













### One That Got Away

Avenue Baptist's Tony Edwards is about to be safe at first base as a throw from the First Nazarene infield gets by Nazarene first-sacker Lee Schultz. The rest of the game was much of the same for the Nazarenes, who

dropped a 20-7 decision in the YMCA Men's Church League Playoffs Thursday night. The playoffs conclude tonight with a postseason tournament slated to start Saturday. (Brand Photo by Jeri Curtis).

## 14-15 Year Old Babe Ruth Stars Begin Playoffs Tonight

Hereford's 14-15 year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars face Plainview at 8 p.m. tonight in Dimmitt as they begin District Tournament play.

Six teams are entered in the event after Morton withdrew. In addition to Hereford and Plainview, Dimmitt, Friona, Olton, and Muleshoe are entered in the double-elimination affair.

The winner of the District Tournament advances to further postseason play in Lamesa. The District Tournament will conclude next

Wednesday according to Hereford manager John Bunch.

Helping Bunch with the team are coaches Dale Scott and Joe Hacker. Players on the squad include Rodney Torres, George Bermudez, Jerry Brown, Stefan Hacker, Curtis Cotten, Pat Phibbs, Doug Evans, Kurt Simon, Sammy Suarez, Gary Ruckman, Bobby Martinez, Chet Bunch, Chad Stephan, Toby Torres, and Mike Scott.

## Girls' All-Star Game Saturday

PLAINVIEW — Four high school All-Americans—a pair from each side of the Red River—will lead their respective contingents Saturday in the 13th annual Texas-Oklahoma Girls All-Star Basketball Game in Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson Center here.

Oklahoma leads the series 7-5, but will be looking for its first win in three years when the ball goes up at 7:30 p.m. Texas took a characteristically close 73-69 victory last year in Lindsay, Okla. after winning 72-68 in overtime here in 1980.

For all but one member of the Texas team, it will be the second All-Star game in a period of seven days. Eleven of the 12 players participated in the 24th Annual Texas High School Girls' Coaches Association North-South game Saturday night in Houston. The North took an easy 86-66 win as Frances Harris, Kelli Hardin, and former Monterey stand-out Kamie Ethridge combined for 47 points.

Clarendon's Hardin and Harris, from Dallas South Oak Cliff, are likely to log plenty of playing time for Coach Cathy Wilson's Texas team Saturday night. Ethridge, who garnered Converse All-America honors her senior year at Lubbock Monterey, will team with the Dallas South Oak Cliff All-American guard Vickie Green to give the Lone Star team a strong one-two punch from the outside.

Flying Queen recruits Kathy Wilson, Mary Nell Clayton, and Susie Gilbert will get their first taste of action on the Hutcherson Center floor along with Lee Ann Shaw of Ingleside, Mardy Tyson from Follett, Charlotte Reescano from Hardin, Lubbock Cooper's Stacy Gaitner and Killeen's Sharon Marion.

Two All-Americans, Jacquetta Hurley and Vickie Ponder, lead a strong group from the Sooner State. Hurley, a 6-0 forward from

Fox, was named to the Converse All-America team while Ponder, a 5-8 forward from Mannford, was Honorable Mention on the same team. Tammy Bryd, a 5-8 forward who led Class 3A Muldrow High School to a state championship, Cheryl Bearbow of Elgin, Janet Boeckman of Okeene and Lee Ann Banks from Vinita round out the forwards for Oklahoma.

If either team has an advantage going into the game, it could rest with the Oklahoma guards. The game will be played by Oklahoma rules, which means that the six-player game will be in effect. Texas abandoned the six-player game following the 1977-78 season in favor of the current five-player system.

Bev McCarthy, who led Okarche High School to a state 2A title, leads a strong group of Sooner guards. Dawn Fischer and Jill Ball, both from Mustang High School, Debbie Radke of Arapaho, Lyn Keith of McAlester, and Jan Ross of Putnam City West will join McCarthy in trying to defend the Texas scoring attack.

Tickets for the game, priced at \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students, are on sale at the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, Plainview Athletics, and the Wayland Public Services Office in Gates Hall.

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## 13 Year-Olds Claim Title; Headed to State Tourney

The Hereford 13 year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars completed a long comeback road Thursday evening, beating Plainview Blue twice to win the District Tournament in Friona. The 16-3 and 12-6 victories send the local stars into the State Tournament to be held in Graham beginning Monday.

Hereford coach Mike Dodson said the team's tourney title was the result of "an

outstanding team effort. The boys showed a lot of class coming back from an early loss to take the championship through the loser's bracket."

The twin killings Thursday over the Plainview team were doubly-sweet for Hereford, which had lost to the Plainview bunch by a 9-4 count in the tourney last Saturday.

Stalwart hurler Todd Shire propelled the local stars into a second and deciding game

Thursday with a 16-3 blasting of Plainview in the opener. Shire, who had a 3-0 record in the tourney gave up four runs on five hits while notching five strikeouts and walking nine Plainview batters.

Hereford lashed out nine hits enroute to the 16-3 win, with Keith Herrera collecting three safeties and driving in four runs. Donnie Rieves picked up a pair of hits in the contest, driving in a pair of

Hereford runners. In the deciding nightcap Herrera took to the mound, going seven innings, giving up six runs on six hits. He struck out four Plainview batters while issuing two bases on balls.

And, while stifling Plainview on the mound Herrera turned in another sterling performance at the plate with three more hits and the same number of RBI's. Bobby Medina and David Manchec also had three hits each for Hereford in the 'capper, while Joe Fuentes added a pair of singles to the Hereford total.

"We got some outstanding performances, especially from Shire and Herrera," Dodson said following his team's wins. "And, we also had some fine defensive play."

Hereford, which closed out the tournament with a 6-1 record, outscored their seven opponents 87-23.

"Seven ballgames in six days is a tough way to go," an obviously drained Dodson concluded. "The coach is tired, and I know how the players feel."

The Hereford stars will have a couple days to rest up, however, before making the trip to Graham.

## Stabler Placed On No Recall Waivers

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oiler Coach Ed Biles, recognizing quarterback Ken Stabler as an individualist who likes to do things his way, gave the 13-year veteran a chance to pick his own exit from the Oilers.

Instead, Biles said Stabler did nothing and forced the him to place the former Oiler starter on no recall waivers Thursday and end the stormy relationship that had existed since Biles became head coach last year.

Biles said he told Stabler on July 7 that he no longer figured in the Oilers' offensive plans. Biles gave Stabler the option of retiring or trying to peddle his services to another team. Biles said repeated efforts to get an answer from Stabler failed.

"We wanted to give him the opportunity to get a job on another team and to have plenty of time for that to happen," Biles said. "In all fairness to the veterans we feel are no longer able to con-

tribute to this football team, we wanted to give them the opportunity in the right sort of way."

Stabler could not be reached for comment.

Biles' decision also shed the Oilers of another problem — Stabler's alleged involvement with a convicted gambler that led to a league investigation.

"The league situation is a private matter between the league and Kenny Stabler," Biles said. "The Houston Oilers are not involved in it so there's no reason in us discussing that."

Stabler did not show up for a scheduled meeting with National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle late last month. Rozelle has declined to make results of the investigation public until he speaks personally with Stabler.

Stabler also avoided the Oiler practice facilities during the off season, showing up only once for a mini-camp on May 23, despite a request

from Biles to be present for off-season training.

"We just felt like for the future of the Houston Oilers, he was not the quarterback that could do the job, and this was a time for a parting of the ways," Biles said.

Stabler shocked Biles by suddenly announcing his retirement before the start of the 1981 camp, but came back after Gifford Nielsen suffered a shoulder injury. Stabler then struggled through the season, throwing 14 touchdown passes and 18 interceptions before losing his job to Nielsen.

Oiler linebacker Gregg Bingham said Stabler made a mistake by not participating in the off-season program.

"Snake should have been in here working," Bingham said.

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