

# July 1, 1957

## Z Battery

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

In Baltimore's 3-2 loss in 10-innings to the first place New York Yankees, Orioles' pitcher George Zuerink and catcher Frank (Noodles) Zupo form the first "Z" battery in major league history when both enter the game in the 10th inning.

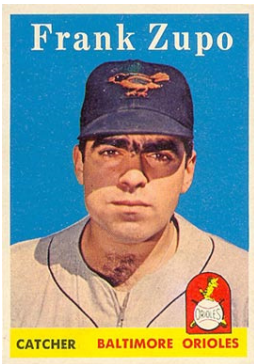
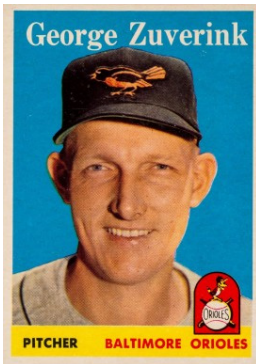
Zuerink (7-4) takes the loss when he serves up a game-winning home run to the Yankees' Mickey Mantle in the bonus frame.

For the 17-year-old Zupo, his appearance against the Bronx Bombers marks his

major league debut ... a native of San Francisco, California, he finishes his rookie season with only one hit in 12 at bats (.083).

The youngest player in Oriole history, Zupo signs with the organization three weeks earlier on June 13, 1957, for a \$30,000 bonus ... the team's scouting department compares Zupo favorably with New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra.

Zupo will play in part of three seasons for the Orioles, hitting .167 with three hits in 16 games.



## ORIOLES SIGN BONUS PLAYER

Zupo, 17-Year-Old Catcher,  
Acquired For \$30,000