

Chisox, Giants Established As '60 Pennant Favorites

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK (AP)—Chicago's defending American League champion White Sox and San Francisco Giants have established themselves as the winter favorites for the 1960 pennants as a result of strengthening deals during the last three weeks.

Astute baseball observers believe the White Sox, through their transactions with Cleveland and Philadelphia, and the Giants, in trades with Baltimore and St. Louis, gained the most from the 14 deals consummated since Nov. 21 when the three-week inter-league trading period went into effect. Eight of those deals were between the two leagues.

Interleague trading ended at midnight Tuesday night, but trades between clubs in the same league are permitted until next June 15.

The Giants, having already strengthened their pitching staff immeasurably by acquiring south-paw Billy O'Dell and right hander Billy Loes from Baltimore two weeks ago, pulled off a second major deal Tuesday, getting second baseman Don Blasingame from the Cardinals for infielder Daryl Spencer and outfielder Leon Wagner.

NEED SECOND BASEMAN
Only three clubs—Milwaukee, Los Angeles and Washington—failed to take part in the trading bee. The Braves still are seeking a second baseman. They were stymied in attempts to land either Gil McDougald of the Yankees, Frank Bolling of the Tigers or Billy Martin of the Indians.

A multiple deal between the year-old housewife from nearby Pelham was the first winner, and one of the few so far that have picked all six winners. Then there was the night that the lady from Lowell, with four children, took home \$7,714. A young couple from Andover and Lawrence, Mass., who decided to have a night at the races in celebration of their marriage, picked five winners, which was good enough to give them a wedding present of \$8,723. And so the stores go, night after night.

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Dodgers and Senators involving Washington's Roy Sievers and Los Angeles' Don Zimmer fell through. The Senators revealed Tuesday they turned down a \$500,000 offer for Harmon Killebrew from an unnamed National League team.

The White Sox filled two gaping holes and added much needed power by acquiring left fielder Minnie Minoso from the Indians and third baseman Gene Freese from the Phillies. Minoso hit 21 home runs and drove in 92 runs while Freese had 24 homers and 70 RBI. They had to give up Johnny Callison, a highly regarded young slugger, to get Freese, and sent three players to the Indians for Minoso, catcher Dick Brown and pitchers Don Ferrarese and Jake Striker.

KEY MAN
The key man for the Indians was Bubba Phillips, a slick-fielding third baseman. With Phillips at third, Cleveland manager Joe Gordon can play Vic Power at first, his strongest position, and shift Tito Francona to left.

Catcher John Romano and first baseman Norm Cash came along with Phillips.

The Giants' acquisition of pitchers O'Dell and Loes, in exchange for outfielder Jackie Brandt and a couple of lesser lights, figures to plug their weakest spot last season. Their 1959 collapse in the

stretch can be traced directly to a weak mound staff. O'Dell gives them an added left-handed starter and Loes a strong man in the bullpen. Blasingame, a good double play man, adds speed and gives the Giants a dependable lead-off man for the first time since the days of Eddie Stanky.

How much the Yankees strengthened themselves by acquiring Roger Maris from Kansas City won't be known for some time. There is a feeling in some parts that they may have given up too much for the left-handed hitting outfielder. The As received outfielders Norm Sieber and Hank Bauer, pitcher Don Larsen and first baseman Marv Throneberry while packing off shortstop Joe DeMaestri and first baseman Kent Hadley along with Maris.

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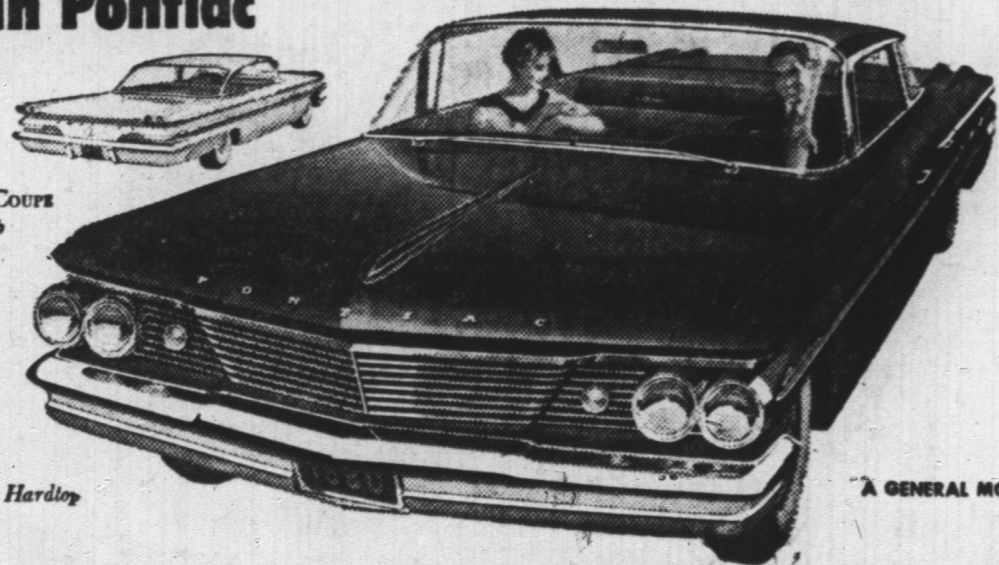


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Half A Million Wasn't Enough To Buy Killebrew

WASHINGTON (AP)—Money just isn't voice last weekend. Calvin Griffith, president of Washington Senators, disclosed Tuesday he turned down an offer of a half-million dollars for homer hitting Harmon Killebrew.
"You can't play money at third base," Griffith said.
Griffith said the offer came from a National League club. Griffith refused to identify the team but Gabe Paul, general manager of the Reds, said in Cincinnati he suggested the deal last August. Paul added he made the same offer for Camilo Pascual, the Senators' right handed pitching ace.
Killebrew, 23-year-old third baseman, tied for the American League home run lead in 1959. Both Killebrew and Rocky Colavito of Cleveland hit 42 homers.
"Killebrew will be a great asset to baseball and to the Senators," Griffith commented. "He is still young and will improve each year. And he will add to our revenue."
Killebrew's early season home run barrage was a big factor in raising attendance at Griffith Stadium almost 30 per cent. The Senators counted 615,372 paid customers by the end of the year, again low in the majors but much higher than recent experience in Washington.

Valdes To Fight Dick Richardson

LEICESTER, England (AP)—Nino Valdes of Cuba Tuesday was matched against Britain's Dick Richardson in a heavy-weight bout at Leicester Feb. 16. Valdes stopped Brian London, former British champion, in London Dec. 1.

Backstretch

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Its closing date November 29, has written an article which appears in a late issue of "The Harness Horse", regarding the "Pic-Six" betting feature that had a great deal to do with the increased pari-mutuel take at tracks where it was used. We quote Ed: "Pari-mutuel tracks, whether some people like to believe it or not, are in business for one thing, and one thing only, that of getting customers in their front gates, to enjoy the events of the afternoon or evening, as the case may be, but primarily to place their money on the line to keep the infield tote boards humming."
"Horse racing, after all, is merchandising, with its produce the mutuel tickets. When the public is offered something that is new, and catches their fancy, they support it—buying the merchandise that is up for sale. And this "Pic-Six" is something that has caught their fancy. Trying to pick a daily double used to be considered an art among most race goers; now just figure what must be to come up with the winners on a program from the fourth through the ninth races. Hard, sure it's hard. It should be for the returns can and are fabulous—there is the prospect each night that some lucky fan will go home "walking on air" after collecting what to many amounts to undreamed of wealth.
"I date, one lucky Rockingham fan walked up to the payoff window, presented his carbon receipt, and was handed a cheque that was made out in the amount of \$14,465.20, and that was the biggest \$2 payoff in the history of anybody's race track. How do you win the "Pic-Six"? Well, here are some of the ways so far devised.
"One veteran horse player's way is to bring his own deck of cards, removing all cards over the eight-spot. Then he deals himself a hand of six cards, and that's his Pic-Six entry for that night. Another couple from near by Lowell picked up more than \$10,000 for their \$2 selection by simply putting down the numbers from their auto license plate. The very next night, a man from Allston, Mass., added \$9,251.60 to his bankroll by recording his telephone number on his card. A 21-

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