

Ellis “Cot” Fergason Deal – aka Cot Deal

Life: Born January 23rd, 1923, and died May 21st 2013. He was 90 years old

Other History:

- At the age of 16 he was invited to spend a week in Pittsburgh with the Pirates baseball team
- He was a physical training instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps and was discharged in 1945
- He played for the Boston Red Sox during the 1947-1948 season
- Then played for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1950 and 1954
- In the time between those years, he was playing on the minor league teams for those organizations
 - 1949 with the Columbus Red Birds
- Established himself in the St. Louis org. as an outfielder, catcher, and switch-hitting pinch-hitter, and winning 108 games as a pitcher

NBC History:

- 1940 played with the Hutchinson team and had a batting average of .312
- Played outfield and 3rd base with them
- All-American in 1943, 1944, and 1945 as a utility player Enidairs
- He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1944 NBCWS
- For the second year in a row, Cot was named the NBCWS MVP in 1945 when his team won the WS
- He is the only player in NBCWS history to win MVP in back-to-back years (1944/1945)

WRITE UP:

Ellis Fergason Deal, or better known as Cot Deal, played in the NBC during the 1940's. He played for the Enid Army Air Field team from Oklahoma known as the Enidairs. Cot was an All-American in 1943, 1944, and 1945 as a utility player. He would play in the outfield as well as pitcher. In 1944 the Enidairs were the runner-up in the NBC World Series, however Cot was named the Most Valuable Player. The following year, the Enidairs were back and won the 1945 NBC World Series. For the second year in a row, Cot was named the MVP. He is the only player in NBCWS history to win MVP in back-to-back years. Sadly, in 2013 he passed away at the age of 90.