



ABOUT THE GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS

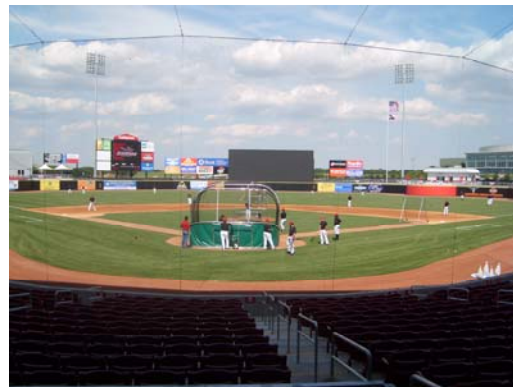
WHO ARE WE?

The Grand Prairie AirHogs are a professional baseball team located in Grand Prairie, TX. The AirHogs play in the American Association of Baseball which is an Independent, Professional Baseball League. In 2008, Manager Pete Incaviglia (former Texas Rangers star) led the AirHogs to the American Association Southern Division Title and to the League's Championship Series. The AirHogs play 96 regular season games per year from May through August, with 48 home games at QuikTrip Park.



WHERE DO WE PLAY?

The AirHogs play all home games at the brand new QuikTrip Park at Grand Prairie located in the heart of Grand Prairie's Entertainment District directly between Lone Star Park and the Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie, TX. The facility, estimated at \$18 million, seats 5,445 guests and features 13 Luxury Suites. Amenities at the stadium include a swimming pool and sundeck overlooking the playing field, a full service restaurant and cigar bar, a huge "Kid's Zone" play area, 3rd Base Party Deck, and numerous food and beverage areas around the park. In addition to AirHogs home games, QuikTrip Park will also host special events such as rodeos, concerts, and car shows. Events expect to attract about 300,000 people per year.



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Originally formed in 1902, the American Association of Professional Baseball is one of the great names in the history of the game. In 1903 the American Association joined the National Organization of Professional Baseball Leagues and for the next half century the league was arguably the most influential minor league in all of baseball. Great players such as Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays and more starred in league ballparks, and the Junior World Series was a major event in the U.S. sporting world. In 1944 more than 50,000 fans showed up for a crucial JWS game between teams from Louisville and Baltimore.

In 1953 major league baseball saw the first movement of franchises since the turn of the century as the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee. Over the next decade the American Association would also lose Kansas City, Minneapolis, and St. Paul to major league baseball. At the same time, minor league baseball was undergoing a serious decline. In earlier years, minor league teams could exist without a major league working agreement, but the economics of minor league baseball had changed. It was now imperative to have a major league agreement for a team's survival, but the major leagues were streamlining their list of affiliates. The advent of television, air conditioning, and the suburbs were also a factor in the decline of the minors, and in 1963, the American Association would close its doors. The surviving teams were absorbed by the Pacific Coast League and the International League, the remaining AAA leagues.

In 1969 the American Association returned as the expansion of major league baseball created a need for more Class AAA farm clubs. The original six members of the returning Association were the Indianapolis Indians, the Omaha Royals, the Tulsa Oilers, the Denver Bears, the Iowa Oaks, and the Oklahoma City 89ers. The following year the league would go to eight clubs with the addition of Wichita and Evansville. The league remained fairly stable until 1997 when minor league baseball decided to realign and the American Association would again be dropped. As in the prior demise of the league, teams would be absorbed by the other two AAA leagues.

In the fall of 2005 the possibility of a revival of the American Association was discussed. Teams from two independent leagues, the Northern League and the Central League proposed coming together to form a "super" independent league. Two of the cities in the discussions, St. Paul and Ft. Worth, had been members of the old American Association, and the geography was similar to that of original league. With the history and precedent set by its namesake, the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball Leagues was formed on October 11, 2005.

Today the league is represented by 10 teams, split into 2 divisions (North and South).

NORTH DIVISION



SOUTH DIVISION

