

1952 Topps Photo Cross Overs

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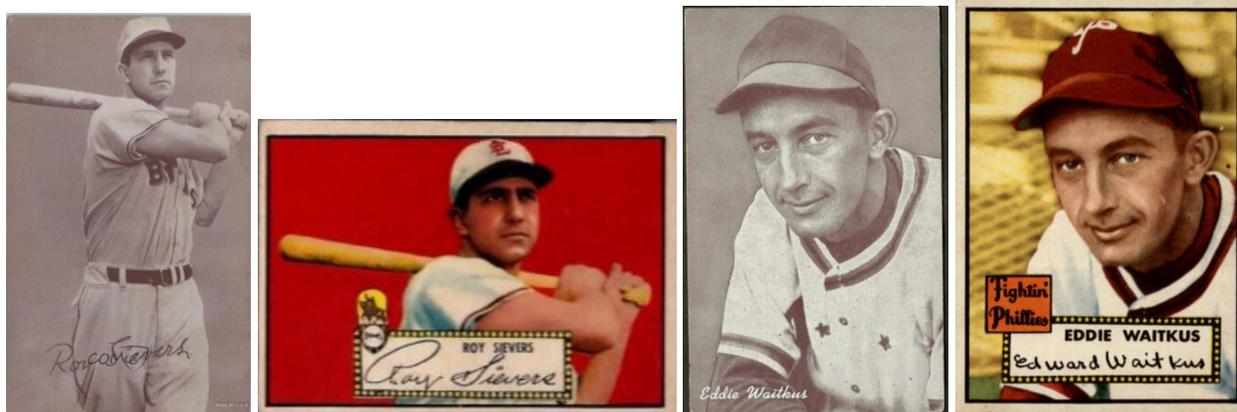
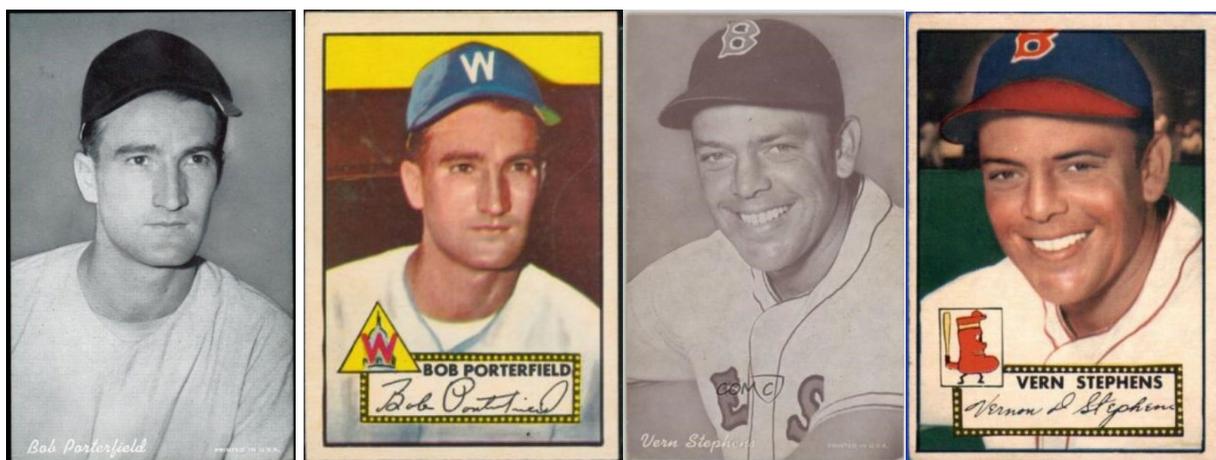
One of my collecting passions is finding the original photos used to create the 1952 Topps baseball set as many of these photos show details that the cards obscure. Every card collector knows photos that were used to make more than one card, but the photos used to make the 1952 Topps sets were pretty widely used as they appear on at least one card in 11 different sets (12 if you count the Trade Post magazine as a set) in that era. This article will show those cards which used the same photo as the 1952 Topps set.¹

1947-1966 Exhibits

Starting with the 1947-66 Exhibits, there are 8 different cards that share the same photo as the 1952 Topps set: Joe Adcock, Richie Ashburn, Johnny Groth, Ellis Kinder, Bob Lemon, Bob Porterfield, Roy Sievers, Vern Stephens, and Eddie Waitkus.

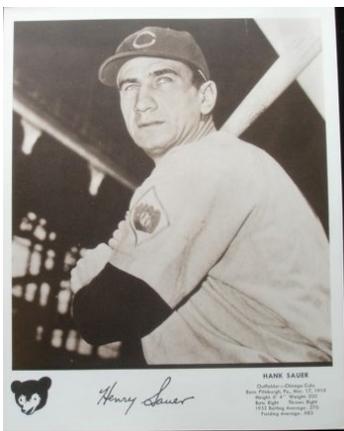
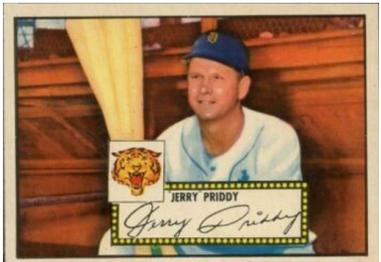
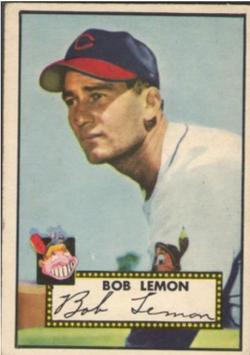
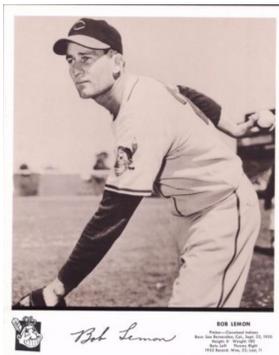
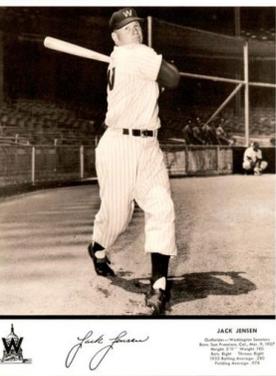
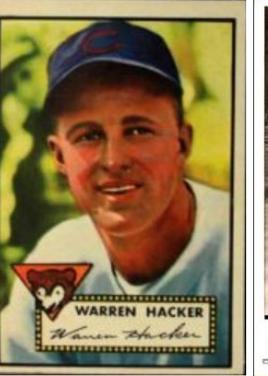
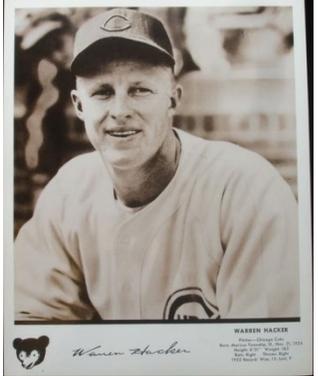
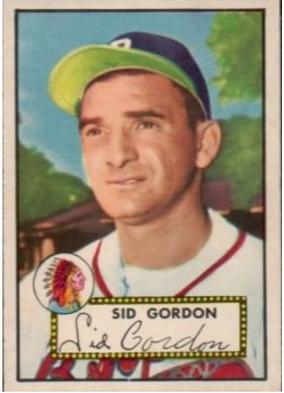
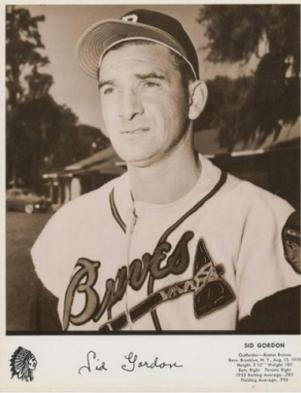


¹There are newer sets, from the 1970s and beyond, that used the same photos as the 1952 Topps set, but this article will only show sets that appeared contemporaneously with the 1952 Topps set. Also note that none of the cards included in this article are mine. They are just the best images I could find on-line.



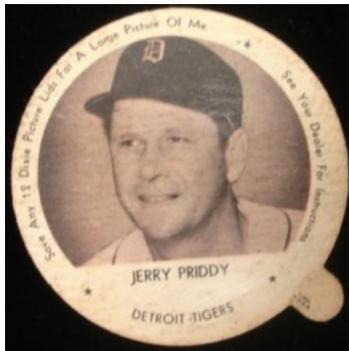
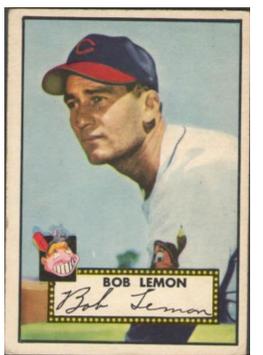
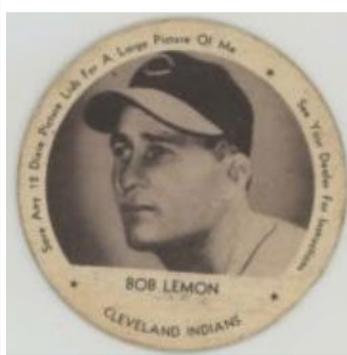
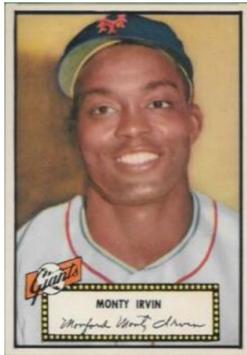
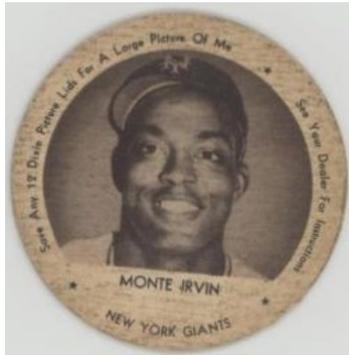
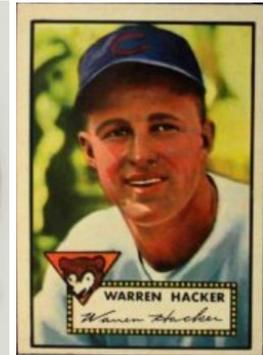
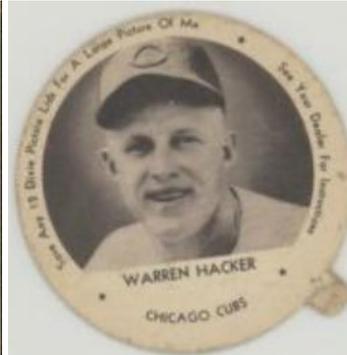
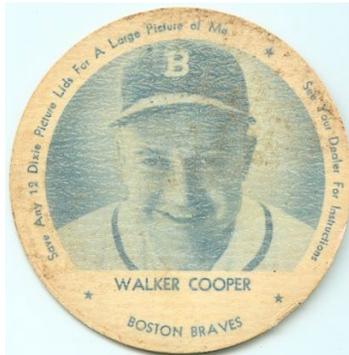
1952- 1952 Dixie Premiums

The 1952 Dixie lid Premiums have a pair of posters that share the same photo as 1952 Topps cards - Pete Castiglione and Hank Sauer (and the Gene Woodling photo was used for his 1953 Topps card), and the 1953 Dixie Lid Premiums posters add 5 more overlaps - Sid Gordon, Gene Hacker, Jackie Jensen, Bob Lemon and Jerry Priddy. You also see the Bob Lemon image was used by the 1947-66 Exhibits, 1953 Dixie Lid Premiums and the 1952 Topps sets – and this image will reappear in many other sets.



1954 Dixie Lids

The 1954 Dixie Lid set also used several of the 1952 Topps photos – albeit in a condensed fashion and with a plain background. Cross over 1954 Dixie Lids can be found for Walker Cooper, Warren Hacker, Monte Irvin, Bob Lemon and Jerry Priddy. Note that the Warren Hacker, Bob Lemon and Jerry Priddy lids all share the same photo as their Dixie Lid Premiums version.



Bowman

There does not appear to be a lot of cross usage of photos between Topps and Bowman – but an exception is the 1952 Topps photo of Sheldon Jones which was used to make his card in the 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1951 Bowman sets.



Berk Ross

The Berk Ross set also shared several photos with the 1952 Topps set. The 1952 Topps photos of Robin Roberts and Del Ennis appeared in both the 1951 and 1952 Berk Ross sets, while Granny Hamner, Ken Heintzelman and Russ Meyer photos were shared with the 1951 set. The Sheldon Jones photo shared by Bowman and Topps was also used by Berk Ross in 1952.





1946-49 W603 Sports Exchange

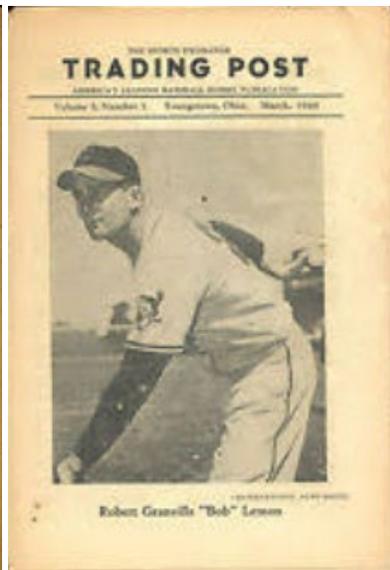
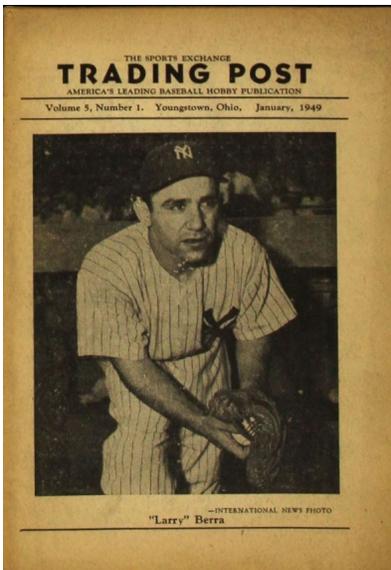
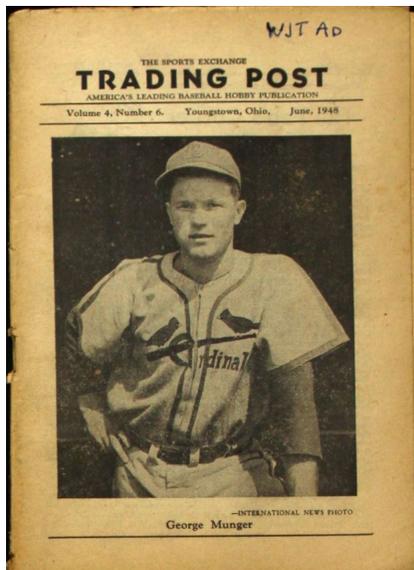
The 1946-49 W603 Sports Exchange cards also shared several original photos with the 1952 Topps set in making cards for: Yogi Berra, Steve Gromek, Jim Hegan, Bob Lemon (with the now familiar photo), George Munger, Joe Page, Pee Wee Reese, and Mickey Vernon.





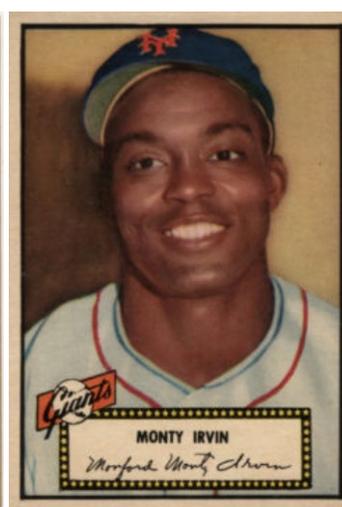
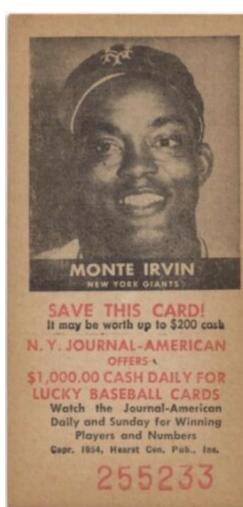
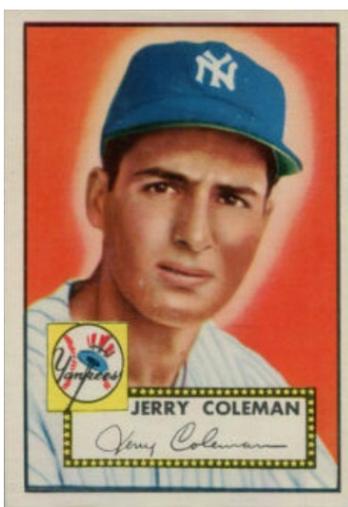
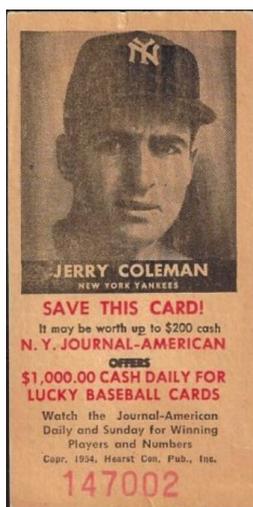
1945-50 Sports Exchange Trading Post Magazine

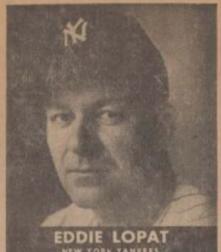
The Sports Exchange Trading Post magazine also used the same photos for Yogi Berra, George Munger and Bob Lemon on their cover. One should also notice that the George Munger photo appeared on the June 1948 issue. The 1948 Bowman card of Sheldon Jones also shared the same photo as his Topps card – which means proves that Topps did not always used current photos in creating their 1952 cards.



1954 New York Journal-American

The 1954 New York Journal American cards utilized 6 of the same photos as the 1952 Topps set, including pictures for Jerry Coleman, Monte Irvin, Ed Lopat, Tom Morgan, Erv Palica, and Hank Thompson. Also, there is an Al Dark card that is very similar to the 1952 Topps card, but it is not an exact match as it shows a slightly different angle and the missing the bat. From research not shown here, I have found that it is actually very common to find photos that initially appear identical to the 1952 Topps cards but which when reviewed closely show a slightly different angle. I speculate that many 1952 Topps photos come from photo shoots where 2 (or 3?) photographers shot pictures simultaneously. Additional examples of close, but not identical matches appear on the [1952toppsbaseballcards.com](http://www.1952toppsbaseballcards.com) website which shows an incorrect Allie Reynolds (look closely at his right ear and where the lines meet the uniform) (<http://www.1952toppsbaseballcards.com/B&WPhotosPage4.htm>) and an incorrect photo of Frank Campos (<http://www.1952toppsbaseballcards.com/B&WPhotosPage5.htm>).





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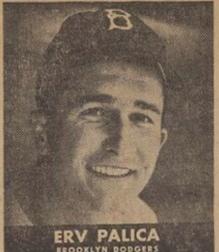
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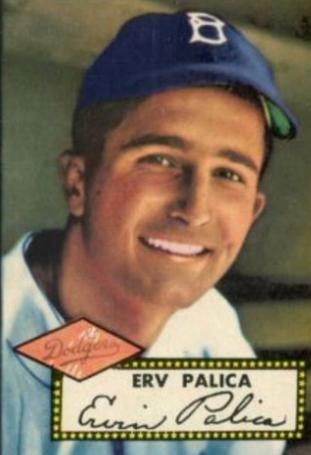
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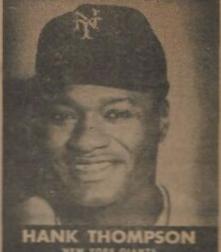
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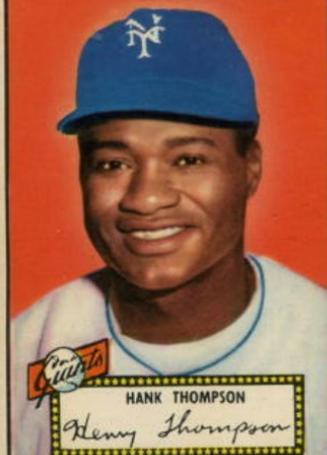
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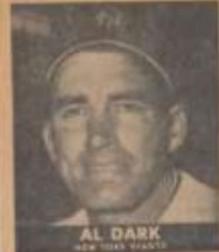
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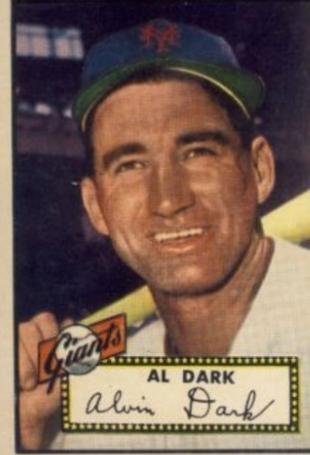
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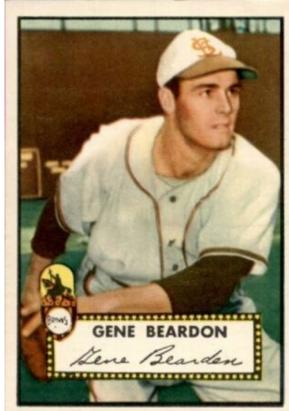
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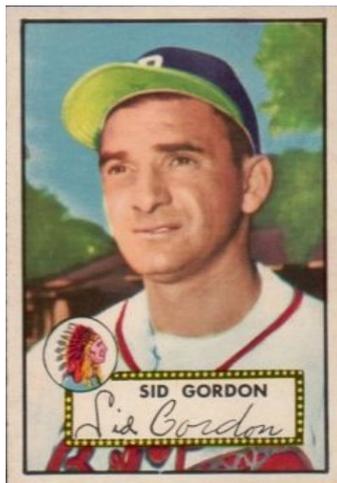
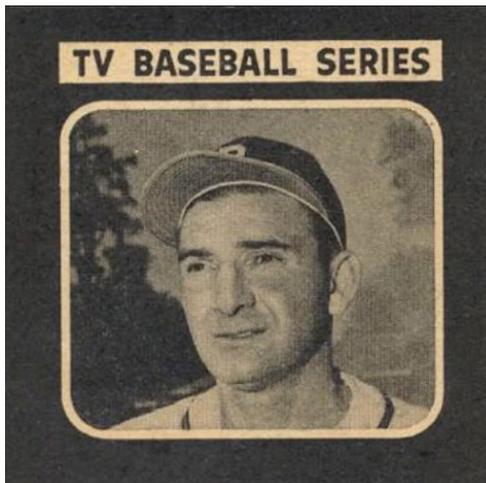
1916-1957 M114 Baseball Magazine Premiums

The 1916-1957 M114 Baseball Magazine Premiums also feature a pair of posters that share the same image as the 1952 Topps cards - Gene Bearden and Red Rolfe.



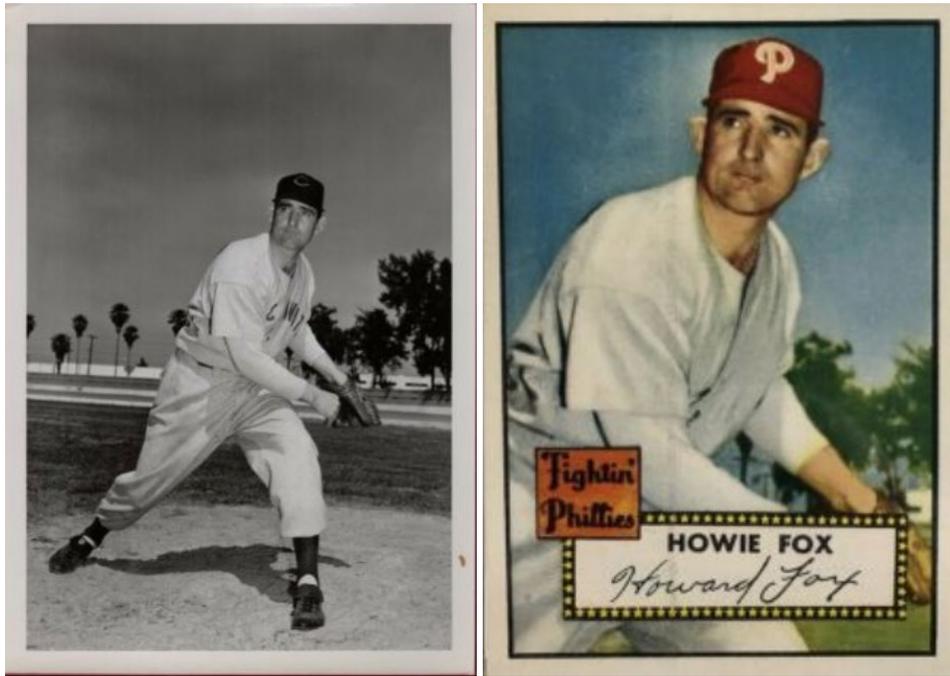
1950 Drake's Cookies

The 1950 Drake's Cookies has a card of Sid Gordon that share a photo with the 1952 Topps set and the 1953 Dixie Lid Premiums posters.



Mabley & Carew

The 1949 Mabley & Carew photo of Howie Fox shares the same photo as the 1952 Topps card:



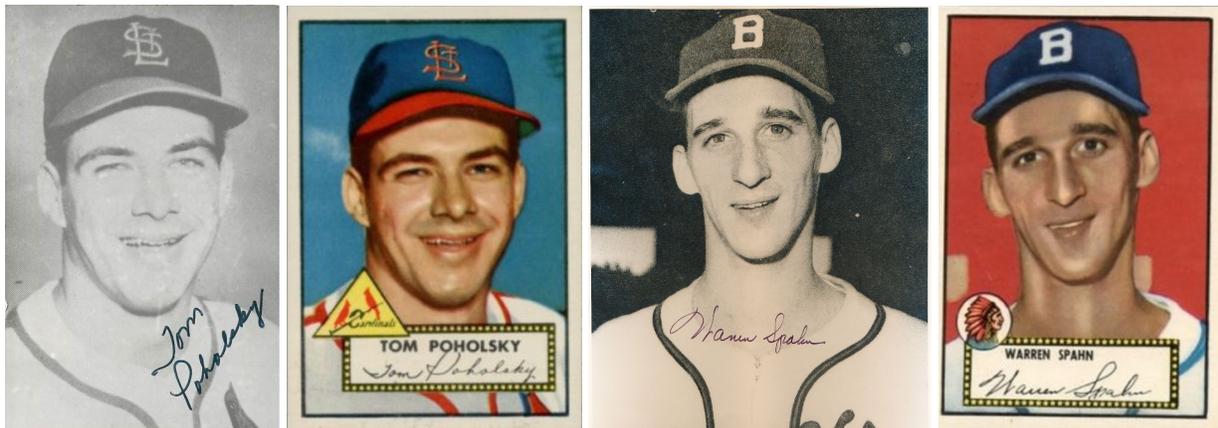
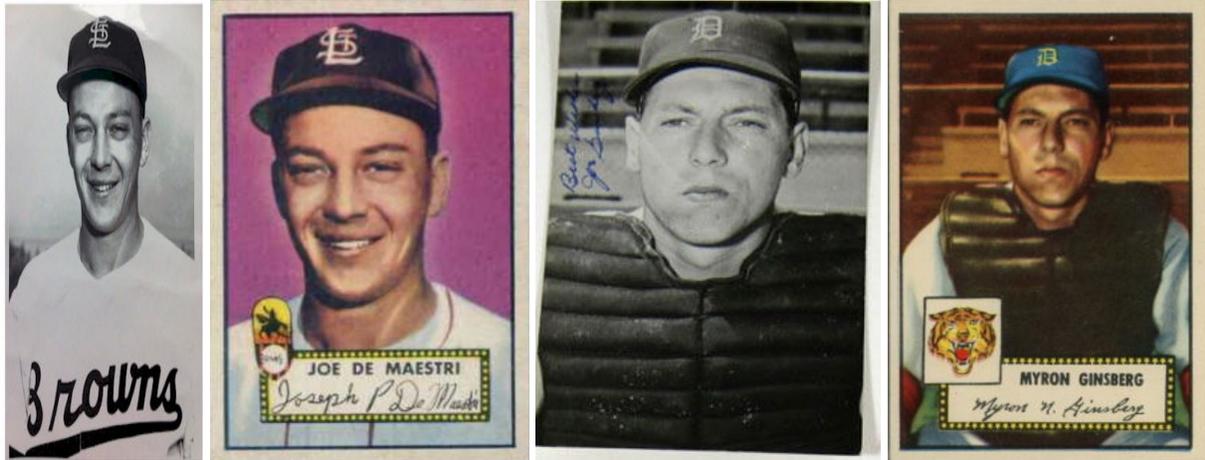
1950 All-Star Pin Ups

The 1950 All-Star pin Up card of Jim Hegan uses the same photo as his 1952 Topps card (in addition to his 1946-49 W603 Sports Exchange card):



Jim Rowe Postcards

I didn't count the Jim Rowe Postcards in this article as the issue date is uncertain, but it appears to be later than the 1950s. Nonetheless, there are postcards of Joe DeMaestri, Myron Ginsberg, Tom Poholsky, Warren Spahn, and Marlin Stuart that share the same photo as the 1952 Topps cards. (Note: there are probably more in this set that I have not discovered yet.)



Final Thoughts

This article shows 43 different cards across these various sets that shared their photo with the 1952 Topps set, with Bob Lemon, Sheldon Jones and Sid Gordon appearing in multiple sets. While not shown in this article since they were printed in the 1970s, it should also be noted that many TCMA cards (notably Willie Mays, but there are at least another 17 that I've identified to date) share the same photo as the 1952 Topps set. Dell Magazine also has a very strong connection with the 1952 Topps set. Without attempting any systematic search of Dell Magazines, I've stumbled across at least a dozen magazine pictures that mirror the 1952 Topps cards. It is likely that there are additional cards/sets that shared their photos with the 1952 Topps set, so if you know of other cards that cross over these sets –let me know and I'd be happy to add them to this catalogue.