

1930 Arizona State League, "Good to the Last Forfeit"

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"We have more fresh air per lungful here than in any minor league in the country"
-Arizona Daily Star

Such is the opinion of an unknown scribe for the *Arizona Daily Star* when discussing the future of the Arizona State League in the spring of 1930. The predecessor to the Arizona-Texas League, the Arizona State League exists as a fractious Class D circuit playing at the lowest level of the minor leagues from 1928 to 1930.

But what the Arizona State League has in fresh air, it apparently lacks in cooperation as both the 1929 and 1930 championship series end prematurely in heated disputes with the team titles determined in a hotel meeting room, rather than on a diamond.

The Arizona State League receives its baptism in August of 1920, as a four-team **semipro** league with Globe, Miami, Ray and Superior playing a 12-game weekend schedule. An attempt is originally made to exclude Globe, but league officials eventually realize that an even-team league had advantages over an odd-team configuration.

The first game in league history takes place on August 23, 1920, with Miami shutting out Globe 5-0 on a four-hitter by Letch Quinn, the team's top recruit and star pitcher. Over the next few years, the league evolves into a five or six team organization with additional franchises at one time or another in Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Tucson. The league's final season as a semipro circuit comes in 1927, with teams in Globe, Mesa, Miami and Phoenix. The Mesa Jewels, following a third place finish, capture the league title, defeating Miami in the championship series.

Arizona Baseball League is Formed

Special to Post
TUCSON—A four team Arizona State baseball league has been organized here, including Phoenix, Bisbee, Miami and Tucson.

The league will apply for a class D rating in organized baseball. The salary limit will be \$2400.

Arizona State League Champions

1928.....Phoenix Senators
 1929.....Miami Miners
 1930.....Bisbee Bees

Weaver Wants Back.

Tucson, Ariz., March 4 (AP).—Buck Weaver, star third baseman of the Chicago White Sox, who was suspended from baseball by Judge K. M. Land's Saturday, requested the newly formed Arizona State league to attempt to secure his reinstatement in organized baseball.

and the Tucson Cowboys. In early March former Chicago White Sox third baseman Buck Weaver asks league officials to assist him in getting reinstated to organized baseball. Phoenix (39-29) captures the league crown by two games over Bisbee (37-31).

MINER-BEE TITLE GAME CALLED 'NO CONTEST' AFTER RIOT

In year No. 2 (1929), the first real signs of discord among league members occurs after the seventh game of the championship series between Miami and Bisbee. In a wild contest that ends in near total darkness with Bisbee ahead 14-13, but with thousands of seat cushion-throwing Miami fans on the field in the ninth inning, the game is stopped and declared "no contest" by league president Fred Joyce. Both teams appeal Joyce's decision and eventually, at a league meeting four weeks later on October 27, Miami is awarded the title by a 2-to-1 vote by the other three teams.

1930 Arizona State League - Final Standings

President: Wilford Sullinger

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Manager
Bisbee Bees	60	45	.571	--	Roy "Hardrock" Johnson
El Paso Texans	58	47	.552	2.0	Royce "Mule" Washburn
Phoenix Senators	58	47	.552	2.0	Louis Guisto
Globe Bears	56	49	.533	4.0	Mickey Shader
Tucson Cowboys	45	60	.429	15.0	Teller "Pug" Cavet/Walter Rehg
Miami Miners	38	67	.362	22.0	Drap Hayes/George Cochrane/Bob Gillespie

First Half	W	L	Pct.	GB	Second Half	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	31	24	.564	--	Bisbee	33	17	.660	--
Globe	31	24	.564	--	El Paso	32	18	.640	1.0
Tucson	29	26	.527	2.0	Phoenix	27	23	.540	6.0
Bisbee	27	28	.491	4.0	Globe	25	25	.500	8.0
El Paso	26	29	.481	5.0	Miami	17	33	.340	16.0
Miami	21	34	.382	10.0	Tucson	16	34	.320	17.0

April 9 - June 22

June 25 - September 1

First Half Playoff (Globe wins 3-0)

Globe 7, Phoenix 6
 Globe 6, Phoenix 3
 Globe 13, Phoenix 6

Championship (Bisbee declared winner)

Bisbee 7, Globe 3
 Bisbee 6, Globe 4
 Globe 8, Bisbee 4
 Globe 11, Bisbee 10
 Globe 4, Bisbee 4 (tie)
 Globe 7, Bisbee 4
 Bisbee 10, Globe 3

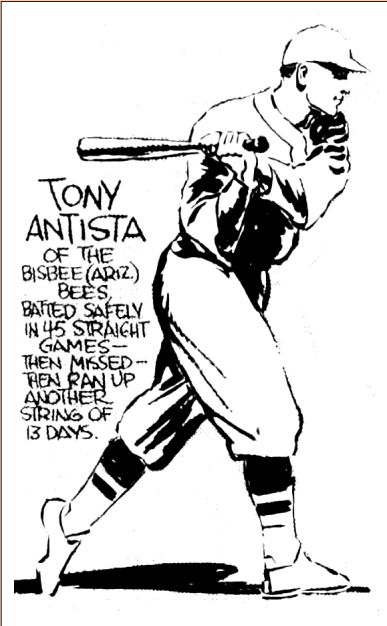


Letch Quinn, Miami

1930 Arizona State League [2 of 24]:

In the 1929-1930 off-season, league membership is a prime topic of discussion. In early January, president Fred Joyce says the league may expand to eight teams with the addition of Mesa, Jerome-Clarksdale, Nogales and Douglas, with no mention of El Paso.

Five days later, former major league catcher Charley Schmidt contacts El Paso city clerk Herman Rosch, about the possibility of securing a lease on the city's Dudley Field, with the intent of putting a team in the Arizona State League despite the nearest opponent being Bisbee at 284 miles, and Phoenix (430 miles) being the most distant.



At a league meeting on February 2, following a positive rate presentation from the Southern Pacific Railroad, El Paso is offered a franchise "as long as it meets with the rules and requirements of the league."

The league's third season gets underway on April 9, with solid crowds at all three sites. Official league-wide stats are maintained on a weekly basis until June 10, at which time they mysteriously disappear for the remainder of the season.

Nonetheless, *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* has Bisbee's Tony Antista, buoyed by a league-record 45 game hitting streak, finishes as the league's leading hitter (.430) while teammate George Steward is tops in home runs with 22. Globe's Lefty Briggs leads all pitchers in wins (20) and strikeouts (157).

Miami and Phoenix tie for the first half championship, but the two teams dicker with one another for so long that the playoff doesn't take place until after the season on September 2. The Miners sweep the Senators in three games, earning the right to

play Bisbee, which won the second half title on the final day of the regular season by a mere one game over El Paso.

Wilford Sullinger



Wilford Ford Sullinger is named President of the Arizona State League on February 2, 1930, succeeding outgoing Fred Joyce. A graduate of Quincy business college, the King City, Missouri native plays four years of minor league baseball (1905-1908) hitting a career-high .239 for the Argenta Shamrocks in 1908.

In the championship series, Globe sports Bisbee a 2-0 lead before winning three straight to take a 3-2 advantage. The Bees regroup to win game six and force a decisive game seven to be played in Bisbee. Or so it seems.

When Globe and Bisbee can not agree where a possible seventh game will be played, league president Wilfred Sullinger rules that it will be played in Bisbee. Globe president Al Floyd, saying that will cost his team too much money to play again in Bisbee and his offer to play the game at a neutral site, or to have it decided by a coin flip is turned down.

Sullinger then rules that the seventh game will be played in Bisbee and if the Bears do not show up, Bisbee will be declared the league champion. Bisbee president C.T. Knapp says that Globe can afford to play in Bisbee as the series to date has brought in more than \$4,000. Knapp also offers to pay half of the Bears expense to come to Bisbee.

Both Knapp and Sullinger agree that Floyd had said that the seventh game should be played at the site where the first game was played (Bisbee).

Floyd refuses to allow his team to travel to Bisbee and the Bees are declared the champions, marking the second-straight year that the Arizona State League championship was determined off the field.

El Paso Invited

February 2

At a league meeting in the dining room of the Florence (Ariz.) Hotel, Judd Stone of the Southern Pacific Railroad, informs the league directors that he has received the rates for 14 men traveling to and from El Paso and the five other league towns.

Team	Per Man	Team Cost
Bisbee.....	\$9.06.....	\$126.84
Tucson.....	\$11.86.....	\$158.36
Globe.....	\$14.63.....	\$182.60
Miami.....	\$15.29.....	\$214.06
Phoenix.....	\$15.67.....	\$219.88

Following the presentation, it is proposed that El Paso be admitted as the sixth member of the Arizona State League "as long as it meets with the rules and requirements of the league."



1930 Arizona League Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Tony Antista, Bisbee	.430
Base Hits	
Tony Antista, Bisbee	191
Home Runs	
George Steward, Bisbee	22
Runs Scored	
Tony Antista, Bisbee	127
Victories	
Lefty Briggs, Globe	20
Strikeouts	
Lefty Briggs, Globe	157
Win Percentage	
Al McNeeley, Bisbee	(14-2) .857

1930 Arizona State League [3 of 24]:

League's highlights are as follows:

Fred Toma Where Are You?

Tucson is the only team in the league with a grass outfield. The rest of the parks run the gamut of rocks, dust cinders, boulders and ditches.

Failure to Graduate

The Arizona State League is the only minor league circuit to not have one of its players invited to a major spring training camp the following spring.

Best Acquisition

El Paso signing catcher Drap Hayes after he is fired by Miami on June 1 after directing the Miners to a 16-24 mark. The popular Hayes plays a major role in the Texans' second half surge

Best Acquisition II

El Paso signing outfielder Johnny Bordes on April 26 after he is released by Globe. Bordes, who hit .325 with 17 home runs for the Bears in 1929, will hit .380 for the Texans.



1930 El Paso Texans

Top Row (L-R): Umpire Farrell; "Lefty" Colvard; Bill Etheridge; Claire McDermott; Joe Pate; Drap Hayes; Al Hershberger; "Lefty" Neilson; Umpire Blackburn. Bottom Row (L-R): Bud King; "Lefty" Briggs; Johnny Bordes; Walter Ritter; Tony Bernardo; "Mule" Washburn.



Not Ready For Prime Time

On January 12, George Booth, the chief mechanical engineer of the Inspiration Copper Company, is elected league president. Nine days later, Booth declines the job offer and 30 years later the town of Inspiration (left) is a ghost town.

Overtime

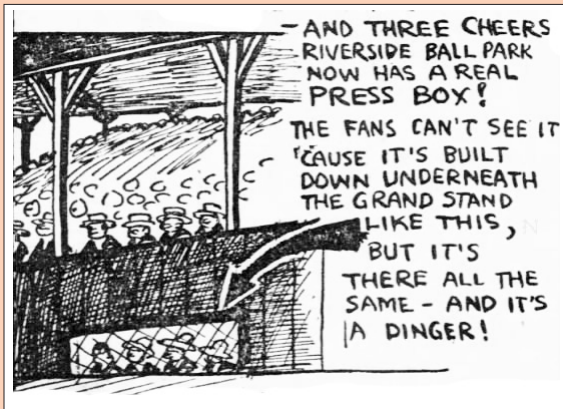
On May 6, Globe beats Phoenix 2-1 in 13 innings, scoring the winning run on a throwing error by Senator shortstop Frank Kostel ... Bear righthander Curtis Miller improves to 3-0 on the season, with all three wins coming in extra innings.

Ouch!

Phoenix outfielder/pitcher Edwin Arlett, nephew of "Buzz" Arlett, misses three months after the Oakland Oaks' team physician finds it necessary to "re-break" two fingers on Arlett's throwing hand. Arlett had broken the digits two weeks earlier, but they were not set properly.

Chicken

In mid-May, Tucson president H.S. Corbett promises the team's players and their girl friends a chicken dinner if they win the upcoming series from Bisbee. Corbett has to pay up as the Cowboys take three of five from the Bees.



Strong Finish

On May 18, Tucson sweeps a doubleheader from Bisbee, dropping the last place Bees to 9-21 on the year. For the remainder of the season, the Bees will win at a 68 percent success rate (51-24) and finish with the league's best record at 60-45.

Left With No Choice

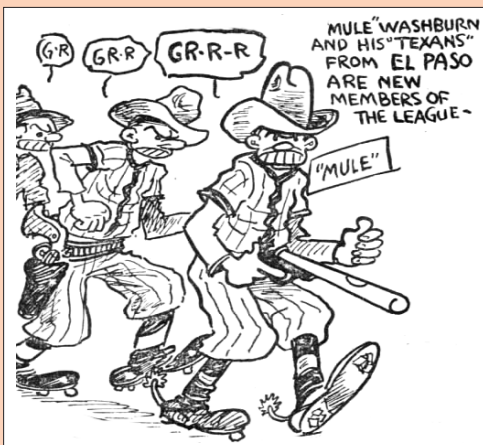
The Arizona State League and president Wilford Sullinger gain some unwanted national recognition in late July. Because of a shortage of funds in the league treasury caused by two teams not paying their dues, Sullinger reduces the league umpiring staff to just three arbiters and decrees that the home team will select a player to handle first base duties while a visiting team player will handle third base.

Pilot Forced Down



Abel J. Boudreaux, El Paso aviator, Thursday was questioned by Juarez customs officials after a plane which he was piloting was discovered six miles south of Juarez near five sacks of whisky.

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Tucson's Environmental Terrorists

On June 3, a petition with more than 350 signatures is presented to Tucson's city council and mayor asking that trees planted last year along the *inside* of the outfield fence at Municipal Park be removed and a ditch that provided irrigation be filled in. Fans feel the trees have impeded outfielders from cleanly handling balls hit to the fence. Seven days later, city workers remove the offending acreage.

Official Scorer & Umpire

In Miami's 8-6 win at Tucson on May 24, the game is delayed in the third inning while "considerable discussion" is had whether Miami's Drap Hayes had crossed home plate before teammate Karl "Buck" Weaver is caught in a run down between first and second base for the third out. Neither of the game's umpires saw when Hayes crossed home plate so they decide to leave it to the official scorer, who rules that Hayes did indeed score before Tucson shortstop Chet Wilburn tags Weaver.

4,286 Miles

On August 25, El Paso business manager Roy Spengeman begins a 4,286-mile round trip by automobile to Jersey City, New Jersey, to complete negotiations for the sale of second baseman Willard Hershberger to the International League team. Unfortunately for Spengeman, the two teams are unable to work out a deal and Hershberger returns to El Paso in 1931.

Trifecta

Pitcher Billy Williams has the dubious honor of playing for three different Arizona State League teams in 1930. The big right-hander begins the season with Miami before being released and signing with Globe. Williams end the season with Bisbee.

Not Even a Baker's Dozen

The season is only five days old when on April 14, Miami purchases infielder Ray Dunn from a local independent team for a dozen baseballs.

Speaking of Baseballs

At the end of the season, it is reported that the National League consumed 5,144 dozen baseballs during the season, the American League 4,480. The frugal Arizona State League uses only 460 dozen, according to president Wilford Sullinger.



ARIZONA LEAGUE CHRONOLOGY

January 2

The possibility of the Arizona State league growing from a five to an eight team circuit is discussed by league president Fred Joyce, with the towns of Mesa, Jerome-Clarksdale, Nogales and Douglas looking to apply for membership at the upcoming league meeting ... Globe, Miami, Phoenix and Tucson would like to see Joyce remain as league president for the upcoming season, however Joyce says he will not seek re-election.



Bisbee, Arizona - Main Street

January 4

At a meeting of the Bisbee Baseball Association it's voted to (1) not support the appointment of Fred Joyce as league president, (2) oppose a six-day playing week and (3) not allow a rookie clause ... the team directors also set a \$27,000 operating budget for 1930.

January 12

At one of the "hottest" league meetings in recent history, George Booth, chief mechanical engineer of the Inspiration Copper Company, is elected league president, a five-day a week schedule and a salary limit of \$2,350 is adopted ... it is also revealed that the league has \$9,202.89 in its coffers.

January 17

Newly-elected league president George Booth meets with out-going president Fred Joyce in Phoenix.

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January 18

An invitation to Jerome-Clarksdale become the league's sixth member has been met with silence. Jerome was known for its copper mines, and being "The wickedest town in the West," in its early days ... founded in 1876, Jerome in the 1920's was the largest city (15,000) in the Arizona Territory.

January 21

George Booth declines the position of Arizona State League president and Jerome informs the league that it will not be joining.

February 2

At a league meeting in Florence, Arizona, Wilford S. Sullinger of Tucson is voted as league president for the 1930 season and El Paso is invited to join the league.

February 7

Tucson signs outfielder/catcher Jimmy Vease and outfielder Gladiss Hunt ... Vease is 25 pounds overweight while *The Arizona Daily Star* believes Hunt has been signed for "trading purposes."

April 9 - Season Opens

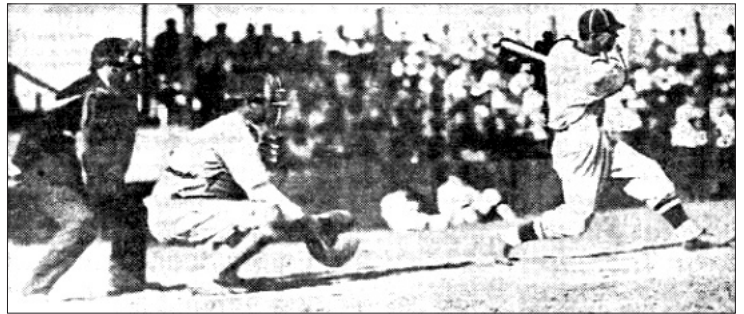
Al Camozzi homers and Harry Harding pitches a complete game as Globe beats Bisbee 6-5 ... Al McCoy homers as Phoenix beats visiting Miami 9-5 before 2,000 fans ... Lefty Neilsen pitches a four-hit shutout as Tucson blanks visiting El Paso 3-0.

April 10

The season is only one day old and president Wilford Sullinger makes his first change in his umpiring staff, releasing E.W. Hull after a "lackluster performance" in the Tucson-El Paso game ... veteran Jack Stewart is hired to take his place.

April 13

Following a 7-1 loss at Phoenix, Miami fans want manager Drap Hayes fired after his Miners start the season 0-5.



Riverside Park, Phoenix

Phoenix first baseman Bob Stevenson singles to left field scoring Rob Ostenburg in the third inning of the 1930 season opener between the Senators and Miami.

Want to Make Arizona League 2 Weeks Longer

April 14

Pitcher Curtis Miller, who won 19 games for the Cedar Rapids Bunnies of the Mississippi Valley League in 1929, signs with Globe ... an increase in team salary from \$2,350 to \$2,600 and lengthening the season by two weeks is proposed by Bisbee, however Tucson wants the salary reduced to \$2,000 ... Tucson manager Pug Cavet sends a "hurry up" call to Los Angeles for some pitching help.

El Paso fans are surprised at the Texans' release of college star Johnny Von Aspe (USC) who collected only one hit in his first three games ... Ray Dunn, who was playing for a city club team in 1928 and was purchased by Miami for an even dozen baseballs, is released ... Texan officials are upset that they have only 50 home dates while Tucson has 55 ... Ray Burnside, a rookie from Chicago will become the starter at third base; Burnside is later released on April 30.

April 15

Tucson releases infielders Augie Gomes and Buddy Bertsch, outfielder Vernie Owens and pitcher Jim Linson.

April 16

Drap Hayes homers twice as Miami breaks into the win column with a 12-6 win over Tucson ... Globe first baseman Jack Costa homers over the Scenic Splendor sign and the Bears takes advantage of eight El Paso errors and beat the Texans in their home opener 15-10.

April 17

Tucson righthander Bill Coyne limits Miami to five hits and first baseman Bill Hughes is 4-for-4 with a pair of home runs and a double in the Cowboys' 11-1 win ... Miami's Bill Williams allows six first inning runs without recording an out ... Al Baker is 5-for-6 with a home run and five RBIs as Phoenix takes the measure of Bisbee 15-6.

Edwin Arlett Out of Game For Few Months

EDWIN ARLETT, nephew of "Buz" Arlett, and who was farmed to the Phoenix club of the Arizona State league by the Oaks, will be unable to play baseball for another three months at least. That was the report of the Oakland ball club physician yesterday afternoon after he found it necessary to rebreak two fingers which Arlett had broken at Phoenix a couple of weeks ago when he tried to stop a line drive batted through the box.

The young player, who is now in Oakland, looms as a fine prospect. He looked so good in the Oaks' training camp at Fresno that Ray Schalk tried to grab him for the Chicago Cubs. Louie Guisto was using him on the mound and in the outfield at Phoenix.

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“(Willard) Hershberger impresses the fans with his hustle and pep. He may not be the best backstop on the league, but he’s got as much, if not more, life than any other receiver.”
-El Paso Evening Post

April 18

Al Baker is 2-for-5 with two RBIs as Phoenix wins for the seventh time in eight games, rallying from a 5-0 deficit to beat error-prone and slumping Bisbee 12-7 ... Tucson’s Jay Hughes hits his fourth home run in three games in a 12-10 loss to Miami.

“Tucson’s new pitcher, known by the name of Johnson, and classified as a right-handed heaver, will arrive in Tucson Tuesday.”
-Arizona Daily Star

April 19

Leo Ostenberg goes 3-for-5 with a double, a home run and three RBIs as Phoenix pounds five Bisbee pitchers for a 15-11 victory ... Eli Witt allows seven runs on seven hits in 4 2/3 innings but picks up the win in the slugfest.

April 20

A small bus carry Tucson’s entire pitching staff, with the exception of Lefty Neilsen, is forced off the road nine miles east of Superior ... manager Pug Cavet suffers a sprained ankle ... Bisbee makes nine errors in a 11-3 loss to Phoenix ... Tucson pounds out 16 hits in a 10-4 win over Miami.

Fate tried its best to wipe part of the Tucson ball club off the map Sunday evening, when a car crowded one of the Tucson club’s conveyances off the road nine miles this side of Superior. The car was smashed up and Manager Pug Cavet sprained an ankle, but otherwise the damage was negligible. There was some good ball talent in the car, too. The entire pitching staff, excluding Lefty Neilsen only, was riding in the derailed machine.

April 21

Tied with Miami for last place with a 2-8 mark, Bisbee looks to acquire second baseman Mike Maloney and pitcher Glen Gabler from the Pacific Coast League’s Los Angeles Angels ... Maloney hit .229 with Hollywood in 1929 while Gabler was 20-5 with the Bees, despite being suspended late in the season.

Mike Maloney Sold To Miami By Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—(AP)—Mike Maloney, Hollywood second baseman obtained from Boise, Idaho, last season, is preparing to join the Miami club of the Arizona State league today. His sale was announced late yesterday before the Stars left for Seattle. Maloney bats right handed and had a .229 average with Hollywood last season.

April 22

Mike Maloney does indeed end up in the Arizona State League, but not with Bisbee as anticipated, but with Miami, the other last place team ... Maloney will play with the Miners until June 17 when he is traded to Phoenix.

“Dave Salazar, who in 1928 was traded to the Bees by Tucson for a broken bat, is slated to be in the Bisbee livery soon. Salazar has been on the Bisbee suspended list since his acquisition.”
-Arizona Daily Star

April 23

After spending three days in a Bisbee hospital as the result of an acute case of tonsillitis, Phoenix’s Lefty Woods starts on the mound against El Paso ... Woods allows four runs on six hits in 6 2/3 innings and takes the loss ... immediately following the game, he submits to a tonsil operation and will be out of action for a week to 10 days ... Tucson’s Bill Coyne limits Bisbee to six hits and hits an inside-the-park home run for the game’s only run.

There is trouble ahead for Arizona State league clubs who carry more than 14 players, inclusive of the manager. Yesterday the Old Pueblo baseball club was informed that a manager qualifies as a player if he wears a uniform and coaches—regardless of whether he plays. Globe is carrying 15 men on the roster claiming that Manager Mickey Shader does not qualify as a player because he has decided to enter no more games this year. However, Mickey wears a uniform and coaches, which according to the ruling given Tucson, makes him a player.

April 26, 1930

Globe Bears at Miami Miners
 Inspiration Park, Miami, Arizona

GLOBE—	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Garry, lf., cf.	3	2	2	1	0	0
Costa, lb.	4	2	2	10	0	0
Camozzi, 2b.	4	1	1	2	3	0
Oana, cf., p.	2	1	1	0	2	0
Shader, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethridge, rf.	5	0	2	1	0	1
Farro, c., lf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Keane, 3b.	5	0	0	1	1	0
Martin, ss.	5	1	2	3	1	0
Harrington, p.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Luque, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Biggs, p.	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gillick, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weaver, p.	0	0	0	0	2	0
O’Connell, c.	3	0	0	5	0	1
Totals	36	8	10	24	10	2
MIAMI—	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Maloney, 2b.	6	4	4	3	3	0
Pullins, ss.	7	3	3	0	3	1
Weaver, ss.	0	1	0	0	2	0
Miller, cf.	7	2	5	1	0	0
Hunt, rf.	7	3	5	3	0	0
Hammack, 3b.	6	2	4	2	3	0
Clayton, lf.	5	1	2	2	1	0
Turner, lb.	4	2	1	13	1	0
Hayes, c.	4	2	2	2	0	1
Dobbs, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machado, p.	4	4	4	1	1	0
Totals	50	24	30	27	14	2

Score by innings:
 GLOBE 431 000 000— 8
 MIAMI 248 201 07x— 24
 Summary: Runs batted in—Camozzi, Oana 3, Miller 4, Hammack 3, Garry, Ethridge 2, Pullins 5, Costa, Machado 2, Maloney 2, Clayton, Hunt 4, Hayes. Two-base hits—Camozzi, Garry, Ethridge 2, Pullins, Hayes, Machado, Hammack, Miller, Hunt. Three base hits—Martin, Miller, Hammack, Maloney. Home runs—Oana 2, Hunt 2. Sacrifices—Camozzi, Clayton, Turner, Hayes. Stolen bases—Oana, Miller. Earned runs—Globe 10, Miami 11. Base on balls off—Machado 8, Luque 2, Biggs 1, Oana 2. Struck out by—Machado 2, Oana 5. Hits off—Dobbs 4 in 0 (none out in first), Machado 10 in 0, Harding 4 in 1-3, Luque 2 in 1, Biggs 4 in 1, Gillick 3 2-3 (pitched to 3 men in 3rd), Oana 8 in 4 1-3, Shader 5 in 2-3. Double play—Keane to Camozzi to Costa. Wild pitch—Luque. Passed balls—Farro, O’Connell. Hit by pitcher—Oana by Machado. Winning pitcher—Machado. Losing pitcher—Biggs. Umpires—Quinn and Stewart.

In what is quickly becoming the norm for the Arizona State League, the three games on April 26, total 81 runs on 98 hits, 27 walks and 15 errors. The day’s lone complete game was a 14-hitter turned in by El Paso’s Artie Rodriguez in a 12-11 loss to first place Phoenix.

April 24

Phoenix’s Bob Stevenson is 3-for-5 with two home runs as the Senators beat El Paso 13-9 ... Bisbee first baseman Dutch Brandt become the first player of the season to be assessed a fine by an umpire when he levied a \$5 penalty by umpire George Blackburn.

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April 26

Outfielder Johnny Bordes, released by Globe, signs with El Paso ... the Texans also sign catcher Jim Pierce, a Western League refugee.

April 30 - Cut Down Day

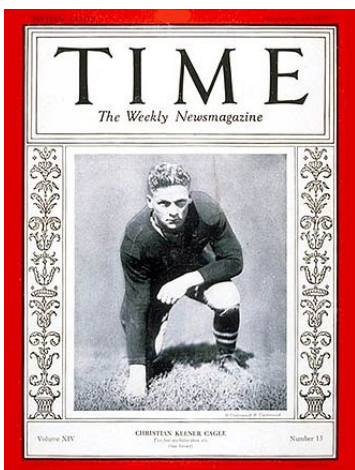
With all Class D League teams required to be at a 14-man roster, it's an active day in the Florida State League with all six teams looking for additional pitching ... El Paso manager Mule Washburn tells Phoenix's Louis Guisto that the Texans will take any "excess" talent the Senators are unable to use.

Phoenix places Harlan Samson Pool on the suspended list with a broken thumb ... Globe gets down to the 14-man limit releasing pitcher Donald John Weaver and outfielder Joe Corbelli ... Miami releases pitchers Lowell Bobbs and Billy Windsor, and infielder Rost Rosenberg ... Bisbee releases left-handed pitcher Mike Jacobs and Johnny Combs, the brother of Earl Combs; Combs is quickly picked up by Tucson and is with the team on the Golden State Limited en route to El Paso ... Tucson releases a pair of pitchers - Allen Barringer and Lee Johnson; Barringer is later picked up by Bisbee and the USC grad will play a key role in the Bees' second half success ... first-place Phoenix release a pair of pitchers in Spec Anderson and Eli Witt and outfielder Alden Godbeir ... Witt and Anderson are expected to join El Paso ... the Texans cut pitcher Lino Aguilar and infielder George Burnside.

"The Tucson manager (Pug Cavet) belongs to the old school of pitchers who believed in hurling every other day. In the six years he was in the American Association, he pitched on the average of 50 games a season and one year hurled 75 (actually a career-best 60 in 1919)."

-El Paso Evening Post

Christian Keener "Red" Cagle



May 13

West Point's Red Cagle, a three-time first-team football All-American, resigns as a cadet following revelations that he had been married for more than two years in direct violation of cadet regulations. The DeRidder, Louisiana, native plays five seasons (1930-1934) in the NFL and his \$500 per game salary with the New York Giants in 1932 is second only to Red Grange among league players. Cagle is inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.

May 4

At a league meeting in Bisbee, team directors vote to extend the season by two weeks and increase the salary limit from the current \$2,350 to \$2,500 ... the series to be played in the two extra weeks will be Tucson and Phoenix, Bisbee and El Paso and Miami and Globe.

Meanwhile on the diamond, Bisbee defeats Miami 6-5 in game marked by an "error orgy" caused by a terrific windstorm, blowing gales of dust and holding attendance down to the smallest Sunday crowd in years ... Mule Washburn drives in five runs with a triple and home run as El Paso beats Tucson 15-9.

May 5

Tucson is 10-10 and in third place and manager Pug Cavet leaves for Los Angeles in an attempt to pry loose some pitching talent from the Pacific Coast League teams ... in his absence captain Jim Vease will run the club.

May 8

Artie Rodriguez pitches a three-hitter as El Paso beats Bisbee 8-2 ... two days after being resigned by Tucson, after being released by the Cowboys nine days earlier, Alan Barringer, despite being "touched freely," for 13 hits, garners a complete game win, 7-3 over Phoenix.

"Young Aldred Xavier (Phoenix) is too frail to stand a full game although he has a lot of stuff on the ball."

-Arizona Republic

May 11

El Paso beats Bisbee 5-2 but the Texan's Johnny Bordes goes 0-for-3 and has his 18-game hitting streak snapped by Bisbee's Luis Aguilar.

2 to 1 Arizona

ARIZONANS WIN DEBATE ON WAR

Get Two to One Verdict Over
New Mexico After Disarm
Argument

"We hold that if there are no arms,
there can be no war!"

April 16

Such was the argument of the University of New Mexico debate team when it argues the disarmament question with the University of Arizona. The Wildcats point out the impracticality of worldwide disarmament and win the debate by a 2-to-1 margin.

BISBEE CLOUTS MIAMI, 6 TO 5, IN ERROR ORGY

1930 Arizona State League [8 of 24]:

May 12

El Paso's "Mule" Washburn continues to lead the league in hitting with a batting average of .505 with 49 hits in 57 at bats ... *The Arizona Daily Star* reports that Bisbee, Phoenix and Globe are all in violation of the league's 14-player limit that has been in effect for the past two weeks.

Phoenix To Get Californian For Shortfield Job

OAKLAND, Calif., May 14.—(AP) John Galianos, captain and second baseman of this year's University of California baseball team, was signed today by the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League. The youngster will be sent at once to Phoenix of the Arizona State League. Galianos played through the last intercollegiate season without an error.

May 16, 1930

El Paso Texans at Miami Miners
Inspiration Park, Miami, Arizona

Pete Salazar Has Edge Over Uncle and Miners Take Third From El Paso

EL PASO—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Leyva, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0
McDermott, ss	4	0	0	4	5	1
Colvard, cf	3	0	0	1	0	1
Washburn, 1b	4	0	2	13	0	0
Lee, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hershberger, 2b	4	0	0	1	7	0
Bordes, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
King, c	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pierce, c	3	0	1	4	0	1
Rodriguez, xx	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. Salazar, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	32	1	5	24	15	3

MIAMI—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Maloney, 2b	2	2	0	2	4	0
Weaver, rf	3	2	1	2	0	0
Miller, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Hunt, lf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Falk, ss	4	0	0	2	3	0
Hammack, 3b	4	0	0	0	4	0
Jacob, 1b	3	1	0	16	1	0
Hayes, c	2	0	0	3	5	0
P. Salazar, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	29	6	5	27	17	0

Score by innings:
El Paso 000 010 000—1
Miami 003 030 00x—6
Runs batted in—Weaver 2, Miller 2, Bordes, Hunt 2. Two base hit—Miller. Three base hit—Weaver. Home run—Bordes. Sacrifice—Jacob. Stolen base—Maloney. Earned runs—El Paso 1, Miami 6. Left on bases—El Paso 7, Miami 4. Bases on balls—off Pete Salazar 2. Off Dave Salazar 4. Struck out—by Peter Salazar, by Dave Salazar 2. Double plays—Hershberger to McDermott to Washburn; Jacobs to Falk to Jacobs. Hit by pitcher—Bordes.

Tucson president H.S. Corbett promises the team's players and their girl friends a chicken dinner if they win the upcoming series from Bisbee ... Corbett has to pay up as the Cowboys take three of five from the Bees ... Tucson pitcher Bill Coyne's sore arm may be caused by the recent discovery of a dislocated vertebrae in his upper back ... Cowboy manager Pug Cavet tells the media that he intends to make Bisbee abide by the 14-player limit or lose every game by forfeit in an upcoming series.

May 14

Tucson makes nine errors in a 14-4 loss at Bisbee.

“Jumping from a grassed diamond to a fast layout such as boasted by Bisbee sure raised havoc with the Waddies (Cowboys) fielding averages yesterday. The local park is plenty fast, but it does not hold a candle to Bisbee's. Nine errors in one game is a big total, even for a semi-pro club to make. It might be possible the scorer was a little strict.”
-Arizona Daily Star

Art Leyva

DROP BALL PLAYER AFTER DISTURBANCE

El Paso Club Releases Art Leyva at Globe, Ariz.

May 20

El Paso third baseman Art Leyva is arrested and held without bond in a Globe jail for disturbing the peace in a local rooming house. Leyva is fined \$15 and released into the custody of Texan manager "Mule" Washburn the following afternoon. El Paso releases Leyva, who is hitting .274, prior to that afternoon noon's game with the Globe Bears.

May 15

Bisbee's recently-signed Allen Barringer allows seven runs on nine hits in 5 2/3 innings in a 9-9 tie with Miami ... the Oakland Oaks send catcher Onnie Lundgren and left-handed pitcher Roy Joiner to Phoenix.

May 16

Phoenix righthander Hal Chamberlain strikes out seven in a 13-hit complete game 10-2 win over visiting Globe.

May 17

Tucson's Lefty Sullivan has a no-hitter through six innings before allowing nine runs on nine hits in the seventh and eighth innings in a 9-2 loss at Bisbee.

Off to a sluggish 2-3 start, El Paso had signed the Mexican third baseman on April 15 to help solve some of their infield problems. Leyva hit .382 for Juarez in the old Copper League in 1925 and "being short and stubby and hard to pitch to," will be inserted into leadoff spot for the Texans.

May 18

For the first time in league history, Tucson, after sweeping a doubleheader from Bisbee on the strength of complete games by Bill Coyne and John Green, is in first place, tying Globe for league leadership with identical 18-12 marks.

After playing with the Miami Miners in 1928, Leyva returns home to Santa Barbara where he plays for the local Elks club until agreeing to terms with El Paso.

Following his release, Leyva signs with the Southern Pacifics of El Paso's City Valley League.

Arizona State League Batting Leaders - May 21

PLAYER	G	AB	H	Pct.
J. Green, T	3	6	3	.500
Washburn, EP	31	113	55	.487
Krause, M	4	11	4	.445
Hughes, T	30	111	46	.414
Lee, EP	31	124	50	.403
Ostenberg, P	22	90	36	.400
Oana, G	31	123	47	.382
Machado, M	15	36	14	.389
Holmes, P	29	116	44	.379
Antista, B	33	125	47	.376

May 20

Tucson outfielder Chet Sherman, who has played in all but one game for the Texans despite having a "bad underpinning" for the past two weeks, is released ... Sherman is hitting .255 and will be replaced in the lineup by Yam Ornelas who has a .309 average in limited action.

The University of Arizona announces that it has purchased four pure-bred ponies for its

1930 Arizona State League [9 of 24]:

polo team ... with a high percentage of last year's team returning and with the addition of the four ponies "that can make speed," hopes are high for the Wildcat quartet the upcoming season.

May 21

A rarity in the Arizona State League occurs as Miami's Sydney Oster shuts out Tucson 4-0 on four hits while walking three and striking out four.

Dazzy

PLAYER WANTS JOB

May 22

"Dazzy" Quevedo, a well-known El Paso semipro pitcher with various teams in the Frontier and International leagues, is looking for a team to play for. Currently in California, Quevedo expects to be in El Paso soon.

Quevedo's "want ad" pays dividends as he is slated to start on the mound for the Silberg and Feiner Clothiers on June 1 against B Troop of the Seventh Cavalry.

May 22

Following a 9-6 loss to Miami, Lefty Nielsen, a mainstay of the Tucson pitching staff since the start of the season, is released for a as yet to be identified player.

Fourteen days after signing with the Oakland Oaks, University of California graduate John Galianos is 0-for-4 in his Phoenix debut ... noted for not making an error in his senior season with the Bears, Galianos makes a sixth inning error allowing a run to score in Bisbee's 6-3 win.

Globe, on the strength of seven home runs, takes over sole possession of first place with a 22-7 win over El Paso ... the Bears get two round-trippers from both Prince Oana and Willard Hershberger and one each from Jack Costa, Jack Keane and Arthur Garry ... Oana has six RBIs.

May 24

Two former Globe players, pitcher Count Luque and outfielder Bill Etherdge, sign with El Paso and come back to haunt

their former team playing key roles in an 11-8 win ... Etherdge goes 2-for-3 while Luque, despite yielding 11 hits, gives the Texans a much-needed route-going performance, striking out seven and walking only one.

TREES REMOVED AT TUCSON BALL PARK

Trees along the south and west sides of the Municipal baseball field were removed yesterday in accordance with a petition presented to the city authorities by Jacob Gunst, local sportsman.

More than 300 names were on the petition handed to Mayor W. A. Julian. The trees were said to hamper players in snagging down long drives to the outfield.

Bud King is 4-for-6 with seven RBIs as El Paso outlasts Globe 20-18 in a game that totaled 33 hits, 19 walks, three hits batsman, six triples, six doubles and three home runs.

Miami beats homestanding Tucson 8-6 in a game that is delayed in the third inning while "considerable discussion" is had whether Miami's Drap Hayes had crossed home plate before Buck Weaver is caught in a run down between first and second base for the third out. Neither of the game's umpires saw when Hayes crossed home plate so they decide to leave it to the official scorer, who rules that Hayes did indeed score before Tucson short-stop Chet Wilburn tags Weaver.

May 25

El Paso adds two players to its roster - third baseman Vernon Tuck and pitcher Harry Althouse.

Arizona State League Batting Leaders - May 26

PLAYER—	G	AB	H	Pct
Woodson, G	1	4	3	.750
Washburn, EP	36	132	60	.454
J. Green, T	4	9	4	.444
Machado, M	17	41	18	.439
Pallas, EP	8	22	9	.409
Antista, B	38	156	59	.404
O'Shaughnessy B	5	30	8	.400
Hughes, T	35	129	51	.395
Cohen, B	11	38	15	.395
Ostenberg, P	25	99	39	.394

May 26

Veteran Oakland Oaks Charley Kasich is optioned to Tucson instead of Phoenix because there is no roster openings with the Senators ... 1-2 with a 7.88 ERA for the Oaks, Kasich is unhappy with being sent to a league with such a low classification.

May 29

For the second year in a row, the Pacific Coast League's Hollywood Stars option teenage outfielder Al McNeely to the Arizona State League when the send the 19-year-old to

PETITION ASKS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

More than 350 signatures had been put on petitions circulated by Jacob Gunst yesterday, asking the mayor and city council to improve the shading facilities of the municipal park grandstand, and urging the city fathers to clear out the trees that were planted last year along the fence on the inside of the park. In addition to taking out the trees, the council was asked to fill in the ditch which provided irrigation for the saplings.

The latter action was asked because trees have impeded the outfielders from handling balls hit to or close to the fence. On several occasions, Tucson outergardners have been forced to battle the trees in trying for line drives, or hits that bounced against the fence.

Bad Day for Pug in Old Pueblo



May 24

Following Tucson's third-straight loss at home to Miami, *The Arizona Daily Star* reports that several meetings by "baseball fanatics" have been held in the city with the purpose of "demanding" that manager "Pug" Cavet be removed despite the fact that the Cowboys are in second place with a 19-15 record. Cavet will eventually resign on July 14 having guided the Texans to a 33-37 mark.

Salazar Suspended By Loop President

Fine of \$25 Also Included As Pitcher Roughs Up Umpire

Dave Salazar, El Paso Texan pitcher, was fined \$25 and suspended for 10 days by Wilford Sullinger, president of the Arizona State league, for "shouldering" Umpire Rudy Bearwald to the ground in yesterday's contest between the Waddles and Texans.

"The action is automatic," Sullinger said last night. "Under Rule 5 of the rules of this league, posted in every clubhouse in the circuit, 'any ball player who spits on, slaps or strikes an umpire will be fined \$25 and suspended for 10 days without pay. A second offense calls for a fine of \$100 and suspension for the rest of the season.'"

Umpire Bearwald, having umpired only three days, was not acquainted with the rules and merely banished Salazar from the park, but the league president slapped on the fine and suspension.

"I am sorry to have to do this," Sullinger said, "as El Paso has a change in the first half, but the ball players know the rules and we have to enforce them to avoid any serious trouble which might occur if fights were held often."

Bisbee ... in 1929, an 18-year-old McNeely hit .350 with 12 doubles and one home run while playing with the Tucson Stars ... the outfielder-turned-pitcher will play a key role in Bisbee's second half championship by winning his first 12 decisions, before finishing 14-2 overall.

May 30

Allen Barringer continues to pay dividends to Bisbee, pitching a seven-hit complete game in a 13-1 win over Miami

June 1

Miami is 16-24 and in last place when team owners fire popular manager Drap Hayes.

June 4

Globe, behind Charlie Biggs' 12-hitter and Jackie Keane's seventh inning home run, opens a two-game lead with an 11-2 win over Tucson ... George Cochrane's debut as the Miami manager proves successful as the Miners, behind Al Fisch's complete game, beat El Paso 11-10 ... Tucson releases Lefty Neilsen who later signs with the Albuquerque Dukes of the semipro Central New Mexico League.

June 5

Tucson's Pug Cavet and Miami's George Cochrane are both assessed \$10 fines by Wilford Sullinger.

June 7

Phoenix releases Johnny Vilianos, citing inexperience.

June 8

Tony Antista is 5-for-6 with a triple and two home runs and Bisbee pounds Lefty Woods and Charlie Laird for 18 hits, including four home runs, en route to a 19-8 rout of Phoenix in the first game of a doubleheader ... the Senators win the second game 11-4 on Hal Chamberlain 12-hit complete game.

June 13

In a rare Arizona State League pitchers' duel, El Paso edges past Tucson 3-2 in 10 innings ... the Cowboys' Pug Cavet allows only six hits in taking the loss while the Texans' Salazar goes nine strong innings before he is tossed from the game for knocking home plate umpire Rudy Bearwald to the ground after a close play goes against El Paso ... the game takes only 1:45 to play ... Salazar is later fined \$25 and suspended 10 days by league president Wilford Sullinger.

El Paso also loses the services of star righthander Steve Myers who is placed on the voluntary retired list because of a sore arm.

Phoenix manager Louis Guisto attempts to regain the services of former second baseman Johnny Valianos as an emergency replacement for Cliff Pullins who showed up for the Miami series with a lame leg ... in a phone call to the Valianos' lodging, Senators' president Ed O'Malley is informed that the 1930 captain

Phoenix to Have Night Baseball

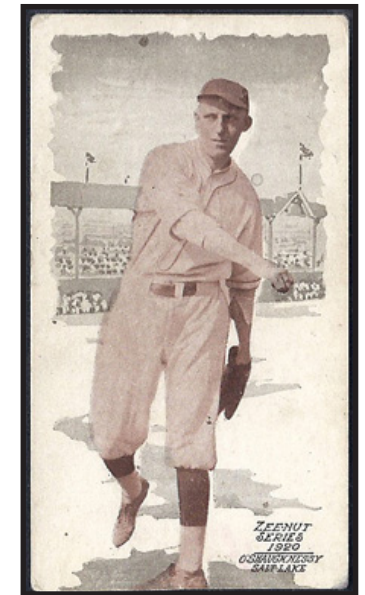
Contracts for Apparatus Will Be Signed In 'Few Days'

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 6.—(AP)—President Ed O'Malley of the Phoenix Senator club of the Arizona State league, announced tonight that he club plans to install lights on the Phoenix diamond and start night games "within a few days."

Directors of the club, he said, believe that night baseball is the only way to keep the game in Phoenix. Poor attendance this season, he said, has placed the club in embarrassing financial straits.

O'Malley said contracts for lighting the field very likely will be signed tomorrow.

For Parts Unknown



June 13

Bisbee Bees' second baseman Elmer O'Shaughnessy goes 0-for-4 in a 15-9 loss to Globe. Following the game he jumps the team for "parts unknown."

Marvin "Red" Smith is signed to fill the gap at second base.

A 10-year veteran of minor league baseball, O'Shaughnessy also played for Ft. Bayard in the outlaw Copper League in 1926. He played under the name of Shannon, which suited the scorekeepers better because it fit into a box score easier than his God given name.

CROWD STORMS GATE FOR FREE CONTEST

TAMPA, Fla., June 8.—(AP)—The moguls of the Tampa club in the Southeastern league couldn't get people to pay admission so they gave a game away.

The result was an agreeable overflow crowd of 6,000. But what pleased the magnates still more was the revelation that a number of people had paid to see a free game by purchasing box seats, which hadn't been thrown open. The free customers, it was found, also had ample funds with which to buy peanuts and pop.

Arizona State League Batting Leaders - June 10

	G	AB	H	PCT
Jacobs, Phoenix	6	10	5	.500
Poole, Phoenix	19	70	32	.457
Ostenberg, Phoenix	31	119	49	.450
WASHBURN, El Paso	45	170	73	.456
TUCK, El Paso	3	9	4	.444
Antista, Bisbee	47	189	81	.423
Woodson, Globe	11	45	19	.422
Holmes, Phoenix	43	174	71	.408
Oana, Globe	45	185	75	.405
Machado, Miami	25	55	22	.400

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of the California Golden Bear baseball team had just been admitted to a local hospital for an emergency appendicitis operation and that he will not be able to play again this year.

June 16

Tucson announces the release of outfielder Yam Ornelas.

June 19, 1930

Tucson Cowboys at Phoenix Senators
Riverside Park, Phoenix, Arizona

Night Play Proves Success

TUCSON	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Wilburn, ss.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Lieshman, 2b.	4	1	1	0	4	0
Combs, rf.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Schino, cf.	1	0	0	2	0	0
Hughes, lb.	4	0	0	10	0	0
Lloyd, 3b.	4	0	1	0	1	1
Sherman, lf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
O'Kane, c.	4	0	1	12	0	0
Kasich, p.	4	0	0	0	1	1

PHOENIX	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Maithlo, rf.	5	1	1	1	0	0
Baker, ss.	5	1	2	3	2	0
Tomlinson, cf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Holmes, lf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Ostenberg, 3b.	4	0	0	2	2	0
Poole, c.	4	0	1	12	3	0
Stevenson, lb.	3	1	0	8	1	0
Maloney, 2b.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Phebus, p.	4	0	2	0	2	1

Totals 32 1 5 28x 7 2
x—One out when winning run was scored.

Tucson 000 001 000 0—1
Phoenix 010 000 000 2—3

Home runs—Baker. Two base hits—Baker, Wilburn, Combs. Stolen bases—Stevenson and Hughes. Sacrifice—Schino. Struck out—By Phebus 12, by Kasich 12. Bases on balls—Off Phebus 4, off Kasich 2. Wild pitch—Phebus. Balks—Phebus. Earned runs—Tucson 1, Phoenix 3. Runs batted in—Schino 1, Phebus 1, Baker 2. Left on bases—Tucson 5, Phoenix 7. Umpires—Van Haren and Brooks. Time—2:01.

Phoenix's Al Baker's two-run home run in the bottom of the 10th inning gives the Senators a 3-1 win in the first-ever night game in Arizona State League history. A league-record crowd of 4,000 witnesses the contest.



June 17

Three days after Mike Maloney is 4-for-5 in a loss to Phoenix, Miami trades the disgruntled second baseman to the Senators for catcher Onnie Lundgren and outfielder Al McCoy

“The loss of Mike Maloney will not cause a heartbreak among the local baseball intelligentsia. He did not want to come here in the first place, desiring to be sent to the Southern League, but the baseball gods wafted aside his wishes and send him to Miami where he was put in second base. Human nature gets ruffled at such breaks from the gods.”

-Miami Silver Belt

June 18

The Tucson at Phoenix game, scheduled for June 18 to be the first Arizona State League game under the lights is postponed as the lights are not ready.

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“According to Tucson's (Ernie) Lloyd, the ball delivered by the pitcher, looms up suddenly like a balloon when it is almost on top of the batter. An advantage is thereby given to a fast ball pitcher.”

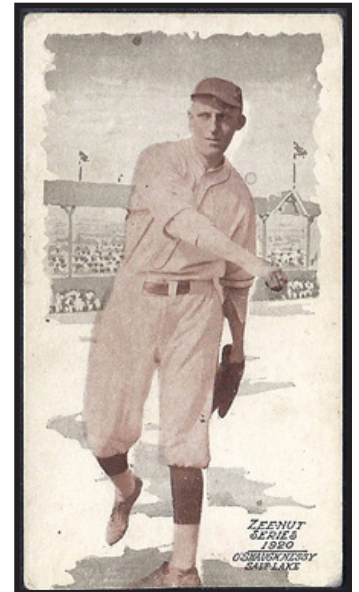
-Arizona Daily Star

June 20

In Tucson's 8-6 win over Phoenix, Cowboy pitcher John Green simply walks off of the field in the fifth inning after plate umpire Brooks called balls on what the petulant hurler feels are strikes ...

Globe manager Mickey Shader fines Henry Oana \$25 for breaking training rules.

For Parts Unknown



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Arizona State League All Star Club

(Selected by sports writers of the circuit)

First Base—	Costa, J. B., Globe	Cohen, S., Bisbee
Second Base—	Maloney, M., Phoenix	Summers, A., Tucson
Third Base—	Keane, J., Globe	Ostenberg, L. C., Phoenix
Short Stop—	Wilburn, L. F., Tucson	Steward, G. C., Bisbee
Catcher—	Poole, H. W., Phoenix	McIsaac, G. W., Bisbee
Outfielder—	Oana, H. K., Globe	Schino, S., Tucson
	Antista, A., Bisbee	Tomlinson, L. E., Phoenix
RH Pitcher—	Biggs, C., Globe	Kasich, C., Tucson
		Green, R. H., Bisbee
LH Pitcher—	Briggs, N., El Paso	Jones, R. M., Phoenix
		Woods, A. T., Phoenix

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June 22 - End of First Half

Phoenix, keyed by five home runs, takes both ends of a doubleheader with Tucson, 14-11 and 13-6, and ties Globe for the first half championship of the Arizona State League with identical 31-24 marks ... Globe, which opens the day 1/2 game ahead of the Senators for first place, drops a 11-2 decision to last-place Miami.

June 23

Bisbee's Tony Antista finishes the first half leading the league in hitting with a .435 average.

June 25

Second half starts ... after finishing in last place during the first half, Miami undergoes a general shake up by signing three new players - shortstop Joseph Cesearart and pitchers John Cano and Joseph Smith ... to make room for the newcomers, outfielder Arthur Hunt and pitcher Pete Salazar and Ernest McCabe are released ... in addition, the Hollywood Stars send Clarence "Rowdy" Sypher to help out Onnie Lundgren with the backstop duties, Sypher hit .305 for the Stars in 1929 ... Sypher, a 1928 graduate of Stanford and team captain, was regarded by head coach Harry Wolter as the greatest baseball prospect at the school since Ernie Nevers.

June 27

Tony Antista hits his 15th home run and extends his hitting streak to 27 games in a row as Bisbee beats Globe 11-2.

June 28

Buck Woodson's three-run inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the ninth innings give Globe a 9-8 win over Bisbee.

June 29

League president Wilford Sullinger is scheduled to meet with Globe president Al Floyd and Phoenix president Ed O'Malley to discuss when and where a five-game will be held to determine the first half champion ... Floyd feels the series should be played at the end of the regular season and declines to attend the meeting ... with only Phoenix present, the Senators' O'Malley elect to start the series with two games to be played in Phoenix on July 13 ... Phoenix's Leo Tomlinson runs into the center field wall and injures his leg requiring stitches.

July 1

Tucson signs outfielder Mickey Nance, late of Fort Smith, where he was hitting a solid .293 in 45 games ... Norman "Lefty" Briggs is sold to the Detroit Tigers for a reported \$1,000 and told to report to the Forth Smith Twins of the Western Association.

July 2

Henry Oana hits his 14th and 15th home runs of the season and Charlie Biggs runs his record to 14-5 as Globe pounds out 17 hits in a 12-6 win over Miami ... Tucson is 2-3 in the second half when the team releases outfielders Jim Vease and Chet Sherman ... El Paso signs 23-year-old right-handed pitcher Leissner Poth of St. Mary's College, who Texan manager "Mule" Washburn believes will become one of the best pitchers in the league.

Home Club to Pick Umpire for Bases

The Arizona State League has dropped all but three umpires from its payroll. President Wilford Sullinger announcing that the retrenchment was necessary since several teams had failed to pay league dues. George Blackburn, umpire-in-chief, Clarence Brooks and Jim Farrell have been retained on the staff and will work behind the plate.

According to the new arrangement, the home club is to appoint a player from its ranks to handle decisions on the bases.

July 6

Because some of the teams are negligent in paying their dues, league president Wilford Sullinger says he will be cutting back from two umpires at each game to one.

July 8

With the release of Harry Lee, El Paso has only four players who started the season with the club - Artie Rodriguez, Lefty Colvard, Al Hershberger and manager Mule Washburn.

Jail Ball Magnates On Blue Law Count

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—(UP)—Thirty-day prison terms were given three semi-pro baseball officials here today after they had been convicted of violating the Sunday blue laws.

The three men, Malcom McGowan and Edward Sherman, team managers, and Ted Vorhees, an umpire, refused to pay fines of \$10 and costs.

The arrests were made at a local ball park during a ball game Sunday.

Leissner Poth's Bad Day

July 6

Four days after being signed by El Paso manager "Mule" Washburn, Leissner Poth makes his Texans' debut as the starting pitcher in both games of a doubleheader with Phoenix.

Unfortunately, the Sunday afternoon twinbill before a near-capacity crowd in Dudley Field is somewhat less than successful for the 23-year-old righthander from St. Mary's College in San Antonio.

In the first game, Poth walks the first four batters he faces before being relieved by Artie Rodriguez, who picks up the win in an eventual 12-6 Texan victory.

Poth fares little better in the second game, actually recording one out while allowing one run on one hit and two walks before being pulled in favor of Count Luque, who garners the victory in a 12-11 El Paso win.

One week later, Poth makes his third start of the season against Bisbee, where he yields eight runs in six innings on five hits, 11 walks, one hit batter and one wild pitch in a 10-8 Bee triumph.



Poth's "inability to curb his wildness," is cited when El Paso releases him on August 1.

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“Had it not been for Washburn’s foresight in converting him into second baseman, (Al) Hershberger probably would not be with the Texans today. As a catcher he wasn’t quite good enough for the Arizona State League.”
-El Paso Evening Star

July 10

El Paso options pitcher Forest “Lefty” Sackett to Evansville of the Three-I League.

July 11

Friday’s Globe at Phoenix game is postponed because of a wrestling match.

July 13

Bisbee increases its lead over El Paso to three games with a double-header sweep of the Texans, 14-8 and 10-8.

Veteran Quits Cowboys After Losing Streak

July 14

Mired in last place with a 4-11 second half record and supposedly tired of unrelenting fan criticism, Tucson manager Pug Cavet resigns and is replaced by Walter Rehg, a former major leaguer and currently a backup outfielder with the Hollywood Stars ... manager of the Cowboys since the start of the 1929 season, Cavet’s Cowboys are 33-37 at the time of his resignation.

July 15

The Seattle Indians recall pitcher Earl Krause from Miami ... the *Arizona Silver Belt* newspaper reports that hot weather and a nervous disorder prevents Krause from “gaining his best form” in the Southwest ... the paper also opines that Bisbee is far exceeding the league salary limit.

July 17

Globe’s Charles Biggs, property of the San Francisco Seals and one of the top pitchers in the Arizona State League, is fined \$100 and suspended for his second violation of team training rules ... Biggs has lost only two of his 16 starts.

July 18

Bisbee’s Tony Antista extends his hitting to 43 straight games in the Bees’ 10-3 win over Phoenix ... Senators shortstop Al Baker is 2-for-4 but commits five errors.

July 19

Bisbee’s Tony Antista is 1-for-4 in an 8-7 win over Phoenix extending his hitting streak to 44 straight games ... Charlie Simoni makes his Miami debut allowing 10 hits and walking seven in a 7-5 loss to El Paso.

July 20

Bisbee’s Tony Antista has a single in four at bats and extends his hitting streak to 45 straight games in a 5-3 loss to Phoenix ... Miami’s “Big John” Cano shuts out El Paso 3-0 on five hits ... Tucson’s Wally Rehg suffers a lung injury, torn loose “from its moorings” when he takes a spill ... it is doubtful Rehg will play again this year.

Globe star outfielder Henry Oana is recalled by the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League ... Oana leads the Arizona State League in home runs (21), triples (12), doubles (22) and is second in batting (.413).

July 23

Tony Antista’s record-setting 45-game hit streak comes to an end when he is held hitless in four at bats by Miami’s Eddie Machado in the Miners’ 5-3 win in Bisbee.

July 24

Al McNeely wins his eighth straight game as Bisbee tops visiting Miami 10-6.

July 26

Globe’s Charlie Biggs pitches an eight-hit complete game en route to his 17th win in a 6-1 win over Phoenix.

Senator Prexy Suggests Title Play-off Here

TUCSON, July 14.—(AP)—A solution of the play-off for the first half season honors by Globe and Phoenix teams of the Arizona State league was submitted today to Wilford Sullinger, president of the league, by Ed O’Malley, Phoenix club president.

According to schedule, Phoenix will play at Globe July 23-27, but O’Malley is asking Globe to come to Phoenix for the series and play it as a regular second half series with the understanding that the winner of three of the five games is declared the first half victor.

O’Malley, in offering his plan, guarantees Globe a split of the gate, which he declares will not be less than \$1,000 as the Bears’ share.

San Francisco Recalls Oana From Bear Club

1930 Arizona State League [14 of 24]:

“(Chet) Wilburn’s drawback just at the present is his lack of fire on the ball field. He needs to loosen up his organs of speech and produce his share of the talk.”
- Arizona Daily Star

July 27

Tony Antista collects five hits and drives in three runs as Bisbee totals 23 hits in a 15-10 win over Miami ... Miner pitcher John Cano allows 12 hits in 3 1/3 innings of relief ... Tucson’s Phil Coyne pitches a one-hitter but drops a 3-1 decision to El Paso

July 28

Because of a shortage of funds in the league treasury, the Arizona State League reduces its umpire staff to three men ... president Wilford Sullinger says the problem is a result of two teams not paying their dues for several months ... Sullinger says the home team will select a player to handle first duties while a visiting team player will handle third base.

Phoenix and Globe finally agree to the playoff format to determine the champion of the first half ... the first two games will be played in Phoenix September 2-3 ... the next two games will be contested in Globe September 4-5 and if a fifth game is need, it will be held in Phoenix September 6 ... Tucson’s Chet Wilburn is sold to Beaumont of the Texas League.

July 29

Pitcher Ross Gardner, believed to be headed to El Paso, signs with Bisbee instead ... El Paso may get back Lefty Briggs, who was recently sold to Detroit and then sent to Fort Smith who wants a 30-day extension on the option before making a decision on keeping him or not ... El Paso denies the extension.

July 30

Tucson, “finding no need to keep him”, releases pitcher Duncan MacKay ... Tucson may become a road team for he rest of the season.

July 31

George Cochrane resigns as manager of the Miami Miners ... 14-28 with the Miners, Cochrane is succeeded by center fielder Bob Gillespie ... the Oakland Oaks want Phoenix pitcher Bill Phebus, but Senator manager Louis Guisto says that in addition to a purchase price he wants the Oaks to provide a pitcher in return.

August 1

Miami releases catcher Onnie Lundgren.

August 7

After allowing only one run in seven innings, 38-year-old Joe Pate yields eight runs in the eighth inning in a 9-3 loss to Globe.

August 9

Nogales, Arizona wants in to the Arizona State League for next year ... “Lefty” Woods shutouts Bisbee, 5-0, on six hits.

August 11

Bill Phebus Sold To Oakland Club

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Aug. 11.— (AP)— Bill Phebus, right hand hurler of the Phoenix Club of the Arizona State League, has been sold to Oakland of the Pacific Coast Loop, it was announced here today. He will leave Thursday to join the Oaks. Monte Pearson, Oakland right hander, released to the Senators here recently, joined the club today.

Phoenix righthander Bill Phebus is sold to the Oakland Oaks ... Oakland’s Monte Pearson, 3-2 with a 7.98 ERA, is released to the Senators.

August 15

Walter Ritter pitches a six-hit complete game and Al Hershberger’s single in the bottom of the ninth drives home Tony Bernardo with the winning run as El Paso reduces Bisbee’s lead to three games with a 2-1 win.

August 16

Bisbee’s lead over El Paso is cut to two games as the Texans pound three Bee pitchers for 17 hits en route to an 11-6 win before 1,200 fans at Dudley Field ... Globe’s George Caster strikes out a season-high 13 only to lose 5-2 to road-weary Tucson.

From Senator to Miner



August 22

In Phoenix’s 14-9 win over Miami, the Miners start semipro catcher Willie Kyle in place of injured regular Clarence Sypher. Kyle has to leave the game in the third inning when he splits open a finger attempting to catch a foul ball. Phoenix manager Louis Guisto elects to “loan” Caesar Sinibaldi to the depleted Miners to finish the game. Sinibaldi goes 0-for-3.

1930 Arizona State League [15 of 24]:

August 17

The lead is down to one ... Bud King's two-run double down the left field line in the bottom of the ninth inning rallies the Texans to a dramatic 6-5 win before 3,000 "howling" fans.

Financial Problems

Financial Troubles May Be Adjusted by 1931, Officials Say

August 18

Five of the league's six teams are experiencing financial problems heading into the season's final week of play. Only El Paso is financially stable having most of the \$10,000 it raised prior to the start of the season. Tucson and Phoenix, the next largest towns in the league, have had the most trouble. Tucson's park is located several miles outside of town while Phoenix, despite the installation of lights, continues to struggle. The low price of copper, which has caused the shutdown of several mines is being held responsible for the low attendance at Bisbee, Globe and Miami.

August 21

El Paso moved to within a one-half of a game of first place with a 12-7 win Tucson while Bisbee's game with Globe is called off in the 10th inning because of darkness with the teams tied at 6-6.

August 22

El Paso moves past Bisbee and into first place ... the Texans score three runs in the bottom of the ninth for an 8-7 win over visiting Tucson while the Bees lose to Globe 5-4 in 10 innings.

August 24

El Paso maintains its one-game lead as the Texans and Bisbee sweep doubleheaders from Tucson and Globe, respectively. The two wins extend El Paso's win streak to nine games.

August 25

El Paso business manager Roy Spengeman will drive by automobile to Jersey City, New Jersey, to complete negotiations for the sale of second baseman Al Hershberger to the International League team.

August 28

The season's final weekend gets underway with El Paso maintaining its one game lead over Bisbee ... the Texans beat Phoenix 6-4 on Dave Salazar's complete game 10-hitter while Bisbee pounds out 15 hits in a 13-6 win over Tucson.

August 29

We are tied ... Bisbee, a 9-4 winner over Tucson, moves into a first place tie with El Paso, an 8-4 loser to Phoenix.

August 30

With both teams losing, El Paso and Bisbee remain tied for first place ... the Texans drop a 4-2 decision to Phoenix, on Lefty Woods' six-hitter, while the Bees lose 13-8 to Tucson.

August 31 - Still Tied

With the one day left in the season, El Paso and Bisbee are tied for first place ... the Texans beat Phoenix 4-2 before a sold-out Dudley Field crowd while Bisbee gets a complete game five-hitter from manager/pitcher Roy Johnson in a 4-1 win over Tucson.

September 1

Bisbee wins the second half championship by one game over El Paso ... Bisbee's Al McNeely, a 20-year-old out of San Diego, shuts out the visiting Tucson 9-0 on three hits and drives home four runs with a home run and a double ... Phoenix scores an unearned run in the top of the ninth inning to beat El Paso 4-3, before a record crowd of 4,000 at Dudley Field.

1930 Arizona State League Playoffs

Globe versus Phoenix (Best of 5)

September 2	Globe 7, Phoenix 6	Globe 1-0	Mike Hunt's home run in the 10th inning wins it
September 3	Globe 6, Phoenix 3	Globe 2-0	George Caster pitches a six-hit complete game
September 4	Globe 13, Phoenix 6	Globe 3-0	Bears have 17 hits, including five for extra bases

Globe versus Bisbee (Best of 7)

September 7	First game postponed on wet grounds		
September 8	Bisbee 7, Globe 3	Bisbee 1-0	McNeely 11-hit complete game win
September 9	Bisbee 6, Globe 4	Bisbee 2-0	Game is called in eighth inning on account of darkness Globe says unless the game is replayed they will withdraw Sullinger overrules protest

Unhappy Texans

TRANSFER MAY HURT SALARY OF PLAYERS

August 18

Due to low attendance at Phoenix games, the Senators agree to switch their upcoming series with El Paso to the Texans' Dudley Field. The transfer of the series leaves most the El Paso players unhappy because the club pays for the players' expenses when they are on the road while the players must foot their own bills while in El Paso.

1930 Arizona State League [16 of 24]:

September 10	Globe 8, Bisbee 4	Bisbee 2-1	Al Montgomery pitches a complete game, Sulick 3-for-4
September 12	Globe 11, Bisbee 10	Tied 2-2	Globe scores in bottom of the eighth, game is called
September 13	Globe 4, Bisbee 4	Tied 2-2-1	Game called at the end of the 10th inning
September 14	Globe 7, Bisbee 4	Globe 3-2-1	Curtis Miller limits Bisbee to eight hits
September 15	Bisbee 10, Globe 3	Tied 3-3-1	Allen Barringer allows Globe only six hits to tie series

September 15
When Globe and Bisbee can not agree where a possible seventh game is to be played, league president

Bisbee President Attacks Officials Of Globe Club For Refusal To Play

BEES AWARDED LOOP PENNANT

Wilford Sullinger steps in and rules that it will be played in Bisbee ... Globe president Al Floyd, says that it will cost his team too much money to play again in Bisbee ... Floyd says that his offer to play the game at a neutral site, or to have it decided by a coin flip, is denied.

Refusal Of Globe To Travel
To Bisbee Causes Title
To Be Forfeited

Sullinger rules that the seventh game will be played in Bisbee and if the Bears do not show up, Bisbee will be declared the league champion ... Bisbee president C.T. Knapp says that Globe can afford to play in Bisbee as the series to date has brought in more than \$4,000 ... Knapp also says that he offered to play half of the Bears expense to come to Bisbee ... both Knapp and Sullinger agree that Floyd had earlier said that the seventh game should be played at the site where the first game was played (Bisbee).

However, Floyd refuses to allow his team to travel to Bisbee and the Bees are declared champions of the 1930 Arizona State League.

September 18

The El Paso Texans announce that they plan to give a 10 percent cash dividend to its stockholders ... with more than 60,000 in attendance, gate receipts amount to \$32,156.57 ... it cost \$30,924.32 to run the club for the entire season ... counting the money that was raised at the beginning of the year and never used, the Texans have a cash balance of \$10,769 ... Bisbee announces that the club ran a deficit of \$1,200 ... Phoenix grossed \$42,000 but with the cost of \$10,000 for the installation of lights, it finished in the red by \$4,000.

September 20

League president Wilford Sullinger lists several problems facing the Arizona State League for 1931 ... Sullinger wants (1) to do away with the split season, following the difficulties that Globe and Phoenix had to play to break the tie for the first half championship, (2) have a minimum five-day suspension rather than one day, and (3) the mining economy to rebound, so there is more support for those team in mining communities.

September 25

It appears as if the Arizona State League will be a six-team circuit in 1931, with Nogales replacing Globe in league membership ... the Copper Company is said to be ready to install lights at the Miami field and will probably only financially support the Miners and not the Bears.

November 4

Louis Guisto tells the Phoenix management that he does wish to return as manager for the 1931 season.

November 17

Based on the total circulation of the league's six teams, the Arizona State League can qualify for a Class C rating for the 1931 season, but with five of the six franchises losing money in 1930, there is little sentiment among owners of going above the Class D level.

December 23

Miami is the only franchise that has not confirmed it will be at a league meeting on January 3.

January 3, 1931

At the league's mid-winter meeting, it is discovered that Miami, because of the mining situation, will more than likely drop out of the league and that Bisbee "might not make the grade" for the 1931 season ... the owners vote to keep the split-season format, reduce the monthly salary limit from \$2,500 to \$2,000 and require that each team carry a minimum of three rookies ... Wilford Sullinger is re-elected as league president.

1930 Arizona State League Snapshots



Lino Aguilar, El Paso

One year after pitching for the Premier Woodworkers of El Paso's City-Valley League, Aguilar signs with the hometown Texans just prior to the start of the season. Aguilar's El Paso debut on April 11, is nothing short of a disaster when he allows Tucson seven runs in one inning or work. In his next start two weeks later, he is touched up for eight runs by Phoenix in less than two innings of work. Aguilar is released on April 29 and later signs with Bisbee.



Tony Antista, Bisbee

Despite standing only 5-foot-6, Tony Antista, nicknamed the "Walloping Wop," by local sportswriters, hits safely in 45 consecutive games for the Bisbee Bees in 1930, and leads all of professional baseball with a .430 batting average. In five minor league seasons, the Colorado native hits over .400 twice and .300 four times en route to fashioning a .368 career batting average. Antista leads the Arizona State League in hitting in both 1929 (.414) and 1930.



John Aspe, El Paso

USC product John Aspe is reported to have suffered a heart attack in May, probably from the thin air opines one newspaper, and returns to his home in Los Angeles.



Al Baker, Phoenix

The starting second baseman for the Senators on opening day, Baker suffers a badly torn thumb nail on his right hand and is forced to miss a couple of weeks. Baker gets off to a fast start and is hitting .310 (58-for-179) on June 3. It's Baker two-run home run in the bottom of the 10th inning that enables the Senators to beat Tucson 3-1 in the league's first-ever night game on June 19.



Allen Baringer, Phoenix

After winning 11 games with Tucson in 1929, Baringer, a 21-year-old right-hander out of Crothersville, signs with Phoenix to start the season, but is released on April to get the team down to the 14-player limit. Re-signed by the Cowboys on May 6, the USC grad pitches a 13-hit complete game win over first-place Phoenix only to be released the following afternoon.



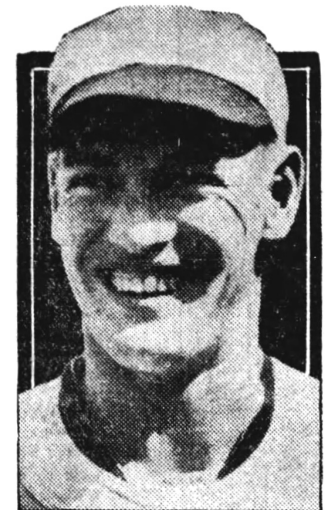
Lefty Briggs, El Paso

A year after going 9-8 with the Midland Colts of the West Texas League, El Paso's Norman "Lefty" Briggs leads the Arizona State League in wins (20) and strikeouts (157). On June 30, Briggs is sold to the Detroit Tigers for \$1,000 and assigned to Fort Smith. When Fort Smith asks for a second 30-day option, El Paso demurs and Briggs returns to the Texans for the rest of the season.



Diego Carrillo, Tucson

On May 15, Tucson announces that Diego Carrillo, the pitching star on the Tucson high school team has with the Cowboys. Noted for his "blinding" fastball and believed to be between 17 and 18 years old, Carrillo never dons a Cowboy uniform and plays the summer with the Tucson Independents.



George Caster, Globe

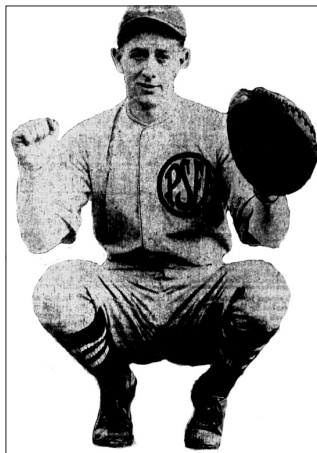
Future major leaguer George Caster is 8-10 with a 5.48 ERA for the PCL's Mission Reds when he is acquired by the Globe Bears on July 6. *The Arizona Daily Star* opines that Caster, "has forgotten more curves than most young pitchers ever heard about," but apparently the San Bernardino Valley College product has a temper and a "propensity for throwing fielded balls as far as he can."

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Pug Cavet, Tucson

The fifth manager for Tucson in two-and-half seasons, the ex-major leaguer resigns on July 14 with his Cowboys in last place in the second half of Arizona State League play with a 4-11 mark. Overall, Tucson is 33-37 (.471) under his direction. A left-handed pitcher who compiled a 11-9 record with a 2.98 ERA in parts of three seasons with the Detroit Tigers, Cavet is a 291-game winner in 22 minor league seasons.



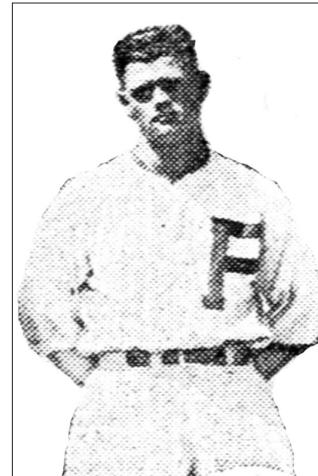
Eddie Farro, Globe

Signed as a catcher by the Globe Bears on May 5, Farro makes his Arizona State League debut two days later against the Miami Miners- starting in right field and going 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs. On April 25, 1935, following several brief sojourns in the Pacific Coast League with San Francisco and Oakland, Farro signs with the Santa Cruz Padres causing the *Santa Cruz Evening News* to opine that Farro is "one of the best catchers outside of organized baseball."



Al Fisch, Miami

Fisch is a 20-game winner as a 24-year-old for the Dubuque Dubs in 1927. Two years later, the California lefty is 5-22 as a 26-year-old with the Seattle Indians. A year later, the forkball specialist with the deceptive delivery, is 0-0 with an expansive ERA of 14.06 with the Seattle Indians of the PCL when he sent to the Miami Bears in mid-May. Fisch wins 56 games in eight minor league seasons (1927-1934).



Alder Godbeir, Phoenix

Not much is known about Alder (or Alden) Godbeir. What we do know is:

- He's from Oakland, California, where he attended Oakland Technical High School and played baseball and basketball, earning all-city honors in both sports.

- He failed to make Phoenix's opening day roster and returned to the Coast to play semipro ball.



Louis Guisto, Phoenix

Ex-major leaguer and World War I veteran Louis Guisto manages Phoenix to a 58-47 mark and a tie for second place in the overall standing, two games behind Bisbee.



Drap Hayes, Miami

One year after directing Miami to the Arizona State League championship in 1929, LeRoy "Drap" Hayes is fired on June 1, with his Miners mired in last place with a 16-24 record. Three days later, the 38-year-old catcher, pitcher, outfielder signs with El Paso, making his first start June 5. In 1929, the Conway, Arkansas, native led the Arizona State League in hitting with an average of .373.



Willard Hershberger, El Paso

Born on May 28, 1910, in Lemon Cove, California, Willard Hershberger is the only active major league player to have committed suicide during a season. A backup catcher for the Cincinnati Reds in 1940, Hershberger is depressed when he blames himself for a loss to the Boston Braves on August 2 during a tight pennant race. The following day he takes his life with a razor in his room at Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. In three seasons with the Reds, Hershberger has a career batting average of .316.



Lester Holmes, Phoenix

An outfielder/pitcher, Holmes hits a solid .362 for the Senators in 1929 with 16 doubles, six triples and 10 home runs in only 80 games. Holmes is one of only three Phoenix players not invited to the Oakland Oaks pre-season camp in 1931.

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Jay Hughes, Tucson

The son of former major league pitcher Jay Hughes, Tucson's own Jay Hughes is one of the leading hitters in the Arizona State League. A Santa Clara College product, Hughes, breaks into professional baseball with the Portland Beavers in 1921. In 1929, Hughes hits .360 with 23 doubles and 16 home runs with Bisbee.



Roy Johnson, Bisbee

The most successful manager in Arizona State League annals. The Bisbee manager for five seasons (1928-1932), Johnson directs the franchise to a 455-455 (.500) record and three league championships (1929, 1930, 1932). Johnson begins his career in 1915 fashioning a 6-10 mark with the McAlester Miners of the Western (D) Association. Three years later (1918), the Madill, Oklahoma righthander is 1-5 for Connie Mack's Philadelphia A's with a 3.42 ERA.



Roy Joiner, El Paso

After allowing five runs on eight hits in four innings in a 14-0 loss to Sacramento on May 7, a 22-year-old Joiner is sent to Phoenix to be able to pitch on a regular basis. The Red Bluff, California portsider is 3-3 with a 5.28 ERA in 52 major league appearances including four starts (and one save) in parts of three seasons with the Chicago Cubs (1934-1935) and the New York Giants (1935).



Charley Kasich, Tucson

On May 26, veteran Oakland Oaks Charley Kasich is optioned to Tucson instead of Phoenix because there are no openings on the Senators's roster. Kasich is 1-2 with a 7.88 ERA for the Oaks and is unhappy when he is sent to the D-level Arizona State League. The 23-year-old San Francisco native makes his Phoenix debut June 1.



Bud King, El Paso

King begins his pro career in 1928, hitting .353 for the Boise Senators of the Utah-Idaho (C) League. King was hitting .360 with Mesa of the Arizona State League in 1929 when the club breaks up and King is given his release. In 1931, once again with El Paso, King finishes ninth among league batting leaders with a .347 average.



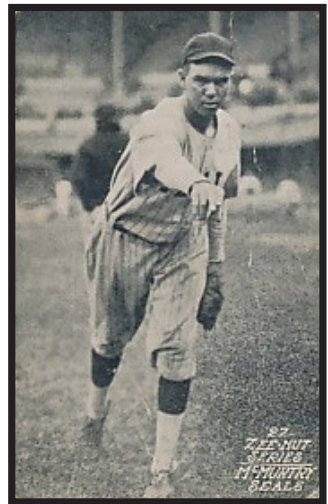
Al McCoy, Phoenix

The Senators' starting second baseman, McCoy is hitting .257 with 43 hits in 183 at bats in the league's final officials stats on June 11. During the course of the season, McCoy plays second base, third base, leftfield and rightfield and bats anywhere from third to eighth in the lineup. On June 17, in one of the "biggest trades" in the Arizona State League in 1920, McCoy and catcher Onnie Lundgren are traded to the Miami Miners for Miami second baseman Mike Maloney.



Duncan MacKay, Tucson

Twenty-one-year-old Duncan MacKay goes directly from the sandlots of Seattle to the training camp of the Pittsburgh Pirates in April of 1929. One of 18 pitching prospects, MacKay is the fourth one to depart when he is released unconditionally on March 19. In his PCL debut with the Mission Reds on April 25, 1930, MacKay allows 16 runs on 13 hits in only four innings. After being sent to Tucson, he wins his first two starts for the Cowboys.



Orville McMurtry, Globe

Born on April 15, 1903 in Watts, California, Orville McMurtry debuts with the PCL's Salt Lake City Bees as a 22-year-old in 1925. Salt Lake City manager Ossie Vitt says McMurtry is "one of the most promising boys I have ever seen." A noted fastball pitcher and part Cherokee Native American, McMurtry wins a career-high 14 games for the Logan Collegians of the Utah-Idaho (C) League in 1927.

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Al McNeely, Bisbee

Acquired from the Hollywood Stars on May 29, outfielder-turned-pitcher McNeely turns his attention to the mound and sets an Arizona State League record by winning his first 12 decisions en route to finishing 14-2.



Emil Maihlo, Phoenix

Bob Ingram, a columnist for the *El Paso Evening Post*, names Maihlo, a strong-armed outfielder, to his Arizona State League all-star team. Maihlo is one of 13 Senators told to report to the Oakland Oaks spring training camp next spring.



George "Lefty" Neilsen, Tucson

The portsider begins his pro career going 8-8 in 29 appearances with the Denver Bears in 1928. After going 5-11 with a 4.29 ERA for Bisbee in 1929, the Phoenix native signs with Tucson the following March and is the team's opening day starter in 1930, where he shuts out El Paso 3-0 on five hits. The Cowboys release Neilsen on May 23.



Kenny O'Kane, Tucson

A native of Sacramento, the 5-foot-8, 146-pound right-handed hitting catcher is listed on the 1928 San Francisco Seals pre-season roster. A year later, O'Kane debuts with the San Diego Aces of the California State League before signing with Tucson. In limited playing time, O'Kane hits .354 in 23 games for the Cowboys. He begins 1931 with the Seals before being optioned back to Tucson on June 18.



Henry Oana, Globe

If there had been an MVP in the Arizona State League for the 1930 season, Globe's Henry "Prince" Oana, along with Bisbee's Tony Antista would have been the odds on favorites to win the award. Rumored to come from Hawaii royalty (he wasn't), the 20-year-old Oahu native is leading the league in home runs (21), doubles (22) and triples (12) and is second to Antista in hitting (.413) when he is recalled by the San Francisco Seals on July 20. Oana eventually makes it major leagues with Detroit as a 33-year-old in 1943.



Yam Ornealas, Tucson

Ornealas begins his career in 1924 with the Miami Miners of the semipro Central Arizona League. In 1926, the left-handed hitting outfielder is invited to spring training with the Little Rock Travellers. Ornealas makes his pro debut with Mobile in 1928, appearing in several games as a pinch hitter.



Leo Ostenberg, Phoenix

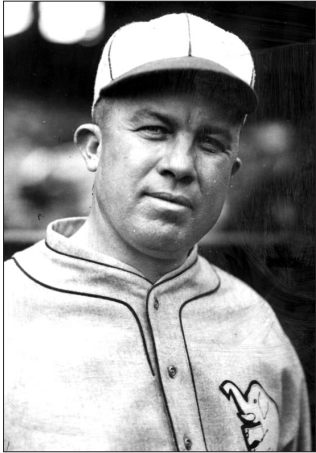
Ostenberg's Zeenut card with the Sacramento Senators is worth \$12.00 in good condition. The Collinsville, Illinois infielder begins a 15-year pro career with the PCL's Seattle Indians as an 18-year-old in 1926. Reported to be Irish, Osterman, after a solid season in 1929 with Portland and Hollywood, is close to signing with the New York Yankees, but a pulled muscle hinders his opportunity.



Verne Owens, Tucson

Despite being predicted to hit "about" .320 by the *Arizona Daily Star*, Owens, a utility and first-year player, is one of four Cowboys released on April 15, by manager Pug Cavet, following the first series of the season.

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Joe Pate, El Paso

Acquired from Birmingham, former major leaguer Joe Pate makes his El Paso debut on August 7. The 38-year-old lefty goes 1-1 in seven games with the Texans. Sought by several major league clubs early in his career, the Alice, Texas native prefers pitching in the minor league with the Fort Worth Panthers, with whom he is 168-67 in seven seasons (1919-1925). A 257-game winner in 20 minor league seasons, Pate makes his major league debut in 1926 with the Philadelphia Athletics, going 9-0 with a 2.71 ERA.



Monte Pearson, Phoenix

Pitcher Monte Pearson is acquired by Phoenix on August 11 and will go 2-0 for the Senators with a 2.36 ERA. In 10 major league seasons with the Indians, Yankees and Reds, the Oakland native is 100-61 with a 4.00 ERA.



Bill Phebus, Phoenix

A couple of months after going 2-1 as a 19-year-old with Bakersfield of the California State League in 1929, Phebus, "A speed burning find from Fresno," signs a contract with the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League. On April 1, Phebus is one of 13 rookies assigned to Phoenix of the Arizona State (D) League. Phebus will pitch parts of three seasons (1936-1938) in the major leagues with the Washington Senators, compiling a 3-2 mark with a 3.31 ERA.



Harlin Pool, Phoenix

Harlin "Samson" Pool, a husky catcher draws plays two years with the Cincinnati Reds (1934-1935). In 1934, the Lakeport, California native hits .327 in 387 plate appearances. With the Dallas Steers in 1938, Pool leads the Texas League in hitting with a .330 average.



Howard Rady, El Paso

Expected to start at shortstop for the Texans, Rady is left behind in El Paso because of tonsillitis when the team travels to Tucson for the season opener. The Los Angeles native is released April 28.



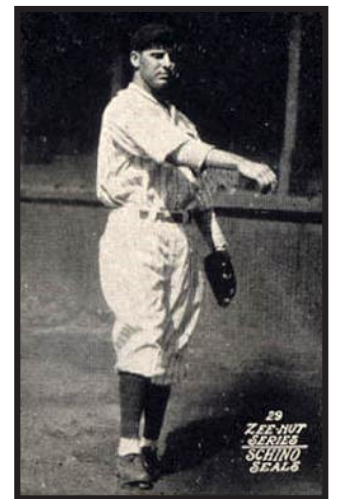
Artie Rodriguez, El Paso

A native of Mexico, El Paso manager Mule Washburn says of his 225-pound portsider, "he's a big left hander with lots of smoke." Rodriguez makes his final appearance for the Texans on July 18.



Dave Salazar, Miami

Acquired off the Bisbee suspended list, Arizona State League veteran Salazar makes his Miami debut on April 23 against Globe. The 31-year-old righthander allows nine runs on 10 hits and four base on balls in 7 and 1/3 innings in a 10-6 loss to the Bears. The "husky hurler" is credited with pitching the Mesa Jewels to back to back in the old Arizona State semipro league.



Stan Schino, Tucson

Schino is hitting .313 in 34 games with the Oakland Oaks when he is sent to Tucson in mid-June. The Oakland native begins his pro career in 1927 as an 18-year old with the Marshalltown Ansons, hitting a solid .268 with a team-high 12 home runs. In 1932, Schino hits a career-high .354 fwith 32 doubles, 13 triples and 18 home runs for the Tulsa Oilers of the Western (A) League.

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Bob Shanklin, Bisbee

After working out with the team for two weeks, hometown pitching sensation and Loyola Academy graduate Bob Shanklin impresses Chicago Cubs manager Bill Killefer so much that the team signs him on June 22, 1925, and adds him to the roster. The portsider fails to make an on-field appearance with the Cubs and is quickly optioned to the Western Association's Ardmore Boomers. Shanklin wins a career-high 19 games for Rock Island a year later.



Chet Sherman, Tucson

A three-year veteran of the Arizona State League (1927-1930), Sherman is the last player released by manager Pug Cavef on May 20, for the Cowboys to get down to mandated 14-player limit. He is resigned two months later.



Guido Simoni, Miami

Just two days after being called "one of the two worst pitchers" on the Seattle Indians' roster, Simoni is sent to the Miami Miners on July 15, 1930. A two-sport star in football and baseball at Santa Clara University, the Italian-born Simoni is one of three Santa Clara athletes that forfeit their college eligibility on December 1, 1929, because they had signed optional agreements to play with Seattle the following summer. A native of Half Moon Bay, California, Simoni stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 195 pounds.



Caesar Sinibaldi, Phoenix

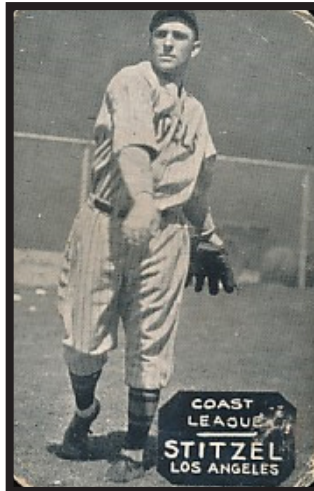
After playing only one game with the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League, 19-year-old Caesar Sinibaldi, a native of Oakland and a two-sport athlete of Roosevelt High School, signs with the Phoenix Senators on June 28. The right-handed hitting Sinibaldi plays the rest of 1930 with the Senators before returning to California to play semi-pro ball in the Bay area for the next three seasons. Sinibaldi makes it back to the PCL with San Francisco (1933) and Oakland (1934).



John Smirch, Bisbee

"John Smirch, the pulchritudinous young catcher, who has gained no little popularity in these parts by his backstopping ability."
-Anaconda Standard (March 6, 1925)

Smirch begins his organized baseball career in 1924 with the A.C.M. team of the Mines League in Montana. A 5-11, 190-pound catcher, the Raton, New Mexico native also plays in the 1927 Copper League with league champion Chino. During some of his off seasons, Smirch is employed by Paramount Pictures as a carpenter.



Hal Stitzel, Bisbee

Stitzel's 1933 Zeenut Card No. 157 is worth \$31 in excellent condition. Picked up by Bisbee in mid-July, the 21-year-old righthander pitches a scoreless inning in his Bee debut against Phoenix on July 16. A product of the Phoenix sandlots, Stitzel pitches in relief for the Bees until making his first start on August 10. Sold to Los Angeles in July 1931, Stitzel will pitch three years (1931-1933) for the Angels.



Joe "Lefty" Sullivan, Tucson

Sullivan is playing semipro ball with the Bloedel-Donovan Lumber Company in 1930 when he is signed by the New York Yankees. The 19-year-old is assigned to the Hollywood Stars before being sent down to Tucson in May. In his five-year big-league career with Detroit, Pittsburgh and the Boston Bees Sullivan is 30-37 with a 4.01 ERA.



Al Summers, Tucson

Seventeen-year-old Summers teams with Chet Wilburn to give Tucson one of the league's best middle infield tandems. Summers is 2-for-4 in his pro debut against El Paso on April 9.

1930 Arizona State League Snapshots



Clarence Sypher, Miami

The Hollywood Stars send Clarence "Rowdy" Sypher to Miami on June 28. Sypher, a 1928 graduate of Stanford and team captain, was regarded by head coach Harry Wolter as the greatest baseball prospect at the school since Ernie Nevers.



Leo Tomlinson, Phoenix

After hitting .359 for the Bakersfield Bees of the California State League, Tomlinson, a left-handed hitting outfielder, signs with Phoenix in the off-season.



Jimmy Vease, Tucson

In his third season with Tucson, the multi-positional Vease is named team captain despite being 20-25 pounds overweight when he signs in February. Upon seeing his pudgy outfielder, manager Pug Cavet immediately puts in an order for a rubber jacket.



Mule Washburn, El Paso

Named the manager of the El Paso Texans on March 10, 36-year-old James "Mule" Washburn hits .372 with 36 doubles, 16 triples and 12 home runs in 1930. A talented hitter, the Wichita, Kansas native will hit over .300 seven times in his 16-year minor league career and .290-or-better on 10 occasions. In 1924, Washburn, playing for Tulsa, leads the Western (A) League in home runs (48), runs scored (148) and total bases (458) while finishing third in hitting (.372) and sixth in doubles (53).



Chet Wilburn, Tucson

Named to two all-star teams - International League (1937) and KITTY League (1941) - Wilburn plays 13 years in the minor leagues. On August 1, Tucson sells the 23-year-old shortstop to the Beaumont Expters of the Texas (A) League.



Eli Witt, Phoenix

A noted sidearmed curveball artist, the "elongated" Witt pitches three games for Mesa in 1929 before being sent to Connie Mack for a month of instruction in the off-season. In 1931, Witt pitches for the Nogales Internationals of the Arizona-Texas League

1930 Arizona State League Rosters

Bisbee Bees

Warren Park

Barringer, Alan
Antista, Tony
Bernardo, Tony
Bonner
Brandt, Dutch
Burbank, Luther
Burns, Leo Byrne?
Byrne, Buddy
Church, Ed Beau
Cohen, Sydney
Combs, Johnny
Gabler, Frank
Gardner, Ross
Green, Bob
Greer, Bernard
Haas, Ernie
Harris
Hurst, Homer
Hatfield
Joerndt
Johnson, Verne
Jacobs, Art
Kelly, Francis
Lawrence
Layne, Ralph
Lightfoot
McCabe, Ernie
McIsaac, Glen
Marlowe, Duke
Milutinovich, Buck
Moncrief, Charlie
Montague
Murphy, Clarence
Osborne, Don
O'Shaugnessy, Elmer
Prather
Sabilla, Frank
Shanklin, Bob
Smirch, John
Smith, Red
Stitzel, Hal
Steward, George
Williams, Bill

El Paso Texans

Dudley Field

Aguilar, Lino
Amato
Aspe, Johnny
Bernardo, Tony
Bordes, Johnny
Briggs, Lefty
Burnside, Ray
Colvard, Lefty
Dunn, Ray
Edwards, Sherman

Etheridge, Bill
Fitzgerald, Daniel Boone
Hayes, Drap
Hershberger, Willard
King, Bud
Lackey
Lee, Harry
Leyva, Art
Luque, Count
McDermott, Claire
Masterston, Jay
Millican, Fred
Morris, Walter
Morrison, W.E.
Myers, Steve
Neilsen, Lefty
Olle, Ed
Osborne
Pallas, Al
Pate, Joe
Pierce, Jim
Poth, Leissner
Rady, Howard
Ritter, Walter
Roberts, Slim
Rodriguez, Artie
Ross, Sam
Ryan, Fred
Sackett, Lefty
Salazar, Dave
Saxon, Mack
Sousa
Sparks, Sam
Tuch
Vuisich, Johnny
Washburn, Mule

Globe Bears

School Hill Park

Biggs, Charles
Bordes, Johnny
Camozzi, Clarence
Caster, George
Corbelli, Joe
Costa, Jack
Etheridge, Bill
Farrow, Eddie
Garry, Arthur
Gillick, Larry
Harding, Harry
Keane, Jack
Koodson
Luque, Count
Martin, Jimmy
Miller, Curtis
McMurtry, Orville
Montgomery, Alvin
Oana, Henry

O'Connell, Jimmy
Peters
Shader, George
Sullik, Ernest
Weaver, Donald John
Williams, Bill
Williams, Clarence
Woodson, Buck

Miami Miners

Inspiration Park

Alexander, Earl
Bobbs, Lowell
Cano, John
Cesearart, Joseph
Church, Eddie
Clayton, Dewey
Falk, Charlie
Fisch, Al
Fitzgerald, Dan
Gillespie, Robert
Haddock
Hamack, Sterling
Hayes, Drap
Hunt, Arthur
Jacobs, Art
Krause, Earl
Kyle, Willie
Lee, Harry
McCabe, Ernest
McCoy, Al
Machado, Eddie
Maloney, Mike
Miller, Eddie
Mirori
Norton, Bob
Olsen, Whitie
Oster, Sid
Pullins, Cliff
Rose, Abie
Rosenberg, Rosey
Salazar, Pete
Simoni, Charlie
Smith, Joseph
Sypher, Clarence
Turner, Orison
Weaver, Buck/Karl
Williams, Bill
Windsor, Bill

Phoenix Senators

Riverside Park

Anderson, Merle
Arlett, Eddie
Baker, Al
Berg, John
Chamberlain, Hal
Galianos, John

Godbeir, Adler
Graham, Joe
Holmes, Lester
Jacobs, Jack
Kostel, Frank
Laird, Charlie
Lloyd, Ernie
Lundgren, Onnie
McCoy, Al
Maihlo, Emil
Maloney, Mike
Nathio
Olsen, Whitey
Ostenberg, Leo
Patterson, Frank
Phebus, Bill
Pool, Harlan
Porter, Walter
Pullins, Cliff
Sinibaldi, Caesar
Stevenson, Bob
Tomlinson, Leo
Vilianos, Johnny
Westphal
Woods, Lefty
Xavier, Alfred

Tucson Cowboys

Municipal Park

Barringer, Alan
Bertsch, Buddy
Carrillo, Diego
Cavat, Pug
Combs, Johnny
Coyne, Bill
Engle, Clyde
Francis, Chilie
Gomes, Augie
Granquist, Arthur
Green, John
Hughes, Jay
Hunt, Gladiss
Johnson, Lee
Leishman, Eddie
Linson, Jim
Lloyd, Ernie
MacKay, Duncan
Nance, Mickey
Neilsen, George Lefty
O'Kane, Kenny
Ornelas, Yam
Owens, Verne
Schino, Stanley
Sherman, Chet
Sullivan, Lefty Joe
Summers, Al
Vease, Jim
Wilburn, Chet