

Eight Drafted Players Still In Major Leagues

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, (AP)—Of the 13 players drafted by major league ball clubs at a cost of \$132,500 last winter, eight still are around at the season's half-way mark.

Forrest Spook Jacobs, plucked by the Philadelphia Athletics from Montreal Royals of the International League, probably is the best of the lot. The talented second baseman has a .274 average. A "peaky" hitter who chops, slices and bunts, Jacobs finally has made the grade after years of frustration in the Dodger chain.

Chuck Diering, brushed off for years as a "great field, no hit," centre fielder, has been coming through as a hitter with Baltimore. With St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants in the National League, Diering had a .249 lifetime average until Baltimore took a chance on the strength of his .322 season at Minneapolis.

Royce Lint, back again at 33, hasn't been doing a bad job for St. Louis Cardinals, appearing in 16 games on relief with a 1.2 record. He has been doing about as well as Eddie Stanky's other relief pitchers.

Al Sims, brought back by Chicago White Sox with the hope he would come through as a left-handed reliever, was traded to the Athletics, who made him a starter. The former Washington southpaw has a 1-2, two-team record.

Baltimore's No. 1 draft, second baseman Vinicio Garcia, hasn't had much chance to play with Bobby Young doing the heavy work.

Pittsburgh made much of "stealing" Jerry Lynch from the New York Yankee organization, but the rookie, outfielder, who played in Norfolk, Va., last year, was hitting only .216 going into the weekend. He had appeared in 42 games.

DOING WELL IN RELIEF

Luis Marquez, formerly of the Braves, wound up with Pittsburgh in the deal by which Chicago Cubs got Hal Rice. The Cubs drafted Marquez from Milwaukee's Toledo farm but the fleet outfielder is just over .100 for 26 games.

Charley Kress was drafted by Detroit after his .317 season with 25 homers and 151 runs batted in at Rochester last year. He broke into 24 games with the Tigers before he was traded to Brooklyn for Wayne Belardi in a swap of reserve first basemen. The Dodgers kept Kress for use as a pinch hitter although he's hitting just over .100.

The other five men who were selected last winter all are back in the minors. Infielders Tom Kocowski of Cleveland and Harry Bright of Detroit failed to make it. It was the same story with pitchers Daon Fracchia of Cleveland, Jocko Thompson of Chicago White Sox and Jim Melton of Cincinnati.

Cockell-Matthews Bout Arranged

SEATTLE, (AP)—Arrangements have been completed for a July 30 bout here between British Empire heavyweight champion Don Cockell and Seattle Harry (Kid) Matthews—their third meeting in less than a year.

In their two previous bouts, in Seattle last August and in London June 1, Cockell outpointed Matthews each time.

Cockell is ranked No. 3 and Matthews No. 9 among the contenders for Rocky Marciano's world championship crown.

Irish Golfer Sets Record

SOUTHPORT, Eng. (AP)—John McGonigle of Ireland set a record for professionals on the Hillside course Monday by shooting a 65 in the qualifying round for the British open golf championship.

McGonigle fired a three-under-par 33 on the outgoing nine and came in with a four-under-par 32 on the par-72 course.

Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, equaled the amateur record for the course with a 34-35-69 qualifying round. The previous 69 was shot by Dixie Rawlinson of Britain in a county tournament earlier this year.

Will Modify Tennis Rule

PARIS (AP)—The International Lawn Tennis Association decided Tuesday to modify the foot-fault rule which has been a source of dispute between the American and Australian Davis Cup teams.

The new rule, which goes into effect next Jan. 1 on a two-year trial basis, permits the server to swing one foot over the line during his delivery.

Under the current rule both feet have to be kept back of the line until the racket strikes the ball. Australia objected to the change, arguing the Aussie players had been trained scrupulously to observe the present rule and would be penalized in having to modify their styles.

The Americans, accused repeatedly of violating the rule, favored the change.

CHANNEL RUSH

The cross-channel ferry terminal at Dover, England, handled 100,000 cars and buses, with their passengers, in 1953.

Select Canadian Team For Davis Cup Against Chile

TORONTO, (CP)—Lorne Main, Bob Bedard, Paul Willey and Don Platt Monday were named to represent Canada in Davis Cup tennis against Chile July 15-17 at Toronto.

Laird Watt of Montreal was appointed non-playing captain. Platt, 25, of Toronto is the only newcomer to the team. The 24-year-old Main of Vancouver and Toronto has been on every Canadian Davis Cup team since 1949.

Willey, 24, of Vancouver and Bedard, 23, of Sherbrooke, Que., were named to the team for the first time last year.

Selection of the team was announced by Dr. Georges Leclerc, chairman of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association's Davis Cup selection committee. Players were chosen on the basis of their Canadian ranking last year and their performance in major tournaments this season.

Main was ranked Canada's No. 1 player with Bedard runner-up, Willey fourth and Platt fifth. Dr. Leclerc said Jim Macken of Vancouver, No. 3 player, was not chosen to play in the first round North American zone match against Chile because he lost to comparative unknowns in two west coast tournaments early this year.

Henri Rochon, 31-year-old Montreal southpaw who has been a fixture on Canada's squad since 1946, lost his chance to make the team when Platt lipped him in the semi-finals of the recent Mont Gabriel invitation tournament.

Chile has named Luis Ayala, Ricardo Balbiers and Andres Hamersley as definite members of its squad and may choose either Eduardo or Guillermo Garcia Del Pedregal as a fourth member.

Wiley and Bedard were Canada's top doubles pair in last year's cup matches. Canada won her first round tie with Mexico 3-2 repeated against Cuba, then dropped five matches straight to the United States.

Watt, a former Davis Cup player, took over as captain of the team in the second round match against

Cuba when Dr. Leclerc resigned to devote his time to the selection committee.

Dr. Leclerc said the committee rated Lawrence Barclay of Vancouver, Jim Bentley of Toronto, and 18-year-old John Swann of Vancouver good prospects for the 1955 Davis Cup team.

TINY MENACE

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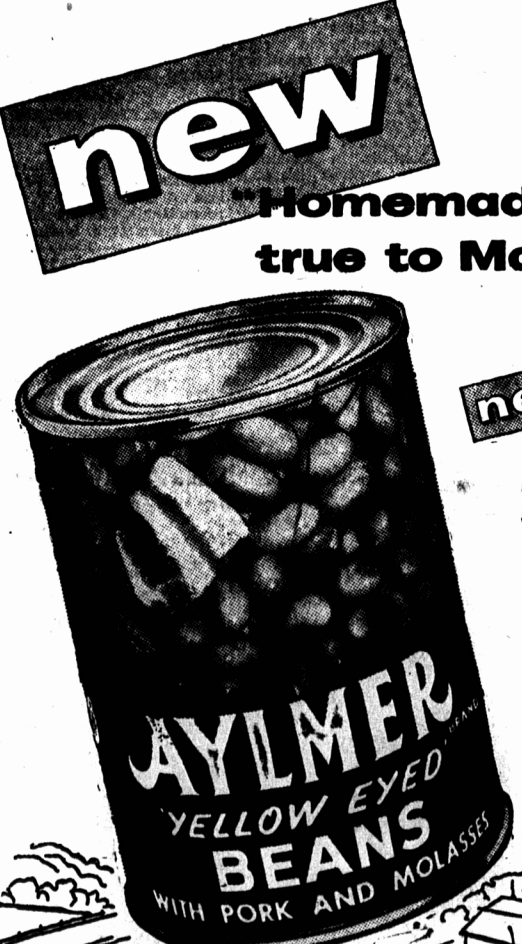
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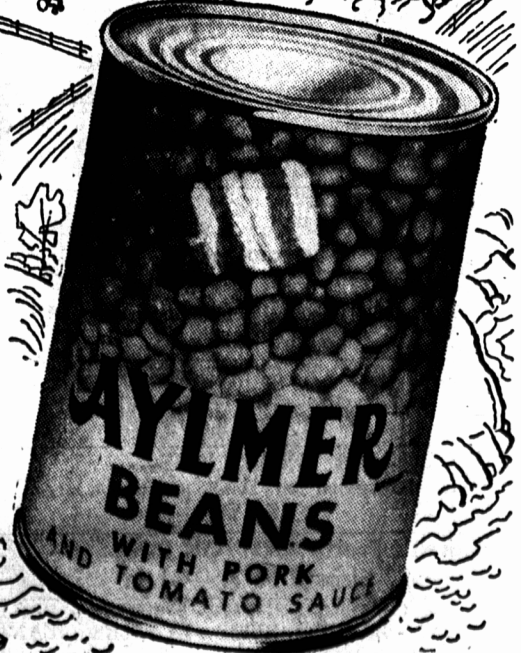


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