

Marvel Of Sports Opens Next Week

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The Texas League clubs now can draw 100,000 and make a neat profit. Last season Amarillo had 52,000 and Austin 41,000, yet each only lost a little money. Tulsa drew 182,000, El Paso 148,000, Albuquerque 133,000 and San Antonio 101,000. All made money.

It was in 1958 that Dick Butler, who has been president of the Texas League for the past eight years, made the statement that the minor leagues could not exist without being subsidized by the major. He was criticized roundly for it but stuck to his guns and for the past two years what he forecast has come about.

TODAY the Texas League clubs are operated by National League clubs — Los Angeles for Albuquerque, Chicago for Amarillo, Milwaukee for Austin, San Francisco for El Paso, Houston for San Antonio and St. Louis for Tulsa.

The big league club spends about \$50,000 a season on its minor league affiliate. This consists of all spring training expenses, all of the manager's salary, one set of uniforms, all transportation during the season of players coming on or leaving the club. The Texas League club is responsible for only \$2,800 per month toward salaries.

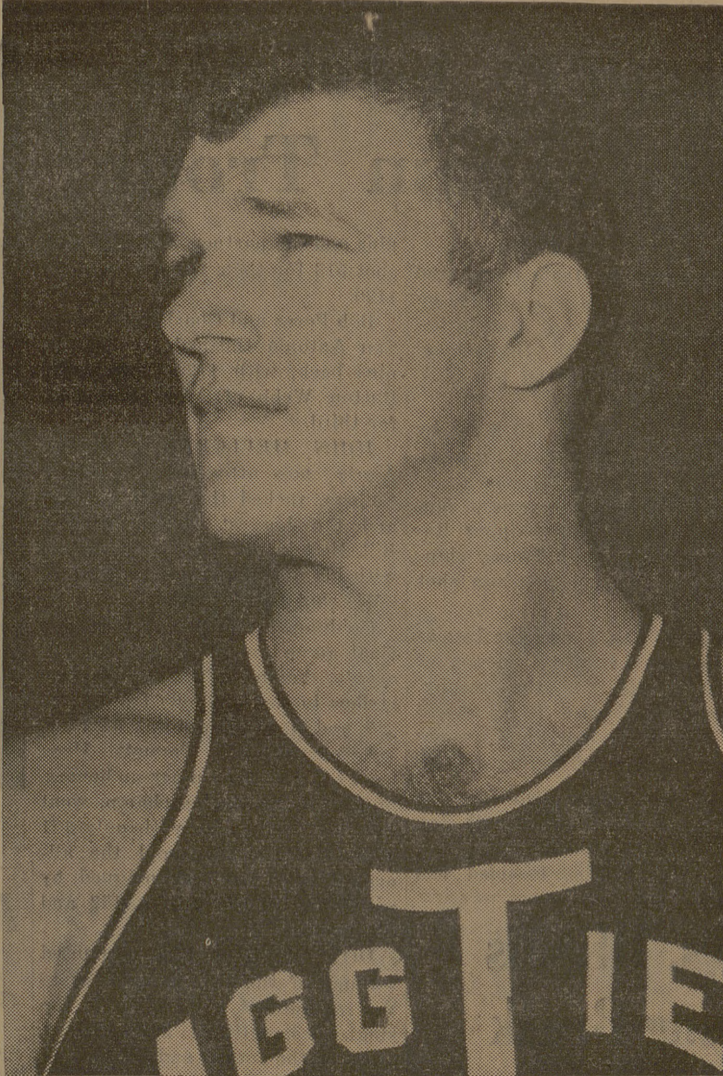
The big league club gets the benefit of development of its players under a management of its choice.

ONCE MINOR LEAGUE ball was largely home ownership but the majors themselves proceeded to ruin the minor league attendance with their broadcasts into minor league territory. It is no more than right that the majors should now pay the freight for the operation of the minor leagues, not many of which are left.

The Texas League expects to have a better season than last year and is even thinking about expanding to an eight-club circuit. Last season was the first in a long time that there had been no change in franchises.

There were some indications last year that Dallas and Fort Worth were to be back in the Texas League. But these cities still have a big league bug and think they have a chance of making it if they get some fans into the park this season. They're putting on a small campaign to sell 50,000 seats.

THE AMBITION of the Dallas-Fort Worth leaders is an attendance of 180,000. Back in the halcyon days of the Texas League, 1940 wouldn't break even. Dallas in 1949 drew 404,851. Houston in 1948 pulled in 401,383.



DANNY ROBERTS
... top University performer at Texas Relays

INTRAMURALS

Intramural softball, the only sport except wrestling to have all classes playing at the same time of the year, averages 15 games a day.

The three divisions: civilian, upperclassman, and freshman alternate during the week for baseball diamonds. One class usually dominates the playing area for one certain day. Monday the freshman were using a majority of the diamonds, with only one civilian and no upperclassman games being played.

Freshman results Monday: D-1 over Sqd. 14, 9-8; Sqd. 8 downed Sqd. 5, 6-3; A-3 defeated Sqd. 7, 11-0; Sqd. 13 over Sqd. 4, 14-6; E-1 downed D-3, 2-0; G-3 won G-1, 3-2 and Sqd. 1 tied I-3, 4-4.

More results: B-1 knocked down A-2, 21-6; B-2 beat Sqd. 2, 4-2; F-2 won over H-3, 6-1; Sqd. 12 shut out A-1, 13-3, and Sqd. 11 took one from B-3, 13-8.

Dorm 15 won over College View in the only civilian game played Monday with a score of 9-7.

AT TEXAS RELAYS

Roberts Has Career Highs In Shot Put, Discus Throw

Junior Danny Roberts, Aggie weightman from Cleveland, threw his best so far with both the shot and discus Saturday to end up the only double winner in the university-college division at the Texas Relays in Austin.

The 245-pounder's winning shot put effort, 59-3/4, set a new mark for Relays competition and was another record for the A&M books. The throw bettered Roberts' Southwest Conference record by more than two feet.

THE 6-3 ROBERTS sailed the discus 164-4/8 for the best distance of his career and top individual

honors at the Relays' 36th running. Because of the cold and wet weather in Memorial Stadium Aggie Track Coach Charles Thomas scratched most of the A&M entries in the meet. The Cadets also took two other places in the university-college division and another in the open class.

Sophomore John Collins ran for injured track co-captain George Tedford in the mile relay, along with R. E. Merritt, Jerry Anderson, and soph Ted Nelson. Nelson overcame a 6-yard lead by SMU to give the Aggies a first heat win with 3:12.8. His was a 46.8 leg.

COLORADO took the second

heat with 3:12.2 for the mile relay first place honors.

Ilan Bilgutay, Herbie Campbell, E. L. Ener, and Earl Myers took sixth in the four-mile relay with a 17:49.7 time.

Ener turned in a 9:47.3 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase for sixth place.

The Fish tracksters copped six places in the junior college-fresh division.

The two-mile relay team came home in 8:05.5 for a fourth place. Abilene Christian College won with a 7:54.9. The Fish had fourth places in the shot put and broad jump.

A&M Fencers Defeat Texas; Wrestlers Tie

The A&M Fencing Club Team Saturday ended its 1963 season by defeating the University of Texas fencers for a second time by the same score, 11-5. Earlier, the Aggies twice defeated Rice University fencers 14-2.

The Aggie wrestlers, also coached by Russell K. Wieder, also ended their season Saturday. They were tied by the University of Texas Wrestling Club team, 14-14. This is the first time in seven years the Longhorns have come so close to defeating the Aggie wrestlers.

COACH WIEDER was a busy man, for the fencing meet scheduled at 2 p.m. lasted far longer than expected, and was followed by the wrestling bouts.

Leading the Aggie fencers was Alvaro Restrepo with 3 bouts won and 1 lost. Thomas Bryant Wilson won 2 and lost 2. Other scores for the Aggies: Clifford A. Jacobs, 2-1; Wyatt K. Anderson, 3-1; and Eudoro Galindo, 1-0.

The Aggie wrestlers downed the UofT grapplers 24-8 in an earlier match and had one other victory this season. LeTourneau Technical Institute wrestlers, who grapple as a varsity sport, twice defeated the Aggies.

WINNING DECISIONS in their bouts were these Aggie wrestlers: Jefferson Begay, 123 pounds; Mark Finkelstein, 147 pounds; and Jerry Simpton, 167 pounds.

Gary Aglietti, 137 pounds, won by a pin.

Lossing decisions to Texas wrestlers were Gary Rinder, 130 pounds; Michael Norman, 157 pounds; Harley Hansen, 177 pounds; and Alexander Brostek, heavy weight.



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