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1953 SEASON



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The official nickname of the Washington Base Ball Club is "THE NATIONALS." The cooperation of the Press, Radio and TV would be greatly appreciated in helping to promote our nickname to the fans.

MANAGER'S STAFF

Clyde Milan	Coach
George Myatt	Coach
Joe Haynes	Coach
Joe Fitzgerald	Coach
Nick Altrock	Coach
George "Doc" Lentz	Trainer
Fred Baxter	Equipment
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Washington Scouting Staff

Ray Baker	John H. Ganzel	Edwin Raines
Zinn Beck	Leo Lentz	Jack Rossiter
Otto Bluege	Horace R. Milan	W. C. (Chick) Suggs
Joseph Cambria	Joe Pastor	Cecil Travis

Washington's Minor League System

Club	Rating	League	Manager
Chattanooga	AA	Southern Association	Cal Ermer
Charlotte	B	Tri-State	Pete Appleton
Havana	B	Florida-International	Armando Marsans
Orlando	D	Florida State	Donald Ford
*Fulton	D	Kitty	Sam Lamitina
*Bluefield	D	Appalachian	Ivan Kuester

* Denotes working agreement. Others owned outright.

Hotel List — American League Season

Boston	Kenmore
Chicago	Del Prado
Cleveland	Statler
Detroit	Statler
New York	New Yorker
Philadelphia	Warwick
St. Louis	Chase

Individual Season Records

BATTING

		Year
Highest batting average	.379	Leon A. (Goose) Goslin.....1928
Most Runs	127	Joseph E. Cronin.....1930
Most Hits	227	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice.....1925
Most Singles	182	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice.....1925
Most Doubles	51	James B. (Mickey) Vernon.....1946
Most Triples	19	Howard Shanks, '21; Goose Goslin, '25; Cecil Travis, '41
Most Homers, RH	22	Henry J. (Zeke) Bonura.....1938
Most Homers, LH	18	Goose Goslin, '25-'29; Stan Spence, '44; Eddie Robinson, '49
Most Homers, first season	14	Irvin A. Noren.....1950
Most Homers, season at home	11	Henry J. Bonura.....1938
Most stolen bases	88	J. Clyde Milan.....1912
Most bases on balls	141	Edward F. Yost.....1950
Most Strikeouts	106	Daniel E. Moeller.....1913
Fewest Strikeouts	9	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice.....1929
Most hit by pitcher	21	Stanley R. (Bucky) Harris.....1920
Most runs batted in	129	Leon A. (Goose) Goslin.....1924
Consecutive games batted safely	33	Henry E. (Heinie) Manush.....1933
Most grounded into double play	25	Samuel J. Dente.....1950
Fewest grounded into doubleplays	5	George Case, '40-'41; Stan Spence, '44

PITCHING

Highest pct. games won, season	.837	Walter P. Johnson (W 36, L 7) 1913
Most consecutive games won	16	Walter P. Johnson.....1912
Most consecutive games lost	12	Walter E. Masterson.....1940
Most games	64	Fred Marberry.....1926
Most games started	42	Walter P. Johnson.....1910
Most complete games	38	Walter P. Johnson.....1910
Most innings	374	Walter P. Johnson.....1910
Most games won, season	36	Walter P. Johnson.....1913
Most games won, league	*416	Walter P. Johnson, 21 yrs. (1907-27)
Most games lost	26	John Townsend, '04; Robt. Groom, '09
Most bases on balls	146	Louis N. Newsom.....1936
Most strikeouts	313	Walter P. Johnson.....1910
Most shutouts	12	Walter P. Johnson.....1913
Most runs	172	Albert L. Orth.....1903
Most earned runs	144	James B. DeShong.....1937
Most hits	328	Emil J. (Dutch) Leonard.....1940
Most hit batsmen	20	Walter P. Johnson.....1923
Most wild pitches	21	Walter P. Johnson.....1910
Most home runs	17	Sid Hudson, '50; Connie Marrero, '50
Most shutouts lost	10	Walter P. Johnson.....1909
Lowest earned run ave., season	*1.14	Walter P. Johnson, 346 innings 1913

* Denotes Major League Record.

1952 Nationals Statistics

Night Game Record

Won 35, Lost 29

	Home		Road	
	W	L	W	L
Boston	6	0	1	1
Chicago	2	5	2	1
Cleveland	2	3	3	2
Detroit	5	2	1	1
New York	1	3	1	1
Philadelphia	1	1	2	3
St. Louis	4	2	4	4
Totals.....	21	16	14	13

One Run Games

Won 31, Lost 27

	Home		Road	
	W	L	W	L
Boston	2	0	3	1
Chicago	3	2	1	2
Cleveland	4	3	3	3
Detroit	3	0	1	5
New York	0	3	1	1
Philadelphia	3	3	1	1
St. Louis	6	1	0	3
Totals.....	21	12	10	15

Won and Lost Record Against Each Club

	Home		Road		Total	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Boston	8	3	6	5	14	8
Chicago	3	8	6	5	9	13
Cleveland	5	6	5	6	10	12
Detroit	7	4	4	7	11	11
New York	3	8	4	7	7	15
Philadelphia	7	4	6	5	13	9
St. Louis	9	2	5	6	14	8
Totals.....	42	35	36	41	78	76
Percent.....	.545		.468		.506	

Doubleheaders

	Won	Lost	Split
Boston	0	0	1
Chicago	0	3	1
Cleveland	0	2	0
Detroit	1	0	2
New York	0	2	3
Philadelphia	1	0	5
St. Louis	2	0	2
Totals.....	4	7	14
Totals in Games	22	28	

Extra Inning Games

	Total		
	Won	Lost	Tied Inn.
Boston	1	0	0
Chicago	2	2	0
Cleveland	2	1	0
Detroit	1	0	0
New York	0	1	0
Philadelphia	2	1	0
St. Louis	0	3	1
Totals.....	8	8	1
Totals in Games	8	8	1

Nats' 1952 Pinch-Hitters

Singled	12	Struck Out	27
Doubled	3	Grounded Out	31
Tripled	1	Lined Out	7
Walked	9	Popped Up	17
Safe—Error	1	Flied Out	22
Hit by Pitcher	1	Hit into Double Play	3
Catcher's Interference	1		
—			
ON BASE	28	RETIRED	107
Composite Batting Average			
			.130

Nats' Day and Night Records, 1952

TEAM BATTING AVERAGES

	AB	H	Ave.
Night	2225	517	.212
Day	3132	765	.247
	5357	1282	.239

WON AND LOST RECORD

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Night	35	29	.563
Day	43	47	.478
	78	76	.506



Attendance 1952 Season

Season 699,457	Road 872,066	Night Games 362,081 (37 games)
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Past Five Seasons At Home

1952 699,457	1951 695,167	1950 699,697	1949 770,745	1948 795,254
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Attendance Records At Home

Single Game 31,728 (April 19, 1948)	Doubleheader 35,563 (July 4, 1936)	Season 1,027,216 (1946)
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1952 Visiting Club Attendance at Griffith Stadium

Boston	103,538	(11 dates)
Chicago	86,557	(9 dates)
Cleveland	149,463	(10 dates)
Detroit	78,808	(10 dates)
New York	138,037	(8 dates)
Philadelphia	69,361	(6 dates)
St. Louis	73,693	(8 dates)

Nats' Hitting Against Opposing Clubs In 1952

BOSTON

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Baker	15	49	10	19	2	0	0	5	9	1	.388
Hoderlein	6	15	1	5	0	0	0	2	4	3	.333
Runnels	21	63	5	20	2	2	0	7	11	7	.317
Wood	3	13	3	4	0	2	0	4	1	0	.308
Jensen	18	63	10	18	2	0	1	11	8	8	.286
Vernon	21	74	15	20	5	1	3	10	14	9	.270
Busby	13	54	6	14	1	1	0	8	2	5	.259
Yost	22	85	10	21	3	0	3	10	14	9	.247
Grasso	19	58	5	11	1	0	0	7	3	3	.190
Campos	5	16	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	.188
Coan	16	59	8	8	2	0	0	2	10	9	.136

CHICAGO

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Campos	10	22	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	3	.318
Jensen	21	76	10	22	3	0	4	11	8	6	.289
Grasso	16	45	3	13	2	0	0	5	6	9	.289
Baker	15	51	7	13	2	0	0	6	6	3	.255
Busby	18	73	4	16	1	1	0	5	0	8	.219
Runnels	21	74	6	16	2	0	0	4	11	8	.216
Vernon	22	81	8	16	4	0	0	6	9	8	.198
Coan	19	65	7	11	2	2	1	5	6	5	.169
Yost	23	80	12	13	4	0	1	4	23	12	.163
Hoderlein	11	21	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	.143
Wood	10	23	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	5	.087

CLEVELAND

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Runnels	22	82	14	28	3	1	1	11	14	8	.341
Hoderlein	6	15	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	.333
Vernon	22	89	10	25	9	1	1	11	10	7	.281
Jensen	19	82	9	22	6	1	1	9	6	8	.268
Yost	22	88	11	22	3	0	2	7	14	15	.250
Coan	19	72	12	18	3	2	1	6	3	4	.250
Baker	15	53	4	13	0	0	0	10	5	4	.245
Grasso	18	53	3	13	3	0	0	6	5	3	.245
Busby	21	63	7	15	5	0	0	6	0	8	.238
Campos	10	30	2	6	1	0	0	1	0	2	.200
Wood	11	28	2	3	1	1	0	3	4	2	.107

DETROIT

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Campos	7	13	1	5	0	1	0	4	0	0	.385
Hoderlein	12	32	1	11	1	1	0	5	4	5	.344
Wood	14	50	6	17	4	2	1	7	8	5	.340
Runnels	23	92	12	24	2	0	0	10	5	6	.261
Vernon	23	82	11	21	4	1	2	17	14	9	.256
Jensen	23	91	13	22	2	2	0	10	12	7	.242
Busby	20	80	9	17	1	1	1	7	4	11	.213
Yost	23	87	16	18	4	2	0	2	13	9	.207
Grasso	19	66	1	12	1	0	0	5	5	8	.182
Coan	9	15	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	.182
Baker	6	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	.077

NEW YORK

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Grasso	15	47	1	16	0	0	0	0	2	3	.340
Yost	22	75	14	23	6	0	2	8	23	8	.307
Busby	20	77	9	21	4	0	1	7	6	6	.273
Jensen	20	78	8	21	5	2	1	15	9	3	.269
Baker	10	38	3	10	2	0	0	4	1	1	.263
Runnels	20	73	9	19	0	0	0	5	10	8	.260
Vernon	22	78	6	18	2	1	2	12	15	14	.231
Coan	16	53	9	12	2	1	2	4	6	9	.226
Campos	9	16	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	.188
Hoderlein	12	41	4	7	1	0	0	3	4	5	.171
Wood	12	35	2	4	0	0	0	2	3	5	.114

PHILADELPHIA

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Wood	11	38	9	12	1	1	4	11	6	2	.316
Vernon	21	76	12	23	7	2	1	8	10	9	.303
Hoderlein	13	44	3	13	4	0	0	2	2	2	.295
Baker	8	24	2	6	1	0	0	5	5	4	.250
Runnels	22	82	13	20	3	0	0	10	10	9	.244
Coan	15	30	7	7	1	1	1	2	5	2	.233
Jensen	27	101	16	23	6	1	2	18	14	9	.228
Yost	22	80	13	18	5	1	1	7	23	9	.225
Busby	25	99	12	19	6	1	0	6	5	8	.192
Grasso	10	29	3	5	1	0	0	0	5	4	.172
Campos	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000

ST. LOUIS

	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Ave.
Campos	7	12	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	.417
Jensen	23	98	17	37	6	0	1	18	14	9	.378
Runnels	23	89	11	31	6	0	0	17	11	9	.348
Hoderlein	12	40	5	12	1	0	0	5	3	3	.300
Busby	26	100	16	28	6	0	0	8	7	8	.280
Coan	13	38	5	10	0	0	0	1	0	4	.263
Yost	23	92	16	22	7	0	3	11	19	11	.239
Wood	14	43	4	10	2	0	1	5	5	6	.233
Vernon	23	89	9	20	2	3	1	16	17	10	.225
Baker	10	35	0	7	1	0	0	3	3	2	.200
Grasso	18	63	6	8	1	0	0	4	3	6	.127

Nats' Pitching Against Opposing Clubs In 1952

BOSTON

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	2	0	4	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2.25
Gumpert	1	1	9	7	2	0	0	2	6	1	0	.00
Johnson	2	0	7	8	6	6	1	5	2	0	1	7.71
Marrero	2	1	17	15	7	5	1	4	3	1	1	2.65
Masterson	4	1	16	16	5	5	0	10	8	1	0	2.81
Moreno	5	2	34	31	15	10	1	14	20	3	1	2.65
Porterfield	5	3	35	38	11	9	0	19	13	2	2	2.31
Shea	4	2	31	29	14	13	1	11	8	2	1	3.77

CHICAGO

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	2	0	6	7	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	1.49
Gumpert	2	0	5	3	3	3	0	4	2	0	1	5.40
Johnson	7	0	9	11	8	6	2	2	6	0	0	6.00
Marrero	2	1	17	14	3	3	0	4	7	0	0	1.58
Masterson	4	2	24	24	6	6	1	8	8	2	1	2.25
Moreno	5	2	34	31	15	15	2	8	11	2	3	3.97
Porterfield	4	1	30	22	10	8	0	10	11	1	2	2.39
Shea	4	2	28	25	9	5	0	13	7	2	1	1.60

CLEVELAND

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	4	0	16	16	8	7	1	6	4	1	0	3.93
Gumpert	5	0	22	16	6	5	0	7	5	1	1	2.04
Johnson	2	0	8	9	4	4	0	4	5	0	0	4.60
Marrero	5	5	44	42	18	16	4	13	15	1	4	3.27
Masterson	4	1	24	21	15	14	5	18	23	0	2	5.25
Moreno	3	0	12	24	14	13	4	6	6	1	2	10.44
Porterfield	4	3	33	33	11	10	2	11	10	2	2	2.73
Shea	3	2	20	14	8	8	2	11	11	2	1	3.60

DETROIT

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	4	0	7	10	4	4	0	2	3	1	0	5.14
Gumpert	5	0	19	20	10	10	5	6	2	1	2	4.73
Johnson	3	0	9	12	7	7	0	9	5	0	1	7.00
Marrero	4	4	36	29	9	7	2	7	17	4	0	1.77
Masterson	5	3	31	30	7	7	1	11	17	3	1	2.03
Moreno	2	0	5	6	4	3	0	1	3	0	1	5.40
Porterfield	3	2	21	24	9	9	1	6	11	0	2	3.85
Shea	3	1	30	23	6	4	1	14	7	1	0	1.20

NEW YORK

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	6	0	16	12	3	1	0	7	3	1	0	.56
Gumpert	6	0	21	32	19	16	2	5	4	0	3	6.85
Johnson	8	0	16	23	14	9	1	9	10	0	2	5.06
Marrero	4	2	31	36	14	12	2	11	14	1	3	3.48
Masterson	5	2	32	31	20	19	2	14	23	2	1	5.06
Moreno	4	1	16	22	8	7	0	2	7	1	0	3.93
Porterfield	5	2	35	36	15	12	2	16	16	2	3	3.08
Shea	1	1	7	6	3	3	0	5	5	0	1	3.85

PHILADELPHIA

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	5	0	5	10	5	4	0	1	1	2	0	7.20
Gumpert	4	0	17	16	7	5	2	4	2	0	1	2.65
Johnson	4	0	12	12	1	1	0	2	7	0	1	.75
Marrero	2	1	14	13	10	9	0	6	3	1	0	5.78
Masterson	4	2	32	34	13	12	2	9	10	2	1	3.38
Moreno	5	1	31	24	15	14	2	14	8	1	2	4.06
Porterfield	4	2	24	26	13	11	1	7	3	2	2	4.06
Shea	4	3	32	32	14	14	1	18	12	2	2	3.93

ST. LOUIS

	G	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Consuegra	7	0	20	22	8	7	0	7	6	1	0	3.15
Gumpert	5	1	24	28	16	16	3	7	12	2	1	5.99
Johnson	3	0	8	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	1.13
Marrero	3	2	25	26	7	7	0	8	18	3	0	2.52
Masterson	3	0	11	15	17	15	1	13	3	0	3	12.24
Moreno	2	1	15	16	4	3	1	7	7	1	0	1.80
Porterfield	6	2	53	43	11	11	1	16	22	4	1	1.86
Shea	3	1	21	15	8	8	1	20	15	2	1	3.43

Opponents' Pitching Against The Nats

CLEVELAND				NEW YORK				
W	L	CG		W	L	CG		
Lemon (R)	4	2	6	Reynolds (R)	4	1	5	
Garcia (R)	3	1	3	Kuzava (L)	2	0	2	
Wynn (R)	2	3	3	Lopat (L)	2	0	2	
Feller (R)	1	2	2	Miller (L)	1	0	1	
Harris (L)	1	0	--	Sain (R)	1	0	--	
Gromek (R)	1	0	--	Gorman (R)	1	0	--	
Jones (R)	0	1	--	Schmitz (L)	1	0	1	
Chakales (R)	0	1	--	Scarborough (R)	1	0	--	
	--	--	--	Raschi (R)	1	2	2	
	12	10	14	Morgan (R)	0	1	--	
				McDonald (R)	0	1	1	
				Ostrowski (L)	0	1	--	
				Hogue (R)	1	1	--	
					--	--	--	
					15	7	14	
CHICAGO				PHILADELPHIA				
W	L	CG		W	L	CG		
Pierce (L)	3	1	2	Shantz (L)	4	1	5	
Rogovin (R)	2	1	2	Hooper (R)	2	2	1	
Stobbs (L)	2	1	1	Newsom (R)	1	0	--	
Dorish (R)	2	1	1	Byrd (R)	1	2	--	
Kennedy (L)	1	0	--	Kellner (L)	1	2	1	
Grissom (R)	1	1	--	Wright (R)	0	1	--	
Brown (R)	1	1	--	Bishop (R)	0	1	1	
Dobson (R)	1	3	--	Scheib (R)	0	2	1	
	--	--	--	Zoldak (L)	0	2	--	
	13	9	6		--	--	--	
					9	13	9	
DETROIT				ST. LOUIS				
W	L	CG		W	L	CG		
Gray (L)	3	3	3	Paige (R)	4	1	--	
Wight (L)	2	0	1	Garver (R)	2	1	1	
Newhouser (L)	2	1	2	Cain (L)	1	1	1	
Trucks (R)	2	2	2	Bearden (L)	1	2	1	
White (R)	1	0	--	Harrist (R)	0	1	--	
Houtteman (R)	1	3	1	Overmire (L)	0	1	--	
Stuart (R)	0	1	1	Pillette (R)	0	2	--	
Littlefield (L)	0	1	--	Byrne (L)	0	5	3	
	--	--	--		--	--	--	
	11	11	10		8	14	6	
BOSTON				WASHINGTON				
W	L	CG		W	L	Pct.	Opp.CG	
Parnell (L)	3	1	1	vs. RH	53	43	.552	36
Henry (L)	2	0	--	vs. LH	25	33	.431	29
Freeman (R)	1	0	1		--	--	--	--
McDermott (L)	1	2	2		8	14	.506	65
Trout (R)	1	2	--					
Atkins (R)	0	1	--					
DeLock (R)	0	1	--					
Hudson (R)	0	2	1					
Brodowski (R)	0	1	--					
Kinder (R)	0	4	1					
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	8	14	6		78	76		

Year By Year With The Nats

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.	Position	Manager
1901	61	72	.459	6	James H. Manning
1902	61	75	.449	6	Thomas J. Loftus
1903	43	94	.314	8	Thomas J. Loftus
1904	38	113	.251	8	P. J. Donovan
1905	64	87	.421	7	J. Garland Stahl
1906	55	95	.367	7	J. Garland Stahl
1907	49	102	.325	8	Joseph Cantillion
1908	67	85	.441	7	Joseph Cantillion
1909	42	110	.276	8	Joseph Cantillion
1910	66	85	.437	7	James R. McAleer
1911	64	90	.416	7	James R. McAleer
1912	91	61	.599	2	Clark C. Griffith
1913	90	64	.584	2	Clark C. Griffith
1914	81	73	.526	3	Clark C. Griffith
1915	85	68	.556	4	Clark C. Griffith
1916	76	77	.497	7	Clark C. Griffith
1917	74	79	.484	5	Clark C. Griffith
1918	72	56	.563	3	Clark C. Griffith
1919	56	84	.400	7	Clark C. Griffith
1920	68	84	.447	6	Clark C. Griffith
1921	80	73	.523	4	George F. McBride
1922	69	85	.448	6	Clyde Milan
1923	75	78	.490	4	Owen J. Bush
1924	92	62	.597	1	Stanley R. Harris
1925	96	55	.636	1	Stanley R. Harris
1926	81	69	.540	4	Stanley R. Harris
1927	85	69	.552	3	Stanley R. Harris
1928	75	79	.487	4	Stanley R. Harris
1929	71	81	.467	5	Walter P. Johnson
1930	94	60	.613	2	Walter P. Johnson
1931	92	62	.597	3	Walter P. Johnson
1932	93	61	.604	3	Walter P. Johnson
1933	99	53	.651	1	Joseph E. Cronin
1934	66	86	.434	7	Joseph E. Cronin
1935	67	86	.438	6	Stanley R. Harris
1936	82	71	.536	4	Stanley R. Harris
1937	73	80	.477	6	Stanley R. Harris
1938	75	76	.497	5	Stanley R. Harris
1939	65	87	.428	6	Stanley R. Harris
1940	64	90	.416	7	Stanley R. Harris
1941	70	84	.455	6*	Stanley R. Harris
1942	62	89	.357	7	Stanley R. Harris
1943	84	69	.549	2	Ossie Bluege
1944	64	90	.416	8	Ossie Bluege
1945	87	67	.565	2	Ossie Bluege
1946	76	78	.494	4	Ossie Bluege
1947	64	90	.416	7	Ossie Bluege
1948	56	97	.366	7	Joseph Kuhel
1949	50	104	.325	8	Joseph Kuhel
1950	67	87	.435	5	Stanley R. Harris
1951	62	92	.403	7	Stanley R. Harris
1952	78	76	.506	5	Stanley R. Harris
	3717	4140	.473		

* Denotes tie with St. Louis for position.

Finished First—3; Second 5; Third—5; Fourth—7; Fifth—5;
Sixth—8; Seventh—13; Eighth 6.

Thumbnail Sketches

STANLEY RAYMOND HARRIS MANAGER

Bucky is a discerning judge of baseball talent, a sound baseball man, and a popular leader. He took over the managerial duties with the Nats in 1950, marking his third stretch with Washington as a pilot. Last November he signed another two-year contract that will take him through 1954. In 1952, when all of the experts picked the Nats for the cellar, Bucky fooled them all to move his team up to fifth.

Bucky has gradually been augmenting the strength of the team through trade and purchase, gathering players with potential or proven ability who are expected to provide the nucleus for a first-division team of the future. With a fine touch for inspiring players under his command to perform to the hilt, Bucky has built a reputation for getting the maximum mileage out of his teams.

First gained managerial fame as the "Boy Wonder" in 1924 when he piloted the Nationals to their first pennant and only World Series title. Repeated flag-winning in 1925.

As a player, rated one of the most rugged second basemen who ever lived. Finished his playing career with a lifetime batting average of .274 and was known as a great clutch man. Has also managed Buffalo, the Phils, Tigers, Red Sox, San Diego and the Yankees, whom he brought to the 1947 championship.

MANAGER'S AIDES

NICK ALTROCK COACH

Baseball's first great clown. Now 76, Nick still is a master at entertaining. A great southpaw during his active pitching days, especially around 1906 when he was the mainstay of the Chicago White Sox' famous "Hitless Wonders." Still holder of many marks in the baseball record books, Nick has been involved in many unusual feats including winning a ball game without throwing a pitch to the batter. (He picked a man off base to end the inning in relief role, and team won game during their turn at bat.) Nick is not only known for his baseball prowess, but for his fine collection of stories and the wonderful job he has done entertaining servicemen and putting on benefit performances.

JOSEPH FITZGERALD COACH

"Handsome," the local boy who made good. Now 54, started his career as batboy for the Nats in 1912 when Clark Griffith first came to Washington. A

Washington native, he played in the Blue Ridge, Middle Atlantic, N.Y.-Pa. leagues and the Southern Association. The cheerful batting practice catcher is still a holdout from the matrimonial ranks.

JOE HAYNES

PITCHING COACH

The newest member of the Nats' strategy department is hard-working Joe Haynes. With 17 full years of pitching experience behind him, Joe should prove a very valuable asset in helping the pitching staff to attain those 100 wins which will be needed to reach the top spot in the league. Joe broke into baseball with Chattanooga in 1937. In 1939 he reached the majors with Washington. He spent 14 years in the majors, six of those years with the Nats and the other eight with the White Sox.

GEORGE MYATT

COACH

A holler guy, George keeps things humming. Calls everybody "Stud." From Denver originally, now makes his home in Orlando, the Nats' winter base. A real sparkplug, George was with the Giants in 1938 and 1939. Returned to the big leagues in 1943 and was a key man on the war teams of '43-'46 when Washington finished second twice and fourth once in those years. Has managed Chattanooga in Washington organization. A constant pacer in the third base coaching box, his judgment has proved sound in many split-second decisions at the hot corner.

CLYDE MILAN

COACH

Formerly a great player himself, "Old Deerfoot" has the ability to transmit his extensive knowledge of the game to the young players under his guidance. A base-stealing artist during his playing days, Clyde battled the great Ty Cobb for the base-stealing championship of the majors. Stole 88 bases in 1912 and 74 in 1913. Played only with the Nationals from 1907 to 1922. Managed the club in 1922. His greatest all-time hero is Walter Johnson, with whom he roomed for 14 years. A native of Linden, Tennessee, now resides in Clarksville, Texas.

GEORGE "DOC" LENTZ

TRAINER

Greatly respected for his knowledge of therapy and his use of the most up-to-date mechanical devices to aid in his work, "Doc" has been a successful trainer in every major sport. A veteran football trainer—"Doc" also added the Washington Redskins to his activities this past season. Trained for Dickinson Seminary, then Catholic University, and George Washington University before replacing Mike Martin as the Nats' trainer. A real fan at heart, "Doc" is the first to arrive at the ballpark and the last to leave.

Biographies and Lifetime Records of The 1953 Nationals

BAKER, Floyd Wilson "Bake" Second Baseman

Born in Luray, Virginia, October 10, 1918. Bats left and throws righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Grey eyes and brown hair. Married and has two children—Bobby 10, and Linda 7. Winter home: Youngstown, Ohio.

The man with the top fielding mark for second basemen in the majors during the 1952 campaign, was the Nats' second sacker, Floyd Baker. With 325 chances, "Bake" only booted two in racking up a .994 mark. Before being traded to the Nats in October 1951, Baker had seen service with the White Sox for seven seasons. He was also a member of the pennant-winning Browns of 1944. He has played third base, shortstop and second base and even saw outfield service with the White Sox in 1950. It has taken a long time for "Bake" to finally make it with the Nats. He worked out with the Nats in 1933 when only fifteen years old, and finally signed with them eighteen years later. George Washington U. offered him a sports scholarship back in the early '30s, but he turned it down to play baseball. "Bake," during the '52 campaign, was consistently above the .300 mark until the latter part of June. A very good glove man, and good clutch hitter. Has hit only one home run in majors. In off-season works as a TV and appliance salesman in Youngstown, Ohio.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1938	—Mayfield	125	457	111	158	25	9	2	85	.346	266	421	42	.942
1939	—Y'gstown	103	406	67	108	14	7	1	44	.266	206	293	38	.929
1940	—Y'gstown	124	465	83	141	23	5	0	48	.303	220	348	38	.937
1941	—Sp'gfield	124	486	79	154	25	3	8	65	.317	231	406	31	.954
1942	—S. Antonio	100	374	44	122	12	4	0	31	.326	168	328	21	.959
1943	—St. Louis	22	46	5	8	2	0	0	4	.174	24	27	2	.962
1943	—Toledo	37	149	21	38	3	1	1	14	.255	63	124	7	.964
1944	—St. Louis	44	97	10	17	3	0	0	5	.175	41	68	5	.956
1945	—Chicago	82	208	22	52	8	0	0	19	.250	51	127	5	.973
1946	—Milw'kee	120	464	81	133	23	4	0	35	.287	248	327	13	.978
1946	—Chicago	9	24	2	6	1	0	0	3	.250	10	15	1	.962
1947	—Chicago	105	371	61	98	12	3	0	22	.264	88	258	7	.980
1948	—Chicago	104	335	47	72	8	3	0	18	.215	131	127	13	.952
1949	—Chicago	125	388	38	101	15	4	1	40	.260	111	280	9	.978
1950	—Chicago	83	186	26	59	7	0	0	11	.317	53	105	2	.988
1951	—Chicago	82	133	24	35	6	1	0	14	.263	40	58	6	.942
1952	—Wash'ton	79	263	27	69	8	0	0	33	.262	144	179	2	.994
A.L. Totals—		735	2051	262	517	70	11	1	169	.252	693	1244	52	.973

BRADSHAW, George Thomas

Catcher

Born in Salisbury, North Carolina, on September 12, 1925. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 185 lbs. Married and has five children, Tommy, Dennis, Penny, Jay, and Susan. Winter home: Charlotte, N. C.

Little realizing that he would wind up in the majors, tall, slim backstop George Bradshaw started the 1952 season as a playing manager for Morganton, a Class D club in the Western Carolina League. Bradshaw made the big jump to the big time when Mickey Grasso sustained a split finger on August 9. He was immediately called up from the Nats' Charlotte club where he was hitting .324. So in one year George moved from Class D to Class B, to the majors. He participated in only 10 games at the end of the season and will be given every opportunity in spring training to show he belongs. During the war George served three and a half years in the Marine Corps and saw plenty of action in the Marshalls, Guam, and Iwo Jima. During the winter months George works as a junior pharmacist in Charlotte.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1946	—Landis(D)	102	350	35	114	17	4	4	57	.326	582	37	12	.983
1947	—Landis(D)	41	164	23	49	4	3	1	57	.299	170	22	2	.990
1947	—Valdosta(D)	18	71	9	19	3	0	1	8	.268	102	12	4	.966
1947	—ThreeRivers(C)	40	137	10	39	5	0	1	7	.285	167	26	6	.970
1948	—Pueblo(A)	72	223	27	57	10	4	2	33	.256	256	25	4	.986
1949	—Statesville(D)	121	494	83	169	16	10	9	76	.342	440	61	10	.980
1950	—Statesville	113	446	69	143	22	5	11	85	.321	587	57	14	.979
1951	—Morganton(D)	49	168	29	47	6	0	7	38	.280	241	25	10	.964
1952	—Morganton	34	138	21	42	8	1	5	33	.304	68	5	0	1000
1952	—Charlotte(B)	64	247	32	80	13	7	5	35	.324	406	41	4	.991
1952	—Washington	10	23	3	5	2	0	0	6	.217	21	1	2	.917

BUSBY, James Franklin "Jim" Outfielder

Born in Kenedy, Texas, on January 8, 1927. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 1 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Silver Spring, Md.

Jim Busby entered Texas Christian on a football scholarship from Corpus Christi High, but after hitting .306 for the TCU baseball team, he decided to stick to the diamond sport. Oddly enough, Jim did not play baseball until 1944, his senior year in high school. Busby doesn't look too rugged in street clothes but he's an all-around athlete. He was the leading batter in the Texas Conference in his senior year at Texas Christian U. with a .509 average. He played first string quarterback and starred in the Cotton Bowl with the pigskin crew and twice turned in times of 9.8 seconds running the 100-yard dash in meets against Southern Methodist and North State Teachers—he was also a broadjumper of note and did 23 feet in competition. He played two years on a service team, being named the most valuable player on the Camp Hood club. He was offered jobs by eight major league clubs and decided to join the White Sox. In 1951, as a member of the "Go! Go! Sox," Jim stole 26 bases and hit a respectable .283. He, along with Mel Hoderlein came to Washington in a trade that sent Sam Mele to the Sox. Jim got off to a slow start in the '52 campaign and an injured foot didn't help, but near the end of the season he began to find his stride. He raised his average 31 points in the last month. Married two days after his last birthday, Busby has moved from his native Texas and now makes his home in nearby Silver Spring, Md.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948—	Muskegon(A)	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0	.000
1948—	Waterloo(B)	68	293	65	89	11	3	9	40	.304	170	8	12	.937
1949—	Muskegon(A)	9	30	2	5	1	0	0	1	.167	25	1	1	.963
1949—	Waterloo(B)	78	333	62	106	15	5	4	29	.318	174	14	7	.964
1950—	Chicago(A)	18	48	5	10	0	0	0	4	.208	25	2	1	.964
1950—	Sc'm'to(AAA)	111	416	76	129	23	8	3	31	.310	283	15	2	.993
1951—	Chicago(A)	143	477	59	135	15	2	5	68	.283	360	16	7	.982
1952—	Chi.-Wash.	145	551	63	130	24	4	2	47	.236	472	4	3	.994
A.L. Totals—		05	1076	127	275	39	6	7	117	.256	856	22	11	.987

CAMPOS, Francisco Jose "Frank" Outfielder

Born in Havana, Cuba, on May 11, 1926. Bats and throws lefthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Spanish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Havana, Cuba.

Frank Campos is an example of what people can do with perseverance. When Frank first came to the States from Cuba, he didn't know a word of English, but with study and observation he became so proficient that he can now read and write it. Campos' ambition was a bit different from that of other kids who were crazy about baseball. He wanted to become a top-notch tennis player and never played baseball until he went to Havana College. Frank brought up a fine record when he joined Washington at the end of the 1951 season. A rarity on the Nats—a Cuban not a pitcher—the 26-year-old Havana native won the Tri-State batting title with a .368 average in 123 games with Charlotte. He was voted the most valuable player in the Tri-State League in 1951. Although his minor league record has him listed with Portsmouth, Havana and Charlotte, Los Angeles had him in 1946, but discontent with his salary, Campos jumped to the Mexican League. He was reinstated in good standing in 1948 and rejoined Portsmouth where he hit .261 in 75 games. That year and this past season are the only two in which he has hit far below the .300 mark.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944—	Portsm'th(B)	131	479	74	142	18	10	2	48	.296	204	12	8	.964
1945—	Portsm'th(B)	136	566	112	183	34	8	1	48	.323	285	22	13	.959
1946-47—	Portsmouth	(Played in Mexican League)												
1948—	Portsm'th(B)	75	287	35	75	5	4	0	24	.261	143	6	8	.949
1949—	Havana(B)	83	320	52	108	14	2	0	41	.338	161	11	2	.989
1950—	Charlotte(B)	112	419	49	135	21	4	1	45	.322	230	14	8	.968
1951—	Charlotte(B)	123	481	99	177	39	10	6	103	.368	227	13	7	.972
1951—	Washington	8	26	4	11	3	1	0	3	.423	6	0	0	1000
1952—	Washington	53	112	9	29	6	1	0	8	.259	45	0	1	.978
A.L. Totals—		62	138	13	40	9	2	0	11	.290	51	0	1	.980

COAN, Gilbert Fitzgerald "Gil" Outfielder (Cone)

Born at Monroe, North Carolina, on May 18, 1924. Throws right and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 180 lbs. Brown hair and grey eyes. Scotch and Irish ancestry. Married and has one child, Gil, Jr. Winter home: Brevard, N. C.

Rated by many as the fastest man in the majors, Gil Coan helps to prove that fact by his quick break and fast get-away down to first. Gil hit into only two double-plays in 107 games during the 1952 season, and one of those DP's was a line drive to second base. With Chattanooga in the Southern Association, Gil was named the outstanding player in the minor leagues by the Sporting News in 1945. He batted .372 and set the S.A. league record of 28 triples that same year. Prior to entering organized ball, Gil attended Brevard Junior College where he starred in baseball, basketball and football. Gil's top years in the majors, so far, have been during the 1951 and 1952 seasons when he hit .303. Playing hard, driving ball every minute of the season, he has been injured several times. The most notable was a fractured skull sustained going into second base in June 1950. He was out of action for about six weeks. This past season Gil painfully chipped a bone in his wrist diving for a low liner. Gil knows his way among the pots and pans as well as around the diamond. His culinary art is well known among the players in the league. During the off season, Gil's prime interest is his beautiful farm in Brevard, N. C.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944	Kingsport(D)	72	267	76	98	16	4	13	64	.367	111	7	7	.944
1944	Chatta.(AA)	48	194	47	65	5	8	0	15	.335	90	7	7	.933
1945	Chatta.(AA)	140	540	126	201	40	28	16	117	.372	257	27	12	.959
1946	Washington	59	134	17	28	3	2	3	9	.209	62	0	2	.969
1947	Chatta.(AA)	151	585	126	199	34	17	22	92	.340	276	13	18	.941
1947	Washington	11	42	5	21	3	2	0	3	.500	22	1	0	1000
1948	Washington	138	513	56	119	13	9	7	60	.232	341	11	11	.970
1949	Washington	111	358	36	78	7	8	3	25	.218	225	8	6	.975
1950	Washington	104	366	58	111	17	4	7	50	.303	220	4	7	.970
1951	Washington	135	538	85	163	25	7	9	62	.303	374	17	14	.965
1952	Washington	107	332	50	68	11	6	5	20	.205	185	4	3	.984
A.L. Totals—		665	2282	306	588	79	38	34	228	.257	1429	45	43	.971

CONSUEGRA, Sandalio Simeon "Sandy" Pitcher (Kon-sway'-gra)

Born in Potrerillo, Las Villas, Cuba, on September 3, 1920. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Brown eyes and hair. Married and has two children, Rogelio and Silvia. Winter home: Matanzas, Cuba.

From the percentage standpoint, the leading pitcher for the Washington ball club during the 1952 season was "Sandy" Consuegra. And he also had the very respectable earned run average of 3.04. "Sandy," who has proven that he is a winning pitcher, in his three short years in the big time, delivers the ball in a very "herky-jerky" manner, using a variety of "junk" and a sneaky fast ball. During the winter months he plays ball in the Cuban league and does a little farming.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	Havana	11	6	5	.545	77	81	32	26	23	18	3.04
1950	Havana	11	8	2	.800	88	73	21	21	58	25	2.15
1950	Washington	21	7	8	.467	125	132	71	61	38	57	4.39
1951	Washington	40	7	8	.467	146	140	71	65	31	63	4.01
1952	Washington	30	6	0	1.000	74	80	30	25	19	27	3.04
A.L. Totals—		91	20	16	.556	345	352	172	151	88	147	3.93

DANIELSON, Robert Earl**"Bob"****Pitcher**

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 22, 1926. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 190 lbs. Swedish ancestry. Married and has one child, Robert, Jr. Winter home: White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

"Versatile" is the word for Bob Danielson. In 1952, after racking up the best percentage in the Tri-State League with a 13-5 record, Bob went on to pitch a no-hit, no-run game against Anderson in the first game of the league playoffs. He pitched on the American Legion team that won the National championship in 1943. He pitched Washburn High into the Twin City championship and was president of the graduating class in 1944. After two years in the Navy as an Air crewman, Bob attended Macalester College in St. Paul. While in college he was captain of the baseball team, represented the school in oratory contest, was president of the Drama Club and pitched and won the Minnesota State College Conference championship game in May 1950. In his short two years in organized ball, Bob has won 24 and lost 8 for Charlotte with a combined earned run average of 2.52. During the winter months he works as a salesman for life insurance company and an oil company.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1951	—Charlotte(B)	17	11	3	.786	113	82	38	30	99	52	2.39
1952	—Charlotte(B)	28	13	5	.722	165	123	54	48	142	83	2.62

DAVALILLO, Pompeyo**Infielder****(Dah-vah-LEE'-lyo, Pom-PAY'-yo)**

Born in Cabimas, Estado Zulia, Venezuela, on July 5, 1931. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 150 lbs. Venezuelan ancestry. Married and has a daughter, Guadalupe, 1½. Winter home: Caracas, Venezuela.

"A motor in each shoe. Can play major league ball right now." That is the scout's report on Pompeyo Davalillo. Although he has never played organized ball, Davalillo was signed to a major league contract by the Nats back in October 1952. Six other major league clubs wanted Davalillo very much, but the best they offered him was a minor league contract. During the past winter he has been playing ball in the Venezuelan Winter League, playing third base and hitting better than .300. After graduating from high school, Pompeyo went into the "Batallon Motob'indada" (Venezuelan Army) for two years. He still works as an athletic director and baseball trainer for the Venezuelan Army.

NO RECORD.

DIETZEL, Leroy Louis**"Roy"****Infielder**

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 9, 1931. Bats and throws right-handed. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 185 lbs. German ancestry. Single. Winter home: Baltimore, Md.

For the past two years bad breaks have kept Roy Dietzel from playing ball in the majors. Both of those breaks were sustained on the same right leg, in the same place. After working out with the Nats in spring training prior to the start of the '52 season, Dietzel was sent over to Chattanooga for just

a little more seasoning. But before the month was up Dietzel had again broken his right leg in scoring a run for the Lookouts. The run won the game, but it also put Roy out of action for the remainder of the '52 season. A well-built, good-looking ballplayer, Dietzel has every opportunity to make the big time this year. He first attracted attention while he was attending Towson High in Baltimore. Participating in soccer, baseball, basketball and track, he received 11 letters. In his first year in pro ball, Roy was selected on the Virginia League All-Star team. During the winter he works as a filling station attendant in Baltimore.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1950—	Emporia(D)	121	515	121	156	30	11	11	63	.303	300	344	32	.953
1951—	Chattanooga	110	392	45	107	13	5	3	49	.273	198	321	27	.951
1952—	Chattanooga	12	50	12	17	0	1	0	5	.340	28	29	2	.966

DIXON, John Craig, Jr. "Sonny" Pitcher

Born in Charlotte, N. C., on November 5, 1924. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 3 in. Weight: 205 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Married and has one child. Winter home: Charlotte, N. C.

Working in the shadow of teammate Al Sima, "Sonny" Dixon was one of the hardest mound workers in the Southern Association, during the '52 campaign. He tied for runner-up spot behind Sima in completed games with 19. He was second in the league in games won with 19; second in innings pitched with 271 and second in base hits with 260. He faced the most batters, 1,136, and he hurled the most shutouts, 5. He has definitely proven that he is a winning pitcher in the minors and there is no reason in the world why he can't do the same thing in the majors. A member of the Southern Association All-Star team in 1952, "Sonny" was also on the Tri-State All-Star team in 1946. He spent three years in the Navy as a boatswain's mate and during the winter months works in a gas station in his home town, Charlotte.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946—	Charlotte(B)	32	19	11	.633	244	246	98	71	90	53	2.62
1947—	Charlotte(B)	27	9	9	.500	165	188	97	80	58	45	4.36
1948—	Augusta(A)	37	11	7	.611	190	217	116	91	71	59	4.31
1949—	Augusta(A)	38	14	14	.500	217	230	97	78	99	70	3.24
1950—	Augusta(A)	45	14	13	.519	223	255	144	103	120	87	4.16
1951—	Chatt.(AA)	42	14	13	.519	205	253	143	122	84	63	5.36
1952—	Chatt.(AA)	47	19	14	.576	271	260	115	96	136	71	3.19

FLESHMAN, Levi Frank, Jr. "Buck" Pitcher

Born in Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1930. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 4 in. Weight: 195 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Married and has one child, Rickey, age 6 months. Winter home: Hyattsville, Md.

Born and raised in the "shadow" of Griffith Stadium, "Buck" has one idea, and that is to make a big name for himself in his own home town. He attended Hyattsville High and made headlines with his sandlot pitching mark of 15 wins and one loss in the Prince George's County League in 1948. "Buck" joined the Nats' organization in 1949 and in 1951 became the first 20-game winner for

Charlotte since 1938. He won the Maryland State horseshoe pitching championship at the age of 13, but his favorite hobby now is bowling. During the off-season he works in his father's business as a fuel oil truck driver.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	—Concord(D)	20	2	7	.222	84	102	61	47	31	51	5.04
1950	—Concord(D)	26	10	12	.455	193	233	134	107	107	65	4.99
1951	—Charlotte(B)	33	20	9	.690	244	241	113	93	105	105	3.43
1952	—Chatt.(AA)	7	0	2	.000	28	34	21	20	4	25	6.43
1952	—Charlotte(B)	10	3	3	.500	63	77	33	31	23	28	4.43

GRASSO, Newton Michael "Mickey" Catcher

Born in Newark, N. J., on May 10, 1922. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 195 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Italian ancestry. Single. Winter home: Newark, N. J.

The fiery backstop of the Nats, "Mickey" Grasso, is one of the hardest working ballplayers in anybody's league. It has been said by an anonymous umpire, that when Grasso is behind the plate, there are two umpires calling balls and strikes. Before being drafted by the Nats from Seattle in November of 1949, Grasso had established some sort of a record in being thumbed out of 23 games. In his three years in the majors, Mickey has mellowed a bit, but he still retains his fighting qualities. He believes in justice, especially for his pitchers. During the war, Grasso served four years in the Army. While in the North African campaign, Sgt. Grasso was captured and spent three years, four months and nine days in a Nazi prison camp. To help pass the time, "Mick" organized a baseball league among his fellow prisoners and had a regular eight-team league playing on a regular schedule. Possessing one of the finest throwing arms in the league, Mickey's pet hate is seeing one of the opposition taking too many liberties on the bases. If a runner is off base just a step too far, Mickey won't hesitate a second in trying to pick him off. During the '52 season he caught 25 runners attempting to steal; he picked 14 runners off base and made 8 throwing errors in the process. Six times he called for pitch-outs and nailed runners in run-downs when they have attempted to score on squeeze plays. While attending West Side High in his home town of Newark, Mickey played baseball, basketball and football. He has also won cups for his fine dancing ability. His special hobby when the baseball season is over, is playing golf.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941	—Trenton(B)	52	124	16	29	3	0	1	14	.234	164	18	6	.968
1942-43-44-45	In Military Service (Army)													
1946	—Jer'yC.(AAA)	106	303	31	69	8	0	13	46	.228	373	50	15	.966
1946	—NewYork(N)	7	22	1	3	0	0	0	1	.136	24	5	1	.967
1947	—Jer'yC.(AAA)	117	388	55	104	17	1	16	52	.268	431	63	16	.969
1948	—Seattle(AAA)	140	380	35	99	13	1	5	27	.261	542	81	24	.963
1949	—Seattle(AAA)	109	299	29	75	11	0	7	31	.251	464	74	18	.968
1950	—Washington	75	195	25	56	4	1	1	22	.287	338	38	17	.957
1951	—Washington	52	175	16	36	3	0	1	15	.206	182	26	7	.967
1952	—Washington	115	361	22	78	9	0	0	27	.216	485	64	17	.970
MajorL.Tot.—		247	748	64	172	16	1	2	63	.230	1029	133	42	.965

50 Bucky Harris, Manager
 51 Clyde Milan, Coach
 53 George Myatt, Coach
 55 Joe Haynes, Coach
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52 Fitzgerald, Coach
 54 Nick Altrock, Coach
 George "Doc" Lentz, Trainer
 Fred Baxter, Equipment

PITCHERS

Uniform No.	Name	B.	T.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birth Date	Residence	'52 Club	W	L	Pct.	ERA
30	CONSEGRA, Sandy	R	R	5:11	160	9/ 3/20	Las Villas, Cuba	Washington	6	0	1.000	3.04
45	DANIELSON, Robert	R	R	6:00	190	7/22/26	White Bear Lake, Minn.	Charlotte	13	5	.722	2.62
16	DIXON, Sonny	R	R	6:03	205	11/ 5/24	Charlotte, N. C.	Chattanooga	19	14	.576	3.19
29	FLESHMAN, Buck	R	R	6:04	190	10/20/30	Hyattsville, Md.	Charlotte	3	3	.500	4.43
24	JOHNSON, Don	R	R	6:03	195	11/12/26	Portland, Ore.	Washington	0	5	.000	4.43
22	MARRERO, Connie	R	R	5:07	165	5/ 1/15	LaGrande, Cuba	Washington	11	8	.579	2.89
20	MASTERSON, Walt	R	R	6:02	190	6/22/20	Hyattsville, Md.	Boston	1	1	.500	12.00
23	MORENO, Julio	R	R	5:09	160	1/28/23	Banos, Cuba	Washington	9	8	.529	3.69
49	PEARCE, Jim	R	R	6:06	180	6/ 9/25	Raleigh, N. C.	Washington	9	9	.500	3.98
19	PORTERFIELD, Bob	R	R	6:00	190	8/10/24	Belleville, N. J.	Chattanooga	12	5	.706	2.98
5	SANCHEZ, Raul	R	R	6:00	148	12/12/30	Havana, Cuba	Washington	13	14	.481	2.73
17	SHEA, Frank	R	R	6:00	205	10/ 2/22	Naugatuck, Conn.	Havana	10	9	.526	2.79
36	SIMA, Al	L	L	6:00	194	10/ 7/22	Mahwah, N. J.	Washington	1	1	.500	3.55
37	SLEATER, Lou	L	L	5:11	180	9/ 8/27	Baltimore, Md.	Washington	11	7	.611	2.93
38	STEWART, Bunky	L	L	6:00	154	1/ 7/31	New Bern, N. C.	Chattanooga	24	9	.727	3.06
7	STOBBS, Chuck	L	L	6:00	188	7/ 2/29	Norfolk, Va.	St. Louis	0	1	.000	7.00
31	STONE, Dean	L	L	6:04	205	9/ 1/30	Silvis, Ill.	Washington	4	2	.667	3.63
39	ZEISZ, Zeke	R	R	6:01	175	11/13/26	Tonawanda, N. Y.	Chattanooga	1	2	.333	3.15
								Chattanooga	6	9	.400	4.58
								Chicago	7	12	.368	3.13
								Charlotte	17	10	.630	3.18
								Charlotte	9	3	.750	1.78
								Chattanooga	9	9	.500	3.80

C A T C H E R S

									Club	BA	RBI	FA
9	BRADSHAW, George	R	R	6:02	185	9/12/25	Charlotte, N. C.	Morganton	.304	33	1,000	
								Charlotte	.324	35	.991	
11	GRASSO, Mickey	R	R	6:00	190	5/10/22	Newark, N. J.	Washington	.217	6	.917	
10	OLDIS, Bob	R	R	6:01	186	1/ 5/29	Iowa City, Iowa	Washington	.216	27	.970	
21	PEDEN, Les	R	R	6:02	220	9/17/23	Phenix City, Ala.	Chattanooga	.277	33	.987	
								Los Angeles	.280	76		

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6	BAKER, Floyd	L	R	5:10	160	10/10/18	Youngstown, Ohio	Washington	.262	33	.994
41	DAVALILLO, Pompeyo	R	R	5:07	154	6/30/31	Caracas, Venezuela	Not in O.B.	(Free Agent)		
15	DIETZEL, Leroy	R	R	6:00	185	1/ 9/31	Baltimore, Md.	Chattanooga	.340	5	.966
28	HODERLEIN, Mel	R	R	5:10	180	6/24/24	Trenton, N. J.	Washington	.269	17	.978
35	RUNNELS, Pete	L	R	5:11	170	1/28/28	Chickasha, Okla.	Washington	.285	64	.966
34	TAYLOR, Fred	L	R	6:03	201	12/ 3/26	Columbus, Ohio	Tol.-Charles.	.227	45	.988
								Washington	.263	4	1,000
12	TERWILLIGER, Wayne	R	R	5:11	170	6/27/26	Charlotte, Mich.	St. Paul	.312	17	.935
4	VERBLE, Gene	R	R	5:10	163	6/29/28	Concord, N. C.	Chattanooga	.279	78	.965
3	VERNON, Mickey	L	L	6:02	180	4/22/18	Swarthmore, Pa.	Washington	.251	80	.993
1	YOST, Eddie	R	R	5:10	180	10/13/26	S. Ozone Park, N. Y.	Washington	.233	49	.962

O U T F I E L D E R S

14	BUSBY, Jim	R	R	6:01	175	1/ 8/27	Silver Spring, Md.	Chicago	.128	0	1,000
								Washington	.244	47	.994
25	CAMPOS, Frank	L	L	5:11	180	5/11/26	Havana, Cuba	Washington	.259	8	.978
2	COAN, Gil	L	R	6:00	180	5/18/24	Brevard, N. C.	Washington	.205	20	.984
8	JENSEN, Jack	R	R	5:11	190	3/ 9/27	Oakland, Calif.	New York	.105	2	1,000
								Washington	.286	80	.978
44	VARNER, Buck	L	R	5:10	170	8/17/30	Hixon, Tenn.	Chattanooga	.290	26	.918
								Washington	.000	0	1,000
26	WOOD, Ken	R	P	6:00 $\frac{1}{2}$	205	7/ 1/24	Charlotte, N. C.	Washington	.100	0	.875
								Boston	.100	0	.875
								Washington	.238	32	.959

In National Defense Service—Pitcher Bob Ross and Outfielder Dan Porter.

HODERLEIN, Melvin Anthony "Mel" **Infielder**
(Hoh-der-line)

Born in Newtown, Ohio, on June 24, 1923. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. German ancestry. Married and has a son, Mel, Jr. Winter home: Trenton, N. J.

Immediately at the end of the 1952 season, Mel Hoderlein underwent an operation on his left elbow that should make a big difference in his playing. Several bone chips were removed from the elbow. Mel had been noticing a stiffness in his arm and wasn't able to follow through on his swing. Now the arm is in good shape and "Hodie" is all set to go. Since reaching the majors at the end of 1951, Mel has been with three major league clubs: Boston, Chicago, and the Nats. Prior to reaching the big-time Mel played for the Red Sox farm clubs of Birmingham and Louisville. In 1948 while with Birmingham he once hit four triples in one game. He played six different positions with the Louisville Colonels—one at a time, of course. That was in 1950 when he was named on the American Association's All-Star squad. Mel served three years in the Army Air Force as a flight engineer and instructor. During his spare moments, his hobbies are photography and model building.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1942—	Cordele(D)	87	354	56	88	15	5	0	28	.249	127	266	64	.860
1942—	Columbia(A)	(Less than 10 games)												
1943-44-45—	Macon(A)	In Military Service (Air Force)												
1946—	Macon(A)	28	97	13	27	4	1	1	11	.278	35	50	3	.966
1946—	Anniston(B)	34	117	17	38	5	1	1	7	.325	42	97	17	.891
1947—	Birm'ham(AA)	95	314	50	84	12	4	2	37	.268	171	124	10	.967
1948—	Birm'ham	130	518	79	145	17	8	2	56	.280	228	311	25	.956
1949—	L'ville(AAA)	127	444	71	119	22	1	2	44	.268	216	330	31	.946
1950—	Louisville	107	377	66	110	21	2	5	50	.292	231	223	16	.966
1951—	Louisville	111	407	59	127	15	2	5	40	.312	200	273	25	.950
1951—	Boston	9	14	1	5	1	1	0	1	.357	12	10	2	.917
1952—	Washington	72	208	16	56	8	2	0	17	.269	138	168	7	.978
A.L. Totals--		81	222	17	61	9	3	0	18	.275	150	178	9	.973

JENSEN, Jack Eugene **Outfielder**

Born in San Francisco, California, on March 9, 1927. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 190 lbs. Blue eyes and blond hair. Danish-Swedish ancestry. Married and has one child, Jan Kay 2. Winter home: Oakland, California.

Star of the University of California's Rose Bowl team of 1948, Jackie Jensen decided to switch from the gridiron to the diamond when it came time to turn pro. Beseiged by numerous offers from major league clubs, Jensen signed instead with the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League because they offered him an opportunity to play immediately. It wasn't long, however, before Jackie was in the majors. Purchased by the Yankees, Jackie went to New York as a bonus player in 1950. The Nats obtained Jensen along with Frank Shea, Archie Wilson and Jerry Snyder in a deal that sent Irv Noren and Tom

Upton to the Yankees in May of 1952. Jackie caught on like a house afire with the Nats. During the remainder of the season, he upped his batting average to .280, he drove in 82 runs, was third in the league for stolen bases and during the middle of the campaign hit safely in 20 consecutive games. A champion all the way, Jackie is the only athlete in history to play in both the Rose Bowl and the World Series. He was All-American fullback in 1948 and on the All-American baseball team in 1947 both while attending the University of California. He has played in the East-West All-Star football game (Shrine game) in 1948 and the major league All-Star game in Philadelphia in 1952. He served in the Navy as a radioman for a year and a half. He is married to Olympic diving star Zoe Ann Olsen. In the winter season he works as a furniture salesman in Oakland, Calif.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949—O'kl'd(AAA)		125	467	63	122	21	7	9	77	.261	248	12	16	.942
1950—New York		45	70	13	12	2	2	1	5	.171	36	0	2	.947
1951—New York		56	168	30	50	8	1	8	25	.298	106	6	3	.974
1951—Kan.C.(AAA)		42	160	23	42	4	1	9	26	.263	77	0	1	.987
1952—N.Y.-Wash.		151	589	83	165	30	6	10	82	.280	291	17	7	.978
A.L. Totals—		252	827	126	227	40	9	19	110	.274	431	23	11	.976

JOHNSON, Donald Roy "Don" Pitcher

Born in Portland, Oregon, on November 12, 1926. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. 2½ in. Weight: 195 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Swedish ancestry. Married and has two children. Winter home: Portland, Ore.

Big, well built, hard-throwing Don Johnson joined the Washington ball club from the St. Louis Browns early in the 1951 season. A native of Portland, Oregon, Don first attracted attention in 1943 with the Rincon Hill Post American Legion club, winning twenty and losing one with six no-hitters included in his victories. Don was originally the property of the New York Yankees. He spent time with Newark and Kansas City before going into the Navy, where he hurled for a service club that won forty straight games. He worked for Bucky Harris during the 1947 season with the Yankees, winning four and losing three games. During the '52 season Don's record in the win and loss columns was the worst in his career. Despite this record, he looked brilliant on occasion and big things are expected of the big fellow during the 1953 season. Don works as a radio announcer in his home town of Portland during the winter months.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1944—Kansas City		18	3	11	.214	131	147	81	64	67	53	4.40
1944—Newark		12	6	2	.750	67	66	35	30	38	35	4.03
1945-46—Kansas City	In Military Service (Navy)											
1947—New York		15	4	3	.571	54	57	26	22	16	23	3.67
1948—Newark		6	1	3	.250	29	34	18	17	15	15	5.28
1948—Kansas City		14	3	7	.300	66	69	51	38	40	36	5.18
1948—Portland		11	3	7	.300	64	66	34	31	26	42	4.36
1949—Sacramento		42	8	14	.364	171	168	90	75	98	79	3.95
1950—N.Y.-St.L.		33	6	6	.500	114	161	93	85	40	67	6.71
1951—St.L.-Wash.		27	7	12	.368	159	165	93	84	60	76	4.75
1952—Washington		29	0	5	.000	69	80	41	34	37	33	4.43
A.L. Totals—		104	17	26	.395	396	463	253	225	153	199	5.11

MARRERO, Conrado Eugenio "Connie or Chico" Pitcher

Born in Las Villas, Cuba, on May 1, 1915. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Cuban ancestry. Married and has three children. Winter home: LaGrande, Cuba.

"He wouldn't give his mother a good pitch to hit," says Connie Marrero's teammates. "Even in batting practice he throws that slider, curve and knuckleball. His stuff is different. It breaks at the last possible second. When he lets go of the ball with that twisting motion of his, it looks like it is as straight as a string. But just as you start to swing the ball shoots down, up or away from you. He's no pitcher, he's a magician." Cunning Connie got off to a 6-0 start in 1951 and won 11 games . . . he got off to a 4-0 start in 1952 and won 11 games, and for the '53 season "El Chico" is hoping to get off to an 11-0 start. . . . Always a consistent performer, Marrero wound up the 1952 season with an 11-8 record. He started 22 games and completed 16. In the American League records for '52, Connie was ninth in the earned run averages with a 2.89 mark. One of the outstanding performances by "El Chico" was a one-hit 2-1 victory over the A's on April 26, 1951, the one hit being a homer by Barney McCosky. He was an American League All-Star selection for 1951. In the winter season, along with playing ball in the Cuban League, Connie is working toward increasing his already substantial herd of pure bred cattle.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947—Havana	40	25	6	.806	271	180	59	50	251	46	1.66
1948—Havana	35	20	11	.645	264	206	55	49	168	24	1.67
1949—Havana	35	25	8	.758	258	175	51	44	167	47	1.53
1950—Washington		27	6	10	.375	152	159	84	76	63	55	4.50
1951—Washington		25	11	9	.550	187	198	87	81	66	71	3.90
1952—Washington		22	11	8	.579	184	175	68	59	77	53	2.89
A.L. Totals—		74	28	27	.509	523	532	239	216	206	179	3.72

MASTERSON, Walter Edward "Walt" Pitcher

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 22, 1920. Throws and bats righthanded. Hazel eyes and brown hair. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 190 lbs. Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Walter 8, and Patricia Ann 3. Winter home: Hyattsville, Md.

A pitcher who looks at the world through rose-colored glasses, "Walt" is one of the oldest members of the team, in point of service. After working out at Griffith Stadium he was signed by Clark Griffith in 1938. He joined the Nats in the spring of '39 after appearing in two games with the Class B Charlotte Hornets. He was traded to the Red Sox for pitcher Mickey Harris and outfielder Sam Mele in June of 1949. He returned to the Nats in June of 1952 with pitcher Randy Gumpert in a deal that sent Sid Hudson to Boston.

Walt has pitched in two All-Star games. During World War II he was in the Navy for three years and spent 26 months with the Submarine forces. He lists his hobbies as hunting, fishing and golf, but during the off-season doesn't have much time for any of them as he is very busy traveling for a Maine shoe manufacturer.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1939	—Charlotte(B)	2	0	0	.000	8	11	9	9	3	5	10.57
1939	—Washington	24	2	2	.500	58	66	44	36	12	48	5.59
1940	—Washington	31	3	13	.188	130	128	92	71	68	88	4.92
1941	—Washington	34	4	3	.571	78	101	56	52	40	53	6.00
1942	—Washington	25	5	9	.357	143	138	75	53	63	54	3.34
1943-44-45	—Washington	In Military Service (Navy)										
1945	—Washington	4	1	2	.333	25	21	8	3	14	10	1.08
1946	—Washington	29	5	6	.455	91	105	70	61	61	67	6.03
1947	—Washington	35	12	16	.429	253	215	98	88	135	97	3.13
1948	—Washington	33	8	15	.348	188	171	88	80	72	122	3.83
1949	—Wash.-Bost.	28	6	6	.500	108	100	52	45	36	56	3.75
1950	—Boston	33	8	6	.571	129	145	91	81	60	82	5.65
1951	—Boston	30	3	0	1.000	59	53	24	22	39	32	3.36
1952	—Bost.-Wash.	29	10	9	.526	170	171	83	78	92	83	4.13
Major L. Tot.—		335	67	87	.435	1432	1414	781	670	692	792	4.20

MORENO, Julio

Pitcher

(Mor-ray'-no, Yool'-ee-o)

Born in Havana, Cuba, on January 18, 1923. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 9 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Married. Winter home: San Antonio de la Banos, Cuba.

A righthander with a good fast ball and plenty of poise, this slender star from Havana arrived on the major league scene late in 1950. After a very impressive year with Havana in which he won 16 and lost only 4, to rack up a fine 1.47 earned run average, the Nats brought Julio Moreno up for a late season look and he has stayed. In 1951, his first full season in the majors, he had a 5-11 mark. Showing steady improvement, Moreno finished the '52 season with a 9-9 record. He won his first two starts and then lost the next five straight. From June 24 until the end of the season, he won 7 while losing only 4. He has pitched good ball the past few months in the Cuban Winter League and should improve even more during the 1953 season.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947	—Havana	25	19	4	.826	199	150	54	47	84	66	2.13
1948	—Havana	8	3	2	.600	44	41	16	11	31	15	2.25
1949	—Havana	21	12	6	.667	143	143	57	54	58	62	3.40
1950	—Havana	25	16	4	.800	184	118	35	30	111	80	1.47
1950	—Washington	4	1	1	.500	21	22	13	11	7	12	4.71
1951	—Washington	31	5	11	.313	133	132	82	72	37	80	4.87
1952	—Washington	26	9	9	.500	147	154	75	65	62	52	3.98
A.L. Totals—		61	15	21	.417	301	308	170	148	106	144	4.42

OLDIS, Robert Carl**"Bob"****Catcher**

Born in Preston, Iowa, on January 5, 1929. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 1 in. Weight: 186 lbs. German ancestry. Married. Winter home: Iowa City, Iowa.

Bob Oldis is credited by many in Chattanooga as the player who sparked the club to their first championship in 16 years. A very quiet, easy-going fellow out of uniform, Oldis changes completely on the ball field. He becomes a dynamic field general with the knack of infusing his teammates with a "can't lose" spirit. He calls a good game as far as the pitchers are concerned, as witnessed by the win records of battery-mates Sima with 24 wins, Dixon with 19 and Pearce with 12. Naturally they like this boy Oldis behind the plate. Bob did plenty good in the stick department too with his .277 mark compiled in 95 games. After playing American Legion ball for two years he broke into organized ball in 1949 with Emporia in the Virginia State League. During the fall and winter months, Bob works in an Oldsmobile garage in Iowa City, Ia.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949	—Emporia(D)	79	228	36	65	8	2	5	33	.285	246	22	2	.993
1950	—Emporia	118	425	58	123	20	4	3	71	.289	579	59	10	.985
1951	—Charlotte(B)	116	396	69	113	19	7	0	69	.285	574	48	15	.976
1952	—Chatta.(AA)	95	289	31	80	14	3	0	33	.277	413	46	6	.987

PEARCE, James Madison**"Jim"****Pitcher**

Born in Zebulon, N. C., on June 9, 1925. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 6 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Raleigh, N. C.

Following the best year of his baseball career, Jim Pearce will be trying to duplicate that record this year with the Nats. With a 2.98 earned run average, the second lowest in the Southern Association for 1952, Jim won 12 games while losing only 5. And in 154 innings he walked only 50 men. The tall 6 foot, 6 inch righthander is probably the tallest man in the American League this year. A native of Zebulon, N. C., Pearce pitched high school ball before signing in 1944 with Erwin of the Tobacco State League. In 1949, after posting a 2.38 mark while pitching in 28 games with Charlotte, the Nats brought him up at the end of the season. Pitching in the full 1950 season, Jim won 2 and lost 1, appearing mostly in relief. After his fine record with Chattanooga last year, Jim feels he is now ready to make his mark in the majors.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1944	—Erwin(D)	3	1	2	.333	24	26	13	7	15	9	2.63
1945	—Leaksville(B)	35	13	12	.520	221	186	140	91	185	120	3.71
1946	—Shelby(B)	21	7	11	.389	130	137	88	73	56	67	5.05
1947	—Macon(A)	1	0	0	.000	2	2	1	1	1	4	4.50
1947	—Fayettev'le	20	3	11	.214	105	112	80	69	67	65	5.91
1947	—P'rtsm'th(B)	14	6	4	.600	73	78	39	34	48	33	4.19
1948	—Des Moines(A)	(Voluntarily retired)										
1949	—Charlotte(B)	28	10	10	.500	178	138	62	47	110	74	2.38
1949	—Washington	2	0	1	.000	5	9	10	5	1	5	9.00
1950	—Washington	20	2	1	.667	57	58	40	38	18	37	6.00
1951	—Chatta.(AA)	40	9	14	.375	199	232	154	126	94	114	5.70
1952	—Chatta.	27	12	5	.706	154	144	63	51	66	50	2.98
A.L. Totals—		22	2	2	.500	62	67	50	43	19	42	6.24

PEDEN, Leslie Earl**"Les"****Catcher****(PEE'-den)**

Born in Azle, Texas, on September 17, 1923. Bats right, throws right. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 210 lbs. Married and has one son, Mike. Winter home: Phenix City, Alabama.

He's big, he's a good backstop and he can hit. That's Les Peden, the Nats' draft choice from Los Angeles, for whom they gave \$15,000 this past December. Les' first year in pro ball saw him alternating from first to third base for Des Moines, but in 1948 the powers-that-be at Nashville decided to make a catcher out of him. And that's what he's been since. In his combined six years in the minors, Les has hit for an even .300 mark. Of his 763 hits, 249 of them have been for extra bases, including 135 doubles, 13 triples and 101 home runs. Les graduated from Texas A&M in 1943. In his senior year in school he was captain of the baseball team and also captain of the basketball squad. He was also named on the All-Southwest Conference baseball and basketball teams in '42 and '43. Spending four and a half years in the Army, "Les" saw action in Europe as a Captain in the Infantry. Voted the Most Valuable Player at Los Angeles last year, Les has also been selected on the All-Star teams while with Fayetteville and twice while with Des Moines. During the winter months, Les coaches basketball in his home town of Phenix City, Ala.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1947	-D.Moines(A)*	124	486	107	157	33	7	18	106	.323	243	241	24	.952
1948	-Nashville(AA)	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000				
1948	-Fayettv'le(B)	107	386	72	131	26	2	24	98	.339	366	62	9	.979
1949	-D.Moines(A)	127	471	74	147	29	3	22	102	.312	477	69	7	.987
1950	-Sp'gf'd(AAA)	85	268	32	80	14	0	8	41	.299	256	45	7	.977
1951	-L.Ang.(AAA)	117	402	42	100	15	0	11	54	.249	438	70	4	.992
1952	-L.Ang.	153	528	60	148	18	1	18	76	.280				

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PORTERFIELD, Erwin Coolidge**"Bob"****Pitcher**

Born in Newport, Virginia, on August 10, 1924. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 190 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Bobby Lee and Sandra Jean. Winter home: Belleville, N. J.

Erwin Coolidge Porterfield, better known as Bob, started his baseball career as a catcher, but after being on the receiving end for just a short time, decided to switch over to the sending end. That was in 1946 when he first signed with Radford in the Blue Ridge League. A lot of hitters since then have wished that Bob had stayed behind the plate. Despite his 13-14 record, he was still the winningest pitcher on the Nats' staff last year. And his 2.73 earned run average was the seventh best in the league. During the '52 season, Bob earned a title he would rather forget—"Hard Luck Bob." Had the breaks been changed around just a bit, he could have just as easily been among the 20-game winners. As an example: the Nats won 10 shutout games and

lost 11. Porterfield won 3 of the 10 and lost 7 of the 11. He was the victim of a no-hitter, a one-hitter, and several three-hitters. Before he graduated from Newport High, Bob was captain of the basketball team for three years and made the all-county team the last two. He was also captain of the baseball team the same three years and made the All-State team in 1940 and '41. He then attended V.P.I. for only two months, leaving school to enlist in the 82nd Airborne Division. During his 4½ years in this great outfit, he attained the rank of S/Sgt. and made five combat jumps. On one occasion his pilot guessed wrong, overshot the drop zone by two miles and dropped Sgt. Porterfield and his buddies into the laps of Nazi machine gunners, in the Battle of the Bulge. Along the way he received the French citation and five battle stars. During the winter months, Bob works as a manufacturer's good will representative.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946—	Radford	14	7	5	.583	105	87	49	37	143	39	3.17
1946—	Norfolk	7	1	3	.250	47	52	30	24	36	18	4.60
1947—	Norfolk	32	17	9	.654	239	191	73	63	208	82	2.37
1948—	Newark	23	15	6	.714	178	144	47	43	133	51	2.17
1948—	NewYork	16	5	3	.625	78	85	42	39	30	34	4.50
1949—	Newark	5	1	0	1.000	16	16	10	10	16	7	5.67
1949—	NewYork	12	2	5	.286	58	53	26	26	25	29	4.03
1950—	NewYork	10	1	1	.500	20	28	19	19	9	8	8.55
1950—	KansasCity	3	0	2	.000	8	9	5	5	3	2	5.63
1951—	KansasCity	8	2	2	.500	29	37	16	15	19	14	4.66
1951—	N.Y.-Wash.	21	9	8	.529	136	114	57	53	55	57	3.51
1952—	Washington	31	13	14	.481	231	222	80	70	85	85	2.73
Major L. Totals—		90	30	31	.492	523	502	224	207	204	213	3.56

RUNNELS, James Edward "Pete" **Shortstop**

Born in Lufkin, Texas, on January 28, 1928. Throws right and bats left-handed. Height: 5 ft. 11½ in. Weight: 170 lbs. Green eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Jamey Ruth and Mark Edward. Winter home: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

After searching for a shortstop since Joe Cronin was sold to the Red Sox 18 years ago, the Nats have finally found the man—"Pete" Runnels. Affidavits testifying to his ability may be obtained from any club in the American League. Not a big swinger, but a sharp line-drive hitter, the boy from Lufkin lead his teammates in the hitting department in 1952. He's not a particularly strong athlete, carrying only 170 lbs. on his 5 ft. 11 in. frame, but he has wonderful coordination and timing. Bucky Harris became so fond of his ability to come up with the key hit, he promoted him to cleanup batter against righthanded pitching. As far as Runnels is concerned, righthanders are no different from lefthanders. He is a tough hitter to play. He hits to all fields. If the pitch is outside, he slaps it into left field. If it's inside, he'll pull it into right. He has made only one home run in the majors. He just meets the ball and the way the ball goes through and over the infield, it seems to have eyes. After graduating from Lufkin High, Pete joined the Marines and after two years service, was discharged as a corporal. He attended Rice Insti-

tute where he also played football. During the winter months, "Pete" has more time for his favorite hobbies of fishing and hunting.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949—	Chickasha(D)	130	505	111	188	44	8	6	92	.372	271	264	40	.930
1950—	Texarkana(B)	144	578	131	191	38	7	10	83	.330	226	447	48	.933
1951—	Chatta.(AA)	74	281	56	100	18	8	3	54	.356	182	215	17	.959
1951—	Washington	78	273	31	76	12	2	0	25	.278	159	176	18	.949
1952—	Washington	152	555	70	158	18	3	1	64	.285	319	410	25	.966
A.L. Totals—		230	826	101	234	30	5	1	89	.283	478	586	43	.961

SANCHEZ, Raul Guadalupe "Raul" Pitcher

Born in Mariano, Cuba, on December 12, 1930. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 148 lbs. Black hair and brown eyes. Cuban ancestry. Single. Winter home: Havana, Cuba.

Pitcher Raul Sanchez is a 22-year-old youngster who came up to the Nats at the end of the 1952 season. After posting a 10-9 record with Havana in the Florida-International League, Sanchez wound up the 1952 baseball season winning 1 and losing 1 for the Nats. In his first appearance on September 5 he shut out Boston 2-0. Going the distance, he allowed only five hits and struck out five. He sustained his loss at the hands of the White Sox. After leaving high school, Sanchez decided to make baseball his career and joined Big Spring in the Longhorn League in 1951. During the winter months Sanchez plays in the Cuban Winter League.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1951—	BigSpring(C)	9	6	3	.667	74	71	39	28	66	19	3.40
1951—	Havana(B)	24	6	9	.400	122	99	38	30	63	46	2.21
1952—	Havana	39	10	9	.526	192	138	59	43	85	62	2.02
1952—	Washington	3	1	1	.500	13	13	5	5	6	7	3.46

SHEA, Frank Joseph "Spec" Pitcher (Shay)

Born in Naugatuck, Connecticut, on October 2, 1922. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6ft. Weight: 205 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married and has one child, Frank, Jr. Winter home: Naugatuck, Conn.

Considered by many so-called baseball "brains" as being washed-up after a so-so 5-5 record in 1951, Frank Shea came back in 1952 to help boost the Nats to within one game of the first division. He finished the season with an 11-7 record and was among the top ten pitchers in the league in the earned run department with a neat 2.93 average. Frank has been dogged with bad luck since the start of his major league career. In '46 he was tabbed as a starting pitcher with the Yankees until an appendectomy laid him out of the lineup. He recovered to win 15 games with Oakland in the Pacific Coast League (an ERA of 1.66 in the process) and won his way back to the Yanks

for 1947. Things seemed to brighten as Shea paced New York to a pennant, sported a 2 and 0 World Series record and won the Rookie of the Year award, as well as gaining the decision in the All-Star game against the National League. But then the bugaboo—the sore arm—hit Frank and has plagued him off and on since. Twice returned to the minors, it appeared that he was on the road back with two early-season shutouts in 1951, only to lose his control and finish with a 5 and 5 record for the year. While attending Naugatuck High, Frank was an outstanding athlete. He was captain of the baseball, football, basketball and rifle teams. He was also the most popular and most valuable player on the Naugatuck squad that won the state championship in 1939. Immediately after graduating from high school, Shea signed with Amsterdam in the Class "C" Canadian-American League. He has been selected on four all-star teams during his baseball career. He was an All-Star with Amsterdam in 1940, with Norfolk in 1941, with Oakland in 1946 and New York in 1947. Spending three years in the Air Corps, Sgt. Shea received the French and Belgium citation. During the off season Frank operates a gas station in his home town.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1940—Amst'd'm(C)	20	11	4	.733	137	122	78	60	111	82	3.94	
1941—Norfolk(B)	28	16	10	.615	199	155	73	70	154	92	3.17	
1942—K.Cy.(AAA)	27	5	8	.385	100	76	38	35	89	75	3.15	
1943-44-45—Kansas City	In Military Service (Air Corps)											
1946—O'kl'd(AAA)	24	15	5	.750	174	125	45	32	124	60	1.66	
1947—NewYork	27	14	5	.737	179	127	63	61	89	89	3.07	
1948—NewYork	28	9	10	.474	156	117	66	59	71	87	3.40	
1949—NewYork	20	1	1	.500	52	48	36	31	22	43	5.37	
1949—New'k(AAA)	5	0	3	.000	17	16	18	16	5	18	8.47	
1950—K.Cy.(AAA)	27	6	11	.353	116	132	96	81	58	65	6.28	
1951—NewYork	25	5	5	.500	96	112	59	46	38	50	4.31	
1952—Washington	22	11	7	.611	169	144	62	55	65	92	2.93	
A.L. Totals—	122	40	28	.588	652	548	286	252	285	361	3.47	

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1947—NewYork	3	2	0	1.000	15½	10	4	4	10	8	2.35
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SIMA, Albert

"Al"

Pitcher

(SEE'-ma)

Born in Mahwah, New Jersey, on October 7, 1922. Throws left and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 194 lbs. Blue eyes and black hair. Hungarian ancestry. Married and has two children, Mary Ann 3, and Al Jr. 1. Winter home: Mahwah, N. J.

Mrs. Al Sima must be the best-dressed wife in organized baseball. Husband Al promised her a new gown for every game he won for Chattanooga during the 1952 season, and that adds up to 24. In compiling a 24-9 record for the champion Lookouts, Sima led the Southern Association in just about every department except broken bats. Along with being the outstanding pitcher and the unanimous choice for the S.A. All-Star team, Al completed the most games, 22; won the most games, 24; had the best percentage, .727; worked

the most innings, 279; gave up the most hits, 310, and was second in facing the most batters, 1,126. After having the biggest year of his baseball career, Sima feels that he is now, more than ever, ready to take his place in the big time. This is his second chance with Washington. In 1950 he appeared in 17 games and finished the season with a 4-5 record. Al is an all-around athlete. While in high school he was on the All-State football team. He also played basketball and baseball. One of his main hobbies is bowling and maintains a 175.4 average. A few years back he was in the finals of the Diamond G'oves after winning the sectional Golden Gloves in the 175-lb. class. In one of the hardest working outfits in the last war, Al had 28 months service with the Sea-Bees in the Pacific. When he hangs up his glove at the end of the season, Al works as a warehouseman in his home town, Mahwah, N. J.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1942	Salisbury(D)	4	0	3	.000	24	29	-----	12	10	3	4.50
1942	Bristol(D)	12	6	6	.500	95	87	34	28	37	20	2.65
1943	Richm'd(B)	15	10	5	.667	115	99	39	34	71	39	2.66
1943	Jer'yC.(3A)	11	1	4	.200	46	50	24	24	11	22	4.70
1944-45—Jersey City In Military Service (Sea-Bees)												
1946	JerseyCity	8	1	3	.250	31	32	22	18	11	20	5.23
1946	Jack'ville(A)	18	3	6	.333	68	83	47	37	30	33	4.90
1947	Jack'ville	29	9	9	.500	184	218	96	76	58	72	3.72
1948	Jack'ville	30	14	11	.560	209	199	95	61	93	87	2.63
1949	JerseyCity	12	1	3	.250	38	50	31	26	17	26	6.16
1949	Minneap'is	20	2	2	.500	40	37	24	20	27	21	4.50
1950	Chatt'ga	19	8	5	.615	126	136	59	42	57	48	3.00
1950	Washington	17	4	5	.444	77	89	49	41	23	26	4.79
1951	Chatt'ga	19	5	12	.294	134	144	69	49	88	110	3.24
1952	Chatt'ga	40	24	9	.727	279	310	126	95	123	73	3.06
A.L. Totals—		17	4	5	.444	77	89	49	41	23	26	4.79

SLEATER, Louis, Jr.

"Lou"

Pitcher

(Slater)

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 8, 1927. Throws and bats left-handed. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 185 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married and has three children. Winter home: Baltimore, Md.

Stocky southpaw, Lou Sleater came to the Nats along with Fred Marsh in a deal that sent Cass Michaels to the St. Louis Browns last May 12. Lou appeared in 14 games for Washington before he was optioned to Chattanooga on July 29. While with the Nats, Lou won 4 and lost 2. His most notable effort was a 1-0, seven-hit shutout over the Philadelphia A's. Lou was born in St. Louis where his dad was a well-known soccer star. While he was still a youngster, the family moved to Baltimore where he attended Mt. St. Joseph's High School. After graduating from school, Lou attracted a lot of attention from the major league scouts with his fine pitching performances on the Baltimore sandlots. He attended the University of Maryland for two years

and is a veteran of two years in the Navy. During the winter months Lou works as a salesman in Baltimore.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946—Hartford(A)	1	0	0	.000	5	3	1	1	0	1	1.80	
1947—Raleigh(B)	1	0	0	.000	3	5	3	2	3	2	6.00	
1947—Davenport(B)	10	1	3	.250	28	32	21	---	21	19	-----	
1947—Ogdensburg(C)	9	4	1	.800	41	36	22	---	38	18	-----	
1948—Sioux Falls(C)	6	3	3	.500	49	39	27	21	41	28	3.86	
1948—Ogdensburg(C)	22	12	8	.600	171	157	88	64	164	105	3.37	
1949—Jackville(A)	36	14	13	.519	237	205	96	73	146	106	2.77	
1950—St. Louis	1	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	
1950—San An.(AA)	29	12	5	.706	147	129	50	46	89	104	2.82	
1951—St. Louis	20	1	9	.100	81	88	53	46	33	53	5.11	
1951—K. Cy.(AAA)	7	4	2	.667	54	50	30	27	28	27	4.50	
1952—St. L.—Wash.	18	4	3	.571	66	65	37	30	23	35	4.09	
1952—Chatta.(AA)	3	1	2	.333	20	23	7	6	11	8	2.70	
A.L. Totals—	39	5	12	.294	148	153	90	76	57	62	4.62	

STEWART, Veston Goff, Jr. "Bunky" Pitcher

Born in New Bern, N. C., on January 7, 1931. Throws and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 158 lbs. Brown hair and grey eyes. Single. Winter home: New Bern, N. C.

Bunky Stewart's debut into organized ball, was to say the least, a most impressive one. In 24 games, he posted a 1.16 earned run average in winning 15 while losing 2, for New Bern in the Coastal Plain League. The Nats' front office was so impressed with Stewart's initial efforts that they had the slim, young southpaw report to Orlando for spring training with the parent club. After watching Stewart working during the training period and the first several weeks of the campaign, Bucky Harris decided that the youngster needed a little more experience and he was optioned to Chattanooga. With the Lookouts, Stewart had a 6-9 record, working mostly in relief.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1951—New Bern(D)	24	15	2	.882	171	95	35	22	142	77	1.16	
1952—Washington	1	0	0	.000	1	2	2	2	1	1	18.00	
1952—Chatta.(AA)	26	6	9	.400	110	125	67	56	76	65	4.58	

STOBBS, Charles Klein "Chuck" Pitcher

Born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on July 2, 1929. Throws left, bats left. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 188 lbs. English ancestry. Single. Winter home: Norfolk, Va.

Chuck Stobbs, who came to the Nats in November, 1952, in a trade that sent Mike Fornieles to the White Sox, started his baseball career in really fine style. After graduating from Granby High in Norfolk, Chuck went right into organized ball playing for Lynn, Massachusetts, in the New England League. Appearing in 11 games, he won 9 and lost 2 and had the enviable earned run

average of 1.72. He joined the Red Sox at the end of the '47 season and stayed with them until he was traded to the White Sox in 1952. Chuck is an all-round athlete. While in High School he was All-State two years and All-Southern one year in football; All-State and All-Southern in basketball; and in baseball he was named Norfolk's outstanding player for two years and in 1946 was named to the Esquire All-American game and was also voted Virginia's Athlete of the Year. He attended the University of Virginia for one year. Chuck played American Legion ball during the '45-'46 seasons and was a member of the 1946 State championship team. His hobbies are golf and music and during the off season he works for peanuts, helping his dad who is a peanut distributor.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947—Lynn(B)		11	9	2	.818	94	64	28	18	78	56	1.72
1947—Boston		4	0	1	.000	9	10	6	6	5	10	6.00
1948—Boston		6	0	0	.000	7	9	5	5	4	7	6.43
1949—Boston		26	11	6	.647	152	145	72	68	70	75	4.03
1950—Boston		32	12	7	.632	169	158	104	96	78	88	5.11
1951—Boston		34	10	9	.526	170	180	100	90	75	74	4.76
1952—Chicago		38	7	12	.368	135	118	54	47	73	72	3.13
Major L. Totals—		140	40	35	.533	642	620	341	312	305	326	4.46

STONE, Darrah Dean "Dean" Pitcher

Born in Moline, Illinois, on September 1, 1930. Throws and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. 4 in. Weight: 205 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. English ancestry. Married and has one child, Mary Ann 2. Winter home: Silvis, Illinois.

Two no-hit, no-run games. Three shutouts. That is the very fine record chalked up by Dean Stone last season, his third in organized ball. So far the big, hard-throwing southpaw has given every indication that he belongs in the big time. He can pitch winning ball. In his three years he has won 31 games while losing 20. Moving up the ladder from "D" to "C" to "B" ball, Dean is trying to make the big jump into the majors. And if his 1952 season is any indication, he should do it. During the 1952 season he pitched two no-hit, no-run games. His first came against Gastonia during regular season play on May 28, the score 8-0. His second came in the fourth game of the league p'ayoffs on September 7 when he beat Anderson 5-0. Also included in his 17 wins for the season were three shutouts.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1950—Orlando(D)		24	6	7	.461	137	109	100	68	134	133	4.46
1951—Erie(C)		28	8	3	.727	145	117	80	66	152	158	4.10
1952—Chatta.(AA)		1	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1952—Charlotte(B)		30	17	10	.630	221	175	98	78	201	122	3.18

TAYLOR, Frederick Rankin "Fred" First Baseman

Born in Zanesville, Ohio, on December 3, 1926. Bats lefthanded and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 3 in. Weight: 204 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Dutch-English ancestry. Married and has one child, Janna Lee, born October 31, 1952. Winter home: Columbus, Ohio.

Fred Taylor is a 26-year-old first-baseman who starred in baseball at Ohio State University and came right off the campus to sign with the Nats. Fred was captain of the All-American baseball team in 1950 and was asked to come to Washington for a tryout. He was immediately signed and sent to Chattanooga where he played the remainder of the season, getting in 78 games and hitting .263. In 1951 he went back to the Lookouts, getting into 152 games and hitting .291. His 103 runs batted in put him among the seven players in the league who batted in as many as 100 markers. During the 1952 season he was optioned out to Toledo in the American Association. During the season when the Toledo franchise moved to Charleston, W. Va., Fred, of course, went with the team. He got away to a very slow start last year, but a late hitting surge brought his average up to .227. After graduating from Lash High School he went into the Air Corps and served a year and a half. When he received his discharge he enrolled at Ohio State where he starred in basketball and baseball until he graduated in 1950. During the fall and winter months he works as assistant basketball coach at Ohio State.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1950	—Chatta.(AA)	78	285	27	75	8	4	5	42	.263	646	58	9	.987
1950	—Washington	6	16	1	2	0	0	0	0	.125	27	3	1	.968
1951	—Chatta.	152	574	79	167	33	7	8	103	.291	1305	109	24	.983
1951	—Washington	6	12	1	2	1	0	0	0	.167	24	1	1	.962
1952	—Tol-Char'tn	103	357	27	81	13	3	5	45	.227	782	59	10	.988
1952	—Washington	10	19	3	5	1	0	0	4	.263	34	6	0	1000
A.L. Totals—		22	47	5	9	2	0	0	4	.191	85	10	2	.979

TERWILLIGER, Willard Wayne "Twig" Infielder

Born in Clare, Michigan, on June 27, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Grey eyes and brown hair. Dutch ancestry. Married, and has a daughter, Marcie Lee I. Winter home: Charlotte, Michigan.

A recent import from the National League, Wayne Terwilliger was obtained from the Brooklyn Dodgers by way of their St. Paul club. He came up to the majors with the Chicago Cubs in 1949, and although he has never hit for a big average in the majors, it looks like he is ready now. Used principally as a pinch-hitter for St. Paul, "Twig" hit .312. He served two and a half years in the tough spots as a corporal with the Marines at Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. After the service he attended Western Michigan College, where he was captain of the baseball team for two years. He graduated in 1950, but is studying now during the winter months for his Master's Degree.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948	—D.Moines(A)	18	46	10	9	2	0	0	4	.196	30	47	2	.975
1949	—L.Ang(AA)	115	432	80	119	28	2	8	46	.278	297	329	18	.972
1949	—Chicago(N)	36	112	11	25	2	1	2	10	.223	77	103	4	.978
1950	—Chicago	133	480	63	116	22	3	10	32	.242	314	380	24	.967
1951	—Chi.-Bklyn	87	242	37	55	7	0	0	14	.227	167	187	13	.965
1952	—St.Paul(AAA)	77	125	32	39	6	0	4	17	.312	45	56	7	.935
Major L. Tot.—		256	834	111	196	31	4	12	56	.235	558	670	41	.968

VARNER, Glen Gann**"Buck"****Outfielder**

Born in Hixon, Tennessee, on August 17, 1930. Bats left and throws right-handed. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 170 lbs. Winter home: Hixon, Tenn.

Tabbed as a fine future prospect for the outer garden at Griffith Stadium, "Buck" Varner will be given every opportunity during the spring training season to show his wares. After serving as a corporal in the Marine Corps for a year and a half, "Buck" returned to baseball in mid-season of the '52 campaign. Playing in the last 57 games of the season for Chattanooga, he hit .290. Half of his 38 hits were for extra bases. He was brought up at the end of the season and only played one full game but Bucky Harris saw him play just enough to warrant further consideration. During the winter months he still stays close to baseball, working for the Joe Engel Bat Co.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948	—Carrollton(D)	66	240	52	70	9	3	9	35	.292	140	4	5	.966
1949	—Orlando(D)	130	454	83	146	29	11	7	75	.322	257	24	7	.968
1950	—Chatta.(AA)	31	50	9	13	6	0	1	4	.260	34	0	1	.971
1951	—Chatta.	In Military Service (Marine Corps)												
1952	—Chatta.	57	131	20	38	10	5	4	26	.290	63	4	6	.918
1952	—Washington	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000

VERBLE, Gene Kermit**"Satch"****Infielder**

Born in Concord, North Carolina, on June 29, 1928. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 5 ft. 9 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Black hair and brown eyes. Dutch-German ancestry. Married and has two children, Casandra Jean and Gene, Jr. Winter home: Concord, N. C.

Playing in every game of the 154-game schedule, Satch Verble was one of the big reasons for the Chattanooga Lookouts winning the Southern Association flag last season. Known for his hustle, Gene's hard, heads-up playing made the big difference in quite a number of close games. Twice in the minors he was named on all-star teams: in 1945 with Kingsport in the Appalachian League and in 1950 with the Atlanta Crackers in the Southern. Before graduating from Hartsell High in 1946, Gene showed he could play just about any sport when he was named captain of the football squad, captain of the basketball team and captain of the baseball team. He received the Most Valuable Player award two years in a row for basketball. Gene was also an All-State star while playing American Legion ball. Gene's hobbies are golf and basketball and during the off season works as a groceryman in Concord.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1945	—Kingsp't(D)	108	431	86	132	21	6	1	53	.306	145	284	55	.886
1946	—Burl'gton(B)	137	504	61	124	18	6	3	45	.246	180	406	54	.916
1947	—Atlanta(AA)	10	26	6	4	1	0	0	2	.154	21	30	2	.962
1947	—Vicksb'g(B)	93	392	51	94	21	4	3	46	.240	139	275	31	.930
1948	—Atlanta(AA)	115	350	34	85	13	3	1	40	.243	196	293	27	.948
1949	—Atlanta	132	449	56	111	9	6	0	61	.247	229	434	47	.934
1950	—Atlanta	154	605	118	169	36	2	7	70	.279	306	423	33	.957
1951	—Washington	68	177	16	36	3	2	0	15	.203	101	124	5	.978
1952	—Chatta.(AA)	154	585	78	163	35	5	3	78	.279	280	510	36	.956
A.L. Totals—		68	177	16	36	3	2	0	15	.203	101	124	5	.978

VERNON, James Barton**"Mickey"****First Baseman**

Born in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1918. Throws and bats left-handed. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Irish-English ancestry. Married and has one child, Gay Anne, 8 months. Winter home: Swarthmore, Pa.

Except for a season and two months, Mickey Vernon has been a fixture at first base for Washington since the start of his major league career. In point of service with the Nats, Vernon and Walt Masterson are the two oldest men on the squad. Despite the fact that Mickey's average fell off a bit last season, he still tied for the team lead in runs batted in with 80. And again, for the second year in a row, Vernon led the league's first basemen in fielding with a .993 percentage. But a look at his fielding record since 1937 shows that he has always been a slick gloveman. After graduating from high school, Mickey attended Villanova and starred on the freshman baseball team in 1937. The following summer he decided to make baseball his career and broke into organized ball with Easton in the Eastern States League. He joined Washington half-way through the 1939 campaign. After spending a little more than two years in the Navy, Mickey returned to the Nats in 1946 and proceeded to take the league batting crown with a nifty .353. After the '52 campaign Vernon underwent a minor operation and has all the confidence in the world that he can again hit over the .300 mark consistently. His main hobbies are his home movies and of course his 8-month-old daughter, Gay Anne.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1937	—Easton(D)	83	300	51	86	24	6	10	64	.287	814	54	16	.982
1938	—Grnv(B)	132	524	84	172	31	12	1	72	.328	1159	74	24	.981
1939	—Spfld(A)	69	268	52	92	13	7	3	41	.343	601	31	6	.991
1939	—Wash.	76	276	23	71	15	4	1	30	.257	690	40	11	.985
1940	—J.C.(3A)	154	569	76	161	22	9	9	65	.283	1305	75	16	.989
1940	—Wash.	5	19	0	3	0	0	0	0	.158	41	2	0	1000
1941	—Wash.	138	531	73	159	27	11	9	93	.299	1186	80	10	.992
1942	—Wash.	151	621	76	168	34	6	9	86	.271	1360	95	26	.982
1943	—Wash.	145	553	89	148	29	8	7	70	.268	1351	75	14	.990
1944-45	—Washington	In Military Service (Navy)												
1946	—Wash.	148	587	88	207	51	8	8	85	.353	1320	101	15	.990
1947	—Wash.	154	600	77	159	29	12	7	85	.265	1299	105	19	.987
1948	—Wash.	150	558	78	135	27	7	3	48	.242	1297	113	15	.989
1949	—Cleve.	153	584	72	170	27	4	18	83	.291	1438	155	14	.991
1950	—Clv.Wsh.	118	417	55	117	17	3	9	75	.281	959	78	9	.991
1951	—Wash.	141	546	69	160	30	7	9	87	.293	1157	87	8	.994
1952	—Wash.	154	569	71	143	33	9	10	80	.251	1291	115	10	.993
Major L. Tot.		1533	5861	177	1640	319	79	90	831	.279	13389	1046	151	.989

WOOD, Kenneth Lanier**"Ken"****Outfielder**

Born in Lincolnton, North Carolina, on July 1, 1924. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. 1/2 in. Weight: 205 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. English ancestry. Married and has two children, Elizabeth and Ken, Jr. Winter home: Charlotte, N. C.

Possessed of one of the finest throwing arms in the game today, the long ball hitting fielder may well develop into one of the standout players in the American League. Wood was signed by the Browns in 1941, right under the noses of the Washington Nationals whose Charlotte farm club already had the home town boy ticketed for their organization. Although he has never hit for a big average his timely hits and extra base blasting accounted for numerous games in the win column for the Nats last year. Of his 52 hits, 20 of them were for extra bases, including 8 doubles, 6 triples and 6 home runs. He came to Washington during the '52 campaign in a trade that sent Archie Wilson to the Red Sox. Included in his outstanding performances is the game in which he threw out the tying and winning runs at home plate on successive plays against Cleveland in 1950. Zack Taylor, manager of the Browns in 1951, wanted to convert the hard-throwing outfielder into a pitcher, but Ken would have none of it. He is a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. During the winter months, Ken works either as a postman or shipping clerk in his home town of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941—Charlotte(B)		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1941—Springfield(B)		6	14	3	4	0	0	0	0	.286	3	0	0	1.000
1942—Hunt'gtn(D)		126	512	101	163	33	8	25	126	.318	170	32	7	.966
1943—Toledo(AAA)		2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1943—Elmira(A)		72	249	25	58	13	1	1	34	.233	98	3	11	.902
1943—Wilm'gt'n(B)		30	117	25	39	9	1	9	22	.333	49	5	3	.947
1944-45—Toledo(AAA)	In Military Service (U.S. Coast Guard)													
1946—Toledo		27	96	16	22	7	0	3	9	.229	44	4	0	1.000
1946—SanAnt.(AA)		76	253	75	116	12	1	9	44	.296	106	4	3	.978
1947—Elmira(A)		137	526	82	139	32	4	22	97	.264	274	19	15	.951
1948—St.Louis		10	24	2	2	0	1	0	0	.083	10	1	0	1.000
1948—SanAnt.(AA)		96	344	47	85	15	4	19	75	.247	157	23	4	.978
1949—St.Louis		7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1949—Balto.(AAA)		122	446	79	126	21	2	32	98	.283	224	28	4	.984
1950—St.Louis		128	369	42	83	24	0	13	62	.225	162	16	9	.952
1951—St.Louis		109	333	40	79	19	0	15	44	.237	179	7	8	.959
1952—Bost.-Wash.		76	230	26	52	8	6	6	32	.226	169	6	9	.951
MajorL.Tot.—		330	962	110	216	51	7	34	140	.224	520	30		

YOST, Edward Fred "Ed" Third Baseman

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 13, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. German-Irish ancestry. Single. Winter home: South Ozone Park, New York.

"Mr. Team." That's the unofficial nickname of Eddie Yost, the Nats' hustling third sacker. Eddie can also be called the "iron man" of the squad as he hasn't missed a game since early July 1949. On June 8, 1949 in a game at Cleveland, attempting to break up a double-play at second base, Eddie crashed into Ray Boone and severely twisted his ankle. This action put him on crutches for almost a month. Returning to his third base spot, on July 6, Yost hasn't missed a game since. Prior to every game or workout, Eddie has Doc Lentz tape his ankle with about 15 yards of felt and tape. Some doctors have

expressed amazement that Eddie is even walking, let alone playing the hard-driving game he does. And speaking of walking, he does plenty of that. It cost the White Sox pitchers \$575 to pitch to Yost last season. Manager Paul Richards imposed a \$25 fine every time one of his pitchers walked Washington's leadoff man. Says Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, "Every time I look up he's on base. I guess there ain't much you can do about him because he sets every manager crazy." In 1952, Yost led the league in walks with 129, he led the club in home runs with 12, he led the club in runs with 92 and batted in 49 runs as a leadoff man. He was also selected for the All-Star team despite his .196 average at the time. Ed also tied the major league record for third basemen in playing in 157 games in one season. After graduating from high school in 1943, Ed played semi-pro ball for Freeport, L. I., East Orange, N. J. and Bridgeport, Conn. It was during this time that Washington Scout Joe Cambria saw Eddie and signed him to a Washington contract. He is one of the very few players in the majors that came right off of the sandlots into the big leagues. After playing only three months during the 1944 season, Ed went into the Navy and served for a year and a half. Since 1944 Ed has been going to school during the winter months, graduating with his Bachelor's degree in 1950. This past January he received his Master's degree from New York University.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944—	Wash.	7	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	.143	9	6	2	.882
1945-46—	Washington	In Military Service (Navy)												
1946—	Wash.	8	25	2	2	1	0	0	1	.080	7	17	0	1000
1947—	Wash.	115	428	52	102	17	3	0	14	.238	125	198	14	.958
1948—	Wash.	145	555	74	138	32	11	2	50	.249	189	240	15	.966
1949—	Wash.	124	435	57	110	19	7	9	45	.253	158	232	19	.954
1950—	Wash.	155	573	114	169	26	2	11	58	.295	205	307	30	.945
1951—	Wash.	154	568	109	161	36	4	12	65	.283	209	234	21	.955
1952—	Wash.	157	587	92	137	32	3	12	49	.233	212	249	18	.962
A.L. Totals—		865	3185	503	821	163	30	46	282	.254	1114	1483	119	.956

ZEISZ, Francis Albert "Zeke"

Pitcher

(Zice, as in ice)

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., on November 13, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Dutch ancestry. Married and has a daughter, Debbie Ann. Winter home: Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dividing his time between Charlotte and Chattanooga last year, Zeke Zeisz compiled an 18-12 record. Starting the season with Charlotte, Zeke won 9 and lost 3. In his 9 wins, he pitched 4 shutouts and had the enviable earned run average of 1.78. This fine record earned a promotion in the middle of the season, so Zeke went over to the Lookouts, where he pitched .500 ball and wound up with a 9-9 record. An all-around athlete in high school, Zeke played basketball, baseball and was on the track team. He earned four letters in basketball alone. Zeisz broke into pro ball when he signed with Olean in the Pony League. In 1946 he did not play as he wanted to finish high school.

He returned to the diamond with Pulaski in 1947 and has been steadily climbing up the ladder since. Zeke's hobby is woodworking and during the off season works for the Richardson Boat Company in his home town.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1945—Olean(D)		15	1	6	.143	89	79	51	36	30	43	3.64
1946—			(Did not play)									
1947—Pulaski(D)		26	17	5	.773	186	201	109	81	135	88	3.92
1948—Geneva(C)		22	5	8	.385	98	100	70	47	56	60	4.32
1949—Camb'ge(D)		21	10	7	.588	140	93	54	37	118	85	2.38
1950—NiagaraF.(C)		41	14	10	.583	175	206	149	122	125	82	6.27
1951—NiagaraF.		27	14	9	.609	202	173	86	69	153	82	3.07
1952—Charlotte(B)		13	9	3	.750	106	76	27	21	84	27	1.78
1952—Chatta.(AA)		25	9	9	.500	142	161	71	60	62	42	3.80

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GRIFFITH STADIUM

SEATING CAPACITY 29,731

DISTANCE FROM HOME PLATE

Left Field Foul Line
405 feet

Center Field
426 feet

Right Field Foul Line
328 feet

ADMISSION PRICES

Lower Boxes—Infield	\$2.50	Lower Grandstand—Infield	\$1.75
Upper Boxes—Infield	\$2.50	Upper Grandstand—Infield	\$1.75
Lower Boxes—Right Field	\$2.00	Lower Grandstand—Infield	\$1.50
Lower Boxes—Left Field	\$2.00	Lower Grandstand—Left Field	\$1.50
Upper Boxes—Right Field	\$2.00	Upper Grandstand—Right Field	\$1.50
Upper Boxes—Left Field	\$2.00	Upper Grandstand—Left Field	\$1.50

All prices include tax

GAME STARTING TIMES

Day	2:30 P.M.	Doubleheader	1:30 P.M.
Sunday	2:30 P.M.	Night	8:30 P.M.
Twilight Doubleheader		6:00 P.M.	

Mail Orders for any Home Game will be accepted from April 1

Itinerary Returning To Washington

April	1	Lv. Orlando	ACL 276	12:55 A.M.
	1	Ar. Hazlehurst	Sou 26	12:25 P.M.
		Play at Hazlehurst April 1		
April	2	Lv. Hazlehurst	Sou 7	3:40 A.M.
	2	Ar. Savannah	ACL 58	7:20 A.M.
		Play at Savannah April 2		
April	3	Lv. Savannah	Sou 24	12:25 A.M.
	3	Ar. Columbia	Sou 24	4:25 A.M.
		(Bus to Greenwood, play there April 3)		
		(Bus back to Columbia, play there April 4)		
April	5	Lv. Columbia	Sou 24	4:30 A.M.
	5	Ar. Charlotte	Sou 24	7:55 A.M.
		Play at Charlotte April 5		
April	5	Lv. Charlotte	Sou 30	8:25 P.M.
	6	Ar. Winston Salem	Sou 15	3:00 A.M.
		Play at Winston Salem April 6		
April	6	Lv. Winston Salem	Sou 22	5:15 P.M.
	6	Ar. Lynchburg	Sou 34	9:09 P.M.
		Play at Lynchburg April 7		
April	7	Lv. Lynchburg	Sou 34	9:05 P.M.
	8	Ar. Washington	Sou 34	1:25 A.M.
April	10	Lv. Washington	PRR 35	10:15 P.M.
	11	Ar. Pittsburgh		7:35 A.M.
April	12	Lv. Pittsburgh	PRR 36	10:55 P.M.
	13	Ar. Washington		7:50 A.M.

Hotel List — Spring Training

Orlando	Headquarters, Orange Court
West Palm Beach	Pennsylvania
Tampa	Floridan
Bradenton	Dixie Grand
Miami	Venetian
St. Petersburg	Soreno
Clearwater	Fort Harrison
Sarasota	John Ringling
Hazlehurst, Ga.	Magnolia
Savannah, Ga.	DeSoto
Columbia, S. C.	Columbia
Charlotte, N. C.	Charlotte
Winston Salem, N. C.	Robert E. Lee
Lynchburg, Va.	Virginian
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Schenley

Nat's 1953 Spring Training Schedule

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Pitchers and Catchers—February 20

Rest of Squad—February 26

Date	Opponent	Place
Sat., March 7	Philadelphia A's	West Palm Beach
Sun., March 8	Philadelphia A's	West Palm Beach
Mon., March 9	Off Day.	
Tues., March 10	Cincinnati	Tampa
Wed., March 11	New York Yankees	Orlando
Thurs., March 12	Boston Braves	Bradenton
Fri., March 13	Philadelphia Phillies	Orlando
Sat., March 14	Philadelphia A's	Orlando
Sun., March 15	Philadelphia A's	Orlando
Mon., March 16	Detroit	Lakeland
Tues., March 17	Brooklyn	Orlando
Wed., March 18	Brooklyn	Vero Beach
Thurs., March 19	Brooklyn (Night)	Miami
Fri., March 20	Off Day.	
Sat., March 21	Philadelphia A's	Orlando
Sun., March 22	Philadelphia A's	Orlando
Mon., March 23	New York Yankees	St. Petersburg
Tues., March 24	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater
Wed., March 25	Boston Red Sox	Sarasota
Thurs., March 26	Boston Red Sox	Orlando
Fri., March 27	St. Louis Cards	Orlando
Sat., March 28	Off Day.	
Sun., March 29	Boston Braves	Orlando
Mon., March 30	Off Day.	
Tues., March 31	Cincinnati	Orlando
Wed., April 1	Cincinnati	Hazlehurst, Ga.
Thurs., April 2	Cincinnati	Savannah, Ga.
Fri., April 3	Cincinnati	Greenwood, S. C.
Sat., April 4	Cincinnati	Columbia, S. C.
Sun., April 5	Cincinnati	Charlotte, N. C.
Mon., April 6	Cincinnati	Winston Salem, N. C.
Tues., April 7	Cincinnati	Lynchburg, Va.
Wed., April 8	Brooklyn (Night 8:30)	Washington, D. C.
Thurs., April 9	Brooklyn (Night 8:30)	Washington, D. C.
Fri., April 10	Phila. Phillies (Day 2:30)	Washington, D. C.
Sat., April 11	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sun., April 12	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.

Opening Day—

Mon., April 13 New York Yankees Griffith Stadium

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New York at Wash. April 13	Wash. at St. Louis June 2, 3, 4	Detroit at Wash. July 28, 29, 30
Wash. at Boston April 14, 15	Wash. at Chicago June 5, 6, 7, 7	Chicago at Wash. July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
New York at Wash. April 16, 17	Wash. at Cleveland June 9, 10, 11	Cleveland at Wash. Aug. 4, 5, 6
Boston at Wash. April 18, 19, 20	Wash. at Detroit June 12, 13, 14	St. Louis at Wash. Aug. 7, 8, 9, 9
Philadelphia at Wash. April 21, 22, 23	Chicago at Wash. June 16, 17, 18	New York at Wash. Aug. 11, 12, 13
Wash. at New York April 24, 25, 26	Cleveland at Wash. June 19, 20, 21, 22	Wash. at Boston Aug. 14, 15, 16, 16
Wash. at Chicago April 28, 29	St. Louis at Wash. June 23, 24, 25	Wash. at New York Aug. 18, 19, 20
Wash. at St. Louis April 30, May 1, 2	Detroit at Wash. June 26, 27, 28	Boston at Wash. Aug. 21, 22, 23
Wash. at Cleveland May 3, 3	Wash. at Philadelphia June 30, July 1, 2	Wash. at Cleveland Aug. 25, 26
Wash. at Detroit May 5, 6	Wash. at Boston July 3, 4, 4	Wash. at Detroit Aug. 27, 28, 29
Wash. at Philadelphia May 8, 9, 10, 10	New York at Wash. July 5	Wash. at St. Louis Aug. 30, 30, 31
Detroit at Wash. May 12, 13	Boston at Wash. July 6, 7	Wash. at Chicago Sept. 2, 3,
St. Louis at Wash. May 14, 15, 16	Philadelphia at Wash. July 8, 9	New York at Wash. Sept. 5, 6
Chicago at Wash. May 17, 18	Wash. at New York July 10, 11, 12	Wash. at Philadelphia Sept. 7, 7
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