

CARDINALS ...

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(5-12-17) while goaltender Bill Sammartino (10-4, 3.07) and defenseman Scott Simon (0-1-1) did not return to school. Defenseman D.J. MacPhail (3-10-13) will take the season off for medical reasons.

"We still have a good group of guys coming back and with the 12 new kids, I think we'll be competitive and a fun team to watch," Emery continued.

Captain Jeff Azar, who has been overseeing the Cardinals' preseason exercises to now, shares Emery's enthusiasm. "These (captain's) practices are kind of like pond hockey; 15 minutes of drills and then a lot of scrimmaging. But you can tell who has the skills, who can skate. I think we're going to have better skaters and be more physical this year. What you can't tell is who's going to adapt to the system."

The newest Cardinals will be introduced to Emery's system today at 8 a.m.

"The young guys don't know what to expect," Emery said. "They're still talking to me like I'm one of their buddies. That's going to change Sunday morn-

ing."

Cardinal recruits

Armand Latulippe (forward/defense, 5-10, 185, Westfield, Mass.) — Emery: A transfer from U-Mass-Amherst, Armand has the ability to play forward or defense. A heavily sought after recruit two years ago, out of the Springfield Olympics junior program, he opted for a shot at Division I. Known for his soft hands and playmaking ability, Latulippe will definitely add strength to both the forward and defense positions.

Evan Sylvester (forward, 6-2, 190, Hanson, Mass.) — Emery: A transfer from Kent State University, Evan played two seasons ago for the Golden Flashes. However, when the school dropped its hockey program, Evan opted for a season in the United States Hockey League, playing for the Waterloo (Iowa) Blackhawks. Evan's rangy size and strong background should be a great addition to the center position.

Ryan Flanagan (forward, 5-10, 170, Chazy Lake) — Emery: A transfer from Babson College, where he suffered a knee injury, Ryan comes to Plattsburgh with

four years of eligibility. A former standout at Northfield Mount Hermon prep school, Ryan displays great hockey sense and playmaking ability. Ryan, a true center, has great lateral skating ability, an ability to avoid attackers and find the open man. Ryan should help fill the void at center left by John Wells and Steve Moore.

Joe Russo (defense, 6-2, 195, Bohemia) — Emery: Joe comes to Plattsburgh out of junior hockey, having played the last two seasons with the Omaha Lancers and the Northern Iowa Huskies. Two seasons in the highly respected U.S.H.L. should be great preparation for Joe. Joe's good size and strength, along with his great ability to break out of the defensive zone and find the open man, should provide the defense corps with great depth.

Jason Cormier (defense, 5-9, 190, Amherst, Nova Scotia) — Emery: Jason, out of school in Kent Hills, Me., arrived in Plattsburgh after putting on needed size over the summer. Although small in height, Jason makes up for it in heart and desire. With his stocky frame and puckhandling ability, Jason has

the ability to hold off attackers and move the puck ahead to the open man. The addition of Jason will bring added competition to the blue line.

Tim Pelletier (forward, 5-5, 145, Tyngsboro, Mass.) — Emery: Tim comes to Plattsburgh as one of the smallest forwards since the arrival of John Wells. Out of Trinity-Pawling Prep School, Tim has always been praised by his coaches as a great leader with a great work ethic. A total workhorse while on the ice, Tim should add strength to the center position, a position where only two players return.

Travis Duhaime (forward, 5-8, 165, Cornwall, Ont.) — Emery: Travis arrived in Cardinal Country in tip-top shape with the extreme desire to also fill the void at the center position. Travis's great skating ability is very conducive to the U.S. college game. He should have a great future south of the border. Look for Travis to be a "m" for the Cardinal attack.

Jason Gordon (forward, 5-10, 160, Ottawa, Ont.) — Emery: Jason comes to Plattsburgh after playing junior hockey in the Ottawa Valley League. Before being

traded last season to the Cumberland Grads, Jason played for former Plattsburgh Cardinal Bruce Bullard, coach of the junior Ottawa Senators. A natural goal-scorer, Jason should add depth to the scoring attack. A left-handed shot, Jason is also capable of playing the off-wing allowing him to better his scoring touch.

Tracey Belanger (forward, 6-2, 170, Merrimack, N.H.) — Emery: Tracey is another forward with great offensive ability. His size should be a threat to opponents, definitely from the blue line in where Tracey always has been an asset to his teams. Hopefully, Tracey's offensive prowess as a member of the Granite State (N.H.) Stars will continue as a Cardinal.

L.A. Ross (forward, 5-11, 175, Swanton, Vt.) — Emery: A heavily sought after recruit two years ago, L.A. finally arrived after spending the season playing for the Waterloo (Iowa) Blackhawks in the U.S.H.L. Before that, L.A. was a teammate of current Cardinals Pat O'Neil and Mickey Gebo on the Niagara Scenics junior team. A physical

winger who goes to the net very hard, L.A. should provide immediate physical play while getting his share of scoring opportunities as well.

Bryant Perry (forward, 5-6, 170, Colchester, Vt.) — Emery: Played junior hockey for the Granite State Stars along with classmate Tracey Belanger. Bryant has a lot in common with former Cardinal favorite Brent Beyor, who was also a teammate with the Stars before coming to Plattsburgh last season. Although small in size, Bryant exhibits a very aggressive style of play and will be a great asset to a well-known aggressive style of play.

Jake Busniuk (forward, 5-10, 165, Binghamton) — Emery: Formerly of Thunder Bay, Ont., Jake has a rich background in hockey. His father is an assistant coach with the Binghamton Rangers of the American Hockey League, the top farm club of the New York Rangers. Jake has good size and skating ability. The coaching staff will look to Jake pick up where he left off last year, leading the Binghamton Junior Rangers in many statistical areas.

No triumphant return for racing's Cordero

By ED SCHUYLER JR.
AP Racing Writer

NEW YORK — The cheers, if not re-sounding, were heartfelt when the Belmont Park track announcer thundered, "And they're off, and there goes Cordero."

On Saturday, Angel Cordero rode in New York, where he was a colorful and controversial presence for more than a quarter century, for the first time since serious injuries in a spill at Aqueduct in 1992 forced him to retire and become a trainer.

Cordero went to the front on Devils Marble in the second race, but the colt faded at the head of the stretch to finish fifth in the maiden race for 2-year-olds on a card of 10 races for New York-breds.

"The horse broke so good," Cordero said. "I never saw a first-time starter

break like that. I just let him go out there, and when I found out he didn't want to be there (on the lead), it was too late."

Still, there was applause for Cordero, riding a 10-1 shot, and he was asked to sign autographs on the way to the jockeys room.

Cordero, however, heard boos when he finished second on Fourstars Allstar to Pride of Summer in the Mohawk on the grass. Fourstars Allstar and Cordero now are expected to compete in the Breeders' Cup Mile on the turf Oct. 28 at Belmont.

In three other races, all stakes, Cordero's mounts finished fifth, sixth and 10th.

The spill at Aqueduct on Jan. 12, 1992, left him with a broken arm, three broken ribs and serious internal injuries. He announced his retirement May 7 of that

year.

Cordero's wife, Marjorie, who has taken over the training of his stable, was not in the sparse crowd that welcomed Angel back on a damp day. Asked what she said when he left home to ride five mounts, Cordero said, "All she said was that she wanted me to come home safe."

In attendance was Dr. Gary Walder, one of Cordero's two physicians, who was not in favor of Cordero riding again.

Walder also accompanied Cordero to Puerto Rico, where on Oct. 1 he ended his long layoff by finishing first and second in two races at El Comandante.

Cordero said he came back because he wants to quit on his terms and not because he had to.

"I've worked so hard to get where I got that I think I can follow my own wishes,"

he said. "I don't want to come back permanently, and if I thought I'd make money in these few races I'd be crazy. I just wanted to be able to leave on my own terms. It's not on my mind to do this permanently."

In fact, Cordero only plans to ride only Thursday and Friday of Breeders' Cup week, on Breeders' Cup day and in a race in the Dominican Republic on Dec. 9.

Cordero trained Rogues Walk, who ran in the fifth, but had to give up his license because he did not train the other horses he rode Saturday.

He said he will resume training after the Dominican race.

"In my short time training I think I've done very well . . . I'm getting better horses and they're running in better races," he said.



Angel Cordero is hugged by granddaughter Amanda, right, and daughter Julie, both 9.

Ask Babe:

Aaron memorabilia remains in demand

Dear Babe: I have a Sport Magazine, 1958, All-Star Selection card of Hank Aaron (No. 488) and was wondering how much it is worth. It's in good shape and I believe it is an original.

Michele Bass
Somerville, Tenn.

Dear Babe: I have a baseball card with Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron featured together as World Series batting foes. (No. 418, T.C.G.). Is there any value for this card? I plan to give it to my grandson.

Gloria Teel
Independence, Mo.

Two questions about Hank (he wasn't called Henry until later in his career) Aaron Topps cards from 1958 — neither of which is his regular card. The '58 All-Star cards are among my favorites. Aaron, who is one of a number Hall of Famers included in the subset, lists for \$125. As always, Mickey Mantle's card is the most valuable in the subset at \$275. The card featuring Aaron and Mantle lists for \$225. As for Aaron's regular card, there are two versions of No. 30. The regular card with his name in white letters lists for \$225, while the version with his name in yellow letters books for \$450.

Dear Babe: Any idea of the value of a baseball I own that was signed by both Hank and Tom Aaron in what must have been the mid '60s?

Mark S. Kitchen
Powell, Wyo.

It must be an Aaron kind of day. You've got the signatures of the brothers who hit more home runs than any other siblings in baseball history — 768. Of course, Henry hit 755 of those and really didn't need any help from Tommie, who chipped in 13. A ball with Henry Aaron's signature lists for \$40 in Tuff Stuff. I doubt that Tommie's signature has much affect on the value. However, a vintage Aaron (Hank) signature signed more than 30 years ago should be worth a little more than the \$40 for a ball signed recently at a show.

Dear Babe: I have a Schutter-Johnson Candy Corp card, No. 3, "Major League Secrets" Cuyler's base running tips. What is a card like this worth?

Robert E. Cook
Rio Rancho, N.M.

The candy company issued a 50-card set around 1930, ac-



ording to the The Standard Catalog of Baseball Cards. There are drawings of players on the fronts with baseball tips on the backs. Cuyler lists for \$50. The set books at \$3,500. Babe Ruth (No. 26) tops the set at \$450 with Lou Gehrig (No. 20) at \$300 and another Ruth card (No. 42) listed at \$250.

Dear Babe: A few years ago, I found an old program in the attic. It is the official program of the baseball centennial held in Cooperstown in 1939. Any idea of its value?

Sharon Kirsch
Cazenovia, N.Y.

I wish your letter had arrived before my trip to Cooperstown. I'm sure there's one or two for sale there. You don't quite have a "one-of-a-kind" item, but it's pretty close. I've not seen it listed. Based on the photocopy, it's looks like it's in good shape and whoever kept score, did a nice neat job. I checked with Bob Cresthold, co-author of The Baseball and Sports Publications Price Guide. He estimated the value between \$250-\$500 for the right collector. He emphasized it was just a ballpark figure. This isn't a geography column, but I checked the map and it's looks like you're only a couple of hours from Cooperstown. You could check out the shops to see if one was for sale and for how much.

Dear Babe: I received a baseball from my grandfather many years ago. The ball has the signatures of Wes and Rick Ferrell, Dutch Leonard, and Harry Kelly among others. I think it is from the Washington Senators 1927 team. Could you please tell me what the value of such a ball could be — besides sentimentality?

Marc Fortain

Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Checking Total Baseball, it looks like you have a 1938 Senators team baseball. The Complete Guide to Baseball Memorabilia lists a Senators ball from '38 in the \$308-\$462 range if it has the signatures of players you named along with Al Simmons and Goose Goslin.

Dear Babe: I have been your reader for a long time. I never saw a question you didn't answer. I have a question about comic books. I have a 1951 Fawcett Publications with True Stories of Baseball's Hall of Fame, Jackie Robinson (No. 5), Phil Rizzuto and Eddie Stanky. Any idea on their value?

Walter J. Cybulski
New Bedford, Mass.

Flattery will get you everywhere. The Baseball and Sports Publications Price Guide has two pages on baseball comic books. It does not list publishers, so it's hard to be absolutely sure the comic books listed are the ones you have. However the years of publication and names match. It lists a set of six Jackie Robinson comics with No. 5 valued at \$200 in "near-mint" condition. A Rizzuto from '51 is listed for \$300 with Stanky from '51 at \$150.

Babe note: Fleer is offering collectors — especially young ones — a couple of alternatives to throwing away basketball pack wrappers. Along traditional lines, fans can get an uncut sheet featuring all 27 cards in the Flair "Hardwood Leader" insert set by sending in five wrappers from Fleer, Fleer Ultra or Flair packs along with \$4.95.

Young collectors between the ages of 1-12 and 13-18 can enter the "Design Your Own Fleer NBA Card Contest." The top prize in each age group will be a trip for four to the NBA's All-Star Jam Session in February in San Antonio. Just send a card design with your name, address and age on the back of the design and five wrappers from Fleer, Ultra or Flair packs.

Collectors can use "official" entry forms that can be found at card shops and in ads in sportscard publications or simply include your name, address and age on 3x5 card with your entry on uncut sheet request.

The address for both offers is: Design Your Own Fleer NBA Card, Box 4155, Chestertown, MD 21690.

Devils' defense adds to Habs' frustrations

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — The New Jersey Devils' defense continued its airtight play behind goaltender Martin Brodeur and the Canadiens' frustration mounted as the Stanley Cup champions defeated Montreal 4-1 Saturday night.

Brodeur made 40 saves before he was beaten with two seconds left when Mark Recchi tipped in a pass by Vincent Damphousse on a last-minute power play.

Brodeur and the Devils (3-0) have allowed only two goals this season. Neal Broten and Denis Pederson scored in the first period while Randy McKay and John MacLean had goals in the second for the Devils, who managed only 17 shots on a still-struggling Patrick Roy.

The Canadiens dropped to 0-4, their worst start since 1938-39 when they lost seven straight to open the season.

But they hardly looked like a team that wants coach Jacques Demers fired, as some have speculated. They outshot the Devils 13-6 in the first period and 17-8 in the second.

Rangers 2, Maple Leafs 0

TORONTO — Rookie Niklas Sundstrom scored his first NHL goal in the third period to give the New York Rangers a win over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Sundstrom was hovering on the lip of the crease when the puck emerged from under a heap of bodies and he whacked it past a sprawled Felix Potvin at 7:57 to spoil a superb effort by Toronto goaltender.

On the next play of the game, the Maple Leafs thought they had the tying goal when Doug Gilmour scored into an open net. The goal was left unprotected when Ranger goalie Mike Richter got caught out of position. There was no way he could have scrambled over to stop Gilmour's shot, but because he was slightly interfered with by Zdenek Nedved, referee Terry Gregson called off the goal and sent Nedved to the penalty box for goalie interference.

Sundstrom clinched the win at 13:48 on a shorthanded two-on-one with Mark Messier. He finished off the play with a shot to the short side over Potvin's glove.

Whalers 3, Blackhawks 2
HARTFORD, Conn. — Hartford forward Steven Rice scored on a slapshot from the left circle with 2:40 left to cap a comeback victory over Chicago.

Flyers 3, Islanders 0

UNIONDALE — Mikael Renberg's goal at 8:02 of the third period broke a scoreless tie, and Dominic Roussel stopped 19 shots for his fifth career shutout as Philadelphia beat the New York Islanders.

Penguins 5, Mighty Ducks 2

PITTSBURGH — Tomas Sandstrom and Jaromir Jagr each scored two goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

Mario Lemieux had three assists and has 11 points in four games.

Capitals 2, Lightning 0

LANDOVER, Md. — Jim Carey stopped 21 shots for his fifth career shutout and Kelly Miller scored a shorthanded goal to lead the Washington Capitals past Tampa Bay.

Stars 6, Bruins 5

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars scored three goals in the final 49 seconds, including Guy Carbonneau's winner with 4.4 seconds to play, for a 6-5 victory over the Boston Bruins on Saturday night.

The Stars trailed 5-3 before Kevin Hatcher knocked a rebound past Boston goalie Craig

Billington with 49 seconds remaining for his second goal of the night and fourth of the season.

With Dallas goalie Andy Moog on the bench for a sixth attacker, Mike Modano tied the game with 16 seconds remaining on a 15-foot shot.

Carbonneau then scored the winner at 19:55, converting Mike Kennedy's pass from behind the net for his second goal of the period and third of the game.

The three goals in 44 seconds marked the fastest three goals in franchise history, beating the previous best by six seconds.

The Bruins led 4-2 after the second period on two first-period goals by Cam Neely, both assisted by Adam Oates, and goals in the second by Todd Elik and Steve Heinze.

Hatcher and Dave Gagner scored for the Stars.

The Stars pulled within a goal at 1:16 of the third period when Carbonneau knocked in the rebound of Todd Harvey's point-blank shot.

But Elik, who was signed as a free agent in the offseason, restored Boston's two-goal lead by sending Sandy Moger's centering pass by Moog.

Yashin delays Moscow debut

MOSCOW (AP) — NHL star Alexei Yashin, mired in a contract dispute with the Ottawa Senators, did not play for his new Russian team Saturday under the threat of international sanctions if he remained in the lineup.

Yashin, who says he'll sit out a season rather than play for Ottawa, had played two games for Central Army since arriving a week ago, helping the struggling team to a win and a tie and boosting attendance.

But his play violated a 15-month-old agreement between the NHL and the International Ice Hockey Federation, which

governs player transfers between and North America.

The IIHF warned of unspecified sanctions against Central Army and the Russian Ice Hockey Federation if Yashin plays in any more games. The Federation could ban Russian teams from all its sanctioned tournaments, including world championships and the Olympics.

After using Yashin's name in promotional advertisements for Saturday's game against Khimik, Central Army announced shortly before game time that he couldn't play because of the contract impasse.

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