

# Puls Aply Fills Shoes Of Injured Bleckner

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Little Charlie Puls had two strikes against him when he stepped into the shoes of injured Dick Bleckner, but the hustling sophomore second baseman proved he only needed one.

To begin with, Puls took over a position in an Aggie infield that had worked together all year, and was beginning to hum with precision as the season wore on. There was a chance that the new member might throw the smoothly moving five out of balance.

Secondly, Puls replaced the second ranking hitter in the conference, as Bleckner was slapping the ball at 429 in loop play. Puls stood at the plate for the first time in an Aggie varsity game against Baylor at Waco.

He smashed a triple and scored a run in A&M's second-game rout of the Bears, and helped ease the

pain of Bleckner's loss even more by breaking up the Nelson-Bowers duel here last Saturday with a game-winning single.

In the two-game series with SMU, he got in on three double plays, and fielded flawlessly.

The 5-9 second sacker from Houston was dubbed "Possum" by his teammates, but bears no resemblance to his sleepy namesake on the diamond. The agile Puls roams his second base territory like a veteran.

He played in only four of the Fish's 12 games last year, and came to bat seven times. He had only one hit, a single, all last season.

A&M meets oft-beaten, but potentially dangerous TCU at Fort Worth tomorrow and Friday in a vital two-game series.

Only a scant half-game behind front running SMU, the Aggies face a team that was rated as the "team to beat" by most of the sports writers in Texas. SMU stands 8-2 in conference play and A&M 7-2.

The Horned Frogs split a two-game set with Baylor last week, indicating that they may be on the road to recovering from a long string of setbacks.

Richard O'Neal, TCU's second

ranking hurler, retired 17 men in a row against Baylor before losing 3-0. Bob McDaniel, Froggie ace, whipped the Bears the day before.

Right fielder Fred Ablon tacked on 25 points to his season batting average and 28 to his conference efforts last week against SMU. He now leads the Aggie squad in hitting with .318 over the season, and .381 in conference after Joe Schero went 0 for 8.

Les Byrd is next with .306 over the season, but has only 257 in conference play. Schero sports a .301 average in season action and .359 in league contests.

The Aggies brought their number of double plays for the season up to 16 by turning in three against the Mustangs. A&M also chalked up the first triple play in the conference this year.

Joe Hardgrove continues to pace Cadet pitchers with a perfect 6-0 record, and leads in strikeouts with 49. He has a 1.5 earned run average. Jerry Nelson is 3-4 over the season and 2-1 in conference games, ranking just behind Hardgrove in strikeouts with 48.

Dick Munday has a 3-1 season record, and has the lowest earned run average on the mound staff with 1.2. Wendell Baker has a 1-0 win-lost record.



Charlie Puls  
His Hit Won the Big One

## Tigers Play Chester Today For Bi-District

A & M Consolidated meets the Chester Yellowcats at 3 p.m. today in Huntsville for the bi-district baseball crown. Win or lose, it is the last game of the season for the Tigers, defending bi-district champs, since class B schools do not have any other playoffs.

Manuel Garcia or Bobby Potts will start on the mound for CHS, who are 7-5 over the full season and won the district by defeating Cypress-Fairbanks, two out of three.

Garcia has a 4-1 record and is the team's leading hitter with .429. Potts, despite a 2-4 mark, has a .92 earned run average.

Chester has won 10 and lost four, and has a 7-1 record in district 51-B.

The Tigers probably will line up this way—Winfred Pardue, catcher; Dick Hickman, left field; J. E. Carroll, shortstop; Norman Floeck, first base;

Travis Englebrecht, center field; Jack McNeely, third base; Bo Linton, second base. If Garcia pitches, Steadman Davis will play right field. Garcia will be in right if Potts starts.

## Fish Beat Allen, Newton Fans 14

Toby Newton's six-hit pitching and a seven-run sixth inning gave the Fish baseball team a 12-4 win over Allen academy yesterday in Bryan, their third straight after five losses.

In winning his second game in three decisions, Newton continued his sensational strikeout showings, fanning 14. He now has 49 strikeouts in 82 2/3 innings, while giving up five earned runs, 18 hits and 16 walks.

His earned run average is 1.2. Leftfielder Dennis Ham and third baseman Gordon Maxwell paced a 14-hit attack on three Rambler pitchers. Ham slugged two triples and a single to bat in two runs, and Maxwell hit a homer and three singles to bring in three runs.

Rightfielder Ed Dudley, who brought a .455 average into the

game, had three singles in four at-bats.

Allen scored three runs in the fourth for a 3-3 tie, but the Fish solved starter Felipe Ybanez for six hits, including a triple by Ham and a double by Bobby Conrad, and led the game with seven runs in the sixth. Twelve men came to bat.

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FISH (12)		BOX SCORE		AB	R	E	H
Smith, ss	5	1	1	5	3	4	3
Ham, lf	5	3	3	5	2	4	3
Maxwell, 3b	5	2	3	5	1	3	3
Dudley, rf	5	1	1	5	0	2	1
Conrad, 1b	4	1	1	4	1	1	1
Smotherman, cf	5	0	2	5	0	0	0
Schuhart, 2b	5	0	0	5	0	0	0
Krupa, c	4	2	0	4	2	0	0
Keener, p	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
Newton, p	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
TOTALS	40	12	11	40	12	11	11

ALLEN (4)		BOX SCORE		AB	R	E	H
Gongora, 2b	4	0	1	4	0	1	0
Biskup, lf	4	0	1	4	0	1	0
Montemayor, 1b	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Moseley, ss	4	0	1	4	0	1	0
Rodriguez, cf-p	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
Birchfield, cf-p	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Walker, 3b	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Williams, 2b	3	1	1	3	1	1	1
Bullock, rf	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Jones, lf	2	0	1	2	0	1	1
Ybanez, p-cf	4	0	2	4	0	2	2
TOTALS	33	4	6	33	4	6	6

### 'Mural Highlights

A antiaircraft artillery ousted C field artillery 8-2 in the quarter-finals of upperclassmen softball behind the one-hit pitching of Bob Plumlee and Johnny Johnson last night on the lighted softball diamond.

Pitcher Fred Standard doubled down the left field line in the first off Plumlee and scored when Chuck Newman let Jim Carter's ground ball go through him at shortstop.

The losers scored their other run in the second on four consecutive walks, but Johnson came in and forced Standard to pop to third and threw Ralph Clement out on a bounce back to the mound.

The antiaircraft men got to Standard in the third for five runs after he had struck out five in the first two frames.

Plumlee, who moved to right field when Johnson came on, singled. Standard then walked Johnson, John Grant and Dewayne Williams to force in a run and Newman drilled a baschit to center, scoring Johnson and Grant. Newman scored when Dale Avant's ground ball was bobbled. Avant made it 5-2 as he rode home on Phil Speirs double.

The winners put the game on ice in the fourth as Jim Blackstone homered with Newman and Avant, (See INTRAMURALS, Page 4)

## Blinn JC Wins State Track Title

Blinn junior college won only three events and tied for first in another, but piled up second, third and fourth place points to win the state junior college track title for the second straight time.

Blinn scored 32½ points in the finals held at Kyle field yesterday to edge San Antonio, which finished with 29. Odessa was third with 20 3/5.

Gayle McGinty won the high and low hurdles in 15.9 and 25.2 and tied for first in the pole vault with 11-8 to lead Blinn. L. M. Killough won the broad jump with 22-1 for the winners' other first.

Killough was second in the 100 and 220 and tied for third in the high jump. His 9.9 in the prelims of the 100 set a new record and his 21.5 in the 220 prelims was

another record. John Curtis of Howard County won the finals in 21.5.

Three other records were set. They were San Antonio's 44.0 in the 440 relay, Paris's 3:33.5 in the mile relay, and 2:03.2 in the 880 prelims by Emilio Calvillo of Concordia.

Calvillo also won the mile.

Winners of events: 440-relay San Antonio, 44.7; mile, Emilio Calvillo, Concordia, 4:43; 440, Don Benthal, Cisco, 51.7; 100, John Curtis, Howard County, 10.0; 120 yard high hurdles, Gayle McGinty, Blinn, 15.9.

Shot put, Mattland Huffman, Navarro, 40-10; discus, Vernon Kostolny, Navarro, 129-6; high jump, tie between James Henley, Amarillo, and Tuffy Zellard, Odessa, 5-11.

880, Billy Carter, Odessa; 220, John Curtis, Howard County, 21.5; 220 yard low hurdles, Gayle McGinty, Blinn, 25.2; mile relay, Paris, 3:33.5; broad jump, L. M. Killough, Blinn, 22-1; pole vault, tie between Gayle McGinty, Blinn, and John Coyle, San Antonio, 11-8.

## Indians Beat Yankees

CLEVELAND, May 3—(AP)—Catcher Yogi Berra's muff on an outfielder's throw after Bob Avila's bases-loaded single in the seventh inning provided the Cleveland Indians a margin of three unearned runs in a 7-4 victory last night over the New York Yankees.

The victory in the first 1955 meeting of the pennant rivals kept the Tribe in first place.

Avila came to bat in the seventh after southpaw Eddie Lopat had filled the bases on two walks and a double by Hank Foiles. His single to right drove in the run which tied the game at 4-4, and when Berra muffed the throw-in from Hank Bauer, two runs came

in, and Avila took third. Vic Wertz brought Avila home with a single, and Tom Morgan replaced Lopat to check the Tribe the rest of the way.

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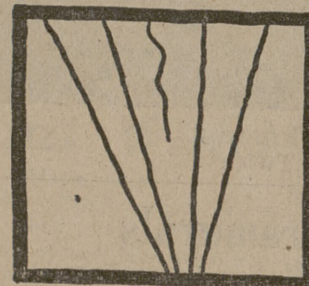
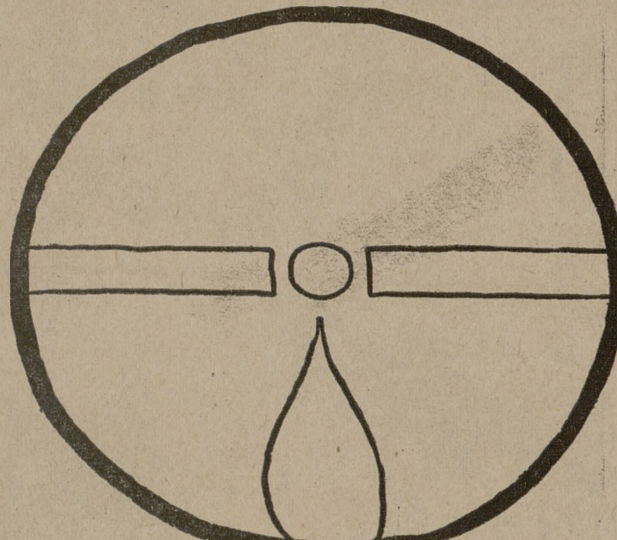
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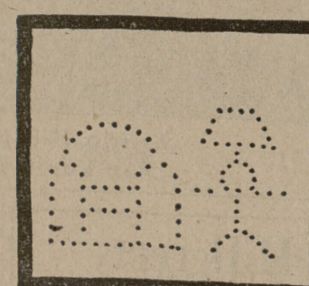
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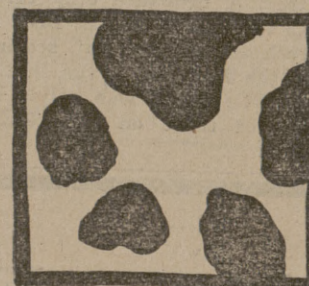
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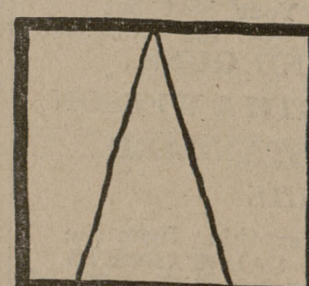
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