

1932: FOXX POUNDS 58 HOMERS & RUTH CALLS HIS SHOT!

1932 is a season best recalled by two noteworthy events—one a continuing drama and the other an impulsive and highly unlikely boast.

Jimmie Foxx provided season-long excitement with a strong run at Babe Ruth's one-year home run record. Foxx came up just two short, with 58.

But the most memorable moment of the campaign belonged to the Babe himself. Taunted at the plate by the Cub dugout during the third game of the World Series, Ruth (at least according to legend) backed off and pointed to the centerfield bleachers. Then—with an 0-2 count, no less—he hit the unfortunate Charlie Root's next pitch into those same bleachers. It was the last of the Bambino's 15 Series homers, and New York's four-game sweep of Chicago represented the last title for the Ruth-era Yankees.

1932 LEADERS

| <u>HITTING</u> | | <u>PITCHING</u> | |
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| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | VICTORIES | |
| AVERAGE | | Warneke, Chicago | 22- 6 |
| O'Doul, Brooklyn | .368 | Clark, Brooklyn | 20-12 |
| Terry, New York | .350 | Bush, Chicago | 19-11 |
| Klein, Philadelphia | .348 | EARNED RUN AVERAGE | |
| HOMERS | | Warneke, Chicago | 2.37 |
| Ott, New York | 38 | Hubbell, New York | 2.50 |
| Klein, Philadelphia | 38 | Betts, Boston | 2.80 |
| Terry, New York | 28 | STRIKEOUTS | |
| RUNS BATTED IN | | Dean, St. Louis | 191 |
| Hurst, Philadelphia | 143 | Hubbell, New York | 137 |
| Klein, Philadelphia | 137 | Malone, Chicago | 120 |
| Whitney, Philadelphia | 124 | SHUTOUTS | |
| STEALS | | Warneke, Chicago | 4 |
| Klein, Philadelphia | 20 | Swetonic, Pittsburgh | 4 |
| Piet, Pittsburgh | 19 | Dean, St. Louis | 4 |
| Frisch, St. Louis | 18 | | |
| Watkins, St. Louis | 18 | | |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | VICTORIES | |
| AVERAGE | | Crowder, Washington | 26-13 |
| Alexander, Detroit-Boston | .367 | Grove, Philadelphia | 25-10 |
| Foxx, Philadelphia | .364 | Gomez, New York | 24- 7 |
| Gehrig, New York | .349 | EARNED RUN AVERAGE | |
| HOMERS | | Grove, Philadelphia | 2.84 |
| Foxx, Philadelphia | 58 | Ruffing, New York | 3.09 |
| Ruth, New York | 41 | Lyons, Chicago | 3.28 |
| Simmons, Philadelphia | 35 | STRIKEOUTS | |
| RUNS BATTED IN | | Ruffing, New York | 190 |
| Foxx, Philadelphia | 169 | Grove, Philadelphia | 188 |
| Gehrig, New York | 151 | Gomez, New York | 176 |
| Simmons, Philadelphia | 151 | SHUTOUTS | |
| STEALS | | Bridges, Detroit | 4 |
| Chapman, New York | 38 | Grove, Philadelphia | 4 |
| Walker, Detroit | 30 | seven with | 3 |
| Johnson, Detroit-Boston | 20 | | |

CUBS HOLD OFF PIRATES TO WIN N.L. PENNANT

In spite of a surprising mid-season managerial change (Charley Grimm replacing Rogers Hornsby), Chicago outlasted Pittsburgh to earn the National League crown. The Cubs featured the circuit's strongest pitching, and that was the difference. Brooklyn and Philadelphia, two powerful offensive clubs with little pitching, rounded out the first division. The defending World Champion Cardinals were the season's biggest disappointment, dropping to a tie for sixth.

BRONX BOMBERS OUTCLASS THE A.L. COMPETITION

In reality, the Yankees were in a class by themselves. They breezed to the American League pennant by 13 games, ending the Athletics' three-year reign, then they simply demolished the Cubs in the World Series. The A's, Senators and Indians were all fine teams, but none had the Yanks' pitching, and of the three only Philadelphia could compare with New York at the plate.