

# Motor City Wheels Out Snappy Twin-Engine Job--Rock 'n' Sock

## Ruffing, Ex-Yank Hill Ace, Joins Mets' Scouting Staff

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Mets added Red Ruffing to their scouting staff, June 16, and also assigned teaching duties to the famed righthander who won 273 games before his retirement after the 1947 season. Ruffing will operate out of New York and will be called in for consultation on evaluating pitching talent.

Ruffing was one of the greatest pitchers in Yankee history. In 1952, an all-time Yankee team was named by newsmen covering the club for a generation. Ruffing made it as the righthanded pitcher; the lefthanded chores were split between Lefty Gomez and Herb Pennock.

In the late '30s, he had a run of four seasons in which he never won fewer than 20 games. In seven World's Series, he had a 7-2 record. ROSENTHAL.

## Mets Ink Dozen Sparklers--Bait Hook for Others

### Big Hurler Rivers Tabbed as Top Prospect of Group

By HAROLD ROSENTHAL  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Underscoring their heavy reliance on the free-agent field, the New York Mets announced the signing of a dozen players, June 14, and indicated more from the same source were on the way. The New York entry in the National League, slated to begin operating in the 1962 season, has three farm clubs, Mobile (Southern), Raleigh (Carolina) and Lexington (Western Carolina).

Rated the best catch in the first sizeable group was Tracey Rivers, a pitcher from Georgia Southern College. He was signed for a five-figure bonus by Red Marion, who reported that all Rivers needed to make the majors was the necessary schooling. He is a righthander, towering 6-4.

Rivers went to Raleigh, as did two other men scouted by Marion—Bruce Grady, an outfielder at Howard University, and J. E. Rowe, Rivers' teammate at Georgia Southern. Rowe is an outfielder-third baseman.

Murphy Signs Haberman  
The New York area wasn't neglected in this first scoop-up of talent. Bubber Jonnard works under Johnny Murphy in this section and each signed a metropolitan collegian. Murphy brought in William Haberman, a Fordham University outfielder (Fordham is Murphy's alma mater), and Jonnard came up with Sandor Taboh, a third baseman from St. John's University in Queens.

Three others went to Raleigh, where Enos Slaughter is player-manager. They are youngsters from the Carolina-Virginia area signed by Hal Weaver—Ted Gruber, Doug Martin and Gene Huband. Gruber, a collegian, was an outfielder at Pfeiffer College; Martin was a second baseman at the University of Richmond, and Huband was a semi-pro fireball hurler.

Four of the young men signed by the Mets will report to Lexington. They are John Bianchi, an outfielder, and Blake Griggs, a pitcher, both from Klamath Falls, Ore., and both signed by Frank Rickey, Jr.; Boswell Smith, an infielder from Foley, Ala., and George Warrford, a pitcher.

## Colavito, Cash Supplying 1-2 Punch; Norm First Tiger to Drive Ball Over Roof

By WATSON SPOELSTRA

DETROIT, Mich.



Jim Bunning

It's a season of "Rock and Sock" for the Tigers.

One can readily identify the first part of this slogan. Sure, it stands for Rocky Colavito who is again coming into his own as a foremost power hitter in the American League. The "sock" is delivered by Norm Cash, the most exciting new slugger in the big leagues. The 26-year-old Texan is the central figure in many tall tales that originated in Tiger Stadium.

For many reasons, June 11 is an unforgettable day in Tiger lore. Cash took the occasion to become the first Detroit player to drive the ball over the roof and completely out of the stadium. His towering drive off Joe McClain, Washington righthander, cleared the right field stands that rise 94 feet above the 325-foot mark in Detroit.

Cash switched in a hurry from "Mr. Outside" to "Mr. Inside."

Against the Red Sox on June 13, Cash drilled a line drive to center field. Carroll Hardy lost his footing as he tried to make a shoestring catch. The ball bounced over Hardy's shoulder to the 400-foot mark at Tiger Stadium. Cash rounded the bases before it was retrieved.

Cash Grabs RBI Lead  
Al Kaline and Colavito had walked ahead of him. So Cash collected three RBIs on his inside-the-park home run. This was enough to give him the league RBI leadership over Jim Gentile at this point.

"Funny thing," mused Cash, "but I have been hitting the long home runs (including the one over the roof) with nobody on. Then I get one inside the park and three runs come in."

This was one of three home runs smashed by Cash as the Tigers divided a double-header. The outburst raised his total to 17, matching the output of Colavito at the end of the ninth week of the season.

Curiously, the Tiger twosome gave it the real "rock and sock" treatment on two occasions. On June 10, Gary Bell had a shutout going for Cleveland as Detroit came to bat in the seventh. Colavito connected with a drive to the left field seats. Cash crashed through as the next hitter, driving one into the upper deck in right field.

The following day "Rock and Sock" hammered out the same sequence against McClain in the fourth inning of the first game against the Senators.

All told, the Tigers gathered seven home runs on the Sabbath day. The Sunday before, they'd delivered eight home runs. The strange part of it all was that Charley Maxwell, noted for his Sunday punch, did not make a contribution either day.

No Ducks on Pond  
From one Sunday to the next, however, Detroit connected for ten home runs in a row with nobody on base. "I can see how that happens to me," cracked Cash. "The guy ahead of me (Colavito) has the bases pretty well cleaned off."

All this explosiveness came at a time when Detroit's fortunes were somewhat declining. After holding first place for 41 days, the astonishing Tigers were compelled to yield to the galloping Indians. Nevertheless, Detroit demonstrated in a show-down four-game series with Cleveland that it has the capacity to bounce back against the best.

Detroit lost the first game, but Frank Lary evened the score with his ninth victory of the season.

Detroit dropped the third game, but

## Bengal Blaster



Rocky Colavito

Jim Bunning pitched magnificently to square it again. With last-out help from Bill Fischer, Bunning notched a shutout.

At this point, someone mentioned to Cash that he had played on one champion with the 1959 White Sox. Was Cash going to be with another? "Yes, I think so," replied the first baseman. "When this club has to win a game, it wins it. That was true against Cleveland. It was the same thing against Washington. We gave away six runs and still came back to win the game."

Three-Run Error  
This was a rain-spattered second game on June 11. The Tigers, holding a 3 to 0 lead with rain falling as Washington batted in the fifth inning, sadly saw Steve Boros commit a three-run throwing error. After the tarpaulin had been removed twice, the Senators got three more when Marty Keough's sinking line drive got through Al Kaline in center field for an inside-the-park home run good for three runs.

But Detroit never lost heart. Boros singled with the bases filled in the eleventh to win it.

All seemed well for Detroit when Lary, Bunning and Don Mossi were doing the pitching.

Detroit similarly looked for pitching help from Terry Fox, bouncing back from a sore arm. Hank Aguirre has put on nearly ten pounds and is stronger again as a bull-pen operator.

Tiger Tales: The four-game Cleveland series drew 113,101 despite threatening weather, giving proof positive that Detroit will storm the box office if the Tigers stay in contention. The Indians took away a \$32,000 check as their share. . . .

When Manager Bob Scheffing went out to ask whether Jim Bunning was tired in the ninth inning, the pitcher replied, "Yes." Do many pitchers do this? Replied Scheffing: "The good ones do." . . . The Detroit-Washington double-header, twice delayed by rain, lasted until 9:12 p. m. and was 18 minutes short of eight hours for elapsed time. . . . Ted Williams was the first to hit an over-the-roof home run in Detroit. He did it against Bob Harris on May 4, 1939. Mickey Mantle has accomplished this three times. In 1958 he had two, on June 18, off Paul Foytack and on September 17 off Jim Bunning. Mantle did it again on September 10, 1960, off Foytack. Norm Cash joins this celebrated company. . . . Jim Halstead, University of Michigan senior from Bay City, has joined the Detroit farm system as an outfielder. He was a 211-pound football end. He was assigned to Montgomery (Alabama-Florida).

## Boros Answers Boo-Birds With Three Bingles in Row

DETROIT, Mich.—Steve Boros says he didn't get mad when he heard his first boos at Tiger Stadium.

But the Detroit third baseman responded with three straight hits, each scoring a run. The third hit drove in the winning run in the eleventh for a victory over Washington on June 11.

Boros drew boos from the Detroit fans because of a three-run throwing error. SPOELSTRA.

# Late-Starting Cash Now 'Mr. Bucks' in Fat Tiger Bankroll

Norm Never Played Game Until College Sophomore; Credits Cavarretta for Improved Play at First Base

By WATSON SPOELSTRA

DETROIT, Mich.

Boys who fail to get an early start on the diamond can take heart. Norm Cash didn't give the game serious attention until his sophomore year in college.

As the Detroit first baseman, Cash is the most exciting new power hitter in the game. After games of June 13, he had belted 19 home runs and showed the way in RBIs in the American League with 54.

Where does he get all that new power?

"Gosh, I don't know," replied the 26-year-old Texan. "I'm using the same bat as last year. It's the same everything. It helps to be in the lineup every day. It gives you a better idea of what the pitchers are throwing. I use as light a bat as anybody in the league, only 30 or 31 ounces. It's the quick flip of the bat that counts. This way you have more time to look at the ball."

The 191-pound Cash, a stocky six-footer, developed his strength as a farm boy in Texas.

"I was born near Justiceburg, Tex.," he said. "Nobody's ever heard of it. It's near Lubbock. My dad, Bandy Cash, is a cotton farmer. I worked on the farm until I was 18. I went to high school in Post, Tex. I played every sport they had—football, basketball, tennis and ran some track. They didn't have baseball."

"For two years, I went to junior college in San Angelo, Tex. In my sophomore year, we organized our own baseball club and went around getting the merchants to buy the uniforms. I had played some softball. This was my first big chance in baseball."

"Anyway, I got a scholarship the next year at Sul Ross State College in Alpine, Tex. Was I a good college hitter? I thought I was."

## Cards Cornered Norm in Hotel Room

"Three big league clubs wanted to sign me. The Cardinals nearly got me. They had me cornered in a hotel room. I was just a young kid (not yet 21 years old). The Giants were interested, too. I signed with the White Sox because their scout in that area, Mel Prebisch, was a real nice guy."

"No, I didn't get a bonus. They gave me a big league contract. That meant I made good pay all the way through the minors."

It was suggested that Cash was born a few years too soon and that today he might command a \$100,000 bonus.

"I don't believe in those big bonuses," he replied. "Clubs would be better off signing ten guys at \$10,000 each. I'm not knocking the kids who get \$100,000. I'm satisfied the way things turned out for me. I'm the luckiest guy in the world. I was born 15 miles out in the country from a town of 100—my wife, Myrta, says it's only 80. You have to be lucky to reach the top with a start like that."

Cash began his career for the White Sox in 1955 at Waterloo (Three 1) and he was assigned there a second season.

"I thought my career was over," he related, "but in 1956 I almost won the batting championship (at .334)."

## Slugger Put in Two-Year Army Hitch

He then spent nearly two years in the Army at Fort Bliss, Tex. "I played the outfield for the camp team," he said. "They had a real good club. I'd say it was the equivalent of Class A."

Cash joined the White Sox in June, 1958, and they used up his third option two months later by sending him to Indianapolis (American Association). Al Lopez, Chicago manager, had suggested that Cash buy a first baseman's glove. He got one for \$22.

"Walker Cooper was my manager at Indianapolis," said Cash. "He started me a few games at first base."

Cash opened the 1959 season at first base for the White Sox. Earl Torgeson had been called home by his wife's illness. Cash responded by hitting his first big league home run off Frank Lary at Detroit.

"Little did I know at the time that I'd be playing for the Tigers one year later," said Cash.

When Ted Kluszewski arrived in Chicago, Cash became a bench sitter. He made four pinch-hitting appearances in the 1959 World's Series against the Dodgers. The following December he went to Cleveland as part of the Minnie Minoso deal.

## Lane Sent Norm to Tigers for Steve Demeter

"I had a good spring with the Indians," Cash recalled. "But Frank Lane (then Cleveland general manager) had to have an infielder. Woodie Held was recovering from a back operation. I started at first base in an exhibition game against the Yankees at St. Petersburg. I knew something was up. At the airport, they told me I had been traded to Detroit (for Third Baseman Steve Demeter)."

Jimmie Dykes, then Detroit manager, platooned Cash at first base, using Steve Bilko against lefthanders. Manager Bob Scheffing dropped the platoon plan this year.

"I now feel better against lefthanders," said Cash. "You have to learn to get into position to swing at them."

Cash's defensive play is vastly improved. He gives major credit to Phil Cavarretta, Detroit first base coach who put in nearly 20 years at the position in the big leagues.

"Cavarretta gives you confidence," said Cash. By showing more poise in the field, Cash can concentrate on his hitting. That's how he has become the most exciting new slugger in the game.

# Cash Clout Charge Credited to Patience

## 'He's Waiting for His Pitch,' Says Bat Tutor Cavarretta

### Bengal Belter Adds Beef to Plate Average

'If I Could Get a Few More Hits, Then I'd Be Happy,' Asserts Stormin' Norman

By WATSON SPOELSTRA  
DETROIT, Mich.

Norm Cash accepted the job at face value when he was promoted to the cleanup position in the Detroit batting order.

Stormin' Norman began to clean up.

In his first eight games of the new season, the American League batting champion belted six home runs to seize a commanding spot at that stage in the power-hitting derby, but the homers stopped abruptly.

In his elation over the early surge, Cash couldn't quite get used to a .258 batting average, about 100 points under his 1962 pace.

Those six homers came in his first eight hits. The seventh blow was a double.

"Now if I can get a few more hits, I'll be happy," said the first baseman. What happened then? In his next seven games, Cash picked up 7-for-19, with one a double, but no homers.

Norm boosted his batting average from .258 to .313.

The record showed that Cash failed to crash a home run in the first 11 games last year. He didn't hit No. 6 until his thirty-sixth game.

Norm hit No. 7 this season on May 3, his seventeenth game.

#### Homers Come in Clusters

"Home runs come in bunches," said Manager Bob Scheffing. "Cash is swinging the same as he did last year. Someone asked me if he seemed more confident after winning the batting title.

"Norm was pretty confident last year."

Coach Phil Cavarretta, who has served as Cash's tutor in the art of manipulating the first-base glove, said he believed the burst of home runs stemmed from patience on the part of Cash.

"He's waiting for his pitch," said Cavarretta.

When asked what is Cash's pitch, the coach replied vaguely: "That's a military secret."

However, it is clear that Cash had jumped on the high fast ball for his home runs.

"Cash's hand action is tremendous," explained Cavarretta. "He's strong and he's quick. He has a short arc on his backswing. It's the shortest arc of any power hitter around. This is helpful to Norm. He doesn't strike out as often as a hitter with a longer arc.

"He has better balance at the plate than most power hitters."

#### Fences Nine Feet High

Before the start of the new season, Vice-President Rick Ferrell ordered the removal of a screen in right field at Tiger Stadium. The screen covered the lower deck in right field for 150 feet from the foul pole. The Detroit park now has standard nine-foot fences to all fields.

Scheffing discounts the absence of the screen as an aid to Cash.

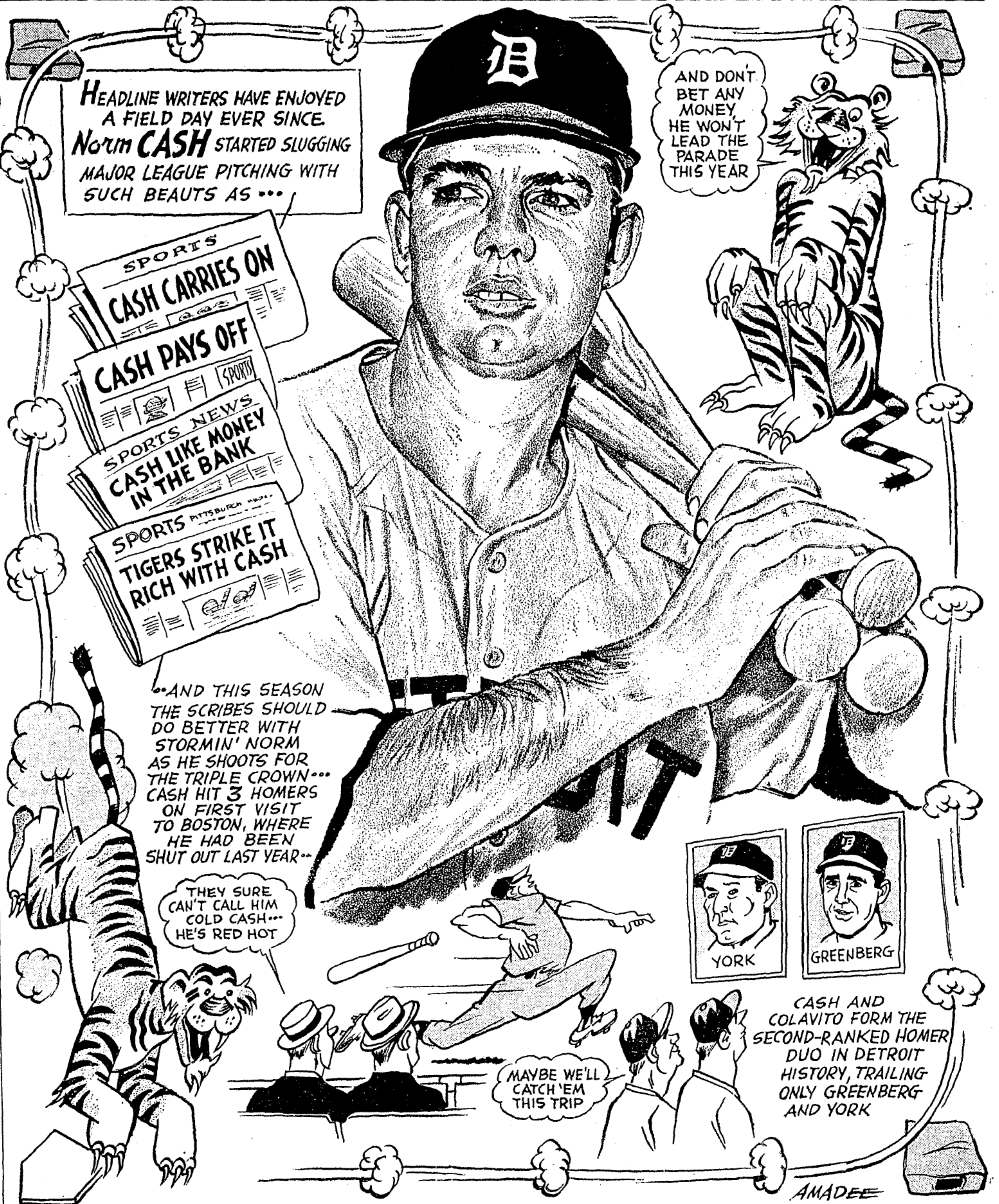
"When Norm gets hold of the ball, it's gone," said the manager. "Distance is no problem with him."

This observation was substantiated in Detroit's first visit to Fenway Park. Cash delivered 41 home runs last year as the most robust lefthanded swinger in Detroit history. Boston was the only place where he was shut out.

Cash took care of this oversight

Hitting A. L. Targets

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#### Roomie Frank Lary Victim of Norm's First Home Run

DETROIT, Mich.—Norm Cash needs 37 home runs this season to make it an even 100.

He'll never forget his first American League home run. It came off his present roommate, Frank Lary.

Cash started the 1959 season as the White Sox first baseman. Earl Torgeson had been called home by his wife's illness. Manager Al Lopez designated Cash to replace him.

In the season opener in Detroit, Cash belted one off Lary.

He got three more home runs that year, but Torgeson returned to claim the first base job.

quickly in the new campaign. He hammered three long home runs in three games at Fenway Park. They were drives of close to 400 feet that

reached the right field bull pen or cleared it.

Actually Cash began the season as the No. 5 hitter in the Detroit lineup, the same spot he occupied last year when he soared 75 points to finish with a .361 average. This was the highest in Detroit since Charlie Gehringer won the batting title in 1937 at .371.

#### Rocky Fizzled in No. 4 Spot

When Rocky Colavito faltered in the No. 4 spot in the first week of the new season, Scheffing made the switch with Cash going up and Rocky going down.

Cash responded with first his home-run spree, then followed with his base-hit barrage.

In the ninth game of the season, Hank Bauer ordered an intentional walk for Cash to take a chance on Colavito in a scoreless game in the eighth inning. Rocky drove a run-

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#### Norm Halts Gateway Parade

DETROIT, Mich.—Norm Cash has put a stop to the parade of first basemen in Detroit.

In a dozen years, the Tigers have played no fewer than 27 men at the position. On the list you'll find the names of Fred Hutchinson, Harvey Kuenn and Tito Francona.

It all began in 1950, the year of Manager Red Rolfe's near-miss on the American League pennant. The first basemen that year in a platoon arrangement were Dick Kryhoski and Don Kolloway.

In quick succession came Steve Souchock, Ben Taylor, Johnny Hopp, Jerry Priddy and Hutchinson.

More skilled at the position were Walt Dropo, Earl Torgeson and Ferris Fain. They were assisted by Wayne Belardi, Charley Kress, Jack Phillips and J. W. Porter. Charley Maxwell, Ray Boone, Dave Philley and Ed Robinson had their chances.

Then came Larry Osborne, Kuenn, Gail Harris, Francona, Gus Zernial and Steve Bilko. The end of the parade could be sighted when Cash arrived from Cleveland. He received token assistance from Neil Chrisley and Dick Gernert.

Until further notice, the Tiger gateway job belongs to Norm Cash.

WATSON SPOELSTRA.

# Cash Conducts Classes in Fine Art of Clout

## 'Take Level Cut, Don't Let Slump Worry You'

'Keep Feet as Wide as Shoulders, Find Comfortable Stance,' Bat Champ Says

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By

*Norm Cash*

1961 American League Batting Champion

It is a great honor to be asked to write this article on hitting. I feel that I still have a lot to learn about it, but, as they say, "If you have some ability and a lot of confidence, you can become a fairly good hitter."

In a nutshell, here are some of the things I have learned and tried to practice:

1. Keep your feet as wide as your shoulders and find a comfortable stance.
2. Maintain a level swing.
3. Develop strong wrists.
4. Don't overstride—keep your balance.
5. Study the pitchers and the pitches.
6. Get a bat that fits your style.
7. Find the right grip through experiment.
8. Keep the pitcher worrying about the bunt.
9. Don't let slumps worry you.
10. Practice . . . practice . . . practice.

Now I will elaborate.

**THE STANCE . . .** How you stand as you face the pitcher is very important in hitting. I try to stand so that I can cover all of the plate. I keep my feet about as wide as my shoulders, which insures good balance. I move around in the batter's box as little as possible, depending on who is pitching. For example, against pitchers who throw slow stuff, I move closer to the plate. Against pitchers like Ryne Duren or Gary Bell, I move back so as not to get tied up with their fast ball. The adjustments should be made so that they will not be noticed and give your position away.

The main thing is to be comfortable and be ready to swing at the pitch with your best co-ordination. Keep your bat and head still and make as few moves as possible. When you swing, make it a challenging swing—one with authority. Roll your wrists on contact with the ball. This will give you a downward or "tomahawk" swing.

### 'Don't Uppercut the Ball'

**THE SWING . . .** I have always had what was called a good, level swing, which is very essential for players hitting for a good average. I believe that those who hit the ball on the ground will hit for a higher average than those who uppercut the ball and hit it into the air. The ball will come off the bat just as it is hit. If the ball is hit on top, it will sink and be a ground ball. If it is hit on the bottom, it will have backspin, causing the ball to go high in the air. What I would like to emphasize is, don't try to lift the ball into the air by uppercutting. Just take a level swing. Harvey Kuenn, Roger Maris, Al Kaline and Yogi Berra hit the ball with a good, level swing. The bat is easier to swing this way and the ball is easier to place.

**THE WRISTS . . .** The wrists are the power point of the swing. I am very fortunate in having strong wrists, which allow me to wait longer before swinging at a pitch but still enable me to hit the long ball. The wrists are very important in hitting and should be built up through exercises. I find that swinging a heavy bat will help strengthen the wrists, along with squeezing something like a spring or a ball. Good wrists help a batter hit to all fields. I don't try to hit to the opposite field much. I just take a normal swing and the ball, if thrown outside, usually will go straight away. If the ball is thrown inside, I will pull it. There are very few hitters in the big leagues who can hit the ball to different fields without a good pitch in an outside position. The main thing is to meet the ball and let it go where it wants to. Sometimes it goes right at someone

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scoring single on the first pitch and the Tigers defeated the Athletics, 1 to 0.

Scheffing said he felt the move had paid off again.

"They walked Cash a lot in 1961," said the manager. "If they do it this year, Colavito will be swinging away."

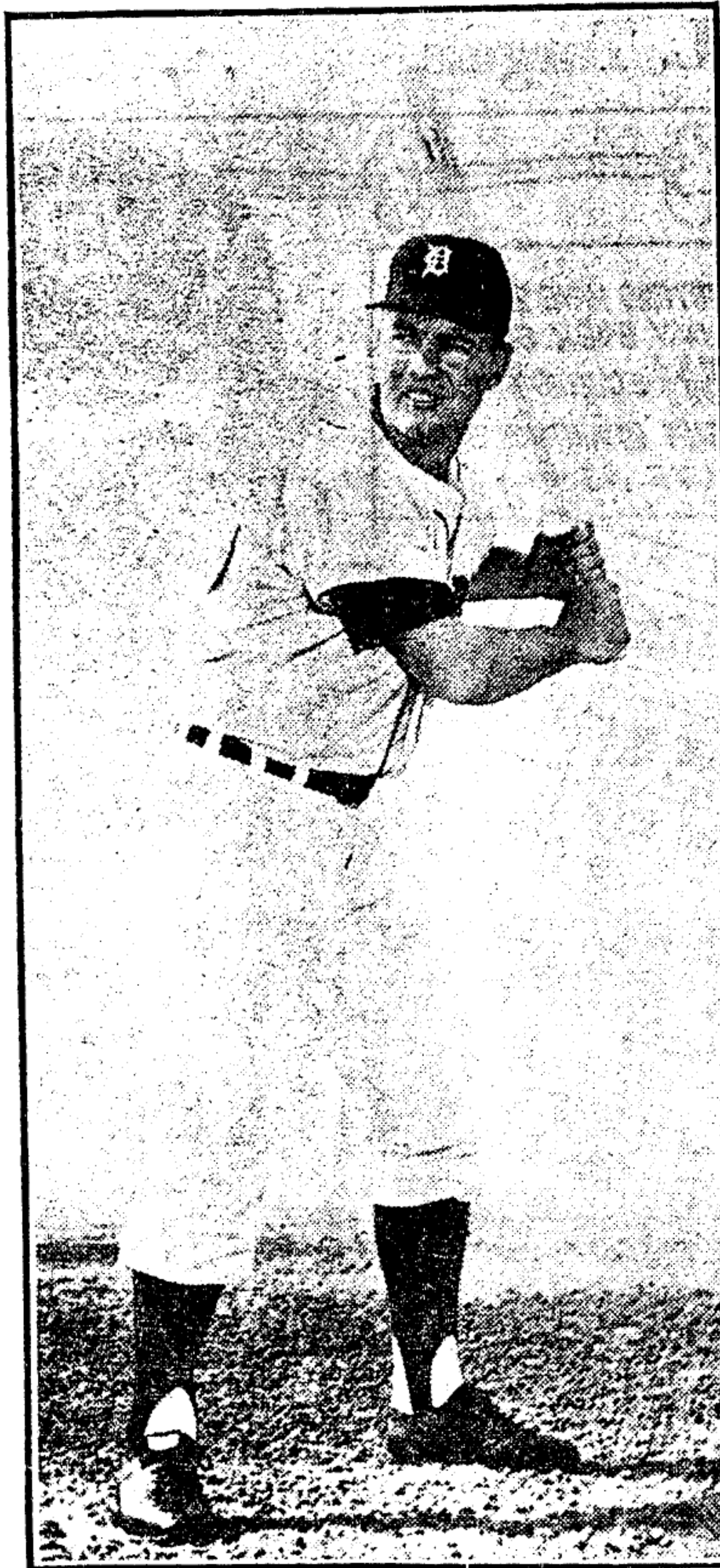
Similarly, Cash was happy to be

hitting behind Al Kaline. "It's a good spot behind Al," he reasoned. "He gets on base a lot."

It appeared that everybody was happy. Colavito and Cash combined last year to give Detroit its second-ranked power-hitting twosome in history. Hank Greenberg (58) and Rudy York (33) put good years together in 1938 for 91 home runs. This was when Cash was only four years old and Colavito was five years old.

Last year Colavito (45) and Cash (41) double-teamed for 86 home runs. The purists make the point, of

### Master Swatsmith



NORM CASH . . . Hot Tips From the Top

but the law of averages will make a few drop in, so just keep swinging.

**THE STRIDE . . .** In connection with the swing, the stride, or the distance you move your front foot when you swing, is important. I try to stride about six inches or so to keep my balance and timing. As long as you don't overstride, you are still in good position to hit the ball. If the pitcher should give you a big, hard motion but throw a slow ball and you have taken a big stride, you have no power left when the ball reaches the plate. You usually hit a weak grounder or a pop fly. So, for best results, try to keep your weight balanced and shift to your front foot on contact with the ball. Make your wrists and hands work as much as possible. Make sure your front foot comes down in a sort of open position in order to give your hips the freedom to rotate the swing.

**THE PITCHERS . . .** Ted Williams was one of the best hitters in baseball, not only because of his swing but also because of his great knowledge of pitchers, his keen observance of the strike zone and his understanding of the situation of the game. Hitting is sort of an individual "game" between hitter and pitcher. I study the pitchers and try to remember how and what they pitch to me in a certain situation, always keeping in mind what their best pitch is. One of the factors which helped my batting average in 1961 was trying not to swing at bad pitches. I try to get a pitch in a certain place over the plate. I try not to swing at a pitch if I am fooled by it and don't have two strikes. With two strikes, you must concede a little to the pitcher and swing at anything in the strike zone.

**THE BAT (Your Meal Ticket) . . .** Now we come to a most important element in hitting, the bat. They come in just about any size and, through experimentation, you can find one just right for you. The bat is something that should be

## Powerful Wrist Snap Essential for Socker'

'Don't Overstride and You'll Be in Good Position to Swing; Keep Weight Balanced'

precious to a baseball player. I know mine are. I take as good care of my bats as any of my playing equipment. If you find a good feeling bat, just the right length and weight, it will give you confidence. Last season I had a Louisville Slugger that was just perfect for me. I hit 21 home runs with that bat. I really was sorry to see it go. My bat is lighter than most hitters use. It is 34½ inches in length and has a thin handle. I find this model has a tremendous amount of whip and also allows me to wait a little longer on each pitch. My theory is that it is not the weight or length of the bat that causes distance but the speed of the club when it hits the ball. These, I think, are the reasons for so many home runs today—the light bat and the good wrist action.

### Choke Bat for Better Control

**THE GRIP . . .** The grip should be tailored to fit the hitter. For better bat control, choke the bat. As for myself, I hold the bat down on the knob. I find that this gives me more wrist freedom. Everyone should use the grip which feels most comfortable to him. A good grip on the bat is just as important as a good golf grip. I find it is more relaxing and I get a better feel of the bat if I hold it in my fingers. In other words, I don't hold the bat handle deep in my palms. But, as I said, everyone should find his own grip.

**THE BUNT . . .** Another phase of hitting which is important (but often overlooked by some players) is the bunt. Some major league players who use the bunt to good advantage are Bobby Richardson, Al Kaline, Billy Bruton and Nellie Fox. Tactful bunters play an important part in the game by getting men in scoring position and often getting on base themselves. Players who hit the long ball usually don't bunt much but they should. Mickey Mantle bunts occasionally to cross up the opposition because they are not expecting a power hitter like him to bunt. I use the push bunt down the third base line most of the time. I cross my left foot over my right foot on my first step, and slide my hand up the bat close to the barrel, keeping the barrel of the bat slightly higher than the handle. I try to deaden the ball by holding the bat sort of loose in my hand. To be a good ball player, one must be outstanding in all phases, so don't overlook the bunt.

### Every Hitter Encounters Slumps

**THE SLUMP . . .** No matter how good a hitter you are, there will be times when you have slumps. This is a situation which calls for your greatest ability. Many times this proves the difference between being a major league player and a minor. I have had slumps. In 1960, I was hitting fairly well but had several bad hitting streaks which cost me a good average. In 1961, I was fortunate in not having a very long slump. During these streaks, I tried to just meet the ball, figuring that the law of averages was with me if I put the ball in play. I even bunted several times. The main thing is to exploit every means of getting a hit that you know. Don't be afraid to ask for advice. Other players sometimes see something that you are doing differently. Don't try to pull the ball. Hit straight away with a good, level, relaxed swing. Don't try to think about too many things while at the plate. Just be ready at all times and watch every move the pitcher makes.

**PRACTICE . . .** In closing, I would like to say that the fundamentals I have talked about are most important. However, I must point out that one more thing is necessary and that is practice and plenty of it. Keep yourself in good condition during the off season and keep a few bats handy. Take a few swings when you have time in order to develop your wrists and arms. If you practice enough, you will groove a level swing powered by confidence. Then, when you face the pitcher in a game, the mechanics of your swing will be automatic and you will be able to devote more time to studying the pitcher and the situation. One of the most important phases of baseball is hitting and to be a truly great hitter, constant practice is needed. Some people say that hitters are made, not born. This may be true but good hitters have to be born with some ability, co-ordination and desire. Then they can be taught.

course, that Rocky and Norm had eight extra games in the expanded American League schedule. However, Colavito (43) and Cash (38) still gained the No. 2 spot in Detroit with 81 home runs in the conventional 154 games. You can't lick them by insisting on an asterisk.

### Kaline May Get Into Act

Kaline is likely to muscle into the Colavito-Cash rivalry for plate honors this year.

But first they all have to catch Cash—the reigning monarch.

Cash comes by his strong hands and arms honestly. He worked on a

cotton farm in Texas until he was 18 years old and left for college.

"I was raised 15 miles out in the country from a town of 100," Cash has often said. "I'm a lucky guy to be in baseball."

He was born outside Justiceburg, which is near Post, which is near Lubbock.

The White Sox signed him at Sul Ross State College in Texas. Norm was a 180-pound running back in football of such talents that the Chicago Bears claimed him in the thirteenth round in the National Football League draft as a junior.

Cash came to Detroit via Cleveland.

A date to remember in Detroit lore is April 12, 1960. That's when Detroit obtained the first baseman in a swindle for a reserve infielder named Steve Demeter.

### Hiked Homer Total to 41.

Two seasons ago, Cash found himself with 18 home runs in Detroit.

This he raised to 41 round-trippers last year.

Where he stops in 1962, nobody knows.

Early evidence is that Cash will be hard to beat as a home-run hitter, come Maris, Mantle or Colavito.

# Tigers Puff Out Chests With Cash in Hit Pocket

By WATSON SPOELSTRA  
DETROIT, Mich.

Norm Cash planted his bare feet on the clubhouse floor and proceeded to swish his bat at an imaginary fast ball.

"I should hit .300 every year," muttered the Detroit first baseman. "I do it the last half."

Someone ventured that Cash was batting .320 for nearly seven weeks following his appearance in the All-Star Game.

"I knew it was somewhere up there," said Cash.

"How come you're a second-half hitter?" he was asked.

"I don't know," Norm replied hastily. "I can't explain it."

Cash has overcome many adversities in his seven years in Detroit uniform. Right now, he's an easy winner over platoon limitations on his career.

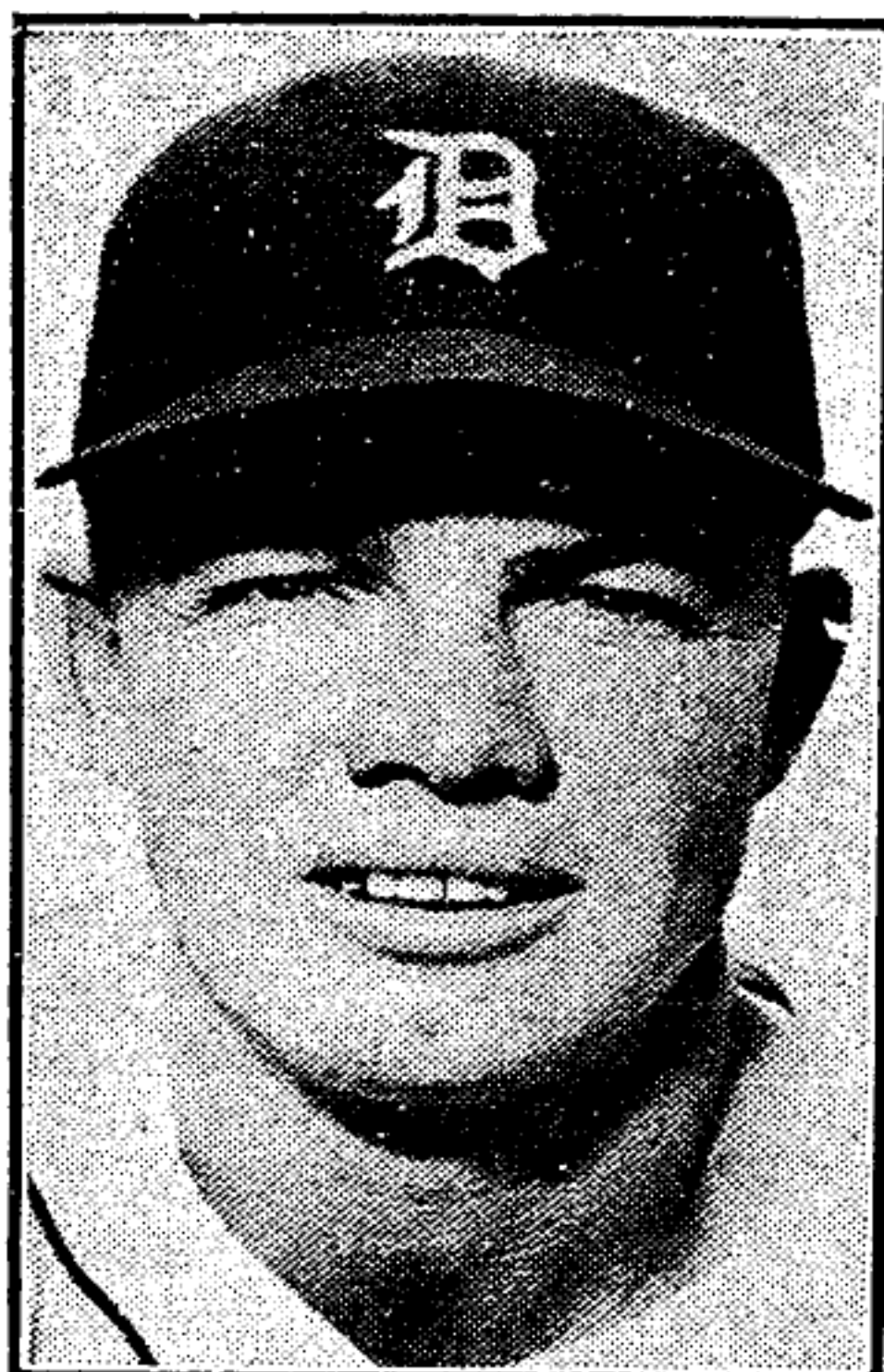
## Four Blasts Off Lefties

For two seasons, Don Demeter played first base for the Tigers against most lefthanded pitchers. Cash isn't built for bench-riding.

Norm has shored up his batting stroke against lefthanders. It is significant that four of his ten home runs following the All-Star date came off lefties.

Obviously, Cash has won fresh respect in hostile surroundings. Manager Eddie Stanky had first base open with one out and Cash coming up in a recent series. The White Sox manager ordered Joe Horlen to put Cash on and pitch to Al Kaline.

"Cash has hurt me more than



Norm Cash

Kaline all year," Stanky explained simply.

It turned out that Kaline singled home two runs instead of knocking the ball into the dirt for the double play Stanky gambled for.

"That's the first time since 1955, I think, that the man ahead of me has been walked," observed Kaline. "The way Norm's been hitting, Stanky made a good move."

Cash began the last half of the season as a .259 hitter. He lifted his average close to .280 with five

weeks remaining. His chance to reach .300 seemed remote. But you can't count him out.

For the last five years, Cash has been judged by an unattainable standard.

"Why can't he hit the way he did in 1961?" people ask.

This was the year Norm won the American League batting championship at .361, a figure topped only by Ted Williams (three times) since the .381 achieved by Joe DiMaggio in 1939.

## Norm Regains Stature

When Cash crashed to .243 the following season, some wrote him off as a one-year wonder. He has bounced back into the kind of respectability recognized by Stanky and other contemporary managers.

Norm began this season as a .280 hitter for his Detroit stay and it seems reasonable that he will raise this by a few points. What other first baseman has had this consistency and durability?

For his six previous seasons, Cash has averaged nearly 30 home runs a year for Detroit. He has a good chance to meet this personal quota.

Norm has averaged 80 RBIs a year in Detroit and his 1966 output might top it.

"You have a fighting chance for 100 RBIs," Cash was told after his home run off Al Downing in New York gave him RBI No. 71.

"I hope so," replied Cash, noting that he has never come close to his 132 RBIs of 1961. "If I do, we'll win some games."

From one September to another,

# White Sox Prove Sure Cure For Whatever Ails McLain

DETROIT, Mich.—There's something about the White Sox that gives Denny McLain more red corpuscles.

The Detroit righthander lost four straight games following his superb All-Star performance. Along came the White Sox and Denny shut them out on four hits.

A subsequent three-game losing streak ended when Denny shut out the White Sox on two hits.

"He really busts his gut against that club," observed pitching coach Stubby Overmire.

"Denny ought to have the same positive attitude against everybody," ventured catcher Bill Freehan.

Denny has a 7-2 record against the White Sox, the team that let him get away for a meager \$8,000 on first-year waivers.

there is a change in Cash's status in Detroit.

A year ago, the Tigers were tempted to trade him to the Braves for Denny Lemaster and other considerations.

## Braves Sized Up Cash

The Braves spent half the summer scouting Cash. When Lemaster shook his arm troubles and pitched a dominating game against the Dodgers in the last week of the season, the deal collapsed.

In the end, the move the Tigers didn't make for Cash might be the best one of all.

**Tiger Tales:** Earl Wilson said to Jake Gibbs the first time up: "Watch out for the double swing." In the next at-bat, Wilson lunged at a low pitch, missed, spun around and broke Gibbs' left arm with the bat on the second swing. Said umpire John Fiherty: "Gibbs was up too close." . . . Johnny Podres is a tough-luck guy as a Detroit starter, but he lost out on one possible victory by failing to cover first base. . . . Gates Brown is eligible for winter ball under the relaxed major league rule (a player is in-

eligible after four years instead of three) and Gates plans to join Willie Horton, Joe Sparma, Mickey Stanley and Ray Oyler in Puerto Rico. . . . Bill Freehan calls the White Sox "the fastest team I've ever seen." He's thinking of the lineup when Floyd Robinson and Tom McCraw are late-inning replacements. . . . Arthur Harp of suburban Dearborn Heights received a 1967 season pass for two when he was designated as the one millionth fan at Tiger Stadium. . . . Batboy Mark Hobson, who has enlisted in the Marines, made the last eastern trip of the year with the Tigers. Clubhouse boy Tommy Smith had to miss it with a 103-degree temperature and Don Marudas went in his place. . . . Mickey Lolich has fresh incentive in a campaign to match his personal high of 18 victories. Mickey and Joyce Lolich are parents for the first time and their daughter's name is Kimberly Ann. . . . Chico Fernandez, who lives in Detroit, visited the Tiger clubhouse after playing in the Mexican League. "I was the No. 4 hitter," reported Chico proudly.

# Low-Run Games Take Heavy Toll Of Bunning Wins

By ALLEN LEWIS  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

Jim Bunning doesn't like to be reminded that, shortly after the World Series ends, he will be 35 years old. That may be because the Phillies' ace righthander doesn't pitch like a man who is getting old, as far as the major leagues are concerned.

Bunning, who won 19 games in each of his two prior years with the Phillies after being traded by the Tigers in the fall of 1963, is slightly behind his pace of the past two seasons as far as victories go, but Jim believes he has pitched better.

After downing the heavy-hitting Pirates, August 25, for the fourth time in five starts against them this year, Bunning said, "I really think I've pitched better this year than I did the last two."

"I've been involved in more low-run games than ever before with the Phillies, although I had one bad streak for four or five outings when I didn't pitch well," Jim continued.

## A Game of Streaks

"Being in a lot of no-decision games is one of those things that happens sometimes and there's not much you can do about it. You go along for a while and get a lot of runs scored for you and then you hit a streak where you get very few."

"I've had a couple where they scored 12 runs for me and a few more with eight, but most of the time they've been low-score games."

"It works out that way. In 1959, I won 17 games for the Tigers and pitched bad, but every time I pitched, they scored a lot of runs for me. The next year I pitched well and was only 11-14."

One of the things that has always



Jim Bunning

annoyed Jim is being taken out for a pinch-hitter in a low-score game before it is absolutely necessary.

A recent game with the Cubs was a good example. Bunning was trailing, 2-1, when Bill White tripled with one out in the seventh. Jim, who had singled to drive in the Phillies' lone run in the fifth inning, was lifted and the Phillies failed to score that inning.

In the eighth, the Quakers tied the game, but eventually lost in the tenth when Ernie Banks hit a three-run homer.

## Banks Rapped Homer

That game was followed four days later on August 21 by another game in which Bunning allowed only two runs in eight innings and left for a pinch-hitter while trailing the Mets, 2-1, in a game the Phillies went on to lose, 5-1.

Bunning admits he doesn't like to be taken out of such games. "No, I don't like it and I've said something about it all along, but it never does any good."

Jim first complained about that

# 'It Was Balk,' Umps Decided, But Then Phils Blew the Duke

By ALLEN LEWIS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

Opposite decisions by the umpires on the same play are rare, but the Phillies figured in two such occurrences within one week. They received a compromise decision in the first instance and won the second argument, but it did them little good. They lost both games.

In the first inning of the first game of their August 21 double-header with the Mets, Cookie Rojas was on first with one out when John Callison hit a line drive to right.

Al Luplow came in and attempted to make the catch. First base umpire Mel Steiner ruled the ball was caught, causing Rojas to race back for first.

Luplow's throw to Ed Kranepool beat Rojas and Steiner called Rojas out also, but then it was discovered that second base umpire Al Barlick had signaled the ball Callison hit had not been caught.

An argument immediately began, during which Rojas went to second. When the debate ended, Callison was ruled out because Luplow's throw to first beat him to the bag, and Rojas was allowed to hold second, since he had not been tagged before time was called.

The Phillies would have had runners on first and

when Bob Scheffing managed the Tigers.

"I have as good a chance to get a hit as any pinch-hitter we have," Bunning said.

In his first year with the Phillies, some attempted to demean his record by pointing out that nine of his 19 victories were gained at the expense of the Mets and the Colts (now Astros). His record against the top clubs this year is even better than against the weaker ones.

Half of his first 14 victories were against the Pirates, Giants and Dodgers. Only the Cards have not lost to Bunning, and Jim has beaten them only once in his career, although, he says, "I've pitched as well against them this year as I have against the Pirates."

It was suggested to Bunning that part of the reason for his over-all success was his ability to adjust to



Gene Mauch

second, however, had it not been for Steiner's call, for Callison would have beaten the throw easily had he continued running. The Phillies wound up losing, 6-5.

Six days later, the Phillies had men on first and third in a tie game with the Reds when Bill White broke off first base.

## Engel Overruled by Secory

Reds' pitcher Sammy Ellis turned and threw to second to Leo Cardenas, who tagged White, as plate umpire Bill Engel called a balk. However, first base umpire Frank Secory over-ruled Engel and called White out, ending the inning.

That brought Phillies' Manager Gene Mauch out of the dugout on the run, and a long argument ensued during which Mauch gave several demonstrations of how Ellis balked by starting his motion with his hands even though he wasn't in contact with the pitching rubber at the time.

The umpires then decided it was a balk after all, and that resulted finally in the ejection of Reds' Manager Dave Bristol in the rhubarb that followed.

The final ruling allowed Callison to score from third with the run that put the Phillies ahead, 4-3, but they went on to lose, 14-7.

conditions and developments, to the fact that he continued to add to his repertoire of pitches.

Bunning agreed that he had a better straight change-up than he ever had before, but attributed his success, in the main to the fact that he has not had any serious injuries.

## Parents of Nine Children

"I think I've been lucky to have stayed physically healthy," said Bunning, whose salary has climbed into the \$60,000 bracket, one almost necessary to maintain his large family in style, for Jim and his wife, Mary, recently became the parents of twins, giving them a total of nine children.

**Phillie Fodder:** When the Reds clobbered the Phillies, 14-7, with 17 hits, August 27, it was the most runs scored against the Phillies since last September 3, when the Reds won, 16-7, at Crosley Field. The

Reds hit five homers in the game, the most against the Phillies since the Cubs hit five on April 17, 1964, at Chicago. . . . Rich Allen tied the Phillies' club record for homers in one season by a righthanded hitter when he smashed his No. 31 and 32 in that contest. . . . Pirate Don Cardwell beat the Phillies (in relief) for the eleventh time in 13 decisions, August 22, since they traded him away in May, 1960. . . . Vernon Law, also winning in relief, beat the Phillies two nights later for only the second time since May 23, 1960. . . . Chris Short, who never before won his fifteenth game in August, chalked up No. 15 on August 23, when he beat the Bucs, 5-4, his first victory in Forbes Field since August 16, 1963. . . . The Phillies' first Bat Day, August 21, drew a capacity crowd of 36,624, their largest of the season.

# Concert Pianist Tickling the Ivories for Tiger Title

By WATSON SPOELSTRA



BILL FREEHAN AND EUGENE ISTOMIN

LAKELAND, Fla. Concert pianist Eugene Istomin couldn't think of tearing himself away from baseball.

He improvised by arranging for the use of a \$5,000 piano to permit him to spend several additional days with the Tigers in spring training.

Istomin practiced on his Steinway three hours in the morning and two hours in late afternoon.

In the interim, he visited at Henley Field with Manager Charlie Dressen and the Detroit players. In a squad game, Eugene operated the scoreboard controls at the park.

Baseball was his primary topic, but Istomin touched other bases.

Bill Freehan, newly-elected Detroit player representative, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan before heading to Florida. Freehan is a history major. Istomin found this most interesting.

## Pal of Columnist Greene

The 40-year-old Istomin concedes that baseball is his main distraction.

"I met Charlie Dressen a couple of years ago," he said. "Doc Greene, the Detroit News columnist, is my friend and he took me into the Detroit clubhouse. Dressen and I have become real good friends. Last winter, we met in Los

Angeles and Charlie invited me to come to spring training."

The pianist stayed for a week and stretched it out by having a piano trucked in 40 miles from Tampa.

"I think the Tigers will win the pennant," Istomin ventured. "They never looked as good to me as they do now. They have defense, powerful hitters and the pitching."

Istomin applies the term "modest" to Dressen.

## This Is Jolt to Many People

"This will come as a shock to some," the pianist explained, "because that is not Dressen's reputation. Charlie congratulates himself less than other people. He talks about himself because he has lived a long time and been involved in many things.

"This man is intelligent, dedicated, disciplined, a complete professional."

Dressen has never heard his friend play. His designation for Istomin is merely "the piano player."

Istomin reached the big leagues in his endeavors many years ago.

"Before my eighteenth birthday," he related, "I played within one week with the Philadelphia Symphony and the New York Philharmonic.

"Most people don't start that young. You have to get yourself up for concerts."

# Cash, Finding Norm at Plate, Now Seeks Gold Glove Crown

By WATSON SPOELSTRA

LAKELAND, Fla.

Norm Cash tugged gently and off came one of his spiked shoes.

"Hey, No. 25," cried coach Pat Mullin across the Henley Field clubhouse, "you were marvelous."

"Just like the old Army days," shrugged Cash.

It was Picture Day for the Tigers and Mullins had been detained to pose for the cameras with Manager Charlie Dressen and the staff. Cash seized upon the opportunity to lead the players in calisthenics.

This is the story of the 31-year-old Cash with the Tigers. He's never too busy or preoccupied to do something in the common interest.

Sometimes Cash concentrates on doing things for himself. Like the last half of the 1965 season, when he batted .304 and influenced people to select him as "Comeback of the Year."

"I don't know whether I like that comeback business," Cash ventured at the start of a new campaign. "That means the year before was a bad year. All it proves is that I am capable of hitting .300. It's nice to know that."

Years of frustration have visited Cash since he dominated the American League batters with a thumping .361 in 1961.

## A Stratospheric Mark

The .361 was an unrealistic figure and Cash has never matched his 1961 output of 41 home runs and 132 RBIs. But nobody can laugh off his power hitting for the Tigers in a span of six seasons. Norm has averaged nearly 30 home runs and 88 RBIs for those six years.

The strong last half has stimulated him.

"I'd like to jump in and play nine innings every day in the exhibition season," Norm told Dressen. "I'm thinking of near the end. I want to be real sharp when the season opens. I'm hitting the ball better earlier this year. That's a good sign."

This is what Dressen likes to hear. "Norm doesn't get tired," the manager said. "Playing extra games in Florida won't hurt him. I didn't say a word when he came in. I just watched when he stepped into the batting cage for the first time. He stands the same way he did when he was hitting last year."

When you ask him about it, Cash reflects on the home run he hit off Wes Stock in Kansas City on the Sunday before the All-Star Game.

"I changed around at the plate," he said, "and opened up my stance. I spread myself out, cutting down

## Engineers at Cape Kennedy Ply Lolich With Questions

LAKELAND, Fla.—Mickey Lolich is filled with curiosity and nobody enjoys visiting Cape Kennedy more than he does.

"I'm going back to see it again," said the Detroit left-hander, following his first visit to the Florida rocket range. "This is real science fiction. Every taxpayer should go see it. This country isn't throwing its money away."

Lolich made a speech to 300 Chrysler engineers at Cape Kennedy and was granted a day off by Manager Charlie Dressen to look over the space complex.

"Don't get in one of those capsules," someone cautioned Lolich before he left.

"They always say I'm in orbit anyway," Mickey replied.

The engineers asked many baseball questions and Lolich tried to oblige.

"They wanted to know Detroit's lineup for opening day," said Mickey, "and I gave my version. It might not be the same as the manager's."

Lolich, who has said openly that he wants to pitch against the Yankees in the April 12 opener in New York, said he skipped naming the pitcher to the engineers.

He had Gates Brown in left field and Mickey Stanley in center field instead of the usual choices of Willie Horton in left and Don Demeter in center.

Of course, in this situation, Charlie Dressen has the last word.

"the stride. That's when it started."

Obviously, a buildup in confidence carried Cash to a new level in his relations with the Detroit fans.

While he'd never introduce the subject himself, Cash is proud of his improvement in the manipulation of the glove. In 1965, he was outstripped by only two first basemen in the American League balloting for the Gold Glove award.

"Who beat me out?" he asked one day on the field.

"Dick Stuart, I guess," said Don Demeter impishly.

"I know Joe Pepitone was one," said Cash. "Maybe the other was Gates Brown."

Gates likes to take a turn at first base now and then. But the No. 2 man in the voting last year was Vic Power.

In a serious vein several days

later, Cash said: "You know, I really think I'm a better fielder than Joe Pepitone. I'd like to be picked some year as the No. 1 man."

Dressen wouldn't be Dressen if he didn't put priority on Cash's explosiveness at the plate. The manager's theory is that Cash will hit in the first half "if he keeps swinging."

"Norm's trouble is taking too many pitches," said Dressen.

Cash's improvement against left-handed pitching was notable last year. He belted six home runs off lefthanders following the All-Star recess. His victims were Jack Spring, Steve Hamilton, Al Downing, Steve Barber, Dave McNally and Whitey Ford.

## Lefties Stopped Dick

Dick McAuliffe counts on making similar progress. The shortstop batted a modest .198 against lefthanders last year.

"I'm going back to a stance I used in high school," said McAuliffe. "I'm not going to pull the ball. I'll hit everything to left field. I'll try it all spring and see how it works."

The implied threat of platoon duty hangs over the heads of Cash and McAuliffe. Dressen wants to build up both players in the spring by letting them swing against all pitching. But the Tigers have spare parts in the event lefthanders are too tough.

Demeter is the logical platoon man at first base. Ray Oyler is the backup man at shortstop.

Demeter has put on a few pounds and is stroking the ball with authority.

Oyler seems to have eliminated the hitch in his swing and Dressen has fresh interest in him.

**Tiger Tales:** John Sullivan made a good start in his campaign to land the No. 2 or No. 3 catching job. In the first camp game, Sullivan singled off Larry Sherry to drive in the winning run. . . . The Willie Horton weigh-in was a dud. General Manager Jim Campbell insisted that Horton would stay at 205 pounds, but the scale shot up to 213. . . . Joe Sparma went a week without throwing after splitting the index finger of his right hand in a car door. . . . Bill Monbouquette is the hardest worker. "You could go away for a week and Monbo would be ready to pitch when you got back," said Charlie Dressen. . . . Mike Roarke is catching in batting practice and gets in his running every day. Roarke sat out last year as a coach, but he likely will be re-activated sometime this summer. . . . Al Kaline had the spikes set back an inch on his left shoe and this seemingly is working out well. . . . Claude Warren has been grounds-



NORM CASH . . . He's Brimming With Confidence

keeper of the Lakeland ball parks for 16 years, serving under eight Detroit managers. Warren says diplomatically: "They've been wonderful to get along with. Detroit's never had a bad manager." . . . Mickey Stanley went 2-for-2 in the first camp game. "I hope the kid hits," said Dressen. "It will make quite a difference with him in center field." . . . Jake Wood, the silent man, is not concerned with the \$50 and \$100 fines for fraternization. Said Jake: "There ain't nobody I know worth \$50." . . . The Yankees haven't lost their glamor at the turnstile. Bob Steinhilper, who runs the show at new Marchant Stadium, said: "You would be surprised, they're buying for the Yankees ahead of anything else." . . . Dick Tracowski has won the respect of coach Bob Swift. "He keeps his glove close to the ground and doesn't take his eye off the ball," said Swift. . . . Norm Cash is looking ahead to the exhibition games on April 7-9 in Houston. "I live 390 miles from Houston, but a good many people are coming in to see me play," said Cash. . . . Five of the Tigers' spring exhibition games will be broadcast to Tigerland area fans between March 13 and April 8 by Station WJR, Detroit, and members of the Tiger radio network, Ernie Harwell and Gene Osborn, will be at the mike for the five broadcasts, four of which will be on Sunday afternoons.

## Freehan Credits Flicker For Regaining Swat Form

LAKELAND, Fla.—Tiger catcher Bill Freehan loves himself in home movies, but it's a case of self-analysis, not admiration. He explained:

"Last year, my stride was all hung up and my hands were coming over the bat when I swung, but I couldn't correct it because I couldn't see it for myself.

"My dad had movies of my playing baseball from high school and my brother Bob had some when I played at Michigan and some from 1963, too, when I was doing everything right. Well, we got a splicer and put them all together.

"You could see the progression, how I started to hit properly and then how I fell out of stride and began to widen my stance and take a little choppy step before I swing instead of a long, smooth one.

"When I got to Lakeland, Charlie Dressen watched me hit and he knew right away that I was doing what I should have been doing last year. He told me not to listen to anyone now, not to change."

# No. 4 Socker Heads Chisox Shopping List

Soaring Left-on-Base Total  
Pinpoints Pale Hose Need  
for Larruper With Power

By EDGAR MUNZEL



Al Lopez

CHICAGO, Ill. For weeks the day-to-day figures on the White Sox statistical sheet have pointed unmistakably to the fact that they were in the process of shattering the left-on-base record of 1,334 set by the St. Louis Browns in 1941.

According to one set of figures, they already had passed the 1,300 mark with 15 games left. However, a recheck revealed that somewhere an error had been made. The correct figure with 15 games remaining on the schedule was 1,126. Nevertheless, that didn't alter Manager Al Lopez' thinking in the matter.

As far as Lopez and General Manager Ed Short are concerned, the failure of the White Sox to make a serious challenge for the flag was the lack of timely hitting.

Instead of the journalistic "30" used to indicate the end of a story, the closing of the White Sox campaign should be marked by "LOB"—the box score abbreviation for left on base.

### Need Cleanup Clouter

"What hurt us most of all is that we just didn't have a top-flight cleanup hitter," said Lopez. "We're going to have to try to do something about that for next year."

Short, in fact, already has placed a No. 4 hitter at the top of his shopping list when he begins preliminary negotiations during the World's Series roundup of officials.

The White Sox will have to turn to the trade marts because there just isn't anybody ready in the farm system who qualifies for this vital post.

First Baseman Tommy Lee McCraw of the Indianapolis farm club led the American Association in hitting with .325, but the White Sox aren't bringing him up because he apparently needs more seasoning.

Another first baseman, Grover (Deacon) Jones hit .319 for Savannah (Sally), walloped 26 homers and drove in 110 runs in 136 games. However, the Deacon, who was added to the official roster last week, probably would find the jump from Class A too big for him defensively.

### Six Failed to Handle Job

Lopez used no less than a half-dozen men in the cleanup spot this season—Floyd Robinson, Al Smith, Charley Maxwell, Sherm Lollar, Joe Cunningham and Jim Landis. None really filled the bill.

Robby topped them all with 97 runs batted in, inclusive of September 11, next came Smitty with 70 and then Cunningham with 66. Since Robby obviously will surpass the 100 mark in RBIs, he certainly can't be lightly dismissed. His contributions were tremendous, but what about his qualifications as a No. 4 man?

"Robby without question has been the big man in our offense," said Lopez. "Without him, we'd be in pretty

### Chisox Buy Kid Shortstop From Indianapolis Clowns

CHICAGO, Ill.—Haley Young, Jr., a 22-year-old shortstop, was purchased by the White Sox from the Indianapolis Clowns on September 12.

Young, who hit .387 and clouted 23 homers while touring with the Clowns this season, will perform for the Sarasota club that the Pale Hose will operate in the Florida Instructional League this fall.

### Sox Free of Court Hassles; Judge Dismisses Epton Suit

CHICAGO, Ill.—The White Sox, who have been in the courts so much the last six years that they were about to lay out a diamond, finally were freed from litigation, September 11.

On that day, Judge Samuel B. Epstein of the Superior Court dismissed Bernard Epton's complaint, ruling that Epton's alleged option rights to buy 54 per cent of White Sox stock in 1961 had not been legally binding.

The Epton dismissal marked the first time since 1957 that the White Sox had no legal action pending. Suits and counter-suits began shortly after the death of Mrs. Grace Comiskey, December 10, 1956, when son Charles and daughter Dorothy began battling for control of the club.

Epton had claimed that he tendered a check for \$1,000 on May 31, 1961, for an option to purchase the stock in the White Sox then held by the CBC corporation headed by Bill Veeck and Hank Greenberg. Under terms of the alleged option, Epton was to pay \$99,000 within a week, at which time he was to specify the date on which he would pay the balance of the purchase price of \$4,800,000.

The check was returned, uncashed, on the first business day following its receipt.

On June 10, after expiration of the option, the Veeck group sold the 54 per cent to Arthur C. Allyn, who later also acquired the rest of the stock. MUNZEL.

bad shape. But he shouldn't be hitting fourth. Third should be his spot. He's an ideal No. 3 man.

"Robby sprays the ball all over the park. He gets a lot of hits, is on base constantly and has the speed you like in a No. 3 hitter. But he doesn't pull the ball much, nor does he have the power you want in a No. 4 man (only nine homers).

"It would be a much better break for Robby if I could use him regularly at No. 3. But, since nobody else had all the qualifications either, I had to use Robby in cleanup most of the time.

### Smitty Hits in Streaks

"Smitty has more power (16 homers) but he is a streaky type hitter in a spot in which consistency is demanded. As for Cunningham, he's a tough, hard-nosed competitor, but he's also a spray hitter.

"So I've just had to juggle the lineup around hoping to get the timely hit, even if we couldn't get the long one."

Unfortunately, as painfully revealed by the LOB figures, Lopez hasn't been able to get the clutch hits. As for the long ball, its glaring absence is obvious enough in the fact that the White Sox will be the only club in the majors this season with under 100 homers.

Landing that No. 4 man in winter dealing may prove to be purely wishful thinking. Cleanup hitters always have been a scarce commodity and where there may be a surplus such as with the Yankees (Mantle, Maris and Howard), Tigers (Kaline, Cash and Colavito) and the Giants (Mays, Cepeda and Felipe Alou), they aren't about to part with any.

Sox Yarns: Joel Horlen, sidelined for ten weeks with a torn shoulder muscle, on September 9 won his first game since Memorial Day. . . . But he was unable to finish when his shoulder tired. . . . Al Smith was sidelined a week with an attack of flu. . . . Bob Sadowski suffered a severe ankle sprain, September 7, when his spikes caught sliding into second and may be out for the rest of the season. . . . Nellie Fox had a 19-game batting streak snapped when Umpire Larry Napp gave him the heave-ho, September 8, for kicking his bat after the ump had called him out on a third strike. . . . It was only the eleventh whiff of the year for Little Nell. . . . Fox got two at-bats in the game, but his errorless streak rolled on and was 56 inclusive of September 11. . . . Floyd Robinson needed three more doubles to tie the White Sox club record of 43 shared by Earl Sheely (1925) and Bib Falk (1926).

. . . J. C. Martin, converted from a first sacker, looked impressive behind the plate after catching only one year at Savannah.

# Ruckus Erupts Over 300-Win Party for Wynn

Critics Rap Chisox Decision  
to Delay Early's Bid Until  
Team's Return to Chicago

By EDGAR MUNZEL



Early Wynn

CHICAGO, Ill. Early Wynn finally won victory No. 299 on his fifth attempt when his laggard young mates came through with a few runs for a change to help him to a 6 to 3 triumph over the Senators, September 8.

But the cheers hardly had died down for the 42-year-old campaigner in his heroic effort to crash the 300 circle before a controversy was swirling around the heads of White Sox officials.

General Manager Ed Short had announced after the game that Wynn would not take his first shot at No. 300 until September 18 against the Red Sox at Comiskey Park—a wait of ten days in order to have the historic event take place at home.

The White Sox played in Minnesota, September 12 and 13, and in Washington, September 14, 15 and 16. "We feel that our own White Sox fans deserve the thrill and excitement of seeing Wynn go for No. 300," said Short in explaining the position of Owner Arthur Allyn as well as himself. "This could very well be the last time any pitcher ever wins 300 games because of the difficult conditions under which they now work.

### Gala Celebration Planned

"I believe our fans should be given the right to be present at such an occasion. And we're going to try to make it a memorable event in many ways—one of which will be the presentation of 300 Club buttons to every fan at the game."

Many observers, however, interpreted it as merely crass commercialism—a pitch for a big crowd by turning the affair into a big show.

Wynn himself was somewhat resentful at first when he learned about the long delay, especially since it took him so long to win No. 299. Among his four setbacks before he corralled it were defeats of 2 to 0, 3 to 2 and 4 to 3.

"I'd rather pitch right on down the line, working at least every fifth day, whether we're on the road or not," said ol' Gus.

"If I don't win that No. 300, I hope they'll be willing to give me another contract next spring. Being this close I just can't quit."

But then Wynn, a bit emotional perhaps because he was making the remarks right after winning No. 299, simmered down and grinned.

"Oh, well I guess it's all right. . . whatever way they want it."

# Fast Healer Cash Surprises Medics With Quick Recovery



Norm Cash

DETROIT, Mich.—Norm Cash is without equal as a quick healer.

For two years, the Detroit first baseman has returned to the lineup well in advance of doctors' estimates.

When Cash broke a bone in his left hand on August 26, the medical estimate was an absence of three weeks.

"Look, I can bend the knuckle," Cash insisted. "I'll be back in four or five days."

Nobody believed him, and Cash was persuaded to have his tonsils removed in the recuperative period. The operation originally was scheduled for next winter. It developed that Cash swung as a pinch-hitter in Baltimore eight days after breaking his hand and four days after having his tonsils out. He returned to full duty at first base on the thirteenth day after the hand injury.

"The guy's a wonder," said Manager Bob Scheffing. "If he hadn't had his tonsils out, I believe he would have been back in four days." The fast rebound has been an asset for Cash in Detroit.

# Bengal Blasters Swing for Team Homer Laurels

Cash, Colavito, Kaline Set Pace for Four-Base Leaders;  
Power Surge Touches Off Tiger Bid for Fast Stretch Run

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DETROIT, Mich.

Long-ball champions on a long trip.

This is the post-season outlook for the Tigers, preparing to leave on October 12 on a six-week exhibition tour of Hawaii, Japan and the South Pacific.

On September 10, the Tigers held a substantial lead over the Yankees and Giants in total home runs. With 19 games remaining, the Tigers seemingly are to reign as 1962 home-run champions.

As expected, the most menacing power hitters in the Detroit lineup are Norm Cash, Rocky Colavito and Al Kaline. Cash, best lefthanded home-run hitter in Detroit lore, had belted 34 at this point. Colavito, occupying the No. 2 spot behind Hank Greenberg on the all-time Detroit list, trailed Cash by one.

Kaline, shrugging off the fact that he missed 61 games with a broken collarbone and related injuries, had smashed 26 home runs by September 10.

Other home-run hitters in double figures were Chico Fernandez 18, Billy Bruton 15, Dick Brown 12 and Dick McAuliffe ten.

As a team, the Tigers had racked up 190 home runs for a margin of six over the Giants and 11 over the Yankees. Detroit also had one more game to play than San Francisco and four more than New York.

Presence of the home run was a foremost factor in the strong finish by the Tigers. They posted a 6-3 record in the first nine games in September. This featured the sweep of a four-game series from the Orioles. The Tigers finished with an incredible 16-2 season edge over the Orioles.

### Bruton Hot Clouter

A leading contributor to this surge was Bruton. The slick center fielder batted .400 in one stretch of 14 games. This sequence was eventually terminated on September 8 by Camilo Pascual of the Twins, but Bruton bounced back the following day with two more hits.

"Billy's up there where he belongs," declared Manager Bob Scheffing, noting the outfielder's .285 average.

Bruton hit from .280 to .289 in his last three seasons in Milwaukee, but he skidded in 1961 to .257 in his first year in Detroit uniform. However, Bruton reached an all-time high of 63 RBIs in Detroit last year. His 1962 output is even better. He passed the 70 mark with 20 games remaining.

"In Milwaukee, I hit in the leadoff spot," explained Bruton. "Detroit has had me in No. 2 and there are more men to drive in."

The Tigers also received good performance from 37-year-old Vic Wertz. When Cash was disabled for nearly two weeks, Wertz filled in at first base, hitting nearly .400 for the interim period.

"I hope the Tigers bring me back next year," mused Wertz. "I feel

## Timber!



Al Kaline



Rocky Colavito

that I can play another year or two. My legs feel good."

At this point, Wertz had come through at .333 as a pinch-hitter with 16 hits in 48 at-bats.

As he reshuffles the Detroit roster for next season, it is clear that Vice-President Rick Ferrell will make room for Wertz.

Infielder Frank Kostro and Pitcher Bob Humphreys were the first minor league players to break into the Detroit lineup in the September finish. Kostro, the handy man who plays half a dozen positions, received a chance at third base, replacing Steve Boros.

### Humphreys Notches Save

Humphreys made two relief appearances against the Twins. In the second one, he achieved a save while preserving Terry Fox' second victory of the season.

"He's a good pitcher," the manager said. "I can see where he and Fox will save a lot of games for us."

Others headed for Detroit duty were Pitchers Tom Fletcher and Bill Faul of Knoxville (Sally), Catcher John Sullivan, Knoxville, and Catcher Bill Freehan of Denver (American Association).

Ferrell added these to the Detroit roster, most of them for 1963:

Pitchers—Gordon Seyfried, Fred Gladding, Doug Gallagher, Alan Koch. Catcher—Jackie Moore.

Infielders—Don Wert, Reno Bertoia. Outfielders—Purnal Goldy, Bennie Sandlin, Mickey Stanley.

Tiger Tales: Chico Fernandez gathered eight hits in 11 at-bats against the Twins to boost his average 13 points to .248. . . . Frank Lary pitched to 14 hitters on September 8 in his first appearance since July 29. The Alabama righthander, plagued by a sore shoulder all year, was very impressive. . . . Bubba Morton gets a chance now and then as the replacement at first base for Norm Cash when the Tigers face lefthanded pitching. Bubba does a reasonably good job with the glove. . . . Along with his 16 victories, as of September 8, Jim Bunning had five saves in five relief appearances. . . . Steve Boros was charged with an error on September 7 when he got in Vic Power's way on the base line. Obstruction was called by Umpire Ed Runge. . . . Sam Jones suffered a hip infection following an auto accident in West Virginia and the big righthander seemed through for the season. . . . Third Base Coach George Myatt remained in the hospital in Baltimore with an arm infection. Scheffing took over the coaching duties for one day and then turned the jobs over to Phil Cavarretta and Tom Ferrick.