

Thoughts Of Retirement Far From Stanley's Mind

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Alan Stanley is pushing what's considered old age for a hockey player and doesn't like to be reminded of it.

The way he's been playing lately it would be easy to forget it.

"I got tired of reading that 'I got tired of reading that' and I don't want to be reminded of it," Stanley, who turned 37 on March 1.

Any thoughts of retiring are as far from his mind as he hasn't even decided what he might do when Leafs either retire his No. 26 or put it in storage.

"I don't give a darn about ages when they play like that," said Leafs manager-coach Punch Imlach.

Stanley's record during the



ALLAN STANLEY

NHL schedule, four goals and 15 assists, was one of the poorer ones of his career but it doesn't show the way he's been skating like a 21-year-old and breaking up opposition plays with the best

of them. In the semi-final against Montreal he scored one goal and had two assists to rank fifth among Leaf point-getters.

"I'm really early in the season there was talk of the Timmins, Ont., native's legs giving out and rookie Kent Douglas was tabbed by many as a certain replacement. The necessary Stanley has exhibited late in the season and in the playoffs has the groom-mongers eating their words.

Imlach doesn't find anything unusual about the way Stanley helped the Leafs keep Canadian balance in Toronto's victory in the best-of-seven series.

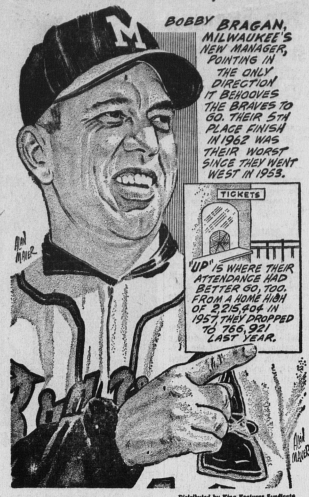
"He's just playing the way he can play," he said.

The amiable Stanley shrugged off questions of why he was skating and checking like a young man.

"Then he offered this explanation of how playoff hockey affects him and other players.

"Hockey is a big business, and you have to come up with something a little extra during the playoffs. Some just take a little longer than others."

ONWARD AND UPWARD By Alan Maver



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BOBBY BRAGAN, MILWAUKEE'S NEW MANAGER, POINTS IN THE ONLY DIRECTION IT BEHOVES THE BRAVES TO GO. THEIR 5TH PLACE FINISH IN 1962 WAS THEIR WORST SINCE THEY WENT WEST IN 1953.

TICKETS

UP IS WHERE THEIR ATTENTION SHOULD BE. BETTER GO TOO. FROM A HOME HIGH OF 2 DIPS IN 1957 THEY DROPPED LAST YEAR.

CONTEST AT LATER DATE

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PROVES ONE THING

If a squirrel stores lots of nuts it doesn't mean winter will last longer than usual, only that there were plenty of nuts, says the National Geographical Society.

HUNTERS'

on many coats will be covered with a coating of slush and water. Unless one is equipped with a proper ice chisel cutting a hole will be a man sized operation. The most promising spots will, in all probability, will be the

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The question of retirement hasn't bothered him yet.

"I'll play as long as I produce, but of course I'm not making an agreement now. If I let down, that will be the end." As for the rumors, I'm too old for this issue, I'm too old for the minors.

"Hiding my time" in deciding what to do when his hockey career is just a memory. He's interested in politics—has lost out for the Progressive Conservative nomination in federal election—but has given "no serious thought" to entering politics on a full-time basis in the future.

Asked what his political platform would be if he entered politics and whether he'd work to bolster amateur athletics, the sharp-featured Stanley said:

"Leave the statements to Kopy."

He was referring to Rod Kelly, Leaf forward who on April 4 was re-elected Liberal MP for York West.

For the time being, Stanley is concerned only with playing hockey well.

"I'm not in a rush. It's too hard to do two jobs: hockey and business too. I'll take my time."

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- At ten o'clock there will be the presentation of prizes for the club winners in the Junior (8-year) and Central Creameries play.
- Ice 1 — Henry Douglas vs. Woody Farrell.
- Ice 2 — Dr. Hooper vs. Fred MacMillan.
- Ice 3 — Lou Turner vs. Dick Matheson.
- Ice 4 — Lloyd Welner vs. Mel Jenkins.
- Ice 5 — Geo. Anderson vs. Larry Blakeney.
- Ice 6 — E. Taylor, P. Burden, A. Ballew, N. Andrew vs. B. Lynch, G. Carruthers, J. Whalen, K. Bolger.
- Ice 3 — E. MacDonald vs. R. Jones.
- Ice 4 — W. MacLaine vs. P. O'Rourke.
- Ice 5 — Geo. Kays vs. G. Stewart.
- Ice 1 — D. O'Rourke vs. J. Cameron.
- Ice 2 — H. MacInnes vs. A. Burke.
- Ice 3 — Dr. MacDonald vs. B. Beer.
- Ice 4 — E. MacLeod vs. K. Acorn.
- Ice 5 — Dr. Gallant vs. J. Burden.
- Ice 1 — Bill MacGregor vs. R. Kelch.
- Ice 2 — A. MacDonald vs. F. Hansen.
- Ice 3 — D. George vs. Dr. Gidding.
- Ice 4 — A. Saunders vs. T. Whitlock.
- Ice 5 — A. Humphrey vs. B. LeClair.
- Note: On Monday night there will be a charity dance. On Tuesday night there will be skating for members and their guests.

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