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Pierce, Dick Donovan, Bob Keegan, and Bill Fischer, the Sox have added a proved veteran in Early Wynn and badly needed bullpen strength in Ray Moore. Sherman Lollar is the second-best catcher in the league, and Luis Aparicio and Nelson Fox the best second-base combination. Outfielders Jim Rivera, Tito Francona, Jim Landis, and Al Smith will steal a lot of base hits from opposing batters, but there isn't a real slugger among them.

Fourth, Cleveland Indians. It will probably take Frank Lane two years to get the Indians back into a contending position. Already, he's put some zip into a colorless ball club by dealing for Minnie Minoso and hiring manager Bobby Bragan. But the Indians still have serious deficiencies. Avila and Carrasquel at second and short don't provide many base hits. Vic Wertz, at first, is aging. The outfield, behind Minoso, isn't imposing. Herb Score—if his eye injury has left no psychological scars—is the best pitcher in baseball. Bob Lemon should come back with a big season, and Don Mossi and Ray Narleski are brilliant performers.

Fifth, Baltimore Orioles. After missing the first division last year by a whisker, Paul Richards' Orioles are drawing a bead on higher quarters. They might get there if Richards' genius for rehabilitating tired pitchers works with Jack Harshman—and if Larry Doby comes to life. Robinson, Miranda, Gardner, and Boyd around the infield are good glove men but, except for Boyd, aren't much with a bat. Gus Triandos provides the Orioles some power behind the plate, and Al Pilarcik and Bob Nieman may give Doby some hitting help in the outfield. Besides Harshman, Oriole pitching will be handled by Billy Loes, Skinny Brown, Connie Johnson, Billy O'Dell, Ken Lehman, and reliever George Zuverink.

Sixth, Boston Red Sox. Ted Williams (see cover and above) is easily the greatest hitter in baseball, but even the mighty Williams can't lift the Red Sox from a second-division finish. Williams, at 39, is ready for the greatest performance of his career. He'll start the season in good health and psychologically better-equipped than he's been in many years to draw a bead on new batting achievements. It's been almost

two decades since Williams was the last player to post a .400 batting mark; this is the year he may do it again.

The Red Sox outfield, with Jensen and Piersall flanking Williams, is potent, and Sammy White is a competent catcher. But from there, things tail off. The infield is uncertain, with Dick Gernert and Frank Malzone the best of a mediocre lot; Pete Runnels, just acquired from Washington, may add some hitting strength. Pitching is below average, with not much behind Tom Brewer and Frank Sullivan.

Seventh, Kansas City Athletics. The tradingest club in the league still has a long way to come. Newly acquired Bill Tuttle, Frank House, and Duke Maas will help, but the Athletics still have many a glaring weakness. Tuttle, Woody Held, Bob Cerv, and Jim Small will give good outfield speed but not much power. The same is unhappily true of Joe De Maestri, Hector Lopez, Mike Baxes, Billy Hunter, and Vic Powers in the infield. Hal Smith and House provide good catching, but the pitching staff is either young and unpredictable or elderly and drearily predictable.

Eighth, Washington Senators. Loaded with youngsters of doubtful quality, the Senators could use a few years of minor-league experience en masse. However, things being as they are, they'll have to get the experience looking up at the rest of the American League. Lou Berberet, Clint Courtney, and Ed Fitzgerald give the Senators fine catching. Eddie Yost is a top-flight third baseman, and Roy Sievers ranks right behind Williams and Mantle among American League sluggers. As for the rest of the Washington club—give 'em another year or two and some may turn out to be bona fide major leaguers.

The batting champions this year will be Williams and Musial, with Mantle and Hodges winning the home-run titles. The top rookies will be Norm Siebern of the Yankees and Steve Bilko (the oldest rookie in baseball!) of the Redlegs, and the Nationals will clobber the American league in the All-Star game. The 1958 world champions? It'll be the Dodgers, in seven games, after which Casey Stengel will retire to dig oil wells.