

## 1956 Arizona-Mexico League, Staying Together

# *A-M Baseball Loop Plays Familiar Financial Dirge*

### January 14

With seven cities reportedly ready to go, the league will meet to learn whether Globe-Miami will stay in the circuit or drop out.

A February 1 deadline for payment of \$3,000 dues will have to be extended if the league is to operate in 1956. Officials of four teams indicated that they would seek an extension of time. If an extension is not granted, they said they could not field teams.

### January 15

A bleak picture of finances around the league was presented on the eve of a meeting to organize for the 1956 baseball season. Officials of the Douglas, Globe-Miami, Mexicali and Cananea clubs said they just didn't have the cash to make the \$3,000 dues payment. The deadline is February 1, and they said they would ask for an extension.

Globe-Miami, embroiled in financial difficulties dropped out of the league and the Class C circuit immediately went to work seeking an eighth member.

### January 23

Tucson lose Jim Peete to San Diego. Peete, outstanding Tucson Cowboy pitcher who compiled a brilliant 24-11 record in his rookie year, will apparently go to the San Diego club of the Pacific Coast League because of an alleged verbal agreement made between the Cowboys and San Diego early in 1955.

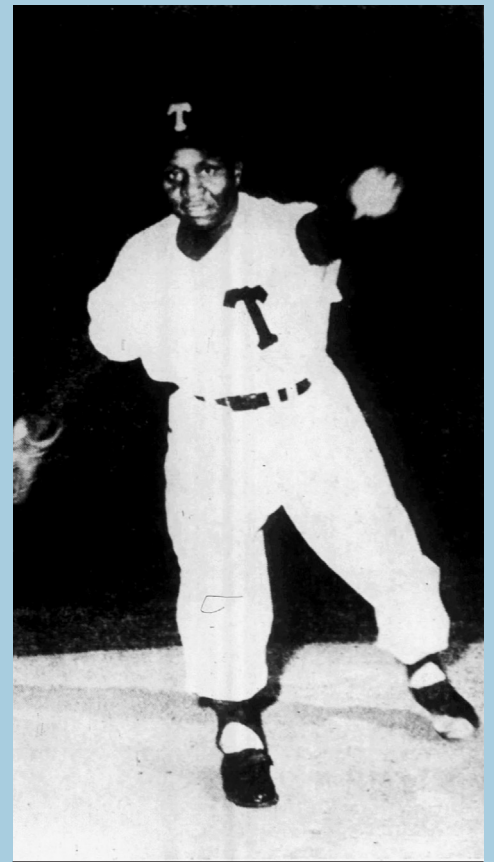
Memo Garibay, who led Cananea to the 1955 championship was retained at a salary increase for the 1956 season, his third consecutive leadership in the club. The announcement of the signing was made by Jose Papia, president of the Cananea ball club.

### January 24

Wenceslao O'Reilly Gonzalez- whose person and pitching is every bit as colorful as his monicker-will be hurling in the league again this season. The aging but able southpaw who once won 32 games in the A-M's foster father, the Southwest International league, has been re-purchased from the Mexico City Reds by Nogales according to Chuck Hollinger, executive secretary of the league.

### January 28

The Tucson Cowboys will be reorganized under new ownership. Howard "Gene" Watson, Tucson businessman said he and associates have taken over ownership of the Tucson entry.



Jim Peete

## January 30

Veteran Don Jameson has been signed for his fifth consecutive season as manager of the Tucson Cowboys Baseball Team.

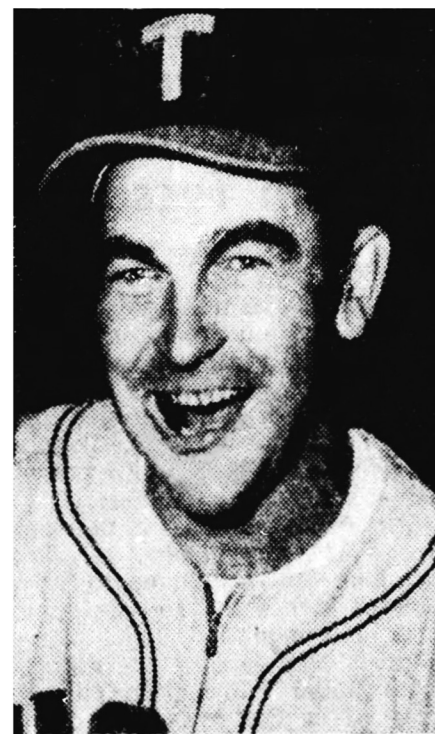
The league is investigating the possibility of adding a fourth Mexican team for play this summer. E.T. "Tim" Cusick, league president said that a league official is investigating the possibility of having Tijuana, Baja California entering the league.

## February 4

Jerry Gardner of Clifton, Colo., who piloted Phoenix for the past two years was named manager of the Douglas team, a Pittsburgh Pirates Class C farm club.

## February 6

The Tucson Cowboys open ticket sales for the 1956 baseball season with a new lower price range. General Manager Don Jameson said the change in prices was made to give "the baseball fan a better break."



**DON JAMESON**  
Playing days over, but he'll  
manage Cowboys again.

# A-M Baseball League Adds Tijuana As Eighth Member

Tijuana, Mexico will enter a team in the league this summer, President Tim Cusick announced. Tijuana replaces Globe-Miami which dropped out because of financial difficulties. The addition of Tijuana gives the A-M an even split in U.S. and Mexican teams. Cusick said he met with Tijuana officials in Yuma "They are very happy to be back in organized baseball with the Arizona-Mexico League."

## February 16

President E.T. "Tim" Cusick threatened to quit his post if member clubs do not take up their obligations to pay league dues. "Not one single club has paid its league dues yet," Cusick said. "The \$3,000 dues plus \$200 special assessment was due on February 1, but I haven't heard from any of the clubs. We owe salaries, office rent and for telephone calls. I don't like to run a baseball league like this. These clubs all have taken obligations. If they don't live up to them, I am ready to quit."

### A-M President Fed Up

## Cusick Threatens To Quit

## February 19

Executive Secretary Chuck Hollinger announced baseball teams are paying in their dues to league headquarters. "Several teams have paid league dues and the others should come in shortly."

## February 21

Bill Capps of Dallas has been named manager of the Arizona-Mexico Baseball League. Capps, a playing manager with Corpus Christi of the Class B Gulf Coast League last season was signed by Phoenix succeeding Jerry Gardner who became manager of the Douglas entry.

## February 23

The Phoenix Stars' agreement with the Baltimore Orioles paid off with seven players for the baseball club. The Stars got four rookies recommended by the Orioles: first baseman Gary Freymiller, outfielder Gilbert Gomes, second baseman Lonnie Graham and catcher Ruben Rodriguez.

## February 28

Two promising youngsters, 20-year-old outfielder Angel Figueroa and George Perez, 18, a pitcher have been signed by the Hollywood Baseball Club for its Douglas club. Both rookies earned sectional honors in the Los Angeles area.

## March 1

Leon Simmons, 21-year-old hopeful from Springfield, Mass., was signed on as business manager to handle the ever-resent financial problems of the Douglas Copper Kings.

## March 24

The league adopted a 140-game playing schedule for the 1956 season. The league will open play April 22 and close Sept 1.

Cananea, defending champion of the A-M is planning colorful opening day ceremonies for the Sunday game with Tucson Cowboys.

## March 26

Phoenix has threatened to withdraw from the league unless a more workables schedule can be cooked up than the one adopted. It calls for the club to make 800-mile round trips for three-game series on several occasions. General manager Oliver Talamini has called it uneconomical. A compromise is being worked out.



**PAIR JOIN TWINK FARM CLUB**

# 1956 Arizona-Mexico League Baseball Slate

	At CANANEA	At DOUGLAS	At MEXICALI	At NOGALES	At PHOENIX	At TIJUANA	At TUCSON	At YUMA
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President Cusick said that it is up to the Phoenix ball club whether it wants to follow an official adoption of the 1956 playing schedule or quit the league. Cusick said "If they want to quit the league, that's up to them. All the clubs but Phoenix voted to adopt the schedule. Our by-laws say it takes a majority vote to adopt the schedule.

Talamini told the Associated Press in Phoenix that the sponsors of the Phoenix club will withdraw from the A-M league before playing the schedule. Talamini said, "Somebody else will have to operate the club besides us. There are too many short trips. That is too expensive for any Class C club."

### March 28

Robert Foster who recently completed a schooling for baseball umpires has received a contract to become an umpire in the league playing in Class C.

### April 10

The league schedule difficulty may be resolved, one way or the other, this weekend, reported Tim Cusick. "We sent a telegram several days ago to Oliver Talamini and told him that if he could draw up another schedule, subject to



**Gov. Ernest McFarland unleashed his high hard one at Phoenix Stadium in throwing out the first ball for the local opening of the league. The Phoenix Stars won the game, 13-6. (Republic Photo, Forrest Stroup)**

the approval of the majority of clubs of our league, and have it presented to members in time for them to study it, then we would call a meeting this weekend."

### April 11

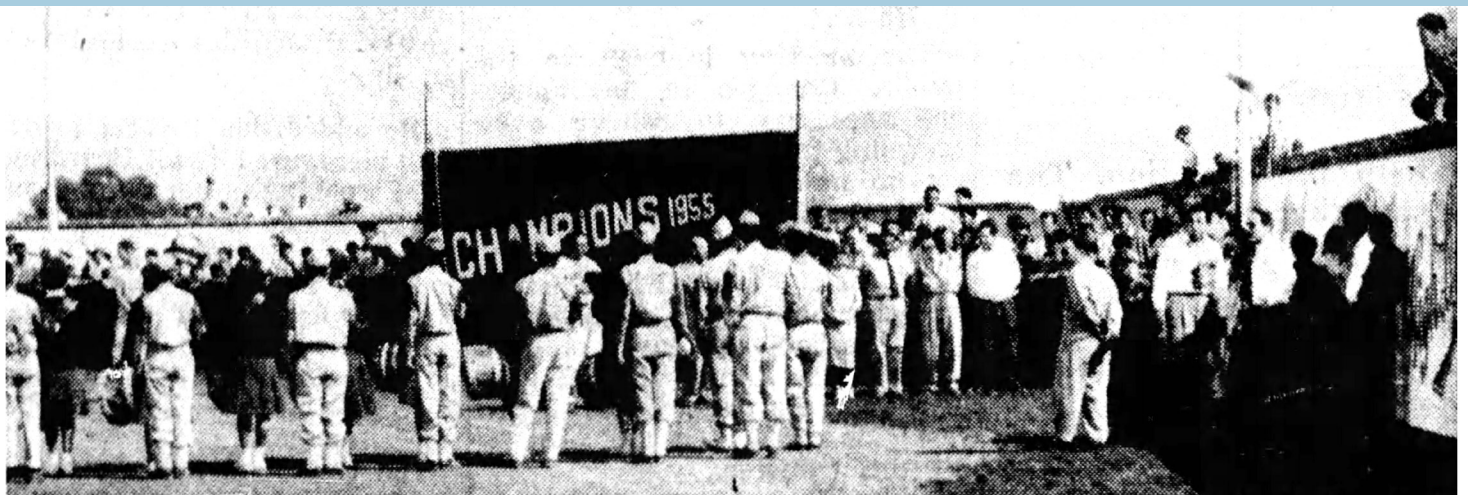
Talamini denied he had agreed to make up a substitute schedule as invited by league. And he added he had not received a copy of the telegram sent in which Cusick made the offer, although he had heard the contents during a telephone conversation with league secretary Chuck Hollinger.

#### Eight-Team Circuit

## A-M Loop Opening Today

### April 22

For more than an hour before the scheduled opening of the season, bands, helmeted and bayonet-carrying soldiers, official dignitaries and pretty queens paraded.



The feature opener of the Arizona-Mexico League yesterday between Tucson and Cananea was put off for nearly an hour prior to the game while ceremonies, queens and flash bulbs took over the show. The two teams, Cananea at the left and Tucson, were presented to the close to 6,000 fans that began arriving at the Park at 11:00 a.m. and flowed over into the outfield for the contest.



### **KINGS SCORE FIRST . . . BUT, POKES SCORE OFTEN**

**Douglas tallied the first run of the 56 season in Hi Corbett Field when batter Chester Mitchell singled home Dick Drain in the top of the second inning. However, Tucson Cowboys hold the Copper Kings from there and went on to win, 6-1.**

Third baseman Claudio Solano hit two home runs to help Cananea successfully took a 14-9 win over Tucson. Solano homered in the third inning with one man on base and in the fifth with two on. The game drew 5,850 spectators at Cananea.

The Phoenix Stars opened their 1956 season in typical fashion at Municipal Stadium—a free-hitting 13-6 victory over the Mexicali Eagles. Jim Johnson handcuffed Mexicali on only three hits. Tijuana made its debut in the league with an exciting 2-1 victory the Yuma Sun Sox that took 10 inning to accomplish. The revamped Douglas Copper Kings opened their season with a decisive 6-1 victory.

#### **April 23**

Yuma and Tijuana went into extra innings for the second game in a row, but the Sun Sox won this time, outlasting the league newcomers, 6-4, in 13 innings. The Cananea Mineros unleashed an 18-hit attack that included five home runs to trounce the Tucson Cowboys, 23-7. Third baseman Ventura Morales homered in the third inning with one on and again in the sixth with the bases empty. Nogales Yaquis scored twice in the ninth inning to down the Douglas Copper Kings, 12-11. The victory squared the series at one victory apiece.

#### **April 24**

Pitcher Doug Pohlman belted a three-run homer to help the Phoenix Stars shade the Yuma Sun Sox 7-6. Ex-collegian Jose Dominguez won his first professional pitching start with a fancy five-hitter as the Tucson Cowboys defeated the Douglas Copper Kings, 6-1.

#### **April 25**

Charlie Walker pitched a fine five-hitter and belted a three-run homer for the Phoenix Stars as they swamped the Yuma Sun Sox for the second straight night, 13-1. The Mexicali Eagles hopped into a 6-1 lead in the first inning and crushed the Tijuana Colts 12-3. The defending champion Cananea Mineros remained undefeated outslugiing the Nogales Yaquis, 16-14 and extended their win streak to four.

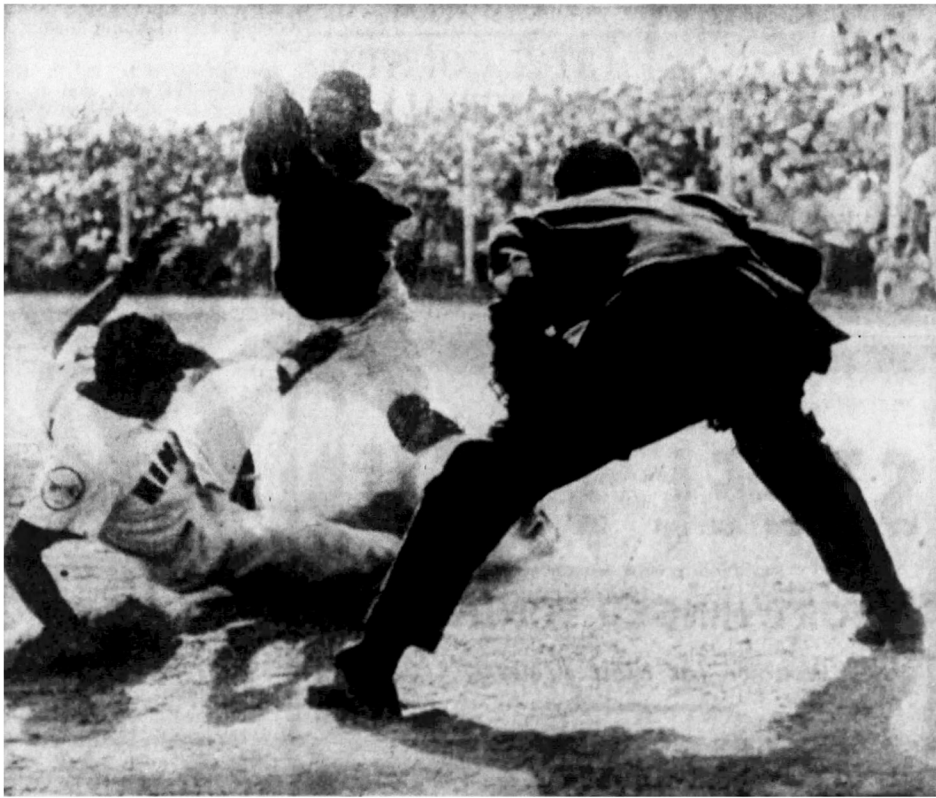
#### **April 26**

Nogales Sonora handed the league-leaders Cananea Mineros a 6-5 loss. Pete Ethier lined out four straight hitsm two of them doubles, to knock in three runs and boost Phoenix to a 4-2 victory against Yuma. A single by Orlando Lugo broke a ninth-inning deadlock as the Tijuana Colts shaded the Mexicali Eagles, 6-5.

#### **April 27**

Phoenix made it four straight over the Yuma Sun Sox winning a chilly game, 7-1. The victory put Phoenix in sole possession of first place after Cananea dropped its second straight.





—Citizen Photo

### YOUR SLIP'S SHOWING, UMP!

Tucson Cowboy catcher Pete Marti, left foot firmly implanted on home plate, catches a throw from pitcher Israel Ten during yesterday's 14-9 opening day loss to Cananea, with baserunner Antonio Reyes still a foot from the plate. Although bases were loaded at the time, setting up a force play, Umpire Juan Soto ruled him safe. An ensuing verbal battle between Poke Manager Don Jameson and Soto was to no avail for the Cowboys, and the Cananeans tallied a pair of runs in the inning as a result.

Len Lundborg hit two home runs to lead the Douglas Copper Kings to a 9-8 win over Cananea.

### May 1

Protest of an 8-7 loss to Mexicali April 23 was not allowed, the Phoenix Stars learned. President Tim Cusick of Tucson says there is no rule in national or league books requiring a manager to list all his players on cards handed to umpires and opposing managers before games. Phoenix had protested on the basis that Mexicali had used three men not listed on the card before the game. The card listed only nine starters.

Tucson Cowboys came through with a last-ditch, four-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to topple the Nogales Red Devils, 10-9. Rookie pitcher Jim Cammel held veteran Cananea to only seven hits as Douglas outclassed the Mineros 10-2. Lee Ferguson made his league debut for Phoenix a winning one as Phoenix tipped Tijuana, 5-3.

### May 2

The Mexicali Eagles woke up in the ninth inning and scored six times to defeat the Yuma Sun Sox, 7-5. Supported by two timely hits, Jimmy Johnson became the first Phoenix pitcher to win three games as he downed Tijuana, 9-1. First baseman George Arent smashed two homers and drove in six runs to propel the Douglas Copper Kings to an 8-7 victory over Cananea Mineros.

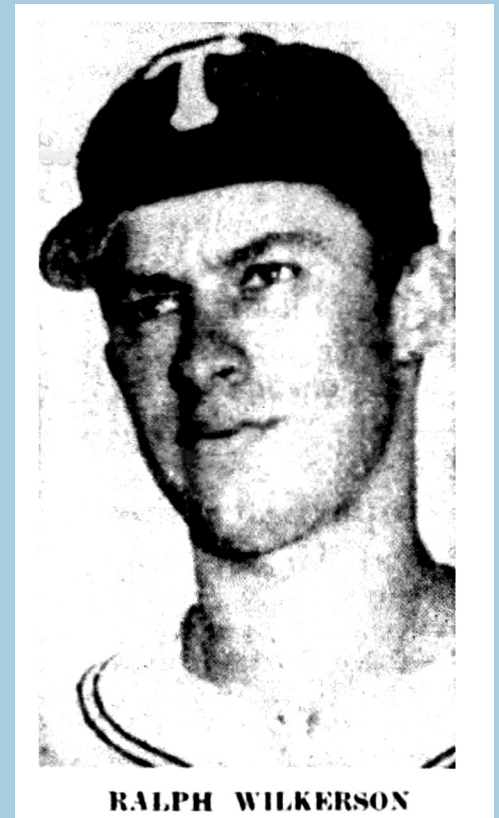
The Nogales Yaquis got six-hit pitching from Efren Valdez and defeated the Cananea Mineros, 6-5. Bob Pettus fired a five-hitter for the Mexicali Eagles as they shutout the Tijuana Colts, 11-0. Tucson withstood a late Douglas surge to score a 12-9 victory.

### April 28

The league issued its first fine of the year when Mexicali Manager Larry Barton was fined for appearing on the field in street clothes after being ejected from the game. The announcement was made by President Tim Cusick.

### April 31

Joe Orell whittled the league-leading Phoenix Stars down with four hits as the Tijuana Colts won, 5-1. Yuma pitcher Whitey Wietelmann saved the day for the Sun Sox by pitching down a surging Mexicali club to gain an 11-6 victory. Benny Rincon pitched three-hit ball as the Tucson Cowboys defeated Nogales 12-3. Rightfielder



RALPH WILKERSON

The Tucson Cowboys registered a 10-4 victory over the Nogales Red Devils by punching out 15 hits.

### May 3

Eleven balls cleared the outfield fences as the Douglas Copper Kings dropped the Cananea Mineros 11-9 in a battle of homeruns. The Mexicali Eagles came up with a long-winded triple play on the way to a 6-4 victory over the Yuma Sun Sox. Phoenix Stars scored six runs in the sixth, seventh, and eighth inning to come from behind and topple Tijuana, 7-5. The Nogales Yaquis pounded out a 22-6 win over the hapless Tucson Cowboys.

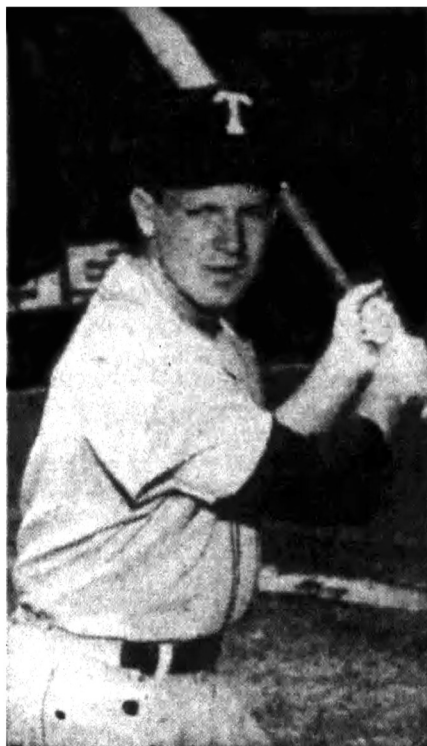
### May 4

The Douglas Copper Kings, continuing to display power found themselves in a first place tie with the Phoenix Stars. The Kings picked up a full game on Phoenix by shading the Mexicali Eagles 8-7, with the help of three homers that produced six runs. The Stars, meanwhile, dropped a 17-



## *They're Cowboys, Now*

Gil Hawkins (left) and Jack Haley, former stars with the Phoenix baseball club, are new acquisitions by the Tucson Cowboys. Hawkins, a former catcher, is now playing both in the infield and outfield. Haley is an outfielder. Both see action



**Bill Balcom**

12 decision to the Cananea Mineros. Douglas and Phoenix now have records of 9-4. In other games, the Tijuana Colts edged the Tucson Cowboys, 6-5 and the Nogales Yaquis got by the Yuma Sun Sox 7-5.

Manager Don Jameson and the Tucson Cowboys received word that Jose Dominguez will be returned to the Class B Midland Texas team because he was signed as a bonus player by the Cincinnati farm system and has to play in a Class B circuit this year according to league rules.

### May 5

The Tijuana Colts and the Tucson Cowboys split a twin bill. Tucson won the first, 8-6 while the Colts came back to take the night cap, 8-2. The Cananea Mineros knocked off the Phoenix Stars, 8-5 in the first game and 14-10 in the second game.

### May 6

The Tucson Cowboys, behind the relief hurling of Buddy Padgett, handed the Yuma Sun Sox their seventh loss in a row, 7-6. Ciro Soto fired a six-hitter for the Nogales Yaquis as they crushed the Tijuana Colts, 17-3. Cananea split a doubleheader with Mexicali. Cananea catcher Tomas Martel led the Mineros with three hits to a 6-2 victory. In the second game, Mexicali came up with an 8-2 victory. The Phoenix Stars made a driving range as they spewed 13 hits inside the park and three outside to a 16-3 victory over Douglas.

## May 7

The Phoenix Stars licked a hustling Douglas Copper Kings, 14-4 sending Phoenix 2 1/2 games out in front of the league. Cananea beat Mexicali, 6-3 and Tijuana trounced Nogales, 4-1 in an errorless ball game. The Yuma Sun Sox broke a seven-game losing streak by rapping the Tucson Cowboys, 8-1 with a powerful 13-hit attack.

## May 8

The Phoenix Stars handed outright releases to four players and bought a new righthanded pitcher. Bill Russ, bought from Aberdeen has a 9-12 record on an ERA of 4.65, striking out 130 in 176 innings. Released are outfielder Alex Dobzanski, Pitchers Jack Bunce and Chuck Hutchinson and Catcher-outfielder Gil Gamez.

Fine relief pitching by George Pettus helped the Mexicali Eagles shade the Cananea Mineros, 7-6. The Tucson Cowboys punched across three runs in the first inning to defeat the league-leading Phoenix Stars, 4-1. Meanwhile, Yuma Sun Sox did a

magnificent hitting course over Douglas and took a 35-6 victory. Wenceslao O'Reilly Gonzales, a crafty old veteran, threw a five-hitter for the Nogales Yaquis as they took a Tijuana, 9-1.



**Slide** Phoenix short stop Jim Samford slid into third base last night after hitting a triple that drove in two runs for the home-standing Stars. Douglas third baseman Charlie Platt awaited the throw to the bag. Phoenix won, 16-3.— (Republic Photo, Forrest Stroup)



### AMONG BEST DRESSED

Among the best dressed of the Arizona-Mexico League this season are bound to be the Tucson Cowboys, with their new short-sleeved T-shirts for the warm summer season. Dick Hairston (left), the Pokes' leading south-paw swinger, and Dave Brien, a healthy right-handed hitter, compare batting grips above in the new gear.

## May 9

The Phoenix Stars cut loose for five runs in the seventh inning to whip Tucson's Cowboys, 7-3 in a lightly-attended game. The Cananea Mineros pulled ahead with a four-run sixth-inning rally and dropped the Mexicali Eagles, 6-3.

## May 10

The erratic Nogales took sole possession of second place via a 14-11 victory over Tijuana. Nogales Yaquis trounced the Stars, 16-7 at Nogales. George Arent hannered a grand slam homerun to lead Douglas to an 11-9 triumph over Mexicali. Chico Cardenas, 17-year-old from Mantanza, Cuba enjoyed the greatest night of his professional baseball career as he hammered out six hits and sparked the Tucson Cowboys to a 26-3 triumph over Yuma. The game between the Tijuana Colts and the Cananea Mineros was postponed because Colts did not have identification papers that would satisfy Mexican borders.

## May 11

Nogales went into a tie with Phoenix for first place on the basis of a 24-8 victory over the Stars. Pitcher Bill Dial fanned 13 Mexicali batters and allowed 11 hits to lead the Copper Kings in a 14-7 win.





**JOE DUFFY**  
**Homers In Loss**

### May 15

General Manager John Carleton named Bill Harris, a veteran catcher currently performing for Savannah in the Class A Sally League, as the new Yuma pilot.

Veteran Bule Guzman shut out the Phoenix Stars for 10 innings as Nogales protected its league lead, 1-0. The Douglas Copper Kings blanked the Tijuana Colts, 6-0. Eight pitchers gave up 24 walks as the Cananea Mineros edged the Yuma Sun Sox, 10-9 in a 3-hour and 22 minute game

### May 16

Douglas was forced into idleness by the failure of Tijuana to show up.

Yuma defeated Tucson, 10-8, in a brawling game. The Tijuana Colts failed to show up- for the second day in a row- for a scheduled game with the Cananea Mineros.

### May 12

Jim Johnson breezed to his fifth victory without defeat as the Phoenix Stars blasted the Tucson Cowboys, 12-5. The Mexicali Eagles shaded the Nogales Yaquis 9-8 and knocked them out of a tie for first place. The Yaquis had been tied with the Phoenix Stars for the No. 1 spot.

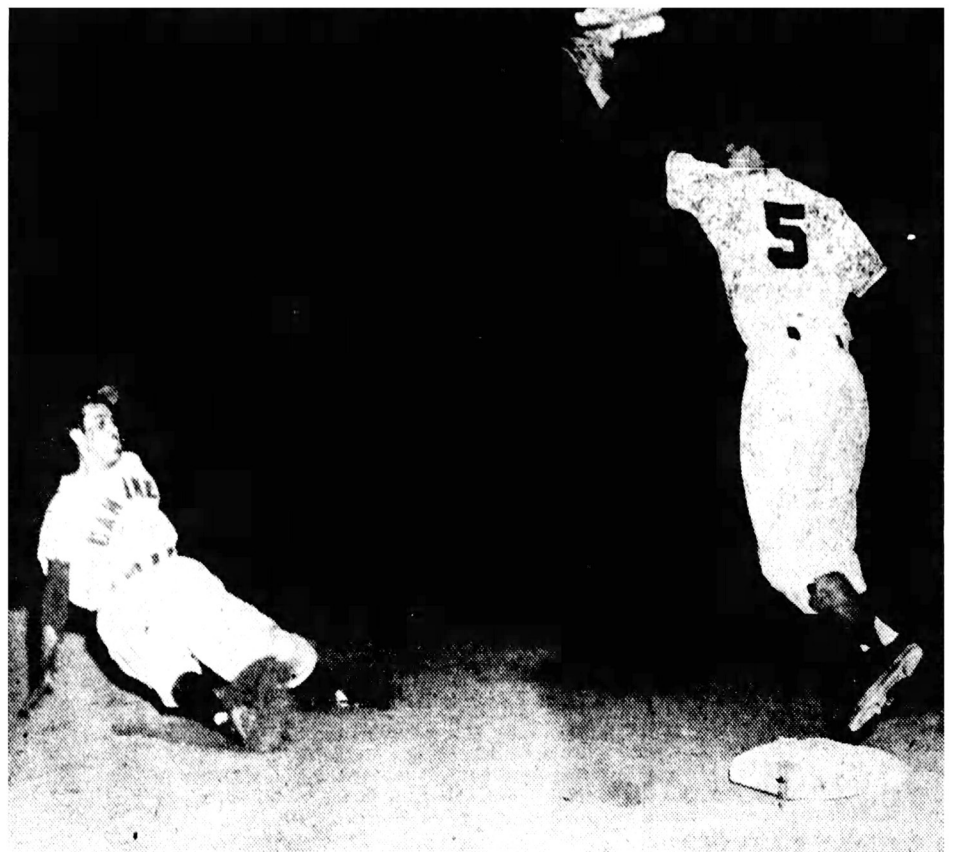
### May 13

Carlos Castillo, Tucson second baseman stole home with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to give the Pokes a 4-3 win over Phoenix. The Yuma Sun Sox split a double header with Douglas dropping the short opener, 8-1, but winning in the nightcap, 6-5. The Nogales Yaquis won a 9-4 victory from Mexicali, pulling into a three-way tie for first place with Douglas and Phoenix.

### May 14

Nogales whipped the stars, 8-1. While Douglas taught Tijuana an 8-3 lesson. Luis Casablanca lofted a homer over the right field wall in the 10th inning to give Cananea a 5-4 victory over Yuma.

Whitey Wietelmann, former infielder with the Boston Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates and Sacramento Solons was fired as manager for the Yuma Sun Sox.



### Eventual Run

Leo Padilla, Cananea center fielder, raced from first to third and slid in safely on Jose Guerrero's single in the first inning here last night. Guerrero

took second on the play as Phoenix Manager Bill Capps took the throw too late. Both moved around on infield outs to score. Cananea won, 11-9. — (Republic Photo, Willis Peterson)



DICK HAIRSTON

President Tim Cusick said that Tijuana is "in trouble" for not arriving on time for its game with Douglas. "I don't know the details," Cusick said. "I do know they didn't show recently for two games with Cananea."

Phoenix finally shook a protracted batting slump, but too late to escape its fourth straight defeat, 10-6, at the hands of Cananea. Veteran Wenceslao O'Reilly Gonzalez picked up his third pitching victory of the season as the Nogales Yaquis dropped the Yuma Son Sox, 8-3. The Mexicali Eagles pushed across four runs in a hectic eighth inning to take an 11-7 victory over the Tucson Cowboys.

ARIZONA-MEXICO		LEAGUE		
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Nogales	16	9	.640	—
Douglas	16	9	.640	—
<b>PHOENIX</b>	14	11	.560	2
Mexicali	13	12	.520	3
Cananea	12	12	.500	3½
Tucson	11	14	.440	5
Tijuana	9	14	.391	6
Yuma	8	18	.308	8½

**May 17**

The Nogales Yaquis protected their half-game lead by belting the last-place Yuma Sun Sox, 19-12. Tucson scored nine big runs in the sixth inning with Carlos Castillo's grand slam home run the big explosion-to defeat the Mexicali Eagles, 16-13 in another three-hour plus baseball marathon. The Copper Kings took advantage of six errors by Tijuana to score a 7-4 victory over the Colts. Humberto Guerrero cracked a double down the left field line to drive in three men in the ninth inning and give Cananea an 11-9 victory over Phoenix.

**May 18**

A solo homer by outfielder George Cigar in the fifth inning put Douglas on the road to a 13-10 victory over the Phoenix Stars. Harold Hacker pitched the Tucson Cowboys to a fast-paced 4-2 victory over the Tijuana Colts. The Cananea Mineros unloaded 17 hits and belted the Yuma Sun Sox 16-7. Nogales managed to stop Mexicali's early offense and took a, 6-3 victory.

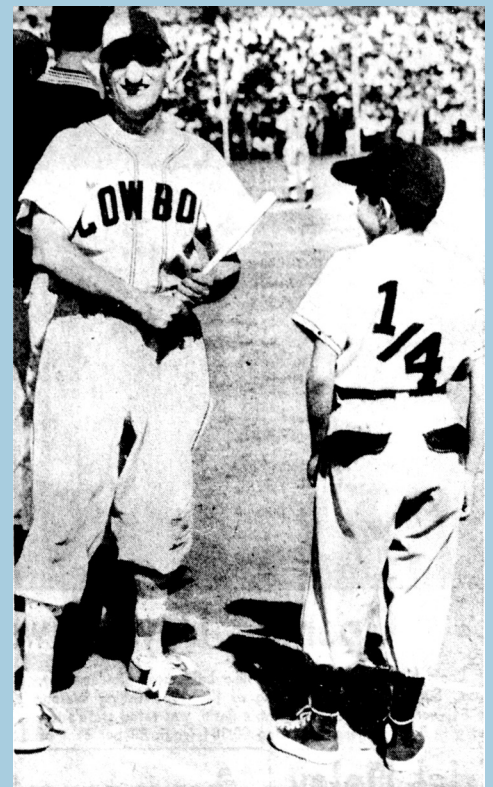
Tucson Cowboy manager Don Jameson reported the signing of first baseman Don Petschow, a switch-hitting veteran. He also announced that Don Horn, a righthander from Wilmington College in Ohio, would join the Pokes. Horn threw nine no-hitters and six one-hitter for Wilmington High School, and had a 5-1 record for the college this year.

**May 19**

George Arent's ninth-inning three-run homer with two out gave Douglas a 14-13 decision over Phoenix. The Cananea Mineros pulled a triple play and won their sixth straight game edging the Yuma Sun Sox 8-7.

**May 21**

Pitcher Len Lindborg punched a two-run homer in the eighth inning and earned his fourth victory as Douglas defeated Tucson, 7-6. The Yuma Sun Sox exploded with a 12-run ninth inning and a 19-9 victory over Phoenix.



## May 22

The Douglas Copper Kings squelched a ninth-inning rally of the Tucson Cowboys and took a close 10-9 victory. In other games, Yuma handed Phoenix its ninth loss in 10 games by winning a 10-4 decision from the Stars and Mexicali hung on to fourth place by bounding Tijuana, 9-8.

## May 23

The Cananea Mineros won a homerun battle and took an 11-10 victory over the Tucson Cowboys. Fermin Cota, a junkballing lefthander, threw a four hitter for the Mexicali Eagles as they defeated the Yuma Sun Sox, 5-1. The Nogales Yaquis pulled into a first-place tie with the Douglas Copper Kings by dropping the Kings, 9-5. Phoenix got back onto the winning track action, dumping Tijuana, 12-5.

## May 24

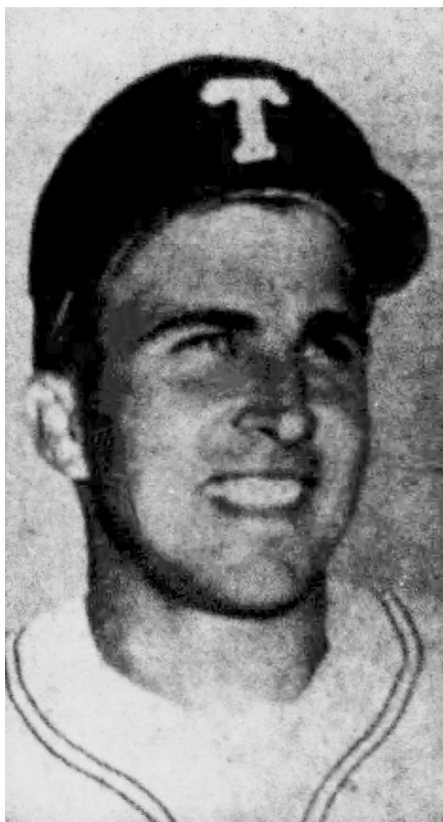
The Mexicali Eagles took advantage of two wild pitches and defeated the Yuma Sun Sox, 4-3 in a 10-inning game. The Nogales Red Devils hopped into first place in the league by dropping the Douglas Copper Kings, 10-7. Ray Snyders pitched five-hit shutout ball and George Blash scored all three runs as the Phoenix Stars defeated Tijuana, 3-0. The Cananea Mineros handed the Tucson Cowboys their fourth consecutive loss at Hi Corbett Field outlasting the Vaqueros, 12-10.

The Nogales Yaquis said they're not the Yaquis at all. A club official said the team has adopted the nickname "Red Devils." He complained that newspapers have been incorrectly referring to the club as the Yaquis all season.



**STARS' CAPPS**  
New To League

## Copper Kings Nab A-M League Lead



## May 25

The Douglas Copper Kings took both ends of a day-night doubleheader from the Nogales Red Devils and moved right back into first place. The Kings won the opener 5-1 and the night game, 5-4. Wally Alexander drove in five runs for the Mexicali Eagles as they edged the Yuma Sun Sox, 6-5. The Cananea Mineros beat the Tucson Cowboys, 12-4. Phoenix completed a sweep of its three-game series with Tijuana, 6-5.

## May 26

The Yuma Sun Sox tagged four pitchers for 19 hits and battered the Tijuana Colts, 22-6. The Phoenix Stars strategic defense Mexicali efforts to rally with a triple play and three double plays and won, 8-5.

## May 27

The Phoenix Stars blasted six home runs in a wind-swept first game to win their fifth straight in downing Mexicali, 17-4. Mexicali get back with three runs in the disputed eighth inning of the second game to defeat the Phoenix Stars, 5-3. Yuma Sun Sox coasted over Tijuana in a doubleheader, 7-2 and 9-2 with the help of hard hitting by Beto Barbon. Third Baseman Harold Hacker hit his first home runs of the season to give Tucson a 3-2 victory over Douglas in 10 innings. The Nogales Red Devils edged Cananea, 7-6.

## May 28

Cananea continued to push toward first place by beating Nogales, 11-2. Johnny Ivory Smith pitched a one-hitter as Tucson defeated Douglas, 4-0.

Yuma rapped out 12 hits but couldn't get much beyond first base against Tijuana and dropped a 7-3 decision to the Colts. The Phoenix Stars choke off a Mexicali rally via a triple play in the bottom of the ninth and then went on to win on the strength of Al Jimenez's 10th inning homer, 4-3.

### May 29

Mexicali and Phoenix maneuvered through 15 well-played inning before the curfew left them in a 5-5 tie.

### May 30

Phoenix and Mexicali remained in a standoff in their current series after splitting a doubleheader. Phoenix won the nine-inning first game, 12-0 as Ron Kuhlman scattered 12 Eagle hits, but Manuel Estrada almost blanked the Stars in the second, 6-1. Tucson pitcher Herald Hacker hit a home run in the sixth inning as he pitched his club to a 12-1 victory over Cananea. Douglas hit seven home runs in rolling to a 19-12 win over Nogales.

### May 31

Douglas blasted Tucson, 13-7. In other games, Phoenix retained fourth place with a 7-5 triumph over Mexicali and Yuma out of the cellar with a 5-4 win over Tijuana. A catcher's balk helped the Yuma Sun Sox take a 5-4 victory over the Mexicali Eagles. The Tucson Cowboys earned four runs in the first inning but the Cananea Mineros came roaring back to take a 13-7 victory. Jim Johnson rallied to give Phoenix a 7-5 victory over Mexicali.



**Compare Notes** Al Jimenez, Stars' right fielder, compared hitting notes with center fielder Harvey Angelo before last night's double header with Mexicali. Jimenez's booming bat broke up the first game of the current series with two home runs and then Tuesday homered in the 15-inning 5-5 tie between the two clubs. Angelo will soon leave the disabled list and return to the Stars' lineup.



**Fancy Force** Mexicali second baseman Jess Douglas was forced at third, but just barely, when Phoenix pitcher Jim Johnson fielded George Pettus's bunt and threw to Man-

ager Bill Capps in the third inning here last night. Capps had to lunge for the ball, but kept his foot on the bag just long enough to complete the play before falling forward.—(Republic Photo, Al Cirou)

### June 1

The Cananea Mineros pulled into a first-place tie by belting the Douglas Copper Kings, 15-7. The Tijuana Colts defeated Phoenix in a 9-3 decision. Three straight extra-base hits started the Mexicali Eagles on a four-run eight-inning rally that gave them a 7-4 victory over the Yuma Sun Sox.

Secretary Chuck Hollinger, spiked rumors that the Tijuana franchise would be moved to San Bernardino or any other city. The rumor cropped out into the limelight when a new group of baseball enthusiasts took over the the Tijuana Colt baseball club along with the franchise this week. Hollinger reported that the group, headed by Carlos Kennedy, would operate the club and in his opinion "should continue to have a successful season."

### June 2

The Douglas Copper Kings took solo first after crushing the Cananea Mineros, 12-3. The Phoenix Stars rapped out a 16-4 victory over the Tijuana Colts. The Mexicali Eagles defeated the Yuma Sun Sox, 6-2 in a quickly played game. The Nogales Red Devils triumphed over the Tucson Cowboys, 6-1.

## ***Solano Tops Three A-M Bat Divisions***



**CARL THOMAS**  
Pitcher

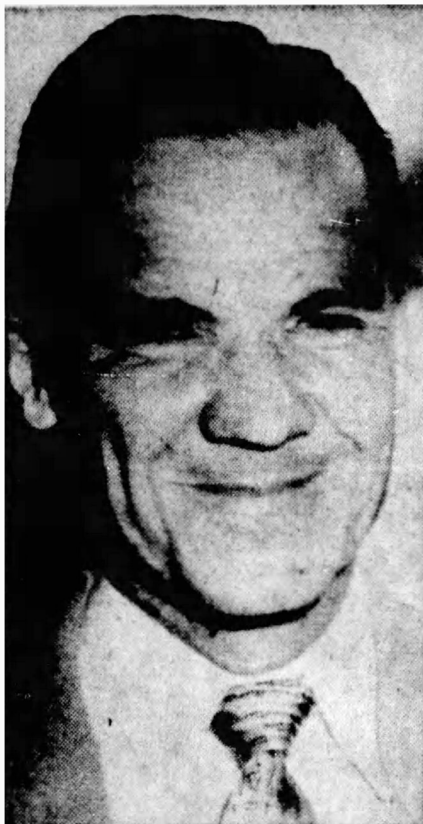
Cananea's clouting Claudio Solano took over leadership in three batting divisions of the league according to latest official figures. Solano leads in percentage (.442), hits (65), and total bases (117).

### **June 3**

Cananea blasted its way into a tie for first place by overwhelming Douglas 14-5 in typical Minero fashion. The Tucson Cowboys defeated Nogales Red Devils, 7-2. Manager Billy Capps looped a pop-fly double down the right field line with two outs in the 11th inning as the Phoenix Stars took a 7-6 win over the Tijuana Colts.

### **June 4**

Douglas, No. 1 farm club for Hollywood, once again had sole possession of first place in the border circuit after a 24-4 slaughter of Cananea which dropped to second place, one game in the rear. In other action, Yuma whacked Phoenix, 13-3, and Mexicali tied with Phoenix for fourth place with a



**CHUCK HOLLINGER**  
A 'major league' secretary  
in the minor leagues.

14-6 rout of Tijuana. Manuel Estrada struck out 13 batters and allowed only seven hits to a 15-6 win over the Tijuana Colts game before 3,250 fans at Tijuana. Sturdy Bill Balcom drove in five runs with a homer, double and single to lead the Tucson Cowboys to a 10-7 victory over Nogales.

### **June 5**

The Tucson Cowboys took their second consecutive victory over the Nogales Red Devils, 12-9 behind the shaky hurling of Harold Hacker. The Tijuana Colts pulled ahead with a five-run fourth-inning rally and edged the Mexicali Eagles, 7-6. Ralph Wilcox drove in five runs with a pair of homers as the Yuma Sun Sox dropped the Phoenix Stars, 7-3.

### **June 6**

Shortstop Chico Cardena hammered a 360-foot homer in the bottom of the 12th inning to give Poke pitcher Bob Gotovac a 3-2 victory over the Nogales Red Devils.

### **June 7**

Nogales snapped out of a slump to clout six homers for a 12-8 victory over Tijuana. In other games, Douglas remained in first place by one game with an 18-6 win over Mexicali; Cananea tumbled Phoenix in 11 innings, 9-7 and Yuma and Tucson divided a double-header, the Sun Sox taking the first game, 11-3 and the Cowboys the nightcap, 24-6.

General Manager Oliver Talamini announced changes in the Phoenix roster. Righthanded pitchers Russell McDonald, and Charlie Schaaf, and catcher Bob White were added, Doug Pohlman was released outright and Gene Taylor was placed on the disabled list with a right thumb fracture.



Citizen Photo  
**PETE MARTI**  
Paces Poke Hitting

### June 8

Wally Alexander hit two home runs to lead the Mexicali Eagles to an 18-9 win over the Douglas Copper Kings. Scoring a total of 11 runs in two innings, the Tucson Cowboys then held on to squeeze out an 11-10 win over the Yuma Sun Sox at Hi Corbett Field. Jose Padilla doubled in two runs in the eighth inning to give the Cananea Mineros an 8-7 win over the Phoenix Stars.

### Hollinger Departs

## A-M Investigates Tijuana

Secretary Chuck Hollinger left for Tijuana, Mexico in an effort to pinpoint the trouble with the southern entry. At the same time, the Tucson club is considering playing some games at Casa Grande in an effort to bolster lagging attendance. "Officially we haven't had definite word that the rumored Tijuana franchise move has completed," said Hollinger.

### June 9

Pitcher Hal Hacker stymied the Yuma Sun Sox bats with a five hit shutout as the Tucson Cowboys won the sixth game in their last seven starts, 4-0. Cananea Mineros held first-place tie in the league with Douglas. Cananea split a doubleheader with Mexicali, losing the first game, 5-3 and winning the second, 10-5. In other contests, Nogales whipped Yuma, 7-5 and Tucson beat

Tijuana 11-7, and Phoenix and Douglas split a double header. The Stars won the first game, 6-2 and Douglas took the second, 14-13.

Fred Parker, recent business manager of the Tijuana Colts said today that he had been jailed for 72 hours on a fraud charge brought by Tijuana owner Lorenzo Ruiz.

### June 10

Secretary Chuck Hollinger announced that the all-star game, a huge success in Yuma would probably be moved to Tijuana to aid the stumbling Colts. Ray Snyders was credited with a victory and charged with a loss as the Phoenix Stars split a doubleheader with the Douglas Copper Kings. The Stars won the opener, 6-2 and lost the nightcap, 14-13 after blowing a seven-run lead.

### June 11

The Yuma Sun Sox belted 20 hits off three Nogales pitchers and hammered out a 13-5 victory. Cananea delivered a home run punch in stopping Mexicali, 16-3. Improving Tucson meanwhile moved to within one half game of fifth place Mexicali with an 11-10 win over Tijuana and Yuma clouted Nogales, 13-5. The Tucson Cowboys extended their win streak to eight via an 11-10 win over Tijuana,

The Tijuana club is going to have to start paying its league and national dues or get out of the league, President Tim Cusick said. Cusick said a meeting of league representatives is being called for June 16.

### June 12

Cananea treated an enthusiastic crowd to a 12-10 victory over Mexicali. Douglas split a doubleheader with Phoenix losing the night cap, 3-2 after an 8-4 win in the opener. The Mineros now hold a one-game lead at the top. The



**WHITEY SAMFORD**

Cananea Mineros pulled ahead of the Mexicali Eagles with a six-run third inning and scored a 12-10 victory. The Tucson Cowboys captured their sixth straight contest tripping the Tijuana Colts, 5-4. The Nogales Red Devils wiped out a 5-2 Yuma lead with a five-run fifth-inning rally and dropped the Sox, 7-6.

**June 13**

A walk, wild pitch and error gave Cananea the tie-breaking run in an 8-7 win over Yuma to remain atop the league. Douglas stayed one game behind with a 3-2 triumph over Tijuana. In other games, Tucson moved into a fourth-place tie with Phoenix by stopping Mexicali, 9-4 and Nogales kept in the pennant race by downing Phoenix, 4-3.

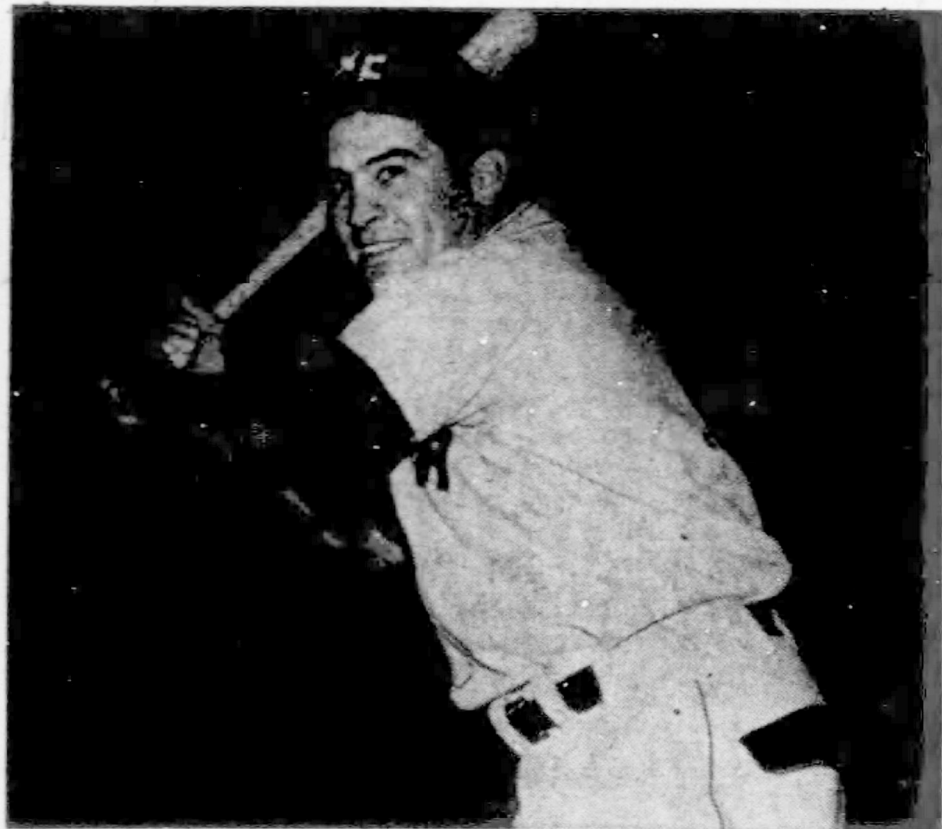
**June 14**

Forest Orrell pitched a two-hitter to lead Tijuana to a 4-1 win over Douglas. But the Copper Kings came back to win the second game, 5-3. Nogales took its sixth straight win, 5-3, in 10 innings.

**June 15**

The homerun race has turned into a four-man affair with George Arent of Douglas, Claudio Solano of Cananea, Luis Zayas of Nogales and Wally Alexander of Mexicali. Douglas leads in team batting with .320.

Cananea ripped Yuma 23-4 in a game at San Luis, Mexico to remain one-half game ahead. Meanwhile, Nogales took an 11-5 victory over Phoenix.



**SOLANO'S IN TOWN**

Claudio Solano, who set a new Arizona-Mexico league

# STANDINGS

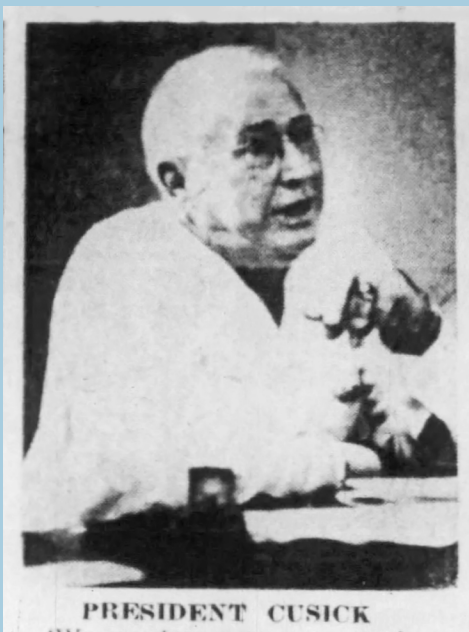
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Douglas	36	22	.621	1
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Phoenix	29	30	.492	8 1/2
Mexicali	27	31	.466	10
Yuma	22	38	.367	16
Tijuana	18	39	.316	18 1/2

**June 16**

## A-M Loop Votes To Split Season

The league voted to split its season. The first half of the season ends on June 30 regardless of postponements unplayed by that time. Such postponements will count in the second half when the games are made up. If different teams win the two halves of the season, arrangements will be made to determine a league champion.

The league also voted to hold the all-star game in Yuma, July 6.



PRESIDENT CUSICK

As last season, the teams will be selected on the basis of nationality with the Spanish Americans playing the North Americans. Players will be picked by nationality regardless of what team they play for.

The Douglas Copper Kings branded the league actions "very unfair" to the top three clubs in the league in a meeting at Yuma. Business Manager Leon Simon of the Copper Kings said that the sudden decision to split

the season was detrimental to Douglas, Nogales and Cananea, who are atop the standings at present. "I don't see how they can do such a thing at sudden notice. If we had a prior agreement before the season started, then that would be different. But the three leading teams were outvoted by the five lower clubs who all will have a chance to start fresh," Simon-who sent a wire of protest to minor league Czar George Trautman-declared.

## ***Kings Protest A-M League Ruling***

The Yuma Sun Sox unloaded 18 hits, four of them homeruns, and throttled the Douglas Copper Kings, 16-3. Phoenix upset Tucson's ace John Ivory Smith, 14-10, to give the Pokes their first loss in nine games.

### **June 17**

The Tucson Cowboys were back in the first division today on the strength of a 15-12 victory in the second half of a double bill with the Stars. Cananea took a doubleheader from Tijuana Colts at Tijuana, 8-6 and 4-3, while the Nogales Red Devils fell two and one-half games off the pace by losing a twin bill to the Mexicali Eagles at Mexicali, 9-1 and 5-3. In other contests, the Phoenix Stars and Tucson Cowboys split a doubleheader, the Stars winning the first game, 5-1, and Tucson the second, 15-12. George Arent got four hits including a two-run homer and drove in five runs to lead the Douglas Copper Kings to an 11-8 victory over Yuma.

### **June 18**

The Phoenix Stars edged the Tucson Cowboys, 13-2. George Perez scattered eight hits while his mates collected twice that many off two Yuma pitchers to give Douglas a 10-6 victory.

Lorenzo Rus announced he's resigning from his position with the team and turning it over to a group of Tijuana business men.

### **June 19**

John Smith was given his first cuffing of the year as the Phoenix Stars lashed out a 7-3 victory in the opener of a three-game series. Douglas used a 17-7 win over Yuma to inch a half-game closer to the lead. The Nogales Red Devils dropped the Mexicali Eagles, 14-6.

Members of the Tijuana team refused to play anymore baseball until they get paid. The squad balked at traveling to Cananea for the start of a new series.

### **June 20**

Bob Gotovac scattered eight hits in hurling the Tucson Cowboys to a 9-3 triumph over the Phoenix Stars.

Tijuana finally showed up at Cananea but too late for their second scheduled game in that city, Secretary Chick Hollinger reported. The financial difficulties of Tijuana apparently had been straightened out as the team schedules a triple-header with league-leading Cananea.



MANAGER BILLY CAPPS  
Phoenix Skipper Watches Stars' Strategy



## June 21

The Cananea Mineros clouted nine homeruns and swamped the Tijuana Colts, 14-3 and 22-8 in a doubleheader. The Phoenix Stars defeated the Tucson Cowboys, 9-5.

## June 22

The Cananea Mineros pulled ahead in the fifth inning on a grand-slam home run by Humberto Guerrero and dropped the Tijuana Colts 7-5. The Mexicali Eagles, paced by two stouthearted hurlers and four home run blasts, rocked the Tucson Cowboys, 6-5, 5-2, in a twin-bill at Hi Corbett Field. The way Tijuana Colts, after traveling a bumpy 60 miles from Cananea, suffered a 12-5 defeat to the Douglas Copper Kings. The Colts lost a make-up game at Cananea, 7-5. Phoenix defeated Nogales, 20-8, Mexicali defeated Tucson, 6-5 and 5-2 in a doubleheader.



**YAQUIS' GONZALEZ**  
Legend To Return

## June 23

Mexicali Eagles solved the pitching prowess of Tucson's Bob Gotovac in the late innings and came up with a steady hurling on the part of Mario Amaro to whip the Tucson Cowboys, 7-5 before 339 fans. The Cananea Mineros walloped the Yuma Sun Sox, 22-9 in the opener of a doubleheader, then dropped the second game, 9-1.

Financial troubles hit the Tijuana Colts right between the eyes. And the result was that Tijuana did not play a scheduled loop at Douglas.

## June 24

A two-run Mexicali uprising and a disputed call in the ninth inning dealt the Tucson Cowboys their fifth

straight loss, 5-4 at the hands of the Mexicali Eagles. Nogales handed the Phoenix Stars two seven-inning losses, 9-8 and 14-7.

Chuck Hollinger reported that it was his opinion that the Tijuana ball club has folded and the remaining seven teams will probably finish out the season. "I cannot positively say that the Colts are finished in the league," added Hollinger, "but we have instructed the Tucson Cowboys not to go to Tijuana for the three-game series scheduled to begin June 26.

The Phoenix Stars are prepared to pay their back dues to the Arizona-Mexico League, General Manager Oliver Talamini said, but the club would like to see some of the others pay us first. "Phoenix has been the first club to meet its league obligations for several years," Talamini said when asked to comment on a charge by Tim Cusick, league president, that Phoenix is one of the worst offenders this year on unpaid dues. "We're ready to pay up when the others do," Talamini said.

## June 25

The Yuma Sun Sox scored four runs in the first inning, three of them on a double by Jerry Elder, and dropped the Nogales Red Devils, 5-3.

## June 26

Veteran Wenceslao O'Reilly Gonzalez gave up nine hits but was tight with runs as Nogales dropped Yuma, 7-2. First place Cananea lambasted the Mexicali Eagles, 13-5. The Phoenix Stars dropped the Douglas Copper Kings, 12-7.

## ARIZONA-MEXICO LEAGUE STATISTICS

Compiled by William J. Weiss, official statistician, P.O. Box 61, San Mateo, Calif. Averages include games of Sunday, June 17, except: Yuma at Tijuana, May 29-27-28; Mexicali at Tijuana, June 4-5-6; Yuma at Nogales, June 11-12; Phoenix at Douglas, June 11-12; Douglas at Tijuana, June 12-14-15; Cananea at Tijuana, June 16-17.

	Team Batting						
	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Pct
Cananea	2089	687	142	14	111	469	.329
Douglas	1923	615	102	28	95	417	.320
Tucson	2096	651	116	26	80	366	.311
Nogales	2101	642	120	15	84	361	.306
Phoenix	2203	649	110	25	65	380	.295
Mexicali	2080	611	134	16	86	330	.292
Yuma	1958	556	106	19	63	351	.284
Tijuana	1543	395	73	18	14	184	.253
	Team Fielding						
	G	PO	A	E	DP	Pct	
Cananea	94	1491	374	101	61	.953	
Yuma	95	1429	361	107	56	.949	
Nogales	99	1546	628	127	67	.945	
Phoenix	80	1068	716	139	68	.943	
Mexicali	88	1048	733	139	52	.943	
Tucson	88	1014	614	132	59	.942	
Tijuana	45	1181	349	110	26	.940	
Douglas	53	1380	303	145	58	.929	

The Arizona-Mexico League voted to gamble on a new group of Tijuana backers. A dozen citizens have until today to come up with \$3,975 to cover unpaid bills and bouncing checks. If they do, Tijuana will re-enter the league July 1.

## June 27

Walt Tyler smashed a homerun and three singles to help propel the Yuma Sun Sox to a 12-9 victory over the Nogales Red Devils. Phoenix and Arizona broke even in two games. Douglas beat Phoenix, 10-6. Then the Stars resumed their

### Unable To Continue

# Tijuana Club Folds

Tijuana notified league officials that the team will be unable to continue in the league. Enrique Fitch, spokesman for the new Tijuana officials who wanted to take over the Colts said it was found that the team owed more than \$7,000, including back pay. He said it would be nearly impossible to meet the deficit and sponsor the team for the remainder of the season. The A-M will move into a seven-team circuit officially with the start of the second half of play, July 1.

The management of the Yuma Sun Sox withdrew its threat to quit the league on the heels of Tijuana's financial collapse.

## June 29

Lee Harris, a Willcox High School star in the Class B-C baseball tournament last month, signed on with the Douglas Copper Kings of the Arizona-Mexico League.

Cananea Mineros clinched the first half championship of the league, rapping the Phoenix Stars, 6-2. The Yuma Sun Sox defeated the Tucson Cowboys, 7-5 and 6-3, in a quickly played doubleheader.

## June 30

Al Alvarez of Mexicali, Bill Dial of Douglas, Americo Perez of Cananea, and cagy old Wenceslao Gonzalez of Nogales stand out as leading pitchers in the league. Alvarez's 6-1 record is top in percentage at .857.

mastery over the Copper Kings, 13-3 in the regulation game following. The Tucson Cowboys scored two runs on a ninth-inning homer by Dave Brien and edged the Yuma Sun Sox, 8-7.

## A-M ROUNDUP

# Mineros Clinch First Half Title



**Balanced Up** First baseman Bob-byjo Thompson, right, of Ohio, was welcomed to the Phoenix infield by Pete Ethier, second baseman from Massachusetts, who now has a partner in what was previously an all-

Texas infield except for Ethier. At left are Bill Capps, third baseman, and short-stop Whitey Samford, both from Dallas. Second base now represents a Mason-Dixon Line for the Stars. — (Republic Photo, Willis Peterson)

# All-Star Squads Announced In A-M

## North Americans

Dick rain (Douglas), Bill Harris (Yuma), George Arent (Douglas) Pete Ethier (Phoenix), Mal Walton (Douglas), Bill Capps (Phoenix), Art Wilson (Mexicali), Chet Mitchell (Douglas), Jack simpson (Yuma), Wally Alexander (Mexicali), Joe Rosania (Douglas), Walt Taylor (Yuma) Harvey Angelo (Phoenix) Bill Balcom (Tucson\_ Bill Dial (Douglas), John Ivory Smith (Tucson), Jimmie Johnson (Phoenix), Ray Snyder (Phoenix), Ivan Mills (Yuma) Manager: Jerry Gardner (Douglas)

## Latin Americans

Pete Marti (Tucson) Tom Martell (Cananea), Claudio Solano (Cananea), Humberto Guerrero (Cananea), Luis Zayas (Nogales), Joe Guerrero (Cananea), Juan Arias (Nogales), Chico Cardenas (Tucson), Dave Garcia (Mexicali), Bule Guzman (Nogales), Wenceslao O'Reily Gonzales (Nogales), Americo Perez (Cananea), Rejelio Alvarez (Mexicali), Dan Rios (Yuma) Manager: Memo Garibay (Cananea)

Rosters of the North American and Latin American teams that will meet in the league all-star game in Yuma, July 6 were announced.

## July 1

The Phoenix Stars smacked 11 hits-all singles-to open the league second half with a 12-5 win. Cananea had come from behind with two runs in the last half of the eighth inning to subdue the Douglas Copper Kings, 8-7.

The Phoenix Stars released first baseman Zeke King to meet the 16-player limit, General Manager Oliver Talamini said as the Stars left for Mexicali to launch their bid for the second-half.

## July 2

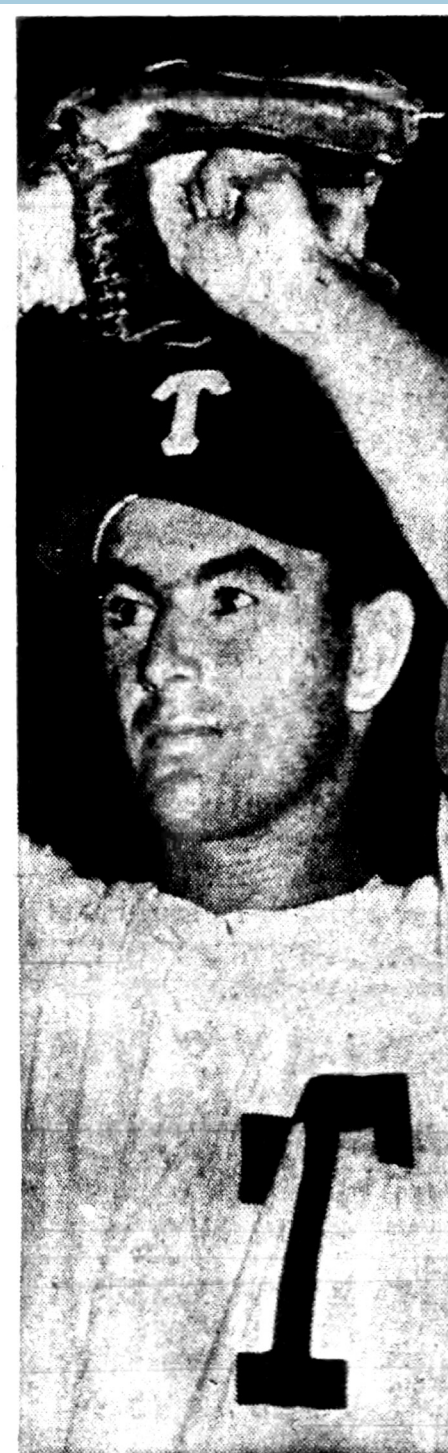
Charles Hinton, 22-year-old catcher from Rocky Mountain signs a minor league contract by the Baltimore Orioles and will report to Phoenix.

Phoenix used homeruns-two of them by Harvey Angelo to set up three big innings and roll over Mexicali, 18-3. The Cananea Mineros pulled off a five-run rally in the third inning and dropped the Douglas Copper Kings, 7-2.

## July 3

The Douglas Copper Kings smashed the Cananea Mineros, 22-11 behind a 11-hit attack that included four homeruns. Bob Gotovac, curve-balling righthander, limited Nogales to six lone singles to wrap up his fifth victory of the season as the Tucson Cowboys defeated the Red Devils, 10-0. The Phoenix Stars remain undefeated in the second half of the season blasting Mexicali, 14-12.

The Nogales Red Devils opened the second half of the league with a 15-5 bombarding of the Tucson Cowboys. The Douglas Copper Kings tagged three Mexicali pitchers for 14 hits and defeated the Eagles, 8-5. Ray Sorensen pitched a pair of wins over Cananea, 10-4 and 7-6 to give the Phoenix Stars their second and third victories of the season.



—Citizen Photo  
**RAY SORENSON**

## July 4

Phoenix continued its winning streak with an 18-8 victory over Mexicali, while second-place Cananea fell to Douglas, 11-9. Nogales slipped by Tucson 9-8 in the other game.

## July 6

The Latin-Americans pulled off a five-run rally in the bottom of the fifth inning and dropped the North Americans, 6-3 in the annual Arizona-Mexico League all-star game.

## July 7

The Tucson Cowboys scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning to edge the Cananea Mineros, 10-8. The Phoenix Stars took advantage of an eight-run fifth inning to run over the Yuma Sun Sox, 10-3.

## July 8

The Phoenix Stars led second round of the league with six wins in as many starts. The Cananea Mineros and the Tucson Cowboys split a doubleheader, the Cowboys taking the opener, 12-11 and the Mineros coming back to win the nightcap, 9-3. Phoenix drubbed two Yuma Sun Sox pitchers for 15 hits to whip the Sun Sox, 9-1. In other games, the Nogales Red Devils won a doubleheader from the Douglas Copper Kings, 9-2 and 15-5.

## July 9

The Phoenix Stars extended their record to seven wins by defeating Yuma, 12-11 with the aid of a late rally that saw six runs scored in the seventh inning. Cananea Mineros got a taste of their own medicine from the rampaging Tucson Cowboys, a 17-1 overdose of batting power. Nogales dropped Douglas, 6-1.

# Latin A-M Stars Defeat North, 6-3



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## A-M MUSCLEMEN

Three of the big belters in the Arizona-Mexico League home run race this season got together to compare muscles before last night's Tucson-Cananea game at Hi Corbett Field. Cananea's Humberto Guerrero (left) has hit 27 homers, Tucson's Jack Haley (center) has 25, and the Mineros' Claudio Solano, league record holder with 47 HR's two years ago, has collected 31 circuit blows. The trio meet again tonight in a doubleheader.

## July 10

The Mineros double win over Cowboys, 11-9 in the first game and 7-3 in the second. Jim Johnson pitched an eight-hitter and struck out 10 as the Phoenix Stars tripped the Yuma Sun Sox, 7-4.

## July 11

The Cananea Mineros smashed six homeruns and swamped the Nogales Red Devils, 12-4. Third baseman Ralph Wilcox drove in five Yuma runs with two homers as the Sun Sox shaded the Mexicali Eagles, 6-5.

Larry Barton had resigned as manager of the Mexicali Eagles. Art Wilson took over as playing manager.

## July 12

The Douglas Copper Kings staggered the Tucson Cowboys with a double setback taking an 8-2 verdict in the first game.

The Copper Kings scored five runs in the eighth inning to nip the Cowboys, 10-8 in the second game. The Mineros defeated Tucson, 8-2.

### July 13

Husky Bob Gotovac, in a fine display of control pitching, hurled six hit ball and a 7-2 victory over Tucson Cowboys over the Douglas Copper Kings.

President Tim Cusick said the Douglas entry apparently made a concerted effort to stall in disputed game at Nogales. Fines were assessed against Manager Jerry Gardner and three players from the Douglas squad and "If they don't like it, they can appeal," Cusick said. Most of the Douglas players were banished from the game at Nogales and business manager Leon Slmon was jailed in the incident. Nogales won the game, 13-4. "I regard the matter as serious," Cusick said.

### July 15

The Phoenix Stars won its ninth straight whipping the Douglas Copper Kings, 9-6. The Nogales Red Devils drubbed the Yuma Sun Sox, 14-5, then took an 18-7 lacing from the Sox. In other game, Cananea

whipped Mexicali, 6-4 and Cananea rolled over Mexicali, 9-2 without hitting one homerun.

### July 17

Claudio Solano, pounded out his 35th homerun of the season with one mate aboard in the eighth inning to give the Mineros a 5-4 victory over Phoenix. Hal Hacker pitched the Cowboys into third place in the league by defeating the Yuma Sun Sox, 6-3. Mort Ek, former Burlin-game High School pitcher took his first professional victory after hurling Douglas to a 6-1 victory over Mexicali. Douglas also took the second game of a doubleheader from Mexicali, 11-6.

### July 18

Yuma's Sun Sox slugged five Tucson pitchers for 18 hits and a 20-7 victory after the Clown Prince of baseball, Al Schachst had rib-tickled 1,888 fans in Hi Corbett Firls. Bob Pitts of Mexicali threw a four-hitter as the Eagles dropped the Douglas Copper Kings, 5-1. Phoenix hammered out 20 hits leading to an 18-9 victory for the Stars' return home.

### July 19

The Phoenix Stars continued their domination of the league extending their advatntage to tree full games in the standings. The Stars sneaked past Tucson, 1-0, in a pitcher's duel, while Yuma bested second-place Cananea, 11-6. In the other game, Mexicali defeated Nogales, 8-7.



**Low Bridge** Cananea centerfielder Jose Padilla took a long slide into third base between wide-spread legs of Phoenix Stars' Junior Coleman as teams engaged in a three-game series at Phoenix Municipal Stadium. Coleman took the throw (ball in glove) but was too late to put the tag on Padilla. Cananea won last night's game, 4-1. — (Republic Photo, Al Cirou)

## July 20

The Phoenix Stars picked up their 14th victory in 15 games dropping the Tucson Cowboys, 16-8. Home run power spelled the difference in both games as the Cananea Mineros whipped the Yuma Sun Sox, 9-2 and 3-2, in a doubleheader. Cananea and Phoenix continued to dominate the league. In the other game, Mexicali defeated Nogales, 16-4.

## July 21

The Phoenix Stars broke a Nogales jinx with an 11-inning 6-5 win.

## July 22

The Mexicali Eagles swept a twin bill by identical scores, 3-2 against the Tucson Cowboys.

## July 24

The hurling combination of Bob Gotovac and John Ivory Smith,



### *At Last — A Pitching Staff*

The Tucson Cowboys will make it tough on Arizona-Mexico League opposition from here on out, now that a regular four-man hurling staff has been acquired, at long last. The "Big Four" are, left to right, Bob Gotovac, Harold Hacker, John Ivory Smith, and Bill Kulpaca. Gotovac and Smith hurled Tucson to a doubleheader victory over Mexicali here last night.

plus the explosive slugging of Jack Haley, Chico Cardenas and Hal Hacker powered the Tucson Cowboys to a twin-bill victory over the Mexicali Eagles at Hi Corbett field, 1-0 and 12-8. The Yuma Sun Sox belted eight balls over the fences as they took a 14-12 decision from Cananea's Mineros in 11 innings.

## July 25

Bill Russ pitched his ninth victory without defeat as the Phoenix Stars edged Tucson, 4-2 in a baseball game. The Yuma Sun Sox behind the pitching of Ivan Mills downed the Douglas Copper Kings by a 3-2 margin. The Mexicali eagles slipped out of the cellar with a twin victory over the Nogales Red Devils. The Eagles dropped the Devils, 8-4 and 13-6, to move nine percentage points ahead of the Douglas Copper Kings.

## July 26

Phoenix Stars defeated Tucson, 6-5 in 13 innings. The Yuma Sun Sox, behind the pitching of Dick Welage, defeated Douglas 16-4. In other games, Nogales defeated Mexicali, 11-3 and Phoenix edged past Tucson, 6-5 in a 13-inning duel.

## July 27

The Phoenix Stars took a six-run jump on Douglas and then staved off late Copper King uprisings to preserve a 6-4 victory.



—Citizen Photo  
**DAVE BRIEN**

Yuma's Whitey Wietelmann served up four homerun balls, but allowed only two other hits as the Sun Sox dropped the Tucson Cowboys, 6-4.

### July 28

A ninth-inning squeeze bunt by Whitey Wietelmann scored the winning run as the Yuma Sun Sox edged the Tucson Cowboys, 5-4. George Arent's big bat and Pete LeNoue's good right arm led the Douglas Copper Kings to a 4-3 win over the Phoenix Stars.

### July 29

The Cananea Mineros needed only 12 innings to win a doubleheader from the Phoenix Stars, 3-2 and 2-0. The hard throwing Mort Ek allowed only four hits yet his Douglas Tema lost, 3-1 to Mexicali.

### July 30

Greg Figueroa and Humberto Guerrero each smashed a homerun to lead Cananea to a 4-1 victory over the Phoenix Stars. The Yuma Sun Sox won their seventh straight squashing Nogales, 15-5. Mexicali squashed Douglas, 9-1,

winning its fifth straight on a barrage of 12 hits.

### July 31

Arturo Cacheux hurled a one-hitter as Cananea blanked Phoenix, 5-0.

### August 1

The Mexicali Eagles turned the Douglas Copper Kings away with a 15-hit barrage and whipped the Kings, 8-3. The Yuma Sun Sox built up a collection of 20 hits at the expense of four Nogales pitchers and dropped the Red Devils, 14-9. The Phoenix Stars ended a five-game losing streak in emphatic style, crashing 22 hits including six homers, to sink second place Cananea, 22-6.

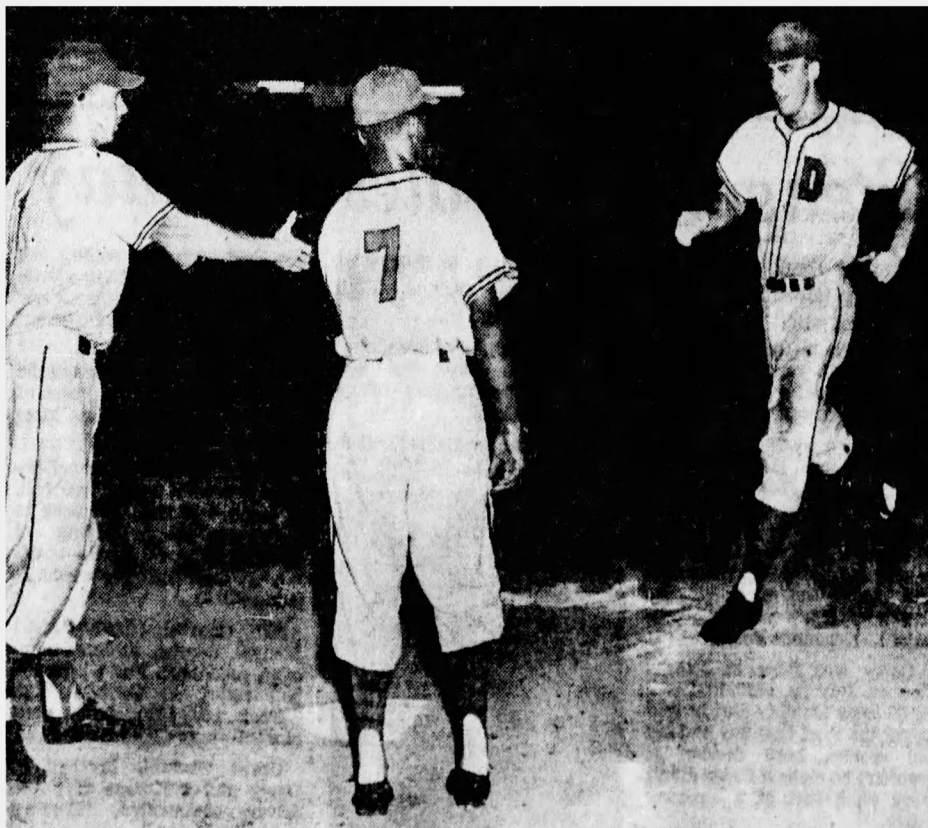
### August 2

An eighth-inning homer by Manny Magallon gave the Mexicali Eagles the run they needed for a 6-5 victory over the Mineros.



**Over For Homer** Umpire Lou Sternschuss points out ropes across the section of Phoenix Municipal Stadium fence which was blown down in Wednesday's wind-storm. Anything over the rope went as

a homer, anything under as a double. About 75 feet of center field fence was leveled by the storm. Center is Jim Campbell of the Douglas Copper Kings, at right is Jim Johnson of the Stars. (Republic Photo, George Mollie)



**Arent Scores** Pete Arent crossed the plate last night to tally a run in Douglas's 4-3 victory over the Phoenix Stars. Arent's fourth

inning blast scored Dick Drain ahead of him to tie the score at 2-2.—(Republic Photo, Willis Peterson)

The Tucson Cowboys paced by the homerun smashes of catcher Ernie Choukalos and third baseman Hal Hacker, snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Yuma Sun Sox, 4-3.

### August 3

The Cananea Mineros pulled away from the Mexicali Eagles with a six-run rally in the seventh inning and scored a 13-5 victory. Douglas Copper Kings came from behind and took an 8-7 victory over Phoenix Stars in the tenth inning. Yuma turned the tide in the ninth inning and took a 3-2 decision over Cowboys.

### August 4

Jose Guerrero leads the Arizona-Mexico league hitting with a .403 average while Tucson's heaviest batter is Carlos Castillo with a .370 mark.

Three Tucson Cowboys were injured in a game with the Phoenix Stars. Outfielder Dave Brien suffered a torn knee cartilage sliding into second in an unsuccessful attempt to break up a doubleplay in the sixth inning. Carlos Castillo sprained a wrist and Chico Cardenas played with a stiff elbow caused when hit by a pitched ball.

Phoenix took down Tucson, 7-6

### August 5

The Phoenix Stars whacked five homeruns to down the Tucson Cowboys, 9-7. Mexicali scored five run in the first two innings, then coasted to an 8-5 victory over Nogales. A Cananea error with two out in the second inning opened the door for a four-run rally and set the Yuma Sun Sox on the way to an 8-2.

### August 6

The late arrival of Nogales pitcher Bule Guzman gave Phoenix an 11-7 victory over Nogales. The Sox beat the Copper Kings 10-6. The Tucson Cowboys, behind the six-hit hurling of Bill Kulpaca, trounced the Mexicali Eagles, 8-2.

### August 7

The Sun Sox remained within striking distance when Douglas pitcher Dick Drain literally tossed them a 5-4 victory, their 15th in 16 starts. Phoenix romped to an 18-4 victory over Nogales, while Manny Magallon's bases-loaded homer in the 13th gave Mexicali a 7-3 victory over Tucson.



**Scrambled Back** Phoenix Stars second baseman Pete Ethier scrambled back to first base on an attempted pickoff in the bottom half of the fifth inning last night. Nogales first sacker was Manager Carlos Galina. — (Republic Photo, Rod Moyer)



## August 9

Dennis Huelfer cut down the Tucson Cowboys on seven scattered hits and his teammates blasted three decisive home runs as the Mexicali Eagles drubbed the Pokes 13-2. The Phoenix Stars lost a doubleheader to the Nogales Red Devils, 10-3 and 9-6, with pitcher Nick Snyder being charged with both losses. Yuma won against Cananea, 11-9.

## August 10

Mexicali Eagles posted a heart-breaker to the Tucson Cowboys, 3-2 in a speedy one hour and 45 minute pitching duel between Bob Gotovac and Regino Vasquez.

# *Cananea Pair Lead A-M League Batters*

## August 11

Arizona-Mexico League statistics released show that: 1. Five of the league's seven teams are collectively batting .300 or better. 2. Fifty players are swatting the ball at .300 or better. 3. And Claudio Solano, Cananea slugger, leads in homers 40, runs 126, total bases 315, and runs batted in, 155. His teammate, Jose Guerrero paces the circuit with a .393 average.

## August 12

Ray Sorensen stopped Tucson on only five hits to give Phoenix a 7-2 victory over the Cowboys and a split of a doubleheader. Tucson had won the first game of the bill, 5-2. Len Lindborg held Yuma to a single hit as Douglas took a 5-0 victory in the first game of a doubleheader. Yuma won the nightcap, 3-2 behind the six hit hurling of Dick Welage. In other action, Nogales scored nine times in the eighth to beat Mexicali, 15-11.

## August 13

Whitey Wietelmann pitched 12 innings as the Yuma Sun Sox recorded a pair of victories over the Tucson Cowboys, 17-13 and later on, 6-3. The Yuma Sun Sox went two games out in front of the league as they nipped the Tucson Cowboys, 5-4. The Phoenix Stars dropped another game out when the Douglas Copper Kings defeated the Stars, 5-4. Mexicali won against Cananea, 15-4.

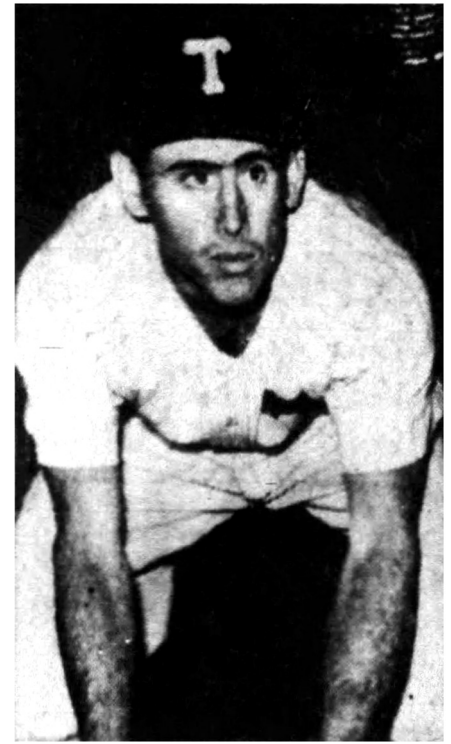
## August 14

The rampaging Yuma Sun Sox won a last minute 5-4 decision from the Pokes. The Yuma Sun Sox marched two full games ahead of the league. The Sox beat Tucson, 5-4 on Jack Simpson's two-run homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning. Douglas defeated second place Phoenix, 5-4 and Mexicali clobbered the Cananea Mineros, 15-4.

# *Sun Sox Take 2-Game A-M Lead*

## August 15

Yuma retained a 2-game lead in a 7-4 win over Nogales. Douglas continued an improved brand of ball with a 7-6 win over Mexicali. Phoenix snapped out of a brief slump to shatter Cananea, 15-0, but catcher Ralph Wilcox took it upon himself to insure



**CARLOS CASTILLO**  
Leads Poke hitters

## August 16

Nogales defeated league-leading Yuma, 8-7, Phoenix outslugged Cananea, 9-7 and Douglas walloped Mexicali, 18-7. Mexicali took a shellacking from Douglas dropping an 18-7 game and helping along the Eagles with six errors.

## August 17

Bob Gotovac hurled a six-hitter and his teammates broke a batting slump as the Tucson Cowboys buried the Cananea Mineros, 8-6 at Hi Corbett field. Nogales handcuffed Douglas in 4-1 comedy of errors in which the Red Devils had to work for all of their runs. Phoenix belted Bob Pitts hard to win an easy 7-4 decision over Mexicali and close to within a half-game of the idle Yuma Sun sox.



—Citizen Photo

### NOT HIS DAY!

"Ouch, I should have stayed in bed!" That was what Tucson Cowboy pitcher-third baseman Hal Hacker had to say Saturday night after being hit by baseballs twice while pitching batting practice. First he was hit in the back of the head, then a hot grounder bounced smack into his mouth, requiring three stitches and benching Hacker for probably a week.



—Citizen Photo

### CHICO . . . and CARLOS On their way up . . .

## August 18

The Phoenix Stars scored five runs in the ninth inning to outdistance Mexicali, 10-8. The Tucson Cowboys blanked the Cananea Mineros, 3-0.

## August 19

### Mexicali Fans Angered

# Phoenix Wins; Bus Stoned

Overenthusiastic Mexicali fans took a loss to Phoenix to heart and smashed every window in the Stars' bus as the team left the town south of the border. The fans were particularly incensed over a disputed call on the basepaths. Some 4,000 of them shouted angry words to the umpires who were escorted through the crowd. As the Stars climbed aboard the bus the fans let loose a fusillade of rocks that broke every window and narrowly missed injuring several players.

Jack Haley cracked his 35th and 36th homers for a lost cause as the Tucson Cowboys out-hit, but did not out-score the strong Cananea Mineros in a 12-11 slugfest. The Douglas Copper Kings rapped out a 17-12 win over Nogales nine behind the homers of Tony Iammapteo and George Arent. The Phoenix Stars took the top spot in the league by beating Mexicali, 8-3.

## August 20

Tucson thrashed Cananea, 13-8. The Phoenix Stars closed out a 24-hour stay in the top spot when they lost a 9-4 decision to Mexicali.

## August 21

The first-place Yuma Sun Sox pounded the Mexicali Eagles, 8-3. Douglas took advantage of Cananea's batting slump to beat the Mineros, 12-7, while Nogales slipped past Tucson, 11-10.

## August 22

Five-hit pitching by Ivan Mills and a pair of homeruns by Ralph Wilcox helped propel the Yuma Sun Sox to a 9-3 victory over the Mexicali Eagles.

## *Sun Sox Up League Lead*

## August 23

Jack Haley's 39th homerun smash of the season paced the Tucson Cowboys' wild hitting spree as they pounded the Nogales Red Devils, 13-5. Jack Simpson drove in eight runs and Dick Welage threw a four-hitter for the Yuma Sun Sox as they increased their lead by crushing Mexicali, 17-2.

## August 24

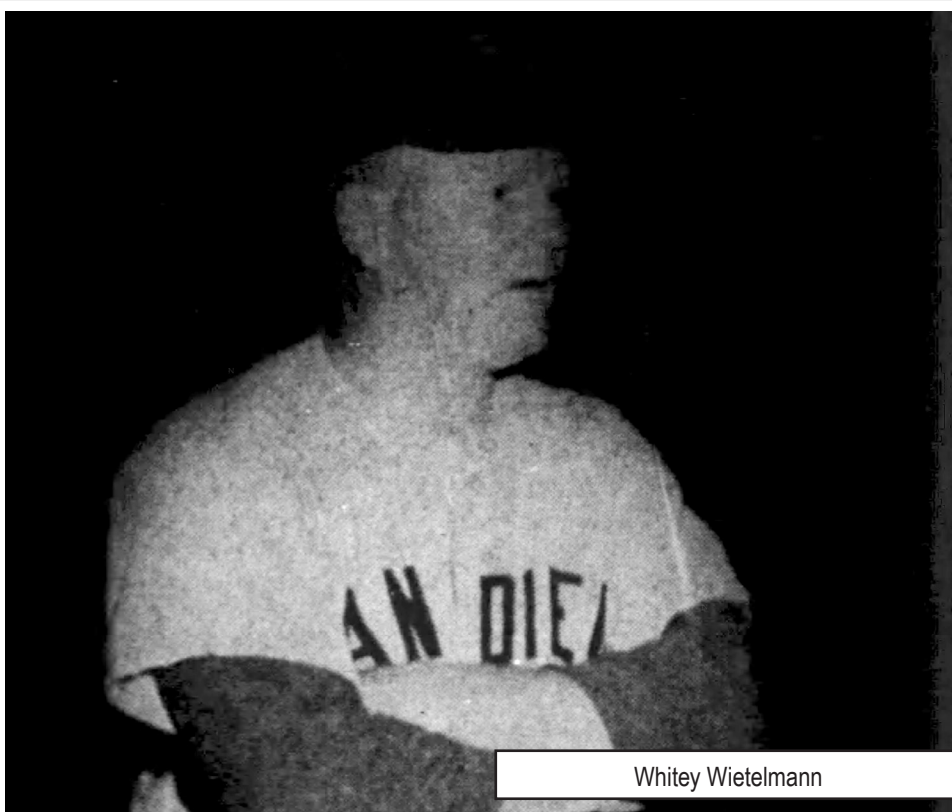
The Yuma Sun Sox padded their league lead by another half game with a 14-7 victory over the Mexicali Eagles. In other games, the Douglas Copper Kings shut out the Cananea Mineros, 3-0 and the Nogales Red Devils belted the Tucson Cowboys, 16-8.

## August 25

The Nogales Red Devils made it two in a row over Tucson in the three-game series by nipping the Pokes, 12-11.

## **Arizona-Mexico Loop Playoffs Set Sept. 3**

The post-season league playoffs will open September 3, announced President Tim Cusick. Champions of the first and second halves of the season will meet in the playoffs. Cananea won the first half championship. Yuma and Phoenix are battling for the second half crown.



Whitey Wietelmann

## August 26

Yuma Sun Sox appeared to have the inside track to the pennant. The Sox lost ground, however, in an 8-6 loss to Mexicali. In other games, Cananea defeated Douglas, 8-7.

## August 27

Douglas rallied for three runs in the eighth and earned a 7-6 victory over Tucson. Whitey Wietelmann pitched Yuma Sun Sox to a 5-2 whipping of the Phoenix Stars.

## August 28

The Yuma Sun Sox belted the Phoenix Stars, 10-5 and advanced to within one victory of clinching the second half championship of the league. In other games, Cananea downed Nogales, 9-8 and Tucson slaughtered Douglas, 19-6.

## August 29

The Phoenix Stars fanned flickering hopes of winning the second half of the league by blanking front-running Yuma, 11-0. In other games, Douglas trimmed Tucson, 17-6, while Cananea fell before Nogales, 11-6.



**Bye Bye** The Phoenix Stars played their last home game of the year last night. One of the best crowds of the season turned out to wish them "so long." Here Harvey Angelo, left, and Ray Sorenson talk

with, left to right, Donna Van Leuven, 2217 W. Avalon Dr., Vivian Raynor, 4023 W. Coronado Rd., Marilyn Peterson, 1534 W. Monroe, and Irene Cychosz, 1121 N. 2nd St.—(Republic Photo, Willis Peterson)

## Umpire Is Accused Of Spitting at Crowd

Umpire Dan Peretti, accused of spitting at fans during a game between Douglas and Tucson was fined \$150 on a charge of simple battery. Six spectators testified in Justice of the Peace Court against Peretti. One of them, Dr. James Walsh, said the umpire began spitting toward the stands in the fifth inning and shortened his range in each succeeding inning.

## August 30

A rhubarb in which fans claimed a league umpire spit at them when police escorted the umpire to headquarters for his own protection. Umpire Don Peretti was later released. No charges were filed in connection with the incident which occurred during the ninth inning of the Douglas-Tucson game.

## Sun Sox Clinch Second Half Title

The Yuma Sun Sox edged the Phoenix Stars, 7-6 to clinch the championship of the second half of the league's split season.

## August 31

Pokes dropped Douglas, 2-1. Filberto Qui tossed a four-hitter for the Nogales Red Devils as they defeated the Cananea Mineros 5-1. Yuma thwarted Jim Johnson's attempt to win his 20th game for Phoenix as the Sun Sox defeated the Stars, 7-4.



**ADIOS TO CHICO**

Tucson Cowboys fans will have a last chance to say goodbye to shortstop Chico Cardenas as the club closes out the League season against Douglas.

**September 1**

The Tucson Cowboys ended their 1956 season in the Arizona-Mexico League with an 8-6 triumph over the Douglas Copper Kings. The post-season league playoffs will begin tomorrow as announced by A-M officials. Originally a one-day rest period was planned, but the playoff were changed to start September 2.

# Baseball Standings

## Final—Arizona-Mexico League (Second Half Standings)

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Yuma .....	37	18	.673	..
Phoenix .....	31	22	.585	5
Mexicali .....	27	27	.500	9½
Douglas .....	26	29	.473	11
Cananea .....	25	31	.446	12½
Nogales .....	23	32	.418	14
Tucson .....	23	33	.411	14½

**September 2**

The Cananea Mineros found their lost hitting power and slugged out a 13-2 victory over Yuma.

**September 3**

Cananea, dormant during most of the second half of the season went on a patented homerun binge that produced a 10-8 victory over Yuma.

**September 4**

Cananea captures title.

**September 12**

Bill Russ of Phoenix was leading pitcher in the league. Final unofficial results from the office of statistician Bill Weiss.

**September 24**

Jay Aranda, 17 year-old outfielder has been signed by the Hollywood Stars for their Douglas Club.

**October 24**

The Yuma Baseball Club claimed the league batting championship for its star outfielder Walt Tyler, in a recheck

# Cananea Captures A-M Baseball Title

CANANEA, Mex., Sept. 4 (AP)—The Cananea Mineros today became the 1956 champions of the Arizona-Mexico League by dropping the Yuma Sun Sox 13-8.

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Welage, Meder 4, Wietelmann 5, Lopez 9 and Robinson; Perez, Favela 3 and Martell. W—Favela. L—Welage.  
Home runs—Yuma: Brien 2, Wilcox; Cananea: Figueroa, Morales.

of league statistics. Club officials said league President Tim Cusick of Tucson notified them that a recheck of statistics showed Tyler won instead of Jose Guerrero of Cananea. The check showed that Jose had been credited with all of the efforts of his brother, Humberto during a doubleheader in July and that Tyler was debited with four extra trips to the plate. This left TYler with a percentage of .392 and dropped Guerrero to third behind Claudio Solano.

**The comparative attendance records in the Class C Arizona-Mexico League for 1955 and 1956:**

CLUB	1956	1955
Cananea .....	134,723	213,074
Mexicali .....	74,417	59,787
Phoenix .....	60,017	74,185
Nogaels .....	60,000*	74,145
Douglas .....	42,059	45,567
Tucson .....	40,000*	70,973
Yuma .....	35,076	79,083
Tijuana .....	30,000*	————
Globe-Miami	————	33,886
All-Star Game	979	1,206
<b>Totals</b>	<b>480,184</b>	<b>651,906</b>

Chuck Hollinger, executive secretary of the League says the big reason for the lost attendance in the loop is the 75,000 drop at Cananea. "But everyone apparently wants to go again," Hollinger said. "October first was our constitutional deadline for quitting the league and no one dropped out. "Evidently no one is seriously considering quitting. I feel everyone wants to stay in."

The Class C Arizona-Mexico League will meet in Tucson, November 3 to set plans for the 1957 season, Executive Secretary Chuck Hollinger announced.

**November 3**

Baseball league President Tim Cusick to club representatives annual loop conference his intention to quit the post. Cusick, who has held the position for two years, stated, "I think it's time someone else took over this job. I can assure you I no longer want this or any other offices in the league." A morion was made and passed to have Cusick appoint a three-man committee to

# Cusick Quits As A-M Prexy

draw up a list of candidates for his and other offices in the league. The list is to be presented before the club members prior to December 1.

Club representatives of the Arizona-Mexico league voted not to refund the \$150 fine imposed on Umpire Dan Peretti when he allegedly spit at the fans during a Douglas-Tucson in the mining community.

**November 5**

The general manager of the Phoenix Stars said Tuesday that the club is thinking of pulling out of the league because of the poor conditions of the Mexican baseball fields. "We have found in our dealings with the major leagues that they don't like to send prize prospects to those hard diamonds and uncertain conditions in Mexico," said General Manager Oliver Talamini.

## STARS MAY QUIT A-M

**December 5**

A group backing the entry of El Centro, California into the baseball league has deposited a check of \$1,500 in 'good faith,' President Tim Cusick said.

## Las Vegas Gets A-M Invitation

*El Centro Fails To Gain Entry Into Loop*

**December 14**

Las Vegas, Nevada will receive an invitation to become the 8th member of the baseball league, it was revealed by Chuck Hollinger.

## Prexy Next Move For A-M League