



FRANK OVERMIRE



AL EVANS



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MICKEY HARRIS



JIM HEGAN



ELMER VALO



LOU BRISSIE



EWELL BLACKWELL

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26---SAM CHAPMAN

Outfielder—Philadelphia A's

Age—33 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 1" Throws—right
Home—Tiburon, Cal. Wgt.—190 lbs.

Long-ball clouter whose 115 hits were good for a total of 184 bases last season. Average was only .258. Hit 13 homers and drove in 70 runs. Outstanding fly chaser. Committed only seven errors in handling 374 balls last season. Also possesses fine throwing arm.

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22---AL EVANS

Catcher—Washington Senators

Age—32 Bats—right handed
Ht.—5' 11" Throws—right handed
Wgt.—185 lbs. Home—Kenly, N. Car.

One of the better catchers in the American league although not much of a hitter. Shares behind plate duties with Jake Early. Finished 1948 season with very fine .983 fielding record and .259 batting mark. Deadly on throws to second base. Took part in six double plays last season.

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17---FRANK OVERMIRE (Stubby)

Pitcher—Detroit Tigers

Age—30 Bats—right
Ht.—5' 7" Throws—left
Home—Grand Rapids, Mich. Wgt.—170 lbs.

Bothered by sore arm last season which accounts for his 3 games won—4 games lost record and 6.00 ERA. Ordinarily, however, very, very tough to beat. Won 11 and lost five in 1947 with ERA of 3.77. Has good control and excellent curve ball. Has makings of great star.

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29---ELMER VALO

Outfielder—Philadelphia Athletics

Age—28 Bats—left
Hgt.—5' 11" Throws—right
Wgt.—190 lbs. Home—Palmerton, Pa.

One of the hardest hitting outfielders in the American league. Finished last season with a very neat .303 batting mark made up of 115 hits in 380 times at bat. Likes night ball. His 1947 batting mark of .300 was helped by a .398 hitting record in after-dark contests. Very fast.

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28---JIM HEGAN

Catcher—Cleveland Indians

Age—29 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 2" Throws—right
Home—Lynn, Mass. Wgt.—195 lbs.

One of the hardest-working backstops in American league. Finished 4th in receiving with .990 average made up of 377 assists, 76 assists and only 1 error. His 337 putouts was 161 less than second-place Bill Swift of Detroit. Batted .200 in 1948. Very active in action. Regular season batting mark was .248.

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27---MICKEY HARRIS

Pitcher—Boston Red Sox

Age—31 Bats—left
Ht.—6' Throws—left
Home—Queen's Village, N. Y. Wgt.—175 lbs.

Ranked among the top left handers in 1946 but sore arm stopped him in '47 and last season. Finished with five-four and seven-ten record, respectively. His 1947 season mark was clouded with very poor 5.29 earned run average. His 42 strikeouts in 114 innings pitched last season, however, shows he still has throwing finesse when sore arm doesn't bother him.

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39---EWELL BLACKWELL

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds

Age—27 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 5" Throws—right
Home—San Dimas, Calif. Wgt.—185 lbs.

Youthful veteran who scored 22 wins in 1947 with brilliant 2.47 earned-run average, hurling six shutouts and fanning 193 batters to lead league. Sore arm stopped him most of last season—finally ending up with seven-and-nine record. Still managed to strike-out 114 opponents—6th best in league last year. Up—1946—he won only four games and dropped 13—but hurled at the rate of 2.46 earned runs per game.

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31---LOU BRISSIE

Pitcher—Philadelphia A's

Age—25 Bats—left
Ht.—6' 4½" Throws—left
Home—Ware Schools, S. C. Wgt.—215 lbs.

World War hero. Went through 23 leg operations. Won 23 and lost five with Savannah in 1947. Last season as rookie starting pitcher with A's won 14 and lost 10 with an ERA of 4.13. This ranked him 15th among the top hurlers in American league. Fanned 127 batters. Connie Mack calls him "Another Lefty Grove."

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JAKE EARLY



HANK EDWARDS



JOHNNY LINDELL

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47---GEORGE (Sam) VICO

First Baseman—Detroit Tigers
Age—26 Bats—left handed
Ht.—6' 4" Throws—right handed
Wgt.—200 lbs. Home—San Fernando, Calif.

Made major league debut last season with .267 batting mark after running up a .307 average with Portland in the Pacific coast league the year previous. His 1948 fielding record blotted by 15 errors—second highest in the league. Has five stretch at first. Considered good prospect for major league stardom.

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42---KENT PETERSON

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds
Age—23 Bats—right handed
Ht.—5' 10½" Throws—left handed
Wgt.—175 lbs. Home—Salt Lake City

One of the promising stars of the National league. Won only two games and dropped 15 in 1948 but whiffed 64 batters with beautiful curve. Finished with .400 batting average. Charged with 400 pitches—tops in the league. Had terrific pitching record in service. Recorded 85 wins—eight of them no-hitters.

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56---LARRY JENSEN

Pitcher—New York Giants
Age—29 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 2" Throws—right
Home—Forest Grove, Ore. Wgt.—190 lbs.

Came up from San Francisco in 1946 where he won 30 and lost six with a sensational 1.57 ERA. Finished with 21-5 and 3.16 ERA in 1947 and 18-12 mark on a 3.61 ERA last season. Ranked 7th percentage-wise among leading NL hurlers in 1948. Already has 230 strikeouts to his credit in two years of Major league competition.

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53---JOHNNY VANDERMEER

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds
Age—35 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 6" Throws—left
Home—Scranton, Pa. Wgt.—195 lbs.

Hurled two no-hit games in succession in 1938 for all-time Major league mark. Won 15 games that year. Last season recovered some of his old form, winning 17 and losing 10 on a 3.41 earned-run average. Batted .270 but walked 120 times in the National league.

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50---DICK WAKEFIELD

Outfielder—Detroit Tigers
Age—28 Bats—left handed
Ht.—6' 3" Throws—right handed
Wgt.—180 lbs. Home—Chicago, Ill.

At one time one of the most feared hitters in American league. Finished 1948 with .276 mark after very bad start in which he went to bat during a 7-game stretch 26 times without a hit. Originally paid \$55,000 bonus to sign with Tigers after great career with University of Michigan. Paced Tigers to pennant in 1940. Fair fielding outfielder.

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82---JOHNNY LINDELL

Right Fielder—N. Y. Yankees
Age—33 Bats—right handed
Ht.—6' 4½" Throws—right handed
Wgt.—205 lbs. Home—Arcadia, Calif.

Ranks with top American league hitters. Clouted .317 in 1948, including 13 home runs and 55 runs-batted-in. Crashed out 18 home runs in 1947 while hitting only .270. Also outstanding fielder finishing 7th last season to Cleveland's Thurman Tucker committing only 10 errors—and, at that, a throwing error.

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72---HANK EDWARDS

Outfielder—Cleveland Indians
Age—25 Bats—left
Ht.—6' Throws—left
Home—Paterson, N. J. Wgt.—190 lbs.

One of the brighter young outfielders in American league. Very fast, good arm and smart player. Batted only .260 in 1947 and .269 in last year's Cleveland drive to the World's Championship. Likes to drive ball through the box to beat out infield hits.

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61---JAKE EARLY

Catcher—Washington Senators
Age—33 Bats—left
Ht.—6' Throws—right
Home—Kings Mt., N.C. Wgt.—170 lbs.

Dependable backstopper. Started with Nats, traded to Browns in 1947 and traded back to Washington last season. Finished 3rd last season in fielding, handling 18 putouts, 51 assists and only 3 errors for a .991 average. Batted on .220, 144 hits, a long ball.

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GEORGE STIRNWEISS



PAT SEEREY



ROY SMALLEY



MARTIN MARION



RALPH WEIGEL



LUCIUS APPLING



DEL ENNIS

77---ROY SMALLEY

Shortstop—Chicago Cubs

Age—23 Bats—right
 Ht.—6' 3" Throws—right
 Home—San Fernando, Calif. Wgt.—190 lbs.

Plays current leading role in great Cub experiment to fill gap at shortstop which was left by trading of Billy ... son finished with fielding average of .941. Committed 34 errors in 540 chances. Hit only 218 ... 4 games—but much improvement is expected.

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73---PAT SEEREY

Right Fielder—Chicago White Sox

Age—26 Bats—right handed
 Ht.—5' 10" Throws—right handed
 Wgt.—200 lbs. Home—St. Louis, Mo.

Outstanding long-ball hitter. Finished 1948 with .231 average but banded out 19 home runs, including four in one game to tie Major league mark. Has strikeouts weakness. Fanned 102 times last season—tops in the American league. Came to White Sox from Cleveland for Bob Kennedy.

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95---GEORGE STIRNWEISS (SNUFFY)

2nd Baseman—N. Y. Yankees

Age—30 Bats—right
 Ht.—5' 8½" Throws—right
 Home—Crestwood, N. J. Wgt.—175 lbs.

Won American league Bat crown in 1945 with .309—lowest since 1905 when Elmer Flick captured title with .306. Top base stealer in 1944-45 with 55 and 33 sacks stolen, respectively. Slumped last season to .255 but led the league in fielding with .933 average. Committed only 5 errors.

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59---LUCIUS (Luke) APPLING

Shortstop—Chicago White Sox

Age—40 Bats—right
 Ht.—5' 10" Throws—right
 Home—Dunwoodie, Ga. Wgt.—175 lbs.

All-time great of American league. Has never played with any other club except White Sox. Last season—20th in the big time—hit .314. Season before hit .306. Won bat title in 1936 with mark of .388 and again in 1943 with .328. Holds record for most games played at shortstop and third base—2,132.

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86---RALPH WEIGEL

Catcher—Chicago White Sox

Age—28 Bats—right
 Ht.—6' 1" Throws—right
 Home—Dayton, Ohio Wgt.—180 lbs.

One of the brighter young prospects in the new Pale Hose regime. Played with Baltimore in 1947 and hit .282. Brought up by Cleveland and traded to Sox early in 1948. Good throwing arm. Shared last season's catching duties with Aron Robinson and Mike Tresh. Fair hitter—finished with .233 mark.

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97---MARTIN MARION

Shortstop—St. Louis Cardinals

Age—32 Bats—right handed
 Ht.—6' 2" Throws—right handed
 Wgt.—170 lbs. Home—Iva, S. Car.

Ranks among the top fielding shortstops of all time. Paced National league in 1948 with .978 average, committing only 19 errors. Won 1944 Sporting News and Baseball Writers' Awards as "most valuable." Not much of hitter. Finished 1948 with .252 average.

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49---DEL ENNIS

Outfielder—Philadelphia Phillies

Age—24 Bats—right
 Ht.—5' 11" Throws—right
 Home—Philadelphia Wgt.—180 lbs.

Hit .313 first season up (1946) and has been National league batting power ever since. Batted .290 in 1948 made up of 171 hits good for 309 total bases, 40 doubles, 4 triples and 30 home runs. Drove in 95 runs—batted-in. In addition he scored 86 runs. Finished 7th in National league slugging.

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GENE HERMANSKI



BOB MCCALL



CLIFF ABERNSON



TED KLUSZEWSKI

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57---BOB McCALL

Pitcher—Chicago Cubs

Age—28 Bats—left
Ht.—6' 1" Throws—left
Home—Los Angeles Wgt.—175 lbs.

Another one of last year's rookies the Cubs are counting on to lift them out of the cellar. Won only four games last season but showed good curve and control. Fanned 89 batters and had an earned-run average of 3.50.

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102---GENE HERMANSKI

Outfielder—Brooklyn Dodgers

Age—28 Bats—left
Ht.—5' 11" Throws—right
Home—Newark, N. J. Wgt.—180 lbs.

Showing signs of turning into good power hitter. Last season upped his bat mark to .290, smashing out 15 home runs and finished with a total of 60 runs-batted-in. Finished 10th among the league leaders in the slugging department with a .493 average. Batted .275 in Dodger drive to 1947 pennant.

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111---GERALD PRIDY

Second Baseman—St. Louis Browns

Age—30 Bats—right handed
Ht.—5' 11" Throws—right handed
Wgt.—180 lbs. Home—Los Angeles, Calif.

Came up to Yankees from Kansas City as part of famous double play combination of Rizzuto and Priddy. Traded to Washington to make room for "Snuffy" Stirnweiss and then, in turn, was traded to Browns. Clubbed out .296 average last season on 166 hits, driving in 79 runs. Participated in 132 double plays—tops in last season's American league play.

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38---TED KLUSZEWSKI

First baseman—Cincinnati Reds

Age—25 Bats—left
Ht.—6' 2" Throws—left
Home—Argo, Illinois Wgt.—205 lbs.

Promising youngster who did fairly well in 1948—hitting .275 and fielding .990. Discovered while attending Indiana U. Drove five in first 25 balls pitched to him out of Crosley field during trial batting practice. First season of pro ball—at Columbia, So. Carolina—(1946) clouted .325 in 90 games, driving in 87 runs.

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136---CLIFF ABERSON

Outfielder—Chicago Cubs

Age—27 Bats—right
Ht.—6' Throws—right
Home—Chicago Wgt.—200 lbs.

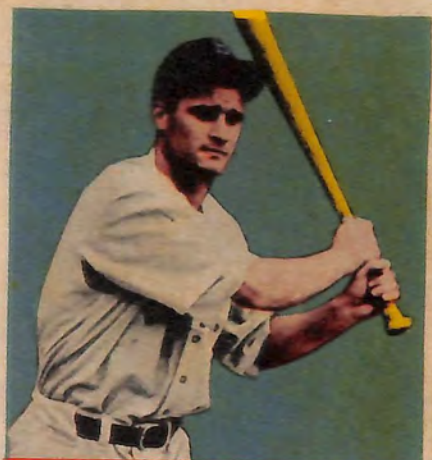
Started at Amundsen high in home town where he batted .457 in senior year. Smashed out .329 average with Los Angeles last season. Made pro debut with Des Moines and led circuit in homers. Late season try-out with Cubs won 4-3.

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SID HUDSON



JOE GORDON



ANDY PAFKO



WARREN ROSAR



JOHNNY HOPP

117---JOE GORDON

2nd baseman—Cleveland Indians

Age—34
Ht.—5' 11"
Home—Portland, Ore.

Bats—right
Throws—right
Wgt.—180 lbs.

His 32 home runs set slugging pace for Cleveland's 1948 title drive. Smashed out 154 hits, 279 total bases for .280 bat mark and .507 slugging average—4th best in American league. Finished 5th among regular fielding 2nd sackers with .971. Came to Cleveland from Yankees in deal for Allie Reynolds.

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84---SID HUDSON

Pitcher—Washington Senators

Age—31
Ht.—6' 4"
Home—Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Bats—right
Throws—right
Wgt.—180 lbs.

At one time one of the most feared pitchers. Had blazing fast ball—good curve. Suddenly went sore in 1947. In 1948 won 6, lost 9. Last season won 4, lost 16—giving up 28 runs for 5.88 earned-run average. Fanned 53 batters.

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83---BOBBY DOERR

2nd baseman—Boston Red Sox

Age—31
Ht.—5' 10"
Home—Illaha, Ore.

Bats—right
Throws—right
Wgt.—170 lbs.

Great hitting and fielding player. Batted .285 in 1948 smashing out 27 home runs to finish 7th in slugging in American league. Drove in 111 runs. Fielded 2nd best to George Stinner who topped league last season with .313. Handled 796 chances (100 outs and 430 assists) while committing only six errors. Won Sporting News Award in 1944.

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139---JOHNNY HOPP

Outfielder—Pittsburgh Pirates

Age—33
Ht.—5' 10"
Home—Hastings, Neb.

Bats—left
Throws—left
Wgt.—175 lbs.

Played with Cardinals and Boston before coming to Pittsburgh in 1947. Best season in majors was 1946 when he clouted a nifty .332. Hit .286 in 1947 and .286 in 1948. Very fast and equipped with good throwing arm. Once named on U. of Nebraska All-Star team.

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128---WARREN (Buddy) ROSAR

Catcher—Philadelphia A's

Age—34
Ht.—5' 10"
Home—Buffalo, N. Y.

Bats—right
Throws—right
Wgt.—170 lbs.

Top catcher in American League last season. Committed only one error in 374 chances for a .997 average. Batted only .255. Holds two Major league records both set in 1947. Raised his number of consecutive errorless games to 147 and his number of non-errorless chances to 755.

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125---ANDY PAFKO

Outfielder—Chicago Cubs

Age—28
Ht.—5' 11"
Home—Boyceville, Wis.

Bats—right
Throws—right
Wgt.—190 lbs.

Played 3rd base last season to fill Cub infield gap. Normally great center fielder. Clubbed out 171 hits. 26 homers and drove in 101 runs for .312. Placed 8th among top sluggers. Participated in 29 double plays—highest in the league for a "hot corner guardian".

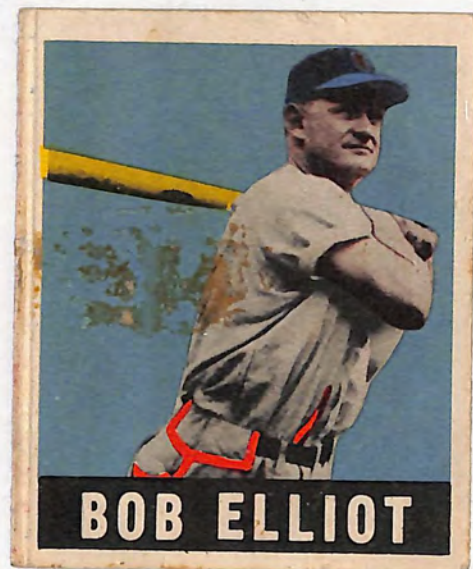
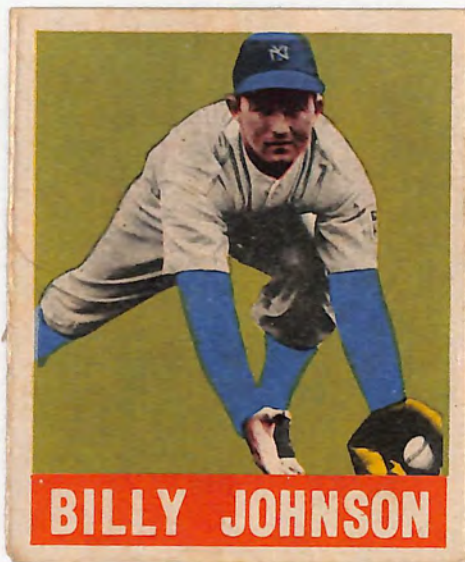
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10---PAUL (DIZZY) TROUT

Pitcher—Detroit Tigers

Age—34 Bats—right
Ht.—6' 2½" Throws—right
Home—Terre-Haute, Ind. Wgt.—195 lbs.

Has blazing fast ball and excellent change of pace. Won 10 games last season, finishing 5th in American league hurling with earned-run average of 3.42. Every season gives indications of becoming great pitcher. Lifetime record in majors shows 135 wins and 123 defeats. Nicknamed "Dizzy" because of his temperamental antics.

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65---BOB ELLIOTT

3rd baseman—Boston Braves

Age—23 Bats—right
Ht.—6' Throws—right
Home—San Diego Wgt.—185 lbs.

Came from Pittsburgh in deal that sent Billy Herman to Pirates as manager. Hit .283 last season, pounding out 24 home runs and driving in 100 runs. Finished 11th among top National league sluggers with .474 slugging average. Voted most valuable in 1947. Originally an outfielder.

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14---BILLY JOHNSON

Third baseman — New York Yankees

Age—31 Bats—right
Hgt.—5'10" Throws—right
Wgt.—178 lbs. Home—Montclair, N. J.

Considered one of the outstanding infielders in baseball today. Consistent hitter who finished 1948 with batting mark of .294, including 12 home runs and 65 runs batted in. One of the sparkplugs of team. Scores plenty of runs — 59 last season and 67 in 1947.

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106---LOU BOUDREAU

Shortstop—Cleveland Indians

Age—32 Bats—right
Ht.—5' 11" Throws—left
Home—Harvey, Ill. Wgt.—170 lbs.

"Most valuable player" in 1948. Only player-manager. Paced Indians to world's championship last season with .355 bat mark (2nd best to Ted Williams, the leader) and led shortstops in fielding with .975. Batted .263 in World Series vs. Boston. Set new fielding mark for infielders in 1947 with .982 average. Won bat title in 1944 with .327.

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