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DENNY McLAIN NAMED GM

MEMPHIS--Dennis D. 'Denny' McLain, former American League Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Award winner, has been named general manager of the Memphis Blues, AAA International League affiliate of the Montreal Expos, it was announced today.

McLain, 31, pitched in the major leagues for nine seasons, hurling for the Detroit Tigers from 1964-70, the Washington Senators in 1971, and the Oakland A's and Atlanta Braves in 1972.

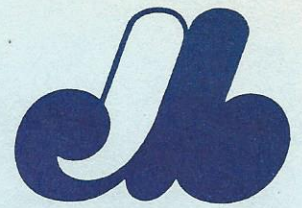
In making the announcement, Blues President Dr. Bernard Kraus said, "The Blues are very pleased to have Denny as general manager. We feel he will add something which has been missing from our general manager's office, namely an enthusiastic attitude and desire to get the people of this community to see Blues baseball."

McLain, who won MVP laurels in 1968 and the Cy Young Award in 1968 and 1969 while pitching for Detroit, moved into radio-TV upon completing his major league career in 1973. He served as host for two radio shows and a television show in Detroit five nights a week for two years, and also was director of TV sales for All American Media, Inc. of Detroit.

"I am thoroughly excited about my being here," said McLain, "because baseball belongs in Memphis and is here to stay. If we can get people to realize how valuable baseball can be to a community, especially this one, then we will have succeeded. This can be a major league city one day, having all major sports. It can be what Atlanta has tried to be."

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The former three-time 20-game winner spent 1975 as a play-by-play announcer for the Iowa Oaks, AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros in the American Association, and also served in radio sales and promotion.

"The Blues are now a community-owned enterprise," Dr. Kraus emphasized, and McLain continued, "and we will be calling on everyone at his door to get the support it needs."

McLain, the last major league pitcher to win as many as 30 games in a season (31-6 in 1968), is married to the former Sharyn Alice Boudreau, the daughter of Lou Boudreau, former A.L. MVP winner and now a play-by-play announcer for the Chicago Cubs.

They have four children, Kristin, age 9, Dennis 7, Timothy 6, and Michelle 3.

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