Goldham to Quit Wings After 12 NHL Seasons

DETROIT (CP) — Bob Goldham, Detroit Red Wings' great defenceman who was regarded by big-league coaches as a second goaltender, has retired from the National Hockey League.

The 33-year-old rearguard announced the move Wednesday after 12 NHL seasons.

Goldham's announcement was not surprising. He said a few months ago he probably would retire at the end of the 1955-56 campaign.

"It wasn't fun anymore and I didn't want to stay around on a pension basis," he said. "Maybe I could go another year and maybe I couldn't. But I don't want to be around when I can't give 100 per cent."

OFFERED COACHING JOB

When Goldham informed Detroit general manager Jack Adams of his decision, Adams offered him a coaching job with Hamilton Cubs of the Ontario Hockey Association junior A league.

"Jack made me a wonderful financial proposition," Goldham said. "But I'm tired and stiff and want to think things out for a while. Toronto is my home and I want to do what is best for my family."

Goldham is an off-season salesman for a Toronto construction firm. He is toying with the idea of making a career of it.

He indicated the decision on the coaching position hinged chiefly on "whether my other employer will permit it."

Goldham was poison to opposing forwards because of uncanny knack of throwing himself in front of flying pucks directed at the Detroit nets. That's how he got the reputation of being a second goaltender.

Bob was with the Wings for six seasons, during which they won five straight NHL champions and three Stanley Cups. He started his career with Toronto Maple Leafs and later went to Chicago Black Hawks.

Major League Pitchers Out of Exile

By The Associated Press

After a hitters' year in which there were only two 20-game winners among major league pitchers, there are signs this spring that the hurlers are back from exile.

Detroit and Milwaukee spotlighted the evidence Wednesday at Terre Haute, Ind., as six pitchers breezed through 14 scoreless innings before the managers called it quits. There were 16 hits—all single—but nary a runner got past second base.

Virgil Trucks, Dick Marlowe and Pete Wojey checked the free-swinging Braves on six hits while Tigers got 10 from Lew Burdette, Red Murff and Humberto Robinson.

At Washington, where Brooklyn and Senators became the first to play in a major league ball yard this spring, Pete Runnels lashed one of Don Newcombe's fast ones for an inside-the-park home run in the ninth to edge the world champs 2-1.

Elsewhere, Johnny Antonelli, bidding to return to the 20-wins group after a 14-16 disappointment in 1955, struck out eight while scattering five hits and walking three in his seven innings, as New York Giants whacked Cleveland Indians 5-1.

Baltimore Orioles beat Chicago Cubs 5-4, shutting out the Bruins until the ninth when Monte Irvin opened with a homer and Jim King came through with a three-run clout. Jim Wilson, the Birds' starter and winner, and Dave Pope homered off loser Russ Meyer.

St. Louis Cardinals provided the big hitting of the day with Wally Moon, Stan Musial and Hank Sauer tagging Jack Harshman for homers to overhaul a three-run Chicago lead and beat White Sox 5-3.

And Dale Long drove in three runs, two on a homer off Art Ditmar, as Pittsburgh beat Kansas City 5-3. New York Yankees and Cincinnati hooked up in a shabby, eight-error scuffle won 7-5 by Redlegs with the benefit of five unearned runs on five Yank errors.

Backing Sought For Cup Finals

VERNON (CP) — The western Canada Allan cup hockey final should be regarded as a secondary industry, Mayor Frank Becker of Vernon said at the conclusion of the recent series here.

Vernon Canadians beat Winnipeg Maroons 4-0 with one game tied in the best-of-seven series.

"The finals deserve the support of Vernon and the whole district," he said at a reception for the two clubs.

Loop Increases Team Quota Of Baseball Players to Five

The number of baseball players to be allowed to sign on any one softball team this year is to be increased from three to five, a meeting of the Prince Rupert Senior Men's Softball Association decided last night.

The group added the rider that no more than three baseball players could be on the diamond at any one time. Replacements in the case of holidays and absence from the city were left to the discretion of the team managers as to which hardball players be retained.

Move to increase the number of players from the senior baseball league was sparked by Louis Boltong, Local 708 representative who said the union team would likely be hampered by manpower troubles through shift-work while most ballplayers were on a day shift.

In other league business, it was decided to leave to the discretion of the executive arrangement of out of town games for the loop's all-star team.

Tentative plans call for Ketchikan, Kitimat, Terrace and Smithers to be asked for home and away games with the local softball league.

It was decided that the team managers would select the all-star team which would be "chosen for strength and ability and not necessarily as an equal division from each team."

The meeting was informed that registration forms would be ready for a further general meeting later this month and league president Mike Kutzac was empowered to draft up a constitution for submission to the meeting.

It was decided to hold general meetings of the Association every month during the regular season with an executive meeting slated every two weeks.

The question of having the teams out in full uniform was left for next meeting after team representatives have checked with sponsors. Also laid over was the suggestion that cost of a set of uniforms for the All-Stars be investigated.

Softballers Re-Elect Most of '55 Officers

The Prince Rupert Senior Softball Association re-elected almost its entire slate last night at its second general meeting of the season.

Named to head the group again this year was Mike Kutzac, re-elected by acclamation.

Also acclaimed to office were Pearl Woon, secretary and Pat Britten, treasurer. Len Harrington was voted in as the group's vice-president in a poll between him and Bob Anderson.

This year, the association plans to strengthen its executive with the addition of three commissioners. Already accepting a commissioners post is Charles Balagno, Parks Board chairman. Others being considered for the commission are Miner Emundson, of the city's senior baseball league and R. L. Eby, Parks Board commissioner.

The league will have a staff of four available for scorekeeping and one registrar and statistician. Splitting scoring chores will be Anita Charlebois, Jean Smurthwhaite, Norma Johnson, Pearl Woon and Pat Britten.

Joe Pageot, who umpired in the league last year will be back again this year and three other possible umpires will be asked to take on arbiting duties, the meeting was told.

Practices Well-Attended

Good weather has resulted in excellent turnouts at Algoma park by boys planning on taking part in Prince Rupert Little League this season, a league spokesman said today.

Tonight, 11 and 12-year old boys will take to the diamond for practice at 6:30 p.m. he said but added that any boys who have Wolf Cubs or Boy Scout meetings on the same nights as Little League practices must attend the Cub and Scout meetings.

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Paul Perkins 134, Salt Lake City, knocked out Dick Lane, 148, Boise, (1.)

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Shenton's Grab Top Honors In "A" Loop Mixed Bowling

Shenton's took four out of six "A" league honors Thursday in the Mixed Bowling League as the sheet metal team's Betty Hyndman posted top women's game of 306 and Jessie Shenton took women's high three with a 730, while George Shenton sparked his team with men's high single of 313 and high three of 766.

Other laurels went to Headpinners who took team single and three with scores of 1450 and 3729.

In "B" league, Marg Burns of Eby and Sons took both women's high single and three game total for scores of 287 and 625. Clord Freeman of Borden Street School took men's high single with his 291 game while Jersey Farms B, Sedgwick, took men's high three with a 648 three-game total.

Team honors went to Borden Street who took team high single on a 1160 game and Overwaitea who had a 3128 total.

Results: A league—Pushovers 4, La Gondola 0; CNRA 4, Smith and Elkins 0; Shenton's 4, Wrathall's 0; Headpinners 3, Paramounts 1; Fashion Footwear 3, Esquire Men's Wear 1; Cook's Jewellers 3, Frosty Lockers 1.

B league—Super Valu 4, Booth School 0 (default); Yukon Jewellers 3, RCMP 1; Overwaitea 3 Esso Extras 1; Canfisco 3, Jersey Farms 1; CPA 2, Hill's Shoes 2; Borden Street School 2, Eby and Sons 2.

Standings: A league— Headpinners 51, Fashion Footwear 50, Pushovers 50, Frosty Lockers 48, La Gondola 39, Shenton's 39, CNRA 38, Paramounts 36, Esquire Men's Wear 36, Wrathall's 32, Cook's 31, Smith & Elkins 30.

B league — Overwaitea 49, RCMP 48, Canfisco 45, Borden Street School 40, CPA 40, Eby and Sons 39, Super Valu 39, Booth School 38, Yukon Jewellers 38, Esso Extras 35, Jersey Farms 35, Hill's Shoes 34.

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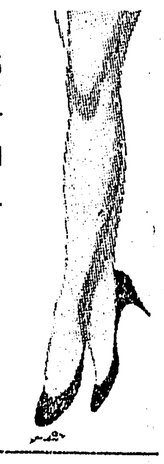

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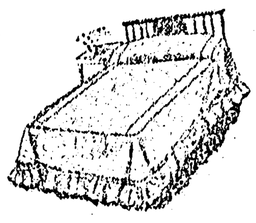

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