

# Cullis Has Become Top Soccer Pilot

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LONDON (CP) — When Stan Cullis was a grocer's assistant some 35 years ago he wanted to be a newspaper man. He spent three evenings a week taking courses to fit him for a journalistic career, and turned out with his local football club just for relaxation.

But Cullis never made his mark on Fleet Street. He was too busy making news himself as a football player for England and then as one of the top managers in English soccer.

His entire career has been spent with Wolverhampton Wanderers, a club that hadn't won a Football League title in 75 years until Cullis took over as manager. It has won it three times since. With two straight championships to their credit, Wolves currently reign as monarchs of English football.

**YOUTHFUL FIND**  
Cullis' future in journalism was doomed the day a scout for Bolton Wanderers spotted the youngster in an amateur match and expressed interest. Stan's father, a Wolverhampton native, put his foot down. If his son was good enough for big-time football, he'd do his playing for Wolves.

The elder Cullis fired off a letter to the Wolverhampton manager, Major Frank Buckley, telling him about his talented off-

spring. The major sent for Stan and gave him a trial. "It was one of those chances that came off," Buckley said later. "As soon as the player set foot on the pitch I knew he had something."

At 17 Cullis was captain of the Wolves' third team. At 18 he was captain of the reserves. At 19 he was captain of the first team. He made 31 appearances for England, many of them as captain, and is considered one of the finest centre-halves who ever played for the national team.

**FINE RECORD**  
Cullis packed away his boots while still in his prime—at 32. He was immediately appointed assistant manager and a year later manager. In the succeeding seasons, beside his three league title wins, he steered Wolves to an FA Cup triumph and several impressive victories in exhibition games against the best Continental teams.

Cullis is known as a perfectionist and a man who expects 100 per cent effort from everyone, from the 15-year-olds in the sixth team to the stars in the league side. "No team is ever so good it could not be better," he says. "No player, not even Stan Matthews, is perfect."  
Perfect or not, his players will probably start next season as favorites to become the third team in history to win three league titles in a row.

# Leafs Wallop Royals 8-4

MONTREAL (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs sent 10 men to the plate for a six-run rally in the third inning Wednesday and skipped to an 8-4 International League win over Montreal Royals.

Righthander Don Johnson posted his second victory in five decisions before he was lifted at the end of five innings for south-paw Pat Scantlebury.

Dave Pope hit his third home

run of the campaign for the Leafs, in the ninth inning.

Montreal's Gene Wallace, also hit a home run. It came in the fifth.

The loss went to Montreal starter Tom LaSorda, the first against two victories for the left-hander. The Leafs drove him from the mound in the third inning and righthanders Bob Gray and Billy Harris finished up for the Royals.

## COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

The cathedral of Cologne, Germany, seriously damaged in the Second World War, was started in 1248.

# Royals Acquire First Sacker

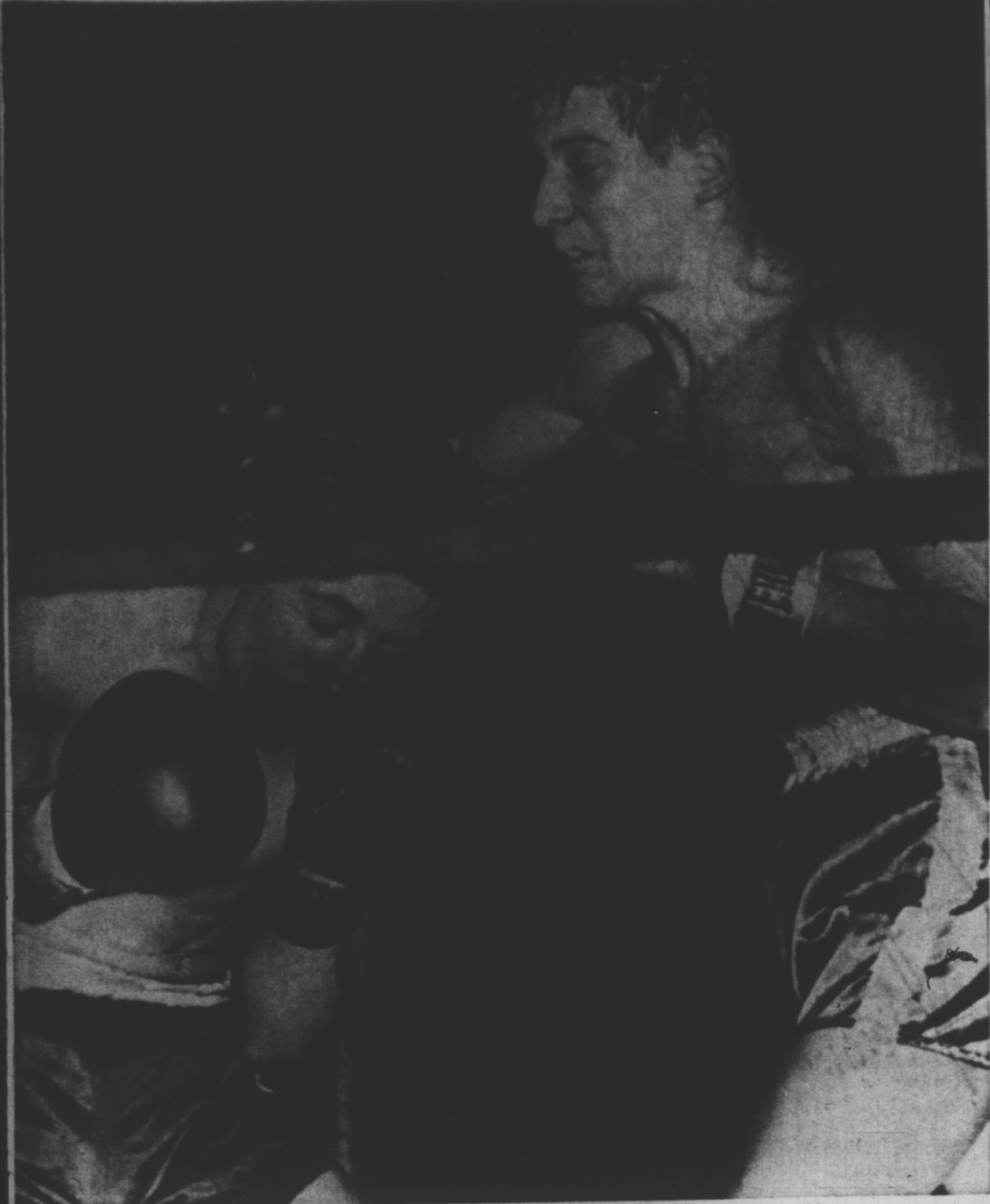
MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Royals of the International League announced Wednesday they have acquired first baseman Jim McManus from Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

The Royals sent catcher Mike Napoli to St. Paul Saints of the American Association and returned pitcher Hoyt Benedict to Victoria of the Texas League. Both had been used sparingly, this season.

# South African Ends Snead's Win Streak

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Gary Player of South Africa has ended Sam Snead's streak of 13 straight golf match wins in a series filmed for television.

Player, who had a string of five birdies in the middle of the match Tuesday, wound up with a 69 for the 18-hole match on the par-72 Eldorado Country Club course. Snead shot a 72.



Gaby Mancini (left) of Montreal closes his eyes as Willie Schelt of Vancouver lets loose with a wide right that misses his mark in featherweight finals of the Canadian amateur boxing championships and pan-American game trials at Toronto. Mancini later took to the attack and decided Schelt in the three-round battle of 126-pounds. (CP Wirephoto)

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# Rifle Shooting Starts Saturday

Lt.-Col. J. T. Davis has advised the Prince Edward Island Rifle Association that the Squaw Point Range is now open for the 1959 season.

The first practice shoot will take place on May 9 when a large turn out of expert and tyro gunners are expected to tune up their rifles for the summer competitions. A committee of Maj. A. F. Gormley, Capt. R. A. McCabe, and Lt. A. Mutch, will select this year's Island Inter-Maritime team for competition at Halifax, N.S., on June 13. Elimination shoots will be held starting May 16 and on each of the following Saturdays when the best three shoots will count for the eight places on the team.

Due to the great interest shown during the winter months by the

# \$500,000 Is Bid Made Robinson For Title Scrap

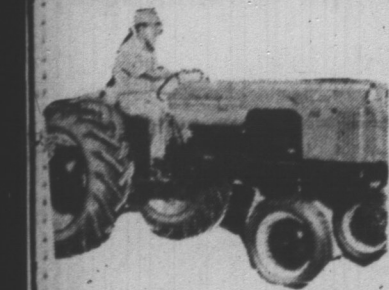
NEW YORK (AP) — Madison Square Garden has offered Sugar Ray Robinson \$500,000 plus a percentage to defend his middleweight crown against Carmen Basilio, Harry Markson, general manager of boxing for the Garden, said Wednesday.

Markson said that he had talked with Robinson Wednesday and that the champion, who has been stripped of his title by the National Boxing Association because of illness, said it was "a good offer." Negotiations will continue, Markson added.

Markson did not indicate what he had offered Basilio, former champion whom Robinson dethroned. It is believed to be \$250,000 however.

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