



2 — EWELL BLACKWELL (The Whip)

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds

Born: Fresno, Calif. 1922
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Height: 6:5 Weight: 195
Tall, thin, Blackwell looks like a spider when he winds up. His wicked side arm delivery develops a speed that has put him among the top flight pitchers. In 1947, he won 22 games and lost 8. His phenomenal feat of striking out 193 batters and also winning 16 straight games will be talked about in baseball for many years. Playing organized baseball since 1942 with 3 years out for war.

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1 — BOB ELLIOTT

Third Base—Boston Braves

Born: San Francisco, Cal. 1916
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Height: 6:00 Weight: 175
Voted 1947's Most Valuable and batting .317. Bob's spectacular come back from his poorest year with the Braves he had joined them in trade did something for him for he also led the National League's 3rd basemen in fielding. He began in the South Atlantic League playing with Savannah. He has been chosen for three All Star Teams.

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11 — JOHNNY LINDELL

Outfielder—N. Y. Yankees

Born: Greeley, Colo. 1916
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Height: 6:4 Weight: 208

Joined the Yanks in 1942 as a pitcher but he developed such unusual hitting power that he was converted into an outfielder. In 1943, he led the league in triples (12). In 1944, he again led his league in triples (16). In 1945, the Army called but he was back on the team in 1946, playing first base and in the outfield. He's a policeman in California during the off-season.

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20 — BUDDY KERR

Short Stop—N. Y. Giants

Born: Astoria, N. Y. Nov. 6, 1922
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Height: 6:02 Weight: 180

A boy who's made good in his home town. Scouts saw him playing up on Washington Heights and within a year he was promoted to the top Giant farm club, Jersey City. His record of 52 consecutive games without an error is still to be topped. The style and perfection of his workmanship is a joy to behold. His quick hands are his great baseball attribute. Batting average last year was .287.

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13 — WILLARD MARSHALL

Right Fielder—N. Y. Giants

Born: Richmond, Va. Feb. 8, 1921
Bats: Left Throws: Right
Height: 6:00 Weight: 190

He fills shoes of two of the greatest of all Giant picket men, Mel Ott and Ross Youngs and promises to fill them adequately. Three of his years on the Giants' roster were spent in the Marines. He began his career in Atlanta and at once attracted Giant scout attention. Two home runs in his first game at Miami gave him a regular's status from the very start of his big league career.

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14 — ALLIE REYNOLDS

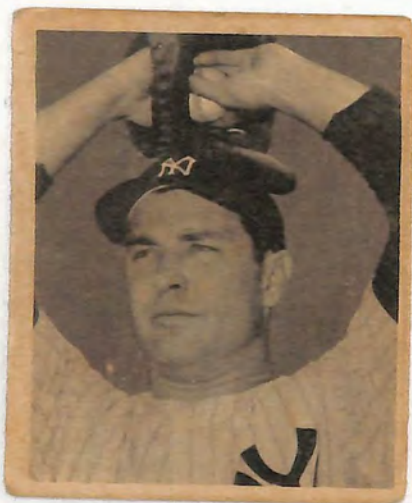
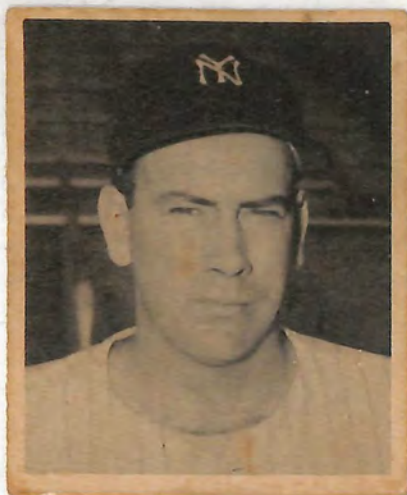
Pitcher—New York Yankees

Born: Bethany, Okla. Feb. 10, 1919
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Height: 6:00 Weight: 195

Led his team pitchers in 1947 with 19 victories. In the World Series of that year he won the second game. He's a graduate of Oklahoma A & M. Playing with the Cleveland Indians from 1943 to 1946, he won 51 games. Baseball experts consider the trade that brought Allie to the Yanks one of the smartest in baseball. His 1947 pitching record includes 129 strike-outs and an earned run average of 3.20.

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23 — LARRY JANSEN

Pitcher—N. Y. Giants

Born: Forest Grove, Ore. July 16, 1920
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6-02 Weight: 190

His second year with the Giants. Won 21 games, lost 5. He shows the class that made him look so good to Giant scouts in the Pacific Coast League. He gives every promise of developing an impressive record in the majors as he did with the minors. Like most ball players, he did his war stuff gladly and efficiently. When he's not playing ball, he runs a hardware store in Oregon.

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22 — FLOYD (BILL) BEVINS

Pitcher—New York Yankees

Born: Hubbard, Ore. Oct. 20, 1917
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6-03½ Weight: 210

"Bill" will always be remembered as the pitcher who, in 1947, almost made the Hall of Fame by pitching a no-hit World Series game up until the last half of the ninth. This was the fourth game with the Dodgers. Hard luck has pursued him. His arm went "dead" just as he started his career, and just after he was ordered to the Yanks from Syracuse, he displaced three ribs in one mighty pitch.

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21 — FERRIS FAIN

First Base—Philadelphia Athletics

Born: San Antonio, Tex. 1922
 Bats: Left Throws: Left
 Height: 5-11 Weight: 183

His record in the Pacific Coast League indicates great things for him in the major leagues. In his first season with the Athletics, he played in 134 games to bat .291 and bat in 71 runs. That's the kind of performance that had made him an outstanding player on the San Francisco team. The war caught up with him, too, demanding three years of his baseball time.

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28 — EMIL VERBAN

(The Antelope)

Second Base—Philadelphia Phillies

Born: Lincoln, Ill. Aug. 27, 1915
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 5-11 Weight: 165

His graceful play at 2nd has won him his nickname. Coming up the hard way and a long way, Emil has played for eight years in the minors and with eight different teams. His second year in the majors found him leading the league's 2nd basemen in fielding. After starting the 1946 season with the Cards, he was traded to the Phillies May 1st. Last year his batting average was .285.

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25 — BARNEY McCOSKEY

Outfielder—Philadelphia Athletics

Born: Coal Run, Pa. 1918
 Bats: Left Throws: Right
 Height: 6-¼ Weight: 178

Coming from the Detroit Tigers in 1946, he finished the season with the Athletics batting .318. Last year hit .328. Began his baseball career in 1936 with the Beaumont team in the Texas League. From there he went to Charleston of the Mid-Atlantic League where he batted an even .400 for the season. Two years followed with the Beaumont team again and he went to Detroit in 1939. 1940 was a great year for him, batting .340, leading the American League in triples and tied for most hits. Then the war set him back three years.

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24 — EMIL (DUTCH) LEONARD

Pitcher—Philadelphia Phillies

Born: Auburn, Ill. 1910
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 5-11 Weight: 187

One of the "old" men of baseball. Since 1947 was one of his best seasons it shows what a fellow can do if he takes care of himself. Experience and ability are an unbeatable combination. He's had his ups and downs, being sent back to the minors. He fought his way back in two years. Originally a Dodger, he came back from the minors to spend nine years with the Senators.

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33 — BILLY (The Bull) JOHNSON

Third Base—New York Yankees

Born: Montclair, N. J. Aug. 30, 1918
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 5-9½ Weight: 178

He led the American League's third basemen in 1943 in put-outs and assists, and tied for most double plays. He's a heavy hitter. His 141 base hits in 1947 batted in 95 runs. In the World Series that year, three of his seven hits were triples. He was named for the All Star Team in 1943. He spent two years in war service. He lives in Augusta, Georgia. 1947 average .285.

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32 — BILL RIGNEY

Second Base—N. Y. Giants

Born: Alameda, Cal. Nov. 29, 1919
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6-01 Weight: 165

As Ohio has given us the most presidents, the San Francisco Bay district has probably produced the most top league base ball players. Bill Rigney is one of them. His impressive 5 years in the minors made his Giant bid a foregone conclusion, but then Uncle Sam stepped in for three years. His batting average increased last year over his first year's record. He's one of the Giants' most dependable players.

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29 — JOE PAGE

Pitcher—New York Yankees

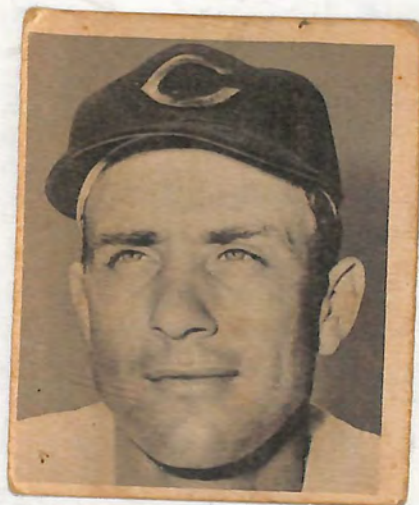
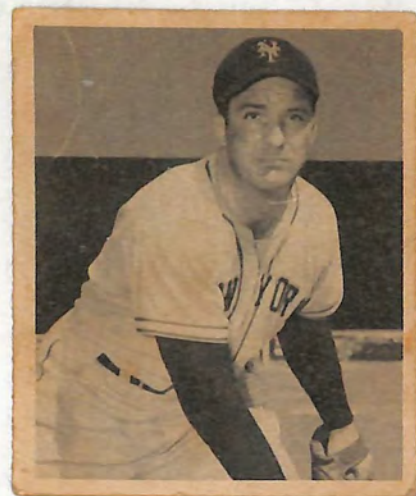
Born: Cherry Valley, Pa. Oct. 28, 1917
 Bats: Left Throws: Left
 Height: 6-02 Weight: 205

A relief artist and true successor to great Yankee bull pen masters Whitey Moore and Fireman Johnny Murphy. In the wild seven games series of 1947 against the Brooklyn Dodgers, Joe ambled in from the bull pen to win the final crucial game as he shut out the Dodgers. He allowed only one hit and pitched air-tight ball for the last five innings. He possesses a keen knowledge of batters' weaknesses.

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42 — RAY POAT

Pitcher—New York Giants

Born: Chicago, Ill. Dec. 19, 1917
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6:2 Weight: 205

Ray went from University of Illinois into Organized Baseball with Leakeville in the Bi-State League in 1939. He won 59, lost 26 during 4 seasons in the minors. Moved up to Cleveland of the American League in 1942 for two full seasons, and then was put on voluntarily retired list for 1945. He returned to baseball with Baltimore of International League for next two seasons, compiling records of 12-7 and 11-7. After his 11-7 record last season the Giants bought him and he finished winning 4 and losing 3 for them. Won his first game as Giant.

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37 — CLINT HARTUNG

Pitcher—New York Giants

Born: Hondo, Texas Aug. 10, 1922
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6:4 Weight: 215

Clint's first year in Organized Baseball was with Minneapolis in the American Association in 1942. He appeared in 3 games—wasn't involved in a decision, and was sent to Eau Claire of Northern League where he won 3 and lost 1. The next 4 seasons he was in service, where he pitched in 25 games and lost none during one season, batted .561 and hit 30 homers. Last year he came to Giants, started in outfield and was finally made a full time pitcher. He appeared in 25 games, racked up a 9-7 record.

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45 — HANK SAUER

Outfield—Cincinnati Reds

Born: Pittsburgh, Pa. March 17, 1919
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 6:3½ Weight: 202

One of the best sluggers in the National League Hank has his sights on Babe Ruth's home run record. Was with Reds in 1941, but was sent back to minors. After Coast Guard service he returned to Reds. Spent 1947 season with Syracuse of International League and hit sensationally. He batted .336, led in runs batted in 141; most hits 182; most runs 130; and most total bases, 362. In addition he hit 50 home runs. He was voted International League's Most Valuable Player. Now back with Reds, he shows no signs of letting up pace.

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44 — JOHNNY WYROSTEK

Outfield—Cincinnati Reds

Born: Fairmont, Ill. July 12, 1919
 Bats: Left Throws: Right
 Height: 6:2 Weight: 180

Johnny became a regular major league ball player in 1946. Before that he had spent eight active seasons with eight ball clubs. His first major league trial was with Pittsburgh in 1942. He finished the season with Toronto. The next year he was back with the Pirates, but was traded to Columbus. He was on the St. Louis Cardinal roster in 1945, but spent the time in service. Then 1946 and regular duty with the Philadelphia Phils, to whom he had been sold by the Cards. At the end of the 1947 season he was traded to the Reds.

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43 — BRUCE EDWARDS

Catcher—Brooklyn Dodgers

Born: Quincy, Ill. July 15, 1923
 Bats: Right Throws: Right
 Height: 5:8 Weight: 180

Regarded as one of best receivers in major leagues. He started in Organized Baseball in 1941 with Santa Barbara in California League. Until 1947 when he caught 130 games for Dodgers, he had never caught a full season with one team. After spending three years in service, he returned to baseball with Mobile of Southern Association and had caught 62 games for them when he was called up to Dodgers. In 1947 he was chosen as catcher on National League All-Star team. Led National League catchers in putouts and double plays for 1947.

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48 — GEORGE "DAVE" KOSLO

Pitcher—New York Giants

Born: Menasha, Wis. March 31, 1920
 Bats: Left Throws: Left
 Height: 5:11 Weight: 180

Dave, a southpaw, started in OB with Hopkinsville in Kitty League in 1939. In his first year, Dave appeared in 31 games, winning 11 and losing 14. At end of 1941 season he became a big leaguer. After compiling a 13-13 record with Milwaukee of the American Association, he appeared in 4 games for Giants winning 1 and losing 2. He divided next season between New York and Jersey City. Next three years were spent in military service. When he returned to Giants he became a starting pitcher. In 1946 he won 14 while losing 19—next season won 15, lost 10.

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