

SABR UK Newsletter



Newsletter of the Bobby Thomson (UK) Chapter
of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)

The Manifesto

Martin Hoerchner—in consultation with other officers

What SABR UK really needs is a newsletter. This was the view exchanged over beers and coffee by a small coterie of SABRites only last week. What SABR needs is a newsletter. The newsletter question has been bedeviling us for quite a while, and here's a start at producing one.

Barry Winetrobe led the way with his *Number 23*, but he suffered from the same affliction as most second-division pitchers, ie poor run support. No one of us has the time to produce it individually, so we are counting on you to help support your local newsletter. So get involved!

What will the newsletter be like?

Who knows? For one thing, it will be far different from our current publication, the *SABR UK Examiner*. Instead of research articles, the newsletter will contain news. The state of news as it is, the newsletter will, therefore, be smaller, more frequent, and less formal than its older brother.

What will the name be?

It's your call. This has been the subject of debate over the months; I propose we put it to a vote. Some suggestions are listed at the bottom of this article; please feel free to add your own. When we get a good list, we'll circulate a ballot. For the first issue, we'll simply call it the *SABR UK Newsletter* (SUN). Don't worry, we won't let Rupert Murdoch anywhere near our new publication.

What will the newsletter contain?

News Items • This would be the core. Do all members know about the receipt of the Wilson Cross scrapbook, discovered by SABR member Jim Montgomery in Miami? Covering the period c1918-24, it puts in sharp focus a hitherto unchronicled era in British baseball. We've only recently begun cataloging the scrapbook; it will be a gold mine of information. SABR president Larry Gerlach visited us and entertained and enlightened us. Mike Ross flew to Florida to attend the SABR symposium on Joe Jackson's admission to the Hall of Fame, initiated by SABR member Ted Williams. Kazuo Sayama, a SABR member from Tanabe, Japan, visited England in search of an ancient game still being played. SABR-L stalwart John Pastier (from Seattle) visited London and complained about the

food and the transport, while keeping his legendary sense of humour. Gerry Gallagher has been ill; if you feel moved to send him a get-well card, make sure to needle him about his Dodger fanaticism. It works for me! Patrick Morley received a photo from a SABR member in the States, asking if he could identify a photo. It was from the 1890s, and showed an English baseball player posing next to *The Dewar Trophy*, presented by the distillery, complete with bottles of the sponsor's tippie surrounding the trophy. And the trophy is huge; it easily comes to his waist. Perhaps an HGII? The World Series was shown live on Channel 5. Some of us stayed up from 1-5 am, and others taped it and watched it the next day. The diehards taped David Letterman every night the week after, knowing he would have a field day with the Yankee's victory.

Event announcements • Hey, the AGM is coming soon! Let's meet at *The Kings*. The Yankees and Padres will play at Lord's. Channel 5 is showing Ken Burns' *Baseball*. I'm inviting all SABR UK members to Madalla for baseball chat. Bring beer!

Memoirs • How did you get into baseball? What's your favourite baseball memory? Be eloquent! Let your spirit soar!

How to keep up with US baseball in the UK •

Listening to AFN and hints for AM reception. Listing of TV coverage, terrestrial and satellite. Will digital improve things? Scores on teletext. Buying *USAToday* and/or the *International Herald Tribune*. Getting *USAToday Baseball Weekly* or *The Sporting News* delivered. Getting scores by phone? Getting scores and news off the internet, or better yet, listening to your favourite team on internet radio. Data downloads on the internet.

Baseball books, videos, or CD-ROMs for sale or to loan • A swap shop for the members.

List and/or reviews of baseball films and videos currently making the rounds • I'm always surprised at the number of baseball films that make it over here, given the general British antipathy towards baseball. Maybe it strikes a deeper chord than we thought.

Same with baseball books—read anything good lately? • I've read quite a few good baseball looks

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lately—Walter Johnson by Henry Thomas, his grandson; *Baseball As I Have Known It* by Fred Lieb; *My Thirty Years in Baseball* by John McGraw; *The Veracruz Blues*, a semi-fiction, by Mark Winegardner, about ML baseball players playing in Mexico alongside Negro League stars from the States in 1946, the year before Jackie Robinson—very political. More than just a listing—a review or two would be nice!

Same with baseball CDs • We're talking either multimedia CD-ROMs or audio CDs. Pick up the four CD set of *Glory of their Times*—it's a must! But you have to order it from the states. Is Sportspages stocking them? If not, you can order them from the Internet. Try <<http://www.amazon.com>>.

Reports of mentions of baseball in British papers and magazines • McGwire's home run race generated interest even in the British press, with varied attitudes. What did the papers say? I don't read an awful lot of these, so they're always of interest to me.

News and/or reviews of TV coverage of baseball • What do you really think of Channel 5's coverage? Are they going to be back next year? Is Sky Sports still showing TWIB (*This Week in Baseball*)?

Listing of a clipping/article library—copies for 50p, etc • Listing of clippings and articles we have on hand.

Print letters from interested parties, including letters from international members and SABR bigwigs • Mike [Ross] recently got a letter from Ian Smyth, the first SABR member in the UK, about how he got into baseball in 1978 following the Yankees-Red Sox race. This is the kind of stuff we love. We got a letter from SABR Publications Editor Mark Alvarez, with praise for the *Examiner* and everyone who works on it—that should be published.

Baseball on the Internet and SABR-L • What's your opinion of SABR-L? Treasure or trash? What's your favourite baseball web site? You could split it up between current news and stats sites and historical sites. There's a lot out there!

Our Web Site needs help! • Any volunteers? It got mentioned in a book *Baseball on the Web* by Rob Edelman, but it suffers from neglect!

Love Those Yanks

Alan Weinstein

By Yanks, I mean NY Yankees. As a lifelong fan, starting with the 1950 sweep of the Phillies (I was 10), I've seen the heights of the 50s and early 60s (including Mickey (Mantle), Yogi (Berra), Whitey (Ford), Casey (Stengel) and Maris' 61 homers), the depths of the CBS reign of 60s and early 70s, Steinbrenner's arrival bringing Catfish (Hunter), Reggie (Jackson), Billy (Martin), and the drought of the 80s and early 90s.

I've been in London for the championships in 1996 and this year. As much as I love the UK, it has been an unfortunate time to be separated from my beloved Yankees. Watching Channel 5 at 1-5 am is no replacement for prime time baseball in the US. My daughter sent me videos of the four World Series games, but real time with other baseball fanatics is irreplaceable.

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Baseball chat—fan talk • How good will the Red Sox be without Mo Vaughn? What happened to the Mariners this year? Are the Yankees really that good?

Ranting opinions about anything baseball • This would include 90% of articles I've written.

Research needs • Does anybody have any contacts for Welsh baseball? Does anyone know of trap ball still being played? Does anyone have more information on the Dewar's trophy in this photo? This could also be in the Examiner?

Ordering books from the States by the Internet • There are lots of sources, but watch those postage rates! They climb fast!

Suggested Newsletter Names

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Number 23
Over the Fences
Between the Lines
Fair Territory
The Baseball Rag
Thomson's Tales
The Rag Read Round the World
The Flying Scot
The Royal Scotsman
Polo Grounds Groupie
Your ideas here

That's about it. Call this a newsletter manifesto, if you must. SABRites unite! You have nothing to lose but your apathy!

Anybody can jot down a few lines on any of the above subjects, or invent your own. Let's try to make it work together.



participate please contact me. Note that I have included email addresses where I have them. Currently quite a few members correspond this way and it is a good way of getting yourself known.

I hope you will also enjoy the enclosed Bobby Thomson Factfile written by Gerry Gallagher—please contact him if you have any information to impart on our hero as Gerry is writing a book on him.

From the Chair

Mike Ross

There was a time when I as *El Presidente* used to get front page on SABR journals. Such positioning was indeed an honor accorded me by Herr Hoerchner. But this journal—the *Newsletter* as we have it—honours no-one yet everyone. This is for SABR UK as a forum, aside from the annual *SABR Examiner* and AGM. This little journal is the place where you can take a load off and just come out and say it—what is on your mind. There might be some kindred spirit out there for Twins fans.

It has been suggested that we get prior approval from you to print what you send in and this will be done. So do not tell us of any planned armed robberies. Maybe we will have a fan's corner too (an adjunct to the manifesto) [ed: cf p1]. The manifesto by the way has not been carved in stone; it will alter if you think of something new. Even three or four lines of ideas can help. Unveil the secrets of the British love for baseball. Don't worry about writing too much. You will be edited or trimmed down to be polite, so don't worry.

Hope to see you on May 8th; something special will occur to try to live up to the Clark Griffith appearance of last year—I think he will buy the Twins soon. Please come, and bring something you have to show. A "show and tell session" is something I'd never envisaged. But that's SABR UK for you.

News

SABR UK 1999 AGM

The AGM has been confirmed for Saturday, 08 May. We're going to use the same venue—*The Kings*, Camberwell, London. If you would like to make a presentation at the meeting, please contact Mike Ross. For more general information please contact Mike or Graham Winterbone. • PT

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Presidential Visit

SABR UK members who are also in the parent organization may have read in the Nov/Dec *SABR Bulletin* that our esteemed president—Larry Gerlach—paid us a visit this summer. After visiting Lords with Mike [Ross] and the curator we met up at Mike's place (just a short distance from Lords) to meet Larry. It was a warm summer's day which took him by surprise but as he currently lives in Salt Lake City, I guess he is used to the heat!

The topic of baseball was always first of course but the discussion covered a multitude of topics from beer to ancient French translations and was helped along with a few pints of real ale that Larry was enthusing over (not much real ale in Utah!). SABR is certainly in good hands with Larry and I'm sure when the meeting adjourned (well the pub was closing) we all felt as I did that we had met a kindred spirit and made a friend. This was his first UK trip—I hope that we can welcome him back soon, perhaps to coincide with a future AGM as I know he would be in his element. • MH

London Meeting

More recently—again at Mike's excellent local pub [Crocker's Folly, *Aberdeen Place*]—it gave birth to this newsletter. A new member—Paul Taylor of Sheffield—has offered to help with typesetting and layout—as this is his forte. He is also scorer for the Sheffield Bladerunners British Baseball Federation team and was recently presented with the BBF Scorer of the Year 1998 award—also mentioned in the recent *SABR Bulletin*. So well done Paul and welcome aboard. Another excellent meeting with the topics ranging from Californian punk music to Tony Gwynn's batting average. • MH

Future Meetings

We hope in the near future to have at least one (hopefully more) casual meetings. You get the idea—pub or café on a weekend afternoon, chatting about what's going on in the AL East, the link between cricket and baseball, how nasty the 1970s Astros uniforms were *et al*. We are looking for volunteers to host and/or organize the first one. • PT

Book offer
We have had an offer from a member who runs a bookshop in North Wales. He is willing to obtain any current baseball books you want from the States either for cash or he would prefer trades for Mets memorabilia. He is also interested in trading for Mets baseball cards.

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Channel 5—1998 Diary of the Season

Graham Winterbone

Well that's another season finished and what a great season it was. Pity about the denouement though. Here are some of my highlights from Channel 5 coverage of the regular season:

31/03/98 • Opening Day and Cleveland score six runs off Randy Johnson in just 5.2 innings and send the 57,000+ Mariners fans home unhappy. It was a sign of things to come for Johnson and the Mariners.
05/04/98 • First live game from the BOB [Bank One Ballpark] in Phoenix and what a magnificent structure it is—and the D'backs beat the Giants.
15/04/98 • A bust up in Cleveland as Randy Johnson throws at Kenny Lofton and both get ejected with Sandy Alomar as well—not a pretty sight.
26/04/98 • First game from Tropicana Field—wasn't that a hit for Wham!
29/04/98 • Yankees win v Seattle—ho hum—we will get used to this during the season.
17/05/98 • I know I'm biased but this was a great game with the Blue Jays beating the Mariners 4-3 with a run in the bottom of the 9th.
03/06/98 • The Braves go back to Milwaukee for the first time since the franchise moved to Atlanta—a truly historic series and the Braves win 5-2.
10/06/98 • Pedro Martinez starts for Boston but gives up six runs in 6.2 innings but gets the win v Atlanta.
28/06/98 • Mets score a run in the bottom of the 9th to beat the Yankees in front of a full house @ Shea.
05/07/98 • Juan Gonzalez hits two home runs and gets 4 RBI in the game v Randy Johnson and gets to 101 RBI before the All Star Break.
07/07/98 • All Star Game—what a treat to be able to see the whole game! Twenty-one runs score as you would expect at Coors Field but only five extra base hits out of 31 total. The expected slugfest turned into a singles hitting contest as the AL won 13-8.
15/07/98 • Pedro Martinez pitches his normal game and shuts out Cleveland 1-0 for a complete game win v Bartolo Colon who also went the distance.
19/07/98 • Mark McGwire charging home to score from second—well would you block the plate?
26/07/98 • McGwire fever starts to spread and we see him hit home run #44 in Denver.
29/07/98 • Padres @ Mets—No-one was seen using a mobile phone behind home plate ringing their friends to say "Look at me I'm on TV" and waving like an imbecile!
05/08/98 • Giants @ Mets—Mets turn a triple play—great pick up by John Olerud and sharp throw to Ordoñez covering second. Olerud back at first to receive Ordoñez's throw. Olerud notices Barry Bonds trying to make it home and throws to the Todd Prat the catcher for the tag and the umpire calls him out. It certainly was close but I'm on Olerud's side (well he is an ex-Blue Jay). Mets still lose though.
23/08/98 • Greg Maddux gives up three home runs in the first three innings but still gets the win 12-7 v Dodgers.
30/08/98 • Mark McGwire hits his 55th home run v Atlanta.
02/09/98 • Randy Johnson thriving since his trade to Houston out duels Maddux 4-2 in Atlanta.
06 & 09 & 13/09/98 • We see McGwire go 0 for 7 in three games.

20/09/98 • We get to see Sammy Sosa at last but he goes 0 for 5!
27/09/98 • In the main game Houston beat Chicago in 11 innings while we also saw regular updates from Denver where the Rockies came back from 7-0 down to win 9-8 against the Giants to force Cubs v Giants playoff for the NL wild card. McGwire hits his 69th and 70th home runs. Roy Halladay in just his second start for the Blue Jays takes a no hitter into the ninth. Finally gives up a home run with two outs and settles for a one hitter. A superb four hour of entertainment—gripping stuff!

World Series

What a disappointment the WS was. I'm afraid that the Yankees were too good but the Padres also played badly—have you ever seen so many groundball hits allowed, Baltimore chops, boded defensive plays, bad base running and a total lack of clutch hitting from a WS team?—yes I do mean SD.

Greg Vaughn hit like he was paid by the Yankees (easy groundball outs seemingly every at bat after the first game—and often on the first pitch like he was nervous) and Caminiti was no Kirk Gibson—in fact he was a liability—surely someone else could play third?

John Vander Wal a pinch runner—shome mishtake shurely—and leaving your backup SS to hit in *that* situation—now even as a novice to the game that sounds crazy!

Trevor Hoffman came in to *Hell's Bells*—perhaps it should have been *Send in the Clowns* generally for the SD bullpen—it was pure theatre though and great to see 65,000 people respond to it. To my mind that was the highlight of the game (it helps if you are a heavy rock fan I guess). Perhaps they will play *Light My Fire* next time.

Anyway I feel privileged to be able to watch two whole games every week (live if you can stay up) and the complete World Series in the comfort of you own home and on a free terrestrial channel too! I can't knock the C5 coverage because of that—thanks guys—although I would have preferred the normal US commentary, rather than the MLB International feed (Ken Singleton—biased?). Oh well six months without live baseball—I suppose I can watch the 92 and 93 World Series again. Wait 'til next year!

Secretary's Notes

I am pleased to enclose an updated list of members—basic details only—so you can contact those who are local to you or maybe those that share a common interest. I hope that this information proves to be useful. The phone numbers shown are mostly home—some may be work. If your information is incorrect or if you wish to change anything then please let me know! If your name is not shown at all it is probably because we have very little info on you—if you wish to

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**SABR [UK]
BOBBY THOMSON CHAPTER**

1999 AGM NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATES

THE 1999 AGM HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY MAY 8 AT THE THREE KINGS PUB 7 CLERKENWELL CLOSE, CLERKENWELL GREEN LONDON. JUST A SHORT WALK FROM FARRINGDON STATION [BR & TUBE] SEE MAP FOR DIRECTIONS OR TELEPHONE 0171 253 0483.

THE CONFIRMED TIMETABLE IS AS FOLLOWS :-

12.00 DOORS OPEN FOR INFORMAL MEETING -- SNACK INCLUDED IN PRICE

13.30 AGM BEGINS FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS ETC.

17.00 BUFFET MEAL [ALWAYS EXCELLENT!]

19.00 MEETING ENDS

COST INCLUDING MEAL IS £8.50 FOR SABR UK MEMBERS OR £10.50 FOR NON MEMBERS. PLEASE COMPLETE THE SLIP BELOW AND SEND YOUR CHEQUE [PAYABLE TO SABR UK] IN ADVANCE TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

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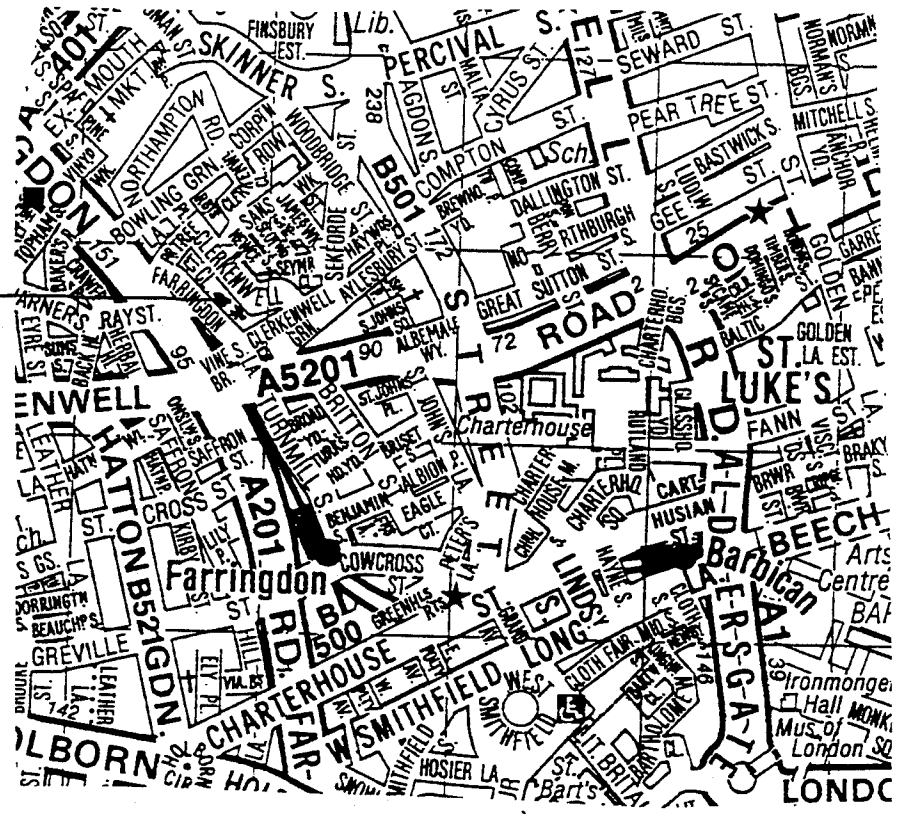
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The Bobby Thomson Factfile

Gerry Gallagher

Biography

Full name	Robert Brown Thomson	Nickname	Staten Island Scot
Date of birth	8.10am, 25th October 1923	Place of birth	Glasgow
Bats	Right	Throws	Right
Height	6ft 2ins	Weight	185 lbs
Colour Eyes	Brown	Hair	Brown (now elegant grey)

The Highlight Reel

Bobby Thomson hit what is perhaps the most famous home run in baseball history. His dramatic shot heard round the world on October 3rd, 1951, a three-run, ninth inning homer off Brooklyn Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca capped the New York Giants historic comeback to win the National League pennant in an unusual play-off series. Thomson also hit a sixth inning homer off Branca in the opening game of the play offs which, as Yogi Berra would say, made Thomson's famous homer—*déjà vu* all over again!

The Staten Island Scot as he was known in baseball ranks, hit 24 or more home runs six times in his career.

Ironically, Bobby Thomson played and excelled among the greatest names in baseball history. While at the New York Giants, Bobby moved from outfield to third base to make way for a rookie named Willie Mays. When Bobby moved to Milwaukee, he broke his ankle which made room on the roster for a rookie outfielder named Hank Aaron.

Bobby moved on to Chicago where he battled out the third base and outfield positions with Ron Santo and Billy Williams. Boston was Bobby's next stamping ground where he joined Ted Williams in the Sox line-up. Finally, he ended his career with a brief stay with the Baltimore Orioles leaving them safe in the thoughts that third base was well protected in the hands of Brooks Robinson.

Bobby Thomson is known among his peers in baseball not for his home run or his statistics (though each and every one respects his enormous contributions to the game of baseball)—he is known as being one of the nicest and most decent players ever to pull on a baseball uniform. As one of his former team mates says "A nicer man you will never meet"!

The 'shot heard round the world' was recently voted as the most memorable event in baseball's history! Bobby himself was honoured by being voted onto the all-time New York Giant outfield alongside Hall of Famers Mel Ott and Willie Mays.

Interesting Bits and Pieces

- Bobby Thomson moved to the United States at the age of two and a half with his mother and five brothers and sisters to join his father in New

York, who had emigrated a year earlier. Bobby was the youngest of six children of James and Elizabeth Thomson.

- Bobby grew up more interested in soccer than football and was an outstanding soccer player at Curtis High School in New York.
- Bobby's first taste of baseball was when he was seven or eight years old. His father took him to see his favourite team, the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- Bobby's interest in baseball didn't get serious until his older brother Jimmy bought him his first baseball glove. Jimmy taught Bobby to catch, throw and hit in the back yard of their Staten Island home. Bobby's father was an enthusiastic participant.
- Bobby excelled in sport and became a superb athlete in high school in both soccer and baseball (soccer was still his first love at this time).
- In 1941 and 1942 the Brooklyn Dodgers showed great interest in Bobby. In fact, in 1942 Bobby played in a team of 'Dodger Rookies' as they were called. This team was made up of potential Dodger signings and a way for the club to have a good look at the prospects prior to signing them.
- The Dodgers hesitated in signing Bobby and the explanation was "Bobby's father is a big Dodger fan and we know he will sign with us". Words to live in the annals of baseball folklore! As history will prove.
- Bobby signed a contract to play baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers arch-enemy, the New York Giants, in 1942 and his first contract was for \$700 a month.
- Bobby started his career playing for the Giants minor league clubs in Bristol, Virginia, playing in five games and batting .250 (three hits in twelve at bats). He moved onto Rocky Mount, North Carolina of the Bi-State league to replace the third baseman who was called up to active military service (this was an omen of things to come for Bobby).
- Bobby played in 29 games, hitting .241 (21 hits in 87 at bats). It was in Rocky Mount that Bobby hit his first professional home run. Before the season ended Bobby himself was called up for

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active service.

- From 1943–1945 Bobby Thomson served as a bombardier in the US Air Corps.
 - Bobby returned from the war and was invited to the New York Giants spring training camp in Jacksonville, Florida in 1946.
 - The Giants assigned Bobby to their Triple A farm team at Jersey City, New Jersey.
 - Bobby's first game with Jersey City was a significant event in baseball history as they played against the Montréal Royals and this game was the first game in organised baseball for the Dodgers' newest signing and the first African American to play major league baseball—Jackie Robinson.
 - Bobby played in 151 games for Jersey City in 1946 and sent a message throughout baseball that he could hit the long ball. He finished the season with 26 home runs and batted .280 (149 hits in 533 at bats).
 - Bobby was brought up to play in eighteen games for the New York Giants in 1946 and did quite well. He hit three home runs and batted .315 (17 hits in 54 at bats). The coaches and manager Mel Ott were watching—Bobby was brought up full time to play for the Giants in 1947.
 - Bobby's rookie season was the same season as Jackie Robinson's for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Jackie Robinson won the coveted Rookie of the Year award in the National League. However, if you speak to baseball minded people who witnessed that year, they will tell you that Bobby Thomson had an equal or better year than Robinson. Bobby hit 29 home runs, batted .283 (154 hits in 545 at bats) and had 85 runs batted in. And, as Bobby liked to remind anyone interested "I also had one stolen base".
 - 1947–1953: Bobby Thomson was a regular for the Giants and one of their standout stars. In 1949 Bobby had his best season for the Giants hitting 27 home runs with 109 runs batted in and a .309 batting average (198 hits in 641 at bats).
 - A fabulous season by anyone's definition—and, as Bobby likes to interject "I also had ten stolen bases that year"! Needless to say Bobby was not blessed with great speed and stolen bases were highly unusual for the big man and he ended his career with 38 total stolen bases in a fourteen
- and a half year career!
 - The 3rd of October 1951 is one of the most written about, talked about, discussed day in history—not just baseball history—history in general. People who know nothing about baseball can recall the 3rd October 1951. Bobby Thomson's three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth off Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca stopped the world for a moment and all that listened to the game on the radio immediately reflected on that moment as a very special time in history—Bobby Thomson was a legend!
 - Bobby Thomson played with the Giants until 1953 and after joined the Milwaukee Braves for four years. He broke his ankle in an exhibition game on 3rd March 1954 and it severely hampered him that year! He came back from the injury and played in 43 games for Milwaukee. Bobby says, "It was a bad break—I ended that season with not a single stolen base"! As usual Bobby saw the light side of any adversity—a nicer man you will never meet!
 - After four years at Milwaukee, Bobby Thomson made a return to New York and the Giants. But as the saying goes, you can never go back. Bobby started the 1958 season with the Chicago Cubs.
 - Chicago welcomed Bobby Thomson with open arms—and Bobby rewarded them with another great year. He batted a respectable .283 (155 hits in 547 at bats) with 21 home runs and 82 runs batted in! "Yea" says Bobby, "but not one stolen base"!
 - Bobby played the 1959 season with Chicago and moved on to Boston in 1960. He played only 40 games at Boston and hit five home runs including his last major league home run—the 264th of his illustrious career. Bobby moved on to play three games for the Baltimore Orioles but as he explains "I had lost the feeling, the enthusiasm for the game. I loved baseball and I loved the feeling of playing the game. But now it was over and I knew it."
 - Bobby Thomson's career ended but his legacy lives on. Anyone who is a true baseball fan knows of Bobby Thomson no matter what their age! Bobby Thomson's heroics on the 3rd October 1951 lives on and on and shall continue to do so as long as father relays to son the story of the 'Staten Island Scot' and the 'Home Run Heard Round The World'!

Stats Corner

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BA
1951 NY Giants (OF-77, 3B-68)	148	518	89	152	27	8	32	101	5	5	.293
Career (1946–1960, 15 years; OF-1,506, 3B-184, 2B-9, 1B-2)	1,779	6,035	903	1,705	267	74	264	1,026	38	20	.270



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