

## Evans Proves He's Valuable

DETROIT—It's called responding to a challenge, and Darrell Evans did it for the Detroit Tigers just when he needed it most.

Hitting .167 when the Tigers recalled first baseman Mike Laga from Nashville (American Association) and reacting to a magazine article in which Owner Tom Monaghan was quoted as questioning Evans' value, he responded with four home runs in four days. In those four games, Evans was 11-for-17 and drove in 10 runs.



Evans lifted his batting average 75 points. It was a rewarding but turbulent time for the 38-year-old Evans, who is in the second year of a three-year contract.

Monaghan said his comments were taken out of context, but Evans was hurt all the same.

"It was no fun reading about it; that's for sure," Evans said. "But I don't think my teammates were feeling the same thing. That's what I really care about. The way I look at it, I have five months to hit. It's nothing I haven't been through before. By June of 1976, I think I had one home run. So I've had bad starts. But you can't panic, or you find yourself trying to make up for it all in one day. That's when you get into worse trouble."

Evans couldn't have been in much worse trouble than he was when Laga joined the club. Evans was in a 5-for-48 slump with one homer and two runs batted in. The Tigers were having problems scoring runs, and Laga had averaged 28 home runs in his past four minor-league seasons and already had hit seven this season for Nashville.

"I guess you can look at it as a direct challenge," said Evans. "But the good thing is I was still in the lineup, so I had a chance to turn it around instead of being put on the bench."

Evans broke out of his slump with a 4-for-4 game on May 15 in Minnesota, including a two-run homer off John Butcher in the sixth inning of a 5-4 defeat. He also singled twice and doubled before leaving the 11-inning loss for a pinch-runner.

The next day, Evans followed Laga's two-run homer in the ninth with a solo home run as the Tigers came from six runs down to score four times and put the potential tying run at the plate before losing 7-5.

Evans continued his productive week with an RBI single and a three-run homer the next night as the Tigers won in Oakland, 10-2. Evans then hit a three-run home run in the first inning of the next game in Oakland, giving him four home runs in 12 at-bats and a world of confidence.

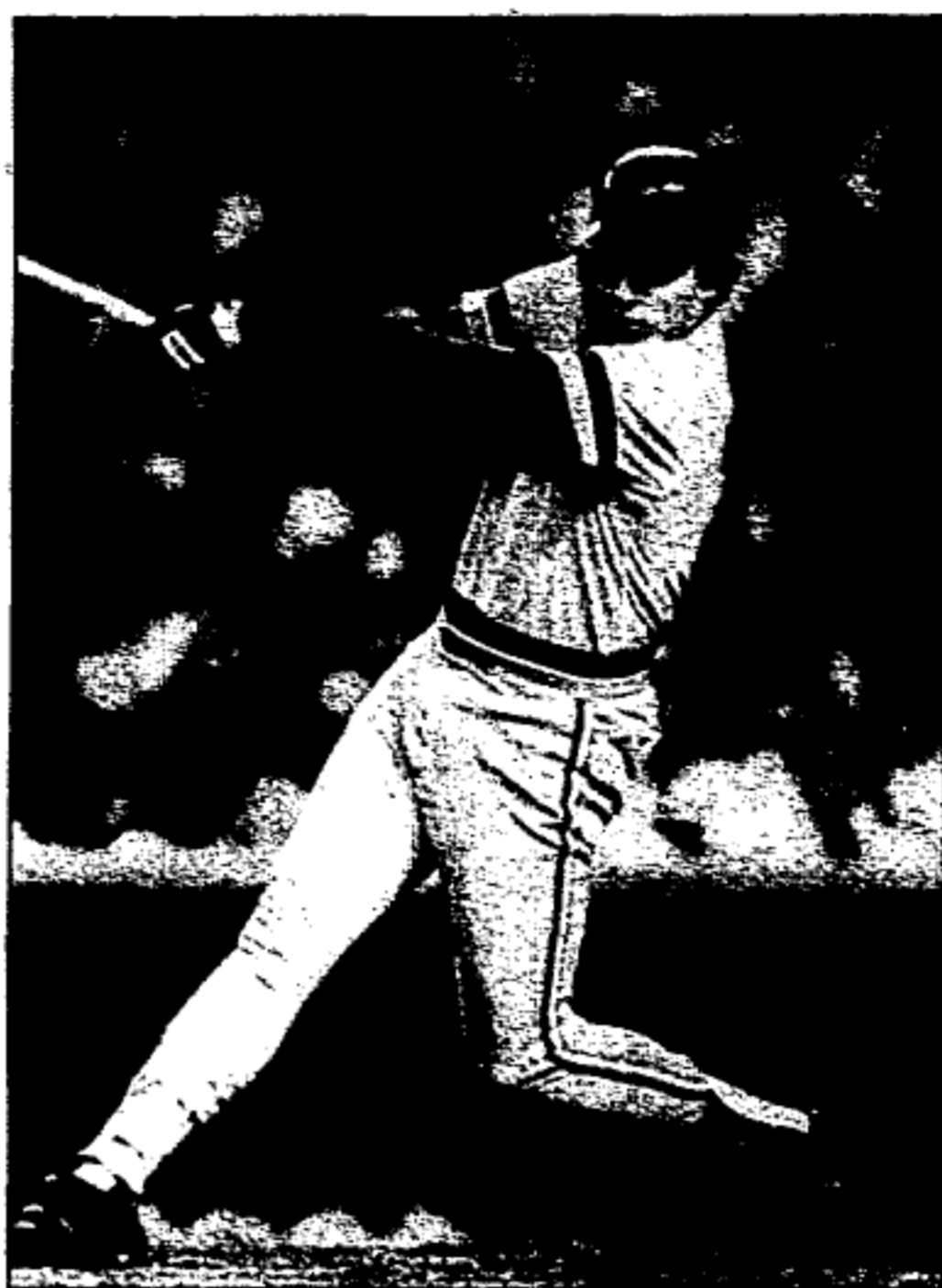
"That's the thing with a streak like this," he said. "You can't wait to get up to the plate again because you're in such a good groove. You feel like driving the ball every time."

Meanwhile, he was more at ease about staying in Detroit. "When I came here, it was because of a long list of positives," said Evans. "I feel even more intensely about it now."

**Tiger Tales:** Tom Brookens ended a 3-for-36 slump with a four-hit game on May 17 in Oakland. His final hit in that game caused quite a stir. Brookens hit a ground ball over the mound in the ninth inning and was awarded a single when the ball bounced into the jacket of second-base umpire Terry Cooney, who was trying to get out of the way. "I've never seen that happen anywhere," said Cooney. "And to tell you the truth, I never felt the ball. It slipped right inside my coat without me feeling it."

When the Tigers lost twice in Minnesota, it marked the first time since 1975 they had lost four straight times in the same season to the Twins. The Tigers hit 212 in the first inning through 32 games, scoring only nine runs.

TOM GAGE



Darrell Evans silenced the doubters with four swings of his bat when he hit four home runs in as many days.

auto wreck in August of 1983. Robertson was impressive in spring training this year, but he suffered a knee injury in late March and has spent April and May on the disabled list.

Meanwhile, Meacham was the shortstop under Yogi Berra and was inherited by Martin when Berra was fired 16 games into the season. Meacham and first baseman Don Mattingly were the only Yankees to appear in each of the team's first 35 games and, as far as Martin and Meacham are concerned, only an injury would push him out of the lineup.

"I liked him as soon as I saw him (in '83)," Martin said. "At the time, I was more impressed with his speed and defensive potential than his hitting. But he's really improved as a hitter."

Meacham feels he has plenty of room for improvement. "Defensively, I'm pretty much where I should be," he said. "I've been much more consistent than last year (19 errors in 99 games). I've only made a couple of what I call stupid errors. The more I play, the more I can settle in, get the feel of things and be more consistent."

Meacham hasn't been satisfied with his hitting, although he was batting in the .260 range and had 14 runs batted in in his first 102 at-bats. At that pace, he'd drive in 65 to 70 runs, outstanding for a No. 9 hitter.

"I'm still working regularly with (hitting instructor) Lou Pinella," Meacham said. "By no means have I put anything together. The funny thing is, I'm hitting better left-handed, but I feel much more comfortable right-handed. I'm still searching for a comfortable left-handed stance."

Last season, Meacham hit .292 righthanded and .232 lefthanded. This year, he has reversed those numbers, batting in the .315 range as a lefty and about .215 righthanded.

"I'm not paying attention to the numbers this year because I know I'm a better hitter as a righty," he said. "I'm confident I can be a .300 hitter as a righty. It's the lefty part I worry about."

Martin doesn't seem concerned. "I have confidence in him," he said. "He's a bear-down guy with men on base. And as a shortstop, I think he's going to get better and better. That's what I tried to tell people in 1983. Now they're listening."

**Yankee Doodles:** Rookie Brian Fisher's save against California on May 18 was the first by a Yankees reliever other than Dave Righetti in 53 games, dating to September 10, 1984, when Jay Howell picked up a save against Toronto. Righetti was sidelined for a few days with a fractured right little toe. He suffered the injury when he kicked the door on his way to the bathroom in his Anaheim hotel room. With Righetti sidelined, Martin used Ron Guidry in relief against the Angels' Reggie Jackson. The relief appearance was Guidry's third in the past five seasons. Guidry then took his regular turn in the rotation four nights later and won his third in a row, an 11-1 rout of Seattle May 21. In their first 20 games on the road, the Yankees were out-homered, 22-7, and had an 8-12 record. At Yankee Stadium, where they had a 16-13 edge in homers, they had an 11-4 record.

Pitcher Ed Whitson's miserable start was compounded by rude treatment from fans at Yankee Stadium. Whitson, who received a five-year, \$4.4 million contract as a free agent, said the vicious comments from fans rattled him and said he wouldn't bring his family to games any more. In his first eight starts, Whitson had a 1-3 record and a 6.09 earned-run average.

... Rickey Henderson's four RBIs against Seattle on May 21 matched his career high. ... Relief pitcher Don Cooper was optioned to Columbus but remained with the Yankees when John Montefusco returned to the disabled list because of a sciatic condition. Said Cooper: "I was getting ready to pack when I got a call from (minor-league director) Bobby Hofman. I felt like I was in one of those movies where the guy is being led to the electric chair and gets a last-minute reprieve from the governor. I'm going to call him Governor Hofman from now on." ... Dave Winfield, listening to the latest list of the Yankees' kangaroo court fines imposed by Don Baylor: "With all the money we've got, we should do more than have a party at the end of the year. We have enough to get a Burger King franchise, or at least buy an annuity for everybody."

MOSS KLEIN



## Altobelli Finds Room For Dwyer's Hot Bat

BALTIMORE—When he reported to spring training, about the only thing Jim Dwyer knew was that he would have a lot of competition for a job in the Baltimore Orioles' outfield.

The addition of free agents Fred Lynn and Lee Lacy meant the platoon system would be limited to one outfield spot, possibly none if switch-hitter Mike Young continued his progress from the second half of last season.

That, however, was little concern to Dwyer. "I don't have to worry about the starters," he said, only half in jest.

But a little more than a month into the season, Dwyer and Young found their roles reversed. When Lacy returned to the lineup after being sidelined five weeks with a broken thumb, Dwyer moved from platooning in right field to the same situation in left.

That left Young on the bench, a situation Manager Joe Altobelli didn't like because of his belief that young players shouldn't sit in the big leagues. Dwyer's performance, however, left him with no other choice.

"Right now, we need all the runs we can get," said Altobelli, referring to the Orioles' erratic pitching through the first six weeks of the season.

His preference is to have Dwyer available as his top left-handed pinch-hitter, but with Young struggling with a .214 batting average, Altobelli stayed with the veteran.

"I feel real good right now," Dwyer said after his fourth home run helped produce a 2-1 win over Seattle May 19. "Last year, because of the knee (he underwent surgery midway through the season), I never really got started."

Dwyer has never had more than 260 at-bats in a major-league season, and the most he's accumulated in four previous years with the Orioles is 196 in 1983.

"Everybody likes to play," said Dwyer. "The thing is, when you're not playing, you have to be able to accept that and try to help any way you can. If Joe came to me and said I could help more as a pinch-hitter, I would accept that and try to do it."

For the time being, however, Altobelli apparently has no such intention. Asked when Young would return to the lineup, Altobelli said: "When Dwyer needs a rest."

Young said he is not frustrated by the situation.

"No, not at all. (Dwyer) is hitting the ball. He deserves to be in there, and I'm behind him 100 percent. I'd like to be playing, but Joe's going to play his best men, and I respect him for that," said Young, who struck out 29 times in his first 98 at-bats.

Dwyer was hitting .299, but in the first three weeks of May he hit .324 with four home runs and 11 runs scored while batting second. With Cal Ripken on a roll, Dwyer had become an important part of the offense as the Orioles waited for Lacy to get his feet on the ground in the American League.

"I need about 30 at-bats," said Lacy, "and then I'll be ready."

**Bird Seed:** The Orioles' pitching staff had a 4.24 earned-run average through 35 games. ... Nate Snell, a 32-year old rookie, did not allow any of the nine runners he inherited in his first 11 appearances to score and had a 2.23 ERA. ... Sammy Stewart had five of the club's nine saves, a 1-1 record and a 2.53 ERA.

... Eddie Murray hit .319 over a two-week stretch, boosting his average from .238 to .259. ... Fred Lynn was hitting .292 with seven homers and 21 RBIs and played in all of the Orioles' first 36 games. ... Rookie third baseman Fritz Connally had only two home runs, but both were grand slams. He is believed to be the only player in history whose first two homers were grand slams. ... Lynn had half of Baltimore's six stolen bases.

JIM HENNEMAN



## Meacham Proving Martin Was Right

NEW YORK—When Billy Martin was manager of the New York Yankees in 1983, Bobby Meacham got him into trouble.

Meacham's role in the episode was his ability as a shortstop. Martin recognized that ability when Meacham was called up from Columbus (International) in late June. Martin wanted to play him regularly, instead of Roy Smalley.

But management, including Owner George Steinbrenner, wanted Smalley at shortstop and a more experienced backup than Meacham. So the Yankees reacquired veteran Larry Milbourne from Philadelphia in mid-July and Meacham was returned to Columbus.

Martin complained often about the situation, especially when Smalley made a game-losing error against the California Angels in late August. But his complaints generally were viewed as just another example of his inability to get along with management.

Martin is back for his fourth tour as the Yankees' manager, and his shortstop is Meacham. This time, Martin didn't have to argue to get him.

Meacham, a 24-year-old switch-hitter, became the Yankees' regular shortstop last June, when Andre Robertson returned to the minors to continue a comeback from injuries suffered in an



## Keystone Carousel Ruffles Riders

CLEVELAND—Shortstop Julio Franco's "permanent" move to second base lasted only eight games, and though there was no confirmation by the principal participants, sources close to the Cleveland Indians indicated that it was Peter Bavasi, presi-

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BASEBALL

NOTEBOOK

Braves Release Evans; Career May Be Over



The long career of first baseman Darrell Evans may have reached its conclusion April 4 when the Atlanta Braves told him he would not be included on the 27-man roster. Evans, hoping to become the 18th player in major league history to play in four decades, indicated he would try to land a job with another team. But he admitted that his chances weren't favorable.

"It's happened to a lot of my friends, and it's not easy," said Evans, 42. "(I knew) one of these days I wasn't going to play baseball again. I guess when it slaps you in the face, you don't know how to feel. I don't know what to expect because I've never been in this situation before. Obviously, this could be the end of my career." After being told of the club's decision, Evans wandered through the Braves' clubhouse for more than an hour dressed in his uniform. "I don't know what to do," he said. "I don't want to walk out the door and be by myself. I want to be around here."

Said Manager Russ Nixon: "It wasn't a fun day for me. This is the worst day for managers. You have kids, and they know they're going down, but then you have guys like Darrell. You walk off the field not knowing if you're ever putting the uniform on again. That's a tough feeling."

Evans' presence in the Braves' clubhouse will be sorely missed. A veteran of 19 major league seasons, he shared his experiences with many of the team's young players and provided them a valuable insight to the game. "In my mind, there's going to be a void," shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "There were plenty of occasions when we stayed in the clubhouse until 2 or 3 in the morning talking about the game. He's the type of guy who initiated that. There should be more guys like him in the game. I'm not going to forget about him. Hopefully, someday I can be like him."

If Evans doesn't catch on with another team, he'll leave the game with 414 home runs, 21st on the all-time list, and 1,354 runs batted in, 41st on the all-time list.

Braves righthander John Smoltz has a different approach to pitching this year. "I tried to strike out people last year," he said. "This year, I just want to get them out. If it means giving up 400-foot fly balls, so be it. My first two years I probably concentrated a little bit too much on putting a guy away, and I wasn't making that good pitch. The game looks a lot easier with a first-pitch groundout, second-pitch grounder to short, then maybe another three or four pitches."

Nixon, who decided to carry 12 pitchers on the 27-man roster, was concerned about his bullpen. "I'm not worried about our starters, but I'm a little leery of some of our relievers," he said. . . . Brian Snitker has been shifted from bullpen coach to first base coach, allowing hitting coach/first base coach Clarence Jones to move into the dugout. Phil Niekro will assume the role of bull-

pen coach.

The Braves claimed catcher Phil Lombardi on irrevocable waivers from the Mets. The move meant that veteran catcher John Russell would not be on the 27-man roster. Lombardi, 27, split last season between Tidewater (International) and New York. He batted .261 with 14 home runs and 73 RBIs in 113 games at Tidewater, then hit .229 in 18 games for the Mets.

Shoulder Woes Put Downs on Sideline



The San Francisco Giants were dealt a blow when righthander Kelly Downs had to be placed on the disabled list with a recurring shoulder injury. Downs, who missed a large portion of last season after his shoulder

was injured in a game against the Cubs May 1, felt a "hot spot" in the same area of the shoulder while pitching against the Indians April 2. An examination the next morning revealed "changes" in the rotator cuff and "a lot of inflammation," according to Dr. Richard Collins, who recommended surgery.

Downs, 29, was placed on the 15-day disabled list and said he would

seek a second opinion from Dr. James Andrews, an orthopedic specialist in Birmingham, Ala. "I'd have to say it's the same thing as last year," said Downs, who was expected to be one of the Giants' starters. "It bothered me the first time I threw batting practice in spring training. I thought I'd give it a chance and work through it. I need answers. It's like this is my (Continued on Page 14, Column 5)



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Whitey Herzog

Whitey Herzog has one simple philosophy that he uses to solve most of the problems he encounters as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals: common sense. "In almost any situation, common sense should prevail," Herzog said. "It should prevail with the rulebook but a lot of times it doesn't. If everybody would just use common sense, there would be a lot less problems." Herzog, who had a successful run as manager of the Kansas City Royals before taking over the Cardinals in 1980, used common sense to solve the first problems he found when he moved to St. Louis. The team was playing in a big ball park but they didn't have the team speed or quality pitcher in the bullpen that Herzog thought was necessary for the Cardinals to be successful. He solved those problems, emphasizing speed and the running game, and brought in some quality stoppers to preserve late inning wins. "We were woefully weak in both areas," Herzog said. "I knew we were never going to do anything until we got a stopper in the bullpen. He gives you the feeling of confidence that you have a chance to win." And win the Cardinals did. Three NL pennants in the decade - the most of any team - and one world championship in 1982. That victory earned Herzog recognition as *The Sporting News* Manager of the Year as well as the publications Man of the Year Award. Herzog's Cardinals also won pennants in 1985 and 1987. But, they haven't won for two years and Herzog can see that the game is changing. More and more teams are adopting the Cardinals' philosophy of scratching for every possible run and placing increased emphasis on stopping their opponents' running game. For the Cardinals to be successful in the 1990s, Herzog knows they are going to have to change with the times as well. "I really don't see us stealing 200 bases again," he said. "We've got to find other ways to score runs." "Everybody thought our biggest problem last year was going to be our starting pitcher," he said, "but that wasn't the case. We just didn't have enough offense day in and day out. And yet we still stayed in the race until the end." Herzog's worries about this season are the same: Does the team have enough offense? And, how will it generate runs without relying so much on stealing bases? "We've got to hope a lot of guys do better than they did last year," Herzog said. "I think our guys will bounce back. I think we are a better offensive team than we've shown in the last two years." One thing Herzog has learned in his 13 seasons as a major league manager, however, is that you always have to be prepared for the unexpected problems. Just when you think everything is OK is when you will likely find yourself in trouble, he said. "More than anything else, a manager is sitting on a powder keg," Herzog said. "Everyday when you come to the ball park you don't know what to expect," he continued. "Because it could change in an hour. You never know what's going to happen." "You can't ever feel things are the way they should be. You don't want to act too surprised by anything because nothing shocks you any more." And that gets back to Herzog's basic philosophy of common sense, something he wishes both sides would have understood better in the labor disagreement this spring. "I don't know what's going to happen but it's something both sides have to look at," Herzog said. "The players don't realize how quickly the game could be in financial trouble in the near future."

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# Remy Eager to Reclaim Bosox Job

By JOE GIULIOTTI

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—There was a time when the Boston Red Sox would report to their spring training home prepared for a six-week vacation. Jobs were decided before camp opened, and except for a bench job or a spot on the pitching staff, there wasn't much competition.

But that was before the departure of the Rick Burlesons, Butch Hobsons and Fred Lynns and the arrival of the Dave Stapletons, Joe Rudis and Mark Clears.

Manager Ralph Houk, who came out of his two-year retirement, will have some big decisions to make in the next six weeks. There's plenty of competition except for third base (Carney Lansford), shortstop (Glenn Hoffman), left field (Jim Rice) and catcher (if Carlton Fisk is signed and healthy).

Houk is not expecting a rebuilding year or a second-place finish. "I didn't come back for that," he said. "I came back to win it and I think we've got the people to do it."

Houk isn't alone in his optimism. There are 25 other major league managers brimming with confidence as baseball begins again.

There are also the players who can't wait to get started and right at the top is Red Sox second baseman Jerry Remy, who missed the second half of the 1980 season with a knee injury that required surgery.

Remy, who reported to camp two days early, is one who has competition this season. He and Stapleton, last year's rookie sensation, are both second basemen and both have the credentials to claim the job.

Remy was off to his best start in six years when he went down in Milwaukee just after the All-Star break. He was hitting .313 with 14 stolen bases and 11 bunt hits. In came Stapleton as his replacement to hit .321 and finish second behind Cleveland's Joe Charboneau for the American League Rookie of the Year prize.

There have been reports that Remy and Stapleton would be platooned, but Houk is not saying anything until he's seen both in action.

Remy has read all the stories and heard all the rumors about the platoon plans. He doesn't particularly want to be

platooned, but he's not worrying about something that hasn't happened yet.

"I expected to hear talk like that. That's what happens when you're injured," he said. "But I'm not going to spring training thinking about platooning or being traded. I'm just going there to play baseball."

After his surgery, Remy was a frequent visitor to Fenway Park. Being unable to play taught him a valuable lesson. "I realized I wasn't doing the thing I enjoyed most. I missed being able to go out and get a base hit or steal a base. Hell, I missed being able to go out and make an error. I was miserable."

During the off-season, Remy worked as hard as he'll ever work in the spring. He ran, lifted weights, played racquetball and, since the first of the year, hit and threw in the Tufts University indoor cage.

"The knee is fine," said Remy. "The difference between now and the last two years is enormous. I can tell because the little things that used to aggravate it don't bother it a bit now. I've tested it and put more stress on it than I ever will playing. I'm past the point now of even thinking about it."

**Sox Footnotes:** The Fisk free-agent-sweepstakes continued right up to the 11th hour before spring training. Offers were made, and counterproposals presented. The Red Sox said Fisk rejected a four-year, guaranteed pact that, with incentives, would have given him the opportunity to earn as much as any other catcher in baseball. . . . The Toronto Blue Jays said they wanted Fisk and the Cincinnati Reds said no thanks. Because of the publicity, most Boston fans developed a "who cares?" attitude.

Stapleton signed his 1981 contract two weeks before leaving for camp. . . . Rico Petrocelli, the former Red Sox third baseman, dismissed as color man on the Red Sox radio station after the 1979 season for making critical remarks about the club, said he could sympathize with TV color commentator Ken Harrelson, who really unloaded on Red Sox ownership in early February. "We were both players and are fans and get frustrated when the team doesn't win," said Rico. "I hope the Red Sox show some class and sit down with Kenny to work things out."



Carlton Fisk, a recent addition to the free-agent ranks, keeps in shape by playing a little basketball at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

# Robby's Problem: Giants Loaded With Vets

By NICK PETERS

CASA GRANDE, Ariz.—Decisions, decisions. That's what's in store for Frank Robinson as he embarks on his maiden season as manager of the San Francisco Giants.

The eager Robinson, who arrived February 20 to supervise the first two weeks of training at this desert spa between Phoenix and Tucson, will have plenty on his mind as he scrutinizes a shuffled 40-man roster.

There have been myriad changes on a club that finished a distant fifth in the National League West and lost 86 games in 1980. The roster had been bolstered by six new veterans and Robinson will have to determine where they fit into his plans.

He'll have more decisions than most managers because he not only is learning about his personnel after being away from the National League almost 10 years, but also faces a stockpile of vets in the outfield and infield.

"I'm going in with an open mind," Robinson stressed. "I'm not making any judgments until I see what everyone can do. All I know now is that if hard work means winning, we'll have a winner."

Robinson spent the first week working with pitchers and catchers. The rest of the squad was due March 1. The Casa Grande phase of training concludes March 10. Then the club shifts to Phoenix and begins exhibition play against the Chicago Cubs at Mesa March 11.

"We're going to spend a lot of time on fundamentals," said Robinson. There's no question the Giants could use some work in that area.

"We won't be doing much experimenting," Robinson said, "but some people will be bouncing around because we have to find out if they can play more than one position before we think about moving them."

The 40-man roster includes eight veteran outfielders, with the addition of Jerry Martin and Jesus Figueroa from the Cubs. At least two of them will have to go.

Ditto in the infield, where there are eight vets following the addition of Enos Cabell and Joe Morgan from division champion Houston. The possibility of Darrell Evans shifting to left field further clouds the outfield situation.

Robinson purposely shied away from position evaluation in the early camp. He wanted to have a good look at everyone.

Robby's decisions won't be easy, as the following position-by-position rundown suggests:

**First base**—Evans is a candidate, now that Cabell figures to start at third, but if Mike Ivie bounces back to his 1979 form, it would be difficult to keep his bat out of the lineup. There's also Rich Murray, who showed flashes of brilliance



Darrell Evans . . . First, third or left?

last year before he was injured.

**Second base**—The addition of Morgan will make incumbent Rennie Stennett work harder or else Stennett will ride the bench because of Little Joe's leadership qualities and clutch hitting.

**Shortstop**—Johnnie LeMaster's job isn't threatened, because backup Joe Pettini is more of a utility type.

**Third base**—The position apparently is Cabell's, with Evans waiting in the wings.

**Left field**—The deal with Houston for pitcher Ken Forsch apparently has fallen through, so Larry Herndon is expected to be back, staving off the challenge of Evans for regular duty. Terry Whitfield and Jim Wohlford are fill-ins.

**Center field**—Martin is the leading contender, a situation that leaves Billy North out of work. An alternative may be to platoon Martin and North, or to put Martin in left field when North is playing center.

**Right field**—Jack Clark territory. He's the heart of the batting order and will play 150 games or more because of

his super star qualities.

**Catcher**—Milt May is the incumbent and he'll be backed by Mike Sadek and Dennis Littlejohn or George Bjorkman. If the club doesn't keep Bjorkman, he goes back to the Cardinals.

**Starting pitchers**—The Giants still are looking for a veteran to augment the rotation now that the Forsch deal is off. Vida Blue, Ed Whitson and newcomer Doyle Alexander are a solid threesome. The other starters will be Al Harger-shimer, Allen Ripley and possibly Tom Griffin, the most underrated and versatile member of the staff in 1980.

**Bullpen**—Possibly the deepest and the best in the league with Al Holland, Greg Minton, Gary Lavelle and Griffin. If Randy Moffitt regains his previous form, it will be a bonus.

**Bench**—The influx of veterans can't help but provide improvement. Evans may become the most versatile player on the squad as a replacement at third, first and left. Cabell also has those capabilities. Players like North and Stennett also would give the club bench strength.

**Decisions, decisions.** Robinson faces some tough choices.

**Giants:** ABC's Al Michaels is the narrator for the Giants' first highlights film since 1972. The 25-minute film, "Tradition for Today," contains considerable footage from the past, including clips of Carl Hubbell, Mel Ott, Juan Marichal, Willie Mays and Willie McCovey. The film is sponsored by the U.S. Army. . . . LeMaster won his salary arbitration case, and Minton lost his. LeMaster was awarded \$155,000 and the club offered \$135,000. The shortstop got \$110,000 last year. Though Minton's pay jumped from \$90,000 to \$180,000 after his 19-save season, he didn't get the \$265,000 he requested. . . . Tom Zimmer, son of Texas Manager Don Zimmer, has been named the Giants' Caribbean scout, succeeding the late Chick Genovese.

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