



Full Team Effort

It's been all hands on deck for the 2019 Yankees

The Yankees' 2019 season has been as interesting as it has been exciting. Heading into September, the team was in first place in the always-competitive American League East, which wasn't necessary out of line with preseason expectations; it's just how the Yankees got there that has defied reason.

By this point, we all know that the team lost well more than the expected number of players to injury over the course of the last few months. But when you look at what the "replacements" have done, it speaks volumes about the work by general manager Brian Cashman and the entire team. In this issue, we offer a close look at those players.

Our cover subject is the surprising ace of the pitching staff, Domingo Germán, who already had 17 wins at the time of publication. For the feature, which delves into the starter's early years in the Dominican Republic as well as his breakout season, associate editor Gary Phillips sat down with Germán at Yankee Stadium.

Contributing writer Pete Caldera's "Next Man Up" feature gives a more macro view of the players who have come up big all year and — for all intent and purposes — saved the season. For a comprehensive look at these surprising contributors and what they've done, check this story out.

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COVER



There are also some historical pieces in this edition, including one that will take you back an entire century. George Halas and the Chicago Bears are synonymous with one another. Halas is not only regarded as one of the all-time great football coaches, but he also founded one of the NFL's original franchises and played a role in the start of the league itself. Before all of that, though, he played for the Yankees, and I spent almost a year reporting a most detailed feature about his baseball exploits for this edition.

Much closer to home than the Windy City, executive editor Nathan Maciborski spent an evening downtown at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, where Bernie Williams spoke about his experiences in the days and

weeks following Sept. 11, 2001. In "Never Forgotten," Maciborski provides an emotional look at how that time impacted the former center fielder.

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