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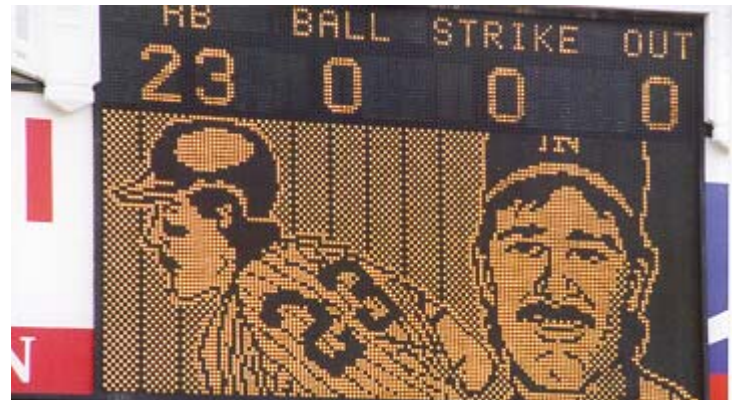
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Greetings fellow Mattingly Fans! I hope all of you are enjoying a wonderful 1998 so far! Last year was chock full of Mattingly news, with the announcement of his 'official' retirement in January, to his special day at the Stadium in August, and throughtout all the confusion and delays with his official web site. Now that all that is behind us, I can only hope that 1998 is as full of fun as 1997 was.



With 1998, comes the speculation that Mattingly will return to baseball in some capacity. There were rumors of a December announcement regarding his future floating around in late November. However, December came and went without a whisper. As I write this in early February, there has still been no official word on his future, just the usual rumors and guesses.

I personally hope he comes back to the Yankees, even if it is only in Spring Training, as a coach. To have him pass on his knowledge to the youngsters would mean a bright future for the New York Yankees' organization.

No one but Don can predict what course his life and career will take next, we can only hope that whatever his decision is, it makes him happy!

Web Site Review

I would like to do a review or highlight of the various Don Mattingly Site's that are available on the World Wide Web. Of course, we all know Don's Official Site at <http://www.don-mattingly.com>, so I will make that site the subject of my first review.

At Don's official site, you can submit questions that Don will choose from to personally answer. Some will even use 'real audio' so you can listen to Don as he answers your question!

Among the other items available is a Fan's Guestbook and a section called

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Diamond 5 Farms: A Dream Come True

JOSEPH L. RICCITELLI, JR.

Every once in awhile, a dream comes true. Don Mattingly has had more than his share of his dreams coming true, but that didn't stop him from having more. His latest dream was the opening of his horse ranch in his hometown of Evansville, Indiana.

Opened in 1996, this is also his family's dream. Kim and Taylor are actively involved with equestrian sports. Throughout the years they have entered, and won, many competitions. With his recent retirement, Don has been spending a good share of his time on this ranch and in supporting his family with their passions. It is not too uncommon to see Don being the 'chauffeur' to Kim and the boys as they head off to another competition.

Although one of the horses, May Bay, had to be put to rest on October 8, 1997, there are still plenty of others



in the stables. Among their names are: Harmoniously Hotsy, Only In Your Dreams, Savannah's Warrior, Sunrise Savannah, and Oh My Bis.

With all the time devoted to his family and horses, it was no surprise that he decided not to come out of retirement. Good Luck with the ranch!!



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Did you see a Mattingly article in your local newspaper? Or how about a new Mattingly sighting on the Internet? All items are welcome and encouraged. Submissions become the property of *The Mattingly Reader* and cannot be returned. All contributors will be recognized for their assistance!

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Web Site Review, Continued

'What The Fans Say', both are places where you can express your feelings about Donnie!

After several successful auctions in 1996, they have returned in a slightly different format. Each week a new item, that was once displayed at Mattingly's 23 in Indiana, is put up for auction...with the proceeds going to charity.

There is also a section where photos from Don's personal collection are displayed. This section is usually updated monthly. You can also make Don's site your 'home page' with Don's "browser jumpstart."

News about Don is updated on a regular basis and you can also go to Don's Collectible Store where many items not available anywhere else are for sale. A new addition is a chat room where Don will soon make an appearance!

Overall, I think Don's site is a fantastic place to visit...I go there everyday, and so should you!!!



Mattingly Magic

By Kevin Wisch (1pmclub@gti.net)

Don Mattingly has been my idol for many years. He has been the focus of many memories in my childhood and signifies what the game of baseball means to me. In this, the first installment of my regular column of "The Mattingly Reader", I'd like to address what Mattingly's presence in my life has meant to me and many of his fans.

Don Mattingly signifies for many of our lives what life and baseball are all about. What was it that Don Mattingly did to be so highly ranked and respected by his fans? The answer is everything. Mattingly, hit throughout his career for both average and power. He drove the ball and could punch it to the opposite field. He was a perennial gold glove winner. Now, this may seem like a very big list of accomplishments in itself, but I think it was something more involved than just regular achievements that made Don Mattingly such a leader and "Captain" in all of our lives.

Now what was that? Well, I call it "Mattingly Magic," hence the title of this issue's article. In my opinion, "Mattingly Magic" is what makes up Don Mattingly the person and not

Don Mattingly the ballplayer. Don has shown in many ways the class that he has on and off the field. But, it was the class off the field that made him "Donnie Baseball" as said by former major leaguer, Kirby Puckett.

In his speech that he made on Don Mattingly Day, Mattingly said, "I don't know what I did to deserve this." That is what I am talking about when I say "Mattingly Magic." Mattingly's humble spirit is what I think all of his fans love about him so much. He doesn't go around bragging about what he has done and showing off, but rather he did his job day in and day out with no nonsense.

As I sit here writing this article, I am looking at a list a mile long of quotes that I got off of the Internet. They are by his teammates and friends just after he retired. The list has people like Mayor Rudolph Giuliani to former teammates such as Willie Randolph. But, I think the one that most represents the meaning of this article is said by Rich "Goose" Gossage. He said, "Donnie played the game from the heart, not for the money. I just loved watching him play because he was truly a fan's player. And, no one played with greater enthusiasm. That's why I'm so disappointed to see him retire. Like the Yankees, he's a class act.

That's why so many of us think the world of him."

Mr. George Steinbrenner said, "I don't believe that there is any player that I have ever had on the New York Yankees, since I have been here, as great as Don Mattingly in every way."

Those two quotes pretty much sum it all up. Donnie Baseball was a class act. There will never be a player, in my mind, that even comes close to his class and dignity on and off the field. And that truly was, and is, the reason why so many of his fans think so highly of him. That is "Mattingly Magic."

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Quiz Number Two Answers & Winner!!

- 1- How many grand slams did Don Mattingly hit in his career? **Six**
- 2- What was the name of Don Mattingly's restaurant in Evansville, Indiana? **Mattingly's 23**
- 3- What year did Don Mattingly win the Southern League's MVP Award? **1980**
- 4- In What year was Don Mattingly named Captain of the New York Yankees? **1991**

Thank you to all who entered, but we can only have one winner. Congratulations to Shannon Prutting of El Paso, TX. She has won last issues' prize!

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- 3/4 C. GRANULATED SUGAR
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- 2 EGGS
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PREHEAT OVEN TO 375 F.

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ADD EGGS ONE AT A TIME, BEATING WELL AFTER EACH ADDITION; GRADUALLY BEAT IN FLOUR MIXTURE.

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IF ANYONE ELSE MAKES THEM, PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR OPINION. I PERSONALLY THOUGHT THEY WERE FANTASTIC!

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Don: Music Man!

By **Stephen J. Jakobs** (tapeplayr@aol.com)

I thought I would tell you a fun fact that I've discovered. I am about as big of a music fan as I am a Don Mattingly fan. Anyway, not to long ago picked up a CD of a new alternative rock group called the "Honeyrods." I saw their video on MTV, and I was impressed so I went out and bought the CD.

As I was thumbing through the CD booklet, like I always do with new CDs, to my surprise I saw the name "Donnie Baseball" listed in the thank you section. I was thinking "Nah, couldn't be the same one" so I just ignored it.

A few weeks later, the group was coming to my hometown on tour with "7Mary3" so I decided to go see them. I hung out after the show to try and meet them. When I approached the drummer and mentioned the words "Donnie Baseball" he directed me to Chris the guitar player. I walked up to him to get his autograph on the CD and I asked him why "Donnie Baseball" was listed in the CD credits. A big smile came across his face and he said

"The hitman, he's my hero!"

We got into about a 30 minute conversation about Mattingly and baseball.. He told me that he grew up in Nashville and had been a fan ever since Donnie was with the Nashville Sounds. He said his father is also a huge Yankees' fan, so every year they would take their family trip (against the urging of his mother - haha) to a nearby American League ballpark or to Ft. Lauderdale for spring training.

I asked him if he had ever met him and he said "yes," when the band was just starting out in '94 or '95 they would play a small club in Evansville and they would always get into town early to go eat at Don Mattingly's sports bar, Mattingly's 23. He said Mattingly was there twice and was afraid to say anything because he was too nervous. He said he felt like a dork because when he mustered up enough confidence to approach him, something stupid like "This is a dream come true" came out of his mouth. Mattingly told him he should "dream higher than that" - haha!

Chris also went to get his wallet off of the tour bus and he pulled out Mattingly's 85 Topps card that he's been carrying around for over 10 years as a good luck charm - it was all beat up and barely recognizable. He also told me that he had the band cancel a tour date this past August 31st so that he could fly to NY to see Mattingly's number retired.

It was really nice meeting a "celebrity" who looks up to one of the same guys that I do. Now if I could only meet the hitman...

Editor's Note: That makes 3 CDs that I know of that thank Don in the credits. Meat Loaf's 1993 CD "Bat Out Of Hell 2: Back Into Hell" and his 1995 CD "Welcome To The Neighborhood" also thank Don Mattingly. Although that is because the two of them are friends!

However, the proofreader for the second CD allowed Don's name to be misspelt as it reads "Don Mattingley!"

Fan Letters

Dear Don:

I am a huge fan of yours. A lot of people ask me why I like the New York Yankees and I just simply reply by saying, "Because there the greatest team on earth. No question. I have over 700 cards of you. You're simply the best. I was wondering if you ever plan on coaching for the Yankees some day?"

Your Fan,
Eric McLagan (11/06/97)

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Dear Joe:

I've been a fan of donnie ever since I spent those long summers watching him dominate the AL...he is my hero on and off the field.

He played baseball like it should have been played...I spent my younger years in awe of him and will spend the rest of my life missing him...

Josh Oliven (02/14/98)

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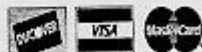
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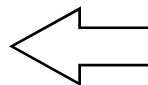
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