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At the Chicago White Sox training camp in Florida manager Al Lopez has told WSL-Sports he thinks a Henry County youngster has a good chance of sticking with the American League champions.

That youngster is 23-year old J.C. Martin, who now lives at Route Four, Martinsville.

Last fall Martin was named one of the 10 best minor league baseball players of the 1959 season by over 200 baseball writers. He played third base for Indianapolis, a Triple A. team. The White Sox have been working a great deal with Martin. Big Ted Kluszewski is his batting instructor.

The White Sox already have Billy Goodman and Gene Freese, both accomplished third basemen. But Lopez is playing him at third. Yesterday Martin banged out three hits in an exhibition game. Lopez tells us he would like to keep Martin, but he doesn't want him sitting on the bench because he needs experience. He wants him to be playing. The White Sox coaches all tell us J.C. has the major league potential.

Martin, a star basketball player at Drewry Mason High, graduated just four years ago. He stands 6-2 and weighs 190 pounds.....the big boy the pros like. Until last year Martin had been a first baseman. He was switched to third while with Indianapolis. With the White Sox packed with veterans, Martin hopes to hang on as a utility infielder since he can now play third as well as first base.

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