

Sports news

Israeli sports controversies familiar to North Americans

Stories about teams struggling for survival, players demanding superstar salaries

Have you ever seen a movie, play, or read a novel in which you recognized the plot or circumstance and could easily relate to the characters?

SPORTING TOUCH



By HARVEY ROSEN
The more I read and learned about sport in Israel when I visited the Holy Land in August, the more I began to realize that the fun-and-games departments abroad

are no different from those we enjoy in North America. The National League of soccer was just getting underway in the intense heat of late summer and sports pages, as ours are wont to do, were teeming with schedules, advance profiles, summations of last season, predictions and previews of the 1996-97 campaign, which is going to be better than ever.

When you read about various clubs (sides?) in the 16-team elite Israeli league, it requires little imagination to identify similar circumstances in the National Hockey League here in North America.

The anguish of fans and owners is also similar. Sup-

porters rant about the lack of loyalty of local soccer stars who wish to play in Europe and earn the same fortunes bestowed on our superstars.

Owners there also complain that there is no way they can possibly survive, since they cannot compete dollarwise with their more affluent counterparts.

There is, for example, Hapoel Zafirim Holon, which might remind you of our dear departed Jets club, now relocated in Phoenix. The Israeli club plays in Holon Municipal Stadium, which seats a mere 3,000 compared with Maccabi Tel Aviv (Hello New York Rangers), which has a capacity of 45,000.

The Jets, I mean Hapoel Zafirim Holon, are "saddled with massive financial problems that still remain unresolved." It The team's future is, of course, in serious doubt. Last-minute negotiations have been held with town mayor Susan Thompson - I mean Motti Sasson - to find a solution in time for the team's opening league match.

One article also stated that "There is a huge question mark over Holon's ability to avoid relegation to the

Jewish Women International Bowling League

By BELLE DAITER
September 18
HIGH TRIPLE:
1) Sadie Wolfson, 556 (233, 174);
2) Renie Elfenbien, 500 (194, 170);
3) Annette Axelrod, 499 (178, 174);
4) Joyce Rosenhek, 494 (173, 166);
5) Chama Gilman, 483 (162, 162).
HIGH SINGLE:
1) Maggie Rayter, 179, 166;
2) Belle Daiter, 157;
3) Kay Sera, 156.

second division." (I think that's like the International Hockey League where Winnipeggers got to watch the Manitoba Moose.)

Then there is Hapoel Haifa which might remind you of one of the six original NHL clubs. The preview states: "The club with one of the most talented squads in local soccer has failed to live up to expectations since Scotty Bowman - I mean Rubie Shapira - took over three seasons ago. A pair of Croatian imports have been added to bolster the cause. Doubtless, the club was not going to be outbid for their services by Zafirim Holon.

Hapoel Petah Tikva could easily be the Edmonton Oilers, but the man in charge is Nir Levin, not Glen Sather. You see, the Israeli club which plays in an 8,500-seat stadium, has had to sell off its talented players to generate enough funds so that the club can continue to operate. An unattractive lineup has made it quite difficult to find an investor who would snap up the once-famed outfit, even for a meagre sum.

The aforementioned circumstance also applies to Hapoel Beit She'an, whose municipality is too poor to chip in with cash, and Hapoel Jerusalem, whose future in the National League "looks precarious even before it has been renewed."

Then everyone is assured that the big four - Maccabi Tel Aviv, Maccabi Haifa, Hapoel Haifa and Betar Jerusalem, despite their miserable failures in Europe, "will hold their own in the domestic competitions" since they have the purchasing power to attract the most talented local players and a few good foreigners as well.

(When I typed the last paragraph, my typewriter began to play the tune "By the time I get to Phoenix".)

Who says travel doesn't

Recreation Men's Bowling League

By SAUL LONDON, secretary
Weekly high scores - week of October 2
HIGH TRIPLE:
Terry Robinson, 550 (192, 190); Mickey Rosenberg, 534 (190); Jack Buchalter, 526; Ken Sasley, 521 (194); Hersch Doctoroff, 519; Chuck Rubin, 502.

HIGH SINGLE:
Earl Barish, 191; Sheldon Globerman, 181.

broaden the mind? POST PATER:
After Marshall Peikoff reads Freda Glow's article in *The Jewish Post & News*, in which she wrote a story about yours truly, he may want to make application to the Sharon Home. Freda lists Peikoff as the oldest person I have ever interviewed at age 90. The late track and field star Laurie Cohen's name should have appeared in that category. Peikoff was a wonderful junior hockey prospect in the late '50s and early '60s who is about 35 years younger. He still looks as if he could play with the Moose.

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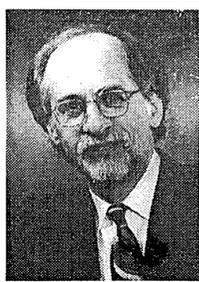
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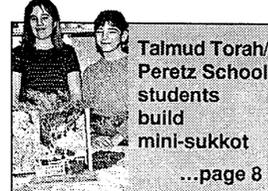
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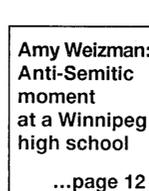
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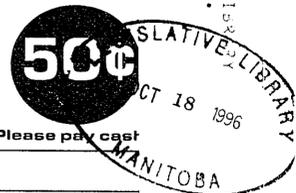


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Jordan raises harsh voice against Israeli government

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Jordan has added its voice to the harsh criticism of the Israeli government's peace policies. The unprecedented attack on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies prompted a flurry of diplomatic contacts aimed at clarifying and easing friction between the two countries. King Hussein said in an interview last week that the Arab countries were "bordering on despair" with the lack of Israel's progress in the peace process with the Palestinians, and the result could lead to renewed warfare.

This, along with a formal complaint over the recent opening of a second en-



KING HUSSEIN: Dire consequences if Israel fails to uphold signed agreements.

trance to an archaeological tunnel in Jerusalem, was another indication that the usually warm relations with

Jordan had taken a frosty turn. Netanyahu played down the tensions, saying that even friends could have differences of opinion. "I have no doubt regarding our commitments to peace with Jordan, developing economic and political relations. I am committed to discussions with King Hussein and I see him as a very important partner," he told Knesset reporters October 8. Nevertheless, the prime minister's political adviser was expected to be dispatched to Amman last week for talks with Jordanian officials. And the state of relations was to be discussed by senior Cabinet ministers and at the Foreign Ministry.

In an interview with the newspaper *A-Shaqr Al-Awsai*, King Hussein warned of dire consequences if Netanyahu failed to uphold Israel's signed agreements. "These agreements are sacred," he said. Violating them "will lead us right back to all the doubts, suspicions and fears we thought we had left behind."

Hussein alluded to the 1991 Gulf War, when Netanyahu, as deputy foreign minister, was interviewed on television wearing a gas mask, as protective gear against a possible Iraqi chemical weapons attack.

"If we don't proceed vigorously forward in attaining a comprehensive peace in the region, the danger is there for all sorts of things to happen," he said, including "reliving the experiences" when Netanyahu "had to don his gas mask." Jordan also complained to Israel over the opening of a second entrance to a Hasmonaean tunnel in Jerusalem, which prompted the violent clashes in the territories earlier this month.

Citing the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, which acknowledges the Hashemite kingdom's special role with regard to the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, the complaint said Israel should have consulted Jordan before taking any steps.

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Rabbi Deborah Schloss, Shaarey Zedek's new assistant rabbi stands in front of shelves in her office, filled with some of the books on Jewish religion and heritage she brought with her to Winnipeg: "I feel comfortable here," she said, after nearly two months in this city.

City's first female Conservative rabbi offers creative approach

Deborah Schloss Shaarey Zedek's assistant rabbi since August

By MATT BELLAN

On a Saturday in late September, Rabbi Deborah Schloss stood on the banks of the Assiniboine River near Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, leading a group of children in a special Rosh Hashanah tashlich service.

Tashlich is a centuries-old ceremony, symbolizing a casting off of sins, explained the kippah-clad young rabbi.

"For the sin of procrastination, we throw stale bread," Schloss had the synagogue's Junior Congregation members intone, as they flung the small pieces of bread into the water.

"For the sin of moping around when we could have been more cheerful, we throw sourdough bread."

Then, Schloss had the children improvise: "For the sin of ___," they chanted, filling in the blanks, "we throw ___ bread."

That creative, child-tailored approach to an otherwise sombre ceremony offered a hint at the outlook of Shaarey Zedek Synagogue's new assistant rabbi.

"What attracts me to the Conservative Judaism movement is the blend of modernity and tradition," Schloss said in an interview in her book-lined office at the synagogue last week, nearly two months after starting her job here.

Schloss is the first female rabbi to be hired by a Winnipeg Conservative synagogue. Tracy Kliks, the city's first female rabbi, served for several years in the mid-1980s as spiritual leader of Temple Shalom, the local Reform synagogue.

BORN AND RAISED IN CONNECTICUT

Born in Fairfield, Connecticut, the new assistant rabbi at Winnipeg's biggest synagogue is in her 30s. She went to a Hebrew school and a Jewish Sunday School in Fairfield, Connecticut, and attended a Reform temple in a suburb of that city with the

rest of her family.

Schloss is cheerful and laughs often and easily. But her years of post-high school studies hint at her intellectual depth and varied interests. She took an undergraduate degree at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, majoring in psychology and minoring in legal studies, and took other courses including Judaic studies.

A semester studying at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem before her final year at Brandeis increased her interest in her religion and heritage, and in the idea of becoming a rabbi.

"There I experienced Judaism in a way I didn't have the opportunity to do beforehand," Schloss recalled. "I came face to face with my heritage - not just reading and hearing about it, but confronting my history and the history of my ancestors."

At that point, she considered eventually going to rabbinical school, but wasn't sure. "I knew I wanted to work in the Jewish community."

Among other career options, Schloss was considering getting involved in Jewish community relations, public relations, psychology or other work with a Jewish connection.

She then pursued a double Masters degree in Los Angeles in public administration and Jewish communal service - a joint program of the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California.

From there, she decided to enroll in the Jewish Theological Seminary - the Conservative Judaism movement's training school for rabbis. Besides the blend of modern and traditional, Conservative Judaism's "intellectual rigor" and "theology" appealed to her, she said.

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