

Nestled at the bottom of page five in the February 25, 1943 issue of the *Sporting News*, is a want ad placed by the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals announcing position openings for experienced players to fill out the rosters for their minor league teams at the AA, B and D classification levels.

Fourteen months following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, organized baseball is beginning to suffer from an acute manpower shortage as a total of 2,431 minor league players are either serving in the military or have retired to concentrate on their wartime jobs. A day before the *Sporting News* issue hits the street, the venerable Texas League disbands, leaving only nine minor leagues to begin the 1943 season.

CARDINAL ORGANIZATION NEEDS PLAYERS!

IF YOU are now a **FREE AGENT** and have previous professional experience, we may be able to place you to your advantage on one of our clubs. We have positions open on our AA, B and D classification clubs.

If you believe you can qualify for one of these good baseball jobs, tell us about yourself. Be sure to give us the following information:

- Previous professional experience (list clubs played with, by years)
- Playing position
- Married or single. Number of children, if any
- Date of birth
- Height
- Weight
- Selective Service classification

Write TODAY!

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