Montreal Player Sees Trade To Mets As Break

By MARVEN MOSS

LACHINE, Qce.h(CP) — An off-season deal has shunted Tim Harkness from the powerful Los Angeles Dodgers to the last-place New York Mets in baseball's National League.

But the tall first baseman, born and bred in this Montreal suburb, calls it "a lucky break."

"Frankly I'm hoping it means I'll be playing every day," he said in an interview.

Harkness, six-feet-two and 185 pounds, was sent to Casey Stengel's Mets along with second baseman Larry Burright last November in a swap for pitcher Bob Miller.

He signed a contract for "something more than $10,000" and reports to New York's training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 24.

For the first base job, he'll have to beat out Marv Throneberry, veteran Gil Hodges and Ed Kranepool, a $100,000 bonus baby.

Says Harkness:

"All I want is a chance to show them I can play regularly."

SWINGS SLEDGEHAMMER

The dark-haired 25-year-old dug in on conditioning in the off-season. He took a job lugging cases on a delivery truck for a brewery and worked out regularly in the basement of his home, using a 12-pound sledgehammer.

"The hammer is kind of a training invention of mine. You swing it around and it builds up muscles in your hands, wrists, forearms and shoulders."

Tim is concerned about getting more wood on the ball this season. He's always been known as a good glove man but his work with the bat left something to be desired.

With the Dodgers last season, he hit .250 in 91 games. He started the season as the team's regular first baseman but wound up doing defensive duty and pinch-hitting work.

"It was a kind of political thing," Harkness said. "They told me they had to play the high-priced guys."

FOUR CANUCKS ON METS

Wally Moon took over initially and later Ron Fairly.

In 1961, Tim got into only a couple of games with Los Angeles, going six-for-12 at the plate, an even .500.

He broke into professional ball in 1956 with the Philadelphia Phillies organization, went to the Dodgers chain the following year and worked his way up to the big league.

His minor league record includes brief stints in 1957 and 1959 with the defunct Montreal Royals in the Class AAA International League.

Harkness is among nine Canadian-born players listed on the spring rosters of major league clubs. All eight others are pitchers.

Ray Daviault of Montreal, Ken MacKenzie of Gore Bay, Ont., and John Bukowski of Toronto are to join Harkness with the Mets.

Bob Baillargeon of Montreal is on the Phillies list, Claude Raymond of St. Johns, Que., and Ron Piche of Montreal are with Milwaukee Braves, and Toronto's Ron Taylor has been traded to St. Louis Cardinals from Cleveland.

Ted Bowsfield of Penticton, B.C., rejoins Los Angeles Angels.

Dress Carnival Proves Success

The regular fancy dress carnival was held at North River Rink on Friday night February 22, with an attendance of 650.

The many lovely costumes which numbered 190 skated before the judges, who did a fine job of picking winners for the many different classes.

The judges were Mrs. W. E. Hoyt, Mrs. W. T. V. Dunbar and Brig. W. W. Reid all of Charlottetown.

Following are the different classes and winners:

PRE-SCHOOL 5 YRS. AND UNDER (BOYS AND GIRLS)

1. Tortoise and Hare-Douglas MacGregor, Charlottetown; 2. Humpty Dumpty - Roger Kitson, Charlottetown; 3. Toy Soldier - Carol MacKinnion, New Haven.

GIRLS 6 - 8 YRS.

1. Bugs Bunny - Wendy MacLeod, Cornwall; 2. Miss Valentine - Lynn MacPhail, Clyde River; 3. Fairy Queen - Janice Hambly, Sherwood. Special Prize Bo-Peep - Della Kitson, Charlottetown.

BOYS 6 - 8 YRS.

1. John H. Glenn Jr. - Brian MacKinley, North River; 2. Pied Piper - David Vickerson, North River; 3. Devil - Lorne Rhynes, West Royalty.

GIRLS 9 - 12 YRS.

1. Mother Goose - Ann MacPhail, Clyde River; 2. Shepherdess Herlihy, Clyde River; 3. Bo-Peep - Roma Gillespie, Milton.

BOYS 9 - 12 YRS.

1. School Days - Charles Dawson, North Tryon; 2. Robo - Gary Gauthier, North River; 3. Robin Hood - Exton MacPherson, Oyster Bed Bridge; Special Prize - Bozo the Clown - Myron MacQuarrie, Milton.

GIRLS 13 - 16 YRS.

1. Sir John A. MacDonald - Glenda Kitson, Charlottetown; 2 Space - Beverely Ramsay, Milton; 3. Yogi Bear - Irene MacKinley, North River.

BOYS 13 - 16 YRS.

1. Bob Brooks - Wayne Davis, Dennie Gass, Cornwall; 2. Colonial Gentleman, - Charles Coles, Milton; 3. Egyptian Mummy -Preston Jewell, North River.

JR. COUPLES

1. Irish Couple - Sally Neill, Helen Larter, Milton; 2. Two Little Girls in Blue - Bell MacPhee, Gail MacEachern, Nine Mile Creek; 3. Home From the Fair - Margie and Wendy Sanderson, North River; Special Prize, Indians - Beatrice MacInnis, Heather Burke, charlottetown.

MOST ORIGINAL UP TO 16 YRS.

1 Easter - Christine Young, Clyde River.

LADIES CLASS

1. Lest We Forget - Mrs. Melvin Wadell. Albany; 2. Share The United Way - Mrs. Garnet Tremere, Tryon; 3. Happy Birthday - Mrs. Sydney Dawson, Tryon.

GENTS CLASS

1. Hobo Joe - Wayne Cameron, Stanchel; 2. The Clown of P.E.I - Ralph Clarke, Hampshire; 3 Peat - Horace Coles, Charlottetown

SR. COUPLES

1. Indian Girls - Shirley Chappell, Georgie MacLeod, Kensington; 2. Little Bo Beep and Little Boy Blue - Lucy Jardine, Carolyn MacGregor, Charlottetown; 3. Jack Spratt and Wife - Boyce Stevenson, Winslow; Lloyd Younker, North River; Special Prize, Mrs. Elsworth Mann, Mrs. Jimmy Clark, Kensington.

MOST ORIGINAL IN ADULT CLASSES

1. She's a Doozy - Shirley Burke, Charlottetown.

PRETTIEST COSTUME

1. Easter - Christine Young, Clyde River.

MOST COMICAL

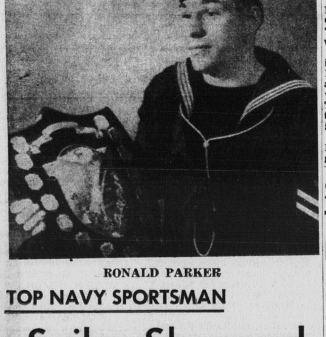
1. Repeat- Bernita Longaphie, Charlottetown

MOST GRACEFUL

Gents- Reginald Coles, Milton. Ladies: Glenda Kitson, Charlottetown.

DOOR PRIZE

Wendell Campbell, Kingston.



RONALD PARKER

TOP NAVY SPORTSMAN

Sailor Shunned Doctor's Orders

By DON McLEOD

HALIFAX (CP) — Ronald James Parker battled rheumatic fever in a Toronto hospital for two years after being stricken at the age of 11.

Following his release, he was told to shun strenuous sports, lead a fairly inactive life and wear boots instead of shoes to support weak ankles.

Now, as a 32-year-old leading seaman in the Royal Canadian Navy, Parker can say he followed doctor's orders to certain extent on choice of footwear, but that's all.

Not only has he taken up sports; he has become so skilled in several that he was awarded the 1962 Admiral Jones Shield for "outstanding contribution to navy sport" at HMCS Stadacona fleet establishment here.

A native of Niagara Falls, Ont., Parker had limited his athletic activities to a single game of school hockey before his bout with rheumatic fever.

When he got out of hospital, with a heart murmur and ankles swollen and weak, he noticed all his friends were in sports of some kind. "I felt I was cheated."

STAR IN FOOTBALL

He started wearing boots regularly at 19, but they usually had skates attached. A year after taking up hockey he tried lacrosse and played in several southern Ontario leagues. However, he made his biggest mark in football, which he began at 21.

He was on the roster of Shearwater Flyers when the Nova Scotia Football League team captured the Canadian inter-mediate title in 1957. Last season he was co-captain of Stadacona Sailors of the Atlantic Football Conference.

This season he played in four hockey leagues at once, usually appearing in four or five games a week.

"My wife wasn't too happy about that."

He has to wear skates with strong ankle supports "but I wear shoes in football and it doesn't bother me."

The swelling has almost disappeared and navy doctors found no trace of the heart murmur when he entered the service in 1954.

FATHER WAS BOXER

Parker, a radio operator at nearby Albro Lake naval radio station, has competed in almost all navy sports except basketball and that's perhaps only because he can't fit it into his schedule.

Sport is something of a tradition in the Parker family. His father Harry, a retired chief petty officer living in Hamilton, was a Golden Gloves boxing champion in 1926.

And Ron is rather proud of a picture of the oldest of his two sons showing him doing quite professional-looking push-ups at the age of six months. "My wife counted 16," he says.

Parker was nominated once before for the Admiral Jones Shield awarded annually to "the man who contributes most in conduct, sportsmanship and character."

He says that if he gave up sports "I guess I'd be giving up most of my life." But his work doesn't suffer from his interest in athletics. It in no way affects his "professional efficiency," the navy declares.

PLAYERS SOLICIT SUPPORT

Businessman Sam Koffman (left) uses the strong back of hockey player Bob Ellett as he writes a cheque for tickets to the Hull-Ottawa Canadiens of the Eastern Professional Hockey League. Players are calling personally on Ottawa district fans in an effort to drum up more support for the team at home games. Looking on is another player, Keith McCreary.

(CP Wirephoto)

Hurler's Life Starts At 30 Says Pirates' Bob Friend

FORT MYERS, Fla (AP) — Life for a pitcher, says Bob Friend of Pittsburgh Pirates, begins at 30.

"If you keep yourself free from injury age doesn't make a difference," he holds. "A pitcher after 30 may not be as fast and as overpowering, but he has a lot more poise and know - how. Look at Warren Spahn and Early Wynn. They had their big years after turning 30."

Friend speaks from the heart. He will be 33 next Nov. 24. He has pitched for the Pirates since 1951 and has a major league record of 153 victories and 153 defeats. Many of the defeats were in the four years the Pirates finished last and the three they finished next to last out of the last 12.

"As you mature you need to keep yourself fit, and if you are in condition you are better off mentally," says Friend. "I didn't realize until last year that you can't lay down in the winter. That's when a lot of players fall down and then find they can't bounce back. My trouble is that I like food and it likes me."

LOOKS FOR BIG YEAR

Friend is hoping for a big year in 1963. His record was 18-14 last year, including five shutouts, which tied him for the league lead.

"I pitched my best ball from June on in 1962, and I had a chance to win 20 but couldn't quite make it," he said. "I'm fortunate that I have no arm trouble. I play squash and handball in the winter and take a few exercises. The main thing is to be systematic."

Friend, a graduate of Purdue with a degree in economics, is an off - season investment broker. He is the Pirates' and the National League's player representative — a business-man ball player. He is a product of the Pittsburgh farm system and has never played for any other major league club.

"I've never been traded, and I could see how it would be a wrench," he said, speaking of the Pirates' big winter deals. "But those are the things you have to expect in baseball. I think we helped ourselves defensively and speedwise."

Sonny Liston To Be Ready For Rematch

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Despite a knee injury and the loss of several days of training, heavyweight champion Sonny Liston will be ready for his April 10 rematch with Floyd Patterson here.

Jack Nilon, Liston's advisor, confirmed this Monday after five orthopedic surgeons had looked at Liston's knee. He twisted it Feb. 21 while swinging a golf club for a photographer.

Nilon asked and got one postponement from the original April 4 date. And when Liston skipped a scheduled workout over the weekend to keep an appointment with the doctors speculation arose that another postponement might be requested.

"All the doctors agreed that Sonny will be ready for the fight on schedule," Nilon said. "They gave the knee another shot Sunday and suggested he rest it for a couple more days. They're not worrying about a thing."

Since he came to Miami to open his training quarters, Liston has worked out only four times and sparred only once. The champ looks bulky around the middle and is reported 10 pounds over his fighting weight.

"He's in better shape than he looks," Nilon insisted.

Asked if the injury was more than just a slight sprain, Nilon said "maybe a little more than that, but that about describes it."

Patterson planned his first workout Monday at his Tropical Park race track headquarters.

M. Harbour Has Shoot

The following are the results of the weekly shoot held at the Murray Harbor Rifle Range on Feb. 28th. Fred C. White posted the top score of 99.8 for the top score of the winter.

Fred C. White	99.8
John Gosbee	96
James Gordon	95
Randal Richards	94
Bruce Gormley	93
John Hanlon	92

CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday at the Charlottetown Club. (Spares needed)

6.50 P.M.

(Tuesday Knock-out Finals)

Ice 1 — J. Cameron, L. Johnston, B. O'Rourke, B. Crockett vs. J.S. MacDonald, Dr. McEachern, L. Bagnall, R. Perry.

Ice 2 — Dr. Gallant, C. Flemming, B. Acorn, C. White vs. J. Burden, C. Campbell, H. Love, H. Edwards.

Ice 3 — Dr. MacDonald, D. Estabrooks, A.E. Piercey, B. Ball vs. G. Stewart, C. Whitenect, C Michael, J. Vautour.

Ice 4 — K. Acorn, F. Cox, J. Whalen K. Dalziel vs. A. Love H. Thomson H. Douglas S. Bryenton.

Ice 5 — F. Hansen, P. O'Rourke, D Douglas, P. Whitlock vs. D. Saunders, L. Blakeney, B. Jones, J. Veniot.

8.30 P.M.

(Mixed Championships)

Ice 1 — D. O'Rourke vs. Bill Beer.

Ice 2 — R. Ewing vs. G. Stewart.

Ice 3 — Dr. MacDonald vs. H. MacInnes.

Ice 4 — Frank Acorn vs. Dr. Giddings.

Ice 5 — G. Storey vs. R. Carr.

Jim Leightizer	90
Marven Gordon	85
Crilly Lea	80
Ellis MacPherson	80
Luther P. Herring	80
Herbie MacPherson	80
Keith White	80

CUBANS DOCK

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A new 50-foot fishing vessel, identified as Russian-made and reported stolen in Cuba, docked here Sunday night and two Cuban crew members were taken into custoy by immigration officials. William Gherkin, U.S. coast guard district commander, said the boat, the Omicron, 50, has Russian markings on her new diesel engines and dials.

Italian Hunters Bring Food To Starving Wild Goats

AOSTA, Italy (AP) — The worst European winter of the century has forged a strange reconciliation in the lofty Aosta Valley.

The hunters are no longer hunting the hunted. Instead they are busy bringing fodder to the Chamois and the Steinbocks, the starving mountain goats of the Aosta.

Both hunters and gamekeepers in this border region touching on France and Switzerland have raised funds to buy hundreds of pounds of food for the animals.

They have trudged up the rugged slopes to bring bundles of hay, tying them to the bases of trees wherever the mountain goats have been wandering, fearful and impending death from hunger in their eyes.

In the Gran Paradiso National Park of the Aosta, the animals usually bound away swiftly at the slightest sign of man.

But these days many ceatures in the wildlife preserve district, driven out by winter's cruelty, approach their benefactors and take fodder from their hands.

HUNTING BANNED

Hunting is banned in the upper Grand Paradiso but is allowed in the lower reaches in the Cogne, Rheme and Valsavaranche Valleys.

Hunters came by car from all over Italy earlier this winter to shoot Chamois fleeing the snow-capped peaks to seek food down the valleys.

More than 500 Chamois were shot. Twice that number died naturally, freezing or starving to death.

Then the exceptional winter cold brought a strict hunting ban everywhere. The Steinbocks had been protected all along by a state wildlife law that carries fines up to $4,800 for even shooting at the rare goats. The Chamois had been suffering most from hunters' guns and their own hunger-slowed reflexes.

Many animal lovers in the Aosta are now proposing that hunting be limited to September and October here.

A ban on telescopic rifle sights is also suggested. Many here say such long-distance jews are highly unfair to the animals.

Aosta Valley residents say they have their own particular type of "abominable snowman" to put up with—the tourist from the big Italian cities who shoots down Chamois from the padded ease of his automobile seat.

BEGIN JOINT STUDY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Monday conferences will begin next week in Rome with Soviet scientists on putting into effect a space collaboration program agreed upon last summer. James E. Webb, NASA administrator, said an agreement with the Soviet Union, signed in Geneva last June, calls for coordinated efforts with regard to weather satellites.

Hoak Has No Favors For Ex-Teammates

By JACK HAND

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Don Hoak is a scrapper. If you get in his way, he knocks you down. He chews out the umps, battles all the way. That is why they call him "tiger."

Now that he's a Phillie, instead of a Pirate, his old mates can expect no favors.

"This is my fifth National League club," said the 35-year-old third baseman. "And I'm happy to be here. I have no animosity for the Pirates any more than I had for the other clubs I was with before. I'm out to beat them all.

"There is no sentiment in baseball and there shouldn't be. I knew last August they were going to make some trades. As I had my worst year I figured I was the guy to go. They wanted to make some changes. They got rid of a little payroll, too, with me, Stu (Dick Stuart, now with Boston) and Groat (Dick Groat, now with St. Louis).

WILL BEAR DOWN

"Look, if I can knock Bill Mazeroski (Pirates second baseman) out of a double play, I'll do it and they'll do the same to me. That's baseball. I bear down all the way, no more against the Pirates than against the Mets."

Hoak was a key man on the Pirate pennant-winning club of 1960. Before that he played with Brooklyn, Chicago and Cincinnati. Last year his batting average dropped 57 points to .241. Some said he was over the hill.

"I know I'm better than I was last year," he said. "I'll probably never hit .240 again in my life. I was proud of one thing—leading the third baseman in fielding. That proved I still can catch the ball. I read where I might play 120 games or something like that. I told them when I came over here I came to play 162 games."

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