

# Consolidated Tigers Cop Class AA Title At Travis

## Arnold Pitches CHS To Victory

By MAURICE OLIAN

Using their same old formula that has worked so well throughout the season—Alton Arnold's tremendous clutch pitching plus the ability to make a maximum of runs from a minimum of base hits—the A&M Consolidated Tigers copped the regional Class AA baseball title Tuesday night at Travis Park.

Their victims were the Belton Tigers, who succumbed to the young College Station club by a 3-0 tally.

The win concluded the locals' season with an impressive 16-7 record. Teams in Class AA high school baseball can advance no farther than the regional championship; a state tournament is held only for Class AAA and AAAA schools.

In recording his fourth consecutive triumph and his tenth of the season, Arnold set down 17 of the visitors via the three-strike route, giving him a fabulous season mark of 203 strikeouts in 98 innings. While hurling the seven shutout innings—thereby extending to 31 the number of consecutive innings in which he has failed to surrender a single earned run—Arnold issued five bases on balls and was nicked for only two safeties.

He was in serious trouble only in the fifth frame, after his teammates had already staked him to a 3-0 margin. A walk, an infield "bleeder", and an error loaded the bases for Belton with no outs. Arnold then breezed third strikes past the second, third, and fourth batters in the losers' lineup to work out of the difficulty. One had only to witness the hustling play of Steadman Davis, scrappy, tenacious CHS catcher, in this inning to be assured that Consolidated would maintain its lead.

In the bottom half of the third, CHS tallied twice on a pair of

## Orioles' Nail Leads League With .500 Batting Average

Through Monday's double-header, the Student Co-Op Orioles' Jimmy Nail paced American League South batters with a torrid .500 mark and was even farther ahead of the rest of the loop in slugging percentage.

Only two other batters, the Bryan Office Equipment Company Red Sox's Dennis Muth and Tommy Hughes, were over the .400 level through Monday night's action. Muth was in the runner-up spot at .462, while Hughes had a .417 percentage.

Rounding out the top ten batters in the College Station Little League are Harold Cooner, of the Marion Pugh Lumber Company White Sox,

.400; the Black's Pharmacy Senators' Sidney Coufal and Pete Dehlinger, the Red Sox's Charles Gandy, and Bobby Houze of the White Sox, all at .333; and Jody Rush, of the Senators, and the Red Sox's Joe Joyer, both with .286.

Nail, who also leads the league in home runs with two and is far in front in total bases with 13, is almost "out of sight" in the slugging department, where he has a fantastic 1.300 percentage. Trailing him in slugging percentage (which is figured by dividing the times at bat into the number of total bases) are Houze, .667; Muth, .615; and Cooner, .600.

The Red Sox's Jack Fugate tops

the league in stolen bases with three, while the leading mark in runs scored, each having tallied five times. Nail is the pace-setter in RBI with seven, and he is followed in this department by Houze, Gandy, and Muth, each with five runs batted in during the initial week of play.

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Four pitchers—the Senators' Larry Godfrey, Randy Ransdell, of the Red Sox, Muth, and Cooner—own won-lost records of 1-0.

## Texas Tech Signs "Speedy" Gonzalez

LUBBOCK.—One of Texas' top schoolboy milers of the past few years has signed a Texas Tech letter of intent. Carlos "Speedy" Gonzales of El Paso High plans to attend Tech on a track scholarship, Coach Delmer Brown announces.

Gonzalez, defending state champion in the conference AA mile, was nipped by Littlefield's Bobby Cunn-

ingham in this year's meet. Cunningham was pushed to the best competitive time of the year in Texas in winning state with a 4:26.5 mark.

The El Paso flash, who had beaten Cunningham the preceding week at Lubbock's Red Raider Relays in an even closer race, was timed in 4:26.6 at Austin, easily the second best time in the state.

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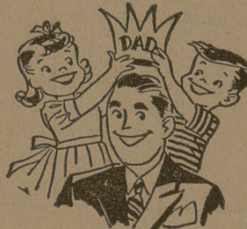
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