



The Yankees that were up for sale at the end of 1972 were a far cry from the Yankees of Ruth and DiMaggio and a mere shadow of what they would again become in the next 37 years. A look at the Yankees between 1964 — the season they won their last AL pennant pre-George Steinbrenner — and 1972, the last pre-Steinbrenner season.



➤ **Mickey Mantle**, above, Whitey Ford, Elston Howard, Roger Maris and Bobby Richardson all retire or are traded.

➤ **Horace Clarke**, 2B from 1965-74, comes to symbolize the era. Until Don Mattingly, Clarke would be the only player to play at least 10 seasons in pinstripes and never appear in a World Series.

➤ **Pitchers** Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich swap wives, children, homes and even dogs.

966,328

Home attendance in 1972 — the first time in 27 years they draw fewer than 1 million fans.

636-649

Franchise record, including four losing seasons.

1966

The first season they finish last since becoming the Yankees in 1913.

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Season finishing above fourth.

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AL leaders in any of the Triple Crown categories.