



Sports Aplenty
The ABA Has Growing Pains
By GARY SHERER

The American Basketball Association is in trouble. What started out to be a great addition to pro basketball's prestige has at times this season, been a black eye.

Houston's entry in the league, the Mavericks, suffered through a bad year both on the court and at the box office. This latter fact, with the exception of New Orleans, was the plight of most of the ABA franchises—poor attendance.

Now, with the first season under their belts, the seeds of dissension are starting to raise their ugly heads. The owner of the New Jersey Americans, Arthur J. Brown, yesterday called for the removal of George Mikan as the ABA commissioner.

Mikan, former pro great with the old Minneapolis Lakers, has seen his dream of a challenger for his old alma-mater, the National Basketball Association, have problem after problem.

The first problems for the fledgling organization was the ABA's raiding of the NBA for quality players. The star battle of the whole controversy was singer Pat Boone's Oakland Oaks grabbing off the San Francisco Warriors' scoring star, Rick Barry.

Barry, who has taken complete advantage of the prestige offered to a professional athlete, along with Boone and the Oaks were sued by Franklin Muehli, owner of the San Francisco NBA franchise. The result of the legal battle was Barry sitting out this season as a more-or-less "professional red shirt."

Barry, by sitting out a year, has probably wished he never made his decision to jump the NBA. He, along with others has observed a league that, with all due respect to the talent in the league, has been not too much more than an extension of college basketball.

When the American Football League first started, it also had problems but nothing near the headaches its basketball counterpart is experiencing after its initial season.

The Mavericks had hoped to gain some hope for future big gates by signing Elvin Hayes. They had drafted the Big 'E' in a secret draft held earlier this month. That hope, was shattered Wednesday with the announcement that Hayes had signed with the San Diego Rockets of the NBA.

Hayes had said that he wanted to play where the best players are and he picked the NBA.

This we think is going to be the main problem for the ABA as they go into the collegian-signing battle with the NBA this spring and summer. With the ABA already lacking in good talent and also with many clubs close to folding, there is not much to sell a college grad on.

We hope that the new league can coexist with their powerful counterpart as the AFL has with the National Football League. This has to become a reality if all the talent coming out of college is to be given a true test.

But, they had better quit their squabbling with each other and get together on some common goals for the new organization. Inner feuds never get you anywhere, look what happened to the Republicans in 1964!



The Aggies and Texas Christian are playing the first game of their two-game series today at Kyle Field. Rick Schwartz and TCU's Mickey McCarty are the pitchers in today's game.

Tomorrow's pitchers haven't been named yet, but it will be either righthanders Dave Benesh or Rocky Thompson for the Aggies against Bing Bingham or Chuck Mache-mehl for TCU.

In latest SWC state, the Horned Frogs are the leading hitting team in the conference. The Aggies are fifth in that department.

The Frogs top two hitters, outfielder Larry Peel and catcher Bill Ferguson, who have played in every game, are hitting at .370 and .367 clips respectively. This makes them the league's leading hitters, as far as most at-bats are concerned.

Saturday's game will begin at 2 p.m. and will be at Kyle Field. This weekend marks the first action for the Aggies on the campus. Due to construction, they were playing at Bryan's Travis Park.

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Baseball Stats

Player	G	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Avg.
Arnold, p	3	4	1	2	.500	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	1.000
Staples, c	4	10	1	4	.400	0	0	0	4	3	20	0	0	1.000
Hadaway, rf	4	15	1	5	.333	1	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	1.000
Maida, lf	3	7	0	2	.286	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1.000
Elmendorf, lf	4	14	1	4	.286	1	0	0	0	3	9	1	0	1.000
Schwartz, p	2	4	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.000
Long, cf	4	15	1	3	.200	0	0	0	3	5	10	3	1	.929
Thompson, p	2	5	1	1	.200	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	1.000
Stelley, 1b	2	5	1	1	.200	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	.833
Backest, 2b	3	8	0	1	.125	0	0	0	0	2	7	8	0	1.000
Dailey, 3b	3	8	0	1	.125	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1.000
Vaughn, 1b	4	10	1	1	.100	0	0	0	2	1	32	0	1	.978
Benesh, p	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Walker, p	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.000
Rau, p	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1.000
Larson, p	2	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.000
Raley, 3b	2	5	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	4	3	1	0	1.000
Sanders, p	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	.750
Gutzman, 3b	3	10	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.000
Totals, A&M	4	122	8	26	.213	3	0	2	14	28	102	39	6	.977
Totals, Opp.	4	130	14	31	.238	4	0	1	15	21	105	44	5	.968

LOB: A&M 25, Opp. 33

PITCHING

Player	G	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	WP	HB	ERA
Benesh	1	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Walker	1	0	0	0-0	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Schwartz	2	1	1	1-0	10	3	1	7	4	8	1	0	0.90
Rau	1	1	0	0-1	2	1	1	4	2	3	0	0	4.50
Thompson	2	1	0	1-1	12 1/3	3	3	12	4	3	0	1	2.20
Larson	2	0	0	0-0	5 1/2	4	4	6	3	4	0	0	6.38
Sanders	3	0	0	0-0	1 1/3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	16.12
Totals, A&M	4	3	1	2-2	34	16	12	31	15	21	1	1	3.18
Opp.	4	2	2	2-1	34	8	5	26	14	28	3	0	1.29

AstroFacts

Dean Chance, a 20-game winner in 1967 and the American League's "Comeback Player of the Year," is slated to start Thursday's night game in the Astrodome when the Houston Astros open a four-game series with the Minnesota Twins, who finished in a second place tie with Detroit in the junior circuit's torrid 1967 pennant race.

And, if it hadn't been for a pulled muscle in Jim Kaat's left elbow on the Saturday before the 1967 season ended, the Twins might well be posing as the American League Champions.

The Twins were leading the Red Sox 4-0 on that crucial Saturday as Kaat was breezing through the Red Sox lineup, but a sharp pain in his elbow arose in the third inning, and he has yet to fully recover. Kaat is currently back in Minnesota undergoing treatment for this same ailment.

The Twins, however, are still picked by many experts to cop the 1968 American League pennant.

Minnesota boasts such talent as Harmon Killebrew, the majors' top home run hitter; Rod Carew, the league's rookie of the year; Tony Oliva, a two-time batting champion; powerful Bob Allison, speedy Cesar Tovar, ex-Dodgers John Roseboro, Ron Ferranoski and Bob Miller, and defensive star Ted Uhlaender.

This array of Minnesota baseball will meet the Astros Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, April 4, 5 and 6 and Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Grapefruit League

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
At Bradenton, Fla.
St. Louis 3, Oakland 1
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
New York, (A) 5, New York, (N) 1
At Miami, Fla.
Washington 2, Baltimore 0
At Cocoa, Fla.
Pittsburg 3, Houston 1
At Tusson, Ariz.
Chicago, (N) 5, Cleveland 3
At Phoenix, Ariz.
San Francisco 18, California 0
At Tampa, Fla.
Cincinnati 4, Detroit 3—14 innings

Fish Nine Racks Blinn In Twinbill

From Battalion News Source
A three-run eighth inning triple by Larry Youngblood powered the Aggie Fish to an 8-5 victory over Blinn Junior College and a sweep of a doubleheader in Brenham yesterday.

Coach Lou Camilli's baseballers won the day's first game 10-1 behind the two hit pitching of Rocky Self. The double win upped the Fish's season slate to 5-1.

A&M WAS LEADING the second game 5-2 into the seventh, each game was scheduled for seven, when Blinn scored three times to knot the score.

The Fish came back in the first extra inning to score three times on Youngblood's game winning hit to put the game away. Rusty Howard relieved Bill Foster for the Aggies with one out in the seventh and got credit for the win. Jim Zoca, who had come to the aid of Blinn's starting pitcher, Pat Jameson, who was charged with the loss.

Howard's win gave him a 1-0 record for the season.
Self was breezing along with a no-hitter in the first game until a one out single in the seventh ruined his spell. He got out of

Blinn In Twinbill

the jam with only one other hit and one run scoring against him in the inning as the young Aggies romped to the win.

THE WIN gave Self, who quarterbacked the Fish football team last fall, a 3-1 record. The loser for the Brenham based junior college was starter Jack Graham.

Terry Logan, Larry Smith and Danny Papetti paced the Aggie freshmen offensive barrage in the opening game with two hits each.

Only two dates now remain on the schedule for the Fish. They travel to Waco April 9 for a single game against the Baylor Cubs starting at 3 p.m. and then are home May 11 for a doubleheader with the Texas Yearlings.

The first game of the Texas twinbill is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. THE FISH and the Yearlings met in a doubleheader in Austin on March 23 with the two teams exchanging wins. Coach Camilli's baseballers defeated the Cubs 4-1 in their first action of the year.

In their only other game this season, the Fish beat Wharton Junior College 10-1. A twinbill with Hill Junior College was washed out and is not expected to be re-scheduled.

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9:00 A.M.—Bible Study
5:15 P.M.—Young People's Class
6:00 P.M.—Worship
7:15 P.M.—Aggie Class
9:30 A.M.—Tues. - Ladies Bible Class
7:15 P.M.—Wednesday - Bible Study

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10:00 A.M.—Bible Class
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P.M.—Wednesday Vesper

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10:00 A.M.—Church School
8:00 P.M.—Adult Service

A&M PRESBYTERIAN
7-9 A.M.—Sun. Breakfast - Stu. Ctr.
9:45 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.—Sun. Single Stu. Fellowship
7:15 P.M.—Wed. Student Fellowship
6:45 A.M.—Fri. Communion Service
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710 Eisenhower
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Church Service
6:30 P.M.—Training Union
7:30 P.M.—Church Service

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8:30 & 10:45 A.M.—The Church at Worship
9:30 A.M.—Bible Classes For All
Holy Communion—1st Sun. Ea. Mo.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3205 Lakeview
9:45 A.M.—Bible School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.—Youth Hour
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
Sunday Masses—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00

FAITH CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P.M.—Evening Service

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship

A&M METHODIST
8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship
5:30 P.M.—Campus & Career Class
5:30 & 6:00 P.M.—MYF Meetings

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
26th East and Coulter, Bryan
8:30 A.M.—Priesthood meeting
10:00 A.M.—Sunday School
9:00 P.M.—Sacrament Meeting

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9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
10:50 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P.M.—Young People

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Sunday Ruth 1:1-14	Monday Ruth 1:15-22	Tuesday Ruth 4:7-17	Wednesday Job 19:23-29	Thursday Isaiah 58:6-12	Friday Galatians 5:16-24	Saturday Philippians 1:19-26
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