlet was likely to travel and be placed on display, the pamphlet was housed in a sink mat constructed out of Rising Museum matboard and Jade 403 PVA. In order to show as much of the object as possible without cropping the front cover, a polyester window sling was added to the front window mat with 3M double stick tape, and a rare earth magnetic closure was added to the construction of the mat for secure transit and upright display. To prevent the cover from clinging to the polyester window sling when the mat is opened, a polyethylene strap was wrapped around the fore edge of the pamphlet and secured to itself with double stick tape. [CV, 3 hours]

**TOTAL Treatment Time**

7 hours
Before Treatment, Cover torn along fold

After Treatment, Cover repaired
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i84027587_1161_A02N, Interior of Detaching cover, Before Treatment

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