

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

## The Battle Rages

**DETROIT** Red Wings play at Chicago Stadium tonight and tomorrow night. Sid Abel and his band back in sole possession of fourth place.

The Detroiters gained a point on the New York Rangers over the weekend grabbing two points from the one game they played, while Rangers could only garner one tie in two engagements with Canadiens and Maple Leafs.

After tonight's battle, each team will have played an identical number of games—53. Rangers invade Boston Gardens Thursday night for a tussle and of course many folks will figure this should be an easy one. However, the Bruins hang a real kick on the Canadiens Sunday night and last week boldly strode into the Motor City and shellacked the plucky Canadiens 4-0. You can be sure the Bruins will try desperately to do the same to the Rangers Thursday night and prove they are playing no favorites.

Red Wings' next action is Saturday night at Toronto. Here the Bruins haven't enjoyed much success but neither did the Chicago Black Hawks until last Saturday. Strokes are bound to terminate sooner or later and Red Wings and their supporters are hoping the Toronto job will shatter this coming Saturday night.

Sunday is most likely to see the thing still undecided, and both teams are at home where the crowds will be roaring for them. The Wings put out the welcome mat for Montreal Canadiens and Rangers play host to Chicago Black Hawks.

## Other Excitement

**THE RACE** between Hull and Balthage and the spurt of Bobby toward the 50-goal mark are about the only other things that will make this first week interesting. Of week interest, Jacques Plante didn't exactly clinch the Vezina trophy yet but he holds a handsome nine-point spread over Toronto's Johnny Rover.

Canadians, Maple Leafs and Black Hawks are deeply entrenched in first, second and third positions. Hawks will definitely stay in contention in the semifinals but Leafs must wait a few days to learn who their opponent will be. If Detroit edges in there, the semi-final picture will be the same as a year ago. If New York makes the grade, they will be looking for Wings' place and hoping they can do to Toronto, what Detroit was able to do a year ago.

## Local Intermediates

**LOCAL** hockey fans will see action galore at the Sports Arena tonight when Hampshire Bulldogs and Paradise Flyers tangle in an intermediate MASHA tussle at 8:15 sharp.

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## With the Ramblers

**MARITIME** hockey fans are hoping for Amherst to take the series from Montreal Olympics and come back to the Maritimes to enter the Ottawa District winner. If this comes about, it would mean that great crowds would watch the Maritime champion in a final game and they can bounce back and go on to meet O'Leary Maroons for the provincial MASHA crown. Bulldogs will be strengthened by some players from Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs.

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## An Explanation

**WE HAVE** received a letter signed by Gerald Hill, alternate captain of the Freeport Flyers. It deals with a misunderstanding which arose concerning a recent report of his team's operations.

We are merely attempting to give Mr. Hill's version of the episode in this explanation. He states that the form 'semi-finals' has been used in connection with his team's action with North Carolina Combines. Mr. Hill states that his team beat North Carolina Combines 4-3 and 2-1 in the semifinals. He insists that his Flyers defeated New Amman Beavers 9-0 and 5-4 at Civic Stadium in two games with a total score of 14-4.

We make this reference because the letter received under the signature of Mr. Hill.

## M. Harbour Holds Shoot

**THE FOLLOWING** are the results of the weekly shoot held in the Murray Harbour Rifle Range on Friday, March 16.

Mary Lea and James Gordon finished with the same score but Mary Lea had the higher average.

Bruce Gormley and Randall Richards also had the same score with Bruce Gormley with the higher average.

Mary Lea 97  
James Gordon 97  
Bruce Gormley 95  
Randall Richards 95  
John Goshoe 95  
Fred Williams 95  
Chesler Irving 89  
Crilly Lea 86  
Bert MacLeod 86  
Wayne Harris 86  
Derrill McClure 84  
Betty MacDonaid 84  
Alden Gordon 83  
D.M. MacKinnon 82  
Jim Jordan 82

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## Montague Cops Hoop Opener

**MONTAGUE** — Montague Sou'rs High 52-44 yesterday afternoon at Montague in the first of a two game total points basketball series. The final game will be played Wednesday at Sou'rs and the winners will meet Summerside High in tournament on Saturday.

Steve Clarkson and Bob Baltham starred for Montague in point-getting while rebound artist Alfred Stewart was the best Montague player on the floor.

Point getters for Sou'rs were: A. Cheverie 4, E. Aorn, 1; Plus Fitzpatrick 1.

Montague point getters were: B. Baltham 12; S. Clarkson 14; G. Doyle 4; J. Cain 3; D. Balsey 7; M. Martin 2; E. Ellisworth 2; K. MacDonald 3; B. Stewart 7.

## TO INCREASE FORCE

**SAIGON (AP)**—The United States tentatively plans to have a force of 7,000 U.S. servicemen in South Viet Nam within one year, a qualified source said Sunday. The source said U.S. forces here now is estimated at close to 5,000.



## WORLD SKATING CHAMPS

**TOP** skaters in last night's ice dancing contest of the world skating championships take their places on winner's stand in Prague, Czechoslovakia after the competition. Winners, centre, are Eva and Tavel Romanov. Third place winners, left, Canadian Bill MacLachlan and Virginia Thompson. Christiane and Jean Hugel of France, right, placed second. (AP Wirephoto)

## Shantz Hopes To Remain Pitching In Major Leagues

**APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz.** (AP)—The last time baseball's batting champion, pitcher Bobby Shantz burlled a season opener was the day he threw out a shoulder for the old Philadelphia A's in 1954.

Many things have happened since then to the spunky 150-pounder, who twice has been plunked into player pools in both the American and National League seasons.

The next—and not most improbable—thing would be for 38-year-old Bobby, a 24-game winner for the A's exactly a decade ago, to hurt the season opener for the new Houston Oilers.

There is a lot of uncertainty in the Colt camp, but none of it involves the desire of this 23-season major league veteran to play ball.

"Sure, I'd like to be a starter," Shantz said Monday. "But I don't care whether I start, whether I'm a long reliever or a short reliever, I just want to play in the big leagues."

**WAYS OFF RELIEF**

Shantz was the first Colt pitcher to go six innings in spring training, a stint he did in two-hit fashion against the Boston Red Sox March 16. He was rained on the head of his glove hand by a shot of 268-pound Red Sox catcher John Tillman's bat in the second inning. The ball rebounded clear to the first-base dugout. But Bobby, though pained, waved off relief.

Then, when he finished his six-

# Many Things Are Changed For Campy Since Injury

By BERNARD GATZER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The big barrel-chested man sat at the head of the table for five months. Campy fought despair. The big man sat motionless. Then they remembered. One diner reached over, freed lobster from its shell and cut it in small pieces for him. Another took a soup spoon and alligned the man's limp fingers through a loop fixed to the handle.

"That's good," said Roy Campanella.

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## CURLING DRAW

The following is the curling draw for Tuesday at the Charlottetown Club.

**7 P.M. Pairs Competition**

Joe L-J. Cameron, H. Bartlett, A. Garrett, H. Purdy vs. H. H. Trainer, J. MacDonald, S. Lavera, A. Brace

Joe L-J. Jones, Dr. Roberts, B. Cook, G. Williams vs. E. Matheson, D. McLennan, K. Kennedy, C. Downe

Joe J. — A.A. MacLeod, Dr. Drysdale, F. Miles, G. Dunbar vs. I. Home, C. Whittecutt, L. Love, B. LePage

Joe L-J. — A. Ragnall, Dr. Cox, H. Smith, V. Newson vs. O.K. Pressby, J. Cooke, Joe Zakem, J. McCarron

Joe L-J. — L. Turner, Dr. Kelly, J. Regan, J. Vastour vs. D. Matheson, B. Veinot, J.S. Taylor, Bus Jones

**8:30 P.M. Mixed Curling**

Joe L — Old Spain — B. O'Rourke, P. Connolly, G. MacLachlan, F. Sampson vs. C. Dowling, L. Vessey, B. LePage, Dr. Irwin

Joe L — W. MacLachlan, V. A. Drew, — L. Shaw vs. D. Cameron, M. Toole, J. McGregor, E. Gosh.

Joe J — Dr. Giddings, M. Jones, B. MacKenzie, E. Hanahan vs. D. Woonacott, G. Mackay, J. Cameron, K. Duffy

Joe L — J. C. Storey, D. Saunders, P. Saunders vs. B. Leclair, H. MacKenzie, B. MacGregor, D. Leclair

Joe L — K. Ewing, G. Carruthers, M. Kennedy, T. Roper vs. Dr. Gallant, I. Gallant, F. Hansen, G. Hansen

## LIFELESS HANDS

As he sits in his wheelchair and talks, he goes through an unconscious ritual, constantly trying to work muscles. The left shoulder shrugs forward, then the right. But the hands are lifeless, without grip.

When his car skidded Jan. 28, 1958, on a hilly, curvy lane near his home and hit a telephone pole, Campy tried to reach the ignition key and contact. He knew he was paralyzed.

"Oh, Lord, have mercy on me," he had said.

But a man has to do his part, too.

"When something had happened, I try not to fight it too much," Campy says. "You can hurt yourself too much. It goes

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