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Sidekicks must be sold by July 11.

DALLAS (AP) — A group wanting to buy the Dallas Sidekicks was given a 30-day deadline Thursday to finalize a deal with owner Donald Carter, who wants to sell the Major Indoor Soccer League club.
 According to an agreement approved by the MISL's board of directors, a group headed by oilman Jim Graham has an option through July 11 to purchase the team, provided the buyers can meet Carter's terms.
 Carter has been negotiating with Graham's group to sell the franchise, which reported \$5 million in losses over its first two years of operation. The club announced Monday that it would fold after negotiations reached a standstill but talks resumed later in the week.
 "He (Carter) has given that option to Jim Graham and his associates," said Sidekicks' General Manager Ron Adkins. "They will now take this challenge and try to make it work for us. It's time for us to go on with the championship team that should be in Dallas."

When Carter put the team up for sale on April 23, he said buyers would have to agree to put up a \$2.5 million line of credit, keep the team in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and give Adkins and Coach Gordon Jago 10 percent stakes in the club.
 According to the agreement approved Thursday, the purchasers will put up a \$1 million line of credit and will deposit \$250,000 with the league, Graham said.
 "Now our challenge is to take all the positives and get rid of the negatives and move forward," Graham said.
 Graham said his group, which also includes investment banker Stan Finney and Jan Rogers, daughter-in-law of Mary Kay Cosmetics founder Mary Kay Ash, hopes to have the deal finalized by June 30.
 The Sidekicks, who made the MISL playoffs last season while averaging 7,700 fans per game at Reunion Arena, began play with the 1984-85 season. The club was formed after Carter purchased the New Jersey Rockets in 1983.

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Cubs dismiss manager Frey 'for good of the team, fans'

CHICAGO (AP) — Jim Frey, who two years ago guided the Chicago Cubs to their first title since 1945, was dismissed Thursday as manager.
 "I think he did everything in his power to help the players and the organization get back on the winning track. Unfortunately, in my opinion whatever he was doing at this stage of the game wasn't getting the job done," club President Dallas Green said at a Wrigley Field news conference.
 "It's something I'm very disheartened by," Frey said. "I wanted to stay here a long time. I wanted to stay here and win."
 The decision to release Frey followed a disastrous road trip — seven losses in 10 games.
 "For the good of the baseball team and for the good of the fans, we had to make a change," Green said.

"The baseball players know how I feel about this change — I'm not very happy about it. And I told them in no uncertain terms how I feel they contributed to it," Green said.
 Green said he was looking for a permanent replacement and had several possibilities in mind, but declined to identify any of them.
 He said first-base coach John Vukovich will handle the managerial duties Friday, when the Cubs open a home stand against the St. Louis Cardinals, but would not say whether Vukovich would stay on the job beyond that.
 "I don't like the word interim. I'd prefer to call him my manager. I told you he's managing tomorrow and that's good enough," Green said.
 The Cubs also released third-base coach Don Zimmer, a close friend of Frey's.

Green said he will never forget what Frey did for the Cubs in leading them to the National League East pennant in 1984, "and I don't think anybody in Chicago should forget it."
 For his leadership, Frey was named 1984 Manager of the Year by The Associated Press.
 Frey, 55, said he had no inkling he would be fired until he was called into Green's office Thursday.
 Green "didn't really give any reason other than the performance of the team, and I don't think you really need any reason other than that," Frey told WBBM-AM radio.
 The team was 23-33 this year, in fifth place, 16½ games behind the division-leading New York Mets.
 In Frey's first season with the team, the Cubs won the NL East title with a 96-65 record but lost the pennant to the San Diego Padres in five games.

Special dove season may be revived

AUSTIN (AP) — State wildlife officials are proposing to reinstate the special four-day white-winged dove season this September because of increasing whitewing populations in the lower Rio Grande Valley.
 Last year's season was cancelled after surveys indicated the December 1985 freeze had severely reduced nesting habitat in the valley.
 But the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife said Wednesday that proposed dates for a special white-winged dove season are Sept. 6-7 and Sept. 13-14.
 The Parks and Wildlife Commission will adopt hunting seasons and bag limits for doves, teal, rails and gallinules on July 24, officials said.
 Ron George, dove program leader for the department, said surveys during May indicated that some 472,000 whitewings were nesting in the Rio Grande Valley.
 "This represents a 31 percent increase over last year and is only 3.8 percent below the 10-year average," George said.

Paris swinger

Texan fulfilled dream of major leagues despite not playing high school baseball

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — As a schoolboy living in the North Texas town of Paris, Eddie Robinson was intent on becoming a major league baseball player, even though his high school team didn't play baseball.
 "I played football and basketball and came out for track because they needed bodies," he said.
 He had to rely upon semi-pro ball to attract major league scouts.
 "I got five bucks a game for playing semi-pro ball in Sulphur Springs one season, and I would hitchhike to and from the games," he said.
 Robinson was in Sulphur Springs recently to speak at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club. Naturally, topping the day's menu was baseball conversation, covering his major league career that spanned 13 seasons with eight teams.
 Although Robinson's batting credentials pale compared to some other Texas-bred major leaguers such as Rogers Hornsby, Tris Speaker, Frank Robinson, Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews, he is knocking on the door of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.
 Although his career batting average was only .268, Robinson put

together some red-letter days as a homerun hitter. The left-handed swinging first baseman hit the last of his 172 big league homers in 1957 as a member of the Cleveland Indians. Oddly enough, Robinson had hit his first round-tripper while wearing Cleveland flannels in 1946.
 There were plenty of ups and downs in between for Robinson, whose career was interrupted by a stint in the Navy during World War II. A leg operation for removal of a tumor also slowed things.
 Doctors told Robinson he would never play baseball again, he said, but he had different ideas.
 As one of the big sticks on the Chicago White Sox teams of the early 1950s, Robinson surpassed the 100 RBI mark for three straight seasons, beginning in 1951, when he batted 29 homers and drove in 117 runs. The 29 home runs stood as a club record for left-handed hitters until 1977, when Oscar Gamble hit 31 homers for the White Sox.
 His finest hour, Robinson said, was with the world champion Indians in 1948.
 "I hit three home runs in a doubleheader against the Yankees that year

before 85,000 fans in Cleveland," he recalled. "My second home run in the first game came in the 10th inning to win the game. My third homer came in the sixth inning of the second game to tie the score, and we went on to win the game, 2-1."
 After bowing out as a player in 1957, Robinson hooked on with the Orioles as the club's farm director and director of player procurement. He became general manager of the Atlanta Braves in 1972, and four years later was named executive vice president of the Texas Rangers. Robinson now heads a baseball consulting firm in Arlington.
 He works for the Houston Astros and the Minnesota Twins in this role.
 "I get a lot of calls wanting my opinion on certain players when trade talk comes up," Robinson said. He also works on arbitration cases during the winter months.
 Asked about his future plans, Robinson said, "I'll knock on wood, but I've never been out of baseball since I retired as a player and I hope to remain in the game."

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