

Mantle, Ruth Hit Homers Off The Best And Worst

BY WHITNEY MARTIN
 NEW YORK (AP) — Inasmuch as Mickey Mantle is being compared to Babe Ruth in everything but appetite, a friend suggests a check of the relative merits of the two sluggers. Mantle hit 197 and Mickey hit 197 in 1956. That's asking the impossible. You might as well argue that Jack Dempsey could lick Joe Louis, or Rocky Marciano would knock out John L. Sullivan.

You just can't compare athletic performances of different eras unless a yardstick is available, and who is to say whether the pitching of the 20s was better than it is today or the hitting was worse, or vice versa.

About all you can discover from checking the list of Ruth's victims and those of Mantle this year is that both sluggers played the field with little discrimination.

Ruth hit his home runs off the best pitchers as well as palsies, and Mantle is doing the same thing.

INDISCRIMINATE SLUGGING
 In racking up his 60 home runs in 1957 Ruth hit them off a total of 32 pitchers. Mantle, as of Thursday, had 42 home runs off 31 pitchers.

This would indicate that Mickey is a little less discriminatory than the Babe, who seemed to have his favorites, including Rube Walberg and Milt Gaston, off whom he hit four apiece. Mickey has hit four off the Senator's Camilo Pascual.

Seven pitchers were Ruth's victims three times, and eight were two-timers. Mantle has nicked

Job Lemon for three home runs, and Lou Kretlow, Ed Burthachy, Herb Score, Paul Foytack, Billy Hoelt and Virgil Trucks for two each.

In 1957 there were three 20 game winners in the American League—Walt Whitford, Ted Lyons and Bob Grove. Hoyt was Ruth's teammate, and the Babe clipped Grape and Lyons for one home run each.

HITS THEM ALL
 There were 20-game winners in the league last year, although there are a few potential 20-gamers this year. Billy Pierce is 18-5, Lemon 16-10, Tom Brewer 16-6, Early Wynn 14-7, Herb Score 14-7 and Billy Hoelt 14-11. Of this group only Brewer has not yielded a home run to the Yankee switcher.

Some of the old timers might argue pitchers Ruth faced such as Grove, Lyons, Howard Ehmke, Walberg, Danny MacFadyen, Earl Whitehill, George Uhle, T. Zachary, Horace Lisenbee and Willis Hudlin were better than the modern crop. It's largely a case of time lending enchantment.

As a matter of fact, aside from Grove and Lyons, the 20-game winners, and Hudlin and Lisenbee, each of whom 18, none of the others was a ball of fire in 1957, winning anywhere from two to 16 games each.

Anyway, now that you're properly confused, we'll just say we don't believe Mantle will make his 60 this year, but will eventually.

Truro Pounds Albions 10-5 To Make H-D League Finals

TRURO (CP) — Helped by two eighth-inning home runs Truro Bearcats batted their way into the Halifax and District Baseball League finals Tuesday night by pounding out a 10-5 victory over Stellarton Albions.

Bearcats won the best-of-seven semi-final series 4-3.

The Truro club went three runs up in the fourth inning and added three more in the fifth. Then with two homers driving in four runs in the eighth they romped to victory over the visiting Albions who

HALIFAX (CP) — Dartmouth Arrows advanced to the finals of the Halifax and District Baseball League Tuesday night by turning back Halifax Citadel 9-6 in the sixth game of a best-of-seven series.

Both teams battled neck and neck for the first four innings, each scoring once in the first and twice in the second. They battled through two scoreless innings before Halifax scored three runs in the fifth to Dartmouth's one. But two innings later the visiting Arrows banged home three runs and added another in the eighth while Halifax remained scoreless.

Tommy Bunowski started for

Arrows and John Stokes came on in the fifth to finish the game. Bill Ryback was Halifax's starter and he went to the ninth when he got help from Tony Hoffman.

The first game of the finals between Arrows and Truro Bearcats will be played in Dartmouth tonight.

HONG KONG (AP) — Peiping radio said Tuesday a Chinese Nationalist deserter from the island of Quemoy swam to the Communist China Mainland on a basketball and two inflated rubber bags. He is reported recovering from his ordeal in a Fukien province hospital.

Maple Leafs' Training Camp To Commence September 18

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League announced Tuesday fall training camp will open in Sudbury Sept. 18 with the first league home game scheduled against Detroit Red Wings Oct. 13.

Twenty-nine candidates, including nine rookies and 20 veterans, have been summoned.

The newcomers this year are Bob Baun, Gary Collins and Bob Palford, all from Toronto Marlboros of the Ontario Hockey Association's Junior A League. Mike Nyokuk, Gary Aldcorn and Barry Cullen from Winnipeg Warriors of the Western League. Noel Price and Pat Hannigan from St. Michael's Majors, OHA Junior A club; and Don Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

The five semi-recruits are Ed Chadwick of Winnipeg Warriors, who last year played five games with Toronto; Al MacNeil of Marlboros, who played one game with Leafs; Brian Cullen of Winnipeg, who put in 21 appearances in Toronto; Gord Hannigan of Pittsburgh Hornets in the American League, who played 46 games with Leafs; and Ron Hurst of Pittsburgh, who saw action 50 times with Toronto last year.

In addition Gerry McNamara of Toronto, who served last year as Leafs' practice goalie but did not see league action, will be back this year.

Leaf regulars returning are defencemen Hugh Bolton, Tim Horton, Jim Morrison, Marc Reame and Jim Thomson; forwards Bill Harris, Rudy Migay, Tod Sloan, Earl Balfour, Dick Duff, Sid Smith and George Armstrong, Gerry James and Ron Stewart.

SPORTS TRAIL

Phil Rizzuto Released As Yankee Old-Timers Gather

By ED SIMON
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 NEW YORK (CP) — It was old-timers' day at Yankee Stadium and such renowned Yanks of the past as Tommy Henrich, Red Wolfe, Charley Keller and Lefty Gomez were on hand to win a round of latter-day applause for a couple of innings of exhibition play against a team of former Chicago White Sox.

It was in that setting Saturday that the Yankees broke the news that they had made Phil Rizzuto their newest old-timer.

It was hard to quarrel with the day-to-day exigencies that made it necessary to cut Rizzuto loose in the middle of a season in which the Scooter, once the ranking shortstop of his time, had been employed chiefly as a warmup catcher in the Yankee bullpen.

The team had plenty of infielders and not enough outfielders. Enos (Country) Slaughter, two years older than Rizzuto's 38 but an outfielder was available at Kansas City.

VETERAN WANES
 So the Yankees, leading the American League but still needing to nail down the pennant, released Rizzuto 15 years after he made his debut with the club. And Slaughter, joining the Yankees for the second time since he was axed by St. Louis Cardinals after a similar 15-year span, came to town and started banging out base hits.

It was the old story of business over sentiment. But was given an extra twist, as was the Yankees' release last year of southpaw Ed Lopat, a longtime mainstay of their pitching staff, by the timing.

Old-timers' day is an annual event at the stadium, giving the fans a chance to pay tribute to some of their heroes of the past. It may have been essential that first Lopat and then Rizzuto received their walking papers that day, but the irony was inescapable.

The Scooter isn't likely to starve. He'll collect a full season's salary, probably a full share of the club's likely world series pot, and he has the offer of a job in the Yankee organization next season if he doesn't take one of several broadcasting assignments for which he's dickering.

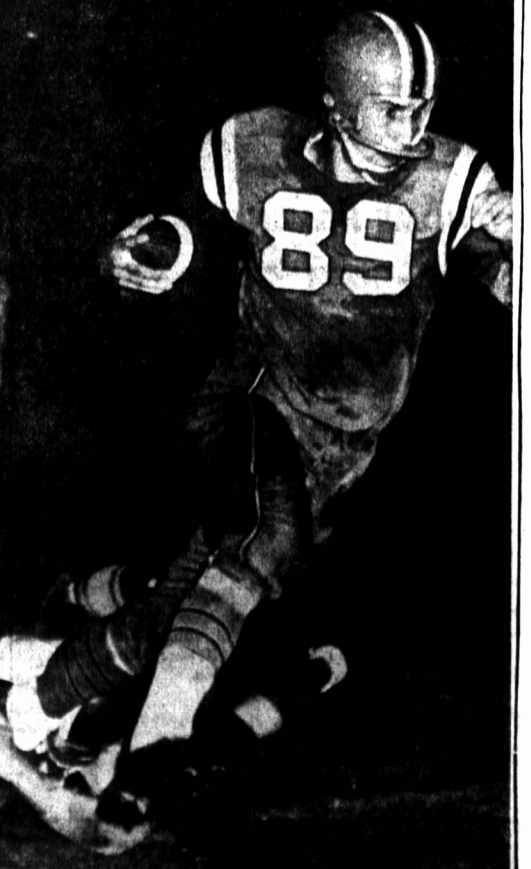
ANOTHER ANGLE
 That, of course, isn't the point. Everyone concedes that Phil has been well paid for his fielding perfection, his deadly bunts and his uncanny mastery of the hit-and-run play that made him a perennial all-star and 1950's most valuable player.

When you get right down to it, the thing that makes most of us uncomfortable is the inescapable evidence that age has caught up with Rizzuto.

Because if it can happen to him, there's no getting away from the fact that none of us are getting any younger.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

- National League**
- Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (N)—Law (7-14) vs. Burdette (16-8) or Phillips (3-2)
 - Brooklyn at Chicago — ERskine (11-7) vs. Kaiser (3-7)
 - New York at Cincinnati (N)—Antonelli (13-12) vs. Klippstein (11-10)
 - Philadelphia at St. Louis (N)—Roberts (14-15) vs. Dickson (11-9)
- American League**
- Kansas City at New York—McMahan (0-5) vs. Kuck (17-7)
 - Cleveland at Baltimore (N)—Garcia (10-11) vs. Johnson (6-8)
 - Detroit at Boston—Hoelt (15-11)
 - Chicago at Washington — Donovan (8-7) vs. Wiesler (3-9)



Vancouver's Ed Vereb, all-American halfback with Maryland last year and now playing for British Columbia Lions, faces for a touchdown against Saskatchewan Roughriders as he passes the Lions to a 20-9 win before 28,825 Western Interprovincial Football Union fans at Vancouver. Having no success hanging onto Vereb is end Jon McWilliams. Vereb runs 27 yards for the td. (CP Photo)

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