

Red Sox Give Up Power For Strength in Bullpen

By LARRY CLAFLIN

BOSTON, Mass.—True to their tradition of a big trade every year, the Red Sox stunned their fans during the World Series by trading outfielder Tony Conigliaro to the Angels in an effort to bolster Boston's pitching and team speed.

During the latter part of the season, it became obvious to those close to the scene that a Red Sox outfielder would go. Most people thought it would be Reggie Smith. Instead, it was Tony C.

Conigliaro was a bit shocked by the deal, but said later that if he had to be traded, he was glad it was to California.

This was the trade which was announced at 11 o'clock on the night of the second World Series game:

Conigliaro, catcher Gerry Moses and pitcher Ray Jarvis for relief pitcher Ken Tatum, outfielder Jarvis Tatum and infielder Doug Griffin.

The key man as far as the Red Sox are concerned is Tatum, the hard-throwing reliever.

Needed Help in Bullpen

"We had to get bullpen help," was the way General Manager Dick O'Connell explained the trade.

Ironically, Conigliaro had the best year of his life as far as homers and RBIs are concerned. With a strong finish, he hit 36 homers and was second to Frank Howard in the RBI department with 116.

If Tony thought that the fine season was going to keep him from being traded, he was mistaken. The Red Sox are less power-conscious than they used to be. They believe they have no hope of catching the Orioles without improved pitching, particularly in the bullpen.

With Tony traded, brother Billy probably will open the season in right field. Smith will remain in center, although there is a distinct possibility Billy will be in center eventually because most people



Ken Tatum

believe he is the best center fielder the Red Sox own.

Tatum immediately becomes the No. 1 righthanded reliever, complementing the lefthanded work of Sparky Lyle.

Tatum the outfielder does not figure to play very much.

Tatum to Be Reserve

"Tatum and Joe Lahoud will give us two capable outfielders in reserve, one lefthanded and one righthanded," said Manager Eddie Kasko.

Griffin is somewhat of a mystery to Boston fans, who never have seen him play. By the time the Angels recalled Griffin from Hawaii (Pacific Coast), the Red Sox and Angels had finished their season play.

At the moment, Griffin does not figure to be a starter for the Red Sox. However, he has played some third base and will be a candidate for that position if George Scott

is returned to first.

"Our scouting reports on Griffin indicate that he has exceptional speed. We can use all the speed we can get," said Kasko.

There is always the chance that Mike Andrews could be traded, but that is doubtful. Dick Williams, new manager of Oakland, offered the Red Sox a deal for Andrews. The deal was rejected.

In Boston, the reaction to the trade was not kind. Conigliaro had a large following and, ever since his serious eye injury, he has been a figure of public sympathy.

Despite the criticism, the Red Sox feel they made the best possible trade for the outfielder.

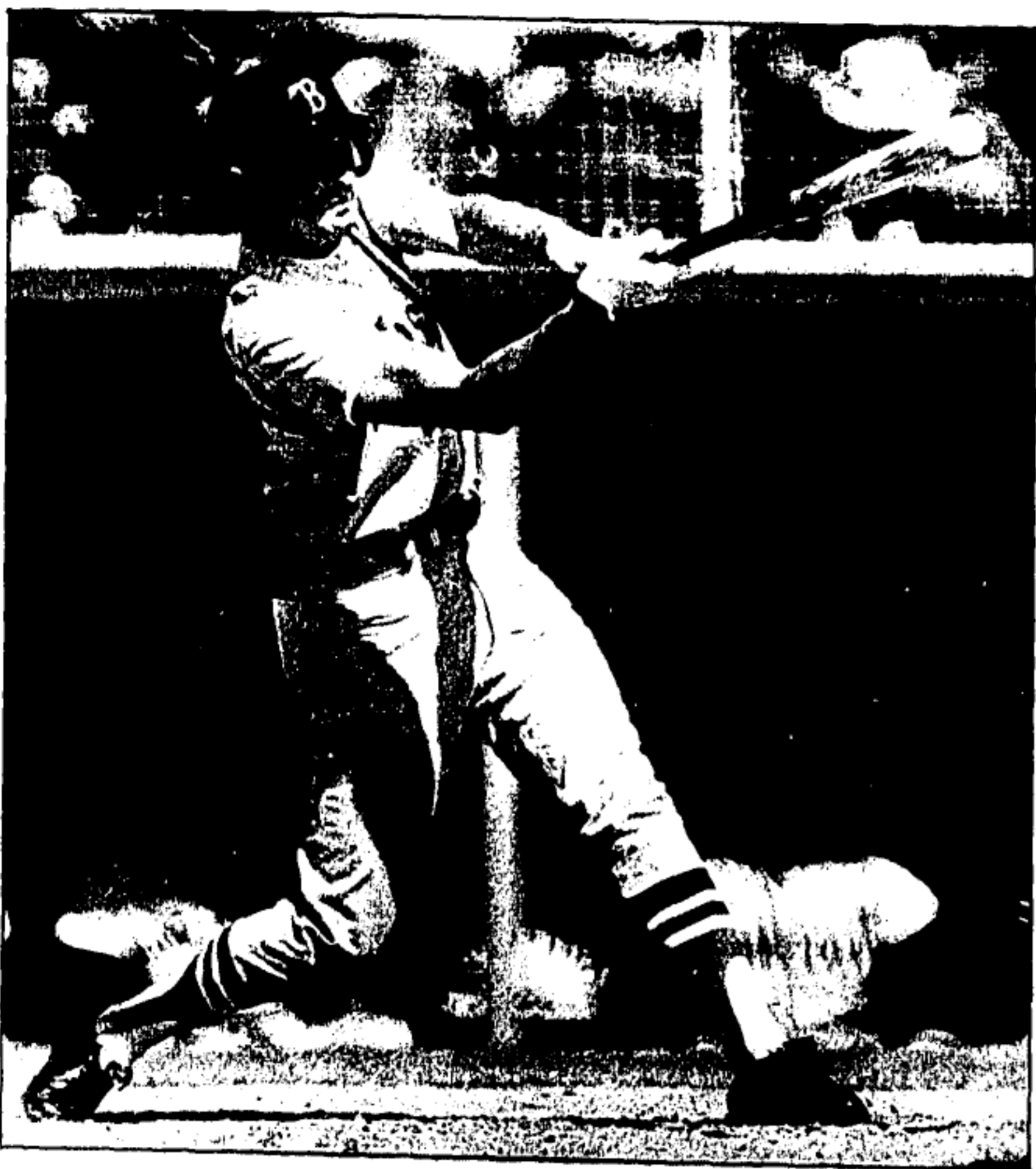
Joined Bosox in 1964

Conigliaro spent his entire career in the Boston organization. After only one year in the minors, he made the club in 1964 and had a big rookie season. Before he was 21, he led the American League in home runs.

In August, 1967, he was struck below the left eye by a pitch thrown by Jack Hamilton of the Angels. He played no more that year and had to sit out the entire 1968 season. Last year, he made a remarkable comeback and this year he had his best season ever at the plate.

One of the main reasons why Tony was traded is his defense. Red Sox executives feel the club was hurt in right field this year, particularly by runners moving from first to third on singles.

Bosox Bunts: The Sox acquired Billy McCool from the Cardinals for Bill Landis in an exchange of pitchers. . . . There had been rumors at Fenway Park that the Bosox would trade an outfielder to the Dodgers, but the Richie Allen deal cooled off that talk in a hurry. . . . One Boston reporter stated flatly in print that infielder Luis Alvarado would be traded. . . . Never before have the Red Sox scouted the National League as thoroughly as they did this year.



Tony Conigliaro . . . Gives Power To The Angels.

Angels Spell 'Champ' With Tony C.'s Initial

By ROSS NEWHAN

ANAHEIM, Calif.—They call him Tony Coney and his acquisition made the Angels as happy as a kid on Coney Island.

"If Tony Conigliaro does for us what he has done while hitting behind Carl Yastrzemski," said General Manager Dick Walsh, "then I can't help but think in terms of a pennant."

Manager Lefty Phillips equally was enthused.

"We've just added the home-run punch that we've been lacking," said Phillips. "Tony will bat fourth and Alex Johnson now will bat third. I'll move (Jim) Fregosi up to No. 2 and keep Sandy Alomar in the leadoff position."

"Tony's presence allows me to bat Johnson and Fregosi in more realistic positions and I'm sure Tony will take a lot of the pressure off the men behind him—especially Ken McMullen and Jim Spencer."

Phillips paused and then added: "Really, I got tired of seeing guys like Boog Powell and Harmon Killebrew take games away from us with one swing. Now we've got a man who can do the same. I couldn't be happier."

Six days after the acquisition of Richie Allen by the Dodgers, the neighboring Angels traded for a comparable power hitter and personality.

Landed in Package Deal

It was on the night of October 11, following the second game of the World Series, that Anthony Conigliaro, the 25-year-old who made a dramatic comeback from the near-fatal beaming of 1967, was acquired by the Angels in a package that included catcher Gerry Moses and pitcher Ray Jarvis.

Conigliaro hit 36 home runs and drove in 116 runs during 1970 and in exchange for this lively bat, the Angels gave up relief pitcher Ken Tatum, utility outfielder Jarvis Tatum and a promising infielder, Doug Griffin.

General Manager Walsh, whose acquisition last winter of Johnson gave the Angels their first batting champion, believes now that his team is capable of winning its first pennant.

"With this one trade," said Walsh, "we have bolstered our

lineup at the two positions where we were hurting—right field and catching.

"I hated to give up the man (Ken Tatum) I consider to be the best righthanded relief pitcher in the league, but we have acquired a big bat and a young man of considerable determination."

In addition to the bat and the determination, the Angels have acquired in Conigliaro an authentic drawing card, a handsome bachelor who does his thing with a flair both on and off the field.

"Primarily," said Walsh, "we needed a power hitter. That we got him in the form of an exciting young man whose mere presence means extra fans at the gate was a consideration we could not overlook."

If it is a case of what Conigliaro can do for the Angels, it is also a case of what Southern California can do for Conigliaro.

Shock, Then Joy

He is an athlete attuned to the bright lights of the park and the boulevard, and when his initial "shock and hurt" at being traded by his hometown team had worn off, he talked with enthusiasm of the transaction.

"When I got to thinking about it," said Conigliaro "I realized just how much I love California."

"In fact, if I had to be traded, I'd have quit if the Red Sox had sent me anywhere except California or New York."

"I mean this trade should be beneficial to me in many ways. For example, I'm up for a part in the filming of the book 'The Godfather' and now I'll be closer to that action."

"Also, I hope to resume my singing career during the off-seasons and I'm currently negotiating a contract with a record company. Being in California certainly won't hurt that potential."

"I also have a very lucrative investment in the Ramada Inn hotel chain and, of course, real estate is a big business out west."

The business that comes first is baseball and it was only two years ago that Conigliaro's career was considered over.

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Red Sox Hoping Tony Twins Are Permanent

Roomies Conigliaro, Horton Constant Pals Off the Field

By LARRY CLAFLIN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

A couple of former shortstops, who are still in their teens, are roommates, eat together almost every meal and are constant companions off the field. They also have been staging an interesting battle in the camp of the Red Sox to win a major league job this season.

They even share the same first name of Anthony and both were born within the sound of the ocean.

One is Tony Conigliaro, a promising outfielder who was born in East Boston, Mass., a subway ride from Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox.

The other is Tony Horton, a 230-pound first baseman, who was born in Santa Monica, Calif., a few thousand miles from Boston, the city where he hopes to spend the next 15 years as a ball player.

Both are righthanded hitters with power. Both were super stars in high school, each in basketball and baseball. Both survived broken bones to reach the training camp of a major league team.

Both are here in Scottsdale because of the first-year rule which makes it too risky for a big league ball club not to protect a young player. Had either Horton or Conigliaro not been placed on the Boston roster last autumn, both would have been lost in the draft.

The Red Sox have four first-year players on their 40-man roster and can send only one to the minors unless the club is willing to risk losing them on waivers. The four are Conigliaro, Horton, Pete Charton and Dave Gray. Charton and Gray are pitchers.

Pair Locked in Hot Battle

It has already been decided by the Red Sox to keep Charton and Gray. It has also just about been decided to keep Conigliaro and option Horton out for experience, although the battle is still on between the pair of young sluggers.

Circumstances dictate in favor of Conigliaro. In the first place, he has played more baseball than Horton. Conigliaro played two winters in the Florida Instructional League and almost a full season at Wellsville (NYP) and hit sensationally. Horton did not play in the winter league.

Another big reason why Conigliaro has the edge is the illness of Gary Geiger, Boston's part-time center fielder who was only recently released from a St. Louis hospital after two operations for a bleeding ulcer.

With Geiger sidelined, the Red Sox

Wild Pitch by Uncle Cost Conigliaro NYP Bat Crown

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—Tony Conigliaro's uncle cost his nephew the New York-Pennsylvania loop championship last year.

Just before the season opened last May, Conigliaro was working out at home with his uncle, Vinnie Martelli. An errant pitch by his uncle fractured Conigliaro's hand. He missed 30 games and did not get to the plate enough times to win the batting crown, even though he hit .363.

have only three experienced outfielders—Carl Yastrzemski, Lou Clinton and Roman Mejias.

A third reason is that Conigliaro has had more experience in the outfield than Horton has had at first base.

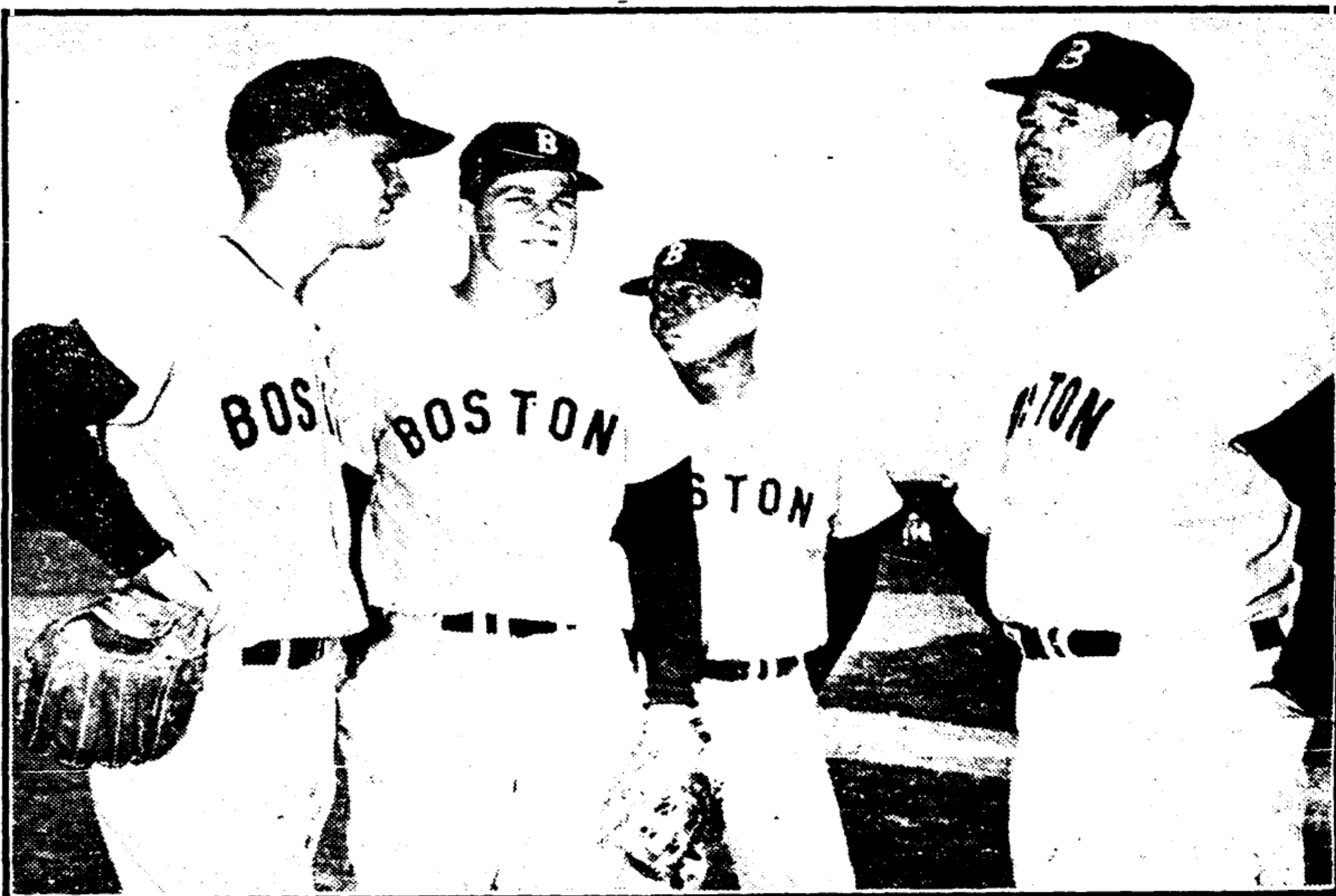
Conigliaro is aware of the rivalry between the two 19-year-olds for a job.

"We get along very well because there's no jealousy involved," Conigliaro said. "It often happens that there is jealousy among young ball players, but not in our case."

"I have confidence in my ability, but I'm not cocky. Neither is Tony (Horton)."

"When I signed with the Red Sox, they told me that within five years I would be in spring training with the major league team. Well, here I am within two years."

Conigliaro was a sensation last summer as the MVP and No. 1 rookie in the NYP League. He batted .363 for Wellsville and drove in 74 runs in 183 games. He hit 24 home runs. A brok-



TONY CONIGLIARO (left) and Tony Horton, prize prospects in the Red Sox camp, hang on every word when Ted Williams, special hitting coach of the Bosox, discusses his favorite subject. Listening in the background is Billy Herman, full-time batting coach of the Red Sox.

One Kid Reminds of Kaline; Other Holds Bat Like Mays

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—If comparisons mean anything, the two Tonys of the Red Sox are headed for certain stardom.

Speaking of Tony Conigliaro, Executive Vice-President Mike Higgins said, "He stands up to the plate like Al Kaline."

And speaking of Tony Horton, Ted Williams said, "He holds the bat like Willie Mays."

en hand, which sidelined him for the first 30 games, cost him the batting title. He did not get to bat enough times to qualify.

Conigliaro's slugging percentage last summer was a staggering .730.

Conigliaro went to high school at St. Mary's in Lynn, Mass., a city that produced such famous ball players as Blondy Ryan, Bump Hadley, Jim He-

gan and Harry Agganis. Now his family lives in Swampscott, one of Boston's prettiest suburbs on the North Shore. Tony's brother was the star quarterback of Swampscott's undefeated high school football team last fall.

14 Clubs Made Bids

When Conigliaro signed with the Red Sox, 13 other major league teams were at his doorstep. Finally, it came to a choice among the Red Sox, Orioles and Yankees. He selected the Red Sox when they matched all other offers. It is believed he received a bonus of about \$25,000.

Horton got a lot more money. He is regarded by many Los Angeles sports writers as one of the best athletes ever to come out of the area. Some say he was as good an athlete as Earl Battey, the Minnesota catcher. As a basketball player, he is compared to the immortal Bill Sharman, high scorer on several of the Boston Celtics' championship teams in the National Basketball Association.

Both Horton and Conigliaro were shortstops in high school. Horton seems too big to be anything but a first baseman or an outfielder now.

"I liked playing shortstop, but I'm willing to play anywhere I have to play to make this team," he said.

No less an authority than Ted Williams says Horton is the best-looking hitting prospect in the Red Sox camp.

Successor to Stuart

Last year, Horton hit .283 at Waterloo of the Midwest League with 21 home runs and 88 RBIs. He played a few games in the outfield and then was switched to first base. Eventually, the Red Sox are hoping he will become the successor to Dick Stuart at first.

In his senior year at University High School in Los Angeles, Horton broke his ankle in a basketball game.

He was forced to sit out the baseball season in his senior year, which scared away some major league scouts.

Yet, it has been reliably reported that he received \$125,000 from the Boston club, which has always been famed for its generous bonuses.

Horton and Conigliaro have a long way to go, to be sure, before they are established major league players. Yet, both have the natural ability. Boston fans should drool at the prospect of seeing two such young righthanded sluggers shooting at that famous left field wall in Fenway Park.

Teen-Age Whiz Already Getting Heavy Fan Mail

By BUD COLLINS
In the Boston Globe

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

"I'll be up all night, but I'm going to answer everyone." Tony Conigliaro's brown eyes were glittering with happiness and excitement as he pulled the envelopes from his locker. "I can't believe it—I'm getting fan letters—15 of them today. Other days five and six. And from people I never heard of."

"You know what they say? They just wish me all the best and ask if I'm coming to Boston. They don't want anything from me. They're just nice letters and I'll answer them, too."

Tony Conigliaro, 19, out of Swampscott one year and probably into Fenway Park the next, means everything he says. It seems unlikely that he'll be able to keep up with his mail if he does make it with the big boys, but he'll try.

He looks like a ball player for whom the Red Sox would gladly hire a stenographer.

"He Could Make It," Pesky Says

"That kid could be in right field for us," said Manager Johnny Pesky.

Conigliaro voices the feelings of every kid in his first big league training camp. Yet there is a maturity and electricity tinging the words you've heard many times before that send them leaping at you. When Conigliaro says, "I want to make this team so bad you don't know," and "Every time I'm out there, I think to myself how much I love this game," you want to run out and mail the kid a good-luck letter yourself.

"I can't believe it, being here in Scottsdale even now," Tony said.

"I'm not nervous. No, I know I'm not. The word for me right now is anxious. I played against the Giants and Willie Mays. I wasn't nervous at all, but maybe I'm trying a little too hard."

"I'm ahead on my swing but Ted Williams told me that was okay—better ahead than behind."

"I miss my home, my folks and my brothers but I'm not homesick. I've been through that."



HORTON (left) and Conigliaro, constant companions off the field, are served breakfast } by Lorraine Gutfelder at Ramada Inn, the Red Sox' headquarters in Scottsdale, Ariz.