

Hey, Mr. Robinson — go to Memphis

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With the St. Louis Cardinals in need of an outfielder from Triple- A Memphis — pssst, it's former Springfield outfielder Nick Stavinoha — the Springfield Cardinals have had to pony up one of their own.

Turns out, when manager Pop Warner fills out his lineup card for Wednesday night's Texas League All-Star Game, he will be seeking a leadoff hitter because Springfield's **Shane Robinson** has been shipped to Memphis.

Robinson was leading the Texas League in batting average until this past week when he slumped — if you can call it that — to .352. That's the fourth-best mark in the league.

His promotion came after St. Louis placed shortstop Cesar Izturis on the disabled list and promoted Stavinoha, who was fourth in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League with a .346 average. The seventh-round draft pick from Louisiana State in 2005 has 10 home runs and 50 RBIs.

He was on the Springfield club in 2006 that fell a win shy of winning the Texas League North Division first-half title.