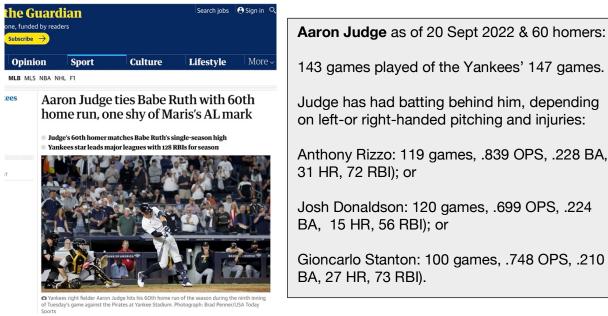
## Aaron Judge, So Decent & Steady, "Quietly" Eclipses Ruth & Maris 20 Sept 2022 T.JB



143 games played of the Yankees' 147 games. Judge has had batting behind him, depending on left-or right-handed pitching and injuries: Anthony Rizzo: 119 games, .839 OPS, .228 BA, 31 HR, 72 RBI); or Josh Donaldson: 120 games, .699 OPS, .224 BA, 15 HR, 56 RBI); or

Gioncarlo Stanton: 100 games, .748 OPS, .210 BA, 27 HR, 73 RBI).

**Batters Hitting Behind Aaron Judge**:

(*from* www.mlb.com)

Home Runs <u>Per Game</u>	% of 339 Games	Share HR's in 143 <u>Games Behind Judge</u>	Share HR's in 162 <u>Games Behind Judge</u>
Rizzo: 31/119 = 0.26	0.350	10.85	12.3
Donaldson: 15/120 = 0.12	5 0.355	5.3	6.0
Stanton: 27/100 = 0.27	<u>0.295</u>	<u>8.0</u>	9.0
Total Games 339	1.00	24.15	27.3

Babe Ruth in 1927: 60 home runs in 151 games played, Yankee season 155 games.

Ruth had Lou Gehrig batting behind him (155 games, 717 PA, 1.240 OPS, .373 BA, 47 HR, 173 RBI). (All from www.baseball-reference.com)

Roger Maris in 1961, 61 homers in 161 games played in Yankees 163 game season. Home run #60 was hit in Yankee game #159, #61 in game #163.

Maris had Mickey Mantle batting behind him (153 games, 646 PA, 1.135 OPS, .317 BA, 54 HR, 128 RBI).

Aaron Judge essentially has had a "weak"—certainly relative to him—hitter behind him all season. Ruth and Maris had batters behind them who were having arguably equal, if not better, overall seasons than they were. Lou Gehrig led the league in both Total Bases (447) and RBI (173, after Ruth had cleared the bases 60 times). In 1961 Mickey Mantle led the league in OPS+ (adjusting for park and era) at 206, over twice as good as the average player. Maris had an OPS (On Base % plus Slugging %) of .993, an OPS+ of 167.