

# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.10**

**BOBBY THOMSON**

Native of Glasgow, Scotland (died 1954), Thomson is one of the few European-born major league players to come to the U. S. when he was 16. The New York Giants right fielder is 6' 3", weighs 165 lbs.

In 1944, Bobby hit .305, highest average in the National League. In 1945, he hit .270, with 27 homers, 120 runs in 141 games. In 1946, he hit .285, with 22 homers, 100 runs in 141 games. In 1947, he hit .285, with 22 homers, 100 runs in 141 games. In 1948, he hit .285, with 22 homers, 100 runs in 141 games.

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Brissie's outstanding war achievements left him with a leg wound requiring 23 operations. He still wears a steel brace and shin guard while pitching. Lou is a native of Anderson, South Carolina, born June 5, 1921. The husky portsider is 6' 4", weight 215.

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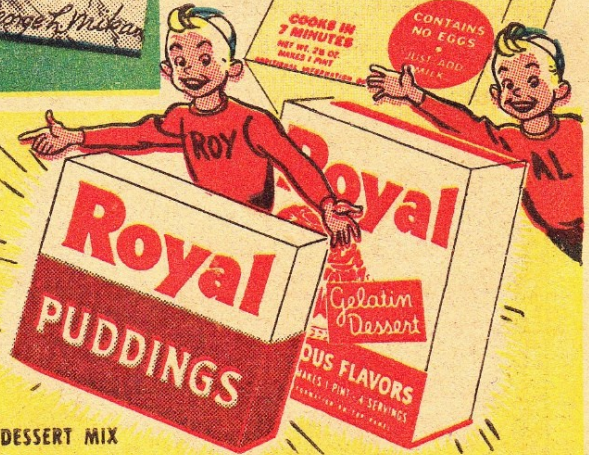
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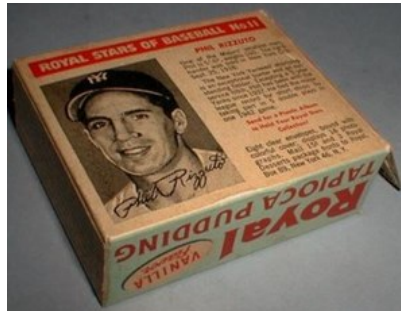
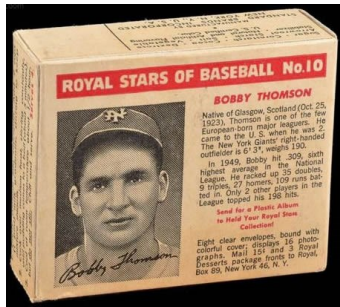
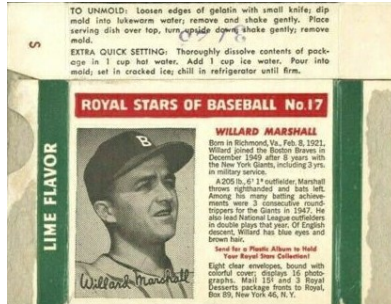
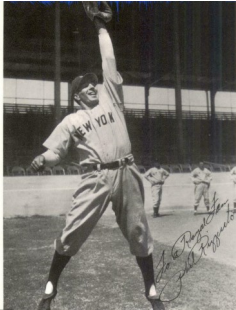
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# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Introduction

In 1950, the Royal Desserts, as a promotion for their pudding and gelatin products, issued a set of greyscale photos of baseball players on the back of their boxes. Several eventual Hall of Famers, as well as lesser stars were included in the set. A banner on the top of the "card" declared that these were "ROYAL DESSERTS STARS OF BASEBALL". The promotion lasted through 1952. The cards featured the player's career highlights and vital statistics. When one of these players was traded or had some notable accomplishment a new version of the card was issued with a different cap logo or updated text. A nice, four-bordered card should measure 2-5/8" x 3-1/4 inches. At some point, blue-tinted photos were also issued. In addition, an eight-page comb-bound booklet to store the cards could be purchased for 15¢ and three box fronts from any desserts. In 1952, a "premium" set of sixteen 5" x 7" photos was issued. They contained the words "To A Royal Fan" and a facsimile autograph.





# “Baseball Card News” - November 1984

**Meet a Great Line-Up...the Royal Desserts Team!**

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## Royal Stars Of Baseball

### Surprising Variations Revealed In Royal Dessert Cards

By Gavin Riley  
 BCN Editorial Commentator

The Royal Stars of Baseball set is very familiar to non gum card collectors and has been checklisted numerous times in the past. The twenty-four, numbered, blank backed cards measuring 2½ x 3½ inches if cut properly, were issued one per box on the back of various Royal Dessert products. What is not generally known is the fact that this issue was available from 1950 thru 1952 with the same players and pictures but the biographies and team designations updated. There are four different biographies for some players plus the blue tint with red in 1950 as well as the standard black and white with red. It thus seems logical that there are a potential five different sets of this issue or a total of 120 cards. Such does not seem to be the case, however.

**Second Biographies Missing**

A number of players from the set (Heinrich, Gordon, Appling, Ostrowski and Fernandez) either retired or otherwise left the major leagues after 1950 and no second biographies have ever been discovered for them. Thus, the unanswered question arises as to whether these players were dropped from the subsequent issues or simply reissued as is to keep the set at twenty-four. There also should be updates for Dark, Robinson and Fain but none have as yet surfaced.

The 1952 updates would also seem to be random as only a few players have them and some of those seem to have had it done twice during the year. When all the dust settles, the known cards in this set stands at 71 (24

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 1950 EDITION  
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in 1950 with the same 24 on the blue tint butterscotch pudding box and 23 total updates).

**Nanny Fernandez Toughest Card**

The key to the set is #23, Nanny Fernandez, who spent most of his career in the Pacific Coast League. He spent parts of only four seasons in the Major Leagues, the last of which was 1950 when he appeared in 65 games and batted .258. His credentials for inclusion in this set are therefore very suspect. Whether dropped from the set after 1950 by Royal or destined by kids turning the boxes over to check the backs for notable players, he is clearly the hardest card in the set to find.

Also very tough are the 1952 updates with the italicized print line "Offer good only in continental USA, its territories and possessions" at the end of the biography.

Finally, the lower righthand corner of each card contained instructions on a premium offer from Royal Desserts. That set of 16 black and white 5 x 7 photos (F-219-6) contained players available in this set in a larger size.

**Values**

1950 Issue - commons	... \$15.00	Spahn	... \$25.00	Musial	... \$50.00
1950 Blue tint - commons	... 25.00	Spahn	... 40.00	Musial	... 80.00
1951 Issue - commons	... 20.00	Spahn	... 35.00	Musial	... 75.00
1952 Issue - commons	... 35.00				
Fernandez	.....				50.00

My thanks to Tom Reid of Belleville, New Jersey, who contributed his checklist of variations to help in this final tabulation of the known changes.

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The below checklist is quite comprehensive. It details the issue date of the base set and 23 variations. Still, there some errors and omissions. For example, Seminick was with the Reds in 1952, not the Cubs. It's missing the Rojek (Cardinals) card and the Sisler (Cardinals) card. The 2nd Scarborough (White Sox) card does not exist. The article does list only one Ostrowski card (with no team designation). See page 19 for more information..

# 1950-52 Royal Stars Of Baseball

Checklist	1950	1951	1952	Mid-1952
	(found with blue tint as well as black & white)			
#1 Stan Musial	2nd para starts - "Musial's 207 base hits..."	2nd para starts - "Musial batted .346..."		
#2 Pee Wee Reese	2nd para starts - "Pee Wee's 1949 fielding..."	2nd para starts - "Captain and sparkplug..."		
#3 George Kell	2nd para ends - "...led the league in 1945, '46."	2nd para ends - "...and two base hits, 56."		
#4 Dom DiMaggio	2nd para ends - "...double plays during 1947."	2nd para ends - "...three base hits with 11."		
#5 Warren Spahn	2nd para ends - "...and most shut-outs 7."	2nd para ends - "...and strikeouts with 191."		
#6 Andy Pafko	Chicago Cubs 2nd para ends - "...26 chances in 7 games."	Chicago Cubs 2nd para ends - "...round trip mark in the National League."	Brooklyn Dodgers 2nd para ends - "He is 5'11 1/2", weighs 190."	
#7 Andy Seminick	Phil. Phillies 2nd para ends - "...as well as outfield."	Phil. Phillies 2nd para ends - "...first pennant since 1916."	Chicago Cubs 2nd para ends - "...several stints in the outfield."	Chicago Cubs 2nd para ends - "...hits and throws right handed."
#8 Lou Brissie	Philadelphia A's 2nd para ends - "...shin guard when pitching."		Cleveland Indians 2nd para ends - "...portsider is 6'4" weighs 215."	
#9 Ewell Blackwell	2nd para starts - "Despite recent illness..."	2nd para starts - "Blackwell's 17 wins in 1950..."		
#10 Bobby Thomson	2nd para starts - "In 1949 Bobby hit 309..."		2nd para starts - "Thomson is one of the few..."	
#11 Phil Rizzuto	2nd para ends - "...5 double plays in one 1942 game."	2nd para ends - "...League's Most Valuable Player."		
#12 Tommy Henrich	2nd para ends - "...his first year in baseball."			
#13 Joe Gordon	2nd para ends - "...for a five game World Series."			
#14 Ray Scarborough	Wash. Senators 2nd para ends - "...season's spent in service."	Chicago Wht. Sox 2nd para ends - "...2 years in military service."	Chicago Wht. Sox 2nd para ends - "...after the close of the season."	Boston Red Sox 2nd para ends - "...after the close of the season."
#15 Stan Rojek	Pittsburgh Pirates 2nd para ends - "...five double plays during one game."		St. Louis Browns 2nd para ends - "...N. Tonawanda NY April 21, 1919."	
#16 Luke Appling	2nd para starts - "Luke's 1950 Season is his 21st..."			
#17 Willard Marshall	2nd para starts - "A 205lb 6'1" outfielder..."			
#18 Alvin Dark	2nd para ends - "...spark plugs the Giants from short stop."			
#19 Dick Sisler	Phila. Phillies 2nd para ends - "...3 year military service record."	Phila. Phillies 2nd para ends - "...capture the National League flag."	Cincinnati Reds 2nd para ends - "...born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920."	Cincinnati Reds 2nd para ends - "...Cardinals lineup from '46 to '48."
#20 Johnny Ostrowski	2nd para starts - "After tryouts with the Cubs..."			
#21 Virgil Trucks	2nd para ends - "...hitch in military service."	2nd para ends - "...victory in the All Star game that year."	2nd para ends - "...with time out for military service."	
#22 Eddie Robinson	2nd para starts - "Robinson lead American League..."			
#23 Nanny Fernandez	2nd para starts - "Fernandez hit 23 home runs..."			
#24 Ferris Fain	2nd para starts - "Born in San Antonio, Texas..."			



### ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.3




**GEORGE KELL**  
American League's outstanding hitting first baseman, led his team of Detroit Tigers since 1950. He is 5'7", weighs 150, left and throws right-handed. He was born in South, Ark., August 22, 1927.

Had hit .333 in his first season with the Tigers. His two hits in 1949's final game won the League batting crown with a .323 average. Kell's hitting led the League in 1945, 46.

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1950 Royal Stars George Kell

### ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19




**DICK SISLER**  
Son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first baseman. Dick plays outfield and sometimes first base with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920, the 6'2 1/2" star broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1944, coming to the Phillies in April 1948. A husky 210 lb. Dick throws right-handed and bats left. He has a 3 year military service record.

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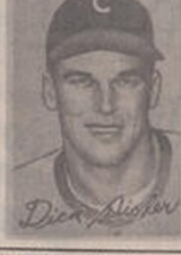
**DICK SISLER**  
Son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first baseman. Dick plays outfield and sometimes first base with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920, the 6'2 1/2" star broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1944, coming to the Phillies in April 1948. A husky 210 lb. Dick throws right-handed and bats left. He has a 3 year military service record.

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1951 Royal Stars Dick Sisler

### ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19




**DICK SISLER**  
Dick is a youngster with the Cincinnati Reds in 1952. He is the son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first baseman. Dick played left field and occasionally first base for the Phils, helping Cincinnati to hit .257 in 1951.

Dick has a 3 year military service record. He broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1944 and came to the Phillies in 1948. He throws right-handed and bats left. He is 6'2", 210 lb. He was born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920.

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1952 Royal Stars Dick Sisler

### ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19



**DICK SISLER**  
The 1952 season is Dick's first with the Cincinnati Reds, who acquired him from the Philadelphia Phillies. Sisler has been playing excellent and occasionally first base with the Phils.

Dick is a second generation major league ball player. Born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920, he is the son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first baseman. Dick is a husky 6'2", weighs 210, he throws right-handed and bats left. After 3 years in military service, he broke into big league ball on the Cardinals line up from '46 to '48.

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## 1950 - 1953 Royal Desserts Baseball Card Checklist

### Cards 1-24

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|---|--|
| 1A <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Musial VAR                       | 14A <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Scarborough - Washington Senators |
| 1B <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Musial VAR                       | 14B <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Scarborough - Chicago White Sox   |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Pee Wee Reese                          | 14C <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Scarborough - Boston Red Sox      |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> George Kell                            | 15A <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Rojek - Pittsburgh Pirates       |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Dom DiMaggio                           | 15B <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Rojek - St. Louis Browns         |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Warren Spahn                           | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke Appling                           |
| 6A <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Pafko - Chicago Cubs             | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> Willard Marshall                       |
| 6B <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Pafko - Brooklyn Dodgers         | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Alvin Dark                             |
| 7A <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Seminick - Philadelphia Phillies | 19A <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Sisler - Philadelphia Phillies   |
| 7B <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Seminick - Cincinnati Reds       | 19B <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Sisler - Cincinnati Reds         |
| 8A <input type="checkbox"/> Lou Brissie - Philadelphia A's        | 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Johnny Ostrowski                       |
| 8B <input type="checkbox"/> Lou Brissie - Cleveland Indians       | 21A <input type="checkbox"/> Virgil Trucks - Detroit Tigers        |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Ewell Blackwell                        | 21B <input type="checkbox"/> Virgil Trucks - St. Louis Browns      |
| 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Bobby Thomson                         | 22 <input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Robinson                         |
| 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Phil Rizzuto                          | 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Nanny Fernandez                        |
| 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy Henrich                         | 24 <input type="checkbox"/> Ferris Fain                            |
| 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Gordon                            |  |

### Notes:

The 1950 - 1953 Royal Desserts baseball card set consist of 32 cards that measure  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$  with an additional 12 cards counting variations. (44 in total). The hand cut cards were issued on the back of Royal Dessert product boxes. Intact boxes are rare and have a higher collectors value. The front of the card features a black and white portrait of the player, a short bio, and a mail in offer for a album to hold the cards. The cards are numbered on the front, as the back is blank.

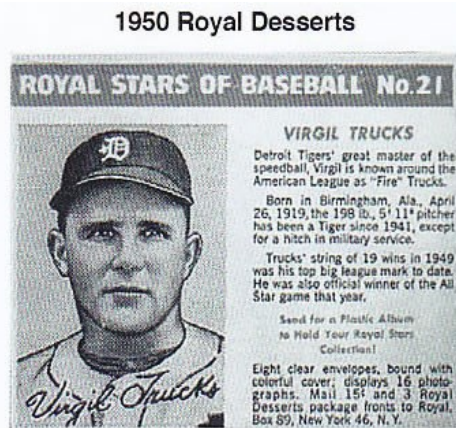
- 1A Stan Musial VAR (2nd paragraph; Musial batted 345...)
- 1B Stan Musial VAR (2nd paragraph; Musail's 207 base hits...)

**VAR** - Variation:

This checklist has quite a few errors. The years of issue and the card size are the most obvious. Many variations are left out. The checklist mentions 12 variations instead of 24. The Virgil Trucks (with the St. Louis Browns) is included. It seems strange that the Musial variations are in the checklist, but other, obvious ones like Reese, Kell, DiMaggio, and Spahn are not.



# "SCD Standard Catalog of Vintage Baseball Cards" - 2016



This set was issued one per box on the backs of various Royal Dessert products over a period of three years. The basic set contains 24 players, however a number of variations create the much higher total for the set. In 1950, Royal issued cards with two different tints - black and white with red, or blue and white with red. Over the next two years, various sentences of the cards' biographies were updated; up to three times in some cases. Some players from the set left the majors after 1950 and others were apparently never updated, but the 23 biography updates that do exist, added to the original 24 cards issued in 1950, give the set a total of 47 cards. The 2-5/8" x 3-1/4" cards are blank-backed with personal and playing biographies alongside the card front photos. Some sample cards can be found with advertising for the desserts on back; they are valued at about double regular card prices. A comb-bound album with seven pages to hold 14 cards was also issued in a 3-1/4" x 3-3/8" format with "Royal Stars" and a crown logo printed in red on white.

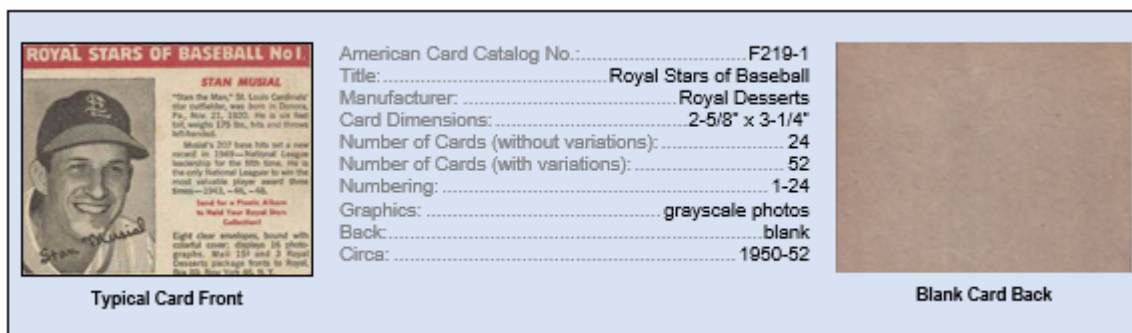
This checklist is also quite comprehensive. It contains the 24 base cards, plus 24 variations and 2 Ad Cards. It's missing The Rojek and Sisler (Cardinals) cards and the Seminick Ad Card. It erroneously contains the Scarborough 2nd White Sox card and the Ostrowski White Sox card. Team designations for some cards are missing. See Notes, below.



Cap logos for the 3 Rojek cards: Pirates, Cardinals, and Browns. Note: the Cardinals and Browns logos are quite similar

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1b Stan Musial (2nd paragraph begins "Musial batted...")	390.00	150.00	65.00
2a Pee Wee Reese (2nd paragraph begins "Pee Wee's...")	390.00	150.00	65.00
2b Pee Wee Reese (2nd paragraph begins "Captain...")	330.00	150.00	65.00
2c Pee Wee Reese (Ad card.)	330.00	150.00	65.00
3a George Kell (2nd paragraph ends "...in 1945, '46.")	200.00	90.00	40.00
3b George Kell (2nd paragraph ends "...two base hits, 56.")	200.00	90.00	40.00
3c George Kell (Ad card.)	200.00	90.00	40.00
4a Dom DiMaggio (2nd paragraph ends "...during 1947.")	165.00	75.00	35.00
4b Dom DiMaggio (2nd paragraph ends "...with 11.")	165.00	75.00	35.00
5a Warren Spahn (2nd paragraph ends "...shutouts 7.")	265.00	120.00	55.00
5b Warren Spahn (2nd paragraph ends "...with 191.")	265.00	120.00	55.00
6a Andy Patko (2nd paragraph ends "...7 games.")	125.00	56.00	25.00
6b Andy Patko (2nd paragraph ends "...National League.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
6c Andy Patko (2nd paragraph ends "...weighs 190.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
7a Andy Seminick (2nd paragraph ends "...as outfield.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
7b Andy Seminick (2nd paragraph ends "...since 1916.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
7c Andy Seminick (2nd paragraph ends "...in the outfield.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
7d Andy Seminick (2nd paragraph ends "...right handed.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
8a Lou Brissie (2nd paragraph ends "...when pitching.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
8b Lou Brissie (2nd paragraph ends "...weighs 215.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
9a Ewell Blackwell (2nd paragraph begins "Despite recent illness...")	145.00	65.00	30.00
9b Ewell Blackwell (2nd paragraph begins "Blackwell's...")	145.00	65.00	30.00
10a Bobby Thomson (2nd paragraph begins "In 1949...")	165.00	75.00	35.00
10b Bobby Thomson (2nd paragraph begins "Thomson is...")	165.00	75.00	35.00
11a Phil Rizzuto (2nd paragraph ends "...one 1942 game.")	330.00	150.00	65.00
11b Phil Rizzuto (2nd paragraph ends "...Most Valuable Player.")	330.00	150.00	65.00
12 Tommy Henrich	155.00	70.00	30.00
13 Joe Gordon	125.00	55.00	25.00
14a Ray Scarborough (Senators)	125.00	55.00	25.00
14b Ray Scarborough (White Sox, 2nd paragraph ends "...military service.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
14c Ray Scarborough (White Sox, 2nd paragraph ends "...the season.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
14d Ray Scarborough (Red Sox)	125.00	55.00	25.00
15a Stan Rojek (Pirates)	125.00	55.00	25.00
15b Stan Rojek (Browns)	125.00	55.00	25.00
16 Luke Appling	180.00	80.00	35.00
17 Willard Marshall	125.00	55.00	25.00
18 Alvin Dark	125.00	55.00	25.00
19a Dick Sisler (2nd paragraph ends "...service record.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
19b Dick Sisler (2nd paragraph ends "...National League flag.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
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19d Dick Sisler (2nd paragraph ends "...from '46 to '48.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
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20b Johnny Ostrowski (Senators)	125.00	55.00	25.00
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21c Virgil Trucks (2nd paragraph ends "...for military service.")	125.00	55.00	25.00
22 Eddie Robinson	125.00	55.00	25.00
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# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball



As a baseball card collector, these cards have always fascinated me: 24 different players from Stan Musial - 3,026 games to Joe Ostrowski - 216 games. All MLB teams are represented except the lowly Browns. In 2006, I decided to start a collection. I concentrated on getting as many of the different players as I could and soon learned that some players had more than one card issued for them. Additional cards were produced when a player was traded or was involved in a significant event during the season like Thomson's home run in the 1951 playoffs with the Dodgers.

If you have a collector's mentality, you're going to need a checklist to keep track of what you have and what you need. Finding an accurate checklist for these cards posed a problem. The 24 cards issued in 1950 were obvious. The variations on these cards were a lot harder to pin down. The existing checklists weren't much help. I've seen checklists with issue dates of 1949 through 1953. How many variations are there? I concluded that there isn't a correct checklist in publication – either in print or on the internet.


I scoured the internet for images of all the Royal Stars of Baseball I could find. As I built my checklist, I posted the images I had to baseball card forums and shared them with other collectors of the set. I was surprised to find out there were many cards that I never knew existed. The results of my efforts are what you see below. Twenty-four base cards, twenty-four variations, three advertisement cards, and one "error" card, for a total of 52. Three "phantom" cards appear on some checklists. Ostrowski with the White Sox, Trucks with the Browns, and a second Scarborough card with the White Sox. I have not included them in my checklist. Report any errors or corrections to Pete D'Luhosch (dluhop@optonline.net).

Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball – Team Distribution – Base Set			
AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Yankees	Rizzuto*, Henrich	Dodgers	Reese*
Indians	Gordon*	Giants	Thomson, Dark
Red Sox	D. DiMaggio	Braves	Spahn*, Marshall
White Sox	Appling*, Robinson	Reds	Blackwell
Tigers	Kell*, Trucks	Cardinals	Musial*
Browns	---	Phillies	Seminick, Sisler
Senators	Scarborough, Ostrowski	Pirates	Rojek, Fernandez
Athletics	Brissie, Fain	Cubs	Pafko
*HOF	12		12

# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 1**

**STAN MUSIAL a**



"Stan the Man," St. Louis Cardinal star outfielder, was born in Donora, Pa., Nov. 21, 1920. He is six feet tall, weighs 175 lbs., bats and throws left-handed.

Musial's 207 base hits set a new record in 1949—National League leadership for the 15th time. He is the only National Leaguer to win the most valuable player award three times—1943, '46, '48.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 1**

**STAN MUSIAL b**



"Stan the Man," St. Louis Cardinal star outfielder, was born in Donora, Pa., Nov. 21, 1920. He is six feet tall, weighs 175 lbs., bats and throws left-handed.


Musial batted .346 in 1950 to lead the National League for the fourth time in his career, a record for southpaw. He is the only National Leaguer to win the Most Valuable Player Award three times, 1943, '46, and '48.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 2**

**"PEE WEE" REESE a**



Harold (also "Little Colonel") Reese has been a Brooklyn Dodger since 1940, excepting 3 years in the Navy. Born in Ekron, Ky., July 23, 1919, Pee Wee is 5' 10", weighs 168, bats and throws right-handed.


Pee Wee's 1949 fielding averaged .977, tops for National League shortstops. He scored 132 runs to lead the league. Reese has played in 3 World's Series and on 4 All-Star teams.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 2**

**"PEE WEE" REESE b**



Harold (also "Little Colonel") Reese has been a Brooklyn Dodger since 1940, except for 3 years in the Navy. Born in Ekron, Ky., July 23, 1919, Pee Wee is 5' 10", weighs 168, bats and throws right-handed.


Captain and sparkplug of the Dodgers, Reese has appeared in three World Series and 5 All-Star games. One of the game's great fielding stars, he led senior circuit shortstops in putouts for four seasons.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 3**

**GEORGE KELL a**



American League's outstanding fielding third baseman, Kell has been a Detroit Tiger since 1946. He is 5'9", weighs 180, bats and throws right-handed. He was born in Swifton, Ark., August 23, 1922.


Kell hit .322 in his first season with the Tigers. His two hits in 1949's final game won the League batting crown with a .3429 average. Kell's fielding led the League in 1945, '46.

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Kell hit .322 in his first season with the Tigers. In 1949 he won American League batting honors with a .343 mark and in 1950 topped the circuit in base hits, 218, and two-base hits, 56.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 4**

**DOM DiMAGGIO a**



"The Little Professor" of Boston Red Sox outfield was born in San Francisco Feb. 12, 1918. He is 5'9", weighs 167, bats and throws right-handed.

As a San Francisco Seal, Dom was voted Pacific Coast League's Most Valuable Player in 1939. His many records include leading outfielders in assists for 1940, '42, '47; tying for American League lead in double plays during 1947.

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As a San Francisco Seal, Dom was voted Pacific Coast League's Most Valuable Player in 1939. In 1950, he led American League batters in runs scored, 131, stolen bases, 15, and led for the lead in three-base hits with 11.

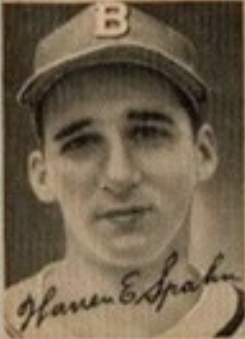
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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 5**

**WARREN SPAHN** <sup>a</sup>



The Boston Braves' southpaw pitcher was born in Buffalo, N. Y., April 23, 1921. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 175.


Spahn wound up the '49 season with 21 W., 14 L. He won most games; completed most games, 25; pitched most innings, 302; faced most batters, 1,258; led in strikeouts, 151. In 1947, he led League pitchers in earned runs average, 2.33; most innings pitched, 292; and most shut-outs, 7.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 6**

**ANDY PAFKO** <sup>a</sup>



This Chicago Cubs' star was born in Boyceville, Wis., Feb. 25, 1921. Pafko, a rangy right-hander, is 5' 11 1/4" and weighs 190.


After 8 years in the outfield, Andy shifted to third base in 1948, when he played in 142 games, batted .322, hit 26 homers and batted in 101 runs. In the 1945 Series, Pafko set a record for outfielders with 26 chances in 7 games.

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**ANDY PAFKO** <sup>b</sup>



This Chicago Cubs' star was born in Boyceville, Wis., Feb. 25, 1921. Pafko, a rangy right-hander, is 5' 11 1/4" and weighs 190.


In eight years as a Bruin outfielder-third baseman, Pafko has collected 1001 hits and twice batted in over 100 runs in a season. In 1950 his 36 homers were the second best round-trip mark in the National League.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 6**

**ANDY PAFKO** <sup>c</sup>



During 1951, Andy knocked out 30 homers—13 after June 15, when the Chicago Cubs traded him to Brooklyn's Dodgers. During the season's final 2 months, only Campanella topped him in producing runs for the ball club.


When the Cubs shifted Pafko from outfield to third in 1948, he played in 142 games, batted .312 and clouted 26 homers. The rangy right-hander was born Feb. 25, 1921, in Boyceville, Wis. He is 5' 11 1/4", weighs 190.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 7**

**ANDY SEMINICK** <sup>a</sup>



Andy was born in Pierce, W. Va., Sept. 12, 1920. The Philadelphia Phillies' catcher is 5' 10 1/2", weighs 186, hits and throws right-handed.


Andy is a top receiver in the National League and a dangerous long-ball hitter. He tied a modern League record in 1949 with three homers in a 9-inning game. Since 1940 he has played every infield position except shortstop, as well as outfield.

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Andy is a top receiver in the National League and a dangerous long-ball hitter. He tied an all-time League record in 1949 with two home runs in one inning. In 1950, his 24 home runs and 288 batting mark played a major role in bringing the Phils their first pennant since 1936.

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Andy was born in Pierce, W. Va., Sept. 12, 1920. He is 5' 10", weighs 186, hits and throws right-handed. Formerly with the Philadelphia Phillies, Andy makes his debut in the Cincinnati Reds' lineup during the 1952 season.

He is a top receiver in the National League and a dangerous long-ball hitter. Andy had a modern League record in 1949 with three homers in a 9-inning game. Since 1940, he has played every infield position except shortstop, plus several at bats in the outfield.


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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 7**

**ANDY SEMINICK** <sup>d</sup>



Andy is one of the National League's top receivers and a dangerous long ball hitter. The 1952 season marks his debut with the Cincinnati Reds, who acquired him from the Phillies.

Seminick had a modern League record in 1949 with three homers in a 9-inning game. Since 1940, he has played every infield position except shortstop, as well as outfield. Andy was born in Pierce, W. Va., Sept. 12, 1920. He is 5' 10 1/4", weighs 186, hits and throws right-handed.

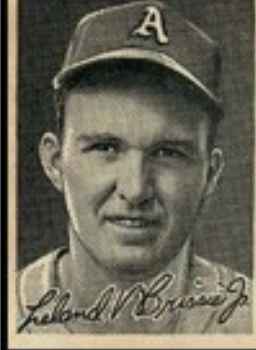
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*Andy Seminick*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 8**

**LOU BRISSIE** <sup>a</sup>



Lou is a South Carolina boy, born in Anderson, June 5, 1924. The Philadelphia Athletics' porlbider is a husky 6' 4", weighs 215.

In 1949, Lou pitched a healthy 16 W., 11 L. During the previous season he struck out 127, W. 14, L. 10. Lou's outstanding war record left him with a leg wound requiring 23 operations. He still wears a steel brace and shin guard when pitching.


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*Leland V. Brissie Jr.*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 8**

**LOU BRISSIE** <sup>b</sup>



Despite serious war injuries, Lou continues to earn his reputation as a dependable relief pitcher. 1952 is his first season with the Cincinnati Reds. Formerly with the Athletics, he pitched a healthy 16 W., 11 L. in 1949. During the preceding season, he struck out 127, W. 14, L. 10.

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*Leland V. Brissie Jr.*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 9**

**EWELL BLACKWELL** <sup>a</sup>



Fresno, Calif., was the Oct., 1922, birthplace of this Cincinnati Reds' pitcher. He is 6' 6", weighs 190.

Despite recent illness, Blackwell promises to become the batters' scourge again. In 1947, he won 22, lost 8. He ended the season with most games won, most games pitched, and most batters struck out—193. He also established the National League record for most consecutive games won by a right-hander, 16.


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*Ewell Blackwell*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 9**

**EWELL BLACKWELL** <sup>b</sup>



Fresno, Calif., was the Oct. 23, 1922, birthplace of this Cincinnati Reds' pitcher. He is 6' 6", weighs 190.

Blackwell's 17 wins in 1950 marked a return to his great 1947 form when he won 22, lost 8. That year the "Sugarywhip" led the league in games won, most complete games pitched, and most batters struck out—193. He also established the National League record for most consecutive games won by a right-hander, 16.

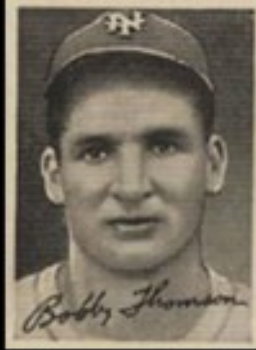
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*Ewell Blackwell*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 10**

**BOBBY THOMSON** <sup>a</sup>



Native of Glasgow, Scotland (Oct. 25, 1923), Thomson is one of the few European-born major leaguers. He came to the U. S. when he was 2. The New York Giant's right-handed outfielder is 6' 3", weighs 190.

In 1949, Bobby hit .309, sixth highest average in the National League. He racked up 35 doubles, 9 triples, 27 homers, 109 runs batted in. Only 2 other players in the League topped his 198 hits.

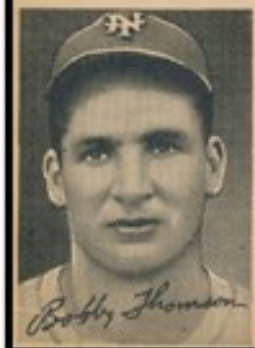
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*Bobby Thomson*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 10**

**BOBBY THOMSON** <sup>b</sup>



In the third game of the 1951 playoffs against the Dodgers, Thomson hit a homer in the ninth, with two men on bases, to clinch the National League pennant for the New York Giants.

Thomson is one of the few European-born major leaguers. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland on October 25, 1923, and came to the United States when he was 2. The right-handed outfielder is 6' 3", weighs 190.

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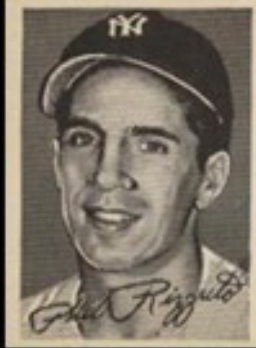
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*Bobby Thomson*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 11**

**PHIL RIZZUTO** <sup>a</sup>



One of the Majors' smallest men, Phil is 5' 6", weighs 160. The right-hander was born in New York City, Sept. 25, 1918.

The New York Yankees' shortstop is an exceptional bunter and an outstanding fielder. Excepting a 3-year service hitch, Phil has been with the Yanks since 1937. He tied the major league record for short-stops by taking part in 5 double plays in one 1942 game.


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*Phil Rizzuto*

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.11**



**PHIL RIZZUTO** **b**


One of the Majors' smallest men, Phil is 5'6", weighs 160. The right hander was born in New York City, Sept. 28, 1918.

The New York Yankees' shortstop is an exceptional bunter and an outstanding fielder. Excepting a 3-year service hitch, the Scooter has been a Yank since 1941 when he batted .307. In 1950, Phil established an American League record for short stops by going through 58 games without an error. He was the League's Most Valuable Player.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.12**



**TOMMY HENRICH**

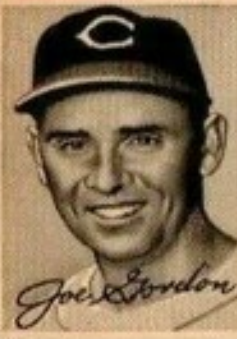
New York Yankees' "Old Reliable" was born in Madison, O., Feb. 20, 1916. The 6-footer southpaw weighs 175.

Tommy played in 67 games for the Yanks during his first season—1937. He's been a regular ever since, excepting 3 years' war service. Equally skilled at first base and outfield spots, Tommy hit .326 in 104 games with Mussouri in 1934, his first year in baseball.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.13**



**JOE GORDON**


Born in Los Angeles, Feb. 18, 1915, Gordon is 5'11", weighs 180.

The Cleveland Indians' right-hander led American League second basemen in putouts in 1937; assists, '39, '40; tied for lead in assists, '43, '47; led in double plays, '39, '42; tied for lead, '41. His .500 batting average and 7 bases on balls are records for a five-game World Series.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.14**



**RAY SCARBOROUGH** **a**


Washington Senators' Ray Scarborough, recognized as one of the best pitchers in the American League, was born in Mount Gilead, N. C., July 23, 1918. A 6-foot right hander he weighs 178.

In 1948, Ray W. 15, L. 8, with an earned run average of 2.82. He played in 34 games during the '49 season; W. 13, L. 11. Ray has been a Senator since 1943, excepting the 1944-45 seasons spent in service.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.14**



**RAY SCARBOROUGH** **b**


Chicago White Sox' Ray Scarborough, recognized as one of the best pitchers in the American League, was born in Mount Gilead, N. C., July 23, 1918. A 6-foot right hander, he weighs 178.

In 1948, Ray W. 15, L. 8, with an earned run average of 2.82. He played in 34 games during the '49 season; W. 13, L. 11. Ray joined the Sox in midseason, 1950. He had played with Washington's Senators since 1943, excepting 2 years in military service.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.14**



**RAY SCARBOROUGH** **c**


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In 1948, Ray W.15, L.8, with an earned run average of 2.82. He played in 34 games during the '49 season; W.13, L.11. Ray was a Senator from 1943, until midseason 1950, when he was traded to Chicago in a six-player trade. The Red Sox acquired his contract after the close of the season.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.15**



**STAN ROJEK** **a**


Shortstop Stan Rojek is known as the "Happy Rabbit" of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Right handed, weighing 170 and 5'10" tall, Stan was born in N. Tonawanda, N. Y., April 21, 1919.

An ex-Brooklyn Dodger, Stan had a great 1948 season. He appeared in 156 games for the Bucs, batted .290 and drove in 51 runs. His fielding averaged .962. He also tied a major league record, taking part in five double plays during one game.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.15**



**STAN ROJEK** **b**

Shortstop Stan Rojek, the "Happy Rabbit," shows up in the St. Louis Browns lineup for the first time in the 1952 season. He was acquired from the Cardinals.


Stan played his greatest season to date for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1948. He appeared in 156 games, batted .290 and drove in 51 runs. His fielding averaged .962. He also tied a major league record by participating in five double plays during a single game. Rojek is right-handed, weighs 170 and is 5'10". He was born in N. Tonawanda, N. Y., April 21, 1919.

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.15**



**STAN ROJEK** **C**

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*Stan Rojek*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.16**



**LUKE APPLING**

Chicago White Sox star Appling was born in High Point, N. C., April 2, 1909. The American League's veteran right-hander is 5'10", weighs 165.


Luke's 1950 season is his 21st in the League and with the Sox. His lifetime .301 batting average is .309. His highest was a league-leading .338 in 1936. He led again with .328 in 1943. In only three seasons has "Old Aches and Pains" batting dropped below .300.

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*Luke Appling*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.17**



**WILLARD MARSHALL**

Born in Richmond, Va., Feb. 8, 1921, Willard joined the Boston Braves in December 1949 after 8 years with the New York Giants, including 3 yrs. in military service.

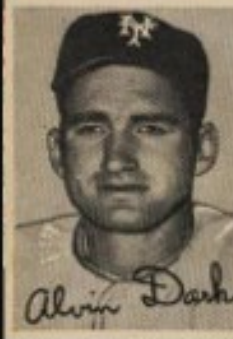
A 205 lb., 6'1" outfielder, Marshall throws right-handed and bats left. Among his many batting achievements were 3 consecutive round-trippers for the Giants in 1947. He also led National League outfielders in double plays that year. Of English descent, Willard has blue eyes and brown hair.

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*Willard Marshall*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.18**



**ALVIN DARK**

New York Giant's captain Dark is a 5'11", 185 lb. righthander from Comanche, Okla. He was born Jan. 7, 1923.


After a notable career as an all-around star at U.S.U., Al joined the Boston Braves in 1946 and was Rookie of the Year in 1948, when he batted .322. Traded to New York in 1949, the brown-eyed Irish star sparkplugs the Giants from shortstop.

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*Alvin Dark*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19**



**DICK SISLER** **a**

Son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first sacker, Dick plays outfield and sometimes first base with the Philadelphia Phillies.


Born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920, the 6'2 1/2" star broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1946, coming to the Phillies in April 1948. A husky 210 lbs., Dick throws right-handed and hits left. He has a 3 year military service record.

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*Dick Sisler*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19**



**DICK SISLER** **b**

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Born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920, the 6'2 1/2" star broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1946, coming to the Phillies in April 1948. A 210-lb. husky, Sisler's 1950 record was the best of his major league career. His .296 batting mark and 83 RBI's helping the Phils capture the National League flag.

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*Dick Sisler*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19**



**DICK SISLER** **c**

Dick is a newcomer with the Cincinnati Reds in 1952. He is the son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first sacker. Dick played left field and occasionally, first base, for the Phillies before joining Cincinnati. He hit .287 in 1951.

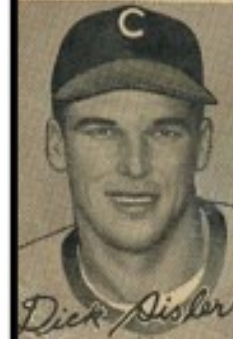
Dick has a 3-year military service record. He broke into the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1946 and went with the Phillies in 1948. He throws right-handed and bats left. The husky 6'2 1/2", 210-lb. star was born in St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920.

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*Dick Sisler*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19**



**DICK SISLER** **d**

The 1952 season is Dick's first with the Cincinnati Reds, who acquired him from the Philadelphia Phillies. Sisler has been playing outfield and occasionally first base with the Phils.

Dick is a second-generation major-league ball player. Born in St. Louis Nov. 2, 1920, he is the son of George Sisler, rated by many critics as baseball's greatest first-sacker. Dick is a husky 6'2 1/2", weighs 210. He throws right-handed and bats left. After 3 years in military service, he broke into big-league ball on the Cardinals line-up from '46 to '48.


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*Dick Sisler*

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.19**




**DICK SISLER** **e**

Traded by the Cincinnati Reds, Dick joined the St. Louis Cardinals for the second time in 1952. He broke into the majors with the Cards in 1946, leaving two years later to join the Phillies.

Dick is the son of George Sisler, baseball's great first sacker. He throws right-handed and hits left. The husky 6' 2½", 250 lb. star was born in St. Louis, Mo., 2, 1920.

*Dick Sisler*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.20**



**JOHNNY OSTROWSKI**

Outfielder for the Washington Senators after an early 1950 season trade with the Chicago White Sox, Ostrowski began his pro baseball career in 1939 and was a great minor league hitter. He was Pacific Coast League home run king with Los Angeles in 1943.

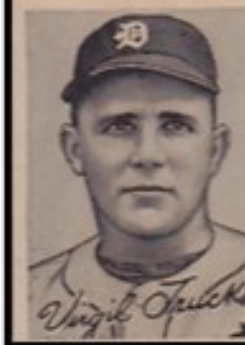
After tryouts with the Cubs, Johnny made the majors with the White Sox in 1949. The righthanded Polish star was born in Chicago, Oct. 17, 1920. He's 5' 10½", weighs 170 lbs.

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*John Ostrowski*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.21**



**VIRGIL TRUCKS** **a**

Detroit Tigers' great master of the speedball, Virgil is known around the American League as "Fire" Trucks.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., April 26, 1919, the 198 lb., 5' 11" pitcher has been a Tiger since 1941, except for a hitch in military service.

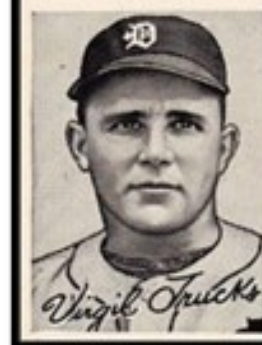
Trucks' string of 19 wins in 1949 was his top big league mark to date. He was also official winner of the All-Star game that year.

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*Virgil Trucks*

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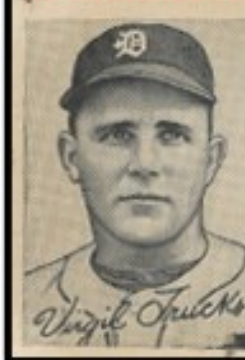
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*Virgil Trucks*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.21**



**VIRGIL TRUCKS** **c**

Trucks hit a high spot in 1952 with a no-hitter against the Washington Senators May 15. In 1949, the Detroit Tigers' speedball artist was the American League's strike-out king. He won 19; fanned 153 batters; and won official credit for the victory in that year's All-Star game. He has been with Detroit since 1941, with time out for military service.

"Fire" Trucks was born in Birmingham, Alabama, April 26, 1919. He is 5' 11", weighs 198.

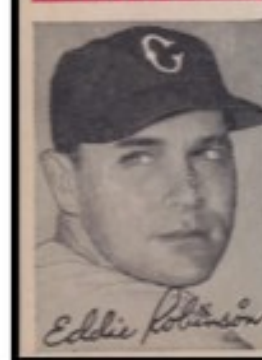
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*Virgil Trucks*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.22**



**EDDIE ROBINSON**

Chicago White Sox first baseman, Eddie was born in Paris, Texas, Dec. 15, 1920. The 220 lb., 6' 2½" star broke in with Cleveland in 1942, went to Washington in December 1948 and was traded to the White Sox early in the 1950 season.


Robinson lead American League first sacker in fielding in 1948 and led a major league record that year with 6 double plays in one game. He throws right and bats left.

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*Eddie Robinson*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.23**



**NANNY FERNANDEZ**

Froilan "Nanny" Fernandez, third baseman with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1950 and the Boston Braves from 1942 through 1947, with three seasons out for military service, is right-handed all the way. He is of Spanish ancestry, and was born at Wilmington, Calif., October 25, 1918. Weighing 170 lbs., he stands 5' 9".


Fernandez hit 23 home runs for Milwaukee in 1948, and batted .327, with 129 runs driven in, for San Francisco in 1941.

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*Nanny Fernandez*

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.24**



**FERRIS FAIN**

First sacker Fain, whose father was an outstanding rider on the thoroughbred tracks, joined the Philadelphia Athletics in 1947 after 8 years with San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League, several of which were spent in military service.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, March 29, 1922, the left-hander weighs 180, stands 5' 11". Ferris figured in 194 double plays in 1949, a new major league record. He made the All-Star game for the first time in 1950.

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*Ferris Fain*



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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 8**



**LOU BRISSIE**

Despite serious war injuries, Lou continues to earn his reputation as a dependable relief pitcher. 1952 is his first season with the Cincinnati Indians. Formerly with the ~~Cincinnati~~ he pitched a healthy 36 IP, 14 L. in 1949. During the preceding season, he struck out 127, 16, 14, C, 20.

Brissie's outstanding war achievements left him with a leg wound requiring 23 operations. He still wears a steel brace and shin guard when pitching. Lou is a native of Anderson, South Carolina, born June 5, 1924. The husky portlander is 5' 4", weighs 115.

*Leland Brissie*

Brissie Error Card - 8b

**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 2**



**"PEE WEE" REESE C**

Harold (also "Little Colonel") Reese has been a Brooklyn Dodger since 1940, excepting 3 years in the Navy. Born in Elmon, Ky., July 23, 1918. Pee Wee is 5' 10", weighs 168, hits and throws right-handed.

Pee Wee's 1949 fielding averaged .977, tops for National League shortstops. He scored 132 runs to lead the league. Reese has played in 3 World's Series and on 4 All-Star teams.

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*"Pee Wee" Reese*

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 3**



**GEORGE KELL C**

American League's outstanding fielding third baseman, Kell has been a Detroit Tiger since 1946. He is 5' 9", weighs 180, bats and throws right-handed. He was born in Swifton, Ark., August 23, 1922.

Kell hit .322 in his first season with the Tigers. His two hits in 1949's final game won the League batting crown with a .3429 average. Kell's fielding led the League in 1945, '46.

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*George Kell*

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**ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No. 7**



**ANDY SEMINICK e**

Andy was born in Pierce, W. Va., Sept. 12, 1920. The Philadelphia Phillies' catcher is 5' 10", weighs 185, hits and throws right-handed.

Andy is a top receiver in the National League and a dangerous long-ball hitter. He tied a modern League record in 1949 with three homers in a 9-inning game. Since 1940 he has played every infield position except shortstop, as well as outfield.

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*Andy Seminick*

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# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Conclusions

Every **Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball** checklist I've ever seen, either in hard copy or on the internet, is either missing something or has added something that cannot be verified. I started this project to rectify the situation. I'm currently at 52 cards.

- 24 base cards with confirmed images. (1950 issue).
- 24 variation cards with confirmed images. (1950-52 issues).
- 3 cards with advertising backs: Reese, Kell, and Seminick.
- 1 "error" card: Brissie - "Formerly with the Phillies".
- 25 "Blue Tint" cards are known to exist. (see checklist ).

I'm not including three "phantom" cards that have appeared in various published checklists: a 2<sup>nd</sup> Scarborough card with the White Sox, Ostrowski with the White Sox, and Trucks with the Browns. **As far as I know, none of these three cards has ever been seen in the collecting hobby.**

**Ray Scarborough:** appeared in 34 games for the Senators in 1949. After only 8 games in 1950, he was traded to the White Sox. He appeared in 27 games for the White Sox in 1950. He signed with the Red Sox on 12/10/50. He was with the White Sox for only 7 months in 1950. It seems very unlikely that 2 different cards would have been issued for him with the White Sox. My conclusion is that Ray had 2 cards issued in 1950: Senators and White Sox, and his card with the Red Sox was issued in 1951. I'm not including a 2<sup>nd</sup> White Sox card in my checklist.

**Johnny Ostrowski:** his 1<sup>st</sup> card is listed in some checklists as being with the White Sox. He played there in 1949, and in only one game at the start of 1950. He was traded to the Senators on 5/31/50. If a card was originally issued with the White Sox; possibly it was updated to the Senators early in production, resulting in extremely limited distribution. However, early checklists for Ostrowski mention only one card. I am not including a White Sox card in my checklist.

**Virgil Trucks:** is there a 4<sup>th</sup> card with the Browns? Some early checklists mention this. He was traded from the Tigers to the Browns on 12/4/52. If there is a fourth Trucks card, as a member of the Browns, it would have been issued in 1953. As far as I know, this is a 1950-52 set. I am not including this card in my checklist.

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**Lou Brissie:** lost 19 games for the Athletics in 1950. He started only 2 games for them in 1951. He was then traded to the Indians on 4/30/51. The "**Formerly with the Phillies...**" error card







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## 1950 Season Highlights


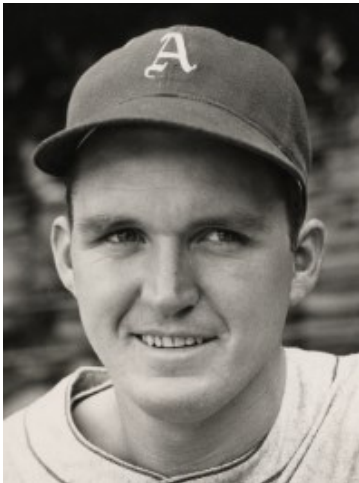
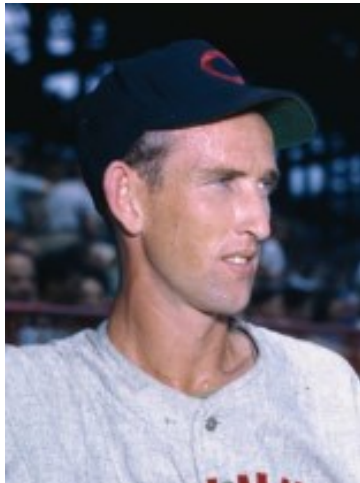

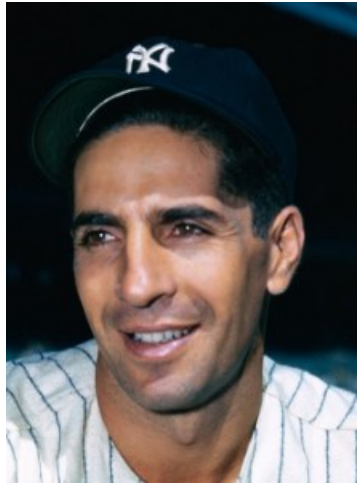

The 1950 Major League Baseball season was an exciting and competitive year in the history of the sport. Here are the key highlights and events that shaped the season:

1. **American League Pennant Race:** The New York Yankees dominated the American League, finishing the regular season with a record of 98 wins and 56 losses. Led by legendary manager Casey Stengel, the Yankees boasted a formidable lineup that included stars like Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, and Phil Rizzuto.
2. **National League Pennant Race:** The Philadelphia Phillies had a remarkable season, clinching the National League pennant with a record of 91 wins and 63 losses. It was the Phillies' first pennant since 1915, and their success was attributed to strong performances from players like Richie Ashburn and Robin Roberts.
3. **All-Star Game:** The 1950 MLB All-Star Game took place at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The National League emerged victorious, defeating the American League 4-3 in a closely contested match.
4. **MLB MVP:** The American League MVP award went to New York Yankees' Phil Rizzuto, who had an exceptional season both offensively and defensively, making him a vital asset for the Yankees' success. In the National League, Jim Konstanty of the Philadelphia Phillies won the MVP award, thanks to his outstanding performances as a relief pitcher.
5. **Rookie of the Year:** In the inaugural year of the Rookie of the Year award, Alvin Dark of the Boston Braves (now Atlanta Braves) won the honor in the National League. In the American League, the award went to Chicago White Sox's Walt Dropo.
6. **World Series:** The 1950 World Series saw the New York Yankees facing off against the Philadelphia Phillies. The Yankees proved their dominance, defeating the Phillies in a four-game sweep. Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra played crucial roles in leading the Yankees to their 13th World Series title.
7. **Historical Moment:** On June 3, 1950, the Cleveland Indians executed the first-ever major league triple play without recording a single putout. The unique triple play occurred in a game against the Chicago White Sox.
8. **Integration of African American Players:** The 1950 season marked the continued integration of African American players into Major League Baseball. Players like Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians made significant contributions to their respective teams and helped break barriers in the sport.






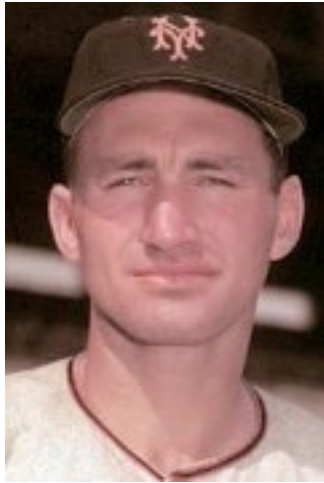
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<p><b>1 – Musial – Cardinals 1B / LF / RF</b></p>	<p><b>2 – Reese – Dodgers SS</b></p>	<p><b>3 – Kell – Tigers 3B</b></p>
<p>“Stan The Man” won the NL batting title in 1950, ‘51 and ‘52. He hit over .300 in 18 of his 22-year career. Stan was an All-Star for every year but his first in the NL. He won the NL MVP Award 3 times. To HOF (BBWAA) in 1969.</p>	<p>Pee Wee’s nickname came from shooting marbles as a kid. He was an institution at SS for the Dodgers for 16 years. An All-star for ten of those years. In 1947, he was the first Dodger to befriend Jackie Robinson. HOF (Vet’s Comm.) in 1984.</p>	<p>Led the AL with 218 hits in 1950 and 191 hits in 1951. George was a lifetime .306 hitter. He was on the AL All-Star team in 10 of his 15 years in MLB. Elected to the HOF by the Veteran’s Committee in 1983. A Tiger’s broadcaster for 37 seasons.</p>
		
<p><b>4 – DiMaggio – Red Sox CF</b></p>	<p><b>5 – Spahn – Braves LSP</b></p>	<p><b>6 – Pafko – Cubs → Dodgers LF</b></p>
<p>“The little Professor” was a fixture in center field for the Red Sox for 11 years. He led the league in runs, triples, and stolen bases in 1950. He was an AL All-Star from 1949 to 1952, and garnered MVP votes from 1948 to 1951.</p>	<p>Warren fought in The Battle Of The bulge in WWII. He didn’t win his first ML game until age 25. Warren had the most wins in the 50s: 202. He led the NL in strikeouts in 1949 thru 1952. Lifetime record: 363-245. Elected to HOF (BBWAA) in 1973.</p>	<p>Nickname: “Handy Andy” or “Pruschka”. Andy had a career year in 1950: hit .304 with 36 HRs and a .397 OBP. Hit 3 homers in a game: 8/2/50. Playing for the Braves, he lost the starting RF job to a Young Hank Aaron in 1955.</p>





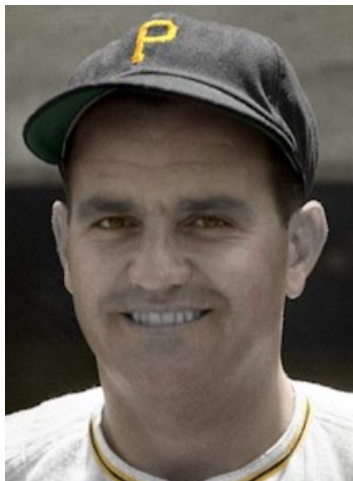

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<p><b>7 – Seminick – Phillies → Reds C</b></p>	<p><b>8 – Brissie - A's → Indians LRP</b></p>	<p><b>9 – Blackwell – Reds RSP</b></p>
<p>Andy was an NL All-Star in 1949. Hit .288 with 24 HRs in 1950; OBP .400. Garnered 14 MVP votes. His teammates called him “The Mad Russian”. He was a rock solid catcher and enjoyed a 15-year MLB career with the Phillies and Reds.</p>	<p>Pitched with a brace on left leg. Had it shattered in 30 pieces by 117mm shell, fighting in Italy, during WWII. Doctors wanted to amputate, but Lou wouldn’t let them. He pitched for 7 years with the A’s and Indians. Lifetime: 44-48.</p>	<p>Known as “The Whip” for his buggy whip side-arm delivery. Ewell had a wild time in 1950: Won 17, lost 15, with 188 SO, 112 BB. He led the NL with 13 hit batters and 11 WPs. He was an NL All-Star in 1951-52. Picked up MVP votes in both years.</p>
		
<p><b>10 – Thomson – Giants 3B / CF</b></p>	<p><b>11 – Rizzuto – Yankees SS</b></p>	<p><b>12 – Henrich – Yankees 1B</b></p>
<p>Known as “The Staten Island Scot”. Switched from CF to 3B, 7/20/51. Hit .237 in CF, .357 at 3B. Hit “The Shot Heard ‘Round The World” on 10/3/51. Bobby was an NL All-Star in 1952 and received MVP votes in 1951 and 1952.</p>	<p>“The Scooter” won the AL MVP in 1950. Led AL shortstops in fielding. Hit .324, scored 125 runs; had a .418 OBP. He was elected to the HOF, by the Veteran’s Committee in 1994. With his time as a broadcaster, he had a 53-year Yankee career.</p>	<p>“Catching a baseball is a pleasure. Knowing what to do with it after you catch it is a business”. Tommy was known as “The Clutch or “Old Reliable” for his timely hitting. 1950 was Tommy’s last year as a Yankee’s player. Yankee coach in 1951.</p>

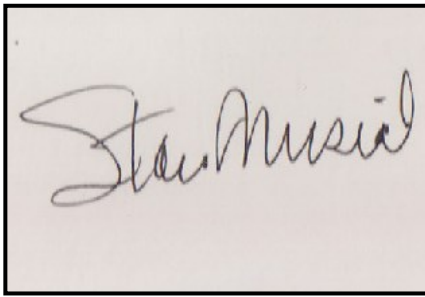
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<p><b>13 – Gordon – Indians 2B</b></p>	<p><b>14 – Scarborough – Senators → White Sox → Red Sox RSP</b></p>	<p><b>15 – Rojek – Pirates → Cardinals → Browns SS</b></p>
<p>“Flash” ended his playing career in 1950 as the Indians 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman. A perennial All-star, he also received MVP votes in 8 of his 11 years in MLB. He was elected to the HOF, by the Veteran’s Committee in 2009.</p>	<p>Named an AL All-Star in 1950, but did not appear in the game. Had an unremarkable 80-85 record over 10 MLB seasons. Once called “the pitching pickle peddler” by the Boston press because of his off-season job as a pickle salesman.</p>	<p>Nickname: “Happy Rabbit”, because of his projecting front teeth. Part-time SS for the Pirates, Cardinals and Browns. Stan was never the same offensive player after a beaning by Ken Johnson of the Cardinals in 1949.</p>
		
<p><b>16 – Appling – White Sox SS</b></p>	<p><b>17 – Marshall - Braves RF</b></p>	<p><b>18 – Dark – Giants SS</b></p>
<p>1950 (age 43) was the last of a 20-year career for “Old Aches and Pains”, a lifetime .310 hitter. At the time of his retirement, Luke held the AL record for most games played at SS. He was elected to the HOF by the BBWAA in 1964.</p>	<p>Willard was an NL All-Star in 1949. Played all three outfield positions in 1950. Played exclusively in RF in 1951. Handled 231 chances without an error. Willard had an excellent arm from the outfield; he had 125 lifetime assists in 11 years</p>	<p>Nicknames: “Blackie” or “The Swamp Fox”. ML ROY in 1948. Led NL short-stops in DPs in 1951. Led the NL with 41 doubles in 1951. Hit .417 in the 1951 WS. A 3-time NL All-Star at SS: 1951, 1952, 1953. Received MVP votes in ‘51 and ‘52.</p>

# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball – The Players

		
<p><b>19 – Sisler – Phillies → Reds → Cardinals LF</b></p> <p>Son of HOFer George Sisler. Put the Phillies in the 1950 WS, with a 10<sup>th</sup> inning HR on the last day of the season. Dick's exploits in the 1950 pennant race were immortalized by Ernest Hemingway in his book "The Old Man And The Sea".</p>	<p><b>20 – Ostrowski – Senators LF</b></p> <p>Johnny was primarily a left fielder. He had a completely undistinguished 7-year career with 4 different AL teams. Why he was included in this set remains a mystery. Where's Eddie Yost or Mickey Vernon?</p>	<p><b>21 – Trucks – Tigers RSP</b></p> <p>"Fire" Trucks had a 5-19 record in 1952, but two of his wins were no-hitters. He is among only 6 ML pitchers to do so. Virgil had a 17-year career with 5 different AL teams. Lifetime record: 177-135.</p>
		
<p><b>22– Robinson – White Sox 1B</b></p> <p>Had 29 HRs, 117 RBI in 1951. Eddie was on the AL A-S team in 1951 and 1952. Eddie played for 7 of the 8 AL teams during his 13-year career. Ted Williams said that Robinson "was the most underrated and best clutch hitter I ever played against".</p>	<p><b>23 – Fernandez – Pirates 3B</b></p> <p>Froilan "Nanny" Fernandez was primarily a 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman. He had a 4-year career with the Boston Braves and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is another mystery inclusion in this set. Where's Ralph Kiner?</p>	<p><b>24 – Fain – Athletics 1B</b></p> <p>Nickname: "Burrhead". Ferris won the AL batting titles with a .344 average in 1951 and a .327 average in 1952. In 1950, he was named to the first of 5 consecutive All-Star teams. He was a lifetime .290 hitter with a .424 OBP.</p>

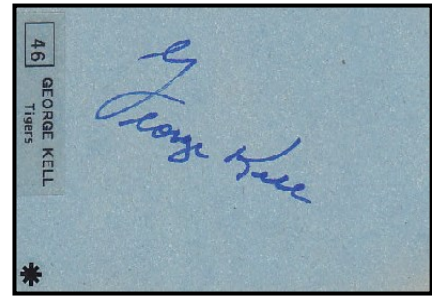
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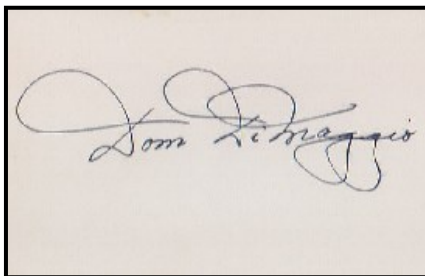
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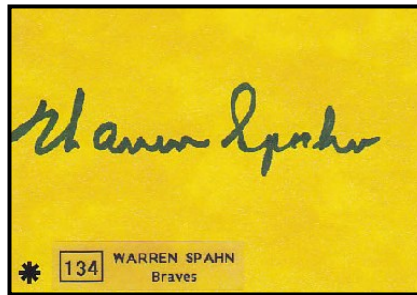
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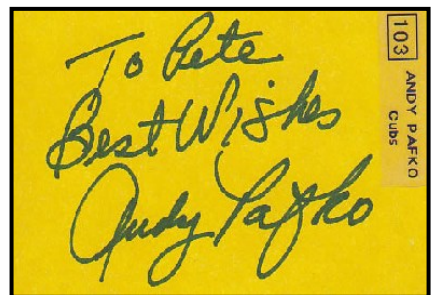
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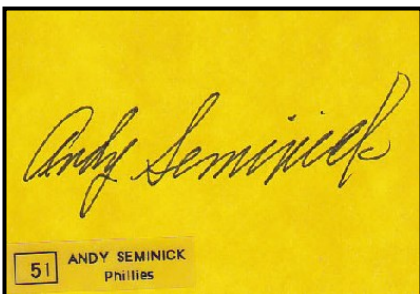
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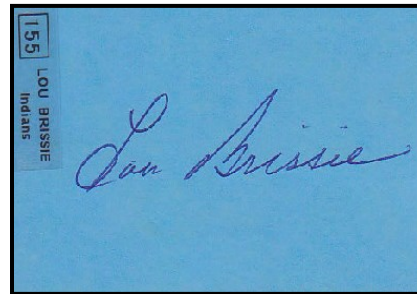
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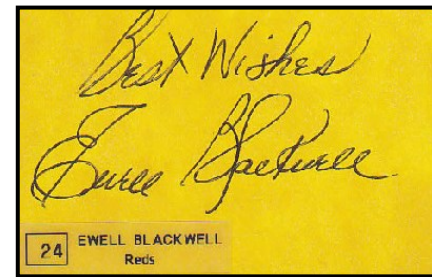
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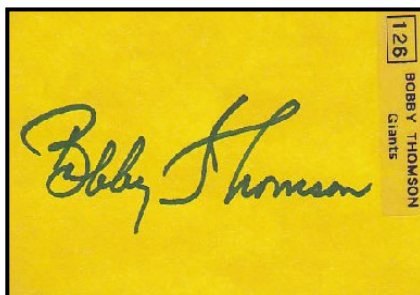
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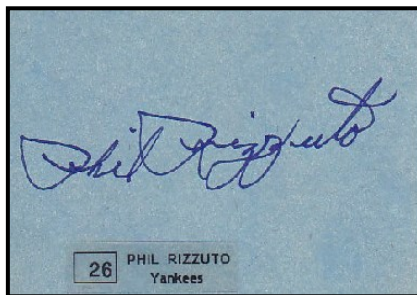
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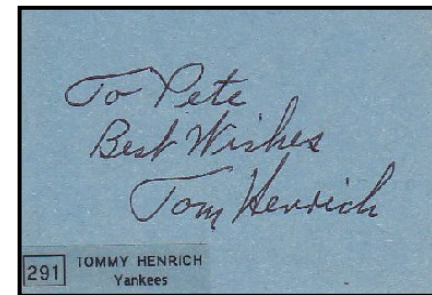
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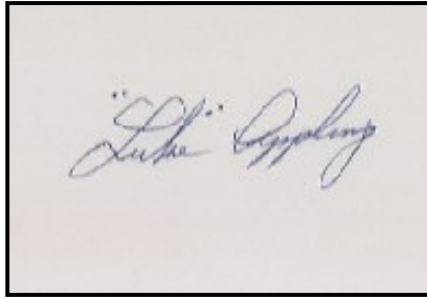


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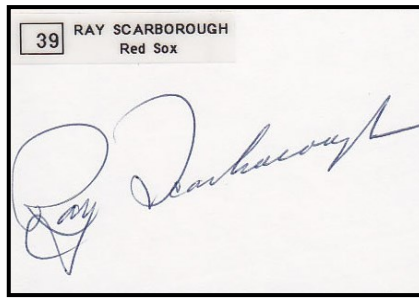
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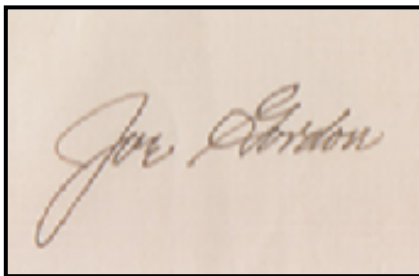
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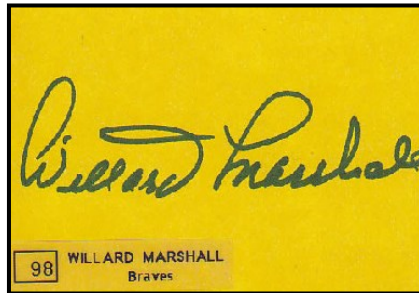
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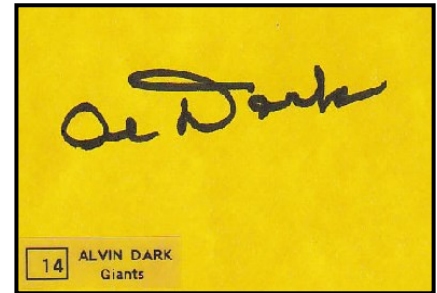
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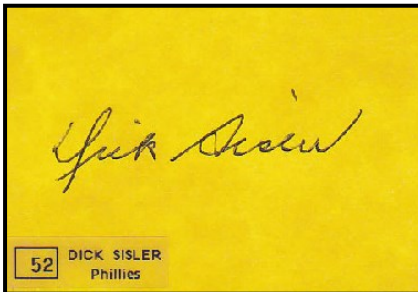
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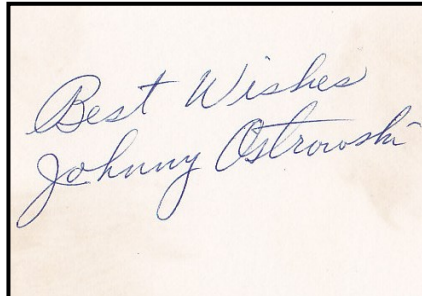
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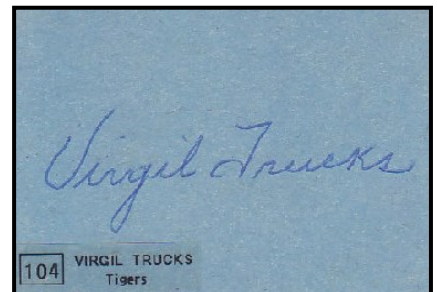
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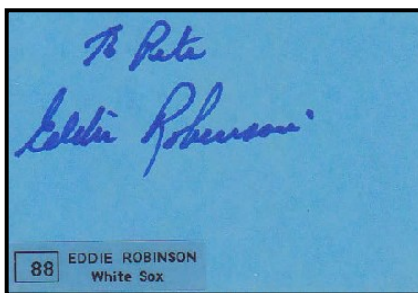
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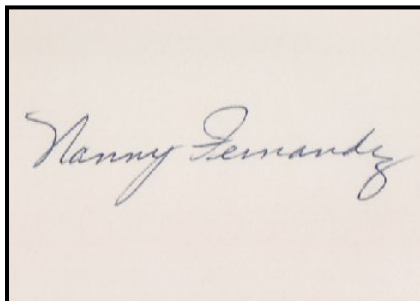
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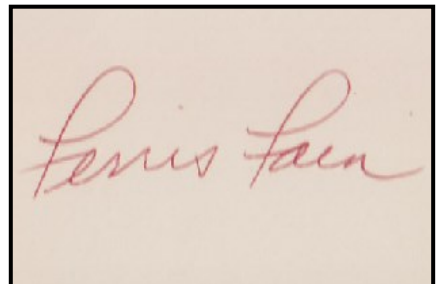
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23 - Nanny Fernandez



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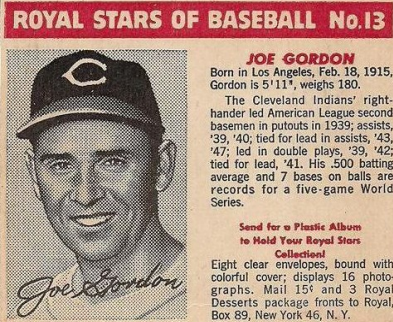
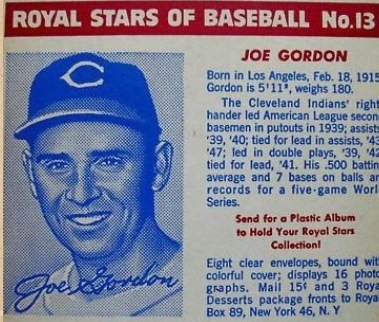
## Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball - Summary Checklist

			a) 1950	b) 1951	c) 1952	d) Mid-1952	e) Mid-1952
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Reese	Dodgers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "Pee Wee's 1949 fielding..."	Dodgers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "Captain and sparkplug..."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Kell	Tigers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...led the league in 1945, '46."	Tigers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...and two -base hits, 56."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	DiMaggio	Red Sox 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... double plays during 1947."	Red Sox 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... three-base hits with 11."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Spahn	Braves 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...and most shutouts 7."	Braves 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...and strikeouts with 191."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pafko	Cubs 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...26 chances in 7 games."	Cubs 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...round trip mark in the Nat'l League."	Dodgers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... He is 5'11½", weighs 190."		
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Seminick	Phillies 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...as well as outfield."	Phillies 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...first pennant since 1916."	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...several stints in the outfield."	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...hits and throws right-handed."	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Brissie	Athletics 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... shin guard when pitching."	<b>Error Card:</b> "Formerly with the Phillies"	Indians 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...port-sider is 6'4", weighs 215." '51		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Blackwell	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "Despite recent illness..."	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "Blackwell's 17 wins in 1950..."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Thomson	Giants 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "In 1949 Bobby hit .309..."		Giants 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. begins "Thomson is one of the few..."		
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Rizzuto	Yankees 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...in one 1942 game."	Yankees 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... League's MVP."			
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Henrich	Yankees				
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Gordon	Indians				
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Scarborough	Senators 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...1944-45 seasons spent in service." 14a	1951 Red Sox 2 <sup>nd</sup> p. ends "... after the close of the season." 14c			
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Scarborough	White Sox 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...2 years in military service." 14b				

## Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball - Summary Checklist (Continued)

<input type="checkbox"/>	15	<b>Rojek</b>	Pirates 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...5 double plays during 1 game."	Cardinals 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... April 21, 1919."	Browns 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... April 21, 1919."		
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	<b>Appling</b>	White Sox				
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	<b>Marshall</b>	Braves				
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	<b>Dark</b>	Giants				
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	<b>Sisler</b>	Phillies 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...3-year military service record."	Phillies 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "... capture the National League flag."	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920."	Reds 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...Cardinals lineup from '46 to '48."	Cardinals 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1920."
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	<b>Ostrowski</b>	Senators				
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	<b>Trucks</b>	Tigers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...hitch in military service."	Tigers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "...victory in the All-Star game that year."	Tigers 2 <sup>nd</sup> para. ends "He is 5' 11", weighs 198."		
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	<b>Robinson</b>	White Sox				
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	<b>Fernandez</b>	Pirates				
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	<b>Fain</b>	Athletics				

"Blue Tint" cards that are known to exist are shaded in blue.

 <p><b>ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.13</b></p> <p><b>JOE GORDON</b> Born in Los Angeles, Feb. 18, 1915, Gordon is 5'11", weighs 180. The Cleveland Indians' right-hander led American League second basemen in putouts in 1939; assists, '39, '40; tied for lead in assists, '43, '47; led in double plays, '39, '42; tied for lead, '41. His .500 batting average and 7 bases on balls are records for a five-game World Series.</p> <p>Send for a Plastic Album to Hold Your Royal Stars Collection! Eight clear envelopes, bound with colorful cover; displays 16 photographs. Mail 15¢ and 3 Royal Desserts package fronts to Royal, Box 89, New York 46, N. Y.</p>	 <p><b>ROYAL STARS OF BASEBALL No.13</b></p> <p><b>JOE GORDON</b> Born in Los Angeles, Feb. 18, 1915, Gordon is 5'11", weighs 180. The Cleveland Indians' right-hander led American League second basemen in putouts in 1939; assists, '39, '40; tied for lead in assists, '43, '47; led in double plays, '39, '42; tied for lead, '41. His .500 batting average and 7 bases on balls are records for a five-game World Series.</p> <p>Send for a Plastic Album to Hold Your Royal Stars Collection! Eight clear envelopes, bound with colorful cover; displays 16 photographs. Mail 15¢ and 3 Royal Desserts package fronts to Royal, Box 89, New York 46, N. Y.</p>
Joe Gordon - Base Card	Blue Tint card
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## 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Suggested Values

Grade	PSA	Old SGC	Common	HOFer
Mint	9	96	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
NM/MT+	8.5	92	\$ 350.00	\$ 600.00
NM/MT	8	88	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
NM+	7.5	86	\$ 275.00	\$ 400.00
NM	7	84	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00
EX/NM+	6.5	82	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00
EX/NM	6	80	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
EX+	5.5	70	\$ 120.00	\$ 225.00
EX	5	60	\$ 95.00	\$ 200.00
VG/EX+	4.5	55	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
VG/EX	4	50	\$ 55.00	\$ 125.00
VG+	3.5	45	\$ 45.00	\$ 105.00
VG	3	40	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00
Good+	2.5	35	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00
Good	2	30	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00

Blue tint card values should be doubled.

As with the checklists, the published values for these cards are out of date. This is my attempt to bring some order to the chaos. It's just a straight-line list of values from **good** to **mint**. Raw, base set cards listed on eBay are mostly in poor condition. They usually sell for between \$30 and \$50. HOFers are more expensive with Musial leading the way. Cards other than the base set are hardly ever seen. Scarce variations sell in the \$300 to \$500 range. Graded cards usually sell for more than their raw counterparts. Cards in near mint or higher condition are hardly ever seen in the marketplace. The above prices do not take into account the scarcity of any particular card.

## 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Total Population

No.	Name	a) 1950	b) 1951	c) 1952	d) Mid-1952	e) Mid-1952	Ad Card
1	Musial	77	19				
11	Rizzuto	50	7				
2	Reese	44	6				2
4	DiMaggio	29	5				
5	Spahn	29	5				
18	Dark	27					
3	Kell	26	1				0
12	Henrich	26					
9	Blackwell	24	3				
24	Fain	24					
10	Thomson	23		0			
22	Robinson	23					
7	Seminick	21	2	0	2		1
19	Sisler	20	3	2	0	0	
8	Brissie / Error	18	0 / 0				
15	Rojek	16	0	0			
6	Pafko	13	5	1			
17	Marshall	13					
16	Appling	12					
20	Ostrowski	11					
14	Scarborough - WS	10					
13	Gordon	9					
23	Fernandez	8					
14	Scarborough - Sens	4	4				
21	Trucks	4	8	0			
	<b>637</b>	561	68	3	2	0	3

In order to get an idea of the relative “rarity” of each of the 51 cards in the set, I examined three things on 5/10/2023: the cards listed on eBay and the Population Reports of both PSA and SGC. The 637 cards I looked at are distributed as above. On the next page I have assigned a rarity factor to each card based on this distribution., with 1 being the most common and 6 being the rarest.

## 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Rarity Factors

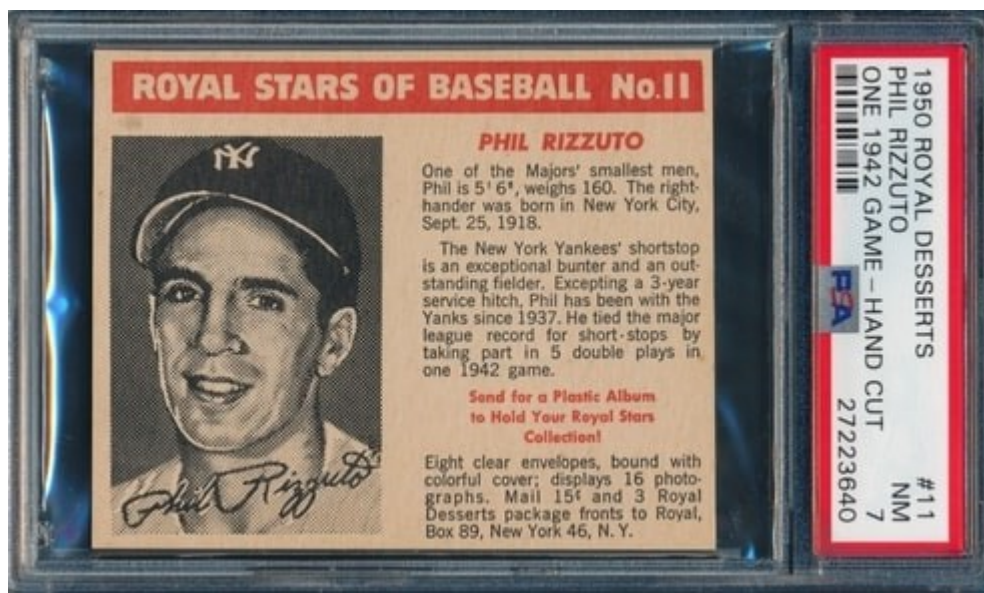
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11	Rizzuto	1	4				
2	Reese	1	4				5
4	DiMaggio	1	4				
5	Spahn	1	4				
18	Dark	1					
3	Kell	1	5				6
12	Henrich	1					
9	Blackwell	1	5				
24	Fain	1					
10	Thomson	2		6			
22	Robinson	2					
7	Seminick	2	5	6	5		6
19	Sisler	2	5	5	6	6	
8	Brissie + Error	2	6 / 6				
15	Rojek	2	6	6			
6	Pafko	3	5	5			
17	Marshall	3					
16	Appling	3					
20	Ostrowski	3					
14	Scarborough - WS	3					
13	Gordon	4					
23	Fernandez	4					
14	Scarborough - Sens	4	4				
21	Trucks	4	4	6			

**Thoughts on card rarity:** the 24 base cards issued in 1950, are quite easy to find, with the exception of Gordon, Fernandez, Trucks and Scarborough with the Senators. The thirteen 1951 issues are more difficult to acquire. The 1952 issues are quite difficult to obtain. They are rarely seen in the marketplace. Most of the cards seen on eBay, are badly cut, creased, or soiled. Clean, four-bordered cards from any year are seldom seen. In the above table, a factor of 1 equals the most common cards and 6 equals the rarest.

# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Sample Value Calculations

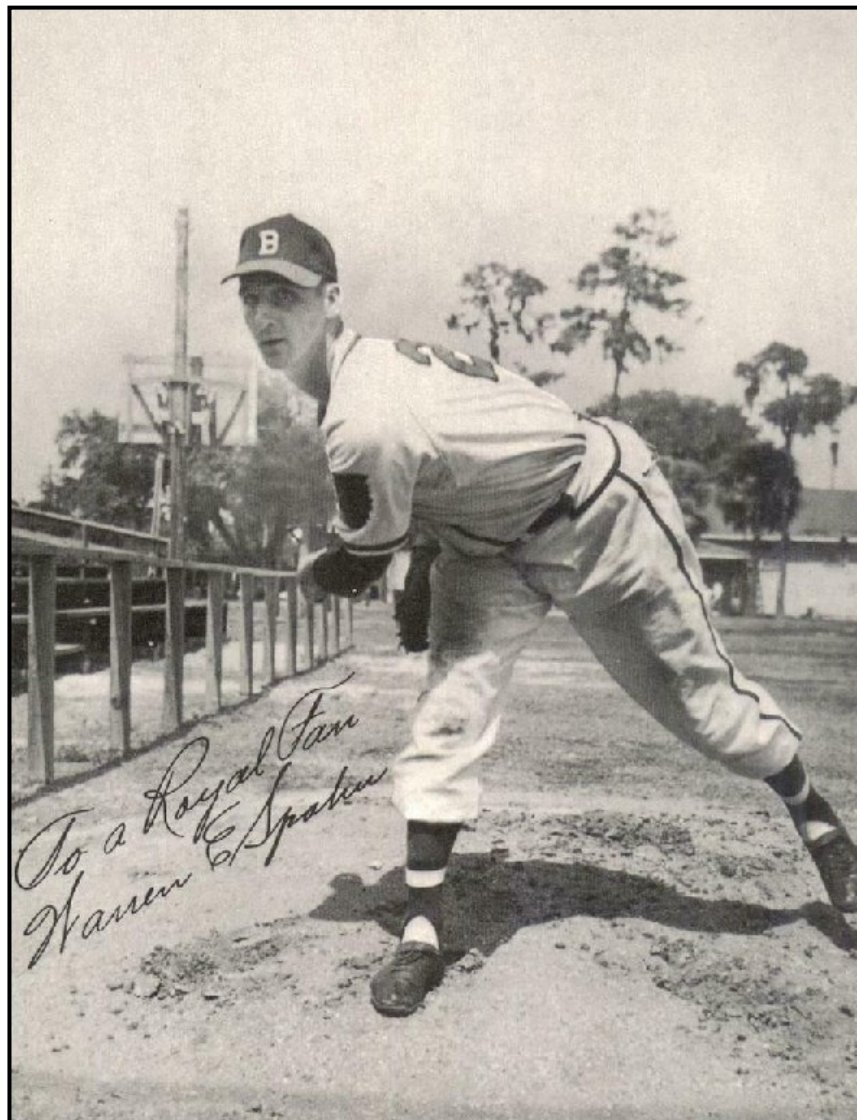
Sample Grade	Value	Rarity	Rarity Factor	Value + Rarity
2.5	\$30	1	1	\$30
3	\$35	2	1.2	\$42
4.5	\$60	3	1.3	\$78
5	\$75	4	1.4	\$105
5.5	\$100	5	1.5	\$150
6	\$125	6	1.6	\$200

If you use a card's Grade, the Suggested Values from page 20, and the Rarity Factors from page 22, you can estimate a value for your cards. I got the Rarity Factor idea from a ChatGPT query. This is a sort of a semi-scientific method that matches up pretty well with asking prices in the marketplace. The PSA 7 Phil Rizzuto, below, with a 1 Rarity Factor would be worth \$350.00. It sold on eBay for \$293.



## 1952 Royal Desserts Premiums

In 1952 the Royal Desserts Company issued a series of 16 black and white action photos on thin paper. The unnumbered photos include a facsimile autograph along with the notation, "To a Royal Fan." Eight players from the original package backs were not included: Henrich, Gordon, Rojek, Appling, Marshall, Ostrowski, Trucks, and Fernandez. Five players are pictured with new teams: Brissie (Indians), Pafko (Dodgers), Scarborough (Red Sox), Seminick, and Sisler (Reds). The Musial is by far the most valuable. In a 7/30/23 eBay auction, a nice one sold for slightly over \$350. Spahn, Reese, Rizzuto, Kell, and DiMaggio are next most valuable. I have not been able to determine how these photos were distributed.





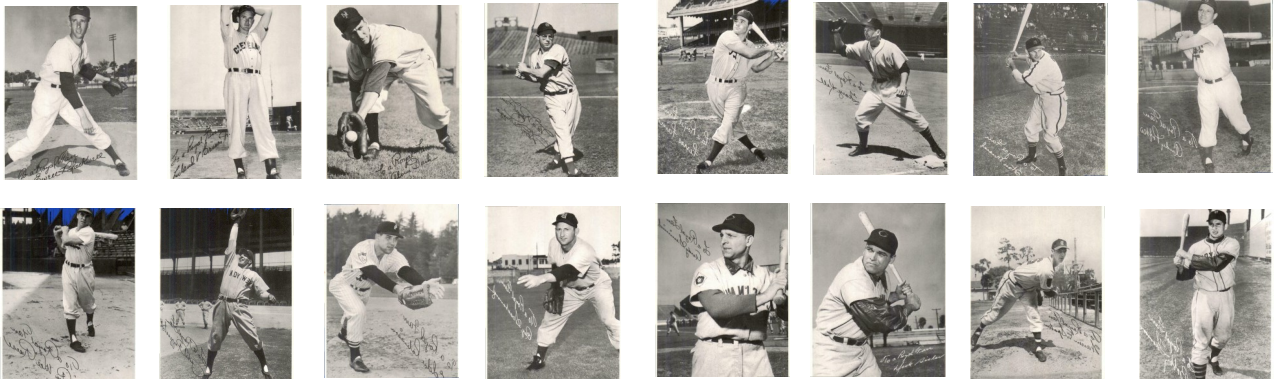
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




This set, issued as a premium by Royal Desserts in 1952, consists of 16 unnumbered black and white cards, each measuring 5" x 7". The cards include the inscription "To A Royal Fan" along with the player's facsimile autograph. Backs are blank.

	NM	EX	VG
Complete Set (16):	1,400	625.00	275.00
Common Player:	55.00	25.00	10.00
(1) Ewell Blackwell	55.00	25.00	10.00
(2) Leland V. Brissie Jr.	55.00	25.00	10.00
(3) Alvin Dark	55.00	25.00	10.00
(4) Dom DiMaggio	100.00	45.00	20.00
(5) Ferris Fain	55.00	25.00	10.00
(6) George Kell	100.00	45.00	20.00
(7) Stan Musial	280.00	125.00	55.00
(8) Andy Paiko	55.00	25.00	10.00
(9) Pee Wee Reese	175.00	80.00	35.00
(10) Phil Rizzuto	160.00	70.00	30.00
(11) Eddie Robinson	55.00	25.00	10.00
(12) Ray Scarborough	55.00	25.00	10.00
(13) Andy Seminick	55.00	25.00	10.00
(14) Dick Sisler	55.00	25.00	10.00
(15) Warren Spahn	140.00	65.00	25.00
(16) Bobby Thomson	80.00	35.00	15.00



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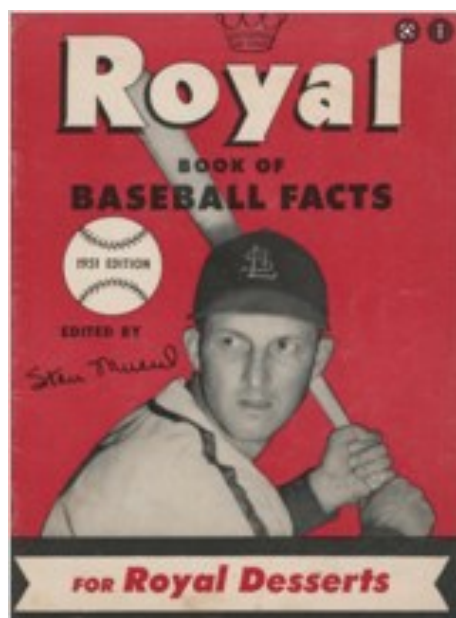
# 1952 Royal Desserts Premiums - Checklist

			Name	Team	HOF	Received	Cost	Supplier	Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Blackwell, Ewell	Reds					
2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Brissie, Lou	Indians					
3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Dark, Alvin	Giants					
4	<input type="checkbox"/>		DiMaggio, Dom	Red Sox					
5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Fain, Ferris	Athletics					
6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Kell, George	Tigers	⌠				
7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Musial, Stan	Cardinals	⌠				
8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pafko, Andy	Dodgers					
9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Reese, Pee Wee	Dodgers	⌠				
10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Rizzuto, Phil	Yankees	⌠				
11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Robinson, Eddie	White Sox					
12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Scarborough, Ray	Red Sox					
13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Seminick, Andy	Reds					
14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sisler, Dick	Reds					
15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Spahn, Warren	Braves	⌠				
16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Thomson, Bobby	Giants					

## 1950 Royal Desserts Extras



In 1950, Royal Desserts offered an album for their various card sets. It was a comb-bound booklet that could store 16 cards in celluloid pages. It measured 3-1/8" by 3-1/8". These can be found on eBay from time to time and are moderately priced.



Another Royal bonus for baseball fans was this 32-page magazine titled "Royal Book of Baseball Facts - 1950 Edition". It is full of interesting facts and statistics from 1949, and was allegedly edited by Stan Musial. Some of the topics included in the book are: 1949 Major League Standings, 1949 Batting and Pitching Records, and a listing of Hall of Fame members as of 1949. These are quite scarce, in nice shape, and are valued at more than \$100.

# 1950 Royal Musial Clean-Up Club

Stan Musial was the face of the 1950 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball offering. He was one of the most prominent stars in baseball and was pictured on the No. 1 card - the most valuable card in the set. It's not surprising that Royal used his image to sell their products to kids. Royal instituted the Stan Musial Clean-Up Club, which encouraged kids to "clean up their plates" at breakfast, lunch, and dinner - then they could enjoy a Royal dessert. A Clean-Up Chart was given out at the grocery store when you bought 3 packages of Royal gelatin desserts. After one week of clean plates, the chart could be sent in for 3 free gifts: a St. Louis Cardinals' emblem, a Clean-Up Club pin, and a signed 5 x 7 picture of Stan Musial. A letter form Stan would accompany the free gifts. (see next page). The ad at the right comes from a 1950 newspaper. I remember seeing cards on the backs of Royal packages in the 50s, but never knew that this promotion was being offered.

**Advertisement**

## Kids! Join My Stan Musial Clean-Up Club!

**I'LL SEND YOU THESE 3 GIFTS**

# FREE

of extra cost!

**Signed PICTURE of STAN MUSIAL**  
FREE  
*of extra cost!*

Big 5 x 7-inch photograph of Stan Musial in uniform. Available for framing. And signed with Stan Musial's name!

**CLEAN-UP CLUB MEMBER'S PIN**  
FREE  
*of extra cost!*

Every kid in the neighborhood who wears this beautiful Clean-Up Club Member's Pin will get a special letter from Stan Musial. In addition, the pin is made of a special material that will not rust, fade, or lose its color. Wear it on your coat, shirt or jacket, your cap.

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS' EMBLEM**  
FREE  
*of extra cost!*

Wear the official badge of the St. Louis Cardinals! Hand some Red and Black design across and 2 inches deep! This beautiful emblem on your sweater or coat, will show you for your own team!

**MOTHERS!** Stan Musial's CLEAN-UP CHART encourages children to eat all their food. But here's even better news! Children love the flavor of Royal Gelatin Desserts—they taste like the fresh, ripe fruit inside! We the fresh, ripe fruit inside! are the *desert* that *their kids* Child specialists tell us is ideal for young energy! Ideal for diets. **FREE!** Ideal for diets. Gelatin Desserts *of*!

**YOU DON'T PAY ONE CENT to join the Stan Musial Clean-Up Club**

Here's all you do. Tell Mom to buy three packages of Royal Gelatin Dessert—any flavor—and ask the grocer for a **CLEAN-UP CLUB** CHART. **FREE!** EXTRA REWARD! If you mark the spaces to show that you CLEAN UP your plate at each meal for just one week—breakfast, lunch and supper. When you've filled the chart, sign your name and address. We'll send you a letter and three packages from STAN MUSIAL, Box 1724, St. Louis 1, Mo.

**STAN MUSIAL**

"Stan, the Man" set a new high in batting average for the National League. The Cards star is the only National League player to win MVP—1944, '45, '46. Stan has played in four World Series.

**A FLAVOR FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK!**

STRAWBERRY LEMON ORANGE RASPBERRY LIME CHERRY

# 1950 Royal Musial Clean-Up Club

STAN MUSIAL...



CLEAN-UP CLUB

ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEAR CLUB MEMBER:

Welcome to my Stan Musial Clean-Up Club! It made me very happy to see your Clean-Up Chart. I hope you like these three gifts as much as I like sending them to you.

Now that you are a member of our club, don't forget to keep on cleaning up your plate at every meal. It takes plenty of good food to build strong, healthy bodies.

Be sure to eat plenty of Royal Gelatin Desserts! I know you'll like all seven flavors--strawberry, cherry, raspberry, lemon, lime, orange and pineapple. They taste just like fresh, ripe fruit! And here's something to tell Mom. Doctors say that Royal Gelatin Desserts are good for you. Royal Gelatins are ideal for food energy and ideal for digestibility. So enjoy them often!

Your friend,

*Stan Musial*

**Royal**

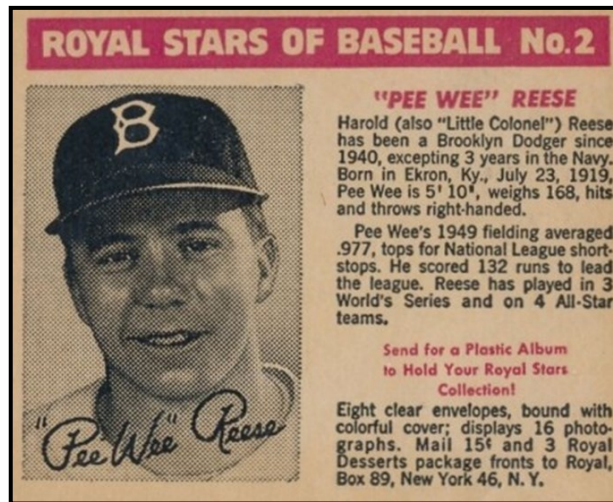


**GELATIN DESSERTS**

Tastes like the Fresh,

Ripe Fruit Itself!

# 1950-52 Royal Desserts Stars of Baseball Final Thoughts



This is the card that inspired me to begin collecting this set. I kept seeing it in my copy of *"The Sport Americana Baseball Price Guide #2"* by Beckett and Eckes. "Pee Wee" is just inviting you to collect this set. I bought my first card on eBay in April of 2006: Bobby Thomson, Number 10a. I've had a great deal of enjoyment collecting these cards and writing this "book". I hope other collectors will be able to use this information to increase their enjoyment with this set and further their collections. Just remember, when your collection reaches about 30 different cards, be prepared to wait a while between purchases.

Many Royal Desserts collectors helped me with this book, including Tom Billing, Mike Cady, Alan Gould, Otis Johnson, Peter Mead, Mike Mosier, Mike Rich, Bob Richardson, John Scott, and Larry Serota.

**One more thought:** How on earth could the Royal Desserts Co. not have included Willie "Puddin' Head" Jones in the set? Willie was the starting 3rd baseman for the Phillies from 1949 to 1959. He enjoyed a solid 15-year MLB career.



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