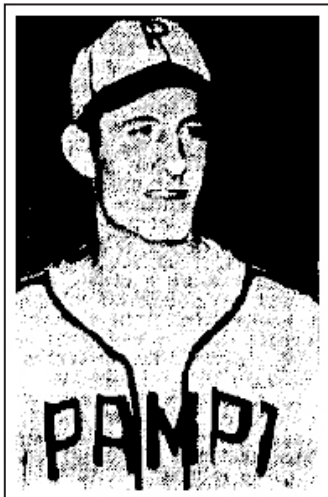


# April 28, 1950

## Struck by Lightning

Pampa Oilers catcher Jim Martin is knocked unconscious after being struck by lightning in the first inning of a West Texas-New Mexico (C) League game with the Abilene Blue Sox ... the game is halted by rain in the second inning with Abilene leading 3-1.



Martin's catcher's mask is found 20 feet behind the pitcher's mound ... Martin will finish the season with 31 doubles, 14 home runs and is one of 51 WTNM League players to hit .300-or-better (.301) in 1950.

In seven minor league seasons (1948-50, 1953-56), Martin fashions a .273 career batting average with 75 home runs ... in his final season in professional baseball, Martin turns in a career year for Pampa, batting .328 with 31 home runs.

### Lightning Knocks Out the Catcher

ABILENE, Texas, April 29.

(AP)—Pampa Catcher Jim Martin was knocked unconscious last night by lightning which also blew out lights at the West Texas-New Mexico league game between Pampa and Abilene.

The game was halted by rain in the second inning with Abilene leading, 3-1.

On January 25, 1957, the Oilers sell the contracts of Martin and OF Len Tucker to the Nuevo Laredo Tecolotes of the Mexican (AA) League ... Martin and Tucker combined for 73 doubles, 16 triples and 82 home runs for the Oilers in 1956 ... neither player reports to the Tecolotes.

#### Martin Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	HR	RBI	AVG
1948	Kilgore Drillers.....	Lonestar	C	0		.201
1949	Alexandria Aces .....	Evangeline	C	2		.236
1949	Pampa Oilers .....	W. Texas/New Mexico	C	5		.293
1950	Pampa Oilers .....	W. Texas/New Mexico	C	14		.301
1953	Shreveport Sports .....	Texas	AA	1	13	.169
1954	Shreveport Sports .....	Texas	AA	1	37	.180
1955	Pampa Oilers .....	W. Texas/New Mexico	B	18		.308
1955	Shreveport Sports .....	Texas	AA	0	1	.091
1956	Pampa Oilers .....	Southwestern	B	31		.328