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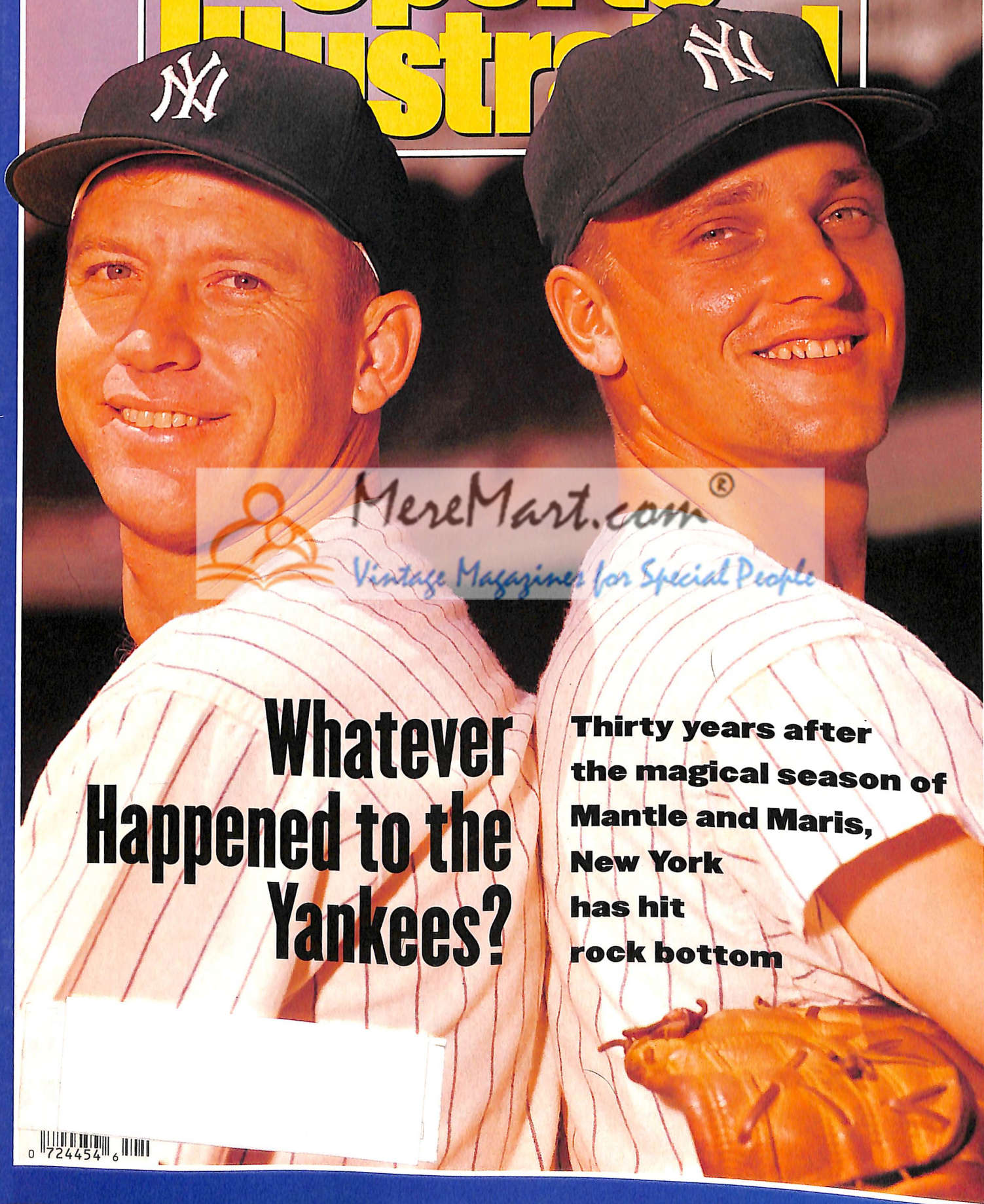
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Who Is That Mask Man?

You don't have to be any more than knee-high to a grasshopper to know, even without seeing his face, that this is a picture of Bill Laimbeer, the Piston with the plastic puss and the concrete body, whose team last week began its NBA playoff battle with the Bulls (page 34).

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