

# The Mattingly Reader

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I am straying from the norm with this lead column to update you on the status of this newsletter. In the two years since I distributed the first newsletter, I have made many new friends that share a common bond with me...our respect and admiration for Donald Arthur Mattingly!

Although I enjoy putting this newsletter together, I have never been able to stick to a strict publishing schedule. I try to predict when the next issue will be out by putting dates on at the top of the newsletter, but as history proves, I have not always been on time. I get emails from some loyal subscribers wondering when the next issue will be out, but doing this all by myself can be difficult. The submissions I get are usually in the form of short emails or comments about my web site, but getting a full article from someone is difficult. I usually have to paste together a few emails and scan a few of my photos in order to get each issue out on time.

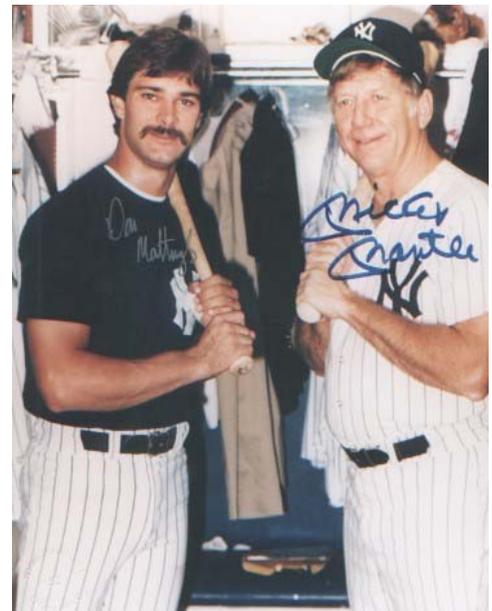
With everything that happens in a normal person's daily life, coupled with the fact that I am also in college, it has been really difficult for me to go forward with this newsletter with all the gusto and dedication that I had when I started it one Spring evening in 1996.

Without the help of you, the reader, I cannot continue to publish this newsletter alone. Unless the amount of submissions I get increases, I must cease publication. After an 8-page first issue, the newsletter has shrunk to the 4-page one that you are now holding.

Last issue I stopped accepting new subscriptions, so almost everyone's last issue is scheduled to be #7. Unless more of you get involved, or unless someone would like to take over, I am afraid that the next issue may be the last one.

I am as sad as you that this may happen, but the work that is necessary to put this all together is just too much for one person to handle alone.

If you would like to submit an article,



*Two of the greatest Yankees ever! The Hitman and the Mick, circa 1985.*

or write a regular column, or simply have more time that I do and would like to take over publication of this newsletter, please contact me. Without your help, the end may very well be in sight.

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### EDITOR'S NOTES

Do you have a Don Mattingly memory? Did you ever meet Don Mattingly? Do you have a photo of you with Don Mattingly?

I would love to publish it! Drop me an email or a letter and I be glad to work it into the newsletter. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter...I can't do it without you!

# Pinch Hitters

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** On October 16, 1998, I received the following note from an anonymous visitor to my Mattingly web site. I thought it was good enough to include here, but I cannot give credit to the author since they did not include their name or email address:

From '85 - '90 Don was hands-down the best player in baseball. People who argue he shouldn't be in Cooperstown do not love baseball. He played in a tough town and for a tougher owner, and still out-classed everyone. He played under numerous managers and through a strike season (which probably cost him a ring), but he still was cherished. I miss watching him play.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** On June 14, 1998, Bob Lucas met

*Don Mattingly at the Legends Show in Atlantic City, NJ. This was Don's first pay-per-item card show appearance since the early 1980's. Here is his brief report:*

*I finally got to meet Don at the Legend's Show in Atlantic City. He was great! He took photos with everyone and chatted with just about each person. He stayed for four hours longer than he was supposed to. He didn't leave until every autograph was signed! He truly is the class act of the Yankees! We miss you Donnie!*



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## We Need Your Help!

Would you like to help *The Mattingly Reader*? Just send in your articles, photos, and anything else that you may have.

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!

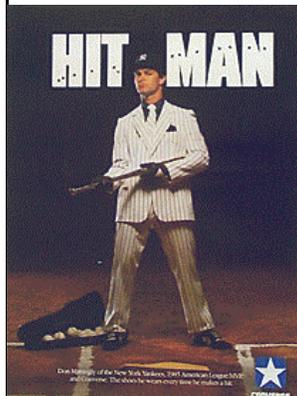
Send your contributions to the postal address located elsewhere or e-mail them to me at:

## Ideas/Requests Needed

What would you like to see in each issue of *The Mattingly Reader*? Remember this is YOUR newsletter so send in all your ideas and requests. All submissions become the property of *The Mattingly Reader* and cannot be returned.

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# A True Mattingly Fan From The Midwest

First of all, congratulations on your brilliant web site (<http://www.donniebaseball.com>). When we finally got Netscape at work it was my first bookmark. (Even before Don's own site!) I appreciate your attention to detail and the obvious hard work and care that goes into your site.

I have been a rabid Mattingly fan since 1984, when I was 13. Being a left-handed hitting and throwing first basemen who took pride in his fielding probably had something to do with it. Who better to study for footwork around the bag, etc.? Having been a lifelong Yankees' fan (it runs in the family) liking

Don was a natural, but he soon became my all-time favorite. Your site is definitely a must-see reference point for all Mattingly fans.

My father, brother, and I made our first-ever trip to Yankee Stadium the weekend of Don Mattingly Day. My father after 40+ years! Back at the hotel, I caught some of the late-night replay of the game and enjoyed the "Mattingly Moments" clips in between innings. You can even see where we were sitting because we hung a Yankee flag in front of our seats in the mezzanine. Living here in Chicago we don't get many televised Yankee games and I don't know any fans back east.

One other thing about living so far

away is that we in the Midwest, because of baseball's regional televising of games that year, only got to see the extra innings of the 1995 Playoff game where Don Mattingly hit his only playoff home. I was robbed of seeing that!

I would love to hear from you when you receive this. I always love to hear from fellow fans.

Thanks,

Jeffery Bartz, 1998

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## Memories of the Hitman!

By [BDOUG23@AOL.COM](mailto:BDOUG23@AOL.COM) (2/5/99)

Hi, one thing is for sure, when Don Mattingly finally got into the playoffs in 1995 he looked like the Mattingly of old! I was jumping up and down yelling when Mattingly hit that home run in the bleachers right after Ruben Sierra hit one. Gary Thorne was announcing, he is a great announcer at both baseball and hockey, and when he said, "*AND MATTINGLY HIT'S ONE DEEP, HANG ON TO THE ROOF, GOODBYE HOME RUN!! DON MATTINGLY!!!*," I had goosebumps!

I have lots of Mattingly memorabilia. I have a soda can holder that keeps soda cold. The lid is Mattingly's head and the rest is his torso and the legs are attached and they hang off the table. I also have a porcelain statue, plates, cards etc. I have numerous posters and many Yankees magazines and sports card magazines that he was on the cover of. Ever since he retired I still haven't followed a particular player like I had Donnie. I wish he had just hung on until 1996. Even with Tino there he could have played first base and Tino could have been the DH. Oh well, at least he got to raise the World Series flag in 1997. We miss you!

**RANDOM QUOTE:** "Around here, that seems like a big giant weight on my shoulders. I don't feel that way. If I don't play in [the post-season], I won't jump off any buildings. But, like any player, I *want* to play in those kinds of games. I *expect* to. You play in All-Star Games. You win awards. It would be nice to say you've done it all..." Don Mattingly when asked about never playing in the post-season. This was during a heated pennant race in which the Yankees eventually came up short and finished second to the Toronto Blue Jays. *Sports Illustrated*, August 1993.

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# Fan Letters

Awesome Web Site!! It's good to know that there are so any Mattingly fans out there.

esstealth57@yahoo.com  
October 28, 1998

Joe:

From one Mattingly fan to another, I LOVE your site.. very informative... Keep it up, and if there's anything you need help with, don't hesitate to ask! Having grown up in upstate NY, I was the lone Yankee & Mattingly fan in a sea of Mets disciples.

Dave Romigh  
([dromigh@erols.com](mailto:dromigh@erols.com))  
November 9, 1998

Dear Joe:

Great Site! I am a huge Mattingly fan and enjoy the site greatly. I am from Canada so naturally it is hard to get info and memorabilia.

My wife and I are expecting our first child and we are intending to name the child (if a boy) Mattingly Jack Lynde. Ironically the due date is the 15th of April, only 5 days from Don's B-Day.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jack Lynde  
([lynde.sports@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynde.sports@sympatico.ca))  
December 3, 1998

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