

# Swiping Sluggers

## *Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle*

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Two of the most feared hitters in baseball history, Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle, proved that, in addition to hammering the ball into the seats, they could also steal a base for you.

In 18 seasons with the Yankees, Mickey Mantle swiped 153 bases in 2,401 games. In his best season, 1959, the Mick stole 21 bases. It was the only time in his career that he stole at least 20 bases. The Yankee teams that Mantle played on, however, were not running teams – Mantle led the Yanks in steals eight times.

Babe Ruth stole 123 bases in his career from 1918 through 1934. In the Babe's best year, 1921, Ruth not only slammed 59 home runs, but also had 17 stolen bases. He was tenth in the league in steals, tied with teammates Bob Meusel and Wally Pipp. The Bambino twice led his team in steals.

<b>Mickey Mantle</b>			<b>Babe Ruth</b>		
Year	G	SB	Year	G	SB
1951	96	8	1914	5	0
1952	142	4	1915	42	0
1953	127	8	1916	67	0
1954	146	5	1917	52	0
1955	147	8	1918	95	6
1956	150	10	1919	130	7
1957	144	16	1920	142	14
1958	150	18	1921	152	17
1959	144	21	1922	110	2
1960	153	14	1923	152	17
1961	153	12	1924	153	9
1962	123	9	1925	98	2
1963	65	2	1926	152	11
1964	143	6	1927	151	7
1965	122	4	1928	154	4
1966	108	1	1929	135	5
1967	144	1	1930	145	10
1968	144	6	1931	145	5
			1932	133	2
			1933	137	4
			1934	125	1
	<b>2,401</b>	<b>153</b>		<b>2,503</b>	<b>123</b>