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OUR OLD FRIEND Bernie DeVivros, a Detroit scout, was instrumental in having Doug Carson picked by Syracuse.

Frank Carson, Doug's dad, is really proud of his son, whom he has been grooming as a future baseball great for the past five years.

Carson is a raw recruit, only 18 and has just concluded his high school career. During the next five weeks he will be performing for Southside Legion in various positions. He will be catching and possibly pitching on occasions. He has played shortstop and is a gem in right field with his tremendous speed and his strong arm. He has all the equipment to make it real big.

One of his real attributes is that he is a tape measure hitter. Doug reminds us of Frank Robinson when he first saw the McClymonds High School graduate play Legion ball. At William Land Park one year Robinson peled one over the trees in left field, which is a real poke for any ball player. At that time the rangy Robinson was only 16. Robinson has since become a big league star.

We feel that Carson matches the Cincinnati outfielder for power, although Doug has not been consistent in his hitting as yet. But he has it — power, strong arm and speed, the three ingredients needed for greatness. We hope that he continues to develop. Seeing Carson in Legion play is a treat. That privilege will be denied us this week and as the Southsiders draw a bye.

Carson May Pass

Arizona State Beckons To Detroit Selection

By JENKINS
Tying together some loose ends:

Armstrong High shortstop Doug Carson, first draft choice of the Tigers, will more than likely pass up an immediate pro shot in favor of a full baseball scholarship to Arizona State. A member of The Union's All-City Team, Doug also was sought as a catcher by the Astros, even though he hasn't been behind the plate since his freshman days.

If Burbank's Jim Nelson signs with Pittsburgh and goes to its Kingston farm club in the Carolina League, he'll be joining pitcher Quinlan Willingham, who's been having his problems lately.

Speaking of Pittsburgh and Burbank, former Titan catcher Jerry Branch slammed a game-winning, three-run homer for Balavia of the York Penn loop the other day, boosting his average to .385 since he took over regular receiving chores. Teammate and ex-Sac High outfielder Greg Sims is batting .310.

Baseball buffs are amazed that Marshall's 6-4 outfielder, Steve Snyder, and ex-Johnson

and All-City pitcher Ken Forsch weren't snagged in the draft...

Doug Carson, Spider Picked

Two local baseball players, one a senior at Armstrong High, the other a junior at Sacramento State College, were drafted Tuesday in the first-ever free agent draft by the major leagues.

Doug Carson, student body president at Armstrong, was claimed by the class AAA Syracuse Chiefs of the International League. The Syracuse ball club is a farm unit of the Detroit Tigers. Carson, however, has indicated that he may enroll at Santa Clara or Arizona State University.

The Sac Stater is Jim (Spider) Thomas, fireballing southpaw and hard-hitting first baseman, who was picked by Pittsfield, Mass. The class AA eastern ball club is with the Boston Red Sox organization.

Carson was claimed on the first-round balloting while Thomas was listed on the third round.

Doug Carson Turns Down Tiger Offer

Doug Carson, the first Sacramentan to be selected in the recent special major league draft, has turned down a "substantial bonus" from the Detroit Tigers and will pursue his education at the University of Santa Clara next fall.

Carson said yesterday he had conferred with Don Lund, director of minor league operations and scouting, and Ed Karalinas, chief scout of the Detroit organization before making his decision. Doug, a righthanded hitter, was scouted by Bernie De Vivieros of the Tigers, a former Sacramento Solon infielder. The bonus offer was believed to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Discussed With Parents

"My parents and I discussed the entire situation many, many times and burned the midnight oil before coming to a decision," Doug declared. "They left the final decision up to me."

Carson, who has caught, played the infield and outfield for the Bishop Armstrong High School, also is a fly chaser for the Southside American Legion team. He was the student body president at Armstrong during the last term.

Doug, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. (Bill) Carson of 6205 14th Avenue, is working in his father's grocery store during the summer months.

Falcon Star Carson, Surprised By Draft, May Go To College

By Tom Kane

Douglas Carson, Bishop Armstrong High School student body president and shortstop on the Falcons' baseball team, today became the first Sacramentan to be selected in the special major league draft being held in New York City. The Associated Press reported Carson, a righthanded hitter, was selected in the AAA draft by the Syracuse chiefs of the International League, a Detroit Tiger farm team, on the first round and was the 13th choice.

Carson first learned of his selection while practicing for the Armstrong graduation exercises to be held in the memorial auditorium tonight.

A Surprise

"This is sure a surprise to me," Carson exclaimed when told of his selection. "But I sure

Chance To Catch

Young Carson has been assured by Bronco Coach Sal Tormina he will get every opportunity to catch at Santa Clara. The youth classes catching as his first love.

When Doug enrolls at Santa Clara on a baseball scholarship he will study business administration.

He also was sought by the Arizona State University.

Under the rules of the major league's special draft the Tigers will have a claim on him for six months. But when Doug enrolls in a four year college such as Santa Clara he cannot be signed by a major league club until the end of his sophomore year.

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Douglas Carson
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like the Detroit organization, which I know is building right now."

Doug, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. (Bill) Carson of 6205 14th Avenue, is another product of the Sacramento sandlots, progressing through the Little League, Babe Ruth League and Legion ranks. At present he is a member of the Southside Legion nine.

Carson disclosed he has been offered a baseball scholarship by the University of Santa Clara and also has been contacted by representatives of Arizona State University.

"I have until July 11th to

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