

Dodgers' Toy Cannon Booms Homer Barrage

By ROSS NEWHAN

LOS ANGELES—He is 5-9 and 170 pounds and his swing is that of a man much larger. It is his inimitable trademark and has brought him the nicknames of Toy Cannon and Little Big Man.

There were times, too, during 10½ years with the Astros, that some called him a troublemaker, a clubhouse lawyer, a man who resisted change.

The stories are probably a mixture of fact and fiction, but it is clear that Jimmy Wynn did not resist the change made last December.

IT WAS ONE he had asked for and one he has embraced with enthusiasm. He's shaking off the cobwebs that had begun to clutch at his career during the last summers in Houston, where many made him the scapegoat for the club's annual frustration.

Traded to the Dodgers for Claude Osteen and told by his new manager, Walter Alston, that he should be his own man, Wynn has responded with the fastest start of a career marked by fast starts.

The first game was characteristic. The Toy Cannon drove in the Dodgers' first run of the new season with a single. He then hit a two-run homer before adding another single.

He also played center field in a style reminiscent of his predecessor, Willie Davis, and perhaps in a style that may not have been reminiscent of Davis.

PITCHER Don Sutton seemed to take a subtle swipe at the former Dodger when he applauded Wynn's game, if fruitless, bid to catch a sinking liner hit by John Grubb.

"It was good to see our center fielder dive for the ball," said Sutton, who pitched an 8-0 shutout.

At the next locker, Wynn smiled and pointed at the Dodger uniform.

"I've been waiting a long time to wear this," he said. "The game tonight meant a lot to me. I know how much the fans here loved Davis and I wanted to show them what I can do."

Wynn's demonstration did not stop with the opener. He was at the heart of virtually every Dodger win. The sweetest for Wynn came in the finale of a three-game series at Houston, where his return was greeted with boos.

PRESSING AND 0-for-8 in the first two games, Wynn homered and tripled to spark the getaway victory.

"I wanted to destroy the Astros in this series," he said. "I wanted to show them how happy I am. Really, I probably haven't felt this way since I was a rookie. Everything I had felt to be true about Alston and the Dodger way of doing things is just that."

"The kids here have helped me regain the winning attitude that I had begun to lose in Houston. The Astros figured they would find a way to get beat and they generally did. And they brought their mistakes back the next day."

"The Dodgers, by comparison, have this tremendous tradition. I don't like to look too far ahead and this club hasn't been doing it, but there's now no doubt in my mind that if I do what I'm capable of doing, we'll win the pennant."

"I SAY THAT even though I'm convinced that no one man can win a pennant, that it takes all 25, that perhaps I was the one who always was blamed when Houston didn't win."



JIMMY WYNN (left) and Dodger coach Maury Wills discuss Wynn's potential as a base stealer. Wynn says he expects to steal at least 40 for the Dodgers this season.

Wynn hit 223 home runs during the vain pursuits by the Astros, a figure that places him seventh among active National League sluggers.

But playing for Houston became a job for Wynn, a 9-to-5 lunch pail existence that took the fun out of the game, threatened his career and made him feel that it was in his own and the club's best interest that he be traded.

AND WHEN WYNN got his wish last December, he said he had hoped that Los Angeles would be his new home, that he had long admired Alston and the Dodger spirit.

He could not say the same for Harry Walker and Leo Durocher, his last two managers at Houston, both of whom tampered with that natural, free-wheeling swing, prompting the disagreements that helped characterize Wynn as a troublemaker.

There was that and more. "It probably started when Joe Morgan and I were roommates," said Wynn. "We're both individuals and believe in speaking up if we see something wrong."

"WE MIGHT GO to a veteran player or a coach or voice our opinions in a meeting. I'd even do it during a game. I mean Harry Walker wouldn't be paying any attention to what was going on out on the field. He'd walk up and down the dugout talking about hitting and finally I'd say, 'Harry, get in the game, pay attention to the field.'"

"All either Morgan and myself were trying to do was make the situation better, but in Houston they said we had bad attitudes, that we were troublemakers."

The characterization was compounded by Wynn's reluctance to change the style that has enabled him to hit as many as 37 home runs in a season and average more than 22 for his 10½ seasons.

WALKER attempted the first change when he took over in 1968. He believed he could improve Wynn's average by teaching the

Cannon to hit the outside pitch to right. Wynn preferred to wait for something inside or down the middle that he could pull with power.

"Hitting is a mental thing," said Wynn. "The pitcher has all the advantage. He not only knows what's coming, but where. The hitter has to have his mind together. Some guys can be taught to change and it won't bother them. But I'm not one."

"Walker tried to tell me I could bat .300 every season. I tried to tell him I was too far gone to change. I had been hitting the other way too long. That's when the disagreement started and it never got better."

WHEN DUROCHER took over, he suggested on opening day of the 1973 season that Wynn should bat leadoff. Durocher reasoned that Wynn was a small, difficult target, a man who hit with power but also drew a lot of walks.

Wynn greeted the suggestion with something less than joy, believing that as leadoff hitter he would sacrifice his natural power and the number of RBIs he would collect by batting third or fourth. Wynn said Durocher told him, "Don't worry about your RBIs. You bat first and we'll get more money for you at the end of the season."

Jimmy opened spectacularly, hitting five homers the first week. Then his wife became seriously ill (she recovered) and Wynn spent the next 3½ months living with her in the hospital. He finished the season with 20 home runs and 55 RBIs. His average fell from .273 to .220.

"BETWEEN worrying about my wife and batting in a position I didn't like," he said, "the mental anguish was terrific. I take pride in 20 homers under those circumstances, but it was my unhappiest year there. Needless to say, I didn't get the money that Durocher promised."

Wynn said that when the season ended, he felt that something better was just ahead. It came in the form of the trade. Wynn now says

it is the start of a new career. The opinion is supported by Morgan, his former roommate.

The little second baseman, who has enjoyed two spectacular seasons since being traded to Cincinnati, said the change will benefit Wynn even more.

"I'M THE TYPE guy who doesn't give a damn," said Morgan. "I don't care if you don't like me. I simply came to a team where the things I do best fit in perfectly. I haven't done anything more than I did in Houston, but I'm with a better team, so I draw more recognition."

"In Jimmy's case, however, he's a sensitive guy. He has to know he's wanted. He has to receive a pat on the back—not simply because he's capable of hitting 30 home runs for you, but because you respect him, because you're willing to show interest in him as a man."

"Jimmy was in an environment where he wasn't wanted, where he was blamed for the team's failures. It became strictly a job for him. Baseball has to be fun, exciting, and now he has a shot at it again."

"REALLY, WE'RE talking about one of the best players in the game. There's nothing he can't do."

Wynn's Swing Just Fine As It Is, Dixie Declares

LOS ANGELES—Dixie Walker, the Dodger batting coach, won't say his brother was wrong, but he does believe that Jimmy Wynn is "some kind of amazing hitter" just the way he is.

Harry Walker, then the Houston manager, tried to have Wynn change his free-swinging, long-ball style to a shorter, hit-to-all fields stroke that Wynn opposed.

"I was aware that Jimmy and Harry may have had some differences," said Dixie, "but I went to Wynn this spring and told him that I didn't want that to affect our relationship, that I wanted him as my friend, which he has been. Our relationship has been beautiful."

"As for his swing, well, I've had no reason to suggest anything to him about his hitting and I doubt that I will. He has his own style and it's something you don't tamper with."

With his new motivation, I'm sure he's going to prove it."

The change in uniforms was a start on motivation. He has received more in private conversations with Alston, who will keep Wynn third in the order and has given him a permanent green light on the bases.

Wynn is an instinctive runner who stole 43 bases for the Astros in 1965 and believes he can steal at least 40 for the Dodgers. He has not changed the goals he cited when traded: 25 to 30 home runs and more than 80 RBIs. He believes he will hit better in the fresh air of Dodger Stadium than in the air-conditioned Astrodome.

HE ALWAYS HAS hit well in the Los Angeles park, which is known as a burial ground for long-ball hitters. His previous total of 13 career homers at Dodger Stadium placed him third among opposing players. His six in 1967 is a high for opposing players.

Wynn said that Los Angeles fans provided stimulation even when he wore an opposing uniform through their respect for ability. He said he always has considered them the best in baseball and feels they will be an important source of motivation to him this year.

"The only thing I ask is that people realize I have to be myself," he said. "Everyone has his own style. Willie Davis was a great center fielder and the fans loved him. But he had his way and I have mine."

"I HAVEN'T played center field regularly for seven years, but I'm actually more comfortable there. I'm more awake, more alive, more in the game than when I'm playing left or right."

Said Manager Alston: "Sure, there are things that Davis did that Wynn can't do. But there are other areas in which Wynn will contribute more. He'll walk more, hit more home runs and probably steal more bases."

When the Astros first brought up Wynn as a 20-year-old prospect, they gave him uniform No. 24 because they felt his skills resembled Willie Mays'. Now a 32-year-old veteran, Wynn said that it was a ridiculous burden to put on a man's back, that if it was meant to be a source of stimulation, it wasn't.

WYNN NOW wears No. 23. Alston, the Dodgers' manager, retains No. 24. There is one category in which the Toy Cannon believes he may be No. 1.

He reflected on his 229 home runs and said:

"I feel I belong to an elite group of power hitters, but more to the point, I feel I am the game's leading little man. I hope I've set an image for little people and showed them what you can achieve with determination and will power."

No Rhyme This Time, But Mauch Loves Lintz Sprints

By BOB DUNN

MONTREAL—The Expos' optimists are saying, "More in '74!" but Manager Gene Mauch said, "I have abandoned all poetic sayings."

Mauch was here on his sixth annual winter visit to the home of his ball club and his second without a slogan. It used to be that Mauch's slogan was the very reason for coming back to stir up a little publicity in the heart of the hockey season.

The last Mauch slogan, rest its soul, was "72 in '72!" It didn't materialize because the Expos won only 70 games.

So now, Mauch returned with no rhyme, and a little reason.

"We have the prospects of having more fun than in any of our previous five seasons," Mauch announced. "I've never been more excited about a season, even though, as you get older, you think you might lose some of that enthusiasm."

WHAT MAUCH THINKS will be fun is having Willie Davis and Larry Lintz in the same batting order, for starters, because it can only mean the Expos will be off and running.

The Expos are more optimistic than ever about Lintz because he's coming off winter ball in the Dominican Republic, where he hit .295 or thereabouts, and demonstrated a more reliable defensive game at second base.

"If he's strong enough with his hands to win a job at second base or some place in the infield, we're going to have some fun," said Mauch.

The second baseman of record, incidentally, is Ron Hunt.

ABOUT THIS time every year, it seems, Hunt fans find a question mark on his uniform where the "33" should be. This time, evidently, it's because the "33" represents Hunt's age, because he's coming off knee surgery and because Lintz is looking more and more like a big leaguer.

That seems to postulate a platoon-type situation. Guess again.

"If Hunt plays, he won't platoon," said Mauch.

While the idea of having the fleet-footed Lintz running the bases appeals to Mauch, so does the idea of having the gutsy Hunt on base 40 percent of the time.

And on the subject of second base, there also is Jim Cox, who Mauch says is too good a player to be a part-timer. Mauch's old buddy, Ruben Amaro, has rated Cox rather highly after watching him through the winter.

"HE GAVE US A most glowing report on Cox as the best-hitting second baseman since (Bill) Mazeroski. And coming from Ruben Amaro, it means something," Mauch said.

In anticipation of a fun year, Mauch also said he expected a return to form by Bill Stoneman, who was 4-7; development of outfielder Pepe Manguel, who lacks consistency, and renewed confidence for Ernie McAnally, a hot-and-cold right-hander.

Meanwhile, Mauch touched on the problems at hand, like a new first base coach to replace Larry Doby, who went to Cleveland, and a new outfield fence at Jarry Park to pacify visiting players, who have filed an official grievance with the Major League Baseball

Players Association.

"We're a little hung up on the coaching because we're not sure of Dave's situation," Mauch said, in reference to third base coach Dave Bristol. "We'll wait around and see what happens to Dave first."

Bristol is reportedly in line for the manager's job with the Athletics, or possibly the Padres.

ON THE SUBJECT of Jarry Park's chain-link fence, which has attracted critics from nearly every visiting club, Mauch didn't expect to see anything changed.

"I don't see the necessity for it," he said. "I guarantee, before he's done, Willie Davis will jump up on the fence, catch a ball and land outside the ball park."

Which, of course, doesn't mean Davis won't unstitch various segments of his anatomy in the process.

"If he wants it padded, we'll pad it," said President John McHale. "In Detroit, we once rebuilt the whole right field corner for Al Kaline. When we have a player good enough that he can do the job, no expense is spared."

And when you haven't?

Exposures: Mauch confirmed that Ron Fairly will play only first base this season, partly because he's a year older and presumably a year slower, and partly because Mike Jorgensen hasn't been doing the job offensively. . . . Duke Snider, the color commentator on once-a-week Expo telecasts before a national audience, is going to Daytona Beach as a batting instructor, precisely what Doby did in '71 before being offered a coaching job.



NEW DODGER Jim Wynn and Vice-President Al Campanis are all smiles after Wynn signed \$70,000 pact.

Toy Cannon Takes Aim On Pennant for Dodgers

By RON RAPOPORT

LOS ANGELES—Maury Wills remembers the day well. He stood around at batting practice before the Dodgers played the Astros several years ago and watched Jim Wynn boom ball after ball into the seats.

"I've never seen a man his size with so much power," Wills recalled. "I've always marveled at his power. So I thought I'd try to copy Jimmy. I picked up his size 38 bat, assumed his stance and got ready for the pitch."

"I couldn't even get the bat off my shoulder."

Coming over to the Dodgers in a trade with Houston for Claude Osteen, Wynn paid his first visit to Dodger Stadium recently and quickly agreed to terms, signing a contract that calls for \$70,000.

"I COULDN'T BE happier about the trade," Wynn repeated over and over during the day as he made his rounds of the Los Angeles media. "For the past three seasons I've been hoping I would be traded to the Dodgers. I respect the organization and I firmly believe we can win the pennant in 1974."

And as for leaving Houston? Not a single regret, unless you count his expressed unhappiness that the Dodgers had to give up Osteen to get him.

"Houston is not a winning club," Wynn said. "They are for a couple of months, but then their losses start carrying over to the next game. Preston Gomez will do a lot with the team, but the Dodgers will win it. They should have last

year." What the Dodgers are counting on Wynn for is simple: power. And there is some precedent that suggests he may be able to supply it. No opposing player, in fact, has hit more homers than Wynn has in Dodger Stadium during one season.

WYNN HIT SIX in 1967 when all the other opposing players in the National League combined for only 29 more. In fact, no other enemy team hit more than six home runs in Dodger Stadium that year.

"I've always liked Los Angeles and playing in Dodger Stadium," Wynn said. "I'm happy to get away from AstroTurf and the Astro-dome. I think playing on natural turf will prolong my career and I'm confident I can play for five or six more seasons."

But while home runs are tops on the list of Dodger expectations from Wynn, Wills thinks he might be able to provide something else.

"Jimmy can be a great base-stealing threat for the Dodgers next season. He was a better base stealer than Joe Morgan when they both broke in with Houston."

AND WHAT DOES Wynn need to do to steal more bases? "Hit more singles," Wills kidded.

Wynn said he expects to steal between 30 and 40 bases next season in addition to improving on 20 home runs and 90 runs batted in.

Though the Dodgers were happy to oblige Wynn in terms of salary and will no doubt go out of their way to fulfill any other requests he might have, there is one thing he is going to have to do without.

That's his number: 24. Though he's been in the league almost 10 years, Wynn is still far junior in experience to the man who wears that number for the Dodgers. That's Walt Alston, of course.

Dodger Diary: Four members of Tom Lasorda's Lacey team, which won the Dominican Republic League pennant, made the all-star team. They are catcher Steve Yeager, shortstop Rick Auerbach and outfielders Tom Paciorek and Manny Mota. . . . Former Dodger relief pitcher Joe Moeller has joined the team's speakers bureau.

Bosox Drool Over Kid Draftee Rice

By PETER GAMMONS

BOSTON—It seems as if these months, the ones when the Catfish Hunters and Tom Seavers are not pitching and nary a curve can be seen way south, that every team has a phenomenal Clint Hartung.

Everyone has a Rod Carew or a Chris Speier who "just may come out of nowhere" (Like Class A or Double-A ball). And the Red Sox have theirs, only they'd rather not talk about him. It has been said that no city is faster to put a star atop a player's locker (sometimes even when that locker is in exotic Pawtucket) than Boston, so the olde town team, trying to prevent possible future bitter disillusionment, shrugs it all off.

Boston's winter dream is named Jim Ed Rice, a 20-year-old outfielder who, since being the team's No. 1 draft pick in 1971, has been the child prodigy of the farm system. In 1972, at Winter Haven (Florida State), he hit .292 with 17 homers, 13 triples and 87 RBIs while leading the league in hits, runs and doubles.

LAST YEAR, he jumped to Bristol and the Eastern League, which he led at .317 with a performance sheet that showed 25 doubles, 27 homers and 93 RBIs. At the end, he was sent up to Pawtucket, where in the last 10 International League games he hit .378 with four homers. In the 10 playoff games, he duplicated those statistics exactly.

This winter, he went to Venezuela and they thought at first he had found something that would be a little humbling. "Jim Frey (the Orioles' coach and Rice's winter manager) said he was in a little over his head at the start," said the Red Sox' player personnel director, Haywood Sullivan. "He started out well below .250."

But Frey reports that he made adjustments, progressed and took a little different outlook on some things. And, with a couple of days to go in the regular season, Rice was well up over .340.

But while Sullivan talks about his "potential," he never offers the hope publicly that Rice might play right away. "Winter ball is still a long way from the majors," said Sullivan, "and he's got some learning to do in several phases of the game. But he has the tools. He can run, his arm is adequate and, obviously, he has a chance to be a really good hitter."

ONE THING that is in Rice's favor moving up quickly is that, rather than being a minor league slugger with a big, sweeping swing like George Scott or Don Baylor, for whom it took a while to make adjustments, Rice has a quick, compact swing which the Lord created for Fenway Park.

But even if Rice should knock down half the orange groves in spring training, he probably will

begin the season in Pawtucket. The club goes to spring training with four major league outfielders—Tommy Harper, Bernie Carbo, Rick Miller and Dwight Evans—plus Juan Beniquez, who is out of options. Carl Yastrzemski can play in the outfield and the team has seemingly dozens of infielders.

But if Evans should fail or something should happen to either designated hitter Orlando Cepeda or Harper, then Rice possibly will come bounding up Route 95 from Rhode Island.

But until then, he's just another winter hero.

The Notebook: The Red Sox were not exactly giddy when they got reports from Venezuela that Reggie Cleveland—one of the pitchers acquired from St. Louis on whom they place great expectations—was quite chubby. Whoops . . . Danny (Why Me?) Cater is going to come to spring training early to, and please put down your drink before continuing, work as a catcher. The Sox feel he might serve as the third catcher behind Carlton Fisk and Bob Montgomery. I bet that brightened your day, Bert Campaneris. . . . Boston G. M. Dick O'Connell said he expects "no trouble in signing" Yastrzemski. Yaz just completed a three-year, half-million dollar pact (in which time he averaged .272, 15 HRs and 78 RBIs and apparently has been offered a cut down to around \$140,000.



Maury Wills

Dodgers Will Rise Quickly With Baker, Says Campanis

By GORDON VERRELL

LOS ANGELES—Al Campanis, the Dodgers' vice-president in charge of player personnel, had said that, despite the club's disappointing 1975 season, there was no need for wholesale changes.

So, the day after his four-for-two trade with the Braves, Campanis, the master swapper, leaned back in his chair in his Dodger Stadium office, stroked his chin and said, "I have a couple of more things in mind."

He refused to say just what it was, but it's believed he wants still another pitcher and has meetings scheduled with both the Mets and Yankees.

At least two of his previously announced needs were fulfilled in the November 17 trade with Atlanta when the Dodgers acquired center fielder Dusty Baker and utility in-

fielder-pinch hitter Ed Goodson in exchange for popular Jimmy Wynn, versatile Lee Lacy, outfielder Tom Paciorek and Jerry Royster, a 23-year-old infielder who led the Pacific Coast League in batting in 1975.

"WE GAVE UP a good part of our bench in Lacy and Paciorek and even Wynn when you're talking about next year," analyzed Campanis, "but we can now put eight better players on the field."

Originally, the Dodgers wanted catcher Biff Pocoroba included in the deal, which had been in the works for several weeks, but Campanis said it was still a good trade and added:

"I hated giving up the two young players, especially Royster. But both Walter Alston and I believe that Baker has the ability to more quickly make us better or equal to Cincinnati in the N. L. West."

Of Baker, 26, Campanis said: "It's our feeling he's yet to reach his peak. Our scouting reports on him always have been good. He can run, throw and hit with power."

BAKER, WHO spent the first four of his five seasons in the majors playing in the shadow of Henry Aaron, batted .261 last summer and led the Braves in home runs (19) and runs batted in (72), in 1975. His best year was 1973, when he batted .288 with 99 RBIs and 21 home runs.

The price was a heavy one for Baker and Goodson, a onetime Giant who has been bothered with knee injuries.

Wynn, 33, was a major part of the Dodgers while winning the 1974 National League pennant, when he

slugged a Los Angeles record 32 homers and drove in 108 runs. It was his first season with the Dodgers after playing 11 seasons in Houston.

But in 1975 he fell off to .248, 18 home runs and 58 RBIs and late in the year was moved to left field on a platoon basis.

"JIMMY SHOWED some defensive weakness, even in 1974," Campanis pointed out, "and we believe his arm never really came all the way back from the operation he had last winter."

Wynn said, "I thought I was a fixture here. I was surprised I was traded. But there's no doubt in my mind I can still play center field regularly. My arm is strong. I just got into a rut last summer and I guess I started pressing because of all our injuries."

At Atlanta, Wynn likely will play left field, however, and The Cannon is already looking ahead to the challenge.

"I'll try to have the same year with the Braves that I had with the Dodgers in 1974—absolutely my happiest year ever," Wynn said. "The park (Atlanta Stadium) is smaller and should be to my advantage. I can help supply some leadership for the Braves, one of the things I think they've lacked."

"The hardest thing, though, will be adjusting to the small crowds in Atlanta after all the great crowds we had in L.A."

Wynn learned of the trade in a phone call from Campanis. Baker heard about it in another way.

He was driving his family through the Southwest and stopped off at the Grand Canyon. He found out he was traded when



Dusty Baker . . . Still on the Upgrade

he checked into a motel, flipped on the television and saw his picture on the screen.

Dodger Dope: The Dodgers are scheduled to open the 1976 season Friday, April 9, against the Giants in . . . well, right now it says San Francisco. . . . The "Dodger Chorus" debuted at the Champions vs. Multiple Sclerosis dinner November 19 at the Century Plaza. The chorus, in a special one-time-only performance, featured Al Downing, Ken McMullen, Doug Rau, Steve Garvey, Don Sutton and Jim Wynn singing, "We've No Business in Show Business." . . . Tommy Lasorda reported from Santa Domingo that his Licey club is 5-5, "but we're tied for first place." . . . The Dodgers were 12th

in the National League in double plays with 106 in 1975, 75 less than the leader, Montreal. But Manager Walt Alston said, "I don't care if we are last in double plays. What I'm interested in is whether we get a double play when we have an opportunity to make one."

Gordon Verrell of the Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram has been elected chairman of the Los Angeles-Anaheim Chapter, Baseball Writers Association of America. Verrell succeeds Mike Waldner, sports editor of the South Bay Daily Breeze. Other officers: Bob Cox, South Bay Daily Breeze, vice-chairman; Mitch Chortkoff, Santa Monica Evening Outlook, secretary, and Ron Rapoport, Los Angeles Times, treasurer.

Toy Cannon Expects to Shell Atlanta Stadium Fences

By WAYNE MINSHEW

ATLANTA—Jim Wynn, the veteran slugger who earned the label Toy Cannon in such mammoth parks as the Astrodome and Dod-

ger Stadium, is on his way to "the park that Aaron built." And he is excited about the prospects.

"I hate to leave the Dodgers,"

said Wynn, "but I'm glad somebody wanted me, and I'm tickled it was Atlanta. I'm happy to be coming to the park that Aaron built. . . . I just want to get there now and hit a few home runs for the fans there."

Wynn, a 13-year veteran who has 273 career homers, paused for a moment and added, "And for myself."

THE 34-YEAR-OLD righthanded-hitting outfielder was one of the major figures in a six-player trade involving the Braves and Dodgers November 17. The Braves gave up outfielder Dusty Baker and handyman Ed Goodson for Wynn, outfielder Tom Paciorek and infielders Lee Lacy and Jerry Royster.

"This adds speed, power and versatility," said General Manager Eddie Robinson of the Braves. "We are glad to get these guys, although we hated to give up a couple of players like Baker and Goodson."

The Braves envision Wynn for left field duty, while Lacy probably will battle Marty Perez for the second base job. Royster has an excellent chance to make the team at third base, with veteran Darrell Evans moving to first base. Paciorek likely will continue in a reserve role.

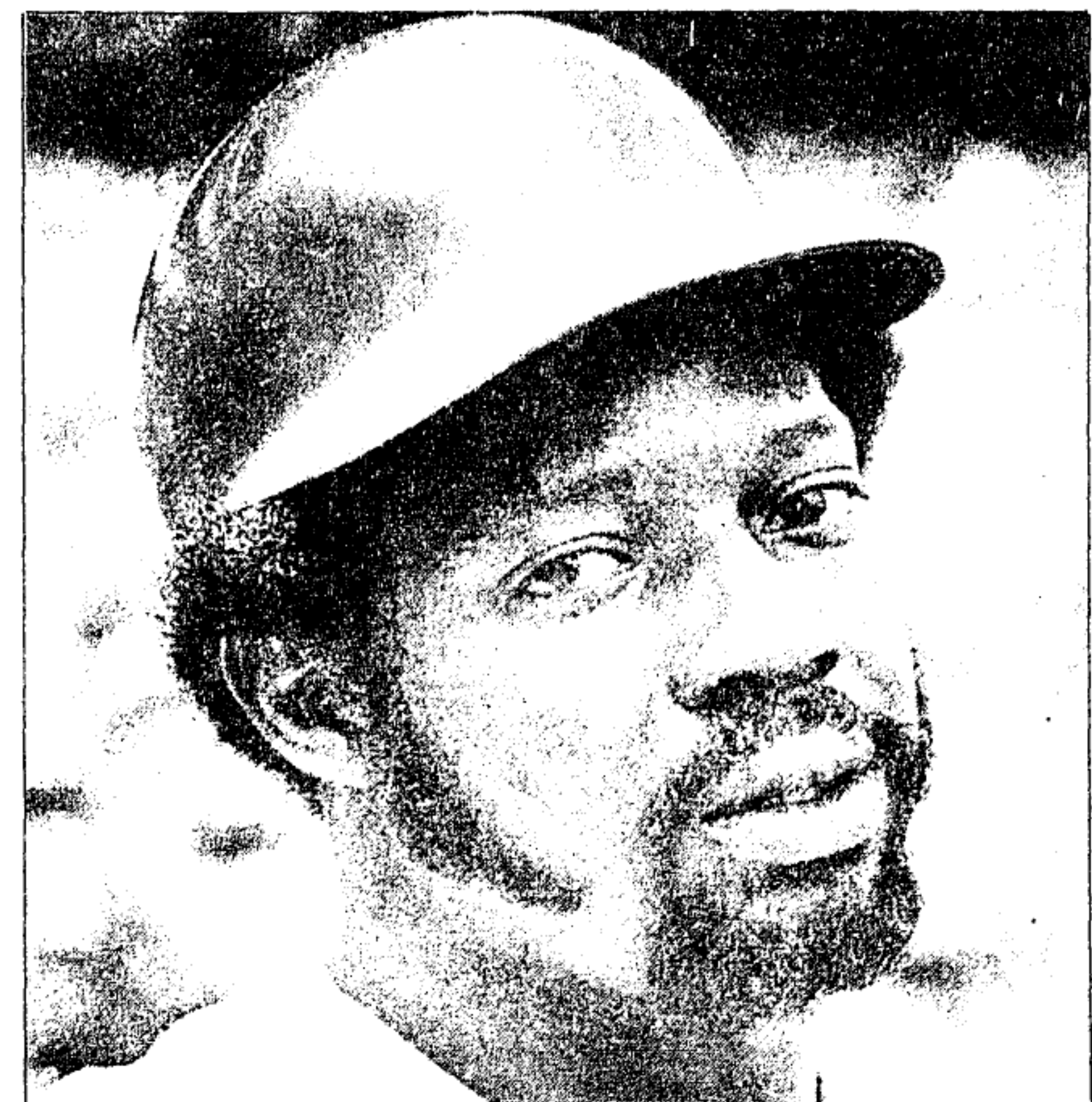
"Our reports say that Royster's best position is third," said Robinson, "although we know he can

play shortstop, too."

Said Wynn, who once hit one of the longest homers ever in Atlanta Stadium, driving a ball off the club lever facade in deep left: "It's a hitter's park, and I think I can do a better job there than I did for the

Dodgers last season. I'm looking forward to hitting a few there because the ball seems to travel real well."

THE VETERAN player has been (Continued on Page 56, Column 1)



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