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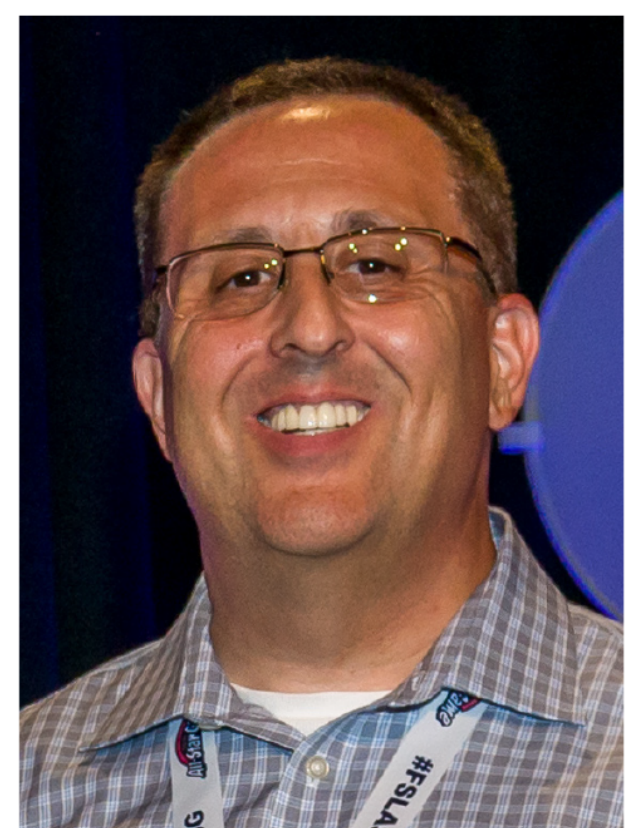
When we opened our gates on May 11 to start the 2021 season, it had been over 600 days since we were last able to welcome you into Dutchess Stadium for a Renegades home game. A lot had changed since the end of the 2019 season. We welcomed with open arms the NY Yankees, our new parent club and said farewell and thank you to our longtime affiliate, the Tampa Bay Rays. We had some new front office staff members and game day staff as well as a few who have moved on. There were new season ticket holders and fans who were about to experience a game or a season at “The Dutch” for the first time. There were new ballpark improvements that will benefit both the fans and the players on the field.

It’s been a long, strange trip! We somehow navigated through it all, and the start of the 2021 season brought us something that felt “normal and familiar”. Now we are well into our season and we are back to 100% capacity. We have since cut off the zip ties that separated our seats into pods and now we are able to sit together again and watch Renegades baseball here at The Dutch just like we last did in 2019. We could not be more excited as we have all waited a very long time for this.

On behalf of all of us with the Hudson Valley Renegades including our front office and game day staffs, our ownership group - the Goldklang family, our players and coaches from the NY Yankees organization and our tremendous partners with Dutchess County, we want to thank all Renegades fans and corporate partners for your patience and willingness to work with us through seating manifest adjustments and protocol changes. None of it has been easy but it’s been a labor of love for all of us. We are excited to once again open our gates and can’t wait to see each and every one of you here at Dutchess Stadium this season. We thank you for being a part of our family. You are all truly the best!! Let’s go ‘Gades!!

Sincerely,

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President / General Manager
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Marcus J. Molinaro
County Executive

May 11, 2021

Dear fans,

It's with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to Dutchess Stadium, one of the gems in the Dutchess County Parks System, for the 2021 Hudson Valley Renegades season – a summer of excitement and opportunity unlike any other in the team's 28-year history.

The diversion baseball provides has never been more appreciated than following this past year, and we celebrate a new chapter in Renegades history, as the team begins its first season as the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. In addition to hosting a higher level of Minor League Baseball with roughly twice as many home games each season, Dutchess Stadium has become the back porch to Yankee Stadium, with the next generation of baseball's most successful and recognizable franchise calling "The Dutch" their home as they take their formative steps to the big leagues.

Though Dutchess Stadium was dark for the 2020 season, the future is bright for the Renegades, their fans, and Dutchess County entering the 2021 campaign. Since 2019's final pitch, the County has invested millions to improve Dutchess Stadium, most notably in the newly paved parking lot on which you drove to enter the facility, and the state-of-the-art LED lighting that will efficiently illuminate the playing field for years to come.

These ventures not only enhance your fan experience; they demonstrate Dutchess County Government's commitment to our stadium, to hosting professional baseball, and to providing hundreds of thousands of fans each season with the unique, high-quality, family entertainment you've come to expect since we opened this stadium in June 1994.

Nearly three decades after it was built and hosted its first game, Dutchess Stadium remains a powerful economic engine for Dutchess County – employing many of our friends and neighbors, both throughout the season and year-round; and providing tax revenue from concessions and souvenirs sold at the ballpark.

Invaluable, however, is the hope this stadium and the games played here this season will bring to countless Dutchess County residents and visitors from throughout the northeast. These past months have taken away so much – the 2020 baseball campaign, for example, was just one of the many casualties, though so many of us lost so much more. This 2021 season gives us back a bit of normalcy, a glimpse into a more innocent past we all hope to recapture.

In consultation with our County's health department, the Renegades have devised a comprehensive safety plan for 2021, and we can all play a part in ensuring our evenings #atTheDutch remain as safe as possible for all in attendance.

I wish the Hudson Valley Renegades every success during the 2021 season, and may every fan enjoy a healthy and safe summer of great baseball fun watching Dutchess County's very own boys of summer.

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Marcus J. Molinaro
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DAN FIORITO Manager

Yonkers, New York born Dan Fiorito enters his fifth season with the New York Yankees organization.

This will be Fiorito's second stint as a manager within the Yankees organization. His debut came in 2019 when he piloted the Gulf Coast Yankees East team. Last year, Fiorito was named the manager of the Staten Island Yankees prior to the season not being played.

Fiorito played four years with the Yankees organization, playing in 332 career games. He and his wife Elizabeth currently reside in Yonkers.



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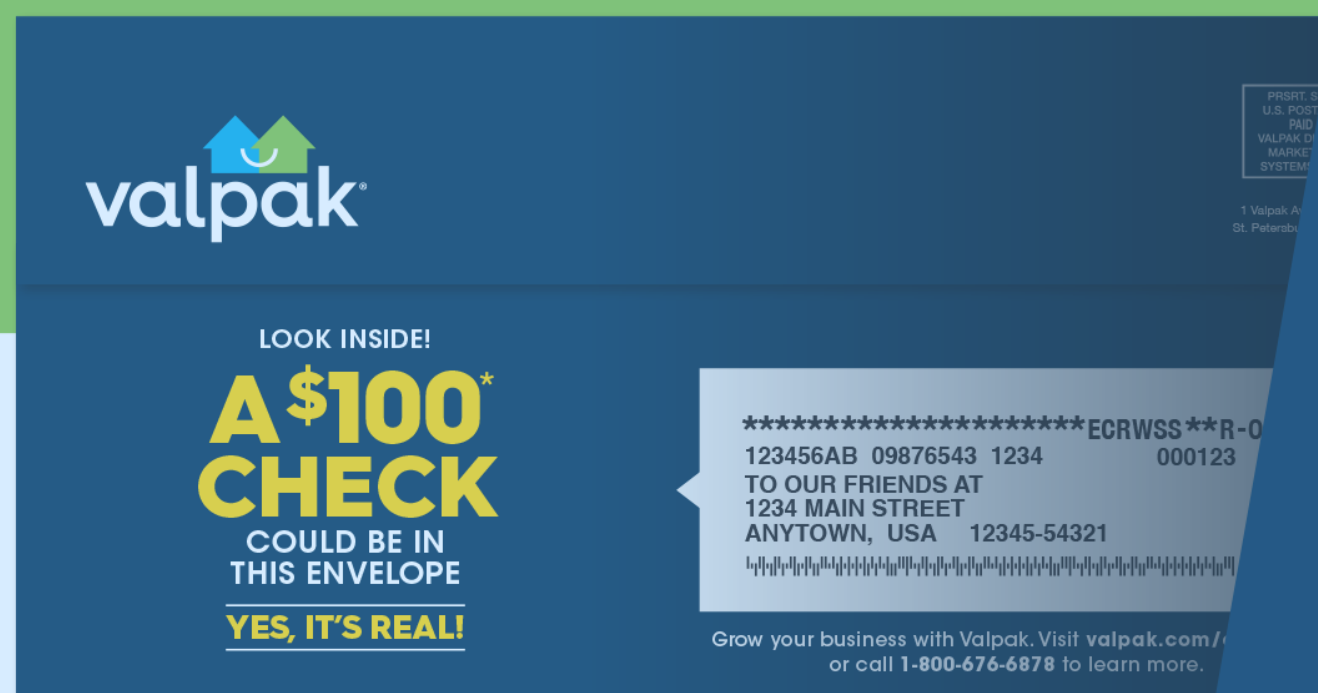
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INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE



JOSH SMITH

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST RENEGADE

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By Spencer Pierce

When Oswald Peraza was called up to the Somerset Patriots on June 8th, it was a graduation of sorts. Peraza shined in High-A with the Renegades at shortstop and solidified his spot as a top five prospect within the Yankees organization. For Renegades fans, though, his departure left a gaping hole at shortstop.

That same day, the Renegades filled that hole when the 23-year-old Josh Smith was promoted to Hudson Valley.

Smith started the 2021 season on the Tampa Tarpons (Low-A Affiliate of the New York Yankees) and showed his promise with a .333 batting average with 15 RBI over only 11 games. The Yankees decided they had seen enough and promptly called him up to Hudson Valley.

For Smith, he was happy with his play in Tampa, but getting called up was never his first priority.

"In the minor league system, a lot of things are out of control, so I try not to get too focused on if I get called up or sent down, I just focus game by game and control what I can control and let it all work out," said Smith.

Smith took no time getting acclimated to High-A baseball, as he blasted a home run in his first at bat in a Renegades uniform.

"I wasn't too nervous, and it helps because I played with a lot of the guys here in Staten Island," said Smith. "A lot of the guys made it comfortable and easy for me."

Smith was originally drafted by the Tigers in the 38th round of the 2016 MLB draft, but opted to pursue a college baseball career at LSU. This turned out to be the right decision, as Smith posted a career .313 batting average over 143 games.



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Smith missed the 2018 season with a stress reaction in his vertebrae but came back stronger than ever, as his 2019 season was by far the best of his career. He led the Tigers in all three slash categories (.346 BA/.433 OBP/.533 SLUG) as well as steals (20). These eye popping numbers prompted the Yankees to draft the shortstop in the 2nd round of the 2019 MLB Draft.

Smith played 33 games with the Staten Island Yankees in 2019, and found success yet again, slashing .324/.450/.477.



Photo courtesy of MLBTradeRumors.com

Part of what makes Smith such a high prospect in the Yankees organization is his ability to put the bat on about any pitch that he wants. Jake Hirst, the Renegades hitting coach, spoke highly of Smith's ability to put the ball in play.

"He has the ability to put the bat on just about anything," said Hirst. "It's truly impressive. He makes really good decisions at the plate and because of that he's able to put the bat on a lot of pitches."

After the home run in his first at bat, Smith cooled off and, as of June 15th, is hitting .125. He isn't a lost cause though, as Hirst says there are certain aspects of his plate approach that are being worked on to get him to the next level.

"Focusing on putting the bat on the ball early in the count to maximize his ability to impact the baseball," said Hirst. "When he gets to two strikes, he's leaning on his ability to fight off pitches, work counts, or just not strike out. But, early in counts, we're working on him doing damage when he has the opportunity to."

What stands out about Smith is not only the player he is, but the type of person he is, which transcends any box score.

"He's a really good teammate. Right away when he got to Hudson Valley he was joking around with the guys," said Hirst. "He brings this lowkey, hard nose, hard working mentality which shows up a lot between the lines. He knows what he's working on in BP, he knows what he's working on in the cage, and when he gets in the game he truly flips a switch and turns into a gamer. All of that stuff plays up because of his mentality."

Smith wants Renegades fans to know that he loves interacting with them, both online and at games.

"Big social media guy, I love being on social media and interacting with fans," said Smith. "Taking pictures with fans, signing autographs just so they can get to know myself. I recently got into the tiktok phase. I'm kind of on tiktok now but I'm on Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, all of that stuff."

According to MLB.Com's prospect rankings, Smith's estimated time of arrival to the major leagues is 2022, so Renegades fans, enjoy him while you can!

Spencer Pierce is a Media Relations Intern with the Hudson Valley Renegades



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A CENTURY LATER

A LOOK BACK AT THE SULTAN OF SWAT AND THE NEW YORK YANKEES FIRST PENNANT



Photo courtesy of Thisgreatgame.com

By Tom Seipp

Entering the 2021 MLB season, the New York Yankees are considered the most storied franchise in sports having won 27 world championships.

Exactly 100 years earlier in 1921, it was much different; the Yankees never made the World Series in their 18 years of existence.

Entering the 1921 season, the Yankees were expected to compete with the reigning World Series champion Cleveland Indians. Babe Ruth, who was acquired from the Boston Red Sox before the 1920 season, was ready to make a statement in his second season in New York.

Manager Miller Huggins and his crew wanted to start off the season on the right foot: Ruth helped him do exactly that, starting the season by going five-for-five with two doubles in an 11-1 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics.

It was a spectacular beginning to a historic season for "The Great Bambino," as he went on to lead the league in home runs, RBI, walks, slugging percentage, OPS and more. His 457 total bases in 1921 continues to be the most ever in a single season.

According to Sports Illustrated, Ruth hit at least one home run of 500 feet or more in all eight American League cities in 1921; he finished the season with 59 total homers. It was the same year he broke the all-time home runs record, shattering Roger Connor's record of 138 homers. Ruth finished his career with 714.

Starting pitching was a strength for the Yankees in the 1921 season. Their pitchers put together an American League Leading 3.82 ERA, quietly giving the Yankees a large boost. Carl Mays led the way with 27 wins in 38 starts; he pitched 336.2 innings posting a 3.05 ERA. The Yankees were getting the pitching they needed to be competitive, as Ruth single handedly carried the offense.

For the first time ever, the Yankees were becoming the team to beat in the American League.

Throughout the entire season, it was a two-headed race between the Yankees and the Indians for the American League pennant. With just nine games to go in the regular season, the Tribe and Yanks met at the Polo Grounds for a four-game weekend series. It turned out to be a pivotal one, as the Yankees won three out of four.

In game four of the series, Ruth proved - yet again - why he's "The Sultan Of Swat," as he homered twice in the series-clinching game to deliver a gut-punch to the Indians which they wouldn't recover from.





A CENTURY LATER

A LOOK BACK AT THE SULTAN OF SWAT AND THE NEW YORK YANKEES FIRST PENNANT

The Yankees clinched the American League pennant for the first time in franchise history and they got an early test in their first World Series, as they opposed the New York Giants.

It was a "New York Showdown" in the Big Apple, as the two teams, who shared a stadium, met in the World Series. The Polo Grounds became the lone site for the World Classic, as each game was hosted in the historic ballpark in Manhattan.

The 1921 World Series was the fourth (and final) World Series that was a best-of-nine game format. Each team ended up as the home team every other game.

The Giants came into the World Series as the favorites, as their team consisted of Hall of Famer Frankie Frisch, Dave Bancroft and High Pockets Kelly led the team through the National League. The Giants were looking for their second World Series title, having already won the pennant five times prior to the 1921 matchup with the Yankees.

In the first two games of the World Series, the Yankees shut out the Giants twice; the National League Champions had only seven hits through the first 18 innings.

But, then all hell broke loose.

In game three, Ruth developed an infection in his elbow, but he refused to be sidelined. In spite of having hit a homer in game four, the Giants had tied the series.

In game five, the Yankees worst nightmare occurred: Ruth blew out his knee trying to beat out a bunt. He was forced to the sideline.

Ruth made an appearance as a pinch-hitter in game eight, yet the Giants won three straight games to win their second World Series title in franchise history.

Although the Yankees fell to their inner-city rivals, this was merely the beginning for the storied franchise.

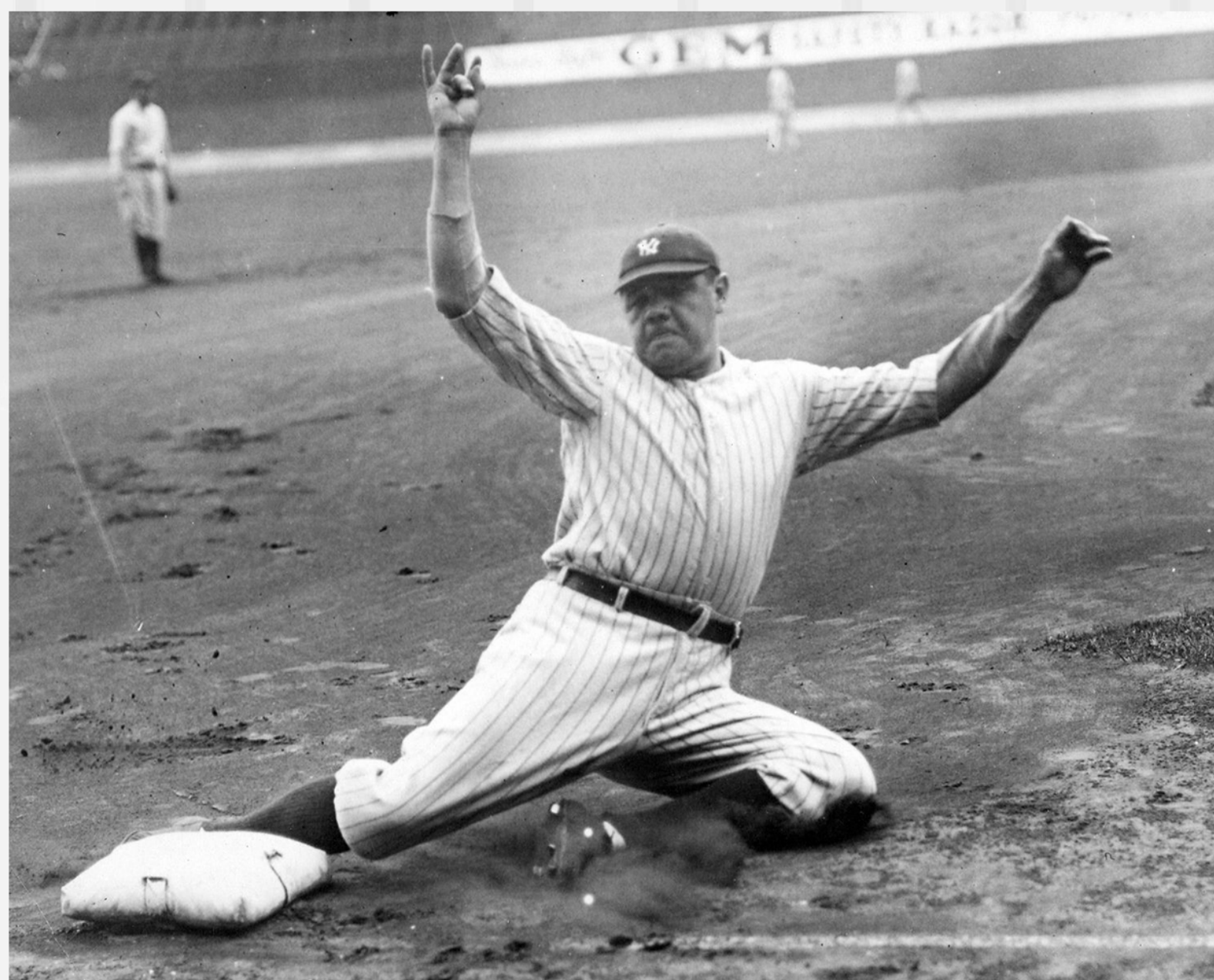


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The Yankees went on to win the next two pennants, including their first World Series title in 1923. Over a century later, the Yankees have won 27 World Series titles and 40 American League Pennants, both MLB records.

The 1921 season was just the beginning of an incredible storied franchise that would dominate baseball for years to come.

Tom Seipp is an intern for the Hudson Valley Renegades.



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