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### *Replay the Year of Greenberg's 58 Homers, Vander Meer's Two Consecutive No-Hitters, Foxx's Devastating Hitting, Hartnett's "Homer in the Gloamin'!"*

The Yankees, in a class by themselves, easily annexed their third successive world championship in 1938 by sweeping the Cubs in the World Series. Joe DiMaggio (.324, 32 HR, 140 RBI) and Bill Dickey (.313, 27 HR, 115 RBI) had their customary great years, and youngsters Joe Gordon and Tommy Henrich added 47 more homers between them. Lou Gehrig, his health already failing, still hit .295 with 29 HR and 114 RBI. Red Rolfe checked in at .311 and Frankie Crosetti added another dimension to the New York attack with a league-leading 27 steals. Red Ruffing (21-7) and Lefty Gomez (18-12) headed up the pitching staff.

Jimmie Foxx had a phenomenal year for the Red Sox, hitting .349 with 50 homers and 175 RBI. Regulars Joe Cronin, Joe Vosmik, Ben Chapman, Pinky Higgins and Doc Cramer also hit over .300, but the Sox' pitching was too spotty for them to seriously challenge the Yanks. Only Lefty Grove (14-4) stood out among the hurlers.

The third-place Indians had standouts in Jeff Heath (.343, 21 HR, 112 RBI), Hal Trosky (.334) and Earl Averill (.330), as well as pitchers Mel Harder (17-10) and Bob Feller (17-11). Hank Greenberg was the big story for Detroit, ripping 58 homers to go with a .315 average and 146 RBI. The Tiger offense also boasted Charley Gehring (.306, 20 HR, 107 RBI), Rudy York (.298, 33 HR, 127 RBI) and Dixie Walker (.308), but the pitching was inadequate.

The same conclusion applied to the Senators' staff, although Dutch Leonard was generally effective. But Washington had a collection of fine hitters — Taft Wright (.350), Buddy Myer (.336), Cecil Travis (.335), George Case (.305), Al Simmons (.302, 21 HR) and Zeke Bonura (22 HR, 114 RBI). The White Sox' top winner was tragic figure Monty Stratton (15-9), who lost a leg in a post-season hunting accident. Hank Steinbacher (.331), Rip Radcliff (.330), Gee Walker (.305) and Luke Appling (.303) did what they could to keep the Sox respectable.

Harland Clift (34 HR, 118 RBI), George McQuinn (.324) and Mel Almada (.311) were the main reasons St. Louis escaped the cellar, and Bobo Newsom won 20 games for the Brownies. The A's had three solid hitters in Bob Johnson (.313, 30 HR, 113 RBI), Wally Moses (.307) and part-timer Earle Brucker (.374), but not much else.

Gabby Hartnett's historic "homer in the gloamin'" — a ninth-inning shot which beat the Pirates in the gathering dusk at Wrigley Field on September 28 — carried the Cubs to the National League pennant. The Bruins had an excellent pitching staff led by Bill Lee (22-9) and Clay Bryant (19-11), and veteran Dizzy Dean (7-1) won some big games down the stretch. Stan Hack (.320) and Carl Reynolds (.302) were Chicago's most consistent hitters.

The Pirates appeared to have the pennant in their pockets until Hartnett's heroics keyed a three-game Cub sweep over the Buccos in the season's final week. Arky Vaughan (.322), Johnny Rizzo (.301, 23 HR, 111 RBI) and the Waner brothers, Lloyd and Paul, powered the Pittsburgh offense, while Mace Brown had a super year in the Buc bullpen.

New York and Cincinnati both remained in strong contention until the final few weeks. Mel Ott of the Giants was in his prime (.311, 36 HR, 116 RBI), and he had offensive support from Harry Danning (.306) and Jo-Jo Moore (.302). An arm injury limited Carl Hubbell to 13 victories, probably killing the Giants' chances. For the Reds, Ernie Lombardi hit .342 to win the batting title. Frank McCormick hit .327 and Ival Goodman hit 30 homers, but Cincy still found itself six lengths back at the end of the campaign. Paul Derringer won 21 games, and Johnny Vander Meer's 15 triumphs included his incredible back-to-back no-hitters on June 11 and June 15.

The Braves had three reliable starters in Danny MacFayden, Jim Turner and Lou Fette, but, except for Debs Garms (.315), they lacked offensive punch. On the other hand, shaky pitching did in the Cardinals, who boasted a pair of great hitters in Joe Medwick (.322, 21 HR, 122 RBI, 76 extra base hits) and Johnny Mize (.337, 27 HR, 102 RBI, 77 extra base hits) and other good ones in Enos Slaughter, Pepper Martin and Jimmy Brown.

Freddie Fitzsimmons (11-8) was the Dodgers' most effective hurler, but more typical of the Brooks' staff was hot-tempered Van Lingle Mungo (4-11). Dolf Camilli rapped 24 HR and knocked in 100 runs for Brooklyn and light-hitting Leo Durocher was a superb shortstop, but otherwise the Bums were short on talent. The Phillies' hitting was poor (only Phil Weintraub and Buck Jordan hit .300), but their pitching was worse: workhorses Claude Passeau and Hugh Mulcahy lost 38 games between them.