SPORT ECHOES

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We'll Reminisce

A famous general said: "When things are at their blackest, when your line is crumbling, when defeat seems certain, attack! (These may not be the exact words, but you get the idea.) In sports, it's a bit different; it goes like this: when things are at their dullest, when the only sport seen outdoors around town is hop scotch (no relation to hip scotch), when you're caught in between-season doldrums, reminisce! So we'll do just that, especially as we've just dug up an old baseball score book.

Remember the series between Woodside, N.S., and our Curran and Briggs team from Summerside? First game was played at Woodside, a suburb of Dart, mouth. We went ahead 4-0 in the first inning on hits, all doubles, by Syl Bernard, Hank Landry and Don Carson, and a couple of Woodside errors. Woodside scored two in the third and two in the fourth, tying it up. The fifth and sixth innings were scoreless and packed with tension. In the fifth a Woodside outfielder caught Jimmie Grady's fly to centre and doubled Gordie MacKay off first for the only double play.

In the seventh Syl Bernard hit a double, Gord MacKay singled, but the "Little Beaver" was held at third, Jimmy Grady walked, and Les Gaudet strode to the plate with the bases loaded. He hit a grand-slam home run making the score 8-4, and this smash will always remain a highlight of Summerside's baseball story. Summerside fans went berserk. We remember Herb Schurman in front of the Summerside bench doing somethng which looked like the Jersey bounce with added variations. Les had only one hit in five trips that day, but what a hit! Joe Bernard was the winning pitcher.

Thrilling Series

Woodside beat us 8-2 back in Summerside on a Saturday. Hank Landry and Bill Allen each hit 2 for 3 in a losing cause. That brought up the rubber game at the RCAF diamond on Sunday with a crowd estimated at over 2,000 in attendance. Summerside, with Bernard pitching, won 8-1. Joe Bernard and Bill Allen hit 2 for 4, and Russ Phaneuf (remember him; he made that circus catch in Queen Elizabeth Park) hit 2 for 5.

Don Carson made a picture catch in left field, and Bill MacMurdo came through with a Barnum and Bailey stunt on centre field. Bob Schurman cut down two runners, one trying to steal second and the other, third, with two perfect pegs. One of the most thrilling baseball series of our sports career, and it seems like yesterday, well, maybe the day before yesterday, but it was 1949. We believe. Tempus fugit! And there's not a thing we can do about it but let 'er fuge.

We'll keep rooting around for those old score books. Maybe we'll come up with that game in which Summerside C and B nipped Charlottetown in the Capital City for the Island title, the score 2-0 in twelve innings. Or that game with the Saint John Juniors when Saint John fans were so sure of victory that they had the Maritime championship banners all ready painted. They didn't know we had a Junior pitcher named Alan Stewart who hadn't been told of the invincibility of the Saint John team. A Saint John scorer let us in on it before the game. "I hope your boys can make it interesting," he said. Our boys did. They thumped Saint John and won the Maritime title.

Hawk Vice-Prexy Dies Wednesday

CHICAGO (AP) — William J. Tobin, vice president of Chicago Black Hawks, died Wednesday after being associated with the National Hockey League club for nearly 36 years as owner or an official.

He died in hospital of emphysema, a lung-destroying disease.

Tobin, who would have been 68 May 20, entered hospital Saturday for the second time in a month. He was released in April after a brief stay but returned when his condition worsened.

The Ottawa-born hockey official became associated with the club in 1926 when professional hockey was introduced to Chicago.

He was named general manager of the club by the late Maj. Frederic McLaughlin who bought the Portland, Ore., Rosebuds that year, transferred the club to Chicago and renamed it the Black Hawks.

WAS PRESIDENT

Later, Tobin was president of the Hawks for seven years until 1946 when he and a syndicate of Chicago businessmen purchased the controlling interest after the death of McLaughlin.

WILLIAM TOBINS

Tobin headed the club until 1950 when he and his associates sold their interests to the present owners, James D. Norris and Arthur Wirtz. Tobin continued with the Hawks as vice president.

Survivors include the widow, Muriel; a son, Donald W., and a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Bouvaird, both of Chicago; and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Sunderland and Mrs. Gertrude Ashe, both of Ottawa. Funeral services will be held Friday.

Tignish All-Star Wins Hoop Tilt

TIGNISH — The Tignish all star basketball team defeated O'Leary All-Stars in an exhibition game at the Tignish Regional High School auditorium Friday evening 54-37.

High point scorers of the game were Aubin Gallant, Tignish who tallied 22 points; B. Costain and B. Cain, O'Leary both with 10.

Ingo Fed Up With Glory; Announces Retirement

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Ingemar Johansson, former world heavyweight boxing champion, says he's fed up with glory and through with boxing.

The handsome 29-year-old Swede, who knocked out Floyd Patterson in 1959 to win the heavyweight title, announced his retirement Wednesday.

"I have thought it over and there's nothing left that incites me to go on boxing," he told the newspaper Aftonbladet. "I like boxing, but I don't have to do it for money any more and I am fed up with glory."

The first hint that Ingemar might be hanging up his gloves came from his longtime manager and advisor, Edwin Ahlquist, who wrote in his Swedish magazine, All Sport:

"You might take a tip from me and that tip is that we never again will see Ingemar in the ring. It is sad, but the only thing we can do is thank him for what has been and wish him good luck for his future."

FOUGHT BRITON

Johansson's last fight was against Britain's Brian London April 21 in Stockholm. Ingemar won a narrow decision in the 12-round non-title bout, but was knocked down in the final seconds and saved by the bell.

Afterward, the Swedish Boxing Association barred him from European rings for a month until his physical condition could be thoroughly examined and approved.

"We don't mean actually to bar him from the ring," the association said. "He still has a lot of guts, but he needs an examination just to make sure he's fit for another fight."

Johansson was chagrined at the action.

"Tell them to mind their own business," he said. "I rely on my own medical experts."

ASTOUNDED EXPERTS

Ingemar, a member of Sweden's Olympic team in 1952, astounded boxing experts when he knocked out Patterson in the third round of their title fight June 26, 1959, at New York's Polo Grounds.

Patterson became the first man in history to regain the heavyweight title by stopping Johansson in the fifth round of their return fight June 20, 1960. Patterson knocked out Johansson in the sixth round of their third bout March 13, 1961, in Miami Beach, Fla.

The following December, after a running skirmish with the U.S. government over income taxes, Johansson announced he never would fight in the United States again. In January, 1962, he married Birgit Lundren, his fiancee for three years.

Johansson's retirement is the second in 24 hours by a former champion.

Paul Pender who once was recognized as middle-weight champion in New York, Massachusetts and Europe, announced Tuesday that he has had enough. He said he was tired of contesting dual claims with Dick Tiger of Nigeria, the generally recognized 160-pound king.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ingemar Johansson moved up a peg and Ernest Terrell of Philadelphia crashed the top 10 in the latest monthly boxing ratings of Ring magazine.

Johansson was placed No. 4 among Sonny Liston's challengers. Terrell, upset winner over Cleveland Williams, was listed No. 10.

Bob Cleroux of Montreal is rated No. 7 among the heavyweights.

Frank Lary Included In Cutdown Roster

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many big league ball players left the phone off the hook Wednesday. They ignored the mail box and softshoed past the front desk. If they saw the general manager headed their way, they ducked.

It was cutdown time in the majors. By noon today, all major league teams must have notified Commissioner Ford Frick's office and their own league office that they are down to 25 men. That limit will be in effect until Sept. 1.

The job of cutting down is a bit more complicated this year because of the first-year rule, commonly and erroneously known as the "bonus rule."

First-year players, who were signed after Dec. 3, 1961, the date the rule was adopted, must stay on the big league roster or be lost at the $8,000 waiver price. There is an exception. One player can be farmed to the minors but still counts on the 25-player limit.

A big name among veterans sent to the minors was Frank Lary, Detroit's sore - armed pitcher. The Tigers sent Lary, a 23-game winner in 1961, to their Knoxville farm in the South Atlantic League. Lary made only two starts and lost.

GOT CHOICE

Given his choice between Knoxville and Syracuse, Lary took the Tennessee club in hopes that warmer weather would let him pitch regularly and strengthen his arm.

Baltimore sold Hoble Landrith, the widely - traveled catcher, to the Washington Senators at a price believed to be in the range of the $20,000 waiver tag.

The Senators proceeded to slash their roster by sending pitcher Jim Hannan and catcher Bob Schmidt to Richmond of the International League. Hannan went on 24-hour option and Schmidt was sold outright to the New York Yankee farm.

Houston, loaded with four first-year men, plus a "designate player," catcher Dave Adlesh, in Durham, N.C., optioned pitcher Randy Cardinal to San Antonio.

KEEP FOUR

In addition to Adlesh, who counts among their 25, the Colts are keeping on their own roster catcher John Bateman, second baseman Ernie Fazio, pitcher Chris Zachary and outfielder Brock Davis.

New York Mets have two first-year men on the list, plus designated player, pitcher Grover Powell, in Raleigh, N.C. First baseman - outfielder Ed Kranepool and pitcher Larry Bearnarth are the others who can't be sent down without giving everybody a shot at them at the $8,000 waiver price.

FRANK LARY

Two clubs recalled their designated players and let somebody else have them at the waiver price. New York Yankees did this with catcher Curtis Blefray who then became Baltimore property. St. Louis followed suit with outfielder Jan Firek, who was claimed by Cincinnati. In all cases, the claiming club then can farm out the player with no restraints.

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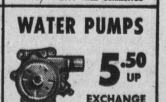

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