

Yanks Unfurl 26th Major League Flag; Cincinnati Reds' Magic Number Now Four

Rookie Manager Triumphs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Roger Maris strode to the plate in the top of the ninth, dug in and fouled the first pitch by knuckleball specialist Hoyt Wilhelm back of the plate. Wilhelm wound up again, let go and Maris tried to check his swing. He couldn't.

The ball trickled down the first base line.
Thus Maris joins a long list of home hammerers who have come within range of Ruth's record, but failed. Roger, however, tied Ruth's mark of 59 in 1921. He became only the second man in major league baseball history to hit that many and still has eight games under the expanded schedule in which to match or surpass Ruth's total.

The honor of clinching the Yanks 11th pennant in the last 13 years went to Ralph Terry (15-3) who got the job done for the second year in a row with a four-hitter that made Ralph Houk the first rookie manager in 15 years to win a major league flag.

The last American League first year pilot to do it was Mickey Cochrane of the Detroit Tigers in 1924.

NY 4, Baltimore 2
The Yankees wrapped it up with a three-run rally in the third started by Maris' homer off Milt Pappas (12-9). Yogi Berra then followed with a homer and a single by Johnny Blanchard and Elston Howard's double finished off the outburst for a 4-0 lead.
New York 013 000 000—4 10 1
Baltimore 000 002 000—2 4 1
Terry (15-3) and Howard, Pappas, Hall (3), Wilhelm (9) and Triandos. Loser—Pappas (12-9). HRs—Maris, Berra.

Chicago 3, Boston 1
Chicago's Ray Herbert defeated Boston 3-1 with a seven-hitter, and Bobby DeGrecio hit a two-run homer in the ninth that gave Kansas City a 4-2 win over Cleveland in other games. Minnesota-Washington was rained out.
Boston 000 001 000—1 7 1
Chicago 010 001 10x—3 9 2
Conley, Early (7) and Nixon. Herbert (11-12) and Carreon. Loser—Conley (11-13).

KC 4, Cleveland 2
Kansas City 001 000 102—4 11 2
Cleveland 000 100 010—2 8 0
Bass (9-11) and Bryan, Latman, Allen (8), Schaffernoth (9) and Romano. Loser—Allen (3-2). HRs—Dillard, Del Greco.

Los Angeles 000 002 001—3 7 1
Detroit 000 200 40x—6 10 1
Boswell, Chance (7) and Rodgers. Kline (8-8) and Brown. Loser—Boswell (10-7). HRs—Cash, G. Thomas.

Houk Leads Strange NY Celebration

BALTIMORE (AP)—Manager Ralph Houk of the New York Yankees wastes no time looking back. "We're not interested in home runs by Roger Maris or the rest of the schedule," he said only minutes after clinching the 1961 American League pennant Wednesday night in his first season as a major league manager. "Cincinnati, or whoever it is in the World Series, is our next worry."

"In the meantime, we're going to have fun tonight."
This was in a Yankee dressing room where champagne had been iced in advance and poured freely by one player over another. When the champagne ran out, beer shampoos were in order.

In a way, it was a strange celebration. Newsmen virtually ignored Houk to converge on Maris who missed by one homer Babe Ruth's 34-year-old record of 60.
Alone in a side room attired in street clothes was Mickey Mantle, for years the best-known Yankee hitter. This season he had to take a back seat to Maris after reaching 53 homers. In the pennant-winning victory over the Baltimore Orioles he was sidelined with a cold.
But when newsmen finally got around to congratulating Houk he reminded them the 26th Yankee pennant and 11th in 13 seasons was not due entirely to Maris and Mantle.
"This was definitely a team effort," he said.



THE DAY BABE BELTED NO. 60—Lou Gehrig, next up, was first to congratulate a beaming Babe Ruth when he established the seasonal major league home run record at 60 by belting a Tom Zachary pitch half way up the right field bleachers at Yankee Stadium, Sept. 30, 1927. The babby was next to extend his hand. The Washington catcher was Bennie Tate, the umpire Bill Dineen. Note that players were not yet wearing numbers.

34-Year-Old Record Safe For At Least Another Year

NEW YORK (UPI)—It happened one September day 34 years ago, the year that Charles A. Lindbergh flew the "Spirit of St. Louis" across the Atlantic Ocean alone.

This was the year when President Calvin Coolidge sent 600 Marines into Nicaragua to protect U.S. property and a famous singer named Al Jolson appeared in the first "talking" motion picture.

But to many people the most important day in 1927 was Sept. 30. That was the day Babe Ruth hit his 60th home run.

Since that day great baseball players have tried and failed to break that mighty record. Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Foxx and Hack Wilson all came close—but not close enough.

Almost Does It
Wednesday night Roger Maris of the New York Yankees almost did it. But he didn't. He missed

tying the record by a few feet after hitting his 59th, the same number the Babe hit in 1921, at Baltimore in a game that won the 1961 pennant for the Yankees.

Let's go back to that unforgettable day in September, 1927, when the Bambino walked up to the plate in the eighth inning of a game with the Washington Senators.

Tom Zachary, a great left-hander, was on the mound.

"There were two out, the score was 1-1 and men on first and second," Zachary recalled many years later. "I had to pitch to him. I couldn't put the winning run on third. It was mighty hot and the count was 3 and 2. I had to get it over with something on it."

What To Throw?
As Ruth clenched the bat handle, Zachary was in a sweat. Should he try to fog a fast ball

past the Babe?
"I guess I could have thrown him one of my fast balls, but I didn't want him to get hold of one of those," Zachary said.

Zachary made his decision—a curve ball.
"I threw him a good curve ball, the best I had, but it wasn't good enough."

There was a loud crack of the bat and the historic ball started its journey down the right field line. It curved fair, high in the bleachers, and the crowd in Yankee Stadium on that day went wild.

"He hit it a mile," Zachary said.
Zachary stood on the mound calling himself names as he watched the Babe make his familiar trot around the bases for the 60th time.

It was a day that long will be remembered in baseball.

Today's Sport Parade

Roger Remains Impassive; It's Champagne, Not Tears

By OSCAR FRALEY

BALTIMORE (UPI)—Roger Maris had just hit No. 59, a blow which put him second in baseball annals only to the immortal Babe Ruth, and he was as impassive as someone living in a vacuum.

He was a man with the cold poise of a Mississippi steam boat gambler holding a royal flush.
"The face was as expressionless as those cut into the unyielding rock of Mount Rushmore."

His deep-set eyes gazed forth on a watching world with the flinty, unwavering stare of a house detective checking a spurious credit card.

The voice was the flat, level monotone of a train announcer reading a part in Othello.
How did he feel now that he had hit one less than Ruth—and one more than any other man in baseball history—in the 154-game limit imposed by Commissioner Ford Frick?

He shrugged, still without cracking the veneer.
"I tried and all I got was one. I'm happy and lucky to get what I got. I'm relieved, too."

No Expression
He didn't look happy, or sad,

or relieved. You'd see more expression on the fish who stole your bait, the lady who won 20 cents on her two-buck ticket on the favorite to show, on the guy whose wife didn't pick his pocket of the poker winnings.

What about the Frick rule?
"He makes the rules."
And another shrug.

This is not a new facade manufactured for protective coloration. Maris is noted as a quiet man, albeit one ever prepared to sneak up with unyielding firmness when he is displeased. There is about him the withdrawn manner of a pick-pocket at a police convention, a characteristic which never has made him a roaring favorite among his mates.

Throughout the latter stages of his Canaveral-like canter among the stars he has read the newspapers with the critical eye of an editor suffering from ulcers. He has had what is known as a "good press," meaning that most of the reviews of his efforts were encouraging and complimentary.

Yet he has, on occasion, been quick to criticize as if he were a publisher of children's books

who had been affronted by an immoral manuscript.

Fan Snags Ball
After his 59th home run in the third inning Wednesday night, a reporter pursued the ball into the right field bleachers. It had been snatched by an unemployed machinist as if it were the Kohinoor diamond and he clutched it firmly in his hands as he was led down between innings to pose for pictures with Maris.

There was a discussion of its worth in a trade. There was the offer of two new balls in exchange; of two tickets to the first game of the World Series; of a flat \$25. It wasn't enough to the unemployed one.

"You gonna keep it?" Maris asked.
"Yep."
"Well, good luck to you," Maris said icily, and walked back to the dugout.

Later, in a Yankee dressing room long accustomed to pennant winning celebrations, they mechanically were going through the expected ritual of drinking champagne from paper cups and dousing beer on the heads of the younger and less blasé members. One, who was watching, noticed a wet spot on Maris' cheek.

"Are they tears?" he was asked.
"No," he replied with the barest hint of lifted eyebrows. "Just champagne."

Those who travel with the club could have told you that, even though after all these hectic weeks they're still trying to get inside him. But one thing is for sure. He isn't the crying kind.

RACING

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK—Black Thumper (\$28,200) won the \$28,550 Stryme Handicap at Belmont Park by 3 1/4 lengths.

CHICAGO—He's a Pistol (96) scored in the \$10,000 Brevity Handicap at Hawthorne.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Elta Knoch (\$8,201) won the feature at Meadows.

Joey Jay Hits 20; LA Wins

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Those amazing Cincinnati Reds, a questionable product in the National League race when the season began, have gone methodically about the business of trying to nail down their first pennant in 21 years with a potent patent on winning one-run games.

The Reds did it again Wednesday night, edging the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 on Wally Post's two-run homer in the eighth inning for their eighth victory in the last nine games and a 34-14 won-lost record in one-run games.

The victory went to right-hander Joey Jay (21-8), the only NL pitcher with 20 wins, and reduced the Reds' magic pennant-clinching number to four over second-place Los Angeles. The Dodgers also won by a single run, nipping Chicago 3-2 in 13 innings.

Milwaukee beat San Francisco 7-4 and Philadelphia defeated St. Louis 6-1 in other games.

Reds 3, Pirates 2
Post's 20th homer came with Vada Pinson on base via a walk and brought the Reds from behind to beat the Pirates and reliever Elroy Face (6-11).

Pinson, who was 1-for-3 on the night, became the first player in either league to reach the 200-hit mark and inched up on Pittsburgh's Roberto Clemente, the league batting leader with a .354 average. Pinson has a .342 mark.

Pittsburgh 000 000 020—2 7 0
Cincinnati 010 000 02x—3 10 0
Gibson, Face (8), Haddix (8) and Burgess, Jay (21-8) and D. Johnson. Loser—Face (6-11). HR—Post.

Bums 3, Cubs 2
The Dodgers, beaten two nights in a row by the seventh-place Cubs, remained five games behind the first-place Reds by pushing the winning run across in the 13th when Wally Moon singled, reached second on a ground out, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on Ron Fairly's two-out single.

Sandy Koufax (18-11) went the distance for the victory, striking out 15 for a 259 total this season, and moved within eight of tying the modern league record of 257 by Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants in 1903. Barney Schultz (7-6), third Chicago pitcher, was the loser.

Chicago 000 200 000 000—2 7 0
L. A. 010 000 010 000—1—3 11 0
Ellsworth, Elston (9), Schilling (12) and Barragan, Bertell (9). Koufax (18-11) and N. Sherry. Loser—Schultz (7-6). HRs—Santo, N. Sherry.

Braves 7, SF 4
Hank Aaron cracked a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning that snapped a 3-3 tie and ended the Braves' eight-game losing streak. Lew Burdette (17-10), won it. Mike McCormick (12-16), took the loss.

Milwaukee 001 200 202—7 10 1
San Fran. 011 100 001—4 9 1
Burdette (17-10) and White, McCormick, Miller (7) and Bailey. Loser—McCormick (12-16). HRs—Cepeda, Adcock.

SETS WORLD RECORD
LONDON (UPI)—Tamara Press of Russia set a world's record for the women's discus throw with a toss of 193 feet, 6 inches Wednesday while leading a Russian women's team to a 75-43 victory over an English women's track and field team. The U.S.S.R. men's team also whipped its English counterparts, 122-102.

Phils 6, Cards 1
Clay Dierpyle and Ruben Amaro drove in two runs each against Ernie Broglio (9-12), for the Phils' victory while Don Ferrarese (5-11) checked the Cards on seven hits.

Philadelphia 000 240 000—6 7 0
St. Louis 000 001 000—1 7 0
Ferrarese (5-11) and Dalrymple, Broglio, Washburn (5) and Oliver. Loser—Broglio (9-12). HR—Oliver.

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American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	104	50	.675	—
Detroit	93	59	.612	10
Baltimore	89	65	.582	15
Chicago	84	70	.545	20
Cleveland	74	79	.484	29 1/2
Boston	73	81	.474	31
Minnesota	67	83	.447	35
Los Angeles	66	86	.434	37
Kansas City	57	95	.375	46
Washington	56	95	.371	46 1/2

x-Clinched pennant
Wednesday Results
New York 4, Baltimore 2
Chicago 3, Boston 1
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2
Detroit 6, Los Angeles 3
Minnesota at Washington, postponed, rain

National League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Cincinnati	90	57	.612	—
Los Angeles	84	61	.579	5
San Francisco	80	65	.552	9
St. Louis	77	69	.527	12 1/2
Milwaukee	77	69	.527	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	69	75	.479	19 1/2
Chicago	61	86	.415	29
Philadelphia	45	101	.308	44 1/2

Wednesday Results
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago 2 (13 innings)
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 1
Milwaukee 7, San Francisco 4

Eagle Point Player Earns Prep Honor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Associated Press' Oregon high school football player of the week is Steve Geeren, 165-pound Eagle Point speedster who scored all of his team's points in a 33-0 rout of Cave Junction's Illinois Valley.

Geeren returned a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown, ran with an intercepted pass for another score and tallied from scrimmage on runs of 80, 20 and 3 yards. He made all of Eagle Point's conversions.

There were other heavy scorers during the weekend. Glenn Fortune registered 19 points for Glendale, Don Elston 18 for Sweet Home, Marv Himmel 18 for Westfir, and Tim Casey made three touchdowns for Jesuit of Beaverton.

There also were some standout defensive performances. Don Causey, an end, was in on 12 tackles, intercepted a pass, forced a fumble and blocked an extra point try as his North Salem team shaded Klamath Falls, 13-12.

Grants Pass coaches credited John Ripper of North Bend with preserving a 7-0 victory over their team. He batted down two passes that could have gone for touchdowns and tackled several Grants Pass runners who were about to score.

Roseburg's Mike Flury was a brilliant both ways in a 7-6 win over Springfield. He gained 95 yards on 23 carries, contributing some key runs in a touchdown drive. He also participated in 11 tackles and intercepted a pass.

Fullback Gary Collette was a North Salem's offensive star in the Klamath Falls game. He cracked the line 29 times for 136 yards and scored one touchdown. WyEast is heavily indebted to another fullback, Mike Goe, for the first victory it ever has scored over The Dalles. In the 34-0 triumph Goe reeled off a 21-yard touchdown run, averaged 4 yards per carry and was in on 11 tackles.

Maris Misses In Big Try; Long Fouls, Dribbler Hurt

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Roger Maris' relentless assault on Babe Ruth's hallowed home run record ended in defeat Wednesday night, but in no way could it be interpreted as a failure.

The left-handed slugger: battling against almost impossible odds, missed matching the immortal Bambino's 60 homers in a 154-game season by the narrowest of margins—just one.

Trailing by two home runs with just one more game remaining, playing in a park which had throttled him in all 25 previous efforts, Maris not only walloped his 59th home run of the season but came breathlessly close to smashing two more.

Had the two he barely missed been fair instead of foul, the crew-cut blond from Raytown, Mo., would have achieved the feat of the century.

Only two others had seriously

threatened that mark — Jimmy Foxx and Hank Greenberg.
The crowd of 21,032, naturally devoted to Ruth, a native Baltimorean, gave Maris, 27, a standing ovation after he had sent a dribbler down the first base line. "I didn't quite make it, but I tried."

And how Maris tried.
In the first inning, facing Milt Pappas, Baltimore's ace right-hander, he drove a screaming liner to Earl Robinson in deep right.

In the third inning, with Pappas still on the mound, he smashed a 2-1 pitch, a sort of high liner, into the right field bleachers, about 300 feet from the plate. The homer electrified the audience, which realized he still had at least two more cracks at homer No. 60.

Dick Hall, another right-hander, was on the mound when Maris came to bat in the fourth. With

an 0-2 count, Roger walloped a liner which landed in the stands, about eight feet foul and some 15 feet short of the right field bleachers. Many in the crowd, on his side by that time, groaned.

Again in the seventh, Maris flirted with fame when he hit a long drive deep into the right field bleachers. This one was about 20 to 25 feet foul.

Now it was the ninth. There were two out. Hoyt Wilhelm was on the mound.
"Just one good swing," Maris muttered grimly to himself. "Just one good swing. That's all I want."

He never got that "one good swing."
The ball struck the bat and dribbled down the first base line. Wilhelm fielded the ball himself and tagged the dejected Maris just off first base.

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