

M' Combination Hits More Pitchers

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Casey Stengel has criticized the American League as being "pitcher friendly" because the circuit expanded to 10 teams. This spreading of hurling talent to accommodate expansion has also been advanced as one of the reasons for so many home runs this year.

There may be a lot of patsies or cousins serving up those gopher balls this season but you can't blame it by the muscular M-Men—Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle—of the New York Yankees.

Both figure to break Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs hit in 1927, and if both remain healthy they should reach the splendid 60 within 54 games. The eight additional games due to expansion should not be necessary.

If there are any patsies around either Maris nor Mantle has found them. Long before the season ends they figure to have hit their homers against more pitchers than the 33 chucks who tossed 60 home run balls to the Babe.

When Maris cracked four home runs on one recent night in the July 25th twin bill against the Chicago White Sox his 40th four-bagger was achieved against veteran Warren Hacker who began the season in Chattanooga. Ex-Cub Hacker was the 30th pitcher to feel the sting of the Maris wallop this season.

Mantle hit No. 38 the same hu-

mid evening off Frank Baumann. He became the 31st pitcher so subjected.

At the 40 mark, Maris was 10 homers or 25 games in front of Ruth's record pace. When Mantle hit No. 39 the following day he went 6 homers or 22 games up on the Babe.

The writers on 10 daily newspapers covering the Yankees are using all sorts of charts comparing Maris and Mantle with Ruth's record output.

The fact that Maris and Mantle are walloping more starting and relief pitchers than the pitchers who opposed Ruth seems not to faze them one bit.

Can Maris and Mantle be stopped?

"No," says Ralph Kiner with emphasis. "They have the momentum. They can't be stopped. They are hot. Most people favor Mantle because he is a switch hitter, but I think Maris has a slight advantage because he bats ahead of Mantle."

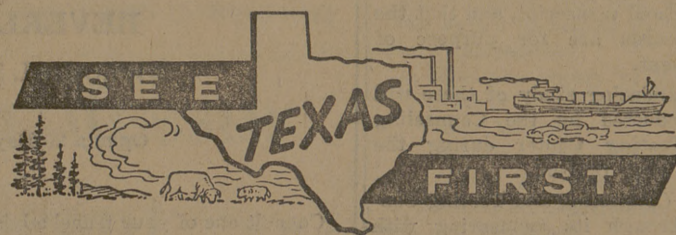
"Pitchers who walk him are only taking the chance of giving up an extra run because Mantle follows him."

Outside of Maris and Mantle, and Willie Mays, who hit 51 in 1955, Kiner was the last man to seriously threaten Ruth's mark. Ralph had two shots. In 1947 he hit 51 for Pittsburgh and in 1949 he bashed 54 for the Pirates.



Sitting Pretty

With barely over two weeks of summer school left, not many more sights like this will be seen at the Henderson Hall swimming pool. This young lady is Mary Ann Franklin a 1961 graduate of Consolidated High School and plans to work in Bryan this fall.



College Grid Action Declines For 1962

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There won't be as many colleges playing football in Texas this season as in the past but there still will be enough football to keep everybody on the go.

Three junior colleges quit and another moved up to senior college status. San Angelo, Victoria and Del Mar of Corpus Christi gave up the game altogether. Tarleton State became a senior college. It wrecked the Pioneer Conference, leaving only Wharton. Then Wharton entered the Texas Junior College Conference.

This year there will be 35 senior colleges playing football, an increase of one over last season—this one being Tarleton State.

Ten junior colleges will be fielding teams, a decrease of four. In fact the junior colleges have diminished so much the two conferences will have double round-robin schedules in order to provide enough games.

There will be 912 high schools, seven Negro colleges and three professional teams. Thus Texas will have 960 football teams, which should be enough to provide the fans with all the football they might want.

The senior colleges are: Southwest Conference—Baylor, Rice, Texas Christian, Texas A&M, Texas, Southern Methodist, and Texas Tech.

Lone Star Conference—Sam Houston, Sul Ross, East Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&I, Southwest Texas, Lamar Tech, and Howard Payne.

Border Conference—Hardin-Simmons, Texas Western, and West Texas State.

Independents—Houston, McMurry, Abilene Christian, Trinity, Austin College, Texas Lutheran, Arlington State, Corpus Christi, and Tarleton State.

Missouri Valley Conference—North Texas State.

Negro colleges—Bishop, Prairie View, Texas Southern, Wiley, Paul

Quinn, Texas College and Jarvis.

There have been no changes in the Southwest Conference, Lone Star Conference, Independents or Negro colleges. One change has occurred in the Border Conference. Arizona has withdrawn, leaving it a five-team circuit. New Mexico State and Arizona State are still in this league although Arizona State has officially withdrawn to join a new conference of western colleges along with Arizona. Arizona State, however, will play this season in the Border Conference, having three games against Border Conference foes. Arizona State is eligible for the championship although not playing all of the other members.

The junior colleges playing football this season will be: Texas Eastern Conference—Tyler, Kilgore, Texarkana, Paris, and Henderson County. Texas Junior College Conference—Navarro, Cisco, Ranger, Blinn, and Wharton.

First football games are scheduled in August when the pros start. Houston and Dallas are in the American Football League. Dallas is also in the National Football League.

First high school games are Sept. 1. First college games are Sept. 9, with Texas Lutheran, McMurry and Sul Ross having the honor of getting the ball rolling. Texas Lutheran plays McMurry at Breckenridge while Sul Ross takes on New Mexico Western at Alpine.

Kids Like Maris In Card Trading

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On today's baseball card market, Roger Maris is a 50-to-1 offering. The small fry or not-so-small fry who is lucky enough to have a card on the Yankee homerun king can just about name his price. And this is only one indication of the booming business of baseball cards.

The cards come in a package at any corner drug store, grocery store, dime store. With them come several pieces of bubble gum.

Usually the peewees could not care less about the gum and it winds up being peddled to the teen-age sister for about a cent for five sticks.

Several card companies are in business. The youngster can specialize in oldtimers or try to keep up with current crop of major leaguers. Many do both.

Some rather set standards are

in effect.

The New York Yankees' Mickey Mantle has a high trading value—if you happen to be a Yankee fan. Many other major league players will demand a 10-to-1 or better ratio on a trade.

The cards feature full color in-action pictures of the player involved. It gives his height, weight, date of birth, home town, whether he bats or throws left or right handed, a brief description of his professional baseball career, and his record for perhaps the last five or more years in games played, times at bat, runs, hits, two-base hits, triples, home runs, runs batted in and assists.

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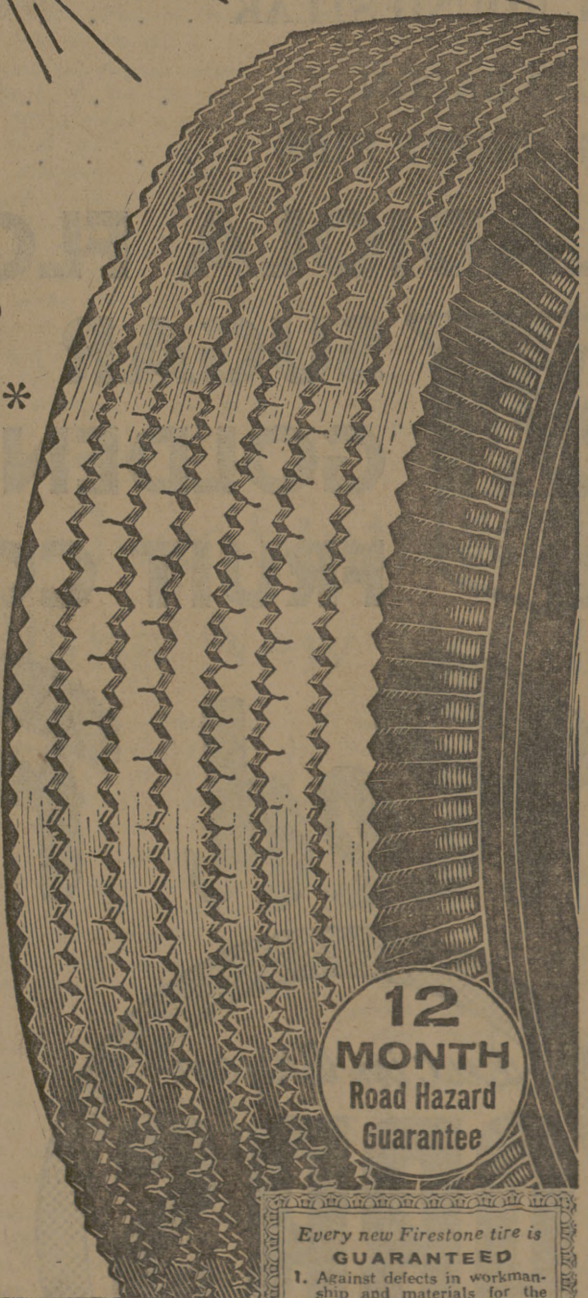
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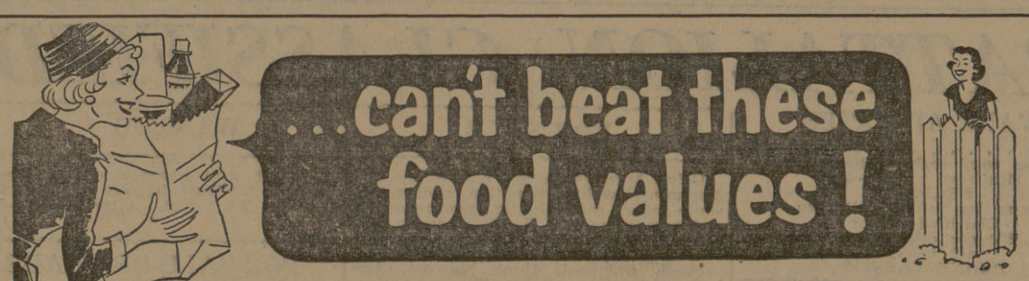


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