

Babe Zaharids Famed Athlete Died In Her Sleep Thursday

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—The world's greatest woman athlete, Babe Zaharids, died in her sleep Thursday in her quiet hospital room overlooking the Gulf of Mexico on whose shores she was born.

The superb body whose athletic feats in her 42 years amazed and thrilled sports fans wasted away to 80 pounds as cancer eroded her physique during a three-year illness.

It never eroded her spirit. Her last words to husband George Zaharids were, "I ain't gonna die, honey."

That was in the early morning hours. Shortly after George said, "She's had enough agony, sadness and pain. And so I'm losing my wife, partner and love. God will be done. I know she lives for ever in the hearts of millions."

"NICE AND PEACEFUL"
George, the ex-wrestler known as "the weeping Greek from Cripple Creek"—now a wealthy promoter and real estate operator—said she died peacefully in her hospital room.

He told of her death this way: "She died in her sleep. It was real nice and peaceful, as peaceful as a baby. She just floated away. It's been a long battle and she fought it the way she knows how to fight, giving ground reluctantly all the way and an inch at a time."

Funeral services will be held today at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Beaumont, the city she always called home. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Beaumont.

Her last few months were relatively free of pain. Surgeons severed a nerve to relieve sensation. Sports editors named her "woman athlete of the year" six times in the annual Associated Press poll. On the 1936 ballot, the sports writers named her the woman athlete of the half century.

"ILL BEAT IT"
Her illness was discovered in 1933. She underwent surgery at that time but came back to win seven golf tournaments—she won 90 in her lifetime.

Later she underwent surgery for a ruptured spinal disc—she'd pushed a car out of the sand and hurt her back. Additional cancer was discovered then.

She was admitted to the hospital for the last time March 29, 1936, but it was not until last Sunday that the hospital would make a public statement of the gravity of her condition.

Only a few weeks ago she shook her fist and declared, "I'll beat this thing yet."

Her parents were Norwegians and settled in Port Arthur, Tex., on the Gulf of Mexico coast. The Babe was born there. The family later moved to Beaumont, also on the coast.

STARTED AT BASKETBALL.
She first blazed her way across sports pages and into the hearts of her fans when she came to Dallas to play on a girls' basketball team.

At the time she was a wiry 17, weighing 105, standing five feet six. She stepped into a hard, muscular type. She loved to boogie and dance and liked pretty dresses.

A few months later, she won the national AAU women's track and field championships single-handed, held five firsts and tying for another.

In the 1932 tryouts for the Olympic team, she won nine out of 10 firsts, but was allowed to compete in only three events in the Olympics.

She won two—the javelin throw and the 80-metre hurdles—with world records.

By that time, it was obvious to coaches she could win just about anything she tried.

She gave Babe Stirling, a top middleweight boxer, a bad one round in a gymnasium workout, toured the U.S. as a billiards player, hit three home runs in a women's amateur baseball game, scored 100 points in a basketball contest, often hit a golf ball more than 300 yards, once tossed a baseball 286 feet, pitched for St. Louis Cardinals in an exhibition game against Brooklyn Dodgers, and was an impressive left-footed kicker while working out with the Southern Methodist University (Dallas) football team.

The first time out at golf, the Babe shot a 95. In a month she was in the low 80s. She won her first tournament in 1934. After that she won all the major ones—17 of them in a row at one time.

She won an estimated \$1,000,000 as a professional athlete.

Tommy Gastall Dies By Drowning After Plane Crash

BALTIMORE (AP)—Tommy Gastall, Baltimore Orioles bonus catcher who lost his life when his plane crashed into Chesapeake Bay, died of drowning, a team official said Thursday.

Paul Welsh, public relations director, said the state medical examiner had informed him the 23-year-old athlete's body showed no signs of injury from the crash.

Welsh said he was told this would indicate that Gastall successfully ditched the plane and escaped from it only to die in the water.

Gastall, a former Boston University athlete, disappeared last Thursday evening during a flight from Easton, Md., on the eastern shore, to Baltimore.

His body was found Tuesday floating in the Patuxent River off Riviera Beach, Md., just south of Baltimore. The plane has not been located.

Gastall bought the plane several months ago and had been taking flying lessons without the knowledge of team officials.

The body has been taken to Gastall's home town, Fall River, Mass., for funeral services. The arrangements were still indefinite Thursday.

PIONEERING LIGHTS
The first electrical displays on Broadway, New York's "Gay White Way," appeared in 1891.

Bucky Harris Resigns As Manager Of Detroit Tigers

DETROIT (AP)—Stanley R. (Bucky) Harris resigned Thursday as manager of Detroit Tigers after the current season.

Harris will be winding up his 20th season as a major league manager. In 1924 he led Washington Senators to an American League championship.

Briggs, who had returned Harris to the Detroit helm in 1935 despite five second-division finishes with the club from 1929 through 1933, had several critics during his handling of the Tigers during a 10-game losing streak earlier in the season.

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Seven started Thursday's race. The heat forced three out.

Marciano Still Loyal To Boxing

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Rocky Marciano is a diplomat and loyal to boxing even as a retired fighter. The Rock just won't knock.

Guest at a sports dinner, he watched the Hurricane Jackson-Bob Baker fight on television Wednesday night. Even before the decision was announced, Marciano predicted there would be a split decision in favor of Jackson.

"Oh, I enjoyed it," said Marciano. He seemed to be pressing for enthusiasm.

WATCHEES TECHNIQUE
What about the principals? "Being a technician, I like to watch the mechanics, the styles of fighters," Rocky declared.

He was urged to elaborate. "Well, uh . . . Baker is a big fellow, you know . . . a little slow. Jackson keeps busy . . . he does make some necessary moves."

The Rock seemed to be groping for words. Finally he pleaded: "Please, I can't knock. I've never knocked anybody in my life."

The retired heavyweight champ is here to appear on a TV show.

N. S. Boxer Slugs Out Decision At C. A. Boxing Championships

MONTREAL (CP)—Wes Mason, Canadian army battler from St. John's, N.S., slugged out a decision over Clayton Kenny of Ottawa in the most spectacular and rousing bout Wednesday night of the Canadian amateur boxing championships and Olympic trials.

The win for Mason was the big upset of the second night of scrapping and sent him into tonight's finals of the 139-pound class against Tough Mickey Bergin of Montreal.

Kenny, member of Canada's 1952 Olympic team and the 1954 British Empire Games squad, was favored to take the army man. Mason scarcely stopped throwing punches and cut Kenny over the right eye in the first round.

The Ottawa boy went down for a compulsory eight-count in the second round when he walked into a terrific right after staggering Mason with his own right.

At the end, Mason bore a slight cut over his eye while Kenny's cut sent a steady trickle of blood down his face.

Ray Shanks, a navy fighter from Halifax, clubbed Bob Shields of Regina almost at will and the bout was stopped at 2:48 of the first round. Shields was down twice for the compulsory eight-count.

De Silva Qualifies For 1956 Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazil's Adhemar Ferreira de Silva Tuesday equalled his 1952 Olympic hop, step and jump record of 53 feet, 2 1/2 inches and qualified for the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, where he is expected to renew his duel with Russia's world-record holder, Leonid Scherbakov.

It was the best jump Adhemar has made since he established a record of 53 feet 10 1/2 inches last year at the Pan American Games in Mexico City.

Curcillo With Tiger-Cats

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Big Four Football Union Thursday announced the arrival of quarterback Tony Curcillo of Chicago Cardinals.

A college star at Ohio State, Curcillo also plays fullback or linebacker.

VITAL GATE
Chittagong, 10 miles upstream from the mouth of the Karnaphuli River, is the only seaport in East Pakistan.

Possible Southern NB Hockey League

MONTON (CP)—The Monton-Hub Hockey Club, Ltd., Thursday said it will approach interests in Saint John, Fredericton and Sussex with the possibility of forming a southern New Brunswick hockey league of senior B calibre.

Although nothing definite was decided regarding players' salaries it was proposed that each team be made up mainly of local talent with perhaps four imports.

The Hub hockey club said it was not prepared to sponsor a team of senior A classification this season.



Possible \$50 Fine For Slandering An Athlete

BOSTON (AP)—Ted Williams' "great expectation" had repercussions in the Massachusetts Legislature Tuesday.

The house gave initial approval to a bill that would levy a \$50 fine on anyone slandering an athlete at a ball park.

Williams, fined \$5,000 by Boston Red Sox for spitting at fans, frequently is the target of boos and remarks from fans.

Representative James F. Condon, who filed the bill, said persons who use slanderous language "are paid for by gamblers" to rattle the ball players.

The bill must hurdle several more legislative steps before reaching the governor's desk for signing into law.

Ham Richardson To Meet Italy In Davis Cup Play

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (AP)—Ham Richardson, No. 1 player on the U.S. Davis Cup team, will compete against Italy, European zone champion, this weekend although handicapped by a pulled tendon in his right foot.

In the draw, Richardson was paired against Nicola Pietrangeli with Vic Seixas drawn against Orlando Sirola.

Richardson first noticed the ailment Wednesday after a workout and early Thursday went to hospital to have his foot taped.

In the doubles, Richardson and Seixas will meet Sirola and Pietrangeli, who beat them in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon, England.

Sunday's final singles will send Seixas against Pietrangeli and the first match and Richardson against Sirola in the second.

Ron Knox, Ti-Cat Quarterback, Has Movie Contract

HAMILTON (CP)—Ronnie Knox, the golden-boy quarterback of Hamilton Tiger-Cats, was on the verge of quitting professional football Wednesday night in favor of a movie career.

The 21-year-old former UCLA star, signed by Tics last month to a \$1,000-a-game contract, did not turn up Wednesday night at the Big Four team's practice.

Harvey Knox, Ronnie's stepfather and agent, said Ronnie intends to leave Tiger-Cats because "they didn't play him enough. They just used him as a gate attraction."

The elder Knox said "we are waiting to hear from our lawyer and then we'll be on our way. I don't think the things he's been pitched up with Hamilton officials."

Harvey said Ronnie "probably has played his last game of football. I don't think he wants to play anymore. He has a contract with Metro Goldwyn Meyer."

Tic officials were not immediately available for comment on Knox's announcement.

Boxing Elims And Olympic Trials Continue

MONTREAL (CP)—Results of Wednesday night's bouts in the Canadian amateur boxing eliminations and Olympic trials. (Each bout scheduled for three rounds.)

125 pounds, semi-final—Jerry Boucher, Montreal, out-pointed Ferdinand Christy, Toronto.

125 pounds, semi-final—Ronnie Paulsen, Edmonton, out-pointed Hughie Meikle, Vancouver.

132 pounds—Charlie Smallface, Lethbridge, Alta., won by default over Ed Smith, Montreal.

132 pounds—Ray Shanks, Canadian navy, Halifax, won by TKO over Bob Shields, Regina (fight stopped at 2:48 of first).

139 pounds, semi-final—Mickey Bergin, Montreal, out-pointed Gene Power, Toronto.

139 pounds, semi-final—Wes Mason, Canadian army, St. John's, N.S., outpointed Clayton Kenny, Ottawa.

147 pounds, semi-final—Walter Kozak, Edmonton, out-pointed Ron Brown, Ottawa.

147 pounds, semi-final—Norm Jorgensen, Vancouver, out-pointed Harold Mann, Vancouver.

158 pounds, semi-final—Eddie McLillop, Canadian army, Sydney, N.S., out-pointed Danny Hinch, Canadian navy, Foremost, Alta.

State Commission Dismisses Charge Against Promoter

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission Wednesday dismissed a charge against Herman Taylor with actions detrimental to boxing.

Taylor had been charged specifically with associating with criminals, bookmakers and gamblers; conspiring to take over the management of a boxer; managing without a licence and being guilty of unprofessional and unethical conduct.

The commission found Archie Pirolli, a Taylor employee, guilty of filing a false contract and of unprofessional and unethical conduct.

Pirolli, the commission said, will remain under the indefinite suspension he was given when he refused to testify at commission hearings into the charges against him.

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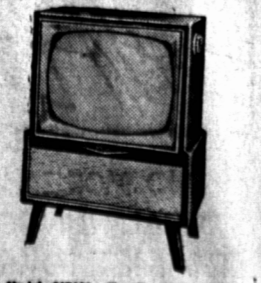
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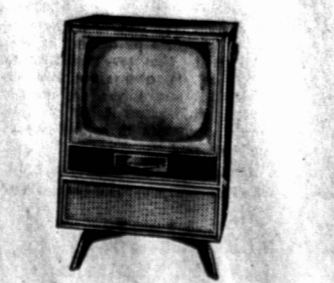
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