The Pride of the Red Sox

an education major named Don Schwall is the American League’s 1961 Rookie-of-the-Year

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2-2 against New York. It's a funny thing, but the teams that gave me the most trouble were Washington and Los Angeles."

Schwall thinks the Tigers will be contenders again next year and also predicts an improvement in the Boston team. "We're a young club and the added year of experience is sure to help. I can't say how I'll do. I don't think there's anything to the 'sophomore jinx' that people talk about. It'll be harder for me since the hitters will have had a year to look me over, but I will have had a year, too."

Schwall is high in his praise of the Boston fans and Red Sox manager Mike Higgins. "The fans there are great. They're extremely loyal, and they took me under their wing. They couldn't have been nicer. Higgins is a patient, intelligent baseball man—a good man to play for."

Higgins has also had some nice things to say about his prize kid. "Any time you bring up a kid who pitches the way Schwall does, you have to think things are turning for the better. The kid is great. I thought he was pretty good this spring, but he's better than I thought. He makes the game look easy."

Schwall has a heavy calendar of banquets and appearances scheduled before he leaves Oklahoma for spring training in February. "I hope I can get some rest sometime. I've been working out a little and I intend to keep it up until I report. At any rate, it's good to be back in Oklahoma. I like the East, but Oklahoma is my favorite spot. The people here are friendlier than any place I have lived. I hope to live here when I'm through with baseball."

But the way Don Schwall plays baseball, that time should be far in the future.

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