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Bell wants Rangers to begin trade talks

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Veteran Texas Rangers third baseman Buddy Bell said Wednesday he has asked the club to trade him and submitted a list of 10 teams he would agree to join.

"It's just time to go," Bell said before the Rangers played the Cleveland Indians Wednesday night. "It's a pretty mutual agreement between myself and the club and they said they would try to do it."

Published reports in Dallas and Fort Worth Wednesday indicated that a deal might be made soon, but the five-time all-star said he was not certain if a trade would eventually be made.

"I don't think you can ever be real certain of anything," Bell said. "If it doesn't happen, it doesn't happen. I've requested it and hopefully they can accommodate me."

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Sources close to Bell, who has played 6½ seasons with the Rangers, said he was miffed when owner Eddie Chiles reneged on a promise to renegotiate his contract.

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"didn't ever try to do that (renegotiate the contract). The contract has no bearing on this. It's just time for me to go. It's just a mutual thing."

Chiles was out of the state Wednesday and could not be reached for comment, his office in Fort Worth told The Associated Press.

Club President Mike Stone, General Manager Tom Grieve and Manager Bobby Valentine all declined to comment on Bell's status.

Bell, 33, has gone through the Rangers' ups and downs since being traded from Cleveland after the 1978 season. He reportedly had been promised by Chiles he would not be traded.

The winner of six straight gold gloves has had several meetings in the past few weeks with Stone and Grieve in an effort to resolve the situation short of a trade.

Grieve reportedly has contacted several teams in an effort to move Bell and may conclude the trade within the next few days.

The Dallas Morning News said the 10 teams believed to be on the list submitted by Bell are Detroit, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles, Cincinnati (his home town), St. Louis, San Diego, Boston, Baltimore and the New York Mets.

The Dodgers, Reds, White Sox and Mets appear to be the most likely prospects, the newspaper said.

There also is talk of a three-way deal with the Dodgers and Pirates in which the Rangers would acquire Pittsburgh pitcher Jose DeLeon.

Because he has more than 10 years in the major leagues and has been with the Rangers at least five years, Bell has veto rights on any trade.

Bell has struggled through the 1985 season. His average fell to .245 Tuesday night, when he went 0 and 4 in the Rangers' 7-2 loss to Cleveland.

Astros deal vet Cabell to Dodgers

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros ended Enos Cabell's second tour of duty with the National League club Wednesday by trading the veteran first baseman to the Los Angeles Dodgers for a minor league pitcher and a player to be named later.

Cabell signed as a free agent with the Astros in February, 1984. He was named Astros team captain earlier this year, but had started only 29 games at first base this season and hit .243 in 59 games.

The Astros got Rafael Montalvo, who appeared in 30 games this season for the Dodgers Class AAA affiliate in Albuquerque, N.M. Montalvo recorded nine saves, a 1-5 record and 2.97 ERA.

Montalvo was assigned to the Astros' AAA team at Tucson, Ariz. and the Astros also recalled outfielder Chris Jones from Tucson, where he had posted a .352 batting average in 59 games.

Cabell spent six seasons with the Astros before being traded to the San Francisco Giants following the Astros' 1980 Western Division championship season.

Blue Jays now feed on baseball

By ED CASSAVOY
Sports Writer

In past years, if someone wanted to talk about the Blue Jays, most people would have opened their window and checked out the old bird feeder. The baseball standings would be the last place they'd look.

Well folks, things are starting to change. I think I realized the change most when I saw someone walking around campus with a brand spanking new Toronto Blue Jays cap perched on his head.

Now that's progress. I've already retired my first Jays ball cap because I'm a fan from way back. I remember the days when they couldn't buy a win for all the snow in the Arctic Circle.

That has changed as well. Currently, the Blue Jays (.610 pct.) sit atop the American League East, 3½ games in front of the Detroit Tigers (.570 pct.).

As the teams close on the All-Star break and a looming Major League strike, the Blue Jays appear — and I say that cautiously — to be ready to hang their first pennant over horrible Exhibition Stadium in Toronto.

Checky you say? Maybe. Realistic? Could be. Down right un-American? Exactly.

The sheer suspicion these foreigners generate (even though the team is made up of non-Canadians) can be seen in baseball circles. No one wants to give the poor Jays credit for having a great ball club.

Sure they play in a country where ice and hockey combine as naturally as rum and Coke, gin and tonic. But a new beverage is being hawked around Toronto — "The Blue Jay Cooler."

It goes nice with ice too. But let's get down to brass tacks and baseballs.



Statistics are the only things that will truly convince a lover of the Great American Game. So I will quote a few supporting evidences.

Pitching has probably been the biggest plus for the men in blue, white and red.

Right now the Jays probably have baseball's best starting pitcher in Dave Stieb.

Since May 17, Stieb has allowed more than two runs only once, he has allowed 10 earned runs in his past 11 outings for a 1.04 ERA through that stretch. Stieb now has a league-leading ERA of 1.84.

Only Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets of the National League has a lower ERA among starters at 1.74.

The rest of the bullpen, though struggling lately, has given Toronto manager Bobby Cox something to smile about.

Acquiring veteran lefty reliever Gary Lavelle, the improved play of Dennis Lamp, Jim Acker and Jimmy Key promise a strong anchor for the Jays down the stretch. That's something they didn't have last year during a disastrous slide in the standings late last season.

George Bell has been the best Toronto slugger, hammering in 16 home runs already this season to just nine overall in '84. Bell's RBI production has edged up from 42 in '84 to 49 this year.

With 250 less at bats, Toronto's team hitting average has moved from .251 to .258. RBI production has steadily improved with the Jays collecting 356 ribbies this year to 345 in '84.

Catcher Ernie Whitt is having a much improved year with 10 home runs, 36 RBIs and a .280 batting average, 40 points higher than a year ago. So much for the stats.

American baseball fans have to look at the human side of this whole situation, too. Don't you get a little tingle (or shiver depending on how you feel about the situation), when you imagine seeing the World Series played in Toronto, Canada.

In October. In the snow. Um, I think I'll check the bird feeder again just to see if the birds have headed north yet.

Herr wins NL All-Star team starting job

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tommy Herr of the St. Louis Cardinals overtook Chicago's Ryne Sandberg in the final vote tabulation to win the starting job at second base for the National League All-Star team, Commissioner Peter Ueberroth announced Wednesday.

Herr, leading the major leagues in runs batted in and second in the National League in hitting, overcame a nearly 32,000-vote deficit to beat Sandberg by 58,629 ballots in the

tightest NL race. He received 1,109,178 votes to 1,050,549 for the Cubs' second baseman and becomes the fourth different NL starter at the position in the last four years, following Davey Lopes, Steve Sax and Sandberg.

"I was in that position last year so I know what it's like coming from behind," Sandberg said Wednesday. "Tommy Herr is definitely having an all-star season and that's what the game is for. In this case the fans did their job."

Forty-year-old Graig Nettles of the San Diego Padres won the third base assignment and will start for the first time for the NL, breaking a string of six straight selections for Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt. Nettles, an American League starter in 1975 and a 1980 replacement for injured George Brett, received 1,032,335 votes to 739,793 for Schmidt, who was switched to first base by the Phillies earlier this season.

The six other NL starters chosen

by the fans in the balloting sponsored by Gillette are all repeaters from last year's squad which defeated the Americans 3-1 at San Francisco.

Center fielder Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves, starting for the fourth straight year, led all NL players with 1,425,952 votes. The other starting outfielders will be Tony Gwynn of San Diego, last year's batting champion who landed 968,262

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