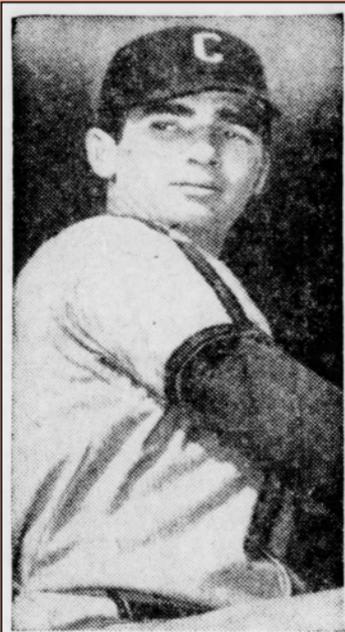


The Brooklyn Dodgers announce the signing of 18-year-old left-handed pitcher Sanford (Sandy) Koufax as a bonus player from the University of Cincinnati for an estimated \$20,000.

As a bonus player, Koufax is required to stay on Brooklyn's major league roster for the next two seasons ... the Brooklyn-born Koufax is told to report to the Dodger spring training camp at Vero Beach the following spring ... Koufax was 4-0 with 58 strikeouts in 30 innings for the University of Cincinnati freshman team the previous spring.

The Dodgers also announce that they have sold third baseman Billy Cox (.235-2-17) and pitcher Preacher Roe (3-4, 5.00) to the Baltimore Orioles for \$55,000 in cash and two minor league players from their San Antonio farm club - pitcher John Jancse (13-4, 3.03) and infielder Harry Schwegman (.253-4-44).



Sandy Koufax
University of Cincinnati



PREACHER ROE

BILLY COX

Around Baseball:

The New York Giants announce that Hank Thompson, the team's starting third baseman for the past two years, has signed for \$20,000 and pitchers Alan Konikowski and Charley Fowler have been sold to the Minneapolis Millers of the American Association.

The New York Yankees sign veteran infielder and former Marine Captain Jerry Coleman for the same salary despite a sub-par 1954 season where he hits .214 with three home runs and 21 RBIs.

Acquired from the Chicago Cubs on September 30, six-time all-star and seven-time National League home run leader Ralph Kiner takes a "hefty" pay cut when he signs with the Cleveland Indians for \$40,000 ... Indians General Manager Hank Greenberg says that team has 40 players under contract for the upcoming 1955 season at a total of "considerably more than half a million dollars" - the highest payroll in club history.



Ralph Kiner
1955 Cleveland Indians

In a report to the team's stockholders, Cincinnati Reds General Manager Gabe Paul, reports that the team finished the 1954 season with a net profit of \$68,065.62, its first profit since 1949.