

A Schott From The Bleachers

Ruth and Gehrig Excel in 1928 World Series

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When the New York Yankees swept the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1928 World Series, it was the devastating offensive performance of the home run kings, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, which contributed most to the American Leaguers' victory.

1928 World Series

	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	BA	SA
Ruth	4	16	9	10	4	3	0	3	22	4	1	2	.625	1.375
Gehrig	4	11	5	6	1	1	0	4	19	9	6	0	.545	1.727
TOTALS	4	27	14	16	5	4	0	7	41	13	7	2	.593	1.519

Per 600 Times At-Bat

	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	BA	SA
Ruth	600	338	375	150	113	0	113	825	150	38	75	.625	1.375
Gehrig	600	273	327	55	55	0	218	1,036	491	327	0	.545	1.727
TOTALS	1,200	611	702	205	168	0	331	1,861	641	365	75	.585	1.551

A glimpse of the table above reveals that the two players combined for a total of 14 runs, 16 hits, good for 41 total bases, which included 7 home runs. The impact of this display of power can be more fully appreciated by projecting the series batting record to a 600 times at-bat ratio, thus reflecting a season of just about 150 games with an average of four times at-bat per game. It will then be noted that the two sluggers would have produced a total of 702 base hits, good for 1,861 total bases, and 641 RBIs.

As a unit they show one homer per 3.6 times at-bat, and each base-hit averaged better than a double, actually 2.6 total bases.



Game-by-game performance is as follows:

Date	Babe Ruth					Lou Gehrig				
10/4	2B	2B	Kc	1B		2B	G13	G43	1B	
10/5	W	1B	2B	Kc		HR	W	F8	F8	
10/7	G3	1B	FC	1B		HR	HR	W	W	
10/9	GDP	HR	G13	HR	HR	W	W	W	HR	G13



Babe Ruth – manager Miller Huggins – Lou Gehrig
Spring Training, 1928