

Death Takes Life Of Willie Hoppe

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Willie Hoppe, "Mr. Billiards" for a half-century of near-flawless play — died Sunday at 71.

"I don't think I'm going to need my cues any longer," the balding and three-cushion master told hospital visitors just before his death.

His brother, Albert, said Hoppe

asked that his leather-cased cues be given to a longtime chum, Sid Mayer of Skokie, Ill., one of his last callers.

Hoppe was hospitalized four months under treatment for cancer, his brother said. The onetime wizard of billiards had suffered illnesses before and bounced back to win titles. His last, and

best, was the three-cushion crown he won in 1932 at the age of 65. He retired that year as the last of great champions of the "golden twenties."

William Frederick Hoppe was in knee-pain when he made his first shots on a table he had to stand on a box to reach. He started at age 7 to play exhibitions

with his late brother, Frank Jr., then 9, after teaching by their father who kept a hotel, barber shop and poolroom at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Willie developed in smoky pool-halls the calm, deliberate style of play that carried him to world titles. In 1911 he won the distinction of being the only known player to give a White House exhibition.

Zach Wheat Gains Baseball Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — In August of 1909, a pink-cheeked, frightened 21-year-old arrived at Ebbets Field, put on a uniform and trotted out to practice in left field.

The regular left fielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Wally Clements, welcomed the youngster cordially.

"It's nice to have you kids show up," he said, "to give us older fellows a rest."

Clements' rest turned out to be

a permanent vacation. The kid, Zachary Davis (Zach) Wheat, replaced him in left field that day and remained the Dodger left fielder for 18 years.

Nov. 20, Wheat must feel like a kid again today for this great outfielder and hitter, probably the most popular Dodger of all, is the 84th and newest member of the baseball Hall of Fame.

The former National League batting king and holder of eight

Dodger club records was unanimously elected Sunday by a special committee of veteran baseball men. Dazzy Vance is the only other Dodger of long standing in the exclusive set.

Wheat, now living in Versailles, Mo., where he rents cabins to hunters, fishermen and vacationers at the Lake of the Ozarks, remembers his first day with the Dodgers very well.

"Larry Sutton, the old Dodger scout, bought me from Mobile for \$1,200," he recalled, "and my first trip to Brooklyn must sound like the Lewis and Clark expedition. It took me 10 days to get here, sitting up and riding day coaches."

Wheat knew his way around the majors. He played in the big time 19 years, finishing his great career with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1927. Called by Branch Rickey the greatest outfielder in Brooklyn history, Zach had a lifetime batting average of .317 and won the National League batting title in 1918 with a mark of .355.

Wheat's top mark was .375 in 1923. He hit .359 in 1925 but finished second to Rogers Hornsby each time. His all-time Dodger records include games played 2,318; at bats 8,559; hits 2,894; singles 2,038; doubles 464; triples 171; total bases 4,003; and extra base hits 768. His Dodger record for runs scored recently was bettered by Pee Wee Reese.

Rumors Say Braves After Yank Infielder

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Milwaukee Braves are trying to acquire second baseman Bobby Richardson from the New York Yankees as a replacement for Red Schoendienst, United Press International learned today.

Neither team would confirm it is conducting trade negotiations, but Milwaukee Manager Fred Haney revealed that a deal might be on the fire at Sunday night's annual dinner of the New York

chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

"Last year Casey Stengel (Yankee manager) followed me around," Haney said. "Now I'm following him around. I see where they have a new assistant general manager, so maybe we can make a deal."

Schoendienst is undergoing treatment in a St. Louis hospital for tuberculosis. He isn't expected to return to the Braves until next year—if at all—so the National League champions have turned to their World Series conquerors for help.

Richardson batted only .247 in 73 games last year but Milwaukee may have to go high in its bidding for the little infielder, for the Cleveland Indians and Washington Senators also are dickering for his services.

Sunday night's dinner concluded a busy weekend for baseball brass, who spent a good deal of time discussing possible trades when they weren't meeting in special business sessions. However, the only deal consummated was a seven-player trade between the Cincinnati Redlegs and Pittsburgh Pirates. The Redlegs received slugger Frank Thomas and three other Pittsburgh players for catcher Smokey Burgess, pitcher Harvey Haddix and third baseman Don Hoak.

Lou, Gordie Tangle; NY Edges Wings

United Press International

Lou Fontinato, the New York Rangers' fighting "cop," finally met his match Sunday night in a gloves-off brawl with Gordie Howe of the Detroit Red Wings at Madison Square Garden.

Howe earned a "newspaper decision" on the basis of most damage inflicted. He came out of the fight unmarked but bloodied Fontinato's face and broke the Ranger defenseman's nose.

The fight broke out in the first period of a game won by the Rangers 5-4. Fontinato became enraged when he felt Howe was picking on New York rookie Eddie Shack. He challenged the Detroit star behind the Red Wings' net and Howe accepted, whipping off his gloves and piling into "leapin' Lou."

Then, while officials and players stood by seemingly awed by the spectacle, Fontinato and Howe exchanged punches for almost a full minute before being pulled apart.

"Howe's a pretty good fighter," Fontinato admitted later. "He kinda rearranged my nose. But I wasn't losing."

Howe, asked for his version of the fight, accused Fontinato of starting it.

"We don't get paid for fighting," said the five-time scoring champion of the National Hockey League. "But there wasn't anything I could do but fight when he came after me."

Fontinato wasn't the only player who spilled blood. Shack suffered a cut scalp when allegedly high-sticked by Howe seconds before the main event, Warren Goffrey of the Red Wings was hospitalized with a concussion, presumably received in a tussle with Shack, and Harry Howell of the Rangers had four stitches taken in his chin. Nobody knows who hit Howell.

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Southern Oregon 6 2 .750
Eastern Oregon 3 5 .375
Oregon Tech 2 6 .250
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Saturday games: Portland State 41, Eastern Oregon 39; Oregon Tech 58, Oregon College of Education 49.

Portland State, 41-39 victor over Eastern Oregon Saturday, will meet fourth-place Oregon Tech in a two-game series at Portland this weekend.

Another two-game series will pit Southern Oregon against Eastern Oregon at La Grande.

Oregon College of Education, which lost 58-49 to Oregon Tech Saturday, will be idle this weekend.

OTI led all the way after five minutes of play in Saturday's game at Klamath Falls. Troy Koonitz and Jim Ramsey were the winners with 15 points but Ken Johnson was high for the game with 16.

EOC's Tom Neel was high for the La Grande game Saturday, with 18 points.

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Today's Sport Parade

Dempsey, Casey See Their Fame Slipping

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UPI) — You don't have to tell Jack Dempsey or Casey Stengel that fame is fleeting and, in some cases, nonexistent.

A sports buff might expect everybody to know the "Manassa Mauler" who held the heavy-weight championship of the world for a decade and the loquacious and much-printed manager of the New York Yankees.

But it ain't necessarily so.

Take the time last spring when the Yankees were enroute north from spring training and booked to play an exhibition in a Southern town. When Stengel left Florida his wife, Edna, told him on arrival at the exhibition game site to telephone a long-time friend who was a sister in a convent in that city and say hello.

Furgol Rally Captures SD Golf Tourney

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The 1959 gold rush of the golfing brigade in California was over today, with Marty Furgol the latest to hit pay dirt and Art Wall, Jr., carrying the most loot.

Furgol, a 41-year-old veteran from Lemont, Ill., came from behind in the last nine holes to win the \$20,000 San Diego Open Sunday, with rounds of 70-71-69-274 — 14 strokes under par. The win gave him \$2,800 and his first tournament victory in five years.

The money championship goes to Wall, who in one month raked in \$11,965.53. He won \$6,000 in the Bing Crosby clambake.

Wall's 278 put him way down the list of finishers. But it netted him another \$610.

The windup was hectic and but for a brilliant shot off the tee by Furgol, the show could easily have gone into a six-way tie and a playoff for top money.

Furgol's last big win was in the National Club Championships in Washington, D.C., in 1954. Using borrowed clubs, he drove to the green, banked by crowded bleachers. The ball landed 12 feet from the cup. All he needed was two putts to get his par three and the spoils. He got the three.

Just a few moments before 23-year-old Dave Ragan of Chattanooga, Tenn., had blown a chance to tie or possibly win. He drove to the 18th green and the ball landed in the bleachers.

The former University of Florida star, a pro since 1956, pitched out but left himself a put of 12 or 15 feet. He couldn't make it and took a bogey four.

Ragan's par 72 threw him into a 5-way tie in a group which included Mike Souchak, newlywed Joe Campbell of Knoxville, Tenn., Bo Winger of Odessa, Tex., and Billy Casper of Apple Valley, Calif. Their consolation — \$1,320 apiece.

Stengel said to Casey: "And what business are you in, Mr. Stengel?"

"I'm the manager of the New York Yankees," he was asked.

"Just what is that?" Stengel figuratively threw up his hands.

"That, sister," he answered after a moment's groping, "is sort of like being the mother superior."

To which Dempsey adds the story about deplanning at Idlewild Airport with a friend not so long ago and they were discussing one of Dempsey's bouts during the taxi ride into the city. Finally the driver turned to Jack and queried with a puzzled frown:

"Dempsey, Jack Dempsey. Say, aren't you a fighter?"

"Yes, I am," Dempsey replied straight-faced.

"Who do you fight next?" the cabbie asked.

"Nino Valdes," Dempsey kidded. "How do you think you'll do?"

"I'll stiffen the bum in two beats," Jack dead-panned.

"Thanks," said the cabbie. "I'll tell my friends to bet on you."

Dempsey howled as he told the story, but pride is a many-splintered thing and the champ wouldn't have laughed as lustily had he overheard two sweet young things in his restaurant a few nights later.

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Top - Notch Clubs Eye Cage Honors

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College basketball, which got itself into its present free-for-all status in two months, has a month left to get out—and what a scramble it should be.

With the time for tournament selection committees to start lining up prospects for March competition, there are at a minimum 20 teams acting as if they could possibly take it all.

Once-beaten Kentucky, defending NCAA champion, again is No. 1 in the Associated Press poll and likely can hold the position with further stumbling.

But how much difference is there among teams like Kentucky, North Carolina, Kansas State, Auburn, North Carolina State, Michigan State, the rugged Missouri Valley trio of Cincinnati, Bradley and St. Louis, West Virginia, Mississippi State, Utah, Texas Christian—to name the major conference teams—and such independents as Marquette, Seattle, Oklahoma City, Louisville, St. Bonaventure, and St. John's?

Part of the sorting out process could come this week with the heaviest day-by-day schedule since the holiday tournaments in December.

Every night is a major one, starting with a Monday schedule that includes five of the top 10 teams along with St. Louis, Marquette, and Mississippi State — three trailers anxious to move up.

Key pairings are Michigan State-Wisconsin, Tulsa-Cincinnati, North Texas-St. Louis, Wichita-Bradley, Kansas State-Nebraska, St. John's-Notre Dame, Detroit-Marquette, and Tulane-Mississippi State.

Of the top 10, only St. John's (No. 7) slipped last week—losing a pair of road games to St. Louis and to off-beaten Chicago Loyola.

Marquette (14-1) with 12 in a row, and St. Louis (13-2) with 11 straight, now have the longest major streaks going below unbeaten Auburn, a 64-61 winner over Vanderbilt Saturday for its 25th straight.

St. Louis, joining Bradley in a challenge to Cincinnati in the Mo Valley race, walloped Houston 71-47 Saturday night after spilling St. John's 72-63 Thursday. Marquette, rolling under former St. Louis coach Eddie Hickey, came away from two weeks of mid-term exams with a 66-62 decision over vastly improved Louisville.

Kentucky, building its record to 17-1, bagged No. 601 for coach Adolph Rupp in a 94-51 walk over Florida; second-ranked North Carolina (12-1) beat South Carolina 82-50, third-ranked Kansas State (15-1) walloped South Dakota State 91-65, Cincinnati, No. 5, downed Wichita 95-87 as Oscar Robertson scored