

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Thomas Botello, longtime Lubbock, Texas resident, talks about his experience coaching for Little League and Pony League baseball teams. He also founded the Southwest Latin League, an adult baseball league.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Little League Baseball	:00
First exposure	
Saw them play while on the job	
Got in as a coach	
Baseball career	
Origin of the Northern Little League in Lubbock, Texas	
Individuals involved in building the park	
Coaching Pony League	
Career	:10
Northern Pony League	
Played for Industrial League	
Northwest Little League	

Issues

Boundary rules
No obvious discrimination

Inter-league games

Played in all-star

Coaching strategies

Learned from his coaches
Sketches
Initial years didn't have to teach
Develop attitude towards winning
Gaining others' respect
Psychology
Issues with modern kids
Play everybody

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Success stories

Behavioral changes in the kids
Recollections of the good players
No one played at the college level

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Experience coaching a team before retiring

In charge of pitchers
Won the season

Playing for Industrial League

Competitive atmosphere
Lubbock Aztec team

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Lubbock-Abernathy Colts

Salvador Rivera the Colts' team manager approached him to coach
The 1967 Texas State National Baseball Congress tournament
Never practiced before the game
Psychological boosting
The "Cinderella Colts" finished runner-up in the state tournament
All-Stars
Edinburg Teams' professional ties

Education at Texas Tech University

Bobby Cavazos

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Interview Ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: Not Given

GENDER OF INFORMANT:

Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:

Mexican-American