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and more to come...



Tuesday, September 8, 1998, 8:18 P.M. Central Time. One pitch, a hard line drive to left that barely missed hitting the wall. It's a good thing it didn't hit the wall because it would have blasted right

through it if it did. Would that be a ground rule double or an HR?

It looks like Mark will smack 70 or so this year. I think Sammy will whack 63. What a great pair of guys. In today's world of ego-maniac athletes it is nice to see down home guys who really care about sports and what sports means to everyone, especially the fans who fund it by attending games, buying sports products and consuming the goods that advertisers manufacture.



No asterisk for Mark

62 homers, 138 games played, Ruth 60 homers 151 games played, Maris 61 HRs 158 games played.



100 issues that have covered our lives and times

Wow ! It's been 100 issues since that first Redwood Reporter rolled off the printer back in February, 1993.

What a ride we have taken as a group. We started off with some friendly matches that developed into a raging rivalry. The Redwood Reporter was there to put down in print and pictures for posterity, the events and the lives and times of the what would become the Joker/Meister games.

Since then, my the changes we have seen. We have watched each other grow and move ahead with our lives. The only connection at times, the Redwood Reporter. With Paul off traversing the continent in search of wayward campers and Frank off for years in the dark recesses of Eastern Contra Costa County (*Concord*), it was up to the good ole' RR to keep us all in touch.

I wish to thank all of you and your families (*that brings the readership numbers up to 12 or so!*) for reading the RR all these years and yes all 100 issues!

THE BEST OF THE REDWOOD REPORTER

pictures, quotes,
scores, hilights and
trivia.
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Baseball fans are better in the 90's

For years now I have spouted off about the decline of morality in our country. The loss of respect for elders and for our constitution. The lack of patriotism. "Why don't children address adults as Mr. and Mrs. or Miss, anymore?" was always on my mind. What happened to the quality of people over the last 40 years?

Well this home run chase of 1998 has been a shining star in a sea of moral dysfunction.

The fans have embraced Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. They have supported him. Why? Because baseball fans in the 90's are better than they were 40 years ago. We have families in the ball parks.

When Maris was breaking the record he was booed by his own fans. They felt it should be 'The Mick' getting the record. Roger Maris went through a living hell while having what should have been the best season of his life. Two reasons why : 1, the fans were jerks back then and 2, New Yorkers suck.

Fans all over the country are embracing this record. The kids are turning over the balls to Mark McGwire without demanding a kings ransom. For the record Babe's #60 and Maris #61 both took 30 years to reach Cooperstown. Greedy slimy pirates were the theme of the fans in the glory days of baseball.

All of this in an era of President 'cute lil' intern' Clinton, and politics that seem to support the rapid moral decline of our nation. A shining star in a sky full of corruption and filth. Baseball's fans today are fabulous, especially in St Louis.

Redwood Reporter Trivia

Harper's Index on the RR

- Number of times Frank complained about RR biased and yellow journalism - 9
- Number of times Rod claimed the the Meister would prevail - 22
- Number of times Rod said it was hopeless to beat the Joker - 16
- Number of pounds of paper generated by the 100 issues of the RR - 17
- Number of computers used over the years by the RR - 4
- Number of times topless people appeared in the RR - 11 (*women 3 times*)
- Number of quotes from 'Officer Evans' - 4
- Number of times RR ran stories on Presidential Scandals - 17
- Number of 'Bob's' ads in the RR - 22
- Number of Joker/Meister weddings, divorces, funerals, births, job changes and homecomings - 28
- Number of photos of Paul that have appeared in the RR - 62
- Number of regular season home runs hit by Mark McGwire since Issue #1 - 229
- Number of quotes from Tami - 0
- Number of times RR was printed in color - 8
- Number of states in which the RR was read - 7



The first of only 3 victory poses for Meister but the most often reprinted picture in RR history it appeared in 5* issues! First appearing in issue #17
 *This mug of Paul appeared in 11 issues, Country Corner columns accounted for 9 of them.



The first of 11 victory poses to appear in the RR for the Joker, this one in Concord 3/3/93 issue

Snapshots over the years



Best of The RR :
 Best Photo -
 'Frank and his Coors.'

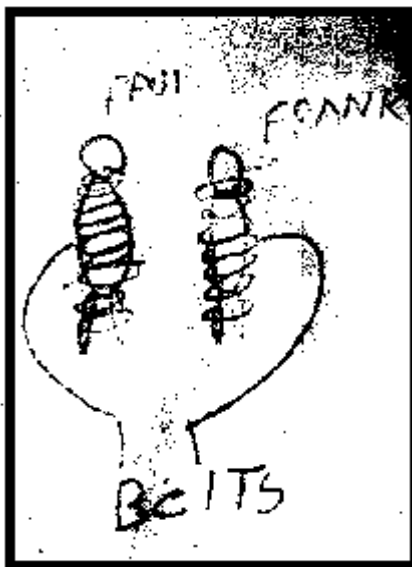


The 3 images below will remind us of the times gone by. (Left) The hype in the early years of the Joker/Meister games was intense. It was more hype than a Super Bowl. The ad shown illustrates this 'hype'. (Middle) Paul at one point drew an example of Joker supremacy with his classic illustration of the Joker 'belts'. (Right) The infamous 'ticket' issued to Rod Sager on St Patty's Day 1993 after a spat with 'physco babe Kari' by none other than 'Officer Evans'. This fine policeman would be third party quoted for years to come by Frank.



There is only one way to beat the Joker... The Meister will unleash their new secret weapon and the Joker will fall to his death! TONIGHT AT 7PM

This is a paid commercial advertisement from Meister



Paul Schroth draws the belts that the Joker has won. 6/7/93



More Mark



Why is Mark so likable? He does not have the sheer charisma of Babe Ruth. But Mark is likable because Mark is a great human being. He is humble before God and his

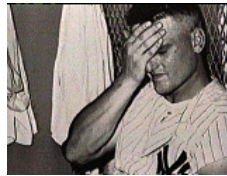
genuine humility is freely expressed in his actions and his attitude.

Mark McGwire knows what life is all about. Mark knows that the real things in life that matter are family, like his son Matt. The real things in life like the fans and like the feelings of the Maris family. Like the fact that baseball is more than just a sport that makes him 8 million a year. It is a past-time. An American legacy. Baseball means allot more to some of the fans who follow it than it does to many of the players who play it. Mark seems to acknowledge this 'larger than life' aspect of baseball



and even embraces it. Mark cares about the legacy he is leaving for baseball's posterity. Mark is selfless and genuine and in modern mega-bucks sports, that is very rare. America likes what it sees in Mark McGwire.

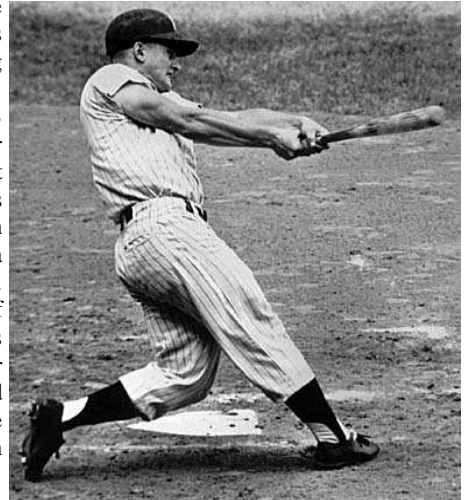
Roger Maris, Great Guy



Roger Maris set a record in 1961. A record that few thought would ever be set. A record few thought would ever be broken again. Roger's record stood for 37 years. 37 years! That's 3 years older than me.

Roger Maris finished his 10 year ML career with 275 home runs and a lifetime batting average of .271. Roger was a solid 'complete' player. Solid defense and offense. Roger played in 7 world series and won 3. Maris was a hard working winner.

Maris, my friends, is not in the MLB Hall of Fame. The man who held a 37 year record, that is the most coveted of all, is not honored in Cooperstown. If his accomplishments on the field aren't enough his family accomplishments should be a boost. Maris was a great family man. Raised 6 fine children and set the kind of American Family example that sports figures often fail to do. Maris unlike many other athletes including Ruth, set a good wholesome example. Yes folks it is possible to be the very best in sports and not be an obnoxious asshole!



Can I be Frank with you?

By the writer formerly known as Frank Hinton Corporate Raider

Well...he did it. No..no..not Clinton. Mac. Big Mac. The Sultan of St. Louis. Mark McGwire. The new Home Run Leader for Major League Baseball. Unreal.

It couldn't have been scripted better. He hit 60 and acknowledged Babe Ruth. He hit 61 and acknowledged Roger Maris. And then...he hit 62 and the world stopped. As someone that has followed and admired Mark since his rookie year, it was gratifying to see him be celebrated by the world and exciting to see him truly enjoy the accomplishment.

It was an accomplishment that was unlike any other. Rickey Henderson was

eventually going to steal another base. Pete Rose was eventually going to get another hit Cal Ripken showed on game day. There was no guarantee that Mac was going to hit another home run. And (more importantly) he was under a time constraint! He only had until the end of the 1998 season before it all starts over at zero.

McGwire is special for many reasons. One of the things that I like best about him is the fact that he doesn't prostitute himself by selling anything from hot dogs to tennis shoes, (are you listening Michael Jordan?). He's not on every news or talk show, (they all want him though). He gives \$1,000,000 a year to charity and he's a good father. He's kind of like Barry Bonds when you think about it. Sorry...I just fell over laughing hysterically.

Mark McGwire has been in St Louis

Slammin Sammy in the 62 club



Slammin' Sammy Sosa has joined Mark in the 62 plus club, an exclusive club with only 2 members ever and it was formed this year! Sammy is living the ultimate American dream. Come to America and make it big. Sammy Sosa is representative of the very foundation of America itself. The land of opportunity, where fame and fortune are yours to win or lose.

"Baseball has been very, very good to me" Mr. Sosa you have earned it my friend. Baseball has done you few favors, You are the 'little bright eyed shoe shine for a nickel boy' from the Dominican that came to America and worked hard to make your fortune. You have done what so many of our fore fathers did when establishing this great nation. Blood, sweat and tears to attain greatness.

Sammy Sosa is just another example of how the American dream can still be realized. Those who truly wish to succeed, will. Shoe shine boys not excluded.

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for a little over one year and he has already been told that they plan to retire his number. Unreal. Ten years in Oakland have been forgotten by the media and the public at large. The Oakland Athletics owners are the only ones to blame. Their commitment to making a buck and not trying to win has cost Oakland fans a piece of history. We still have our legacy. The 1989 Oakland A's had (in my opinion) three future Hall of Famers. Before you ask, let me tell you. Rickey Henderson, Dennis Eckersly and Mark McGwire.

All the best to Mark McGwire. He's a great guy, a great player, and I'm looking forward to next year when he hits career home run number 500 (he's holding at 449). I'm also waiting for the (inevitable) other shoe to fall. As much as the media loves making heroes, they love it even more when they can tear him down. Savor this feeling Mark McGwire fans! It'll never feel as good as it does today!

Finally...a sports hero that everyone can admire!

Editor : Well believe it or not, Jose Canseco could be a fourth A from the 1989 team to find himself in the Hall of Fame. Canseco has a solid career that will likely include over 500 home runs and 400-500 stolen bases.

Thanks Frank, for the show of support but I don't think Michael Jordan reads the Redwood Reporter.

The 89' A's will go down in history among the greats, 27' and 61' Yanks, 36' Cards, 74' and 89' A's, 94' Braves

A boy and his dog



Bob's Humidor
Cigar Specials
 Santa Damiana 100 - \$8.99
 Arturo Fuente #3 - \$6.99
 Partagas #10 - \$7.99
 La Monica Casa Blanca Especial - \$99.99

Washed up, soon to be ex-president, looking for work, preferably in office that uses lots of young kinky interns who like people with power.

Bob's Sports
Presents
 The 100th Redwood Reporter Issue Joker Tee-shirt!
 Limited Edition World Champion Joker Tees with special 100 issues emblem,

This would never have happened to

Well the libbies won the election back in 96' and got their boy president re-elected. Yeah! Save the trees, stop pollution, save the world, help the poor by spending zillions on social systems that don't work, yada, yada, yada.

So it seems wonder boy Clinton spent far too much time chasing skirts and watching the latest in kinky Havana fore-play to be working on all of these environmental globe saving schemes that his liberal cronies love so much. Yes once in power Clinton new exactly what to do.

This would have never happened to Bob Dole. First of all he is married to a woman 20 years his junior and she is better looking than Hillary anyway. Second he is so damn old that even the kinkiest of bright eyed interns would never even dare to think of such things with him.

Yes, it is safe to say had America voted for Dole in 96' these horrendous scandals and sordid cigar allegations would surely never have occurred.

Bob Dole has far more class. For he certainly *smokes* his cigars as opposed to Boy Billy's more nefarious uses.

GARFIELD Jim Davis

