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## PRESIDENTIAL BASEBALL



President William Howard Taft was the first President to throw out the first ball of the baseball season on April 14, 1910. He threw a pitch to the Washington Senator's Opening Day pitcher, Walter Johnson. The next day, Taft's image dominated the sports pages.



Woodrow Wilson as he threw out the first pitch on opening day.



President Richard Nixon's knowledge of the game was impressive. As a matter of fact, he was recruited by Major League Baseball to run the Players Association. He chose to continue his political career instead.



As a Chicago Cubs radio broadcaster in the mid-1930s for an Iowa station, President Ronald Reagan was an astute baseball spectator. He made several guest trips back to the radio booth, both during and after his presidency.

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/baseball/photoessay/02.html>