



All Star Pitchers

Don Drysdale, left, of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Dean Chance, of the Los Angeles Angels, were starting pitchers for the National and American league teams in the All-Star game Tuesday at Shea Stadium in New York. The duo dominated the first three innings of the game, that the Nationals won 7-4.

## High School Football Slates 45th Season

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In just five weeks there will begin the longest march in football. This is the Texas Interscholastic League, largest organization of its kind in the world.

Practice starts Aug. 17 with all except one class swinging into action. Class AAAA, the top division—the only one that has spring football—is not permitted to begin fall practice until Aug. 28. The difference is because AAAA gets 21 days of practice that Classes AAA, AA, A, B, Six-Man and Eight-Man do not have.

It will be the 45th campaign. Most of the coaches today were not even born when the first race—in 1920—was held.

For four months the campaign will rage from Panhandle to Gulf, from El Paso in the far west to Texarkana in the far east.

There will be 946 schools playing the game this year. That is the all-time high. There were 936 last year.

Showing the intensity of competition and attesting to the difficulty of a team going through a season unbeaten and untied, there'll be only one boasting this accomplishment.

The longest winning streak is held by Corsicana, Class AAA state champion, which is 14-0.

They are doubtful that Corsicana can maintain this record for another season. In the first place, Corsicana has to move up to Class AAAA this year. It was caused by the school exceeding the enrollment of 975 by 32 students.

In the second place, Corsicana lost heavily in experienced players. There are only four offensive starters back and fewer than that of defensive hands.

The second longest winning streak is held by Rockwall, the Class AA champion, which is 13-0. Rockwall has 15 members of the squad that beat John Foster Dulles 7-6 for the title on hand to start fall practice. These include the brilliant Marc Noel, who caught a

touchdown pass with 23 seconds to go to defeat Dulles.

The Class AAAA champion was Garland, which has a 12-game winning streak. Garland was unbeaten but was tied in its second game of the 1963 season by Dallas Bryan Adams.

Garland should repeat with the championship. Even Coach Chuck Curtis admitted that his team won the title a year ahead of schedule. There are 25 members of the 1963 squad including 13 lettermen returning.

Petersburg was the Class A champion and it had a 14-0-1 record. However, it has only a six-game streak going for it. Petersburg was tied late in the district race. But it appears capable of keeping a clean slate most of the way in 1964.

However, George West, the team Petersburg beat for the title, looks even stronger since it has that great runner, Steve Lane, back to lead a veteran crew.

It would appear that Garland and Rockwall should repeat with championships but Corsicana and Petersburg may have to get some fortunate bounces of the ball to make it.

Not since 1956 has a team in Class AAAA repeated with the championship. Class AAA has gone only one year without a repeater, Class AA two years and Class A five years.

Abilene has won the most state championships of any school in

the 45 years of the League race with six. Waco is second with five and one tie and Wichita Falls is next with five. Breckenridge has four and two ties.

It is doubtful that there will be a change in the leadership situation this year. Abilene, Waco and Wichita Falls quit winning them when more than one high school started dividing the football players up in each city. Breckenridge doesn't have this difficulty to contend with but Breckenridge has been in the football doldrums for four years.

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