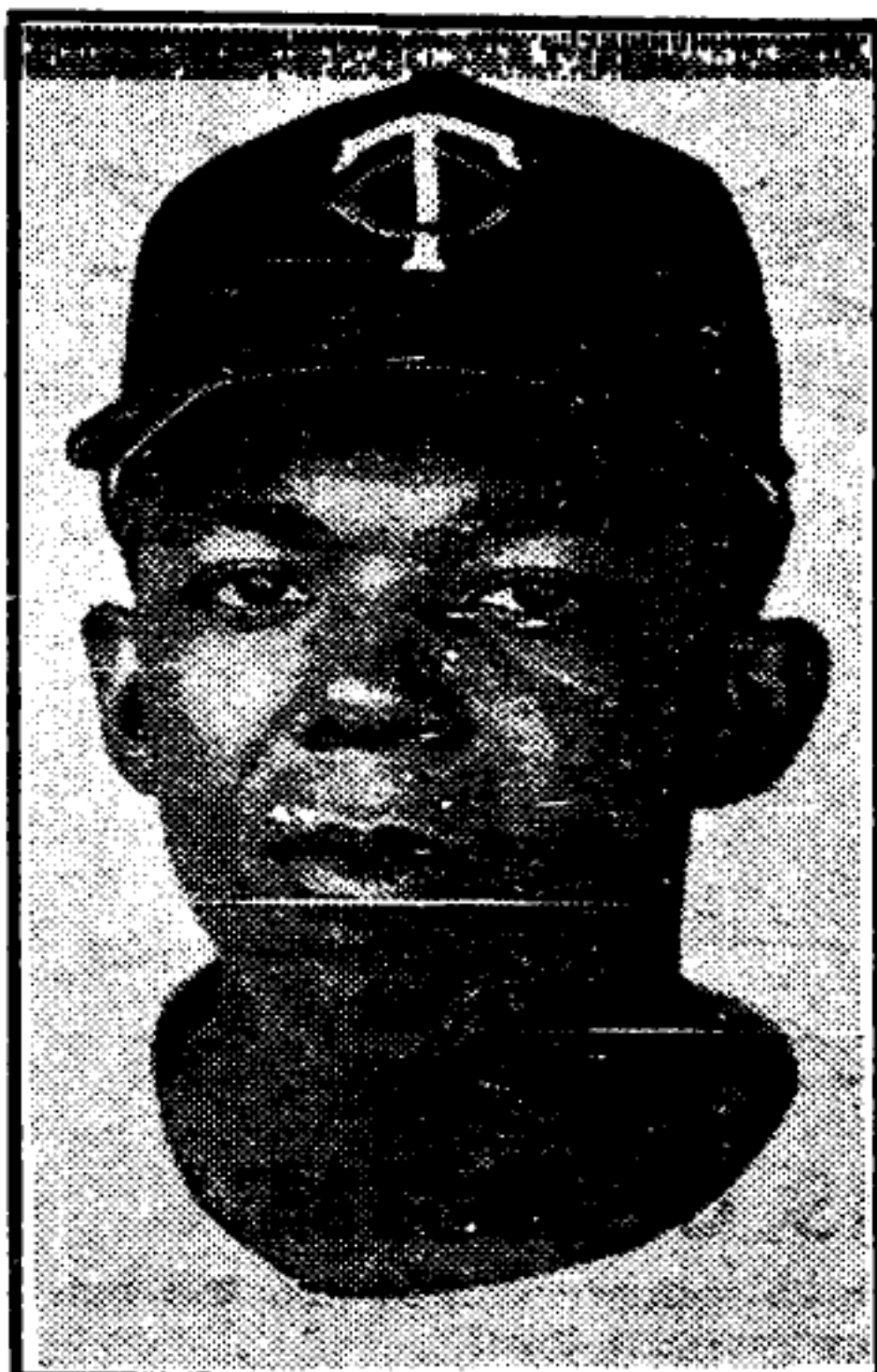




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TONY OLIVA

Griffith Expects Trouble Signing Reluctant Twins

By MAX NICHOLS

TWIN CITIES, Minn.

While Harmon Killebrew was expected to become the first Minnesota player to reach the \$50,000 salary level, groans from his teammates were being heard all the way back to **Twins** headquarters.

In fact, pitcher Camilo Pascual marched right into Calvin Griffith's office to make certain the **Twins** president would hear everything he had to say. Griffith had sent the **Twins** ace righthander a contract calling for a cut of \$9,500.

After winning 20 games in 1962 and 21 in 1963, Pascual had received an estimated \$46,500 last year. But his record slipped to 15-12 while the **Twins** fell from third to a tie for sixth in the American League.

Batley Took Pay Cut

Catcher Earl Batley and second baseman Bernie Allen already had signed for lower salaries.

"Despite some cuts, our payroll will be in the \$600,000 area again this year," said Griffith. "I anticipate more trouble this year signing players than ever before."

"I'm afraid it will be quite some time before everybody signs. We finished sixth, but from the demands of some of the players, you would think we had won the pennant."

Outfielder Tony Oliva received more than double his rookie salary in sign-

Atlanta Suggested as Site For Twins-Braves Meeting

TWIN CITIES, Minn.—President Calvin Griffith of the **Twins** has proposed that his club and the Braves play their annual benefit exhibition game in Atlanta, Ga., this summer.

For the last two seasons, these two clubs have played an exhibition game each year for the benefit of youth baseball. The 1964 game at Minnesota's Metropolitan drew 16,336.

"It's Milwaukee's turn to play host," said Griffith. "I think we could raise more money for kid baseball if we played in Atlanta. It's possible we could draw as many as 50,000 fans."

The **Twins** play another exhibition with their Denver farm club at Denver, July 1.

ing last fall. Outfielder Jim Hall and pitcher Jim Grant signed for token raises. Griffith offered first baseman Don Mincher a slight raise for his 23 home-run production as a reserve.

Relief pitcher Al Worthington was expected to get a raise, and so was outfielder-first baseman Bob Allison. But there will be few others to get pay boosts.

Pascual argued that unearned runs kept him from winning 20 games.

"I won 15 games, but I feel I pitched well enough to win 20," Camilo said. "I struck out more batters than usual (213 against 202 in 1963). I was second in the league in complete games (with 14) and pitched more innings than I have ever pitched (267)."

Statistics show that errors directly

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PITCHERS—	Bats	Thr.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Date and Place of Birth	1964 Club	IP.	W.	L.	ERA.
Boswell, Dave	R	R	6:03	185	Jan. 20, 1945, Baltimore, Md.	Minnesota	160	7	11	3.88
Cimino, Pete	R	R	6:02	195	Oct. 17, 1942, Philadelphia, Pa.	Minnesota	41	4	2	2.85
Dotter, Gary	L	L	6:01	180	Aug. 7, 1942, St. Louis, Mo.	Minnesota	23	2	0	4.30
Fosnow, Garry	R	L	6:04	195	Sept. 21, 1940, Deshler, O.	Atlanta	120	3	6	4.50
Grant, Jim	R	R	6:00	186	Aug. 13, 1935, Lacoochee, Fla.	Minnesota	4	0	0	2.25
Kaat, Jim	L	L	6:04	210	Nov. 7, 1939, Zeeland, Mich.	Atlanta	53	5	3	3.23
Klippstein, John	R	R	6:01	185	Oct. 17, 1927, Washington, D. C.	Minnesota	11	0	1	10.64
Nieson, Chuck	R	R	6:02	185	Sept. 24, 1942, Hanford, Calif.	Atlanta	228	14	13	3.67
Ollom, Jimmy	R	L	6:04	210	July 8, 1945, Snohomish, Wash.	Minnesota	243	17	11	3.22
Pascual, Camilo	R	R	5:11	185	Jan. 20, 1934, Havana, Cuba	Philadelphia	22	2	1	4.09
Perry, Jim	L-R	R	6:04	190	Oct. 30, 1936, Williamston, N. C.	Atlanta	46	0	4	1.96
Picis, Bill	L	L	5:10	175	Aug. 5, 1938, St. Louis, Mo.	Minnesota	171	4	17	4.00
Roland, Jim	R	L	6:03	185	Dec. 14, 1942, Franklin, N. C.	Minnesota	2	0	0	4.50
Siebler, Dwight	R	R	6:02	184	Aug. 5, 1937, Columbus, Neb.	Bis.-Mandan	164	9	12	4.28
Stigman, Dick	R	L	6:03	200	Jan. 24, 1936, Nimrod, Minn.	Minnesota	267	15	12	3.30
Whitby, Bill	R	R	6:01	195	July 29, 1943, Crewe, Va.	Minnesota	65	6	3	3.46
Worthington, Allen	R	R	6:02	205	Feb. 5, 1929, Birmingham, Ala.	Minnesota	51	4	1	3.88
CATCHERS—										
Batley, Earl	L-R	R	6:00	235	Jan. 5, 1935, Los Angeles, Calif.	Minnesota	94	2	6	4.12
Ratliff, Paul	L	R	6:02	190	Jan. 23, 1944, San Diego, Calif.	Atlanta	156	7	12	4.10
Sevcik, John	R	R	6:02	205	July 11, 1942, Berwyn, Ill.	Minnesota	11	0	0	4.91
Zimmerman, Gerry	R	R	6:02	185	Sept. 21, 1934, Omaha, Neb.	Minnesota	190	6	15	4.03
INFIELDERS—										
Allen, Bernie	L	R	6:00	175	Apr. 16, 1939, E. Liverpool, O.	Minnesota	181	11	9	3.39
Bethea, Bill	R	R	5:11	170	Jan. 1, 1942, Houston, Tex.	San Diego	34	4	1	3.18
Boryca, Leonard	R	R	5:10	170	Dec. 12, 1945, Omaha, Neb.	Minnesota	72	5	6	1.38
Carew, Rodney	L	R	5:11	170	Oct. 1, 1944, Panama	G.	131	12	52	.272
Jenkins, Jim	R	R	6:00	180	Dec. 25, 1943, Mason City, Ia.	Wilson	127	10	50	.231
Kindell, Gerry	R	R	6:03	175	May 27, 1935, St. Paul, Minn.	Wis. Rapids	59	4	26	.284
Kostro, Frank	R	R	6:02	190	Aug. 4, 1937, Windber, Pa.	Minnesota	63	0	12	.200
Mincher, Don	L	R	6:03	205	June 24, 1938, Huntsville, Ala.	Minnesota	74	6	20	.214
Nelson, Louis	R	R	6:01	180	Oct. 19, 1946, Shreveport, La.	Minnesota	138	8	58	.258
Reese, Dick	L	L	6:03	185	Sept. 29, 1942, Leipsic, O.	Minnesota	10	0	2	.167
Reese, Dennis	L-R	R	5:10	160	Mar. 30, 1944, Downey, Calif.	Minnesota	37	0	3	.129
Rollins, Rich	R	R	5:10	185	Apr. 16, 1938, Mt. Pleasant, O.	Minnesota	37	0	21	.325
Theobald, Ron	R	R	5:08	165	July 28, 1943, Oakland, Calif.	Minnesota	131	10	70	.265
Tovar, Cesar	R	R	5:09	155	July 3, 1940, Caracas, Ven.	Minnesota	85	3	8	.183
Versalles, Zoilo	R	R	5:10	155	Dec. 18, 1940, Maricao, Havana, Cuba	Hawaii	37	1	18	.344
Ward, Jay	R	R	6:01	190	Sept. 9, 1938, Brookfield, Mo.	Minnesota	37	1	18	.344
OUTFIELDERS—										
Allison, Bob	R	R	6:04	220	July 11, 1934, Raytown, Mo.	Minnesota	120	23	56	.272
Hall, Jimmie	L	R	6:00	175	Mar. 17, 1938, Mt. Holly, N. C.	Minnesota	59	3	12	.272
Killebrew, Harmon	R	R	5:11	213	June 29, 1936, Payette, Ida.	Minnesota	30	1	11	.299
Nossek, Joe	R	R	6:01	175	Nov. 8, 1940, Euclid, Ohio	Minnesota	131	8	69	.301
Oliva, Tony	L	R	6:02	180	Jan. 20, 1941, Pinar del Rio, Cuba	Minnesota	10	0	0	.000
Valdespino, Sandy	L	L	5:08	170	Jan. 14, 1939, Havana, Cuba	Minnesota	148	12	68	.270
JIM LEMON—Coach										
BILLY MARTIN—Coach										
HAL NARAGON—Coach										
JOHN SAIN—Coach										

cost Pascual six defeats and kept him from winning a seventh game that ended in a tie. Three times he was taken out in late innings with leads that eventually were lost.

"If I win those three games I was taken out of and split the games lost by errors, I win more than 20 games," said Pascual.

Griffith, who maintains that a pitcher must work his way out of situations that develop from errors, also contended that Pascual walked his way into more trouble than usual with 98 bases on balls compared to 81 in 1963. The prexy said six of the hurler's losses were the result of runs put on base by walks.

Pascual's earned-run average was 3.30, ranking fifteenth in the American League. Only 11 pitchers in the league won more than 15 games, and

Pinch-Hitter Johnson to Be Honored

TWIN CITIES, Minn.—Bob Johnson, the Orioles' record-breaking pinch-hitter, will be honored as the Upper Midwest Player of the Year during the annual Twin Cities Winter Baseball Dinner.

Johnson, a native of Edina, Minn., in the Twin Cities area, set an American League record by pinch-hitting safely in six consecutive times at bat from June 26 to July 14. He wound up with a .248 batting average in 93 times at bat and a .348 slugging percentage.

The baseball dinner, scheduled in Minneapolis on January 25, is sponsored by the Twin Cities chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Brooks Robinson, Johnson's Baltimore teammate, will be one of the featured guests as the American League's Most Valuable Player.

The entertainment program will include **Twins** pitchers Jim Grant and Bill Dailey utilizing their talents as singers.

Claude Osteen of Washington tied him at that mark.

In regard to Killebrew, Griffith said, "He led the league in home runs (with 49) and drove in 111 runs, so I had to offer him a raise. His contract is in the \$50,000 bracket. But I definitely think he can stand some improvement in hitting in the clutch."

Killer No. 1 on Pay List

Killebrew was the highest-paid player in the history of the organization (Washington and the Twin Cities) at somewhere between \$45,000 and \$50,000 last year. Pascual was the highest-paid pitcher. Pascual also is the No. 2 winner with 128 career victories. Only Walter Johnson, with 414, won more for the Griffiths.

Twin Tracks: Manager Sam Mele reported via phone to Griffith that he has made no progress in trying to acquire second baseman Chuck Schilling from the Red Sox. "We can't find out what Boston wants for him," Griffith said. "The last time I talked to them, they wanted Joe Nossek (outfielder-third baseman at Atlanta last year). I consider Nossek too good a young (24) prospect to give up on right now." . . . Grand Fords, the **Twins** farm, has folded up its operation in the Northern League after 27 seasons because no playing field will be available. A highway will be cut through the present stadium. . . . The homes of Harmon Killebrew and Jerry Zimmerman have not been affected by the Oregon floodwaters. . . . The film of the 1964 World Series was a big

success in its first showing in Minnesota by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. . . . Rookies Dave Boswell, Richard Reese, Louis Nelson and Jim Jenkins have returned signed contracts to the **Twins**. . . . Eight Denver farmhands have been invited to the **Twins** spring training camp. They include pitchers Bill Dailey, Garry Roggenburk, Jim Merritt, Mel Nelson, Don Gregson, catcher Ken Retzer, first baseman Andy Kosco and infielder Frank Quilici. . . . Denver Manager Cal Ermer and Bismarck Manager Vern Morgan will help coach **Twins** drills.

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Cal Optimistic Over Chances -- If 1964 Woes Don't Repeat

By MAX NICHOLS

TWIN CITIES, Minn.

Calvin Griffith, president of the **Twins**, has attached a number of "ifs" to his annual optimism for his American League baseball club.

In a United Press International story carrying his byline, Griffith outlined the **Twins** prospects of getting out of sixth place and back into contention for the pennant. Most of his optimism was based on the hope that the woes of 1964 could not happen again.

"We were beset with many troubles in 1964 that it's reasonable to expect will not happen again," wrote Griffith.

The prexy said he felt the failure of relievers Bill Dailey and Bill Fischer, the injury to second baseman Bernie Allen and the knee problems of catcher Earl Batley hurt the **Twins** most last year. "I am confident our reserve



Cal Griffith

strength is going to be improved next season," said Griffith. "I'm especially pleased with the addition of infielder Cesar Tovar, via a trade with Cincinnati. Tovar has great speed and should prove a more than capable replacement at any infield position."

Calvin looked for help from rookie pitchers Jim Merritt, Dave Boswell and Gary Dotter, plus out-

fielder Sandy Valdespino. And he said new coaches Johnny Sain, Billy Martin and Jim Lemon were bound to help.

Billy Could Inspire Infielders

"Martin is sure to add the kind of fire to the club which seemed to be lacking last year," Griffith said.

"And I feel that his influence is going to be especially noticeable among our infielders. I'm particularly hopeful that Billy can ignite a fire under Versailles, so that Zoilo will play up to his potential for 162 games of the season."

The **Twins** president feels Lemon will help the hitters and Sain will help several pitchers improve. He wound up by saying the **Twins** were capable of contending for the pennant.

"I'm positive the ingredients are there for a banner season in 1965," he said.