

## Stamford Champs In Schoolboy Ball

By Associated Press  
Before football is stowed away in favor of baseball and golf it is well to mention that Stamford set a record.  
Lost in the hulabaloo of the big guys winning championships and the fact that professional football is moving in was the feat of the little gridiron-minded West Texas town of taking four state titles in five years.  
No other school in Texas Interscholastic League history ever did it. Back in the twenties Waco won four state titles in six years. Amarillo won four in seven, Breckenridge four in eight. Abilene won six in 33 years, three in a row. Wichita Falls won three in nine years. Amarillo won three in succession.  
But only the Stamford Bulldogs, members of Class AA but able to play with the teams of the upper classes, have been able to capture

four titles in five seasons. The Bulldogs did it in 1955-56-58-59.  
What makes football click in Stamford?  
Coach Larry Wartes has the answer. "This little town has only two places to go—church and the football game," he explains. "It is only reasonable to think it would concentrate on those two."  
Stamford had the distinction of sweeping through undefeated in the past campaign and including among its victims Cleburne, which tied Breckenridge for the state Class AAA championship. So the Bulldogs might as well claim both Class AA and Class AAA titles.  
Stamford has produced some great football players. Consider Bob Harrison, who was All-American at Oklahoma. Mike McClellan was one of Texas schoolboy footballs finest backs. He played at Oklahoma last season. There are plenty more.

## Spikes Named Top Performer at TCU

FORT WORTH — Jack Spikes, all-American fullback from Snyder, was the recipient of the coveted Dan Rogers award as the most valuable player on TCU's 1959 Southwest Conference football co-champions at the annual football banquet here Monday night.  
Spikes, the heralded 208-pound senior, was presented the Rogers ring by Bob Cullum, Dallas banker, whose wife, Dorothy, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rogers.  
"Jack had truly a great season," reminded his coach, Abe Martin. "His play was instrumental in the fine year TCU had this past fall. Not only an outstanding player, this youngster is one of the finest young men I've had in my coaching career. I don't believe there's a doubt that he is the greatest all-round fullback in the history of the school."  
Spikes also was presented the

Houston Post Back-of-the-Year award by Post Sports Editor Clark Nealon.  
Ramon Armstrong of Ennis, Robert Lilly of Throckmorton and Joe Cole of Brady were named winners of other awards.  
Armstrong, believed by many as the most consistent player on the squad last fall, took the Grassy Hinton "most conscientious" trophy; Lilly, the huge junior all-SWC tackle won the G. L. Perkinson watch as the team's best downfield blocker; and Cole was selected by his teammates for the Y. O. McCammon award as the outstanding non-letterman.  
Martin announced 37 varsity lettermen, which included 17 seniors, 14 juniors and six sophomores. The Frog coach will have 19 returning lettermen for the 1960 season. Only two regulars, Center Arvie Martin of Dallas and Lilly will be eligible for next fall. Fred Taylor announced 31 Wog lettermen.

# Practice Starts Monday For Cadet Baseballers

Riddled by graduation and other losses, Coach Tom Chandler's Aggie baseball team opens defense of its Southwest conference championship with opening of practice Feb. 15.  
A&M's practice schedule begins March 1 against Sam Houston with the first conference game March 19 against SMU—a club that whipped A&M's champions all three times last spring.  
Chandler guided the Aggies to a championship last spring in his first season at Aggieland but lost two heart-breakers, both by 1-0 scores, to Arizona in the NCAA district playoff.  
Eight lettermen off that club return including six regulars but nine are gone including four all-conference stars — Catcher Gary Herrington, Shortstop Ralph Plumlee and pitching aces Wayne Schaper and Percy Sanderson.  
Only Herrington and Schaper completed their eligibility. Plum-

lee was signed to a huge bonus contract by the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers while Sanderson, along with Pitcher Larry Ayres of Paris, failed to pass their scholastic work. Other losses include Windel Reed, Lloyd Stone, Donnie Hullman and Bo Paradowski.  
Top lettermen back are Catcher Randy Wortham of New Boston, Infielders Dick Hickerson of Bryan, and Dink Patterson of Dallas and the Aggie outfield composed of J. B. Carroll of College Station, Clifford Davis of Corpus Christi and Byron Barber of Dallas. Also returning are T-winners Billy Houchin of Shreveport and Don Chase of Houston, utility. Squadmen returning include Pitchers Joe Thompson of Bryan, Jack Roeder of Yorktown and Don Costlow of Lufkin and Infielder Don Davis of Shreveport.  
Chandler also has two junior college transfers who should give

the mound staff needed punch. They are Olan Jordon of Paris and David Pitcock of Tyler.  
Last year the Aggies had an 18-7 season record and won the SWC with an 11-4 record.

## TCU Figures High In SWC Scoring

By The Associated Press  
Texas Christian isn't doing too well in Southwest Conference basketball but the Horned Frogs have figured in the highest scoring marks of the season—both for and against.  
TCU made 99 points against Tulsa Dec. 9 for the season's high. Texas scored 98 points against TCU Feb. 6 for the second highest.

## Myers Completes Staff with 3 New Men

The Aggie coaching staff is complete with spring football training scheduled to begin next Tuesday.  
Coach Jim Myers' football staff will be composed of six assistants. The staff includes Willie Zapalac, Matt Lair and Elmer Smith, all members of the 1959 staff, plus newcomers Bobby Drake Keith, Tom Ellis and Travis Hughes.  
Keith, former Aggie end, has been on the Alabama staff the past two years while Ellis was head coach at McMurry College and Hughes was head coach at Deer

Park high school.  
The Cadets will have 15 returning lettermen from last year's team that won three and lost seven. Nine lettermen were lost through graduation. Also a host of freshmen will move up to the varsity for spring drills.  
To complete the athletic staff Myers named Henry Ransom, Bryan golf pro, as golf coach and Omar Smith, Bryan tennis enthusiast, as tennis coach.  
Three of the Cadets' assistant football coaches last fall have taken other positions.

### VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE—1960

- Tuesday, March 1, Sam Houston, Huntsville
- Saturday, March 5, Texas Lutheran, College Station
- Tuesday, March 8, Texas Lutheran, Seguin
- Saturday, March 12, Rice (Practice), College Station
- Tuesday, March 15, Sam Houston, College Station
- Saturday, March 19, SMU, College Station
- Tuesday, March 22, University of Houston, Houston
- Thursday, March 24, Teas Tech, College Station
- Saturday, March 26, TCU, Fort Worth
- Tuesday, March 29, Rice, Houston
- Friday, April 1, Texas, College Station
- Tuesday, April 5, Baylor, Waco
- Friday, April 8, Rice, College Station
- Saturday, April 9, Rice, College Station
- Thursday, April 14, Brooks Medics, San Antonio
- Friday, April 15, Brooke Medics, San Antonio
- Saturday, April 16, St. Mary's University, San Antonio
- Friday, April 22, TCU, College Station
- Saturday, April 23, TCU, College Station
- Friday, April 29, SMU, Dallas
- Saturday, April 30, SMU, Dallas
- Friday, May 6, Baylor, College Station
- Saturday, May 7, Baylor, College Station
- Friday, May 13, Texas, Austin
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