

# Sandlot Nine Finals Begin Tomorrow

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Sandlot baseball finals are just around the corner, and the two big tournaments of the year will soon be underway. The National Baseball Congress Tournament at Wichita, Kansas which has representatives in every state of the Union is the acknowledged leader in amateur baseball.



In the eastern half of the United States the National Amateur Baseball Federation meets during September in Youngstown, Ohio, with more than 20 outstanding local winners from Chicago to New York and from Atlanta to Springfield.

Two teams have dominated the field in each of these leagues.

General Electrics from Fort Wayne, Indiana last year walked off with its third straight national championship and is not even being required to face preliminary opposition this season before reaching the final rounds at Wichita.

At Youngstown the repeater has been the New York Equitable Life aggregation which has won the title for two years in a row.

Two teams from Texas—the Alpine Cowboys and the Plymouth Oilers of Sinton—are qualified for the national tournament at Wichita and will probably enter the three week meet which gets underway Friday.

Jerry Feille of San Antonio, who is the Texas semi-pro commissioner, certified the duo. The second Texas team was added with the withdrawal of the Helper Utah Merchants.

## Three Aggies To Play At Wichita

Pat Hubert, Guy Wallace, and Shug McPherson will play with their respective teams in the tournament which is scheduled to start Friday in Wichita.

Hubert, A&M's top pitcher who was chosen to the All-Conference nine at the end of the season, is hurling for the Sinton Oilers and should see some action at the three week tournament.

Another Cadet All-Conference star, Wallace is playing for Alpine as is teammate McPherson.

Of the three, Wallace was the heaviest hitter in conference play as he pounded the sphere at a .306 pace, and McPherson hit a .205. Hubert was not among the top Aggie sluggers, but he did win five while losing one game for Maroon and White.

Until the Sinton Oilers were appointed to the National Baseball Congress, Texas' entry seem to

## Kilgore Rangerettes Well Liked In Chicago

During the intermission at half-time of the recent Collegiate All-Star-Philadelphia Eagles game, the Kilgore College Rangerettes put on a show in Soldiers' Field which 88,885 football fans will remember for a long time.

Quoting Arch Ward of the Chicago Daily Tribune, "It was Choo-Choo Justice of North Carolina, who carried the ball, but it was the bevy of beauties from 'way down yonder' who carried the crowd in Soldiers' field."

But this wasn't the first time that the Rangerettes had added that something extra to a special event.

The Kilgore beauties starred first in December of '48 when they performed at the Little Rose Bowl in a game which featured the cuties own college, Kilgore JC, and Compton Junior College. Compton won the junior college crown in winning the game.

## Dropo Still Held Under Observation

Boston, Aug. 17—(AP)—"They floored me, but I'll be back," said Red Sox slugger Walt Dropo yesterday as he lay hospitalized after being cracked on the head by a pitch of Philadelphia's Hank Wyse.

The giant rookie had a visit from Wyse at Santa Maria Hospital in neighboring Cambridge and both agreed:

"It was just one of those things." Meanwhile, physicians said the Moosup, Conn., athlete is improving but will be held several days for observation.

Dropo, the American League's runs batted in leader, suffered a cerebral concussion as a high inside pitch caught him on the left ear in the fifth inning of the first game of Tuesday night's two-night doubleheader with the A's.



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# Reyes Chosen To All-State Softball Team

Bert Reyes, right fielder for Loupot's Aggies during the ASA State Tournament, was named to the All-State softball team by the tourney officials.

Reyes was one of fourteen players who were selected to the team.

Winners of the tournament, Lake Jackson placed only two men on the team while Lackland Air Force Base placed the most men on the team, a total of four.

Gerald Bourne of Lackland Air Force Base was chosen as the outstanding player of the tournament, and Britt Ryan of Dickson Drillers was chosen as the team manager. Chosen to the All-State team were:

Catchers: Larry McGowan, Lackland AFB and Gene Migt, General Plumbing.

Pitchers: Gerald Bourne, Lackland AFB; Bob Harding Lackland, AFB; Gene Faull, Lake Jackson, and Nino Garza, Monte Alto.

First baseman: Bill Hinton, Higginbotham of Brownwood.

Second baseman: Loyd Pond, Dickson Drillers.

Third baseman: Bobby Reed, Lake Jackson.

Shortstop: Dub Holt, Lake Jackson.

Outfielders: Jack Russell, Lackland AFB; H. Selman, Beaumont; Bert Reyes, Loupot's Aggies; and Buddy Holmstrom, Hutto.

Team manager: Britt Ryan, Dickson Drillers.

Outstanding player: Gerald Bourne, Lackland AFB.



Holland Winder

Winder, who usually pitches for the College Station Merchants, played in left field last night when the Nedbaeks Service Station softballers edged the College Merchants, 3-2, in the Bryan Commercial league tournament.

# Rickey Claims Robinson Will Not Be Sold

New York, Aug. 17—(AP)—Jack Robinson has a hunch he is playing his last season as a Brooklyn Dodger.

The second baseman's hunch is not shared by his boss, club President Branch Rickey.

"It wouldn't surprise me if I were traded at the end of the year," the National League's most valuable player of 1949 said yesterday.

"I haven't given a thought to trading Robinson or anybody else on the ball club," says Rickey. Robinson said he is 31 and has slowed up a step in the field. He feels he may have outlived his usefulness with the Dodgers.

Rumors mounted of tension on the Dodger team—a club that won the pennant last season, was favored to repeat but now is a half a dozen games off the pace.

Rickey has publicly criticized the "complacency" of the team.

Robinson, first negro to play major league baseball in modern times, is aware of the Rickey policy of disposing of a star player while he still has considerable market value.

"... I Have No Idea ..."

"Actually, I have no idea whether they intend to trade me or not," Jackie said. "I'm prepared for anything that may happen. After all, I'm pretty old as far as players go."

"I guess I'd go wherever they sent me, but I wouldn't like to leave Brooklyn."

Rickey appeared not the slightest bit disturbed over Robinson's remarks.

"I sympathize with Robinson," Rickey said, "the boy probably is concerned over what has happened in recent games."

"That doesn't mean that Robinson can't be had for any price. If I were offered two ball clubs for him, I would consider trading Jackie."

Robinson is in a batting slump which has cost him the National League lead.

At Boston the other night after Robinson had contributed one of seven errors, he was removed from the game.

# TCVV, Texas Geology Down Dorms 16 & 17

TCVV continued on its winning way yesterday while Texas Geology snapped its two game losing streak to break back into the win column of intramural softball play.

Defeating Dorm 16 with a two run rally in the fourth, TCVV maintained a three game lead over TU for first place honors. Williams twirled the league leader's 3-2 victory over 16 while John Thomas was charged with the loss.

In the other game played, the Geologists scored in three innings to easily defeat Dorm 17, 9-1. It was the Texans seventh win and the losers 11th loss.

A double by Williams and a single by Campbell brought only one run to TCVV in the third when they tied up the ball game. Williams scored on Campbell's single.

Dorm 16 had scored in the first frame when R. G. Taylor hit a one bagger to reach first and was brought home with the assistance of Bill Bronkhorst's bingle.

## Score Again

The losers again scored in the following inning to tie up the game as Von Heter spiked home plate for the counter. John Holland was credited with the RBI, using a double.

In the bottom of the fourth TCVV scored twice to win with the assistance of a single, an error, and a base on balls. Butler took four passes for a walk, advancing to second on an error while Trimble singled to push him home.

Trimble was put out on a fielders choice while third baseman Wood reached first and later scored when L. E. Winder went to first on another fielders choice, ending the scoring.

## Only Run

Dorm 17's only run crossed home plate in the third with losing pitcher Springfield performing the leg work. Texas Geology had scored

in the opening inning with Weatherall gaining the run.

The third frame was the big one as five runs were scored by the Geologists. Weatherall, McGhee, Tschoepe, Boruff, and Jones scored the markers with the assistance of two hits.

Five walks in the third also hurt Dorm 17, although a total of 11 walks were issued during the complete contest. The walks made the big difference since each team garnered five hits.

Three walks and a double by Sadler helped the Texans score three runs in the sixth. Olivera, Wessely, and Sadler gained the final points in the six inning tilt.



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# SMU Relied Mainly On Backs for 3 Years

By WILBUR MARTIN

For three years they said Southern Methodist University's backfield carried the team, 1947-1949.

"You don't need much of a line with guys like Doak Walker, Dick McKissack, Kyle Rote, Gilbert Johnson, Frank Payne," was the usual line.

This line incidentally burned up the said mentioned backs, who always figured they had quite a line in front of them.

It is true that Southern Methodist has attracted more than a fair share of backs since World War II ended, and if you'll take a look at the fellows who'll be in Southern Methodist's backfield this season you'll find the supply as big as ever.

## Rote—A Senior

First, there's Kyle Rote. A senior this year, the big San Antonio lad has already been tabbed a cinch for All-America if he doesn't get hurt.

Johnny Champion, Pat Knight, H. N. Russell, Jr., Henry Stollenwerk, Bill Richards, L. D. Russell, and Fred Benners are among the returning letterman backs.

Most folks figure new head coach H. N. Russell will start a backfield of Rote, son Rusty, Jr., Champion and either Knight or Stollenwerk.

Knight, like Rote a product of Thomas Jefferson high school at San Antonio, is used as a defensive end.

## Benners to Replace Johnson

Benners is the boy that was going to make the fans forget about Gilbert Johnson when Johnson

passed up his final year for pro football. He didn't, but he did show that he was a better than fair passer.

These backs alone would make any coach smile, but Russell can also choose from: Bill Forrester, Val Joe Walker, Benton Musslewhite, Micky Sharp, D. C. Chaney, Ray Cleckler, Sammy Stollenwerk, Gene Gillis, Don Donovan, Kenneth Duke, Lee Mitchell, and Bill Crisler, all sophomores.

In this crop are excellent passers, punters, runners and defensive men. And Musslewhite is regarded at a top quarterback prospect.

Which means you might be hearing that line about SMU's backs carrying the team for a few more years.

# Lemon Purchased By Cleveland Nine

Cleveland, Aug. 17—(AP)—Jim (Bob) Lemon, who has hit 39 home runs and driven in 119 runs this season for Oklahoma City in the Texas League, was purchased last night by the Cleveland Indians.

General Manager Hank Greenberg of the tribe said the 22-year-old outfielder will be used in pinch-hitting roles for the remainder of the season.

Lemon, who is batting .286 for the Cleveland farm club, is not related to Bob Lemon, ace tribe hurler. He is leading the Texas League in homers and runs batted in by a considerable margin.

Greenberg said he was brought up because the club now has only three able-bodied outfielders.

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