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On the Cover

Domingo Germán has a way of making things look pretty easy, so when it came time to pose for his first photo shoot with team photographer Jim Petrozzello on Aug. 15, the young pitcher made it a breeze. Much like he has for the pitching staff all season, Germán passed the test with flying colors.

The one challenge Petrozzello faced was how to get the pitcher to stop smiling. Watch Germán on the bench during a game, watch him escorting any given day's starting pitcher from the bullpen before the first pitch. The guy is jumpy, excitable. Always aglow. So aside from the standard directions that accompany any photo shoot – *nose a bit to the right, chin up, eyes toward me* – the only semi-struggles came when trying to get Germán to contain his enthusiasm.

This is the Dominican Republic native's first time on the cover of *Yankees Magazine*, and if his performance in 2019 is any indication, it probably won't be the last. But as the season nears its end, and as some of the biggest outings of Germán's life loom, we can all only hope he makes fans smile as much as he, himself, did on a sunny afternoon in August.



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