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I don't look at it as if they're out to get me. In innings pitched and games completed he declined across the board in years 14-25.

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More times than not, he wins. As such, baseball fans and in particular, Yankees fans, owe a debt of gratitude to Mayo for serving up what future baseball historians will no doubt recall as the last authoritative look at Roger Clemens the athlete, both for physical prowess, as much as if not more so for the terrific mental focus and awareness that he was able to bring to his game. You can't take it as if he's trying to hurt you.

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What I mean by that, if he knocks you down, gets you off the plate, or whatever, you can't take it personally. There was the split and the development of the cutter. His reputation was colored by his bat-swinging blowup at Dodgers catcher John Roseboro on Aug.

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It is a sport where you have to adjust mentally all the time. Contrary to his reputation as lousy in the post season, Clemens actually performed better as the level of difficulty and pressure increased throughout his career. He struck out 2,453 during his 15-year career, and his 74 games of 10 or more K's rank fourth behind Ryan, Koufax and Steve Carlton.

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He talks to the hitters who faced him and has them discuss the pitches he threw them, how effective the pitches were, and what they tried to do to

get quality at bats against Clemens. Of course, it was written before the whole steroids topic came up, so it focuses on personality and work ethic instead of that more tawdry subject.

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Hopefully it's a good read.

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