

1: Books by Phil Pepe (Author of Core Four)

Catfish, Yaz, and Hammerin' Hank: The Unforgettable Era That Transformed Baseball [Phil Pepe, Bucky Dent] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. In *Catfish, Yaz, and Hammerin' Hank*, sportswriter Phil Pepe talks to the stars of the day about their fondest memories and their greatest highlights from an era gone by.

Carl also played Little League Baseball. Yastrzemski signed with the Red Sox organization, which sent him to the minor-league Raleigh Capitals in , where he led the league with a . In 12 years as a left fielder, Yastrzemski won seven Gold Gloves and led in assists seven times. The Red Sox final two games were against Minnesota with the pennant and home run title and hence, the triple crown on the line. Killebrew also homered, but the Red Sox won, 6â€”4. Thus, the teams went into the final game tied for 1st place, and Yaz and Killebrew were tied with 44 home runs apiece. Louis Cardinals , losing three times to Bob Gibson. Referring to Williams, Yastrzemski wrote: In Yastrzemski again won the batting championship. In , Yastrzemski enjoyed the first of two consecutive home run seasons as he led the Red Sox to third-place finishes that year and the next. Yastrzemski and the Red Sox would suffer another World Series loss in , losing four games to three to the Cincinnati Reds. Earlier in the game, however, Yastrzemski began the scoring with a home run off left-handed pitcher Ron Guidry , who was having a career year 25 wins, 3 losses and a 1. Yastrzemski retired in at the age of 44, although he stated in his autobiography *Yaz* that he was initially planning on playing the season, until he was tired from a long midseason slump. He also stated that had he known how good Roger Clemens would have been as a pitcher, he would have played in to have had a chance to play with him. No player has had a longer career with only one team, 23 seasons, a record which he shares with Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles. Yastrzemski was the first player to ever collect over 3, hits and home runs solely in the American League [36] the feat has since been accomplished by Cal Ripken Jr. He was named to the All-Star Game 18 times. By the time of his retirement, he was the all-time leader in plate appearances, since surpassed by Pete Rose. Yastrzemski signing an autograph at Fenway Park in . Notably, this makes him one of the few Hall of Famers to directly succeed another Hall of Famer at the same position. However, in his later years, he adjusted his stance and held the bat lower. He was also known for modifying his batting helmets by enlarging the right ear hole for comfort and removing part of the right ear flap for better vision of the ball as it was being pitched. He also stood out for his cagey approach to the game. He would decoy opposing baserunners with his left-field play. This would fool baserunners into tagging up for precious extra seconds, preventing them from taking an extra base, and if they tried anyway his deft handling of the bounce and accurate throwing arm were liable to make them pay the price. Once while running the basepaths himself, Yastrzemski found a unique way to induce a throwing error. Thrown out at second base, he failed to head immediately for the dugout, as is customary. Opponents made an protracted attempt at tagging out another runner in a rundown or "pickle", but soon were flabbergasted to see a Red Sox player rounding third and heading for home. A panicked throw to the catcher far missed the mark, allowing Yastrzemski to "score" but more importantly allowing the runner behind him to advance. The song can be heard, and the album cover can be seen, in the apartment of Ben Wrightman played by Jimmy Fallon in the film *Fever Pitch*. He died of a heart attack in at age . In , Michael was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 30th round, with the th overall pick. He signed with the Baltimore Orioles as their 14th round pick in . He split time during the season with the Tides 81 games and Baysox 20 games.

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Pepe wrote very little about Catfish, Yaz, and Hammerin' Hank. His open chapter which focused on Curt Flood's cha The title of the book is a sham. The book, for the most part, is a history of the Yankees in the 70's, especially in the latter half of the decade.

October Afternoon Chapter 2: The Money Game Chapter 3: The Team of the Times Chapter 4: Chasing the Ghost Chapter 6: The Cover-up Game Chapter 7: One Up, One Down Chapter 8: Dear Nigger Chapter The Midsummer Classic Chapter Rah Rah for Cha Cha Chapter Love Atlanta Style Chapter Say Goodbye to America Chapter Pennant Fever Chapter A Classic Fall Classic Chapter Ruth led the league in on-base percentage ten times his. Ruth led the league in slugging percentage his first thirteen seasons his. Babe Ruth, his loyalists maintained, was the greatest hitter of all time, bar none. The Aaron camp countered that his soon-to-be homers were hit under more difficult conditions. Aaron faced bigger, harder-throwing pitchers, many of them fresh relievers in late innings. He played night games when the ball was harder to see. He crisscrossed the country and multiple time zones on late-night flights and played day games after night games. He may not have led the league as often, but year after year--for twenty years straight--he performed consistently, not having a bad season. Some believed that Aaron also benefited from a livelier ball, but, in fact, the opposite was true. Changes to better stitching, binding and the core revived the ball in the Fifties. There was also the invisible but palpable prejudice of apathy and indifference. Aaron felt that as well. July 21, the day after Aaron hit No. Naturally Aaron wondered if people stayed away because he was black. Orlando Cepeda Along came Opening Day. That historic afternoon game at Fenway. Ron Blomberg beat Orlando Cepeda into the record books, but both of their bats were shipped to Cooperstown. Not that Cepeda had done much with his. There, too, Blomberg showed him up. The Yankees DH added a single to his walk, reaching base twice in four trips to the plate. He tried to beat out one ground ball--laboring, straining, barely moving--but was easily thrown out. It was painful just to watch. The 32,plus Fenway faithful shook their heads. Cepeda finished the first day of the experiment oh-for-six. His second day did not go much better. In a replay of Opening Day, the sun shone impotently, the cold winds whipped, the Sox routed the Yankees and Cepeda went hitless. Cepeda was oh-for-eight, and doubts about the DH experiment loomed large as the triple zeros in his batting average. Boston fans taunted him from the bleachers. Sportswriters tagged him the designated out. The mockery continued on day three. Once, twice, thrice, Cepeda failed to hit. Kasko had stuck with Cepeda in the number five spot, but he decided he would sit Cha Cha tomorrow and use Ben Oglivie. Cepeda came to bat again in the ninth oh-for-eleven on the season. His knees ached in the cold. He would be lucky to beat the throw to first if he banged a ball off the Green Monster. Cepeda faced Sparky Lyle, on the mound in his first appearance at Fenway since the Red Sox traded him to Yankees a year earlier. Lyle had come into game three innings earlier, trailing , but the Yankees had evened the score in the top of the ninth. He wanted to give his team a chance to bat in the tenth and avoid being swept by their hated foes. Even more, Lyle wanted to show the Red Sox what a mistake they had made in letting him go. He watched the second. Lyle threw a slider, his money pitch. The ball lifted into the wind and muscled its way over the tall left-field wall. Boston 4, New York 3. Cha Cha stopped short of the plate, then toed it with his right foot in a celebratory dance step. His teammates mugged him happily. George Steinbrenner suspected Gaylord Perry was also illegally greasing the ball. The thirty-four right-hander had been accused countless times of doctoring the ball with sweat, grease or spit but never been convicted. Perry had beaten the Yankees in Cleveland on June 25 and ended their wining streak. Murcer bunted the next pitch foul down the third-base line. Third base coach Dick Howser picked up the ball and rushed to show umpire Lou DiMuro what he believed was grease smudged on the ball. DiMuro was not convinced. He ejected Howser for his animated and impolite argument. Later, Houk summoned DiMuro to the mound to search the pitcher. This time, Perry cooperatively removed his hat for inspection. After the game, Murcer criticized commissioner Bowie Kuhn and American League president Joe Cronin for letting Perry get away with throwing his spitball. Yankee president Gabe Paul, recently of the Cleveland Indians, had hatched the surveillance plan to catch Perry in the act of doctoring the

ball through the slow-motion and stop-action replay of the film. The team invited the league to send an official to watch the film with them. Steinbrenner approved the plan. If the guy was cheating, The Boss figured he deserved to be caught and punished. He would see to it himself. Justice would have its day. He started in center field for the first time at home in over a month. In the top of the third inning, with the score tied, he made a tumbling circus catch. As he had done so many times before, he won the game with his glove and bat. Yet, these days, his feats served more to measure how far the hero had fallen. His spectacular catch would have been routine in the old days, but he initially misjudged the straightaway fly to center. His home run was the 10th of his career, but only his first since the previous August, a four-month drought. Willie had become more memory than performing legend. The game two days later, when San Francisco came to town on Monday evening, June 11, showed how low he had slipped. Mays chased a ball to the wall in left-center, nearly 400 feet from the plate, but, rather than heave it back to the infield, he lobbed the ball ten feet to rookie left fielder, George Theodore, to relay in. Mays drew an error on the play. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Mays came to the plate with the Mets trailing and the tying run on first. He grounded out to second base to end the game and drop his batting average to .250. The man who had batted over .300 hit 37 homers by the All-Star break. By September 1, he had hit forty-five. The media swarmed him, and everyone from the President to the team owner fawned over him. In the two weeks before the All-Star game, reporters demanded a hundred interviews. Sports Illustrated featured him on its cover in July. President Nixon sent him a personal note after Jackson hit two homers in a game Nixon attended in Washington. On July 2, in Seattle, after Reggie hit three homers in a game, Finley wrapped him in a hug. The attention and adulation intoxicated Reggie. But he overdosed on it. The pressure attendant to such attention stalled his home run drive and landed him in the hospital with a case of shingles in September. He hit only two more homers that month and finished the season with forty-seven, third in the league. In only his second season, his early hot streak had catapulted his status from potential star to proven superstar.

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