

1957 Arizona-Mexico League, All for Baseball

January 5

The Phoenix Stars still have hopes of boosting the Arizona-Mexico League in Class B Status. The question of boosting the league to Class B will be received when the circuit meets at Nogales.

January 6

League secretary Chuck Hollinger of Tucson was elected president in a general business meeting of A-M officials. Hollinger replaces E.T. Tim Cusick who resigned last year. In the same meeting, it was voted that there would be no split season in 1957 and no playoff series.

January 7

Joe Lanser, president of the Phoenix Stars said he may drop his interest in the Stars team unless the Phoenix City Council provides financial help. He told the city council his operation of the Class C League team resulted in a very substantial loss.

Cal Ripken, 20 year old catcher from Aberdeen, Md., was signed by the Baltimore Orioles for Phoenix.

January 14

Don Jameson said a letter has been forwarded from President Chuck Hollinger requesting the Cleveland organization of a percentage of the concession business.

January 18

The Baltimore Orioles assigned catcher Alfred Marshall, and pitcher Paul Tsatsa to Phoenix Farm.

January 19

Jerry Gardner will be back to manage the Douglas Copper Kings of the league.

January 21

Tucson Cowboy General Manager Don Jameson, aiming at one of the biggest advance ticket sales in the Poke's history, announced that a long-time playing favorite with Tucson fans, Ernie Chukalos, will take over the ducat drive.

January 23

The Nogales franchise will remain in the border city, league officials said. Nogales President Ernesto Felic notified league President Chuck Hollinger that he would not move the franchise to Ensenada, Mexico as previously planned.

Of Arizona-Mexico League

Hollinger Elected Prexy



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IN APPRECIATION

The Arizona-Mexico League presented outgoing President E. T. (Tim) Cusick (left) with a portable television set yesterday afternoon, as a gesture of the loop's appreciation for three years of non-salaried service to the circuit. Making the presentation on behalf of the league were the new president and former secretary, Chuck Hollinger (center), and Don Jameson, general manager of the Tucson Cowboys and a league director.

Vegas Enters Ariz.-Mexico Ball Circuit

**Wranglers Assume
Spot Left By
Tijuana**

January 25

Las Vegas expects to become the eighth member of the league at a meeting in Phoenix. A group of 50 Las Vegas businessmen voted unanimously to organize the baseball team.

February 4

Las Vegas, Nevada was formally admitted to membership in the league. The Nevada city replaces the Tijuana entry which folded in midseason last year. The league now has eight teams.

The league voted to abolish the job of executive secretary and to raise the salary of league president Chuck Hollinger from \$2,400 to \$3,200 a year. Hollinger, who was the former league executive secretary will combine duties of the secretary with his present post.

The Phoenix Stars announced they have signed a full working agreement with the Orioles.

Bob Hooper, onetime Philadelphia Athletics pitcher, was named the manager of the Phoenix Stars.

February 7

Orioles signed Richard Hernandez, an 18-year-old third baseman from Los Angeles and was assigned to Phoenix Arizona.

February 10

Pat McLaughlin, general manager of the El Paso, Tex., franchise, which was ousted along with Roswell, N. M. said he plans to apply for admission in the A-M loop. McLaughlin said he already has an application on file with the Central Mexican League but would prefer to have his team in the Arizona-Mexico League.



NEW MANAGER — Las Vegas baseball club president A. J. Brimacombe (seated right) shows new Wrangler manager John (Red) Marion where to sign 1957 contract as the new general and field manager of the Las Vegas club of the Arizona-Mexico league. Looking on in approval are directors Oakley Townsend, Carl Apple, Hershel Levertson and Harry Stocks.

Sid Cohen, popular former manager of the Bisbee Douglas Copper Kings, may return to Douglas if prior legal commitments can be amicably dissolved.

February 17

The league, enjoying a boom of off-season business, ironed out schedule problems. A revision in the schedules of two game series because of objections from the Phoenix Stars and the Las Vegas Nev., club was made.

The Baltimore Orioles signed John Cleary of Newton Mass., a right-handed pitcher, to a contract with Phoenix Stars.

February 20

The El Paso Texans who had casted hopeful eyes toward the league earlier this year, will spend the 1957 season in the Mexican Central League.



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POKES START PRACTICE

Manager Don Jameson, who fills that capacity for the Tucson Cowboys both in the office and on the field, talked things over yesterday with a handful of candidates who turned up for the Pokes' first workout of the spring. In front talking to Jameson are two vets of last year's team, catcher Ernie Choukalos (left) and pitcher Bill Kulpaca. Rookies standing behind include George Thurman, Dick Zeratsky, Ed Letendre, Warren Gragg and Ed Wolfe.

February 21

President Chuck Hollinger discovered that all is not well at the western end of the league. But Hollinger said he's "not too upset" over the rumblings. He's given Yuma and Mexicali until March 1 to iron out their difficulties. A six-team league again seems a possibility.

February 22

Bob Clear, 29, the manager of Sioux City in the Western League has signed as the manager of the Douglas Copper Kings.

February 25

Las Vegas Wranglers announced appointment of John "Red" Marion, 42 as general manager and field manager of the club.

March 1

League President Chuck Hollinger said that Mexicali is set for the 1957 A-M race but as yet he has heard nothing from Yuma.

The management of the Mexicali Wagles has informed President Chuck Hollinger that the Eagles will field a team this year. Mexicali was having problems with a new government in the city and the Yuma's Municipal Stadium until \$3,000 worth of outstanding bills are paid. It was learned that the Mexicali patronato will support the team. Fausto Topete, business manager of the Mexicali club told Hollinger he had received "promises of a lot of government held we hadn't expected."

March 4

Donald Pulford Jr., son of a former Pacific Coast League pitcher has been signed to the Hollywood Stars' farm club, Douglas of the Arizona-Mexico League.

The Baltimore Orioles signed Robert Steele, 23-year-old outfielder from Detroit and was assigned to Phoenix.

March 11

In a midnight emergency meeting at league headquarters, the Nogales, Arizona club officially dropped out of

Nogales Drops Out Of A-M

the league. This left six definite teams and one not so definite. The reason offered for the withdrawal from the circuit was that Ernesto Felix, club owner, would be forced to spend most of the spring and summer in Mexico City. Tom Brady, 19-year old second baseman were signed to minor contracts by the Baltimore Orioles. Brady, a graduate of CBC batted .325 for the Washington University Bears will play with Phoenix Arizona.

March 12

If Yuma fails to meet a March 15 deadline for remaining in the league, El Paso will be invited in as an eighth member.



Plenty Of Prospects, But . . .

Tucson Cowboy Manager Don Jameson (rear) is shown scratching his head as he looks over a few of the prospects for the Cowboy short stop position held last year by young Chico Cardenas. Jameson said yesterday at the first Cowboy

drill that pitching and replacing the flashy little infielder are his biggest problems. Trying out for the post above are (from left to right) Gene Anguiano, Warren Peters, Di Zeratsky and George Thurman. (Tom Foust Photo)

March 16

The league will open and finish the season with six teams, President Chuck Hollinger declared.

March 19

The Tucson Cowboys and Mexicali Eagles were the successful bidders for contracts of player on the roster of the defunct Yuma franchise. President Chuck Hollinger said that the Cowboys were awarded the contract of Walt Tyler, last year's batting champion. Mexicali was awarded the contract of Humberto Barbon, the league's fourth leading home run hitter.

March 27

Claudio Solano, hard-hitting homerun king for Cananea has been named player-manager for the Mineros for the 1957 season. Solano replaced Memo Garibay who took over the spot for Nuevo Laredo of the Mexico League.

April 2

Manager Don Jameson of the Tucson Cowboys says he is looking for pitchers to bolster his club. Jameson made the statement as the club moved into Hi Corbett Field for spring workouts.

April 3

The Arizona-Mexico baseball league will open its playing schedule, Friday, April 26 with games in Tucson, Douglas and Las Vegas.

April 7

The Arizona-Mexico League will remain a Class C league in the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues during 1957. League president Chuck Hollinger said that the league's application for Class B recognition has been withdrawn because unanimous approval of league members could not be gained.

Arizona-Mexico League To Open Play April 26

—1957 Arizona-Mexico League Schedule—

	AT CANANEA	AT DOUGLAS	AT LAS VEGAS	AT MEXICALI	AT PHOENIX	AT TUCSON
CANANEA	READ	Apr. 26-27-28 May 27-28-29 June 27-28-29 July 28-29-30 Aug. 29-30	May 6-7-8 June 8-9-10 July 3-4-5 Aug. 14-15-16 Sept. 6-7	May 21-22-23 June 20-21-22 July 6-7-8 Aug. 11-12-13 Aug. 26-27	May 9-10-11 June 11-12-13 July 22-23-24 Aug. 23-24-25 Sept. 8-9	Apr. 29-30, May 1 May 30-31, June 1 July 19-20-21 Aug. 5-6-7 Sept. 2-3
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LAS VEGAS	May 18-19-20 June 17-18-19 July 16-17-18 Aug. 20-21-22 Sept. 14-15	May 21-22-23 June 20-21-22 July 19-20-21 Aug. 17-18-19 Sept. 12-13	SPORTS	Apr. 29-30, May 1 June 2-3-4 June 30, July 1-2 July 31, Aug. 1-2 Sept. 10-11	May 24-25-26 June 14-15-16 July 6-7-8 July 28-29-30 Sept. 2-3	May 15-16-17 June 5-6-7 July 9-10-11 Aug. 8-9-10 Aug. 31, Sept. 1
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April 8

Walt Tyler, the league's leading hitter last season with a .392 mark, notified Poke Manager Don Jameson that he would not report to Tucson. "I feel I deserve a chance in a higher classification league," Tyler wrote Jameson from his Los Angeles home.

April 15

Two of last year's pitchers of Tucson, Ray Snyders and Ray Sorensen will be back in the league.

April 18

Yuma baseball fans are starting a campaign to put the southwestern Arizona city back into the A-M League. Hollinger has been told that more than a thousand Yuma fans have signed petitions urging reinstatement.

April 12

Football star, Art Luppino has signed a professional baseball contract with the Tucson Cowboys.

April 14

A-M League representatives approved a schedule change which allows Phoenix to open its season at home Sunday, April 28.

April 18

Pitcher Don Bruns, Second Baseman Whitey Dehart and outfielder Barry Shetrone were en route to Phoenix Arizona where they'll perform in the A-M League this year. With them was Roy Welsh, who also will be with Phoenix.

April 20

The Arizona-Mexico League baseball fans can look forward to a much better brand of baseball and a stronger overall league in 1957, according to league President Chuck Hollinger. Hollinger said it appears this year's league will have added flavor from the Las Vegas entry and that the general picture of the loop itself is a sound one—both financially and talent wise.

April 26

Professional baseball returned to Las Vegas after a four year absence and the new edition of the Las Vegas Wranglers made their debut in the league success by shading the Phoenix Stars, 5-4 before a crowd of 3,103.

Cananea spoiled opening night ceremonies for a crowd of 1,704 spilling Douglas, 10-9 in a free-swinging game.



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THE OPENING PITCH

Tucson Cowboy rookie pitcher Manuel (Mike) Garcia winds up to throw the first pitch of the Class C Arizona-Mexico League baseball season last night at Hi Corbett Field. At bat is Mexicali second

baseman Avelino Canizales who grounded out weakly to Garcia. The Eagles went on, however, to outslug the Pokes, 16-11. The same teams meet again tonight at 8 o'clock.

Ex weightlifter Bill Kulpaca will be the Tucson Cowboy's hope to get even with Mexicali Eagles following a shameless win by the eagles, 16-11

April 27

Sparked by Pete Marti's two homeruns, the Tucson Cowboys gained their first A-M League win of the season, whipping Mexicali Eagles, 11-8 at Hi Corbett Field.

April 28

Las Vegas ruined Phoenix's first home game of the league at Municipal Stadium, hammering out 13 hits in a 9-4 victory. Cadido Andrade made his first start in professional baseball and pitched Tucson to a 3-0 victory over Mexicali. The Douglas Copper Kings downed the Cananea Mineros, 14-13 in a game played despite high winds and a sandstorm.

April 29

Cananea forged to the lead in the League last night with a 10th inning 7-5 victory over Tucson, while other action around the circuit produces a four-way tie for second. Phoenix overwhelmed Douglas, 17-0 behind the four-hit pitching a Don Bruns. Ray Murawski, Phoenix left fielder batting near the .700 mark had five for five. Mexicali methodically punched across a run in all but two innings they playes as they dropped Las Vegas, 6-2 before a crowd of 4,000 at Mexicali.

April 30

The Douglas Copper Kings bunched all their runs in the first four innings to edge the Phoenix Stars, 11-9. Cananea unloaded its vaunted batting power in the late inings at the expense of three Tucson pitchers to pound out a 14-9 victory at Hi Corbett Field. A small crowd of 399 paid fans watched the 2 hour and 18 minute contest.

May 1

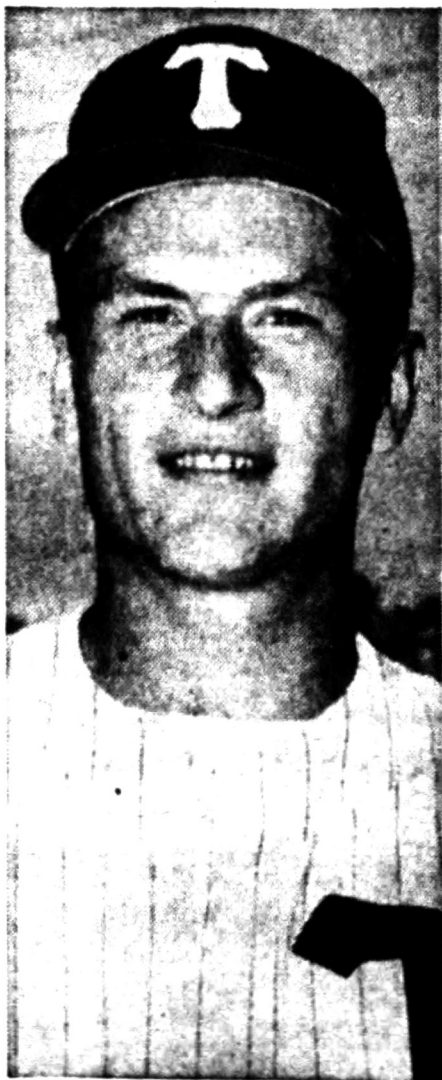
The Cananea Mineros, opening at home before 3,325 fans defeated the Tucson Cowboys, 6-3.

May 2

Tucson and Las Vegas slugged it out in a game but the gambling city's team had the bigger bats and won by a 17-9 score.

May 3

The Phoenix Stars soaked four homeruns, two of them by centerfielder Dick Santaniello, but the Cananea Mineros won an 11-7 A-M League decision.



HAL HACKER

Third baseman by trade, but doubles as part-time pitcher . . . 24-year-old veteran in 4th year of OB . . . stands 6-0 and weighs 190 . . . throws and bats righthanded . . . Hal hails from Colton, Mich., and spent most of last season with the Pokes . . . he hit .288 playing third base in between pitching starts . . . had an 8-10 mound record . . . married; Hal has a baby boy . . . one of best liked and hardest working members of squad.

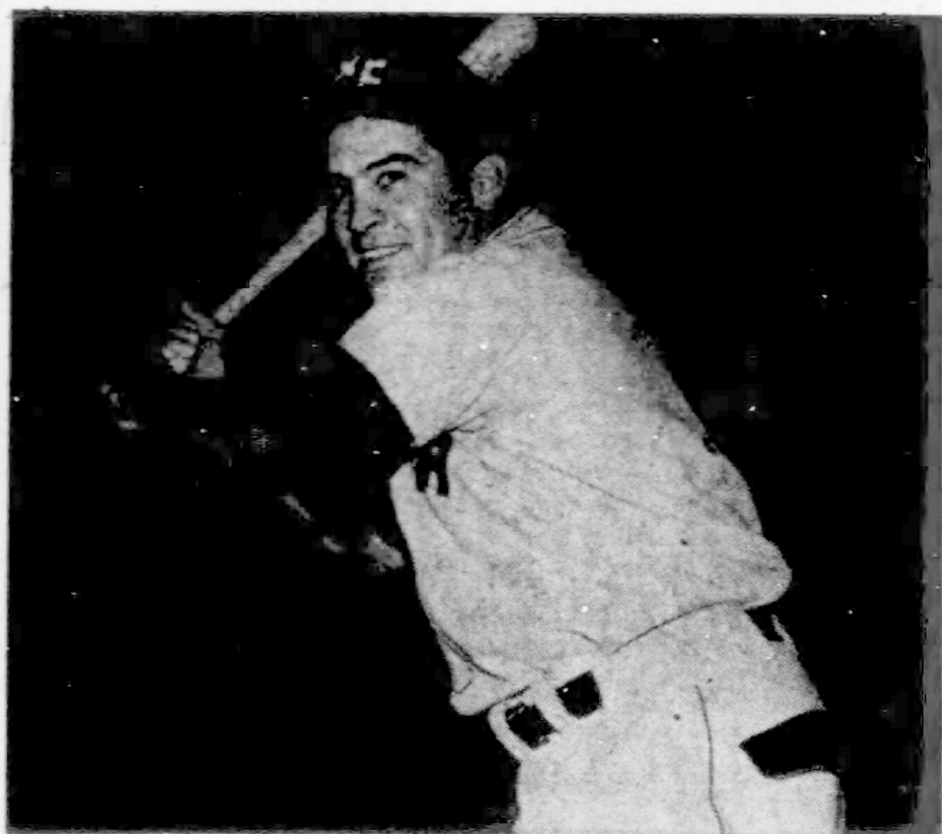
Rudy Venzor pitched a four-hitter and John Bellone hit a 2-run homer as Las Vegas topped Tucson 6-2. The Tucson Cowboys became sole occupants of the cellar with the loss. Sam Buell led the Douglas hit parade as the Copper Kings took on the Mexicali Eagles in a 28-hit slugfest and emerged with a 12-8 victory.

May 4

The Tucson Cowboys lost their sixth game in a row, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Las Vegas Wranglers. Pitcher Don Brunn handcuffed the league-leading Cananea Mineros with only three hits as the Phoenix Stars went on a slugging rampage, turning the tables on the Mineros for a 9-0 victory. Mexicali made six errors to pave the way for Fouglass pitcher mort Ek, who did a beautiful job on the mound for the Copper Kings, Douglas won, 12-6.

May 5

The Tucson Cowboys broke loose with 16 hits to burry the Las Vegas Wranglers, 17-7 and break a six-game losing streak. Mexicali pitcher Tom Hayes struck out 15 as the Eagles downed the Douglas Copper Kings, 10-9. Hayes walked five men in the ninth when the Kings scored 6 runs.



Hard-hitting Claudio Solano

May 6

President Chuck Hollinger mailed out a page of notes on the opening series which he lets it be known Humberto Barbon of Mexicali won possession of the title: First man thumbed out a game in 1957. Other firsts went to Jim Sampson of Las Vegas for four hits in a game, although Phoenix's Ray Murawski was first man with a perfect night at the plate when he had a five-for-five night with two doubles. Peter Marti of Tucson was first to hit two homers in a game.

The Las Vegas Wranglers took league lead with a 7-1 victory over the Mineros featuring a 10 strikeout performance by Vegas pitcher Jim Lee. The Douglas Copper Kings handed the Tucson Cowboys their seventh defeat in eight games, 11-8 in a rain-interrupted contest.

May 7

The Cananea Mineros outslugged Las Vegas for an 11-2 victory. The Las Vegas loss dropped them into a tie for first with defending champion Cananea. Second baseman Whitey DeHart smashed two homers and a triple as Phoenix outlasted Mexicali, 12-10. The Douglas Copper Kings made it two straight over the

floundering Tucson Cowboys taking an 11-2 victory. The Copper Kings hamered Tucson without mercy for a 19-2 win and the Cowboy's 10th defeat in 13 starts.

May 8

Las Vegas jumped back into the lead in the league with a 14-5 win over Cananea at Las Vegas leaving the Mineros and Phoenix tied for second place, one half game behind. Phoenix rallied from a five-run handicap to shove across six runs in the seventh and eighth innings to drop Mexicali 8-5 at Phoenix.

May 9

The Phoenix Stars demolished Cananea, 29-0 and moved to within one-half game of circuit leading Las Vegas. Las Vegas dropped Mexicali, 10-4 to remain barely ahead. Israel Ferrar, young Cuban right hander held the Douglas Copper Kings to eight hits as the Tucson Cowboys took an 8-4 victory. The win ended a three-game losing streak for the Cowboys.

May 10

Phoenix stomped into first place in the league over the prostrate form of frustrated Cananea, belting the Mineros, 1-3, while Mexicali was beating league-leading Las Vegas.

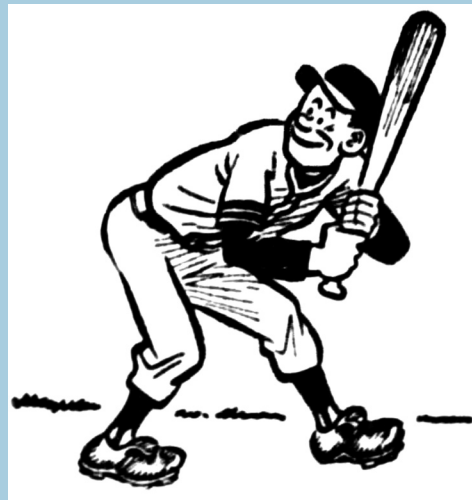


EX-DEVIL IN PRO BALL — Rookie Ken Harpeneau (right), former Sweetwater High pitcher, gets a few tips from Bob Clear, manager of the Douglas, Ariz., Copperkings.

May 11

The Las Vegas Wranglers took advantage of Mexicali's wildness on the mound and in the field to retain its hold on second place with a 4-2 victory. The Douglas Copper Kings scored two runs in the eighth inning to edge the Tucson Cowboys, 2-1 in a game at Tucson. Cal Ripken's eighth-inning single drove home the run that gave the Phoenix Stars, an 8-7 win and earned the Stars an unprecedented series sweep over the Mineros.

Ray Murawski, Phoenix Stars left fielder, leads the A-M League with a .450 batting average, league statistics through May 5 reveal. Murawski, Cal Ripken, Barry Shetrone and Whitey Dehart all are among the top 10 batters in the league—a fact largely responsible for Phoenix's No. 1 position in team batting.



May 12

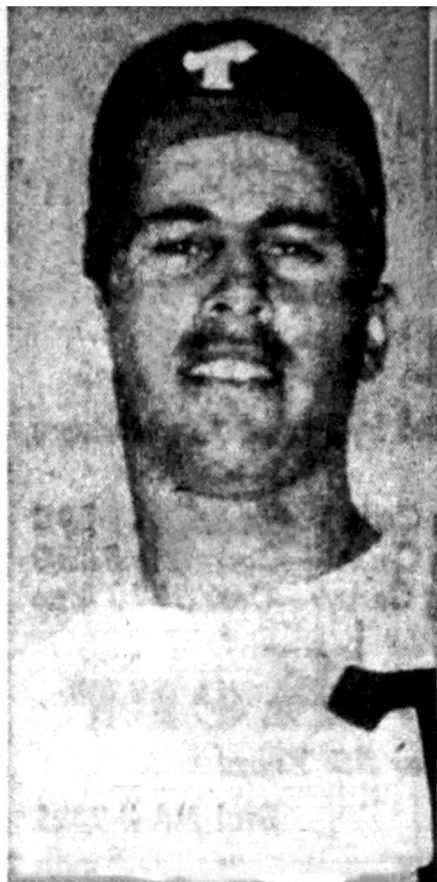
Ray Zari's two-run double in the ninth inning gave the Las Vegas Wranglers a close, 3-2 win over the Douglas Copper Kings in a game.

May 13

Phoenix moved back into the lead with an 11-4 win over Mexicali, while the former league leader, Las Vegas, fell to Douglas, 4-1. Cananea hammered out an 11-7 win over Tucson to drive the Cowboys a little deeper into the league's cellar.

May 14

The game between Phoenix and Mexicali was postponed because of weather, while Las Vegas beat Douglas, 16-7. The Las Vegas win led the Wranglers one game off the pace, Cananea rocked Tucson, 10-6 to shorten Douglas' lead for third place to a half game.



ART LUPPINO

May 15

The Phoenix Stars pulled a full game ahead of Las Vegas in the league with an 18-16 win over Douglas while the Wranglers dropped a 4-1 decision to Tucson. Mexicali hammered out a 9-3 victory over Cananea to throw the two teams into a tie for third place.

May 16

Las Vegas right fielder Fred Scane slugged two homers and drove in seven runs as the Wranglers blasted the Tucson Cowboys, 17-6. Cananea beat Mexicali, 8-6 to hold down fourth place. Douglas' victory over Phoenix gave the Copper Kings a hold on third, half-game ahead of the Mineros.

Art Luppino, one of the greatest football players in the history of the University of Arizona, has been released by the Tucson Cowboys of the A-M League.

May 17

The cellar-dwelling Pokes warmed up for the league leaders by beating second place Las Vegas, 8-3. After a terrible early-season slump, the defending champion Mineros won their second game in a row jumping on Mexicali with 16 hits, 4 homeruns and an 11-4 decision. The league-leading Phoenix Stars scored five runs on three hits and 5 errors in the eighth inning to down the cellar-dwelling Douglas Copperkings 13-7.

May 18

Pounding out 18 hits—seven for extra bases— the league leading Phoenix Stars buried the Tucson Cowboys, 16-3, in a game played at Hi Corbett Field.



PETE MARTI

A catcher, Pete may also see some outfield action this season . . . the 24-year-old native of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is in his third season with the Pokes . . . last year was Pete's best in four years of pro ball . . . a veteran, he hit .342 and drove in 93 RBI's for the Cowboys . . . Pete stands 5-7½, weighs 165 and is single.

It was all hit and no pitch as the Douglas Copper Kings squeezed by the Mexicali Eagles, 15-14. The Cananea Mineros, coming from behind in the seventh inning to score two runs downed the Las Vegas Wranglers, 6-4.

Phoenix Stars outfielder Cal Ripken leads A-M League batters with a .455 average and Don Bruns of the Stars is tops in pitching, statistics revealed.

May 19

The Mineros whipped the Las Vegas Wranglers in both games of a doubleheader, 6-5 and 11-7. The Phoenix Stars edged the Tucson Cowboys, 2-1.

May 20

Pete Marti's double with two out in the 12th inning gave the Tucson Cowboys a 5-4 victory over the Phoenix Stars and ruined a masterful relief job by Ray Sorensen. The Mexicali Eagles whitewashed the Douglas Copper Kings, 11-0.

New business manager of the Las Vegas Wranglers is Len Monheimer, 33 year-old veteran of baseball circles who has been connected with organized baseball for 11 years in management.

May 21

Pitcher George Gaffney struck out nine Tucson Cowboys and drove in two runs with his first two hits of the year to lead the Phoenix Stars to a 7-5 victory over Tucson. The cellar dwelling Pokes defeated the Stars, 5-4 in 12 innings in a tightly played, crowd-pleasing pitchers' duel.

May 22

The Las Vegas Wranglers made 13 errors in losing 12-6 to Douglas and probably set a league record in bobbled. The Cananea Mineros exploded for five runs in the eighth inning to pull ahead of Mexicali and took a 9-8 victory. Don Jameson, manager of the Tucson Cowboys said that because of sagging attendance, he is looking into the possibility of moving the pro team to Yuma or Nogales Mexico.

May 23

Douglas dumped Las Vegas, 8-1 to sneak past the Wranglers into third place in the A-M League while Phoenix spurred by large crowds moved farther into the league's lead with an 11-5 win over Tucson.

May 24

Tucson batters came up with four hits in a row in the fourth inning to provide the winning margin in the Cowboys' 6-3 victory over Mexicali. Outfielder Barry Shetrone supplied a triple in the seventh inning to drive in the winning run as the Stars outdistanced Las Vegas, 3-1.

May 25

Las Vegas hit the jackpot for 5 runs in the fifth inning to gain an 8-6 triumph over Phoenix snapping a seven-game Wrangler losing streak.

May 27

A sacrifice fly in the eighth inning by Wrangler shortstop Ray Avencino gave Las Vegas a 6-5 win over the Phoenix Stars.



Claudio Solano's long-range hitting moved Cananea into sole possession of second place in the league in a 3-2 victory over Douglas. Israel Ferrer hurled three-hit ball as the Tucson Cowboys shut out Mexicali, 15-0.

Bob Sutton, former Campbell High School pitcher was sent to Las Vegas to play under manager Red Marion.

May 28

The reviving Cananea Mineros moved closer to first place after a long climb. A 7-2 victory over Douglas brought the Mineros within 2 1/2 games of Phoenix as several other clubs shuffled around in the standings. The loss put Douglas into a tie for thirs with Las Vegas which edged Phoenix, 5-4 while Mexicali dropped back to fifth after a 12-9 defeat at the hands of tucson.

May 28

The Las Vegas Wranglers broke the spell Ray Sorensen had held over them for seven innings to score 4 runs in the eighth and tilt the Phoenix Stars 5-4.

May 29

Eagles Mexicali dumped on starter Ray Snyders and reliever Hal Eustice for three quick runs in the first inning and went on to take a 6-2 victory over the Tucson Cowboys at Hi Corbett Field. An enthusiastic crowd of 738 paid fans sat in on the game.



By Sentinel Staff



Tucson Cowboys' starting pitcher Manuel Garcia is a lanky 200-pounder.

The Cananea Mineros outlasted the Douglas Copper Kings, 16-13 in a wild game. Phoenix boosted its first place margin with a 13-1 victory over Las Vegas and Tucson closed out its series against Mexicali.

Rumblings from the front office, the field and the fans were heard in all corners of the A-M League but the standings remain virtually unchanged. Cananea outlasted Douglas in a game that almost turned into a rhubarb before Douglas Police Chief Percy Bowden escorted an umpire from the park. Both King manager Bob Clear and first baseman Dutch VanBurkelo thrown out of the game.

May 30

Israel Ferrer had a toothache and the Cananea Mineros couldn't be happier. Ferrer the crafty Tucson Cowboy righthander who has rightfully earned the nickname "The Cat" is due to seek revenge on the Mineros at Hi Corbett Field for the 10-2 licking the Pokes took.

A spectacular rally by Phoenix that provided a 7-6 victory over Mexicali and the wo-hit pitching of Douglas Manager Bob Clear stole the Memorial Day show in the Arizona-Mexico League. Cananea dumped Tucson, 10-3.

May 31

Tucson Walt Tyler scooted across the plate on a wild throw in the 11th inning to give the Tucson Cowboys an 11-10 victory in a slugfest at Hi Corbett Field.

June 1

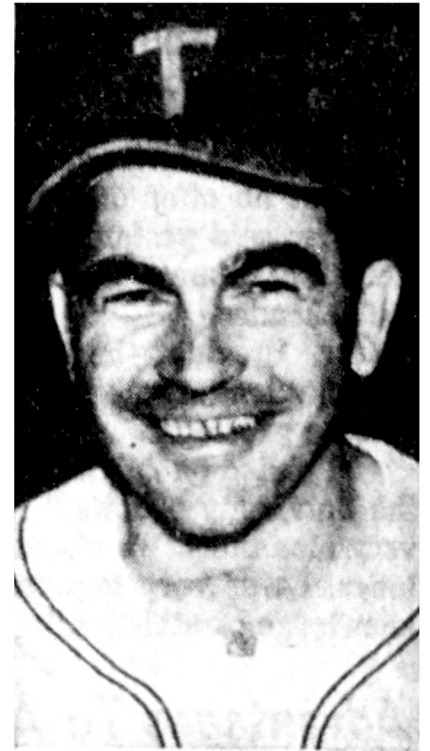
Mexicali made a shambles of the A-M League finest pitching stadd, winning a toe-to-toe slugging match, 21-15.

June 2

Tucson Manager Don Jameson was chased from the field and fined \$25 for roughing an umpire as his Cowboys dropped a 10-6 decision to the Cananea Mineros. Jameson who had held the game up on two other occasions with protests to plate ump Mickey Umphlett, finally received his walking papers in the eighth inning after grabbing base umpire Bud Grainger in a head lock.

Righthander Joe Gussin struck out 14 Douglas hitters in registering his fifth consecutive victory as the Phoenix Stars put together two 6-run explosions for 15-2 victory.

The Mexicali Eagles went for the long ball as they clubbed out a 20-3 victory over Las Vegas. The Eagles rapped five homers including one with the bases loaded by Art Wilson.



DON JAMESON
Tucson Cowboys Boss



MANAGER BOB HOOPER

June 4

Israel "The Cat" Ferrer, Tucson Cowboy's pitcher who plays the outfield once in a while continued to rip the cover off the ball as the Pokes dumped Cananea, 10-9, to close a two-game series. Pitcher Don Bruns won his eighth game without defeat as the Stars belted Douglas, 8-2.

The Tucson Cowboys will remain in Tucson-atleast for the time being. Poor attendance caused the club management financial headaches which they contemplated relieving by moving the club to some other city, probably Yuma.

June 5

Jaime Corrella hit a bases-loaded homer to give Mexicali a 14-11 victory over Douglas. Singles decided an 8-6 victory by Cananea over first-place Phoenix and Tucson's 8-7 edge over Las Vegas.

Bob Hooper, manager of the red-hot Phoenix Stars said he's not too happy about the size of a fine imposed against a member of his club for "chesting" A-M League umpire Ken Zentner. Jopoe Gauci, Phoenix first baseman was fined \$25 for the incident. "I realize Jose should be fined, but I seriously question whether a young Class C player, making Joe's kind of money should be fined twenty-five dollars," said Hooper.

June 6

The Las Vegas Wranglers pounded across six runs in the ninth inning to come from behind and trip the Tucson Cowboys 19-15 in a wild weary A-M League game at Hi-Corbett Field.



Ray Murawski of the Phoenix Stars was greeted at homeplate after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning in a game against Las Vegas.

June 10

Las Vegas and Mexicali forced a three way tie for second place by defeating Cananea and Tucson, respectively. Las Vegas blasted Cananea, 10-2 while Mexicali tumbled Tucson, 8-4. First place Phoenix picked up another game in downing Douglas, 21-12. League-leading hitter, Barry Shetrone collected five hits in seven trips, extending his streak to 31 consecutive games.

June 11

Manuel Garcia and Willie Neal hooked up in a brilliant pitching duel and at the end of nine innings of play, the Tucson Cowboys and the Las Vegas Wranglers were all tied up at 1-1.

Manager Bob Hooper put down Cananea's big bats in a splendid relief job and the watched his own sluggers piund out two home runs for a 5-run rally as Phoenix won an 8-5 victory over the Mineros. Mexicali rout Douglas 10-2. Phoenix downed second-place Cananea, 8-5.

Yakima's Kittle optioned pitcher Mike Morrison to Tucson.

June 7

Cananea Mineros Dan Rios, first man up in the 10th, hit Phoenix Manager Bob Hooper's third pitch for a 395-foot homerun to center to give the Miners a 12-11 victory.

The Las Vegas Wranglers sent the Tucson Cowboys further down the league cellar by dumping them, 11-6.

June 8

The Tucson Cowboys continued their hefty slugging to pound out a 7-2 victory over the Mexicali Eagles.

The Douglas Copper Kings handed Don Bruns his first dfeat of the season as the Kings toppled the Phoenix Stars, 5-4.

June 9

Mexicali staged a 7-run sixth inning rally which put them ahead, 11-10.

Phoenix downed Douglas, 7-2 while Tucson scored four times in the ninth inning to tumble Mexicali, 19-15, and Las Vegas bested Cananea, 7-2.

Willie Neal outlasted Manny Garcia in a brilliant pitching duel as the Las Vegas Wranglers nipped the Tucson Cowboys, 2-1 in 11 innings. Douglas rallied for four runs in the seventh and eighth innings to defeat Mexicali, 9-5 in an A-M League game.

June 12

The Cananea Mineros who rocked the baseball world in 1955 by attracting 213,074 paid spectators will play all "home" games at Nogales, Sonora., starting today, President Chuck Hollinger said.



Made It Phoenix's Cal Ripkin shut his eyes and skidded into third in a cloud of dust in the third inning Saturday night for a successful triple against the Las Vegas Wranglers. Las Vegas won the Arizona-Mexico League game, 13-4.—(Republic Photo, Al Cirou)

games at Nogales, Sonora., starting today, President Chuck Hollinger said.

June 13

Mexicali defeated the Douglas Copper Kings, 10-7. The Las Vegas Wranglers rallied to defeat the Tucson Cowboys, 9-8.

June 14

Israel "The Cat" Ferrer limited Douglas to eight hits and teammate Casey Jones slugged a grand slam home run as the Tucson Cowboys scored a 6-1 League victory over the Copper Kings.

June 15

Pitcher Pete Mumford tamed the Phoenix Stars while his mates unloaded on three Phoenix pitchers to give the visiting Wranglers their 10th straight win, 13-4. Cananea battle to a 15-15 tie with Mexicali in a game halted by curfew. The Tucson Cowboys, one of the hardest-hitting crews in the A-M League of late, were held to just four safeties but still managed to put together a 7-2 victory over the Douglas Copper Kings.

June 16

The Pokes won their 14th home game of the season at Hi Corbett Field by downing the Douglas Copper Kings, 8-5 to move to within a half-game of fifth place. Las Vegas which climaxed a three-game rout of Phoenix with a 10-9 win over the first-place Stars, carried an 11-game winning streak against Cananea in A-M League feature attraction. Cananea, now playing home game at Nogales won a wild 18-14 decision from Mexicali.

League President Chuck Hollinger said the Cananea Mineros will finish out the season playing games in Cananea after earlier reports said the Mineros were moving to Nogales for their home games.

June 17

Darkness forced a halt to a game between Cananea and Las Vegas with the teams deadlocked, 5-5 at the end of nine innings. Douglas exploded for an early 11-0 lead after three inning, and went on to down Tucson easily, 19-8. The Phoenix Stars scored 9 runs in the last two innings with the aid of 6 errors to defeat the Mexicali Eagles, 10-2.

June 18

The Tucson Cowboys watched a perfect chance to move out of the A-M League cellar, slip away from them when they lost their second in a row, 5-0 to the Douglas Copper Kings. The first-place Phoenix Stars walloped Mexicali, 11-5 to pull ahead in league race by five games over Las Vegas.

June 19

A lively five-way fight involving three Phoenix batters and two from Mexicali is taking place for league leadership, official statistics show. Phoenix's streak-hitting Barry Shetrone was streaking away from the field in his chase after the batting crown.

The Tucson Cowboys, taking advantage of wildness by Douglas pitcher Art Devany, scored eight runs in the first two innings and went on to defeat the Copper Kings, 15-2.

June 20

Joe Gussin of Phoenix nipped Tucson's news hurler, Mickey

Morrison in a 3-2 pitcher's duel for his sixth victory against one loss. Gregorio Figueroa hit two home runs in one game for the third consecutive day to lead suddenly explosive Cananea in a 9-3 victory over Mexicali that boosted the mineros to within one-half game of second place.



Versatile Stars The Phoenix Stars, leading the Arizona-Mexico League, battled Las Vegas last night with another scrambled lineup caused by a siege of illness. Among the more versatile players who have remained off the sick list are Manager Bob Hooper, a pitcher turned third baseman; Don Bruns, pitcher and right field; Joe Gauci, third and second base; and Cal Ripken, right field, third base.—(Republic Photo, Forrest Stroup)



Cal Ripken, left and Guy (Zeke) Lavalliere shared catching duties for Phoenix Stars.

June 21

The slugging Mineros rapped out a 6-3 decision over Mexicali, breaking a tie with a three-run rally in the ninth, Phoenix held its 6 1/2 game lead by walloping the cellar-dwelling Tucson Cowboys, 11-2. Douglas administered the final blow to Las Vegas, 22-7.

Tucson's two pitching sidelicks, Candido Andrade, 7-3 and Israel Ferrer, 8-5 led a party of four Cowboys to the 1957 A-M League All-Star team.

Financial troubles are endangering the third A-M League team to reveal it is having a scanty gate this season. The Douglas Copper Kings who left Bisbee for goos and set up what they hoped would be permanent camp are counting on two forthcoming home series to decide whether they stay in Douglas.

Despite a league with two teams less than last year, attendance in the A-M League is running more than ten thousand ahead of 1956 reported by the office of George Trautman, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues. Figures reported to his office showed that 106,878 fans have turned out. At this time in 1956, the attendance total was 96,187.

The Phoenix Stars blasted seven runs in the eighth inning to blow up a close baseball game with the Tucson Cowboys and topple the cellar-dwellers, 11-2.

June 22

Figures released by the National Association of Minor Leagues in Columbus, Ohio regarding the attendance of Arizona-Mexico League don't give a true picture of what's going on explained president Chuck Hollinger. Said Hollinger, the figures "was due to an exceptionally good beginning at Mexicali. Las Vegas also opened well. I tried to explain that the figures didn't give a true picture of what wah happening in the league. The total was misleading.

June 22

Dick Santaniello capped a late Phoenix comeback by singling with the bases loaded in the 11th inning giving the Stars a 6-5 triumph over Tucson Cowboys.

June 23

Tucson Cowboys combined clutch hitting and the fine pitching to break a three game loss skein and edge the league leading Phoenix Stars, 4-3 in a thrilling 10-inning game at Hi Corbett Field. Homeruns decided two league games including a 26-10 triumph that enabled Cananea to gain a full game on front-running Phoenix. Beto Barbon's second homer provided Mexicali with an 8-7 decisin over Las Vegas.

June 24

The A-M League produced another game to play top hits by as the loop-leading Phoenix-Stars walloped the Tucson Cowboys, 21-10 at Hi Corbett Field.

Douglas Manager Bob Clear was added to the A-M League All-Star squad.

June 25

With two of their star sluggers sick, the Cananea Mineros lost their second straight slugfest to Douglas, 18-14. Phoenix hustling Stars gave a demonstration of how they may treat the A-M League All-Stars in annual league game as they rocked the Tucson Cowboys, 9-2. With a mighty display of 26 hits, the Phoenix Stars crushed the Tucson Cowboys, 21-10. Mexicali backed the seven-hit hurling of Sam Rolin with a 16-hit attack to gain a 12-3 victory over Las Vegas.

June 26

The Phoenix Stars demonstrated how they hold on to the A-M League lead by outpitching and outslugiing the league All-Stars for a 7-5 victory in the annual All-Star League.

A system for paying up back dues to the A-M League on the installment plan was worked out at a meeting of the loop today. All teams indicated they would finish the season, or atleast try to. Under the new system, the teams will pay the league \$50 for each home game. Umpires will be paid before they call "play ball." All told, \$5,400 in back dues is outstanding from five clubs.

Vancouver Mounties have optioned pitcher Gordon Sundin to Phoenix of the Class C League. Baltimore has sent Gordie Sundin, ex Washburn athlete, to Phoenix of the Class C league.

June 27

The Phoenix Stars came from behind to overtake Las Vegas, 7-6. Alfred Acosta came through with a brilliant two-hit pitching performance that gave Douglas an 11-0 victory over second place Cananea. The victory put Douglas within one-half game of fourth place Mexicali. Tucson sank a little deeper into the cellar by dropping the opener of a three-game series against the Mexicali Eagles, 12-9.

Beats A-M All-Stars, 7-5

Phoenix Nine Wins



Booster Group Arizona-Mexico League All-Stars had varied support from the dug-out last night in their game against the Phoenix Stars at Municipal Stadium. From left, the All-Stars are: Raphael Ruiz, Cananea; Rip Radcliff, Tucson; Refino Vasquez, Mexicali; Ron Wilkino, Douglas; Bob Schuler, Mexicali; Morris Cigar, Douglas, and Willie Neal, Las Vegas. Phoenix won the game, 7-5. (Republic Photo, George Molie)

June 28

The Tucson Cowboys met and defeated a new financial crisis in another attempts to keep professional baseball going in Tucson. In an attempt to keep the team from folding, Manager Don Jameson said he would devote dulltime to promotion duties in the final game of the series against Mexicali.

Phoenix picked up half-game lead in standings as they overwhelmed Las Vegas, 11-5, while second-ranked Cananea was rained out of their scheduled game at Douglas. Mexicali hammered out five home runs to get by Tucson, 14-12 despite ten runs in the ninth inning.

June 29

Under the guidance of their new manager, Ernie Choukalos, the Tucson Cowboys awoke from a sound sleep to drub the Mexicali Eagles, 15-3.

Phoenix pitcher George Gaffney threw four straight balls to John Canze in the ninth inning with the bases loaded and walked in the winning run in Las Vegas's 3-2 victory.

June 30

The cellar-dwelling Tucson Cowboys won their second straight game for new Manager Ernie Choukalos as they nipped the Cananea Mineros, 15-14. Ray Sorensen produced a tight two-hit pitching performance for Phoenix as the Stars



In Safe Al Jimenez, former Phoenix Stars outfielder now with the Mexicali Eagles, was safe at third base last night when a wild throw to Phoenix third baseman Cal Ripken went

by him. But Phoenix captured its series opener with the Eagles at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, 8-3. — (Republic Photo, George Molie)

handed Douglas a 2-0 defeat to stay nine games ahead of the pack in standings Mexicali closed in on Las Vegas' third place spot in the A-M league by edging the Wranglers, 7-6.

July 1

Gregorio Figueroa exploded his own fireworks in the form of three home runs and two doubles to pave Cananea in a 22-10 victory over Tucson. Phoenix socked Douglas, 13-8. Las Vegas stopped Mexicali, 12-8 in a game halted in the eighth by curfew.

July 2

The Tucson Cowboys wound up in a 10-10 tie with the Cananea Mineros. Las Vegas kept the fight for second place with a 13-3 triumph over Mexicali.

July 3

Las Vegas gained second-place with an 8-4 win over the Mineros. Phoenix pulled 9 1/2 games ahead of the pack with an 8-3 triumph over Mexicali. Len Linborg got the best of a tight pitching duel with Candido Andrade as the Douglas Copper Kings edged past Tucson Cowboys, 4-3.

July 4

President Chuck Hollinger announced that the directors agreed unanimously in a television graphic poll to split the season into two halves and wipe the slate clean. The six teams will all be even again and start from scratch. A playoff will determine the league champion if Phoenix does not hold on to first place. Hollinger also announced that all games played though July 5 will determine the final first half standings. The second half of the scheule will begin July 6 and will provide 70 games for each club.



WELL-FOUNDED FEARS

Tucson Cowboy Manager Don Jameson (right) fearfully checks the bulging biceps of Al (Larrupin') Lurie, Citizen; Shep (Rube) Riblet, KGUN-TV, and Tom (Farmer) Foust, Daily Star. The power-packed packet of porkies will meet Jameson's Pokes at Hi Corbett Field similar anxious check of Bud (Tubby) Tucker, Daily Field

Tucson's Cowboys dug themselves deeper into the cellar as the Douglas Copper Kings took their second straight from the stumbling Pokes, 9-6.

July 5

Mexicali gracefully pounded Phoenix with a 17-9 slaughter. Mike Garcia came on in the first inning to put out a Copper King rally and pitch the Tucson Cowboys to a 13-10 victory. The Las Vegas Wranglers clinched second-place in the first half of the league by walloping Cananea, 17-9.

July 6

Donnie Dunn's two home runs powered Tucson to a 12-8 victory over Douglas in the opener of second half play in the league. Catcher Thomas Martel socked a 2-run homer in the top of the ninth to bring Cananea from behind for an 11-10 victory. George Gaffney hurled his 12th victory as the Phoenix Stars defeated Las Vegas, 5-1.

July 8

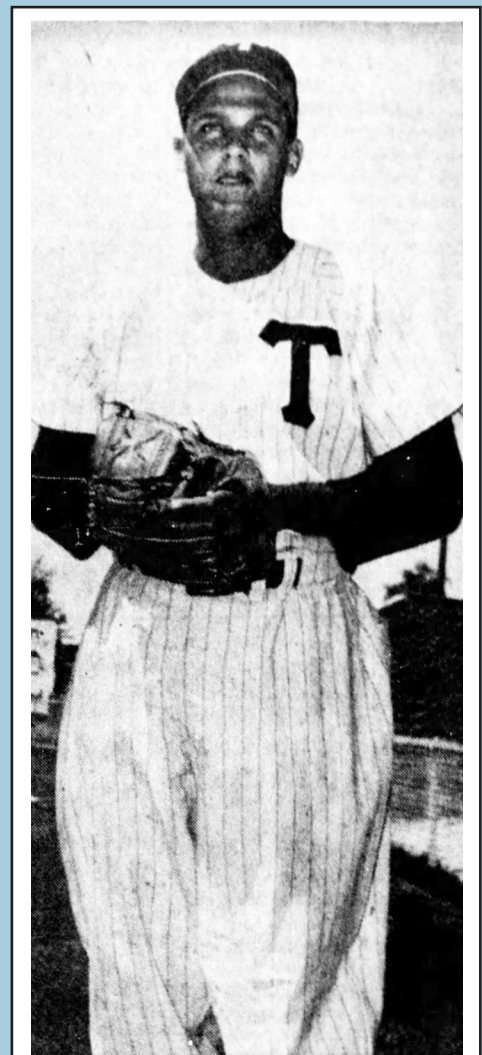
Sober Sam Woods' pitching led Tucson to an 8-2 victory over Douglas. Cananea downed Mexicali, 10-8. Phoenix shocked Las Vegas starter Bill Koski with 8 runs in the third inning and coasted in with a 10-7 victory.

July 9

A sudden downpour of rain forced postponement of the schedules A-M League game between the Tucson Cowboys and Las Vegas Wranglers at Hi Corbett Field. Tom Hayes allowed only seven hits in pitching Mexicali to a 7-4 win over Douglas.

July 10

Cananea exploded for two runs in the ninth inning to beat the Stars, 6-5.



Mike Garcia

The Phoenix Stars were knocked out of first place when Cananea produced a two-run rally in the ninth inning for a 6-5 victory.

July 11

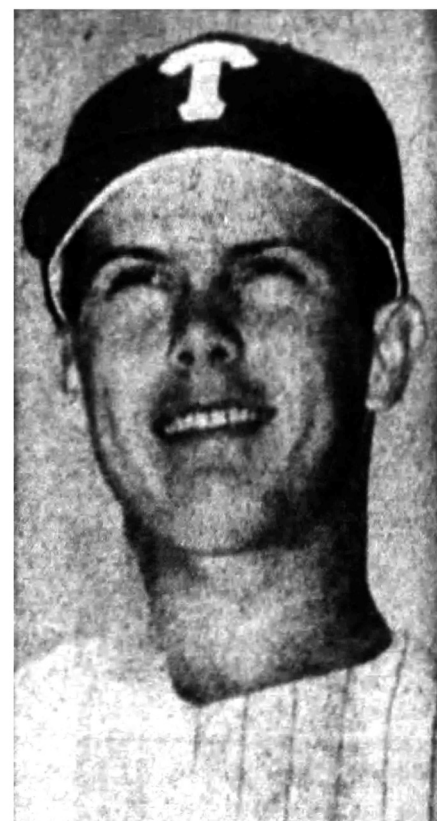
The Tucson Cowboys sent 20 players to bat in the first two innings, scoring nine runs, and then coasted to a one-sided 14-6 victory over the Las Vegas Wranglers at Hi Corbett Field.

Rays of hope started breaking through the dark clouds of financial troubles which have plagued the league this season. The Tucson Cowboys received an encouraging boost to their money troubles from the sale of 143 20-ticket books by the Tucson Gasoline Dealers Association and the Douglas Copper Kings voted to finish out the 1957 baseball season and finance their \$7,000 deficit with a gigantic ticket-selling campaign.

The Phoenix Stars regained a share of the A-M League lead for a few hours, but left town a game behind Cananea after the Mineros won the nightcap. Phoenix blasted the Mineros 12-3 in the morning tilt but fell by an 11-9 count in the afternoon. Avelino Canizares singled home the tying and winning runs as Mexicali staged a four-run rally to beat Douglas, 10-9.

July 12

The Waddies gain sole possession of second place by coupling their victory with an 8-1 loss by the Phoenix Stars to the Douglas Copper Kings. "Sober



DON DUNN

Sam" Woods was tough in the clutches as he gave the Tucson Cowboys the boost they needed to a 3-2 triumph over the Las Vegas Wranglers.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Includes all active players with 40 or more AB except pitchers batting less than .200 plus players since released providing total AB's of 100 or more.

	g	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	pct
Guerrero, Can	18	73	26	30	7	0	5	36	.411
Barbon, Mex	67	292	70	117	26	4	15	77	.401
Ferrer, Tuc	35	96	17	38	6	3	1	27	.396
Geels, Phx	13	48	9	19	2	0	0	8	.396
Shetrne, Phx	57	258	78	102	18	7	13	63	.395
Solano, Can	51	193	61	76	9	0	15	67	.394
Cigar, Doug	64	254	69	98	17	7	7	61	.386
Figueroa, Can	60	254	60	96	18	6	18	76	.378
Maglion, Mex	66	268	59	100	25	1	13	69	.373
Radcliffe, Tuc	44	160	42	59	14	0	1	61	.369
Clear, Doug	31	81	12	29	6	1	1	21	.358
Sornson, Phx	17	31	4	11	2	0	0	1	.355
Wilson, Art Mx	68	286	78	101	17	3	11	63	.353
Lavalliere, Px	58	211	58	74	9	5	8	55	.351
Santniello, Px	60	257	53	90	15	2	11	52	.350
Hacker, Tuc	69	257	52	90	9	2	9	42	.350
Rios, Can	48	140	42	49	8	2	11	43	.350
Olley, LV	31	123	24	43	11	3	4	22	.350
Zanze, LV	49	152	31	52	5	5	0	36	.349
Rubio, LV	68	268	57	93	13	7	1	53	.347
Murwski, Phx	67	283	61	97	19	2	21	74	.343
Cacheux, Can	19	35	4	12	1	1	1	5	.343
Sobczak, LV	18	76	16	26	5	3	4	20	.342
Dehart, Phx	54	238	75	81	23	6	11	36	.341
Tyler, Tuc	57	235	59	80	12	5	8	53	.340
Torres, Doug	65	278	73	94	18	7	2	32	.338
Walker, Phx	47	198	52	67	9	1	7	35	.338
Wilks, Doug	68	263	67	87	19	4	16	68	.331
Schlr, Mx-LV	55	228	70	75	13	7	13	44	.329
Durden, LV	18	82	14	27	6	1	1	10	.329
Lindberg, Dg	32	73	18	24	9	1	4	23	.329
Gauci, Phx	60	245	33	79	8	6	1	43	.323
Ayala, Can	44	190	50	61	5	5	2	37	.321
Hooper, Phx	13	25	3	8	1	0	0	3	.320
Echevria, Mx	10	41	7	13	1	1	2	11	.317
Vn Brkleo, Dg	55	197	56	62	13	5	11	41	.315
Cruz, Can	22	51	9	16	2	2	2	4	.314
Martel, Can	60	225	55	70	15	3	6	47	.311
Marti, Tuc	59	249	43	77	13	4	7	46	.309
Bellone, LV	66	246	65	76	16	2	20	72	.309
Jones, Tuc	45	181	29	56	10	4	3	41	.309

July 13

Beto Barbon of Mexicali walked off with six individual batting titles, according to first half A-M League averages just released.

The Cananea Mineros fattened their first-place lead with a 15-13 victory over Mexicali. Phoenix took advantage of seven Douglas errors to build up a 10-5 lead and held on to outlast the Copper Kings for a 10-9 victory.

July 14

Cananea unleashed a barrage of homeruns to split a doubleheader with Mexicali and secure a first-place tie with Tucson in the A-M League. Tucson dumped the hapless Las Vegas Wranglers, 7-5, while Cananea sneaked past their second game, 9-8 after dropping the opener, 17-14 to Mexicali. Phoenix routed Douglas, 22-7 by the grace of 11 free passes and six Copper King errors.

July 15

Phoenix' Rolf Scheel outpitched Tucson's Israel Ferrer, 4-2. The Phoenix Stars, given 11 free passes, waltzed to a 22-7 victory over Douglas to give them the rubber match in the three-game series.

July 16

The hard-hitting Phoenix Stars took over second-place and shoved Tucson to third by defeating the Cowboys, 9-8.

July 18

The Cananea Mineros fattened their lead on first place in the League by handing Las Vegas a 16-2 drubbing.

July 19

George Graham, 17, second baseman signed contracts with the Hollywood Stars and will report to Douglas

Homeruns by manager Ernie Choukalos and pitcher Candido Andrade powered the Tucson Cowboys to a 6-4 triumph over Cananea.

July 20

Two important runs in the eighth inning enabled the league leading Cananea Mineros to dump the Tucson Cowboys, 8-5 at Hi Corbett Field. Some 1,800



Nice Try Cananea's Claudio Solano, veteran home run slugger of the Arizona-Mexico League, hustled with the old college try but was thrown out at first base in second inning

of last night's game against the Phoenix Stars. Hank Niemeir took the throw from third baseman Cal Ripkin. Cananea won the game 4-3—(Republic Photo, George Molie)



ISRAEL FERRER

fans turned out to see the game on Pony Night. Catcher Zeke Lavalliere knocked in five runs with a double and three singles topace the Phoenix Stars to a 10-4 triumph over the Mexicali Eagles.

July 21

Twenty one Cananea base hits proved too much for the Tucson Cowboys as the Cananea Mineros rolled to a 15-5 decision

July 22

Casey Jones scooted home on Pete Marti's sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to give the Tucson Cowboys a 12-11 victory over Mexicali. Cananea managed to cluster its hits in the sixth inning for all its runs and a 4-3 victory over Phoenix in the opener of a head-to-head first place battle.

The Hollywood Stars have signed 1958 contracts with first baseman Maniel Lopez and righthanded pitcher Alfred Chavez of Delano were signed to play with the Douglas Copper Kings.

July 23

Tucson's on again off-again Cowboys lost to the Mexicali Eagles in an 8-5 game. Phoenix bombed a pair of Cananea pitchers for 17 hits and a 7-5 victory.

July 24

Mickey Morrison made a torrid hurling and set down the Mexicali Eagles, 6-5.

The Las Vegas Wrangles measured the Douglas Copper Kings, 14-3 with Rogers Higgins, 29 year old pitcher getting credit for the win. Phoenix crashed five homeruns off Rafael Favela to win an easy 10-2 decision from Cananea.

July 25

A-M League top homerun slugger, Ray Murawski rammed an Israel Ferrer pitch over the left field wall with a mate aboard in the eighth inning to give the Phoenix Stars a 4-3 come-from behind victory over the Tucson Cowboys at Hi Corbett Field.



Swing Session Some good hitters down through both lineups were represented for the Phoenix Stars and Cananea Mineros by the four swatters above, who concluded a first-place series battle here last night. From left are Ray Murawski, Phoenix's league-leading home run

clouter at 24; Whitey DeHart, who has been among the league leaders in two or three departments all season; Claudio Solano, Cananea's holder of the league homer record at 47, and Gregorio Figueroa.

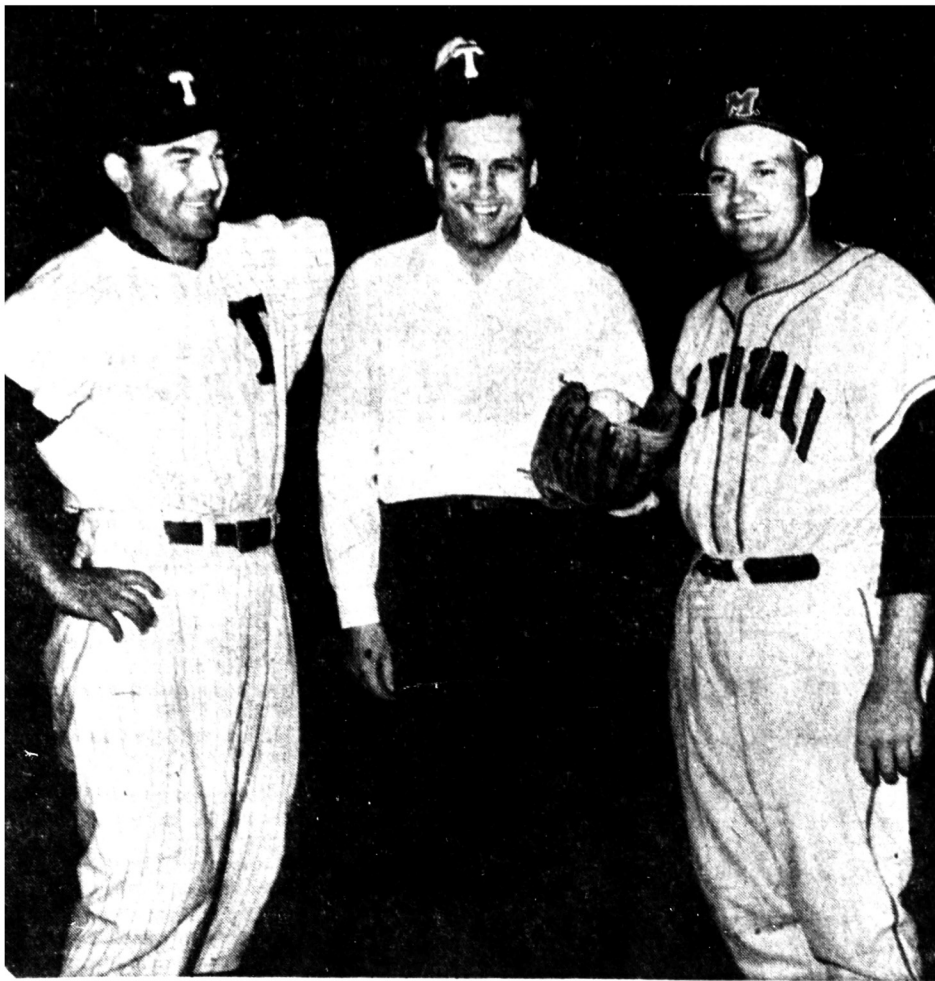
(Republic Photo, Willis Peterson)

July 26

The Phoenix Stars moved into undisputed first place by grace of a 10-inning 6-3 victory over the Cowpokes after tripping them in a teaser.

July 27

Cananea's Claudio Solano, Mexicali's Beto Barbon and Phoenix' Art Murawski are pacing the league in hitting, runs-batted-in and homers according to statistics just released. The figures run through July 19.



Managers Don Jameson and Artie Wilson try to get City Manger Porter Homer to play in a game at the pre-game ceremony of the 1957 season.

The Cananea Mineros regained a solid one-game hold on second place in the A-M League by smothering the Tucson Cowboys, 17-4.

A dust storm struck Phoenix and forced postponement of the Douglas and Phoenix game.

August 1

Beto Barbon of Mexicali and Barry Shetrone of Phoenix are competing for leadership in most batting departments in the A-M League, but Cananea's Claudio Solano tops averages with .398.

Claudio Solano rapped his 26th homerun of the season and Umberto Guerrero followed with his 13th as the Cananea Mineros whipped Tucson, 17-3. Len Lindborg brought Phoenix up short with a two-hitter in the seven-inning first game, won by Douglas 10-2. George Gaffney nailed his 14th victory by fanning 14 men in the second game as Phoenix won, 4-3.

August 2

Mexicali which doesn't seem to be going anywhere this season executed a well-played 3-2 win over Las Vegas in 13 innings. Cananea stayed two games behind firstplace Phoenix with a 10-9 triumph over Tucson in 10 innings.

July 28

Sam Woods and Manuel Garcia teamed to spin a four-hitter at Mexicali as the Tucson Cowboys whipped the Eagles, 6-4 at Hi-Corbett Field.

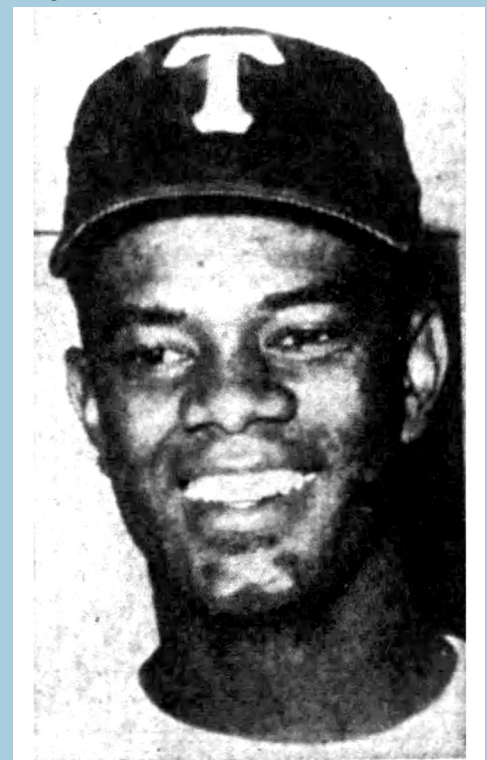
Rolf Scheel spaced five singles for his 13th straight victory as Phoenix downed Las Vegas, 8-2.

July 29

Roger Higgins pitched a neat six-hitter for his 14th victory of the season as Las Vegas tumbled Phoenix, 6-3. Israel Ferrer came up with a beautiful piece of clutch pitching in the eighth inning to protect his one run lead and give the Tucson Cowboys their second triumph in a row over Mexicali, 2-1. Douglas scored five runs in the last two innings of play but the drive fell short as Cananea took an 8-7 victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

July 30

Art Wilson doubled in one run, then scored himself on Humberto Barbone's single to put Mexicali on the track of a 6-1 victory over Las Vegas.



WALT TYLER



Mexicali's Manuel Magallo was tagged out in a game against Phoenix.

A two-run homer by Jose Padilla in the 10th provided the Mineros with victory. Phoenix trimmed Douglas, 4-1 in a game that found the Copper Kings committing nine errors.

August 3

The Tucson Cowboys, on a two-run homer by Manager Ernie Choukalos in the 5th defeated the Las Vegas Wrangler, 3-2 to break a three-game losing streak.

August 4

Cananea's Claudio Solano increased his batting mark six points and upped his margin over Mexicali's Beto Barbon by one point in the A-M League batting race according to statistics released by loop statisticians.

Cananea clubbed the Stars, 8-4. Mexicali's Regino Vasquez scored the winning run to win his own 13-inning pitching duel, 3-2, over Las Vegas. Cananea tied with Phoenix at first as Cananea blasted the Stars 12-5 over the Phoenix Stars before 2,450 fans, largest Cananea crowd of the season.

August 5

Tucson landed five games off the top spot after cellar-dwelling Las Vegas rapped the Cowboys, 9-2. Douglas dropped Mexicali to creep within a game of third-ranked Tucson. Walopin Walt sliced a fourth-inning double into the leftfield corner against Cananea to hit safely in his 36th consecutive game tying the A-M League record held jointly by him and Jim Bynum of the 1947 Bisbee club. However, the Cananea Mineros rocked the Pokes, 11-2 at Hi Corbett. Las Vegas tumbled Mexicali, 12-8.

August 6

Rallying for two runs in the ninth inning, the Cananea Mineros dumped the Tucson Cowboys, 11-9 and snapped Walt Tyler's bid for a new A-M League consecutive game hitting record at Hi Corbett Field. The Phoenix Stars broke back on top in the A-M League race with two wins over Douglas, 5-4 and 9-4.

August 7

Cananea regained a one-game lead in the A-M league with a 5-1 victory over slumping Tucson, but also owed a vote of thanks to a "gringo" by the name of Bob Clear. Douglas manager and ace pitcher turned back Phoenix in a 2-1 Copper King triumph. Douglas beat Phoenix, 3-2 via a ninth-inning error from Phoenix side. Las Vegas gained fifth place in the standings with an 8-3 triumph over Mexicali.

August 8

Phoenix Stars downed Mexicali, 6-3.



Corky Reddell

August 10

Corky Reddell who made his first appearance for the Tucson Cowboys in over two years ignited the fire that sparked the Pokes to a 9-5 victory over Las Vegas at Hi Corbett Field.

George Gaffney, shutout the Mexicali Eagles, 7-0 and gave the Phoenix Stars the rubber game of the series before a 6,099 crowd at Phoenix Municipal Stadium.

August 11

The Cananea Mineros lengthened their lead to one and a half game defeating last place Mexicali, 3-2. Second place Phoenix helped the Mineros boost their lead by bowing to Las Vegas, 2-1 at Wrangler Field.

August 12

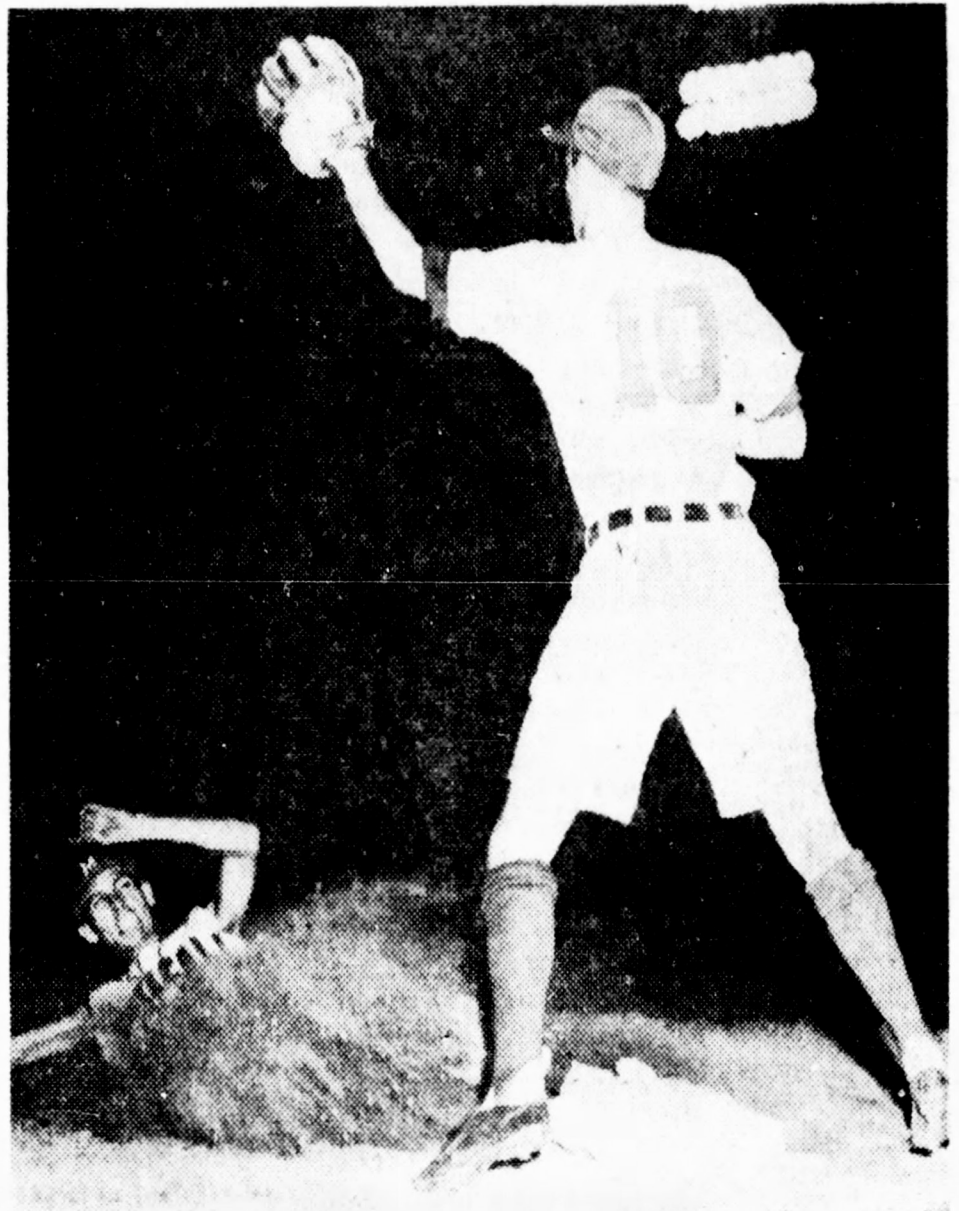
Manny Megallon, veteran of veterans in the league returned to active duty to lead Mexicali to a 3-2 victory over Cananea. Phoenix downed Las Vegas, 6-3. Douglas Pitcher Bob Clear shut out Tucson, 1-0 for his 16th win of the year, but the Cowboys came back for an 8-4 win in the nightcap. The same teams round out the series

The Tucson Cowboys unloaded their heavy artillery to break a five-game losing streak, dumping the Las Vegas Wranglers, 12-8 at Hi Corbett Field. Douglas jumped on league-leading Cananea for five runs in the first two innings, added seven in a wild sixth inning, then coasted to a 14-7 victory.

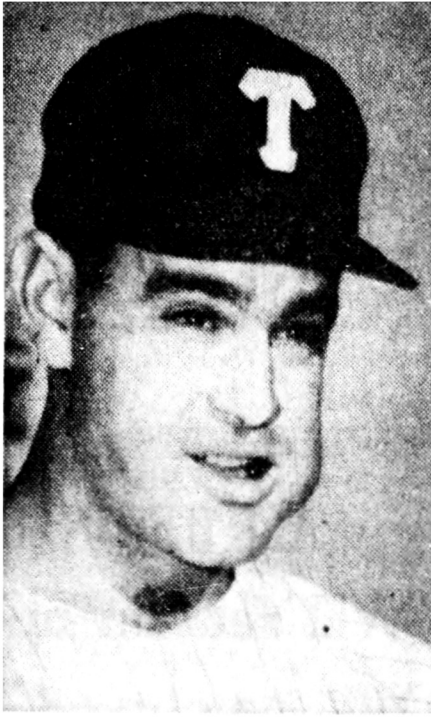
August 9

Corky Reddell signed back to Tucson and will be making his return to pitch against Las Vegas Wranglers in a rubber game of the series at Hi Corbett Field. Las Vegas, behind the lefthanded slants of Willie Neal, set the Pokes down, 5-1.

Great Falls assigned Anthony Lembo to Tucson.



Safe Slide Jaime Correla, Mexicali catcher, slid safely into third base in last night's game here. Taking the throw was Bob Geels, Phoenix third baseman. Correla was stranded at third as Stars blanked the Eagles, 7-0.—(Republic Photo, Ralph Camping)



ERNIE CHOUKALOS

just in time as the kings squeezed out a 6-4 triumph over the Pokes. The Phoenix Stars clung to their 8 percentage points, with a 6-2 win over Mexicali. Cananea unloosed a barrage of 20 hits in defeating Las Vegas, 13-4. Bob Clear won his 17th game as Douglas stopped Tucson, 6-4.

August 16

Humberto Barton slammed two homers accounting for all three Mexicali runs as the Eagles clipped Phoenix, 3-2-dropping the Stars into second place.

Rain washed out contest between the Douglas Copper Kings and Tucson Cowboys at Hi-Corbett Field.

August 17

The Tucson Cowboys put together two big innings in taking advantage of Rolf Scheel's wildness to defeat the Phoenix Stars, 9-3.

Cananea's Claudio Solano increased his batting mark six points and upped his margin over Mexicali's Beto

August 13

The Tucson Cowboys, lost to the Douglas Copper Kings, 6-5.

August 14

George Gaffney posted his 17th victory of the season pitching the Phoenix Stars to a 10-4 win over Mexicali. Cananea dropped an 11-1 decision to Las Vegas. Manager Ernie Choukalos, whose Tucson Cowboys captured a handy 3-1 victory over the Douglas Copper Kings .

Phoenix outfielder Ray Murawski tops the league in home runs with 29 . He is hitting .332 , but his 101 RBIs are only third in the league.

August 15

Douglas Copper King manager Bob Clear shut off a Tucson Cowboy rally



Phoenix Stars' Lou Murgo and second baseman Whitey DeHart.

Barbon by one point in the A-M League batting race according to statistics released by loop statisticians.

August 18

Claudio Solano hit two homers, his 30th and 31st of the season, to help Cananea wallop the Mexicali Eagles, 9-6. The Phoenix Stars crept within a game by sweeping a doubleheader from Tucson, winning the first game, 5-2 and the second, 6-2. Phoenix won a doubleheader dropping Tucson, 5-2 and 6-2 but remained a game behind Cananea in A-M League Standing. Douglas beat Las Vegas, 5-1 to move into third place.

August 19

Cananea's Claudio Solano continues to set a torrid pace in the A-M League batting race.

The Cananea Mineros lengthened their lead over idle Phoenix to 1 1/2 games by defeating Mexicali, 11-5.

August 20

Cananea stretched its league lead to 3 1/2 games by whipping Las Vegas 8-5 while Phoenix was dropping a doubleheader to Tucson, 9-6 and 6-2. Mexicali snapped a four-game win streak by trouncing Douglas, 8-4.

August 21

The Tucson Cowbys, currently engaged in a red hot battle for third place conclude their series with Phoenix after downing the Stars for the third straight time, 9-4. Claudio Solano poled his 32nd homer as Cananea edged Las Vegas, 6-5 and the Mineros tightened their grip on first place.

August 22

Eddie Sobczak homered twice and brogght in three runs as Las Vegas shaded Cananea, 10-9.

August 23

A homerun, two doubles and a walk in the fourth inning were enough to give the Mexicali Eagles a 6-1 triumph over the Tucson Cowboys. The Phoenix Stars lost their fourth straight to Cananea, 5-1 in rain that sent a small crowd hurrying to shelter in the first and fifth innings. Candido Andrade scattered three hits and struck out 18 batters as the Tucson Cowboys moved into a third place tie by clobbering the Mexicali Eagles, 13-1.

August 24

Las Vegas edged Douglas, 7-3 in a game protested by Douglas player-manager Bob Clear.



Slugging Stars This threesome helped Phoenix snap a losing streak by taking the last two of a three-game series from Cananea. Bob Geels, left, had seven for nine in the last two games, and Whitey DeHart, center, batted in seven runs Saturday with two homers and a single. Ray Murawski, right, ended a slump with three hits in the final two games with the Mineros. — (Republic Photo, Forrest Stroup)

August 25

Cananea's infield punctured for five errors and Phoenix poured across four unearned runs for a 6-1 decision. The Tucson Cowboys collected 19 hits and a 13-1 victory over Mexicali behind 18 strikeout pitching by Candido Andrade.

August 26

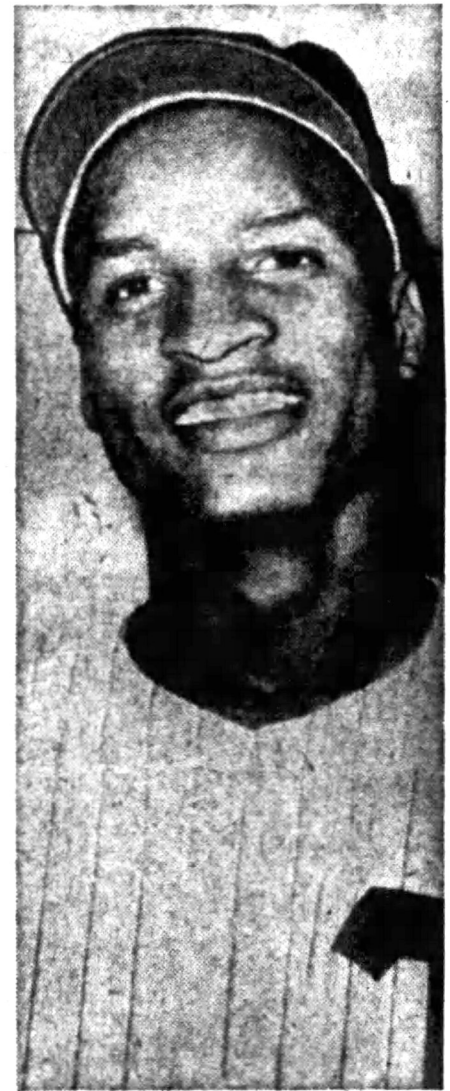
Carl Olley's gradslam blast in the second inning paced the Las Vegas Wranglers to a 9-5 victory over Tucson.

August 27

The Tucson Cowboys took over third place in the A-M League at the same time dumped Las Vegas back into the cellar with an 8-2 victory over the Wranglers.



WALT TYLER . . . Knocking on door



CANDIDO ANDRADE
Hurls and hits

August 29

Tucson downed Mexicali, 10-5 to tighten its hold on third place. Cananea withstood a Douglas rally in the ninth inning to win, 5-4. Phoenix came from behind to down Las Vegas, 5-3.

August 30

Manuel Garcia struck out 14 batters as the Tucson Cowboys whipped the Mexicali Eagles, 9-5 at HiCorbett Field for a sweep of a two-game series. Phoenix's Stars climbed back into the A-M loop lead defeating Mexicali, 10-2 for their seventh straight victory. Phoenix defeated Las Vegas, 7-2 while Cananea and Douglas were idled by rain.

August 31

Phoenix Stars climbed back into the A-M loop lead defeating Mexicali, 10-2 for their seventh straight victory.

September 1

Phoenix exploded for five runs in the eighth inning to defeat Mexicali, 9-4 and boost their slim lead to one full game. The Cowboys continued their dash down the league homestretch with wins no. 4 and 5 in a row at the expense of the Las Vegas Wranglers, 6-3 and 10-4.

September 2

The Tucson Cowboys currently the hottest club in the league go after their seventh straight victory after cooling off Cananea, 6-1, at Hi Corbett Field.

September 3

The Cananea Mineros put an abrupt end to Tucson's six-game victory streak with a 10-3 triumph over the Cowboys.

September 4

Phoenix swept a doubleheader from Tucson, 5-2 and 15-4. the Stars added a half game to their league lead. Cananea won a 13-7 contest from Mexicali as the losers burned up five pitchers in effort to stop the second-pace Mineros.

September 5

A 10th inning double to left field by Fred Scane scurried the winning run as Las Vegas nudged Douglas, 4-3. Manager Bob Hooper pitched a four-hitter as the Stars dashed off a 5-2 victory. Cananea squeaked by Mexicali, 9-8 in a contest halted after eight innings because of darkness.

September 6

Ray Murawski, who didn't hit a homerun from July 30 until September 4 slammed his 31st of the season to power to a 5-2 victory over Tucson in the first game of a doubleheader.

Players of Mexicali refused to play Douglas unless they are paid immediately.

September 7

Phoenix' Ray Sorensen out-duelled Tucson's Israel Ferrer in a hurling battle to give the league-leading Phoenix Stars a 3-1 triumph over Tucson.

Mexicali is definitely finished but President Chuck Hollinger quickly squelched rumors that other clubs in the league were planning to end the season a week early. "Mexicali is through for the season," the A-M said,

"but the rest of the league will finish the season. Teams which are scheduled to go on the road to have an obligation to the home teams. We will play out the remaining games.

September 8

Phoenix moved a significant step closer to the second-half league pennant with a 10-inning 9-8 victory over second-ranked Cananea. Mickey Morrison struck out 15 Douglas Copper Kings in the second game of a doubleheader to give the Tucson Cowboys a 3-2 victory and a split in the twin bill. In the opener, Bob Clear picked up his 19th victory of the season as the Kings pounded Manuel Garcia for an 8-2 triumph.



Sorensen

Mexicali Club Drops From Baseball League

Stars 'Wrap Up' Pennant

September 9

The Tucson Cowboys closed the door on their 1957 home schedule with an 8-4 victory over Douglas wondering if it will open again in 1958. Phoenix virtually cinched the A-M League pennant with a ninth-inning 5-4 victory over second place Cananea to drop the Mineros four games behind.

September 10

The Tucson Cowboys kept their foot in the league's first division with a 17-12 triumph over the Cananea Mineros and it looked as though they would stay there. Phoenix maintained a four-game lead even though they dropped a 7-3 decision to Douglas.

The Phoenix city council has appointed a citizen's committee to look into the possibilities of obtaining higher classification baseball for Phoenix.

September 11

After closing the books on his most disastrous season, in which home attendance dipped to a record low, 18,706. Tucson Cowboy Owner General Manager Don Jameson said he would not balk at the chance of selling his baseball franchise.

Douglas Manager Bob Clear notched his 20th pitching victory of the season by beating A-M League champion Phoenix, 4-3. Humberto Guerrero's three home runs fired the Cananea Mineros to a 15-9 victory over the Tucson Cowboys.

September 12

Cananea rallied for five late runs to turn back Phoenix, 7-5.

September 13

The Phoenix Stars wrapped earlier in the week, closed out the season with an 11-7 loss to second place Cananea.



Pickoff Try Cananea first baseman Gregorie Figueroa reached for the baseball as Phoenix's Whitey DeHart hustled back to first to avoid a pickoff attempt in last night's game. Phoenix won the game, 5-4, virtually clinching the Arizona-Mexico League pennant. — (Republic Photo, Rod Moyer)

Douglas has a one-game advantage by downing Las Vegas, 10-3. Tucson won by forfeit over Mexicali.

September 14

The Douglas Copper Kings clinched third place in the A-M League by edging the Tucson Cowboys, 6-5. The Cananea Mineros broke loose for six runs in the eighth inning to defeat Las Vegas, 14-8 in a game.

Manager Bob Hooper and his pennant-winning Phoenix Stars baseball team received both verbal and material expressions of appreciation at a luncheon at Stockyards Restaurant.

September 15

Tucson scored three runs in the 10th inning to defeat Douglas, 3-0 but the win gave the Cowpokes no better than fourth place. Claudio Solano rapped his 40th and 41st homers as the Cananea Mineros outslugged Las Vegas 12-5 closing out the season for Cananea.

STANDINGS

FINAL ARIZONA-MEXICO LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	45	25	.643
Cananea	43	25	.632	1
Douglas	36	33	.529	8½
TUCSON	36	34	.521	9
Las Vegas	27	42	.391	17½
Mexicali	20	48	.294	24

Last Night's Results

TUCSON 3, Douglas 0

Phoenix 9, Mexicali 0

Cananea 12, Las Vegas 5

November 1

Chuck Hollinger, president of the A-M League said after the Giants purchase that it would "create more financial problems" in the loop.

November 24

The A-M League directors in a meeting held agreed to surrender the Phoenix territory providing the A-M club is accepted into the Pacific Coast League.

December 8

The Las Vegas Wranglers may switch to the California League if they can get into that circuit. Las Vegas Club President A. J. Brimacombe indicated he doesn't see much future in the A-M League with Phoenix now in the Pacific Coast League.

December 20

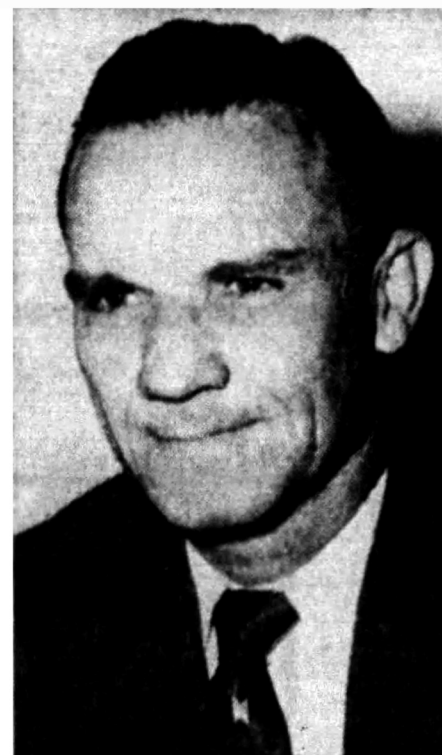
The A-M League is getting \$16,000 to split up among its members. The Pacific Coast League paid that in damages for taking Phoenix away from the A-M league.

October 5

Bob Hooper, who managed the Phoenix Stars to a league pennant this season, has been notified of his release by the Baltimore Orioles.

October 20

Horace Stoneham, president of the San Francisco Giants has purchased the Phoenix franchise, apparently with the intent of putting a Pacific Coast League club into the city in 1958. Sale of the Phoenix franchise was announced by Joseph Lanser, Sr., president of the Phoenix Stars.



CHUCK HOLLINGER