

Roger Maris* The Greatest Injustice Of All

(Editors note: Milton Richman, UPI's Senior Editor for sports and columnist, witnessed Roger Maris' entrance into the big leagues with Cleveland in 1957 and he also watched Maris break Babe Ruth's single-season home run record with 61 in 1961. Richman stayed in touch with Maris fairly often after the former outfielder left baseball and went into private business. In the following piece, Richman offers some personal recollections of his late friend.)

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — The greatest injustice of all was putting the asterisk in front of Roger Maris' name. It never belonged there in the first place. Originally, the asterisk was applied because Maris hit his 61 homers to wipe out Babe Ruth's single season record during a 162-game season whereas Ruth hit his 60 homers during a 154-game campaign in 1927.

The asterisk was solely in deference to historical purists who wanted it indelibly recorded that Maris took longer to accomplish the feat than Ruth did.

Maris always was amused by this because he never compared himself with Ruth. He thought comparisons were useless and, of course, he was right.

The best possible word I can think of to describe Roger Maris from the time he broke into professional baseball as a big 18-year-old kid with a blond crew haircut out of Fargo, N.D., until he died of cancer Saturday at M.D. Anderson Tumor Hospital in Houston at the age of 51, was the word "proud."

"Oh, Lord, he was so proud and he had so much right to be," said his old Yankees manager Ralph Houk, Pompano Beach, when he heard of Maris' death.

"A lotta people didn't know Roger."



Milton Richman
UPI EDITOR/Sports

Houk went on. "He took such pride in his professionalism. That started way before he broke Ruth's record. He was a complete ballplayer and a modest one. Even when we had an important run on third base, strictly on his own, Roger would drag or bunt to get the run in and not worry about home runs."

Mickey Mantle also had a big year in 1961 for the Yankees. He started out as if he might be the one to break Ruth's record before finally winding up

with only 54. And for much of that season those who did not know better thought the competitiveness between Maris and Mantle was similar to the coolness that once existed between Ruth and Lou Gehrig when they were both hitting home runs for the Yankees.

Those who thought that were dead wrong. Maris and Mantle were good friends during that 1961 season and they remained good friends after they went their separate ways.

While Maris will be remembered most as the man who broke Ruth's record, he was, as Houk says, a complete player. He had an exceptionally strong arm from the outfield, he could run very well, break up double plays and go from first to third as well as any Yankee since Joe DiMaggio.

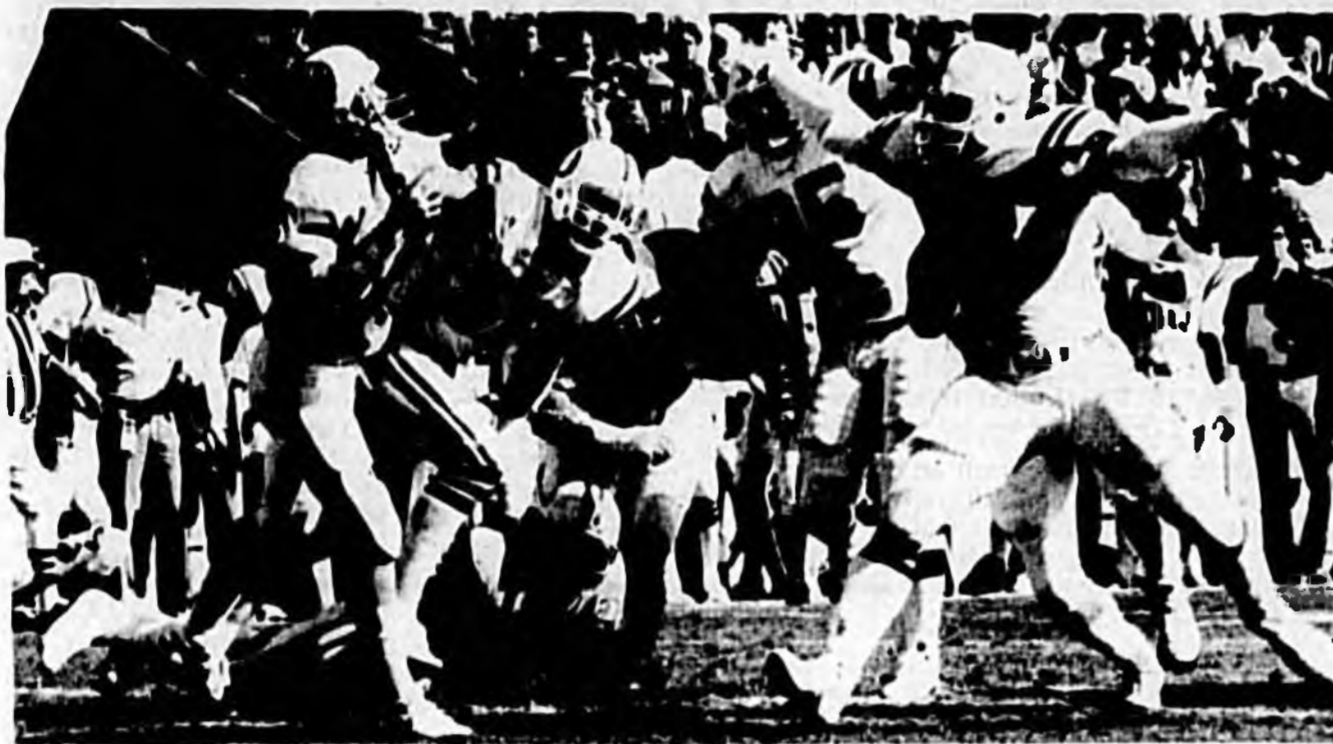
I remember an episode following Maris' rookie season with the Cleveland Indians. He was working for a

radio station in Fargo and the late Frank Lane, then the general manager of the Indians, thought Maris might profit from playing winter ball.

Lane thought Maris would jump at the chance. But Maris had other ideas. His wife, Pat, and family always came first with him and baseball second. Maris refused to leave his home to play winter ball. Lane raved and ranted, trying to force him to go, but Maris would not relent even in the face of Lane's threats that he would be sent back to the minors.

During the winter baseball meetings here, a request for blood to be donated to Maris was made and a great number of baseball people volunteered.

"The last time I tried to speak with Maris by phone I was unable to because he was sleeping. His wife told me to pray for him. I did then and that's what I'm doing again now."



Tampa Bay quarterback Steve Young unloads and gets ready to duck as Colts' Duane Bickett (50), Chris Scott (95) and Brad White (92) move in to lower the boom. Young had an improved passing day but the Bucs still lost to Baltimore, 31-23, to fall to 2-13 for the season.

Photo by Scott Bowers

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10:57 left in the game.

Bentley, a rookie refugee from the USFL, then sealed the victory with 4:55 remaining when he darted 28 yards off right tackle for a touchdown.

George Wonsley had first-half TD runs of 7 and 3 yards for the Colts and Raul Allegre added a 33-yard field goal in the second period. Pagel completed 17-of-28 passes for 127 yards.

Steve Young, whose desperation 44-yard scoring pass to Kevin House as time expired in the first half forged a 17-17 tie, had put the Buccaneers ahead 23-17 with a 1-yard TD plunge one play into the fourth period.

Donald Igwebuikwe's extra-point attempt sailed wide left. James Wilder, who rushed for 95 yards, added a 9-yard TD run and Igwebuikwe kicked a 48-yard field goal.

Young completed 14-of-25 for 251 yards but was intercepted twice in the final minutes. The celebrated rookie capped an 85-yard drive with his 1-yard quarterback sneak, but the Colts responded immediately. Pagel hit Wonsley for 17 yards on a swing pass to ignite a 67-yard march highlighted by McMillan's burst.

"We play hard and work every week, but still we're on the bottom of the scoreboard," said Tampa Bay linebacker Cecil Johnson. "Remember, you don't get the No. 1 draft choice for doing something right."

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scored a shot past the keeper in the near post.

Lake Mary made it 2-0 just before the half when Ernie Broenne scored on a crossing ball from Meyers.

"Trinity was playing pretty good defense," McCorkle said. "They were packing everyone in front of the goal. The second goal, right before the half, took a lot out of them."

Lake Mary added three goals in the second half with the first scored by Lee Alexander who booted in a loose ball in the penalty area to make it 3-0.

Rick Broenne then scored the most exciting goal of the game to make it 4-0. Broenne dribbled down toward the goal and fired a shot that deflected off the keeper. Broenne got knocked down on the play but, when the ball bounced right back toward him, he jumped up and blasted a shot past the keeper.

Freshman Jonathan Brooks completed the scoring when he left-footed a shot under the cross bar to make it 5-0.

"Now we've got a big week ahead of us," McCorkle said. "It

will be the major week of the whole year. Both teams (Lake Brantley and Lyman) are so strong. Brantley has one of the best defenses in the state and Lyman, with Howard and Ocasek, can score goals on anybody."

The one-time round robin format puts additional pressure on the Rams since they go into this week's grueling schedule with a far from healthy team. One of the biggest losses to the flu that has struck Lake Mary High is starting goalkeeper Greg Grifling.

Lake Mary backup keeper Steve Kilpatrick recorded his third straight shutout Saturday but Trinity took just two shots on goal.

"Steve (Kilpatrick) is probably the best backup keeper in all of Central Florida," McCorkle said. "But he just hasn't had the experience that Greg has. That could be a problem going against teams the calibre of Lyman and Brantley. I hope he's ready for this type of challenge."

LADY PATRIOTS WIN

Lake Brantley's Lady Patriots converted on five penalty kicks in the shootout compared to three for Stuart Martin County as Brantley claimed a 3-2 victory Saturday at Stuart.

The Lady Patriots scored one goal in each half in regulation with Julie DelRusso and Cara

Marien accounting for the goals. Martin County rallied for two goals in the second half to send the game to penalty kicks.

In the shootout, DelRusso, Pam Anderson, Michelle Herbst, Jennifer Josephs and Marien all converted for Lake Brantley while Martin County could make just three of its attempts.

The Lady Patriots, 5-1 overall, return to action Tuesday in a Seminole Athletic Conference match at Seminole. Brantley improved to 2-1 in the SAC Friday with a 5-1 victory over Lake Howell. DelRusso and Marien scored two goals each in that game.

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scoreless until the last 10 minutes of the first half. The Lady Greyhounds scored twice though in the last 10 minutes.

Lyman made it 3-0 four minutes into the second half but Seminole's defense tightened up again and held the Lady Greyhounds out of the goal until they exploded for a pair of quick scores in the last 15 minutes of play.

Senior standout Dawn Boyesen poured in three more goals while Sheila Mandy and Lisa Tooke added one each.

Lyman took 47 shots on goal while Seminole took just one, that coming on a shot by Denmark (before she was injured) from about 35 yards out. Seminole goalkeeper Sherri Rumler turned in a fine effort with 34 saves.

Reno also said Kim Walsh, Cindy Bengel, Angela Freeman and Jennifer Roberts played outstanding defense.

"It could have been a real runaway (Lyman won 10-0 over Seminole a week ago) if not for those girls on defense," Reno said. "We played better this time than last week. It was real cold and they were outnumbered but they never gave up. Our offense just couldn't penetrate Lyman's defense."

While having a healthy team is the first wish on Seminole's list, getting some offense is the

second. Seminole has not scored a goal in three games.

"We have all these injuries and young players without experience and we're playing all these tough teams in a row," Reno said. "We haven't had time to recover."

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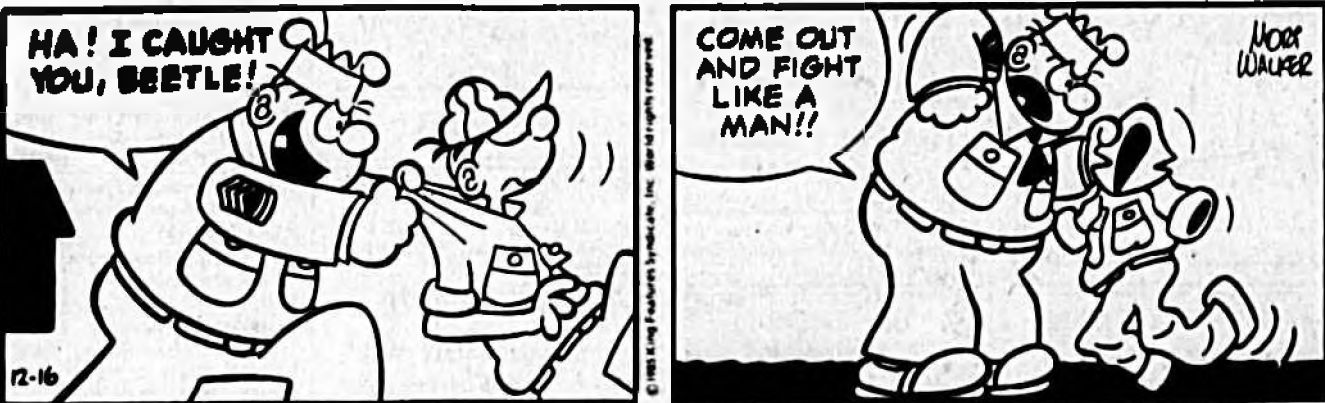
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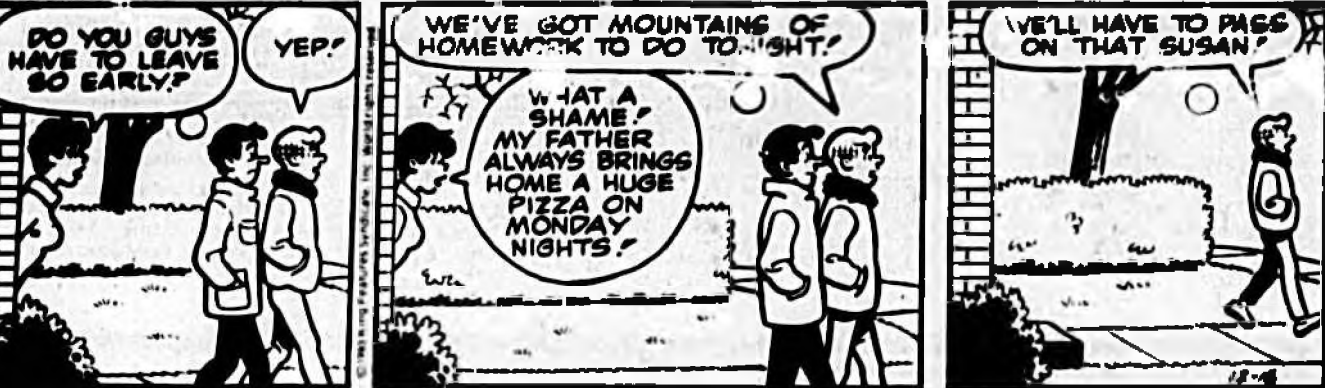
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Most Calcium Pills Are The Alike, Get Generics



Dr. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT - My husband, who is in his mid 40s, has a lot of gas that he passes constantly. How can he avoid this?

DEAR READER - He can alter his diet to avoid gas-producing foods (like cabbage and beans), cut down on alcohol consumption, avoid carbonated beverages, make sure he is not swallowing air when he eats or drinks, and use one of the many compounds containing simethicone.

DEAR DR. GOTT - When I went to the drugstore to buy calcium pills, I found that there were several different kinds. I do not wish to develop calcium deposits or kidney stones, so what kind of calcium should I get? Also, will taking calcium without a hormone supplement do as much good in preventing osteoporosis as taking the combination?

DEAR READER - Despite manufacturers' contentions, all calcium pills are pretty much alike. Most are made of a relatively pure form of mineral derived from crushed oyster shells. Don't buy the most expensive brand unless your doctor has a specific reason for asking you to do so.

DEAR DR. GOTT - Seven years ago, at 33, I devised a diet for myself so I could lose weight, get my blood pressure down and control an irritable bowel. I add no salt; avoid refined sugars, animal fats and cholesterol; don't drink booze or smoke; eat lots of fruits, grains and vegetables, and a minimal amount of broiled skinless chicken or fish; and take vitamin/mineral supplements. I try to drink six glasses of a water a day and walk briskly two miles a day. I lost 35 pounds, reduced my blood pressure from 190/20 to 110/70 and have no more soccer games in my gut. I am also off all medications. I cheat and have

pizza on the first Saturday of each month.

My problem is that my doctor, while he praises me for achieving my goal, thinks my diet is "trendy" and "bizarre." What do you think?

DEAR READER - His is a typical comment from the medical establishment. "Trendy" and "bizarre" are terms used by some reactionary physicians who still believe in clysters, leeches and purgations. I don't

know why your doctor couldn't have said, "Great job - keep it up!" You have accomplished what generations of M.D.s have been encouraging patients to achieve - and you did it on your own.

Send your questions to Dr. Gott at P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

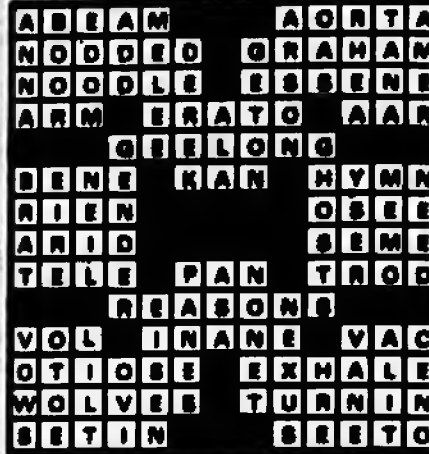
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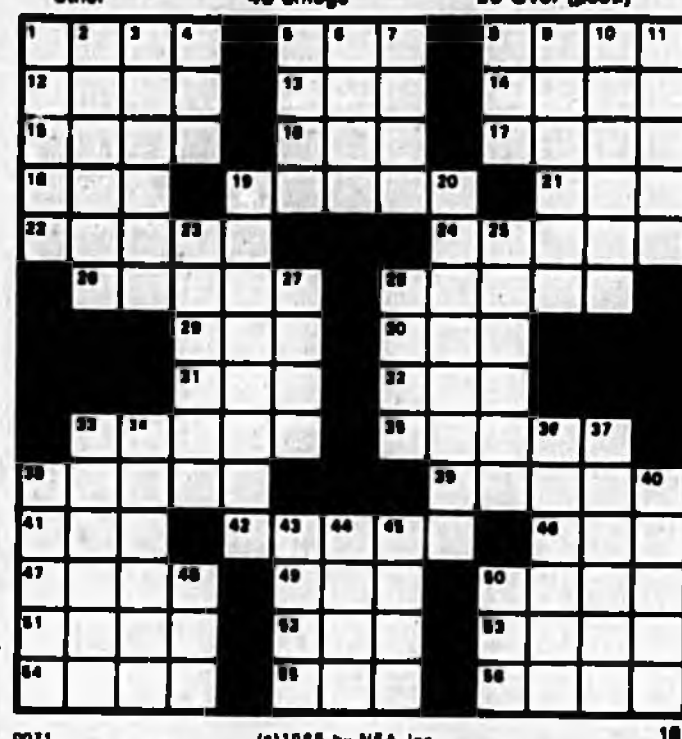
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby

Cover the East-West hands with your thumbs and decide how you are going to play today's six-heart contract.

You will make it, won't you. If either the club king or the spade king is favorably located? So what's wrong with taking a club finesse? If it works, you're home. If it doesn't work, there is still a chance that opponents' clubs will be 3-3, letting you throw dummy's small spade on your fourth club to avoid having to take a spade finesse. Finally, if clubs do not divide, you can always fall back on that spade finesse. All this is true, and six hearts is certainly a good contract, but you should always search for ways to make a good contract even better.

Try drawing two rounds of trump. Cash the ace of clubs. Then play king and ace of diamonds, and ruff a diamond. Next lead a heart to dummy and a club to your queen. West will win that trick, but what next?

West has no more clubs; if he leads a diamond, you will discard a spade from dummy as you trump in your hand. If he leads a spade it will be into your A-Q. What if West doesn't even have the king of clubs? Then you win the club queen and return to dummy with the last heart in your hand to lead up to your guarded club jack. You make the hand whenever East holds the club king, or (the extra chance) whenever West holds the club king guarded only once.

Bridge hand layout showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and a vulnerable dealer.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 17, 1985

Two old involvements that you have been thinking about giving up on will start to yield a bounty in the year ahead. Your time and efforts weren't wasted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Things must not be taken at face value today. Probe a bit beneath the surface and you'll come up with information that isn't obvious to others. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have a marvelous faculty today for drawing out others. People you talk to might tell you things they dare not reveal to anyone else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Career and financial conditions are apt to be more favorable for you today than they will be tomorrow. Act while you have the advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Experience is an asset that you can use to your benefit. Look into your past for the key to unlock today's door to success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Important business affairs should be conducted in a confidential atmosphere today, screened from interfering outsiders. Shoo away busybodies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make it a point to share fun happenings today with old friends. They'll be pleased you thought of them, and their presence will add to your enjoyment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take measures today to get closer to people who can help advance your career goals. You'll move ahead more rapidly once

you have their cooperation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your managerial and organizational skills will be pronounced today. If those with whom you're involved start fumbling, step in and lend a helping hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There is something important you can do today that will benefit your family. Don't waste anymore time; just do what needs to be done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Success is likely today in situations where you and your mate are aiming for the same objectives. What neither can do alone can be accomplished together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Increase is now likely from something already providing you with a source of income. The flow of this greater yield might start today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll sparkle and shine today if you're involved in social activities. Everyone at the gathering will be aware of your presence.

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by Leonard Starr

