

# Campy Looks for Fountain of Youth in Texas

By RANDY GALLOWAY

ARLINGTON—Bert Campaneris played for 13 major league years with the A's, first at Kansas City, then at Oakland. They were distinctive years. He was an All-Star five times, led the league in stolen bases six times, excelled on three world championship teams, never took a punch at a teammate, never received a punch from a teammate and the owner still likes him.

At age 35, what more can Dagoberto Blanco Campaneris, native son of Cuba, hope to accomplish in baseball?

"I don't see what age has to do with it," said Campaneris, shrugging.

The Rangers hope he's right. At a time in life when most shortstops are looking around for something else to do, Campaneris is starting a new career in Texas. And he's starting it with a five-year contract that will reward him at the rate of just over \$200,000 for each and every year of that pact.

"Campy got gypped," said Charlie Finley last December at the winter baseball meetings in Los Angeles. Finley had called a press conference to denounce Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, but in the process he also was raving about those free-agent fugitives who jumped his team after last season.

**THE LIKES OF** Joe Rudi, Sal Bando, Rollie Fingers, et al, all becoming rich young men pains Charlie considerably. But not Campaneris. Finley wouldn't meet his shortstop's price, but he claims the Rangers got a bargain in doing so, a bargain by comparison with what his other ex-players received.

"He's worth every penny of that," stated Finley. "Campy was the sparkplug of the A's and, overall, was the most valuable player I ever had."

Actually, the Ranger management never really thought twice about giving Campaneris that 5-year, million dollar-plus contract, age factor or not. A shortstop was needed, Campaneris was easily the best available and his statistics from last season hardly indicated that he was losing any of his good stuff.

"I think I know what I can do and how long I can do it," said Campaneris. "No, I don't plan on playing shortstop for five more years, I plan on playing it for seven, eight more years. Who knows, maybe more than that?"

"People talk about my age and, well, I don't listen. Like I said, I don't see what age has to do with it. It's performance that counts. That's the only factor. I stole 54 bases last year. I'll steal that many this year, maybe more. An old player can't do that."

"I STILL THINK I have the same speed that I had five or six years ago. My legs are in good shape. I keep them in good shape. I take care of myself. I sleep good, eat good and do a lot of exercises."

When Campaneris checked into his first spring training camp as a Ranger in early March, he was quoted in several newspaper stories as saying his listed age of 35 was not correct. He said he was only 32 and the reason for the mistake was that the records had been changed after he came to the United States from Cuba. But later he said he didn't want to discuss his age anymore.

But no matter what it is, he'll be busy with the Rangers. Manager Frank Lucchesi has a lot of chores he hopes the veteran can perform.

First of all, Campaneris will be the leadoff man in the

batting order after hitting second for the past several years with the A's. "I like that," said Campaneris. "That's why I think I'll steal more bases this year than last year. Hitting second, you've got to give yourself up to advance the runner. But leading off, your one and only job is getting on base, then getting into scoring position."

Lucchesi has vowed to have the Rangers running the base paths this season and, of course, the man to lead that go-go style is Campaneris. And not just by example.

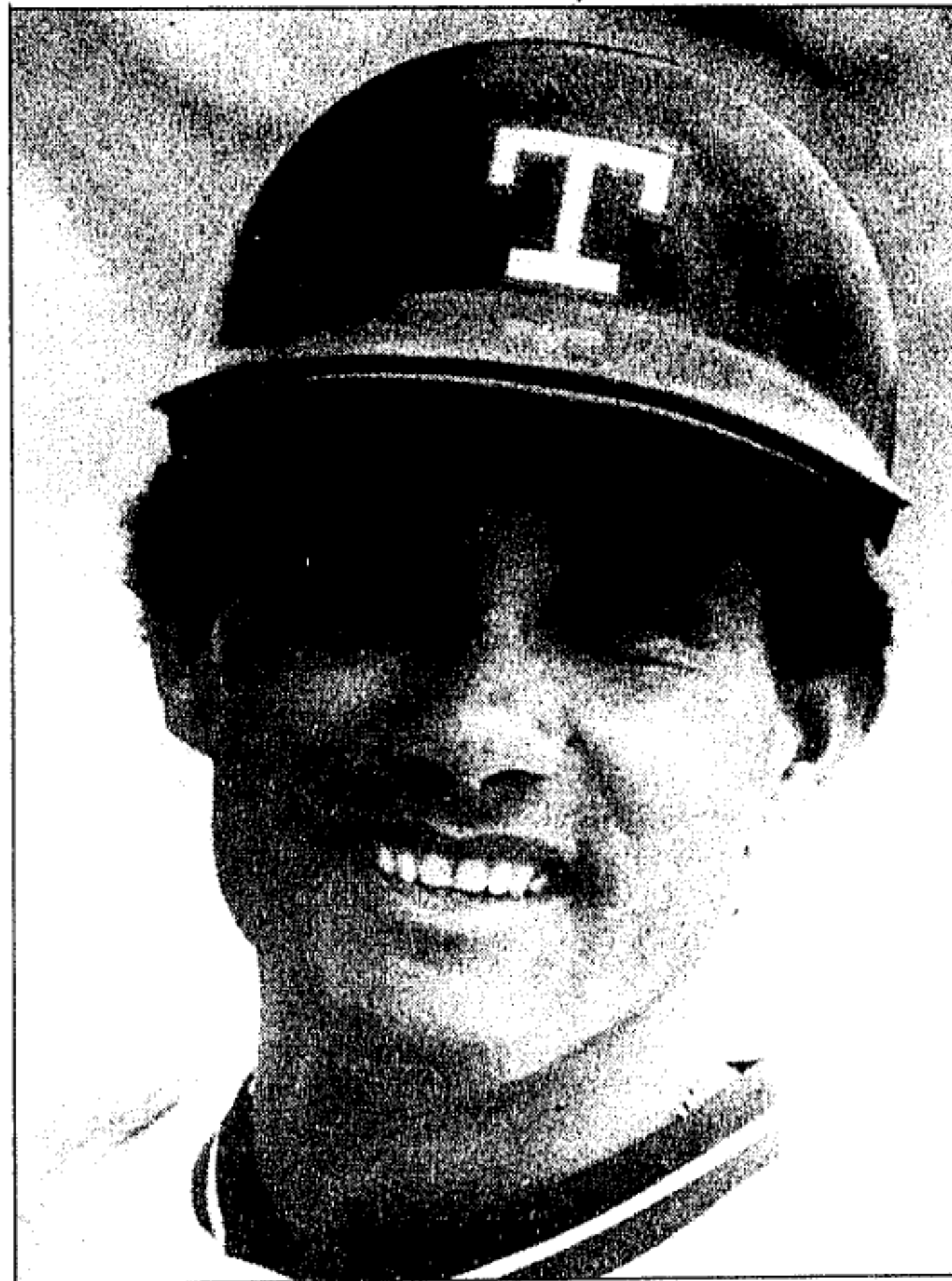
"STARTING IN SPRING training, I asked Bert to work with our players on the finer points of base stealing," said Lucchesi. "But I want his special pupil to be Juan Beniquez. With Juan's speed, there's no reason he can't steal between 30 and 40 bases a year. I think Campy can help him."

And on defense, Lucchesi sees Campaneris being more than just a steady fielding shortstop.

"We've got Toby (Harrah) playing third for the first year and we've got a rookie (Bump Wills) at second base," continued the manager. "Now what better way to break in than playing alongside someone like Bert? He knows every trick of the trade. I told him that any time he sees anything he thinks needs correcting to please point it out."

All this extra duty apparently pleases Campaneris.

"I believe that any time a young player, or any player, asks for help, then you should go out of your way to do it," he said. "When I was young and coming up, it wasn't that way. I had some people who helped me, of course, but mostly I learned on my own. I was always looking and watching



Bert Campaneris . . . 'Worth Every Penny'

and concentrating. That's still the best way to learn. But if I can point something out to somebody, I'm glad to do it."

**ACTUALLY, THE MERE** presence of Campaneris on the team eased one of Lucchesi's headaches. In past years, Harrah always had rejected any attempt to move him from shortstop to third base. And when the suggestion came up late last season, he still wasn't entirely convinced. Mainly he was waiting to see who the club would move in at shortstop.

Once Campaneris was signed as a free agent, Harrah immediately approved the change. "Bert is the right man for the job and we're a better team with me at third," said Harrah.

One factor in Campy's Oakland-to-Texas transition that might prove interesting is the weather. From the chilly, sometimes frigid Oakland Coliseum where he played for nine years, Campaneris moves to the oven at Arlington Stadium, where the summertime heat is overwhelming at times.

"What I plan to do is give Campy plenty of rest during the hot months of the season," said Lucchesi. "Maybe rest him once a week. At the end of year, if he's played in 135 or 140 games for us, I'd be delighted."

But Campaneris sees the Texas heat as a bonus for him, not a detriment.

"I've always said I'd much rather play in hot weather and the hotter the better," he said. "I don't care how much you play in cold weather, you never can get totally loose. You're always a little stiff. The cold weather made me feel stronger, but never loose."

"I'M GOING INTO the season prepared to play every game, if that's what the manager wants. If I don't get hurt, I think I can do it. I like to play. I'm getting paid well to play."

Getting paid well is why Campaneris ended up in Texas. "The money offer was very good," he said, "but I'd been thinking about playing in Texas a long time before we started talking about a contract. I had seen in the newspaper that Toby was going to move to third and that they were looking for a shortstop. I liked the idea of playing in Texas because it's close to my home in Kansas City."

"When we started the negotiations after last season, the big thing was the length of the contract. I wanted the five years. It meant more to me than the amount of money. I wanted the security. I told Mr. Finley the year before that I wanted a five-year contract. He said he couldn't give it to me. So I said I was leaving. If Mr. Finley had given me the contract, I'd still be in Oakland. I never had any trouble with him and I liked it there."

The Rangers aren't the A's of the world championship mold by any means, but Campaneris believes he's with a contending team.

"THAT ALSO WAS a factor in signing with Texas," he said. "I think this team can be a winner. A lot depends on how much we hit. We don't have a lot of power, but we have good hitters. We've got to get some runs because the pitching looks real good and I think the infield defense is going to be improved as much as everyone hopes it will. Toby can play third. He'll be good there. You can't rush Bump at second base because he's a rookie. But he can play. It'll just take a little time to get adjusted."

Playing on a winner this season would complete the success cycle for Campaneris that started last November. Certainly he got everything else he asked for.

# Randle Frustration Explodes in Fistic Fury

By RANDY GALLOWAY

ARLINGTON—Lenny Randle—why'd he do it?

The tendency in some quarters has been to write off Randle as some kind of nut for his actions in Orlando, Fla., in late March.

And while the physical beating he gave Ranger Manager Frank Lucchesi in front of the visitors' dugout at Tinker Field certainly had insane characteristics, it also was totally out of character for Randle.

Those who know him best—players, writers and team officials—found it almost impossible to believe that the 28-year-old Randle could have carried his discontentment to such extremes.

Randle is one of the team's most popular players, both with teammates and others. He is one of the most articulate players with newsmen, and off the field his personality always has been low key and friendly.

**SO WHY? WELL,** first it is necessary to review the history behind an act of physical violence that is

unprecedented in modern baseball.

A No. 1 draft choice of the Washington Senators in 1970 when he was an All-America shortstop at Arizona State, Randle made the major leagues to stay in 1974 after the team had moved to Texas. But while he was enjoying a banner year that season under Billy Martin, hitting .302, it also started a pattern that would lead to problems in the spring of 1977.

Randle was a starter for the next three years, but he never was assigned a permanent position. First, it was at third base, then second base, then back to third, then in left field, then the other two outfield positions. Once, in 1975, he even caught a game against the Angels when regular catcher Jim Sundberg and reserve Bill Fahey were injured.

Despite his versatility, he never developed defensive skills because of all the shuffling. His best position in that regard was left field, where he played well for the first two months of last season. But then came the Bert Blyleven deal

in early June with Minnesota. Second baseman Roy Smalley was a part of the outgoing package and that forced Randle to return to second base, where he has obvious glove deficiencies.

**BY AUGUST** of last season, there was considerable talk among Ranger management about bringing up minor league sensation Bump Wills to play second. But despite a strong push by Owner Brad Corbett, the front office nixed the move on the theory that Wills couldn't change the course of the season and that if he stayed in the minors, he wouldn't have to be protected in the expansion draft.

But it became obvious that Wills would be the club's second baseman in 1977 and over the winter that theory was written as fact in local newspapers. Club officials from Corbett to Lucchesi readily agreed.

Meanwhile, Randle was playing winter baseball in Venezuela, working at second base. When he arrived a day early for spring training, he walked into the clubhouse area at Municipal Park in

Pompano Beach and immediately asked for a conference with Lucchesi.

Randle wanted to be traded.

"It's obvious I don't figure into their plans as a starter any more," he told reporters. "I've always said yes, yes, yes to this organization. Whatever they wanted, I did. Now they are saying no to me. They want me to disappear. I am the Phantom Ranger I guess. I will not be a reserve. If I wanted to be a reserve, I'd have joined the National Guard. I also will not caddy for a rookie at second base. They want me to hang around and see how he works out. I will not do that, either. Too bad I'm not Jackie Robinson's nephew, maybe I'd get more respect around here."

Bump Wills, of course, is the son of Maury.

**HOWEVER,** management had not been insensitive to the role Randle has played for the team over the years. In the spring of 1976, Corbett gave him a two-year contract at \$80,000 a year. And, in

1976, he hit a mere .226, certainly not an \$80,000-a-year average.

When spring training opened, Wills was a week late in reporting and Randle made a point of asserting himself at second base, putting in extra practice time on a daily basis. Lucchesi constantly called Randle "the hardest worker we have in camp." The manager also said Wills would not be "given" the job. "It's a tossup now between the two," said Lucchesi.

But when the exhibition season started, Wills played in twice as many games as Randle. Lucchesi explained that by saying, "I know what Randle can do, but I have to find out what Wills can do."

Finally, Lucchesi said Wills had won the job. On Thursday, March 24, before a game in Pompano against Kansas City, Randle went into the clubhouse and packed up his belongings in two large duffel bags. He said he was jumping the team to try to force them to trade him.

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# Speedy Cousins Robbing A. L. Pitchers Blind

## Campaneris Thrills Kaycee Fans With Exploits as Bandit

By JOE MCGUFF

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Campy Campaneris leads a rather lonely life. A native of Cuba, he speaks little English. He lives by himself in an apartment about a mile and a half from Municipal Stadium. By his own admission, he has no girl friends.

Baseball is Campaneris' whole life and he is playing the game with such spirit and devotion that he is emerging as the most exciting young player in the history of the Kansas City franchise.

Campaneris has a strong arm and is an effective line-drive hitter, but what captivates the fans is his ability to steal, or as Campy puts it, to "robo de bases."

Through games of July 19, Campaneris had been able to "robo de bases" 31 times and was leading the American League. He was 19 ahead of Baltimore's Luis Aparicio, the perennial leader, and three ahead of the Angels' Jose Cardenal, who is his second cousin.

Aparicio has led the league for nine straight years, but the odds are heavily against him making it ten.

Campaneris has been getting better as the season goes along, which is of little consolation to Aparicio, who is experiencing an off season at the plate as well as in the theft department.

Campaneris stole only one base in April. He stole 11 in May and pushed his total to 14 in June.

### Campy Going Strong

He has already stolen more bases than Aparicio did in his entire first season in the majors and is ahead of Maury Wills' first-year pace. Aparicio stole 21 in his rookie season. Wills stole 50 the first full season he played with the Dodgers.

Many of Campaneris' teammates rate him the fastest runner in the league from home to first and from first to third. He still has much to learn about the techniques of stealing, but his speed and his unusual daring have made him the despair of opposing pitchers and catchers.

Gabby Hartnett, the A's first base coach, contends that Campy's willingness to gamble is almost as big a factor in his success as his speed. "He's got guts," Hartnett said. "He's willing to take a chance. You don't see that too often in young players. He's got the best pair of wheels I've ever seen. I saw a lot of great base stealers, including Max Carey, but I wouldn't rate any of them ahead of this kid."

"Carey didn't get the lead that Campy does. He could read the pitchers better, but Campy will learn that in time."

Luke Appling, the A's third base coach, points out that Campaneris has exceptional baseball instinct.

### He's Quick and Daring

"He has a lot of baseball instinct all over," Appling said. "If all the runners that come around third base had Campy's instincts, my job would be easy. He has all the tools. He's quick, he's daring and he has good speed. At this stage of his career, he's as good a base stealer as anyone I've ever seen."

"You have to remember this, too: On a winning club, he would have had more opportunity to steal than he has with us. We haven't been out front in many games and we've been behind a lot by a couple of runs and that holds Campy back."

Whitey Herzog, another of the A's coaches, was in the league when Aparicio broke in. He rates Campaneris a faster runner, but says Aparicio was more polished and was able to get a bigger lead at a comparable stage of their careers.

Even with the A's past the half-way point in their schedule, it appears Campaneris has an excellent chance to steal more than 50 bases. Manager Haywood Sullivan, who was Campaneris' manager last year at

### Campy Failed Eight Times In First 34 Tries to Steal

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Campy Campaneris was thrown out eight times in his first 34 attempts to steal this season. Catcher Jose Azcue of the Indians has thrown him out twice, but Campaneris has stolen five times against Azcue.

Campaneris also has stolen five times against Bob Rodgers of the Angels.

To date, all of Campaneris' stolen bases except one have been of second base. He has stolen third once and has not attempted to steal home.

## Cardenal, the Flying Angel, Gets Green Light on Bases

By ROSS NEWHAN

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

There is a "running" joke in the Angels' clubhouse each time the team steals a base.

One player will ask another: "How many bases have we stolen now?"

And the other will answer: "Fifty."

Which draws the reply: "Wow, we're only five behind Maury Wills."

The catalyst in this modest but significant addition of speed to the Angels' attack is, of course, Jose Domerc Cardenal, whose interest in the American League stolen-base title is purely "relative."

The only threat to Cardenal's bid is not the nine-time king, Luis Aparicio, but rather Jose's second cousin, Campy Campaneris of the Athletics.

As of this writing, Cardenal was running two behind Campaneris, but was not ready to cry uncle yet.

"I never race him, but I think he is a little faster," said Cardenal, whose English bears the flavor of a broken Calypso record.

Campaneris was born on March 9, 1942, at Pueblo Nuevo, Cuba, while Cardenal was born, October 7, 1943, in Matanzas.

"We grew up a few blocks apart," revealed Cardenal, "and we play ball all the time together. We never race, just play baseball. I once finish second in 100-yard dash, but I don't know what time it was."

"We play semi-pro together, but scouts don't look at us. They want the 6-3, 200-pounder and, baby, they don't give the bonus to the little guy."

### Jose Got \$200 Bonus

When he was 17, Cardenal indeed received a small bonus of \$200 from the Giants.

"I buy one suit, one suitcase, one pair of shoes and one glove and that was the bonus," said Cardenal, who never wore cleats until he arrived at the Giants' training camp. "I run in my street shoes or bare feet," revealed Jose, "and I try to do that with the Giants, but they make me wear the spikes. I no run so good the first year."

Cardenal is evidently running better now and he reports the cousins are feudin' only on the field.

Proof of their friendship was revealed when Cardenal almost selected Campaneris to a starting position on the All-Star team until a teammate convinced him that statistics run deeper than family ties.

While successful on 25 of 35 attempts, Cardenal has made good on only two of five bids against the A's. Provoked when his cousin pirated away the stolen-base lead on June 16, Cardenal attempted a questionable theft and was not only thrown out by Rene Lachemann, but injured an ankle. For the ensuing 16 games, he slipped into virtual anonymity. He failed to steal or even attempt to steal and he went 4-for-38 at the plate.

### Angels Feared the Worst

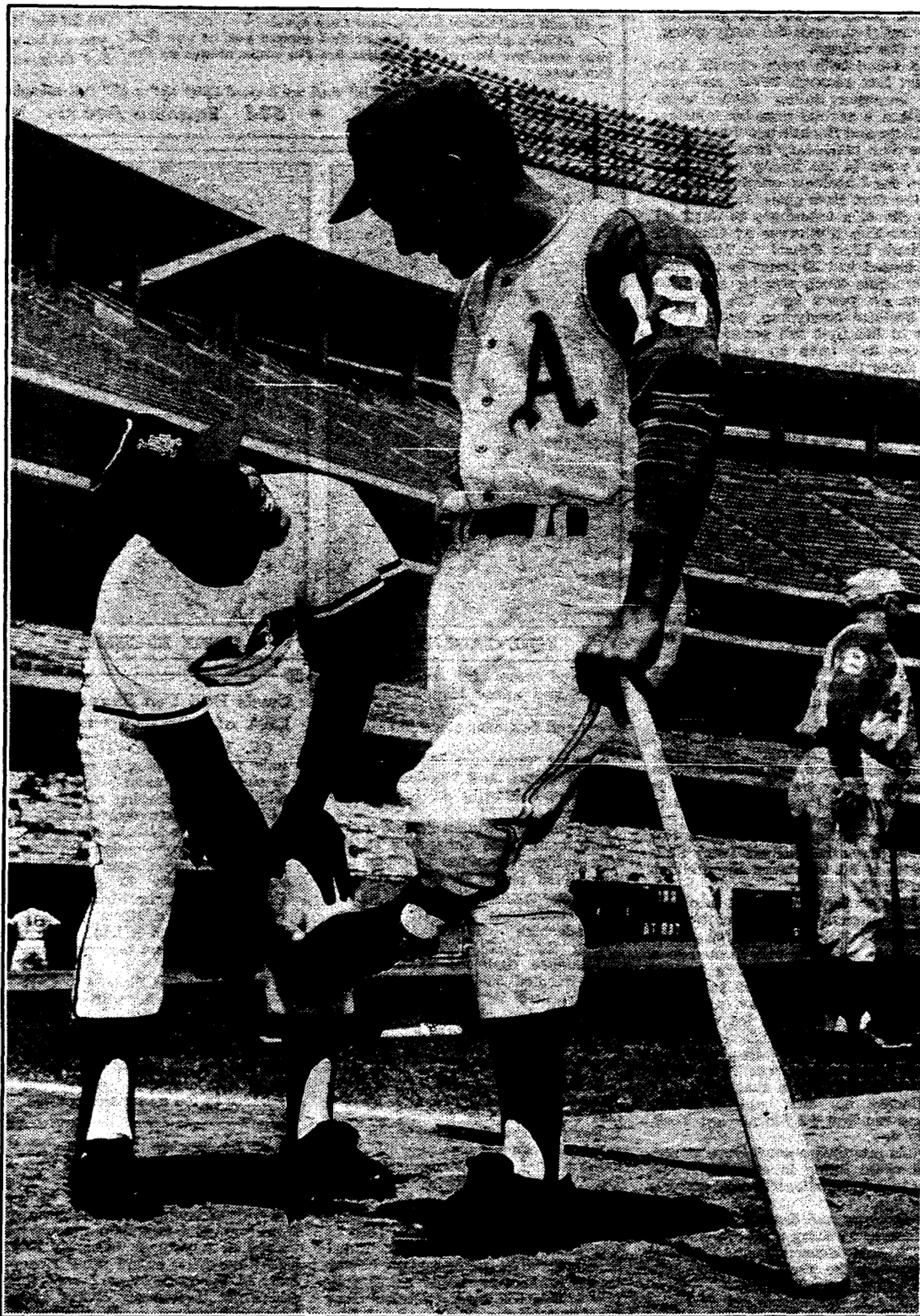
It was, the Angels feared, the beginning of what their scouting reports had indicated regarding Cardenal's complex personality when Jack Hiatt was traded to the Giants last winter.

During a four-year tenure in San Francisco's minor league system, Cardenal developed a moody, temperamental reputation. He was, according to the Giants, given to periods of depression when fights with the manager replaced the noise of his bat.

"That's true," said Jose. "I do have a Latin temperament, especially when I go 0-for-4. Everybody who goes 0-for-4 has a Latin temperament."

It is, of course, not that easily explained.

"We call Jose by the name of



"WHAT WHEELS," exclaims Jose Cardenal, derpinning of Bert Campaneris, A's speedster, Angel base burglar, as he examines the un- Both eye Luis Aparicio's base-theft crown.

Birmingham (Southern), is among those who believe Campy can top the 50 mark.

"I think Campy can get 50 or more, although it depends on how well he hits the rest of the way," Sullivan said. "As you know, he

doesn't go up there looking for walks.

"If his batting average goes down, his opportunities will be decreased an awful lot."

"It depends, too, on whether we can keep Wayne Causey hitting be-

hind Campaneris all season. Causey is one of those individuals who is willing to sacrifice himself to give

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# Senor's Vaseline Rap Fails To Ruffle Wyatt's Dignity

By JOE MCGUFF

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

When the American League schedule was completed, the White Sox found they had drawn the Athletics for their final three games of the season. It seemed like a break for the Sox at the time, but now it appears the series could be much more perilous than anyone expected should the White Sox still be battling for the pennant at that point.

The rivalry between the Sox and the Athletics has taken a turbulent turn in recent weeks with the A's winning five of the last six games in the series and Manager Al Lopez hurling spitball charges at John Wyatt, the A's reliever. The Sox had won 15 straight games from the A's before the streak was broken in mid-May.

A's Owner Charles Finley has said many times he would rather beat the White Sox than any club in the league. His sentiments are shared by Jim Landis, who came to the A's from the White Sox in a winter trade. Landis was involved in a bitter dispute with the Sox management last season and time has done nothing to heal the wounds.

The A's also acquired Fred Talbot and Mike Hershberger from the Sox along with Landis. These two left the Sox under different circumstances, but like most traded players, they like to do well against the club that disposed of them.

Lopez' charges against Wyatt have added a new dimension to the rivalry. Lopez made his accusations on the A's recent visit to Chicago. He says he intends to keep complaining until the umpires do something about Wyatt.

## "Puerto Rican Forkball"

Lopez says Wyatt is actually throwing a Vaseline pitch, which acts much the same as a spitter. Wyatt says the pitch is his Puerto Rican forkball.

"Wyatt has Vaseline in his hair, on his uniform—just all over," Lopez said.

"He's pretty cute about it. I don't blame Wyatt for throwing the Vaseline pitch as long as the umpires let him get away with it. But that doesn't mean I'm going to sit by and not say anything about it.

"The umpires as much as admit he's throwing it. I see where Larry Knapp was quoted as saying they don't know where Wyatt is getting it. What difference does it make how he's doing it? If they know he's throwing it, they should call it.

"The last time they called anyone for throwing a spitter was in the mid-'40s when Cal Hubbard called it on Nelson Potter.

"They should either legalize the pitch or enforce the rule."

Wyatt was inclined to look on Lopez' complaints as nothing more than sour grapes.

"He didn't complain when I lost the first game of that double-header," Wyatt said. "The Pez (Wyatt's name for Lopez) has always got excuses when he loses. He never complains when he wins."

## More Rhubarbs Ahead

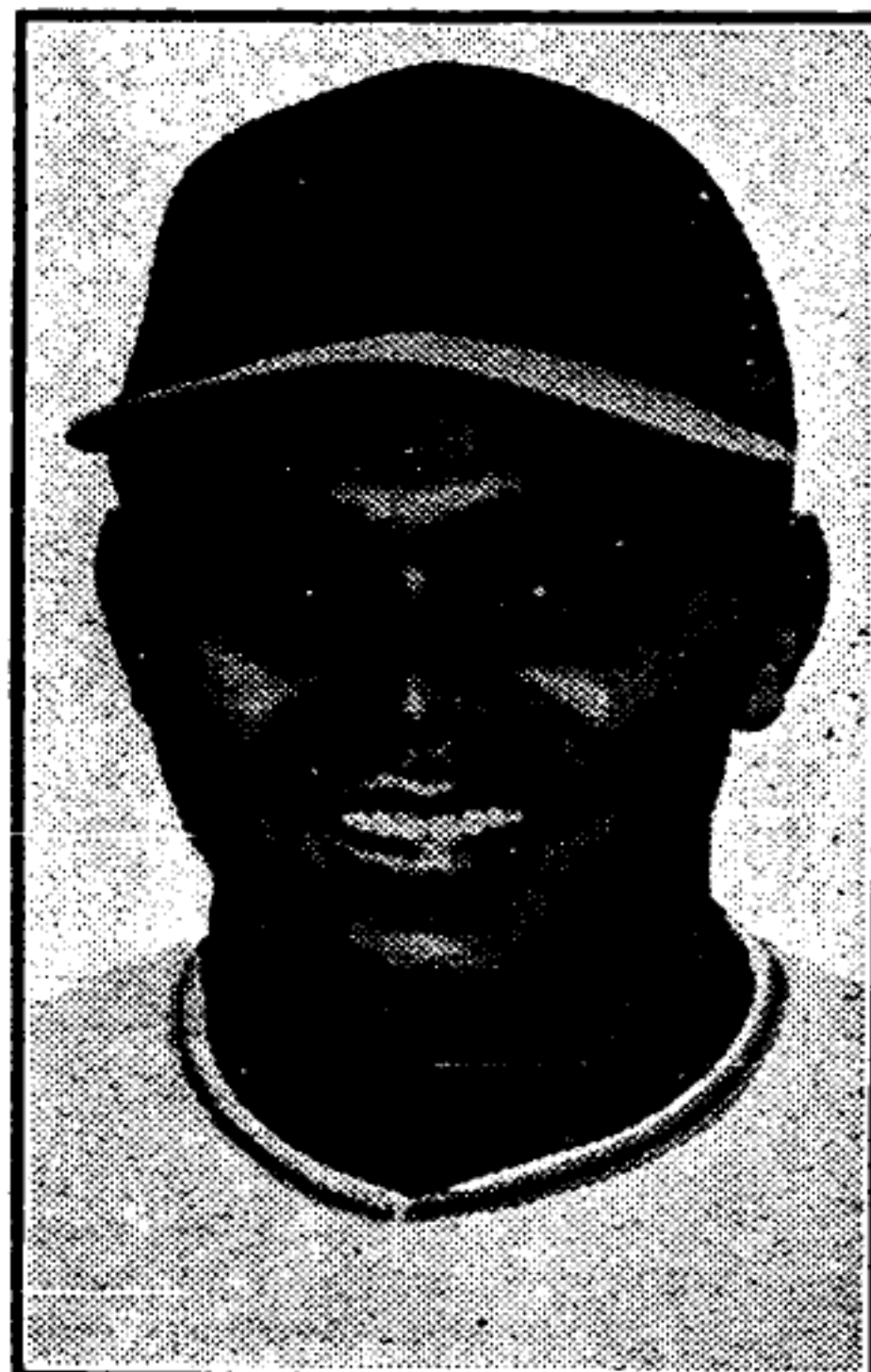
That's where the matter stands at present, but it seems likely there will be more charges and counter charges when the rivals play four games in Kansas City in mid-August.

Wyatt was accused of throwing a spitter or some sort of a trick pitch several times last season. The charges died down early this season because Wyatt was not as effective as he had been. Of late, he has been doing a fine job in late relief.

Until Lopez' outburst, the only one who had commented about Wyatt's "forkball" was Hank Bauer, manager of the Orioles. Bauer's observations were in a semi-friendly vein.

"I think Wyatt is throwing that forkball of his too much for his own good," Bauer commented on the Orioles' last trip to Kansas City. "He has good enough stuff. He doesn't have to pitch like that. If he'd just save it for the times when he really needs it, he'd be better off."

Whatever methods Wyatt may be using, he is currently one of the most effective relief pitchers in the



John Wyatt

league in a year when several of the top relief men are floundering.

As of June 22, Wyatt himself was struggling. He had a 3.58 earned-run average, a 1-1 won-lost record and had recorded only two saves.

In his next 13 appearances, Wyatt gave up only seven hits in 18 innings, allowed one run, walked 11 and struck out 11. Over that period, he picked up four saves and reduced his ERA to 2.36.

## Blames Poor Early Start

Wyatt believes much of his early-season trouble was due to inactivity. He was used sparingly in spring training and pitched only 15 innings through the first 40 days of the season. The situation was complicated by the fact the A's started slowly and did not have many late-inning leads for Wyatt to attempt to defend.

Wyatt is now established as one of the senior relief pitchers in the league. He joined the A's in the closing stages of the 1961 season and became a permanent member of the bullpen crew midway of the 1962 season. Last year, Wyatt set a major league record by appearing in 81 games.

**Athletics Addenda:** Don Mossi is doing an outstanding job in relief for the A's. The veteran lefthander had a 5-2 record through his first 21 appearances, had a 2.81 ERA and had not given up a home run. . . . Jim Landis, John Blanchard and several other of the A's were stricken by virus ailments on the current trip. . . . Campy Campaneris, who had defensive problems at shortstop early in the season, has been much improved in recent weeks. . . . Ed Charles was out of the lineup a week with a sprained ankle. He suffered the injury just before the All-Star break and it did not heal as rapidly as expected. . . . Charlie-O., the A's mule mascot, made a belted appearance in the Twin Cities, July 17. He was rained out on his first trip to the Twin Cities. . . . Through games of July 20, Ken Harrelson was leading the Athletics in hitting with a .276 average. . . . Campaneris stole his 31st base on July 19. He is six short of Dick Howser's club record. This is the only important club record that appears to be in danger of falling this season.

## A's Made Pitch for Spahn; 'Thought We Had Chance'

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Athletics made a bid to acquire Warren Spahn following his release from the Mets, but lost out to the Giants.

"We talked with him and thought we had a good chance to get him," Manager Haywood Sullivan said. "We need lefthanders and I think he could have helped us as a relief pitcher and a spot starter. He would have been a good gate attraction, too.

"Spahn called us just before he signed with the Giants. He said he appreciated our offer, but he told us the Giants had offered him a job and he preferred to stay in the National League.

"I realize it was better for him to go with a contending club. I think he kind of wanted to stay in the National League, too, as a matter of pride. I think he wants to prove to a couple of people that he can still pitch."

## Chisox Off Key As Gary Peters Misses Rhythm

By JEROME HOLTZMAN

CHICAGO, Ill.

The White Sox, who would like to waltz to the American League pennant, might not be able to do it unless southpaw pitcher Gary Peters can regain his rhythm.

A 20-game winner last year and a 19-game winner the season before, Peters has been having all kinds of difficulties thus far this season and was carrying a mediocre 5-8 won-and-lost record on July 20, when the Hose departed on a three-city trip.

"It's his rhythm," explained White Sox Manager Al Lopez.

"He goes along pretty good for three, four innings and then something happens and he gets all out of kilter."

"That's right," said Peters. "I just can't seem to regain my rhythm."

The Peters puzzle has been one of the biggest problems the Sox have had this season and the fact that they have been able to remain in pennant contention merely indicates their over-all team strength.

## Could Give Sox Big Lift

"We've been winning without him," said Lopez. "Just think how much better we'd be doing if he was pitching the way he's done for the last couple of years."

Indeed, few pitchers in the past two seasons have been as consistently good as Peters. He was 19-8 with a league-leading 2.33 ERA in 1963 and last year was 20-8, with a 2.50 ERA.

Perhaps the best illustration of Peters' ineffectiveness can be seen in his 1965 earned-run average. His ERA was 4.29 for his first 109 innings of toil. Moreover, he was able to complete only one of his first 20 starts.

Joel Horton, the young Sox right-hander who rooms with Peters when the Sox are on the road, says that he wishes there was something he could do to help his roomie start winning again.

"He's been working hard trying to correct himself," said Horton. "There's something wrong with the rhythm in his pitching motion. He's been concentrating so much on be-

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# Campy Tabbed as Good Bet To Boost Theft Count to 50

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Campy a chance to steal. Not everybody will do that.

"Campy may find it a little tougher now that he's getting a lot of publicity and the pitchers and catchers are starting to bear down more on him. Still, with the start he has and the kind of battler he is, I'd give him a good chance to reach 50 or more."

Sullivan still does not let Campaneris run entirely on his own, but he is giving him more freedom as time goes by.

The question of whether Campaneris will steal when the A's have a big lead has not come up, because the A's have had so few big leads this season. Sullivan says he has no objections to letting Campaneris run when the A's are substantially ahead.

"I've always felt you should get as many runs as you can," Sullivan said. "In this game, you just never know when you're going to need them. Looking at it another way, you're taking a gamble on injuries, but I don't think you can worry about that too much. If you do, you'll have a timid club."

## Parents Still in Cuba

Campaneris, who is 23, was born in Matanzas, Cuba. He has three brothers and four sisters. His parents and all of his brothers and sisters still live in Cuba and he hears from them only infrequently by mail.

Despite his amazing speed, Campaneris has never played any sport other than baseball. He started playing on what was the Cuban equivalent of a Little League team. He graduated to a semi-pro team and was signed as a catcher by Felix Delgado, a scout for the A's.

It was Delgado's persuasiveness rather than money that prompted Campaneris to sign. Delgado offered Campy a \$1,000 bonus, but he was not to get the money unless he remained in the A's organization at least 60 days.

Campaneris broke in with Daytona Beach of the Florida State League and had no trouble lasting the required 60 days. He batted .290 and stole 21 bases. He finished the season with Binghamton of the Eastern League.

Campaneris joined the A's last season when Causey was injured and made a sensational debut by hitting home runs his first and fourth times at bat.

## Learned to Steal on Own

His development as a base stealer has been accomplished through observation and his own determination. Campaneris says no one has worked with him.

Because of the language barrier, it has been difficult for coaches and managers to communicate extensively with Campaneris.

At present, Campaneris is trying to improve himself by studying the pitchers.

Campaneris says it does not bother him to have the pitcher throw to first base repeatedly, but there are two pitchers he has learned to be careful with in trying to get a lead. They are Whitey Ford and Luis Tiant.

Campaneris is also working on improving his English and he is expanding his vocabulary, although Diego Segui still has to act as an interpreter when an interview is requested. The A's have been seeking a tutor for Campy, although it has been difficult to find one because of the erratic hours a baseball player has these days.

In his present situation, the solitary Campaneris has a lot of time to think and his thoughts are directed toward getting an extra half step on the pitcher. This combination of concentration and speed could produce the American League's first new stolen-base leader in ten years.

## Jose Extra Cautious When Tigers' Fox Is on Mound

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Jose Cardenal was asked if there are pitchers against whom he will not run.

"Luis Aparicio told me," said Jose, "When Terry Fox of Detroit is pitching, watch out for him. When he has been working, I've been out stealing second nine straight times."

Has Cardenal been nailed at second with Fox pitching?

"No. He picked me off first."

# Cardenal

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Viejo, which means the old man," revealed teammate Vic Power, "because he is always brooding.

"But most young Latinos are that way because you can't tell them anything and they think that everyone is against them. They magnify every little bad thing."

Much of the lightheartedness in Cardenal remained with his parents, two brothers and two sisters when he left Cuba on March 23, 1960.

## Worried Over Family

"It is the big trouble in my life," he admitted. "I no see my family for five years. If I go to Cuba I never get back. I send the letter, but it takes two months and sometimes it is broken open. I send them the little bit of medicine, but nothing else gets through."

Homesick, Cardenal found himself cast in Willie Mays' shadow.

"Nobody can play good ball with the troubles I have with Giants. Every spring I hit .350 and .360 and as soon as Willie Mays ready, they send me down and tell me I'm too young."

The Angels provided Cardenal with the opportunity to play his way out of that first slump and on July 2 he stole three bases against Chicago and was again Jose a-Go-Go instead of Jose a-So-So.

Cardenal passed the All-Star break with a .269 average, 32 RBIs and eight home runs.

## You Do or You Don't

His philosophy at the plate is simple: "You carry a bat to the plate and you must swing it," said Jose. "If you hit the ball, all right. If you don't, same thing."

"Cardenal possesses many of Mays' instincts, but you can't compare them," said Manager Bill Rigney. "First of all, no one compares with Mays and Jose has enough talent to be a star in his own right."

Cardenal is the first player since Mays to whom Rigney flashes a permanent green light.

"If you try to regiment a youngster like Jose, you just make him shy," explained Rigney. "Guys like Jose, Mays and Wills run on instinct. With signs, you deprive them of that instinct."

"It's no harder to steal here than in the minors," said Cardenal, who stole 40 bases at Tacoma (PCL) last season and 64 at El Paso (Texas) in 1961.

Included among Cardenal's highlights are two thefts of home. Both occurred with Jim Fregosi at bat.

"When Fregosi is up, I steal home," Cardenal said with a smile. "He keeps his bat in front of the catcher."

Jose is married, which prompted an expensive habit during the Angels' early trips. Lonesome, he would call wife, Pat, long distance. In Baltimore one night, the bill was \$18.25. The following evening, from Boston, the tab was \$23. He promptly ordered the phone removed.

Clearly, to call Jose Cardenal, you must catch him on the run.