

The Collectible Significance

1. One of the Earliest Known "Complete Signed Team Photo's in Sports".

This piece is a Rare Complete Team Autographed Photo from one of the greatest teams to ever play the Game; the Players, the Coaches, the Manager, the Trainer, even the Mascot are all signed on this piece! It's a true 80 year old vintage sports rarity! It's truly a unique piece in the Sports Collectable World.

2. This Piece is really a Rare Insider Artifact of the Game.

The person who got all 30 of these people to sign the Photo was a fellow team member George Pipgras – an insider! Pipgras had to use his insider status and relationships to get everyone of his teammates to meticulously write their signature over their own image! Think how difficult it must have been to get everyone's focus. This piece's existence at all is due to Pipgras' personal tenacity and salesmanship in "button holing" every one of

LOT 3: 1927 Signed Yankee Team Photo offered at Memory Lane Inc. Auction, December 14, 2006

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TOP ROW (Left to Right): Gehrig, Meusel, Ruth, Moore, Pipgras, Combs, Miller, Hoyt, Lazzeri, Koenig, Shocker, Durst, (Doc) Wood (Trainer). **MIDDLE ROW:** Shawkey, Girard, Grabowski, O'Leary (Coach), Huggins (Manager), Fletcher (Coach), Pennock, Wera, Collins. **BOTTOM ROW:** Ruether, Dugan, Paschal, Bengough, Thomas, Gazella, Morehardt, Bennett (Batboy/Mascot)

these personalities and getting them to take a moment and sign this photo! This is not a Photo – it's an incredibly unique "autographed moment" in history. It's a magnificent and rare vintage survivor from the Golden Age of Sports in America! The pre-Great Depression – Roaring Twenties!

3. This Piece is in Fully Authenticated and Graded PSA 8 NM-MT Condition.

Incredible – not only is there a complete Team autographed photo in existence at all! And not only has this piece survived 80 years...but even more so, all of the 30 autographs on the photo are "fully authenticated", and in high grade. Each of the 30 autographs is completely readable! Each is a dark, clear, and fully legible signature! Overall this vintage rarity merits a grade of PSA 8 Near Mint to Mint – that is spectacular for an 80 year old vintage piece.

Summation: This piece has it all! It's Unique and Rare. Its subject is Significant – one of the Greatest Teams ever to play the game of Baseball. The team with the greatest 1-2 punch of Ruth & Gehrig in the game's history...And it's condition is NM-MT!

Voted the Greatest Team – No Team Has Been Better!

- Officially voted the all-time best team during baseball's 100th anniversary in 1969!
- The first AL Team to Sweep a World Series in 4 games!
- Unmatchable batting power and great pitching!
- Team Batting Average .307 with a Slugging Percentage of .489!
- 4 players in the Starting line up with over 100 RBI's
- 5 players in Starting line up with Batting averages over .300 (with 4 over .337!)
- Outscored their opponents by a Record 376 runs!
- The pitching staff led the AL in ERA with 3.20! (Three quarters of a Run better than the next nearest team and full run lower than the AL average.)
- Pitching staff made baseball history by having the top 4 pitchers ranked in AL season winning percentage and the top 3 in ERA in the same year!
- The first true Home Run race between Ruth and Gehrig that captured all of America's attention!
- Ruth, Gehrig, Lazzeri, finished 1-2-3 in AL Home Runs!
- Babe Ruth's 60th Home Run Year!
- A 110 Win Season (Total 125 with post season wins) with 6 future Hall of Fame players! With a game winning percentage of .714 and a 19 game pennant chase margin – both new AL Records!
- An amazingly balanced team – only the 4th team in AL history to have both the highest team batting average and the lowest team ERA in the same season!



Murderers' Row

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Murderers' Row was the nickname given to the New York Yankees baseball team of the late 1920s, in particular the 1927 team. The term was actually coined in 1918 by a sportswriter to describe the 1918 pre-Babe Ruth Yankee lineup, a team with quality hitters such as Frank Baker and Wally Pipp, which led the A.L. in home runs with 45. A 1918 newspaper article described it: "New York fans have come to know a section of the Yankees' batting order as 'murderers' row.' It is composed of the first six players in the batting order -- Gilhooley, Peckinpough, Baker, Pratt, Pipp, and Bodie. This sextet has been hammering the offerings of all comers."

The term became revived for the Ruth, Lou Gehrig Yankee teams beginning in the mid-1920's, and was much more an appropriate term for this Yankee lineup (that produced some astounding offensive numbers) than for the earlier 1919 squad. The 1927 Yankees are recognized as one of the best teams in baseball history, alongside the 1939 Yankees, the 1961 Yankees and the 1998 Yankees.

Owner Jacob Ruppert is the man most often credited for building the line-up of the team, although general manager Ed Barrow may have had as much to do with it. In a July series against the Washington Senators, the Yankees blasted their opponents 21-1 in one game and prompted Senators' first baseman Joe Judge to say, "Those fellows not only beat you but they tear your heart out. I wish the season was over."

The 1927 season was particularly spectacular by baseball standards for the Yankees. After losing in the 1926 World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals, they went 110-44 the next year, winning the A.L. pennant by 19 games, and sweeping the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1927 World Series. Only four teams have won more regular season games: the 1906 Chicago Cubs and the 2001 Seattle Mariners with 116, the 1954 Cleveland Indians with 111, and the 1998 Yankees with 114. However, the '98 Yanks and the Mariners played in 162 game schedules. More importantly, both the Cubs and the Indians lost the World Series in their years, and the Mariners didn't even reach the World Series in 2001.

The Famous Series Sweep

In 1927 the Yankees faced the Pittsburgh Pirates with a team batting average of .305 but lacking the long ball power. (The Yankees lead both leagues with 158) The Pirates like the Yankees had 4 players with BA's .325 or higher! They had NL Batting champ Paul Waner .380 and his brother Lloyd .355 and Pie Traynor .342 and 3 players with over 100 RBI's. The Pirates also lead the NL in hits with 1,648 and tied for runs scored with 817. (The Yankees lead Leagues with a record 975 runs scored, a record 908 RBIs. and a record Slugging Percentage of .489! and lead both leagues in team batting average with a .307).

The Yankees made quick work of the Pirates in the series becoming the first AL team to sweep the Fall Classic 4 games to none!

Sources: The Unofficial 1927 New York Yankees Home Page.

1927 New York Yankees Roster

FIELDERS

C - Pat Collins
1B - Lou Gehrig
2B - Tony Lazzeri
3B - Joe Dugan
SS - Mark Koenig
LF - Bob Meusel
CF - Earle Combs
RF - Babe Ruth

C - Benny Bengough
C - Johnny Grabowski
IF - Mike Gazella
IF - Ray Morehart
IF - Julie Wera
OF - Cedric Durst
OF - Ben Paschal

PITCHERS

SP - Waite Hoyt
SP - Herb Pennock
SP - George Pipgras
SP - Dutch Ruether
SP - Urban Shocker

RP - Myles Thomas
RP - Bob Shawkey
RP - Joe Giard
RP - Walter Beall*

CL - Wilcy Moore

* Pitched in one game, one inning, gave up one hit and one run. Did not bat or make a play in the field. He is not part of the team photo. No appearance after the one game. Did not play in 1928, then played in 1929 as a Washington Senator.

1927 New York Yankees 110-44 First place in American League

REGULARS

	BA	HR	RBI
1B Lou Gehrig	.373	47	175
2B Tony Lazzeri	.309	18	102
SS Mark Koenig	.285	3	62
3B Joe Dugan	.269	2	43
OF Earle Combs	.356	6	64
OF Babe Ruth	.356	60	164
OF Bob Meusel	.337	8	103
C Pat Collins	.275	7	36

OTHER POSITION PLAYERS:

Johnny Grabowski	.277	0	25
Ray Morehart	.256	1	20
Cedric Durst	.248	0	25
Mike Gazella	.278	0	9
Benny Bengough	.247	0	10
Ben Paschal	.317	2	16
Julie Wera	.238	1	8

STARTERS

	W-L	ERA	SV
R Waite Hoyt	22-7	2.63	1
R Urban Shocker	18-6	2.84	0
L Herb Pennock	19-8	3.00	2
L Dutch Ruether	13-6	3.38	0
R George Pipgras	10-3	4.11	0

BULLPEN

	W-L	ERA	SV
R Wilcy Moore	19-7	2.28	13
R Bob Shawkey	2-3	2.89	4
L Joe Giard	0-0	8.00	0
R Myles Thomas	7-4	4.87	0

OTHER PITCHERS:

Walter Beall (0-0, 9.00)*

Source: www.Baseball Library.com

Rub the Hump for Luck!

Eddie Bennett was the Hunchback Mascot/ Batboy for the New York Yankees, serving in that capacity from 1921 til May of 1932. Yankee players would often rub the hump on his back for good luck. Not the most camera friendly of people due to his hunchback condition, it was very rare that he posed for the camera.

Sources: www.WikipediaBaseball.com; Hall of Fame Yearbook 2000; article by Leon Koppett, baseball author, reporter, and columnist; The Unofficial 1927 New York Yankees Home Page.

The Greatest Team in Baseball

The Year the Babe Hit 60!

Opening Day Line-Up!

The Yankees opened the 1927 season hosting the Athletics, and in front of a record crowd of over 73,000 paying fans, Waite Hoyt bested their rising young southpaw ace Lefty Grove, 8-3.

Instead of a league pennant race, there was the Great American Home Run Race, the first ever witnessed. Nothing before had ever prepared baseball fans for the season long home run chase, as teammates Ruth and Gehrig hit balls over the fences at a blistering and dizzying pace.... and they spent the year captivating the country.

In baseball parks everywhere, it was the biggest show in town, with people clamoring out to see the power.

(Source: The Unofficial NY Yankees Home page).

The Dynamic Duo! Ruth & Gehrig:

RUTH: .356 BA
164 RBI's
60 HR's
.772 Slugging Avg.

GEHRIG: .373 BA
175 RBI's
47 HR's
.765 Slugging Avg.

Together they set the Major League record for teammates in 6 different batting categories!

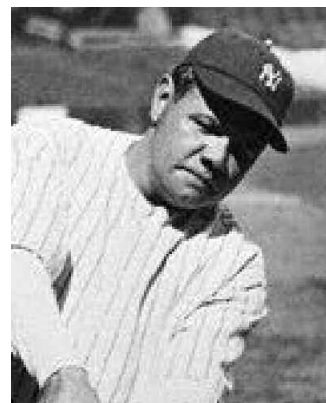
Home Runs	107
RBI's	339
Total Bases	864
Extra Base Hits	214
Slugging Average	.769
Total Runs Scored	307



CF EARLE COMBS



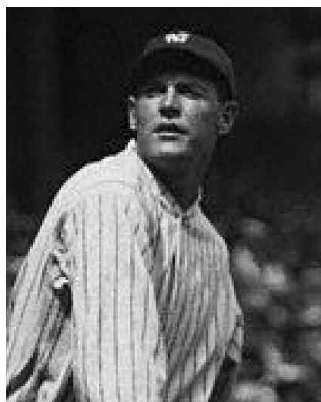
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RF BABE RUTH



1B LOU GEHRIG



LF BOB MEUSEL



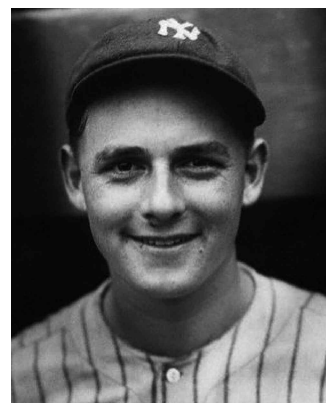
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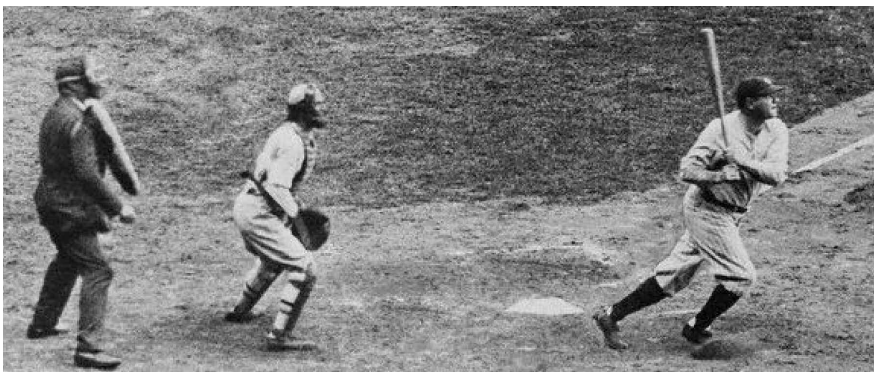
3B JOE DUGAN



C JOHN GRABOWSKI



P WAITE HOYT



**BABE RUTH CONNECTING FOR HIS RECORD
60TH HOME RUN, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927**