Leader to Retire: It'll Be a Sad Day

Al (The Peerless) Leader, architect of the Western Hockey League and conqueror of all its crises, is going to



The fellow is chary of confirmation but it has been learned that he so has informed his directors and that he is seeking a re-placement. When he popped the bad news on his club-owners, those gentlemen asked him to stay on another year and, if necessary,

Al agreed, but he hopes to get out from under after another season. He already is beginning to scour for a successor. One of the names which has cropped up is that of Bill MacFarland, a man of orderly mind and inordinate success as coach of the Seattle To-

However, Mac moonlights as a lawyer and it is doubtful if, at the present, he would be receptive to the job.

MEANWHILE, Leader continues to labor 12-15 hockey hours a day. On his way back from the Montreal meetings, he stopped off in Salt Lake City, where a new rink is

At the league meeting June 27 in Denver, there will be two applicants for a W. H. L. franchise for Salt Lake, which now claims a metropolitan population of 750,000.

At first Salt Lake will be merely an addition to the league. Actually, it will be a built-in replacement for Vancouver, if and when the B. C. city gets that National Hockey League expansion franchise.

AND, MORE THAN EVER it looks as if Seattle will be carried along by Vancouver in the next expansion. But there seems to be a replacement ready for our town, too.

Mexico City, with an arena to accrue from the 1968 Olympics, has made contact through the San Diego and Phoenix clubs. In fact, Leader has been invited to Mexico July 10, a date he cannot keep. (Incidently, Salt Lake may come up a replacement

in two sports. Look for the city to rejoin the Pacific Coast League next season, when Sattle departs it for the American League. Either the Seattle or Tacoma baseball franchise will go into the Utah metroplis, which has been in and out of the P. C. L. The deal is all set.)

NO MATTER THE CHANGES, it is difficult to visualize a Western Hockey League without its Leader. Al nursed the league through despairing days, kept it alive against the odds.

Remember when Seattle folded for a season? It was Alfred who got it back in, using his good offices and powerful persuasion to convince skeptics that our city was a solid hockey town, which it now has proved.

Under Al's guidance and maneuvering, the league divested itself of its small Canadian members and went big-town with members like Los Angeles and San Francisco and San Diego.

And, if Al's advice to his directors had been heeded several years ago. Vancouver and Seattle and other W. H. L. members already would be big-league, instead of standing, hat-in-hand, humbly waiting for the second expansion.



THE MAN WAS MADE for hockey, for hard work. He is no spellbinding glad-hander, not front or yes-man for his directors. He has a stiff spine.

And, when one of the newer directors some years ago accosted Al in a hotel lobby during the All-Star game break and tried to bug him about some of his directives,

Leader right now threatened to quit. The ill-advised director considered the threat a bluff, so Leader insisted the director call his fellows right then

and Al would tender his resignation.
Wisely, the new director backed down — and apolog-

One could not blame Al. He had put more sweat and figurative tears into the W. H. L. than any new director. We remember those long train trips to Calgary and Edmonton. Most of those hours, Al was busy compiling the league's statistics. At every stop, he was on the telephone on league business.

It is only comparatively recently that the league hired a public-relations man and statistician. Before, Al

WE HAVE MET FEW MEN in sports so dedicated to their work as is Leader to his. But his work appears done. The W. H. L. never has been in better shape. Attendance is up in nearly every member city, with new towns trying to

Yet, it will be a saddening day for Al when he finally

steps out.

It will be sadder yet for the W. H. L.

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Coates Shoots for Ninth Win Tonight

By HY ZIMMERMAN Jim Coates, in rather challenging circumstance, will go after his ninth victory to-

night in Sicks' Stadium.
The right-handed leader of Seattle Angel pitching staff and the only original starter left to Manager Joe Adcock, will face Phoenix's free-swinging Giants in the opener of a four-game series, last of the present home

By GIL LYONS

Wilt Chamberlain says he

would be "delighted" to play for the Seattle SuperSonics,

but doubts that it will hap-

pen.
"I don't think it will take

place," the 7-foot-1 star of the Philadelphia 76ers said here yesterday. "But I would

consider it a rare challenge of a proportion which an ath-

Chamberlain said playing

for an expansion team would provide a dimension beyond

the normal competition ex-

perienced in the National Basketball Association.

HE HINTED that the pos-

sibility of leading Seattle to

a championship could erase some of the stigma of the

76ers' defeat by the Boston

Celtics in last season's play-

offs.
"We had the best team in of the

basketball — one of the greatest ever," he said. "But

people don't take into ac-

count the fact that we had

two or three players hurt much of the time. They ex-

Chamberlain said he

doubts that he will reach

agreement with the 76ers in

negotiations for a new con-

"I told them that if we

can't reach an agreement, I

would like to play on the West Coast. My family is in

Los Angeles and I consider

myself a Westerner.
"In the discussions, Los

Angeles and Seattle came up. I would like to play here."

Sonics Sign

pected us to win anyway

lete seldom finds."

COATES, who has lost three times, will be confront-ed by such as Bobby Bonds, one of the top hitters of the Pacific Coast League: Bob

Burda, and Ken Henderson. Herky-jerky Jim and the Angels will be trying to set off on another streak of success to replace the ten-game triumphant tour brought to an end Sunday by another Eastern Division team, the San Diego Padres.

Wilt Still Looking For

'Challenge' in N. B. A.

The Giants are solid everywhere. With Bond and Henderson in the outfield is Jim McKnight, a solid performer, though not as spectacular as the two others. Henderson last season made some gasping catches in the outfield

The Phoenix infield has Burda at first, Don Mason at second, Cesar Gutierrez at short and Bobby Etheridge at third. Don Bryant and

John Stephenson share the catching.

The Giant mound is men-

acing. Top troublemakers are Dick Estelle, Bob Garibaldi and Dick Sparks. They are backed by Nestor Chav-Joe Costello, Bill Frost and Rich Robertson, among

PHOENIX WILL be here through Thursday, with a Ladies' Night doubleheader

Bob Burda

Hospitalized

ish Hospital.

Bob Burda, first baseman for the Phoenix Giants, today is in Swed-

Burda, one of the Pa-cific Coast League's top

batters this season, suf-

fered a gallstone attack while in Vancouver with

the Eastern Division

team. He is under observation and undergoing scheduled tomorrow. Then, Friday, the Angels will be off on their second and final forever - invasion of the Eastern Division.

Before they are through, they will have appeared in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Indianapolis. They will dip into Vancouver on the way back to Sicks' Stadium, to which they will return July 3 to face the Mounties.

And, if the face-changing

ues, you scarcely will know them when they return.

Tonight, Jay Johnstone, back from a brief military chore, will be in center field, with Steve Hovley in right. Jim Mahoney will be back at short. Thus, Coates will have a stronger lineup going than the one which fell to San

SeAngel Batting, Pitching

(Through Sunday's Games) HITTING PITCHING CG W 50 13 75 7 22 84 68 30 28 24 21

Bucs Swap Moe, Brown To Oaks

NEW ORLEANS, La. -(AP) - The New Orleans Buccaneers traded Doug Moe, scoring leader, and Larry Brown, playmaker, to the Oakland Oaks in exchange for three young play-

ers, it was announced today. The Bucs called it the big-gest multi-player trade in the short history of the American Basketball Association.

In exchange for Moe and Brown, Oakland gave up Rod Franz, 6-foot-7 forward; Steve Jones, 6-5 guard-forward, and Barry Leibowitz,

Moe was the No. 2 scorer in the A. B. A. last season with a 24.2 regular-season

Baseball Roundup

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE

neville 4, Birminghom 2. ntgomery 4-4, Evonsville 7-2. ranch at Charlotte, rain. EASTERN LEAGUE Binghamton 7, Elmira 9. Piltsfield 3, Waterbury 2. Reading at Cork, rain.

RACING SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY Poet Porade 4:15 SATURDAY-SUNDAY Post Porado 1:45 óngacres

Gorman, Farmer Score Victories

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. -(Special) - Tom Gorman Warren Farmer of Seattle University today won third-round matches in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's tennis championships.

Gorman, eighth seeded in the tournament, defeated Richard Monan of Michigan State, 6-1, 6-2. Farmer won, 6-3, 6-2, over Bob Uncapher of North Texas State and next will meet Pat Cramer

of Miami University.

Dick Knight of the University of Washington defeated Larry Back, Louisiana State, 6-3, 6-0, and earlier took a 6-1, 6-2 decision from Chris Brown of Georgia Tech. Knight's teammate, Steve Finnigan, lost to Tom Leonard of the University of Southern California, 6-3, 6-2.

Sports Program **TONIGHT**

PRO BASEBALL: Seattle Angels vs. Phoenix Giants, Sicks' Stadium, 8. AMATEUR BASEBALL: Seattle-North-west League — Everett vs. Collegians, 3, Everett. 3, Everett.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL: Bollard vs. Coluccio Construction, Loyal Heights No. 1; Seattle vs. Shore-line, Montlake No. 1; University vs. Lennon Meats, Lower WOODLAND No. 1; all 6:30. No. 1; all 6:30.
SOFTBALL: Maior League—Federal vs.
Doghause, 8, Rainier; Cascade-Bromerion vs. Tug, doubleheadar, 7:30,
Broadway; Tommy's Vs. Whitestone,
7; T-C Dodge vs. Ballard, 8:45, both
Lower Woodland.

TOMORROW PRO BASEBALL: Seattle Angels vs. Phoenix Giants, Sicks' Stadium, dou-bleheader, 7 p. m. HORSE RACING: Longacres, first post parade 4:15 p. m. SOFTBALL: Federal at Renton, 8 p. m.

Knight next will play seventh-seeded Armstead Neely of the University of Florida.

In yesterday's action, Gorman beat Don Wilson of North Texas State, 6-1, 6-3. Farmer downed Princeton's Bobby Geltz, 6-3, 6-2.

Two other Seattle players did not fare so well. Brian Parrott lost to Mike Sprenglemeyer of Southern Illinois, 6-2, 6-2, and Bradley's Bill Lofgren beat Glen Gerstmar, 6-3, 7-5.

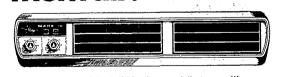
Dotty Germain Is Medalist In College Golf

DURHAM, N. C.—(AP—A Southern Illinois senior, Dorothy Germain, fired -a two-under-par 73 over the 6,307-yard Duke University golf course yesterday and grabbed medalist honors in 18-hole qualifying play for the Women's National Col-

legiate golf tournament. Thirty-two coeds from throughout the nation qualified for the five days of match play which will con-clude Saturday. Bobbie Jo Gabrielson fired

a 76 to put herself in a favorite's role along with Miss Germain, Jane Bastanchury, the Odessa coed who swept medalist honors last vear. and the defending champion, Martha Wilkinson.

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ney for appearing here and chose also to pay his own Chamberlain was here to CHAMBERLAIN said he respects Al Bianchi, Sonics help kick off Seattle's Model **Corrales Leads Indy** Past Spokane, 8-5

WILT CHAMBERLAIN GAVE SHOOTING TIPS

Van Jackson, 10, held ball; Darrell Jackson, 9, watched

tion Center.

Cities program yesterday evening at Garfield Recrea-

He refused to accept mo-

pitchers in its vain effort to

stop Indianapolis. Quint Will-

ingham took the loss in his

first appearance. Jim Ellis and Jack Cullen also took

Outstanding relief pitching by Bob Duliba gave Vancou-

ver its first victory over San Diego since 1966 and halted

a three-game losing streak

Tacoma downed the Eas-

tern Division leader, Tulsa, behind the four-hit pitching

of George Sherwood and Bobby Tiefenauer. A two-run

second frame gave the Cubs

Portland evened an early

Oklahoma City lead at 3-3 in

the fifth but was unable to

overcome the 89ers' five-run

sixth inning.

Hawaii broke a 4-4 tie to

claim victory over Denver with a two-run spree in the

Mengert Top

bottom of the eighth.

Qualifier

For P. G. A.

SPOKANE - (AP) - Al

Mengert of Tacoma won the

Northwest Professional Golf-

ers Association championship and a berth in the na-

tional P. G. A. tournament with an eight-under-par 136

in the one - day meet yester-

day.

Mengert shot four straight

34s over the par 36-36—72 Manito Golf and Country

Two shots behind Mengert

was Tom Liljeholm, Port-

land, at 138; Warren McCarthy, Cottage Grove, Ore., 139, and R. L. Merritt, Kent, 141.

The four golfers will fill the Northwest section's four

berths in the national P. G. A. event at Houston, July 18-21.

League Bowling

League bowling
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571; Cary Losey 194, 551.
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Helen Elliott 181, Linda Lispie 504.
RAINIER: Fred Ewing 190, 525; Juanita: Hawkins 165, 446.
KENMORE: Bob Howington 228, 819
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Woodoll 537.
OLYMPIC: Randy Sluter 257, Lee
Rigg 623.

FORT LAWTON: Ernie Friedman Jesse Gila 711 (4 games).

Club course

the mound for Spokane.

for the Mounties.

all they needed.

Al Hairston The Seattle Sonics have

speed and range to their back court. General Manager Dick Vertleib yesterday announced the signing of the Sonics' fifth-round draft choice, Al Hairston of Bowling Green, a 6-foot-1 guard who was named last year to academic All-America

Hairston, considered fleet of foot, also was quick in the class room, where he compiled a 3.8 grade-point average on a scale of 4.0 for per-

Hairston averaged 14.9 points a game at Bowling Green, which also produced Al Bianchi, coach of the Sonics. Hairston became the seventh Seattle rookie to sign. He agreed to a oneyear contract.

Associated Press

Hit-happy Pat Corrales drove in five runs — four of them with a grand-slam homer - to lead Indianapolis to an 8-5 win over Spokane in Pacific Coast League action last night.

coach, and that Bianchi res-

"That's what really

pects him.

counts," he said.

Southpaw Don Secrist, with help from Jack Bald-Spokane's four-run eighth inning, picked up his fifth victory in six decisions on the strength of Hal Mc-Rae's two-run homer in the fourth and Corrales' bases-

loaded blast in the sixth. IN OTHER P. C. L. play, Vancouver trimmed San Diego, 4-3; Tacoma whipped Tulsa, 4-1; Oklahoma City out-slugged Portland, 9-7; and Hawaii defeated Denver, 6-4. No other games were scheduled.



Steeler Strategists

Bill Austin, Pittsburgh Steeler coach, diagrammed a play for Kent Nix, quarterback, during a pre-training-camp strategy session yesterday in Pittsburgh. Nix became the National Football League feam's No. I quarterback when Bill Nelson was sent to the Cleveland Browns in an off-season trade.—A. P. wirephoto.
