



BOB KUZAVA

Pitcher—Chicago White Sox
Born: Wyandotte, Mich., May 28, 1923
Height: 6-2
Weight: 204
Throws: Left
Bats: Both

During 1949 Bob appeared in 29 games with the bogged-down Chisox and copped a record of 10-6. Won 14 for Baltimore in 1947, and was voted the outstanding leftie of the International League. With same club in 1948. Got a bit wild, issuing 113 walks. But struck out 154 men. Bob once belonged to the Indians. He spent some time in the service.

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FERRIS FAIN

First Base—Philadelphia A's
Born: San Antonio, Texas, March 29, 1922
Height: 5-11
Weight: 180
Throws: Left
Bats: Left

Ferris hit .263 in 150 games for the Athletics in 1949. He punched out 21 doubles and batted in 78 runs. His record in the Pacific Coast League indicated great things for him in the majors. In 1947, his first year with Connie Mack's boys, he hit .291. In 1948 he hit .281, and drove in 88 runs. Ferris spent 3 years in the service.

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ROY SIEVERS

Outfield—St. Louis Browns
Born: St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18, 1926
Height: 6-1
Weight: 195
Throws: Right
Bats: Right

Roy was the American League Rookie of the Year for 1949. He hit .306 in 140 games. Credited with 28 doubles, 16 homers and 91 runs batted in. Got his start in sandlot ball and during two years in the army. Entered organized baseball with Hannibal, Mo., in 1947. Batted in 9 runs in 1 game for Hannibal, hitting 3 consecutive homers.

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TOMMY HENRICH

Outfield—New York Yankees
Born: Massillon, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1916
Height: 6 ft.
Weight: 175
Throws: Left
Bats: Left

"The Clutch" had one of his best seasons with the world champion 1949 Yanks. Hit .287 in 115 games. His record includes 20 doubles, 3 triples, 24 homers, and 85 runs batted in. This in spite of a bad back injury late in the season which was supposed to keep him out the rest of the year. With Yanks since 1937 except for Coast Guard service.

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EDDIE ROBINSON

First Base—Washington Senators
Born: Paris, Texas, Dec. 15, 1920
Height: 6-2 1/2
Weight: 205
Throws: Right
Bats: Left

Eddie hit .294 in 143 games last year. His 155 hits included 27 doubles and 18 homers. He batted in 78 runs. Came to majors at end of 1942 season with Cleveland Indians. Spent next 3 years on Indians' roster, but in service. Returned to baseball with Baltimore, 1946. Again joined Indians at end of season. Traded to Washington in December, 1948.

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VIC WERTZ

Outfield—Detroit Tigers
Born: York, Pa., Feb. 9, 1925
Height: 6 ft.
Weight: 192
Throws: Right
Bats: Left

Hit .304 in 155 games for 1949 Tigers. Vic's 185 hits included 26 doubles, 6 triples and 20 homers. He batted in 133 runs, third high in the league. Was a combination pitcher-outfielder for Buffalo during part of 1943. Then he entered the service. Back with Buffalo in 1946, he hit .301. Joined the Tigers in 1947 and hit .288.

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JIM HEGAN

Catcher—Cleveland Indians
Born: Lynn, Mass., Aug. 3, 1920
Height: 6-2
Weight: 195
Throws: Right
Bats: Right

In 102 games for the Indians in 1949. Batted .224. Led American League catchers in putouts in 1947 and 1948—in double plays and assists in 1948. First joined the Indians near end of 1941 season. Began 1942 with Baltimore (4 games), but moved right back up to Indians. In armed forces 3 years. Then returned to Cleveland as first-string catcher.

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JOE DOBSON

Pitcher—Boston Red Sox
Born: Durant, Okla., Jan. 20, 1917
Height: 6-2
Weight: 190
Throws: Right
Bats: Right

Won 14 and lost 12 in 1949. Played in 35 games. Had 3.85 earned run average. Got start in majors with Cleveland in 1939. Didn't make an error until Sept., 1943, when he was with the Red Sox to whom he had been traded. Had accepted 153 chances without error in 156 consecutive games for a league record. Last season his fielding was 1,000.

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GUS ZERNIAL

Outfield—Chicago White Sox
Born: Beaumont, Texas, June 27, 1923
Height: 6-2 1/2
Weight: 210
Throws: Right
Bats: Right

One of the outstanding 1949 rookies. In 73 games for Chisox, hitting .318. Bounced by shoulder injury toward end of season. Got first chance in majors as Indian, but released to Hollywood. Sox purchased Gus after 1947 season, but left him with Hollywood in 1948, when he led the Pacific Coast League in hits, total bases, runs batted in.

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BOB RUSH

Pitcher—Chicago Cubs
Born: Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 21, 1923
Height: 6-4
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Weight: 190

Last year was Bob's second with the Cubs. His record, with a losing club, was 10-18. He was in 35 games, pitching 201 innings. His 1948 record was 5-11. He participated in 26 games for a total of 133 innings. With Des Moines in 1947, Bob won 6 games and lost one; then he moved to Nashville where he wound up with a record of 9 and 7.

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CURT SIMMONS

Pitcher—Philadelphia Phillies
Born: Egypt, Pa., May 19, 1929
Height: 5-11½
Bats: Left
Throws: Left
Weight: 178

In 38 games last year, Record: 4-10. Most major-league teams were in a scramble for Curt when he graduated from high school. The Phillies landed him with a big bonus after he had pitched two no-hitters and in one game had fanned 23 batters. Made major-league debut on closing day of 1947 season, beating Giants 3-1, allowing five hits.

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DAVE KOSLO

Pitcher—New York Giants
Born: Monasho, Wis., March 31, 1920
Height: 5-10
Bats: Left
Throws: Left
Weight: 175

Had an 11-14 record in 1949. Had the lowest earned-run average in league, a nice 2.50. Gave up only 59 earned runs in 212 innings pitched. Started in organized baseball in 1939; hit majors at end of 1941 and 1942. Spent next 3 years in service. Returned in 1946 to become a starting pitcher for the Polo Grounders. Had 15-10 record, 1947.

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JOE PAGE

Pitcher—New York Yankees
Born: Cherry Valley, Pa., Oct. 28, 1917
Height: 6-3
Bats: Left
Throws: Left
Weight: 210

Joe's expert relief pitching had a lot to do with making the Yankees world champions in 1949. He appeared in 60 games. Credited with winning 13; charged with losing 8. Saved many that do not show in records. First reached Yanks, 1944. Sent back to minors when hot streak cooled off. But was back in 1945, and has been there ever since.

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SAM MELE

Outfield—Washington Senators
Born: Astoria Long Island, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1923
Height: 6-1
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Weight: 187

After playing 18 games for the Red Sox in 1949, Sam was traded to the Senators. In 78 games for the Nats he batted .242. Sam's freshman year in the majors was 1947. In that year he was in 123 games for the Red Sox. Played in the outfield and at first base. Compiled a batting average of .302. With Scranton in 1946 he hit .342.

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BOB CHESNES

Pitcher—Pittsburgh Pirates
Born: Oakland, Calif., May 6, 1921
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Both
Throws: Right
Weight: 185

The old sophomore jinx caught up with Bob last year, dropping his record to 7-13 from his 1948 rookie achievement of 14-6. His 1948 percentage (.700) was second best in the league. The Pirates got Bob from San Francisco where he had a 22-8 record and was credited with 110 strikeouts. Excellent fielder; good hitter. Spent 3 years in the service.

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WALLY WESTLAKE

Outfield—Pittsburgh Pirates
Born: Gridley, Calif., Nov. 8, 1920
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Weight: 190

Hit .282 in 147 games in 1949. Had 24 doubles, 23 homers and 104 runs batted in. Wally's career in organized baseball began in 1940 with Elmira, Eastern League, where he played one game. It was a different story when he broke into the majors with the Pirates, 1947. He found himself a regular outfielder, hitting .273, 1948 average, .285.

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MURRY DICKSON

Pitcher—Pittsburgh Pirates
Born: Tracy, Mo., Aug. 21, 1917
Height: 5-10½
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Weight: 157

Little Murry was in 44 games for Pirates last year with a 12-14 record. Started big-league career with Cards in 1942 after a sensational year with Columbus, where he led the league in games won and strikeouts. Entered service, 1944. Rejoined Cards in 1946 for a 15-6 record. Traded to Pirates, 1949.

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DEL CRANDELL

Catcher—Boston Braves
Born: Ontario, Calif., March 5, 1930
Height: 6-1½
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Weight: 185

Del began last season with Evansville of the Class B Three-I League, where he caught 38 games, batted in 36 runs and had a batting average of .351. The Braves brought him up mid-way in the campaign. He appeared in 67 games for the major leaguers, hitting .263. Del is young and strong, and has what it takes for a great backstop.

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NED GARVER

Pitcher—St. Louis Browns
Born: Ney, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1925
Height: 5-10½
Weight: 180
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



With a weak hitting club in 1949, Ned won 12 games and lost 17. Earned run average: 3.98. Ned entered organized baseball with Newark in the Ohio State League, and he highlighted the season by topping the league with a 1.21 earned run average. The Browns purchased his contract in the fall of 1947. Ned's record in 1948 was 7-11.

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JOHN "Buddy" KERR

Shortstop—Boston Braves
Born: Astoria, Long Island, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1922
Height: 6-2
Weight: 180
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



Traded to Braves by Giants after the 1949 season. Had been with Giants from end of 1943 campaign when he came up from Jersey City. His best season was 1947 when he hit .287 and drove in 49 runs. Holds major league record for most consecutive chances accepted by a shortstop without error (383). Buddy has played on one all-star team.

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ALVIN DARK

Shortstop—New York Giants
Born: Comanche, Okla., Jan. 7, 1923
Height: 5-11½
Weight: 180
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



Traded to Giants after two full seasons with Braves. Hit .276 in 130 games with 1949 Braves. In rookie year hit .322, fourth highest in league. Was NL Rookie of the Year. Starred at college in baseball, football, track. On signing with Boston, received one of biggest bonuses ever paid a collegian. Has played in one World Series.

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ANDY PAFKO

Third Base, Outfield—Chicago Cubs
Born: Boyceville, Wis., Feb. 25, 1921
Height: 5-11½
Weight: 190
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



Alternated at third and in the outfield for the Cubs in 1949. Hit .281 in 144 games. Batted in 69 runs. Began in the outfield in the Northern League in 1940. Joined Cubs in 1944. First played at third in 1948. That season Andy hit .312 in 142 games, whacking 26 homers. Andy has been on 3 all-star teams, and has appeared in one World Series.

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AL SCHOENDIENST

Second Base—St. Louis Cardinals
Born: Germantown, Ill., Feb. 2, 1923
Height: 6 ft.
Weight: 174
Bats: Both
Throws: Right



"Red" hit .297 in 151 games in 1949 and drove in 54 runs. His 160 singles were tops for the league. Joined Cards in 1945 after 8 months in service. In 1946 "Red" led NL second basemen with a .983 fielding average which in 1949 he upped to .987, setting a new league record. Is one of the league's classiest fielders, and is a good hitter as well.

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ELMER VALO

Outfield—Philadelphia Athletics
Born: Ribnik, Czechoslovakia, March 5, 1921
Height: 5-11
Weight: 190
Bats: Left
Throws: Right



Hit .283 in 150 games in 1949, and batted in 85 runs. Joined A's at end of 1941 season, and has been with them ever since, with two years out for military service. Hit .300 or better for 3 straight years (1946-48). Elmer is constantly on his toes. In chasing deep outfield flies, he shows a truly amazing disregard for fences.

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HOWIE POLLET

Pitcher—St. Louis Cardinals
Born: New Orleans, La., June 26, 1921
Height: 6-½ ft.
Weight: 175
Bats: Left
Throws: Left



Howie can point to a 20-9 record in 1949. His .690 percentage and earned run average (2.77) were both second best in league. He tied for league lead in shutouts (5). Joined Cards in 1941 after 3 seasons in minors. Won 21 games in 1946, losing 10. Led the league in wins, innings pitched (266) and the low earned run average of 2.10.

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CLYDE VOLLMER

Outfield—Washington Senators
Born: Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1921
Height: 6-1
Weight: 190
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



Hit .253 in 129 games in 1949. Drove in 59 runs. With Syracuse, International League, 1948. The Senators acquired him at the end of the season. Began in pro ball with Bassett, Va., in 1939. He has also played for Columbia, Birmingham, Syracuse and Rochester. Clyde has also been in the National League, playing with Cincinnati.

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GIL COAN

Outfield—Washington Senators
Born: Monroe, N. C., May 18, 1924
Height: 6 ft.
Weight: 180
Bats: Left
Throws: Right



Batted .218 in 111 games in 1949. Gil burned up the Southern Association in 1945 with a .372 average. Playing for Chattanooga, he led the league in almost every batting department. Joined the Senators the next year, but he was handicapped by blistered feet. Back in Chattanooga in 1947. Gil had another great year, hitting .340 in 151 games.

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JERRY COLEMAN

Second Base—New York Yankees
Born: San Jose, Calif., Sept. 14, 1924
Height: 6 ft.
Weight: 170

Bats: Right
Throws: Right

One of last year's outstanding rookies. In 128 games for the Champs, Jerry fielded .381 to lead the league second basemen. Only 12 errors in 625 chances. Hit .275 and drove in 42 runs. Played second, short and third for the Newark Bears in 1948. Played Legion and semi-pro ball before turning pro in 1942. Jerry saw service as a Marine pilot.

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ART HOUTTEMAN

Pitcher—Detroit Tigers
Born: Detroit, Aug. 7, 1927
Height: 6-1
Weight: 185

Bats: Right
Throws: Right

A local boy making good. In the spring of 1949, Art received a fractured skull in an automobile accident. Then he astounded everyone with a speedy recovery and an excellent season, winning 15 games and losing only 10. Earned run average: 3.71. Art started in organized baseball, 1945, dividing each of first 3 seasons between Buffalo and Detroit.

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ENOS SLAUGHTER

Outfield—St. Louis Cardinals
Born: Roxboro, N. C., April 27, 1916
Height: 5-9
Weight: 185

Bats: Left
Throws: Right

"Country" Slaughter, veteran outfielder, had one of best seasons in 1949. His .336 batting average was third best in league. Drove in 96 runs. Hit 34 doubles, 13 triples, 13 homers. Rookie year with Cards: 1938. In service, 1943-1945. In 1946 led National League in runs batted in. Has tremendous fighting spirit. On 6 all-star teams.

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WALTER "Hoot" EVERS

Outfield—Detroit Tigers
Born: St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8, 1921
Height: 6-2
Weight: 185

Bats: Right
Throws: Right

"Hoot" played in 132 games in 1949, hitting .303 and batting in 72 runs. His 131 hits were good for 186 total bases. The Tigers called him up in 1942 when he hit .322 for Beaumont. Then he spent three years with the Army. He rejoined the Tigers in 1946. His batting average—.266 in 1946—climbed to .296 in 1947; .314 in 1948.

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EDDIE KAZAK

Third Base—St. Louis Cardinals
Born: Steubenville, Ohio, July 18, 1920
Height: 5-11
Weight: 175

Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Eddie had a .304 batting average in 92 games for the Cards in his rookie year. Drove in 42 runs. An ankle injury kept him out of action for most of the latter part of the season. Brought up from Rochester and played third base in 6 games for Cards at end of 1948 season. Second-baseman until then. An outstanding prospect. In service 3 years.

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BILL WIGHT

Pitcher—Chicago White Sox
Born: Rio Vista, Calif., April 12, 1922
Height: 6-1
Weight: 180

Bats: Left
Throws: Left

The tall lefty was in 35 games for the 1949 White Sox, winning 15 and losing 13. His earned run average (3.31) was fifth lowest in the league. Bill's been a good pitcher for the Sox, but his luck hasn't always been on the good side. 1948 record: 9-20. Had a stronger team played behind Bill, there might have been quite a different story.

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LUKE APPLING

Shortstop—Chicago White Sox
Born: High Point, N. C., April 2, 1909
Height: 5-10
Weight: 185
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Old "Aches and Pains" is starting his 21st season with the White Sox. In 1930, fresh from Oglethorpe University, Luke joined the Atlanta team. But, at the end of that campaign, he came to the Sox, and has been with them ever since, except for 1 year in the service (1944). Hit .301 last year. Set up major league record for most games played at short.

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LELAND "Lou" BRISSIE

Pitcher—Philadelphia Athletics
Born: Anderson, S. C., June 6, 1924
Height: 6-4
Weight: 215
Bats: Left
Throws: Left

Won 16 and lost 11 in 1949. Wounded in action, while in the army, by a shell explosion. Lou's left leg was badly shattered, and he still has to wear a brace. Was a star at Presbyterian College, both at first base and on the mound. His first year in the majors was 1948. In that season he won 14 games, lost 10, struck out 127 men.

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DEL ENNIS

Outfield—Philadelphia Phillies
Born: Philadelphia, Pa., June 8, 1923
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Played in 154 games for 1949 Phillies. Hit .302. Batted in 110 runs. Slammed 39 doubles, 11 triples, 25 homers. In organized baseball for first time in 1943 when he hit .346 for Trenton, N. J. Spent next two seasons on Phillies' roster, but was in service. Returned to baseball in 1946, and hit .313 as a regular Phillie outfielder.

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HANK SAUER

Outfield—Chicago Cubs
Born: Pittsburgh, Pa., March 17, 1919
Height: 6-4½
Weight: 202
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Divided 1949 between Reds and Cubs. In 138 games. Hit .275. Drove in 99 runs. Slammed 31 homers. After 4 full seasons in minors, spent parts of 1941 and 1942 with Reds. Back to minors for 2 years, then the service for 2 more. In 1947 with Syracuse he hit .336 with 50 homers. Joined Reds for 1948. Hank is one of league's best sluggers.

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ED STANKY

Second Base—New York Giants
Born: Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 3, 1917
Height: 5-8
Weight: 165
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Came to Giants from Braves in big winter trade, 1949. Hit stride as player when traded by Cubs to Dodgers during 1944 season. In 1948, traded to pennant-winning Braves. A tip-top lead-off-man. Set up league record for bases on balls with 148 in 1945. Led again in 1946 with 137. In 1947 set up a league fielding record, second basemen (.985).

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GRADY HATTON

Third Base—Cincinnati Reds
Born: Beaumont, Texas, Oct. 7, 1922
Height: 5-8½
Weight: 170
Bats: Left
Throws: Right

In 1949 Grady led the league's third basemen in fielding with a percentage of .975. Upped batting average from 1948's .240 to last year's .263. Batted in 69 runs. Hit 38 doubles, third high in league. Attended U. of Texas 1939-1943. With Reds in 1946, his first year in organized baseball. That year Grady played both third base and outfield.

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HERMAN WEHMEIER

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds
Born: Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1927
Height: 6-2½
Weight: 185
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

A home town boy making good. His first full season with the Reds was 1948, though he had appeared briefly with them before. His 1948 record was 11-8. In 1949 it was 11-12. Herman was with Syracuse most of 1945. With Columbia of the Sally League in 1946 he won 17 and lost 6 (.739 average), tops for regular pitchers in league.

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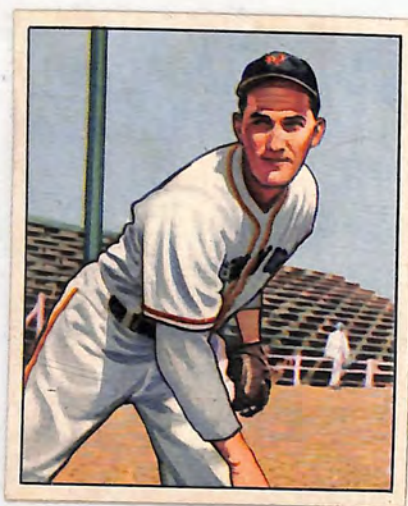
BOBBY THOMSON

Outfield—New York Giants
Born: Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 25, 1923
Height: 6-3
Weight: 190
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Chalked up in 1949 a .309 batting average, 36 doubles, 9 triples, 27 homers, and 109 runs batted in. Got himself a total of 198 hits, topped only by two players. Has plenty of speed. Played briefly with Rocky Mount, Bi-State League, 1942, then entered service. With Jersey City, 1946, and with Giants since the end of that season.

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CARL FURILLO

Outfielder—Brooklyn Dodgers
Born: Stony Creek Mills, Pa., March
8, 1922
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 180
Hit .324 in 142 games in 1949, fourth
highest in league. Drove in 108 runs. A
crackjack fielder with terrific throwing
arm. Began in baseball in 1940 alternat-
ing between outfield and pitching mound
during first two seasons. Joined Dodgers
after 3 years in service. Hit .284 in 117
games in rookie year (1946). Has been in
two World's Series.
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RALPH BRANCA

Pitcher—Brooklyn Dodgers
Born: Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 6,
1926
Height: 6-3
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 215
Hung up a 13-5 record in 1949, striking
out 109 men in 187 innings pitched. Big
Ralph had his best record in 1947 (21-12).
Broke into organized baseball with Olean
in Farm League. Began 1944 with Brook-
lyn, but finished with Montreal. Began
1945 with St. Paul, but moved up to
Brooklyn where he's been ever since. Has
been in theatricals.

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TED KLUSZEWSKI

First Base—Cincinnati Reds
Born: Argo, Ill., Sept. 10, 1924
Height: 6-2
Bats: Left
Throws: Left

Weight: 215
Ted hit .309 in 136 games in 1949. Had 26
doubles, and batted in 68 runs. Began in
organized baseball with Columbia in
1946. Led the Sally League in batting
(.352). In 1947, with Memphis of the
Southern Association, he was again a
league-leading hitter (.377). Ted joined
the Reds at the end of the season and
opened the next with them.

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EWELL BLACKWELL

Pitcher—Cincinnati Reds
Born: Fresno, Calif., Oct. 23, 1922
Height: 6-5½
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 185
Ill health cut down Ewell's effectiveness
in 1948 and 1949, but it looks as though
the batters are headed for buggy-whip
trouble in 1950. Ewell had a 22-8 record
in 1947. Won most games, pitched most
complete games, got most strikeouts
(193). Hurled a no-hitter. Set up modern
NL record for most consecutive games
won by right-hander.

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LARRY JANSEN

Pitcher—New York Giants
Born: Verboort, Ore., July 16, 1920
Height: 6-2
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 190
Had a 15-16 record with Giants in 1949
and an 18-12 record in 1948. In 1947
Larry won 21 and lost five for a percent-
age of .808. Was a 30 game winner for
San Francisco in 1946, his last season in
the minors. His first year in organized
baseball was 1940 with Salt Lake City.
Went to San Francisco in 1941. Not in
baseball in 1943-44.

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JOHNNY SCHMITZ

Pitcher—Chicago Cubs
Born: Wausau, Wis., Nov. 27, 1920
Height: 6-2
Bats: Right
Throws: Left

Weight: 169
One of league's better lefties. Was in 36
games for the 1949 Cubs and had an
11-13 record. Johnny became a major
leaguer at the end of the 1941 season
winning a couple games for the Cubs. In
1948, with a cellar ball club, he had an
18-13 record. His earned-run average of
2.64 was fourth best in the league. Spent
3 years in the service.

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SID HUDSON

Pitcher—Washington Senators
Born: Coalfield, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1918
Height: 6-4
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 180
Sid took part in 40 games last season. His
8-17 record with a hard-luck team tied for
most pitching losses in the league. He
entered organized baseball in 1938 with
the Florida State League's Sanford team.
Joined Senators in 1940. Had a 17-16
rookie record. Hurled two 1-hit games
that year. With Senators ever since,
minus 3 years in service.

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AL KOZAR

Second Base—Washington Senators
Born: McKees Rock, Pa., July 5, 1922
Height: 5-9
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 160
Batted .269 in 105 games for 1949 Sena-
tors, and fielded .977 in 102 games.
Senators obtained him from Boston Red
Sox in November, 1947. He had spent the
1947 season with New Orleans where he
hit .339 and had 38 doubles, 12 triples and
75 runs batted in. He was a semi-pro
around Pittsburgh before he entered
organized ball with Danville, Va., in 1941.
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GEORGE KELL

Third Base—Detroit Tigers
Born: Swifton, Arkansas, Aug. 23,
1922
Height: 5-9
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

Weight: 180
George edged into the 1949 American
League batting championship by two
ten-thousandths of a point (.3429). Had 38
doubles in 179 hits, second high in league
for two baggers. First full big-time season
was with the Athletics in 1944. Traded to
Tigers, May, 1946. Hit .322 that season.
Led league in third-base fielding in 1945
and 1946.

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EDDIE WAITKUS

First Base—Phila. Phillies
Born: Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 4,
1920
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Left
Throws: Left



Weight: 179
Eddie had appeared in 54 games last season and was hitting at a .306 clip when he was shot and seriously wounded by a demented girl fan. Has fully recovered and looks for a big 1950 season. 3 years in hit lower than .292 in majors. Was an honorary member of last year's aggregation.

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BOB ELLIOTT

Third Base—Boston Braves
Born: San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 26,
1916
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Throws: Right



Weight: 185
Hit .280 and batted in 76 runs in 139 games during 1949. In 1947, Bob's first season with the Braves, after being traded from the Pirates, he was the National League's Most Valuable Player of the year. It was a spectacular comeback. He had hit only .263 for the 1946 Pirates. Bob has been in 1 World's Series and on 4 all-star teams.

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ALEX KELLNER

Pitcher—Philadelphia Athletics
Born: Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 26, 1924
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Throws: Left



Weight: 198
In his first full season in the majors, Alex was a 20-game winner—his 1949 record with the A's being 20-12, with an earned run rating of 3.75. He began the 1948 season with Philadelphia, appearing in 13 games, without being involved in any decision. Optioned to Savannah, he wound up with a 9-3 record, striking out 93 in 112 innings.

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AL "Zeke" ZARILLA

Outfield—Boston Red Sox
Born: Los Angeles, Calif., May 1,
1920
Height: 5-11
Bats: Left
Weight: 180
Throws: Right

Al hit .285 in 124 games for the Sox last season. He began the campaign with the Browns, hitting .250 in 15 games. Broke Al's big year was 1948 when he hit .329, fourth top in the league. In 1946 against the A's, he hit two triples in one inning, tying a record. Was in the minors for 6 seasons.

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WILLIE JONES

Third Base—Philadelphia Phillies
Born: Laurel Hill, N. C., Aug. 16,
1925
Height: 6-1
Bats: Right
Weight: 192
Throws: Right

"Puddin' Head" hit 4 doubles in one game last season, tying a league record. Was in 149 games, hitting .245, and accounting for 35 doubles, 19 homers and 77 runs batted in. It was said that his semi-pro average in North Carolina was better than .500, and that he hit near .700 in Navy. Hit .307, first proball year (1947). Joined Phillies, end 1948.

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VERNON BICKFORD

Pitcher—Boston Braves
Born: Hollister, Ky., Aug. 17, 1920
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Right
Weight: 180
Throws: Right

In 37 games for the 1949 Braves, Vern had a 16-11 record. Had lots to do with the Braves' 1948 pennant drive. Pitched the game that clinched the bunting. Vern's record that year (his rookie season) was 11-5. Opened 1947 with Milwaukee in relief roles. Got a starting assignment. Won 1-0. Kept on as starter. A control pitcher with fine curve ball.

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VERN STEPHENS

Shortstop—Boston Red Sox
Born: McAllister, N. M., Oct. 23, 1920
Height: 5-10
Bats: Right
Weight: 165
Throws: Right

Vern is one of the game's better shortstops. In the 1949 campaign he hit .250, and tied for the league lead in runs batted in (159). He slammed 61 31 doubles and 39 homers. Slugging percentage, .539. Vern was traded to the Sox by the Browns after the 1947 season. In 1945 he topped the circuit in homers. Has been on 5 all-star teams.

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MEL PARNELL

Pitcher—Boston Red Sox
Born: New Orleans, La., June 13,
1922
Height: 6 ft.
Bats: Left
Weight: 180
Throws: Left

In Mel's second year in the majors, he hung up the sensational record of 25-7 for a .781 percentage. He topped the American League in wins—and in complete games with 27. He had the lowest earned run average (.278). Mel's rookie year with the Red Sox netted him 15 wins against 8 losses. He spent 1943, 1944 and 1945 in the service.

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DOM DI MAGGIO

Outfield—Boston Red Sox
Born: San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 12,
1918
Height: 5-9
Bats: Right
Weight: 167
Throws: Right

The "Little Professor" with his mighty throwing arm, is one of the game's best fielders. He can hit, too. Packed 34 doubles into his 1949 average (.307). Batted in 60 runs. Dom joined organized baseball in 1937 with San Francisco. There 3 seasons. With Red Sox ever since, except for 3 years with Uncle Sam. Has played in 3 all-star games.

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BOBBY DOERR

Second Base—Boston Red Sox
Born: Los Angeles, Calif., April 7,
1918
Height: 5-10
Bats: Right
Weight: 170
Throws: Right

Hit .309 in 139 games in 1949. Fielded .980, second best in the league. Has led the league's second basemen in fielding 4 times. In 1948 Bobby played in 73 successive games, handling 411 chances without error, and setting up a new major league mark. On Sox roster since 1937. Has played in 6 all-star games and in 1 World's Series.

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