

# Stresses Importance Of "Checking" In Baseball

By GAYLE TALBOT  
PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 28 — (AP) — One of the never ending wonders of the game of baseball is the fact that you are always learning something about the complicated pastime that you didn't know before. Take the business of "checking." We are indebted to Frank Shellenback, one of the New York Giants' three coaches, for a tidy essay on this extremely important topic. Ever wonder how those managerial assistants you see wandering around out there earn their pay?

"When we're not doing anything else, it's a good bet that we're checking on somebody — either one of our own players or a fellow on the other side," Shellenback said.

"We start checking our pitchers especially right now in spring training. Even during the off-season, without knowing it, they might have picked up some little habit that is a complete tip-off on what they're going to throw. All the other side needs to know is whether it's going to be a fast ball or a curve."

"We sit there and study every little move our pitcher makes, check every mannerism from the time he gets the ball from the catcher un-

til he delivers it. All of a sudden, something will click. One of us will see he's doing something he didn't do before.

"It's not just the pitchers we check. We've got to watch the catcher and the shortstop and second-baseman, especially. There was one catcher — I won't name him — who had a long and successful big league career, and yet we and every other team in the league knew whether he had called for a fast ball or a curve every time by the way he set himself. I don't suppose he knows it to this day.

"Our infielders, we check them to see if they're swaying. They can see the catcher's sign, of course, and so they know what the pitch will be. When we see a batter on the other team lean into a curve as though he owned it, we know something's wrong. Somebody's tipping him.

"So we check, and sure enough, we'll see that one of our infielders is swaying just a little bit in the direction the ball figures to be hit. That is, if it's a curve breaking in a left-handed batter, it figures to be hit to right field, so our second baseman is anticipating it. That's all a smart batter needs."

# Boxer Jack Sharkey An Expert Fly-Caster

NEW YORK — (AP) — In about a month the ice will be out of Maine's lakes and streams and Jack Sharkey will head for Lake Sebago to renew his acquaintance with a lot of fish.

"Anyone who loves the outdoors will never get in trouble," says the big guy who lifted the world heavyweight boxing crown from Germany's Max Schmeling 20 years ago June 21.

Sharkey, born Joseph Paul Zukauskas in Binghamton, N. Y., is one of the attractions at the annual national sportsmen's show.

"What does he do?"

"I appear twice a day at the water tank (a big portable affair the size of a swimming pool) and do some fly-casting.

"Then I flick a cigarette out of a guy's mouth 60 feet away."

Sharkey's nearing 50, but still looks as if he could flatten many of the pugilists masquerading as heavyweights these days.

"I've been fishing practically all my life, but didn't start fly casting until 1926," he says.

How long does it take to learn how to flick cigarettes out of people's mouths?

"Look, pal, I can still take lessons there."

Sharkey spends January, February and March each year on the sportsmen's show circuit. The rest of the time it's up in the woods with rod and reel.

"Sebago, Moosehead, then up to Nova Scotia for some trout, and over to New Brunswick for the salmon. I used to spend a small fortune to do what they pay me to do now."

"And you don't get punched on the chin in this business," he added.

# Canadiens Eke Out Win Over Wings

MONTREAL, Feb. 28 — (CP) — Montreal Canadiens defeated Detroit Red Wings 3-2 tonight in a rugged National Hockey League game with four of the goals crammed into the final razzle-dazzle period.

A crowd of 14,598 saw their hometown favorites set up a lead late in the game and there was plenty of bouncing and bumping.

The victory lifted Canadiens out of a second-place tie with Toronto Maple Leafs but left them still 17 points behind the leading Red Wings.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period  
1—Montreal, St. Laurent 18:25  
Penalties — Lindsay 16:22, Leswick 17:30, Moore 17:30  
Second Period  
Scoring — None  
Penalties — Skov 4:03, Meyer 16:42  
Third Period  
2—Detroit, Prystal 10:53  
3—Detroit, Abel 11:23 (Howe, Kelly)  
4—Montreal, Moore (Lach) 13:20  
5—Montreal, Meger (Geoffrion, Bouchard) 16:30  
Penalties — Olmstead 10:12, Wolt 13:26, Lach 13:26  
Stats: Sawchuk 14 10 9-33  
McNeil 9 8 12-29

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# Rovers Defeat Anchors 12-8 To Increase Lead In City Hockey League

Jackie Kane's Rovers tightened their grip on first place in the City Hockey League last night by defeating the Anchors 12-8 in a free scoring game at the Forum.

Cecil "Bubby" Dowling led the Rovers to victory with five goals, four of them in the first period. Ted Strain fired two goals, Art Perry, Hollis Jay, Jack Ready, James MacGregor and Bill Ledwell scored one.

Defenceman Joe Coyle scored two goals for the losers and single Anchors goals were potted by Clee Gillis, Merle Longaphie, Keith Dalziel, Howard Glover, Robert Burke and Wendall Burke.

The Rovers skated into a 7-2 lead in the first period but were forced to hang on in the latter stages when the Anchors found their skating legs.

Bobby Mills played in the Anchors game, replacing the injured Donnie Simmonds.

Line-ups: Rovers: Strain; defence, Perry, Ready, Purcell; forwards, Dowling, Jay, Ledwell, Howatt, Strain, MacGregor.  
Anchors: Goal, Mills; defence, Coyle, Longaphie, Ready, Field; forwards, Flanagan, Scantlebury, Dalziel, Hurry, MacDonald, R. Burke, Glover, W. Burke, Gillis.  
Officials: Walter Lawlor, Amos Gorvette.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period  
1—Rovers, Jay (Ready).  
2—Rovers, Dowling.  
3—Rovers, Dowling.  
4—Anchors, Gillis (MacDonald).  
5—Rovers, Dowling (Jay).  
6—Rovers, Dowling (Jay, Ledwell).  
7—Rovers, Perry (Ledwell).  
8—Anchors, Longaphie (Hurry).  
9—Rovers, Strain (MacGregor).  
Penalty: Ready.  
Second Period  
10—Anchors, Dalziel.  
11—Anchors, Glover (Dalziel, Flanagan).  
12—Rovers, Dowling.  
13—Anchors, Coyle.  
Penalty: Coyle.  
Third Period  
14—Rovers, Howatt (Strain).  
15—Rovers, Strain (Perry).  
16—Anchors, R. Burke (Hurry, Scantlebury).  
17—Rovers, MacGregor (Perry).  
18—Anchors, W. Burke (Gillis, MacDonald).  
19—Rovers, Ledwell (Dowling).  
20—Anchors, Coyle (Scantlebury).  
Penalty: J. Ready.

# Spring Training Camp Briefs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 28 — (AP) — Yogi Berra, the most valuable player in the American League last year, came up with a prediction today—his New York Yankees are going to win the pennant again this year even without Joe DiMaggio.

"We needed Joe last season," said the Yankees' catcher. "He was an inspiration and still a great player. But I believe we're going to make it without him now. Why? Because we're going to have a pitching staff that isn't going to get tired. I figure we'll have seven starters."

Yogi listed Vic Raschi, Allie Reynolds, Ed Lopat, Tom Morgan, Jim McDonald, Johnny Sain and Bob Kuzava, with the notation that the last two probably would be used mostly in relief.

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 28 — (AP) — Hampered by a soggy diamond all this week, manager Lou Boudreau today hoped to put his 24 Boston Red Sox pitchers to work. He fears several of them have become slightly rusty.

Boudreau planned to have all of them throwing in batting practice during the remainder of the week.

# New Glasgow Defeats Truro 3-1

TRURO, N. S., Feb. 28 — (CP) — New Glasgow Rangers showed their scoring punch tonight to defeat Truro Beavers 3-1 and take a healthy 3-1 lead in their A. P. C. best-of-seven senior hockey league finals.

U. N. B. Defeats S. D. U. 9-3

# Hawks & Rangers Play 2-2 Draw

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 — (CP) — The National Hockey League's last-place Chicago Black Hawks scored twice in the third period tonight to get a 2-2 tie with New York Rangers.

The deadlock increased the Rangers' hold on fourth place to two full games over Boston Bruins, idle tonight.

After New York had scored once in each of the first two periods on a Chicago team that was short-handed both times, the Hawks came back with a closing surge for the knot. Gus Bodnar, off a pass from Bill Mosenko, counted at 6:28 and then at 15:34, the rookie combination of Sid Finney, (Seve Wittuk and Fred Hucul produced the tying score. Finney rapped it past goalie Emile Francis.

Clare Raglan was sitting out a tripping penalty when the Rangers scored their first period goal. It came at 10:19 with Ed Slowinski converting the pass of a carry by Jim Conacher and Raleigh into the Chicago zone.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period  
1—New York, Slowinski (J. Conacher, Raleigh) .. 10:19  
Penalty — Raglan.  
Second Period  
2—New York, Raleigh (Stewart, Kraftcheck) .. 15:11  
Penalty — Gadsby.  
Third Period  
3—Chicago, Bodnar (Mosenko) ..... 6:28  
4—Chicago, Finney (Wittuk, Hucul) ..... 15:34  
Penalties — None.

## FORUM EVENTS — Feb. 25 to Mar. 1

MONDAY — CHILDREN'S SKATING ..... 4 to 5:30  
GARRISON NIGHT.

TUESDAY — HOCKEY — SYDNEY — 8:30.

WEDNESDAY — SCHOOL HOCKEY ..... 7:30  
QUEEN SQUARE vs. PRINCE STREET

THURSDAY — HOCKEY — GLACE BAY.

FRIDAY — SCHOOL HOCKEY — P. S. S. vs. W. K. S. .... 7:30

SATURDAY — SKATING ..... 2:30 to 4:30  
PHYSICAL FITNESS.

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# W. K. S. Girls Defeats P.S.S. 2-1

The West Kent School Girls defeated the Prince Street Girls 2-1 last night in an exhibition game played at the Forum. E. Smith and B. Hamm scored for West Kent and each assisted on the other's goal. B. Shepherd scored for Prince Street.

# Boston Braves Have Flashy Rookie Crop

BRADENTON, Fla., Feb. 28 — Tommy Holmes is cooking up an answer to the fans' lament about the "same old faces" on the Boston Braves.

Owner Lou Perini, general manager John Quinn and Holmes rate the current rookie crop the best in the history of their farm system.

"These fellows have the winning habit," said Holmes. "Milwaukee won the pennant by nine games and then took Montreal in the Little World Series. Most of them are in camp."

The Braves harvested young Chet Nichols from Milwaukee last spring. The kid lefthander stood the league on its ear to win the earned run title. There may be more of the same in the '52 crop.

# Red Rolfe In Good Health

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 28 — (AP) — That emergency appendicitis operation a couple of weeks ago may have made a new man of Detroit Tiger manager Red Rolfe.

For years Red has been plagued by frequent attacks of colitis, or intestinal inflammation. But, arriving at Detroit spring training camp yesterday, the Bengal boss said his doctor told him the appendix may have been his trouble all along.

"If that's true," he said, "I'm going to be a new man. I'm eating like I never used to."

# Marty Marion Prepares For Season With Browns

BURBANK, Calif., Feb. 28 — (AP) — Marty Marion, a hero in St. Louis when he starred as "Mr. Shortstop" for 11 years with the Cardinals, put on the uniform of the rival St. Louis Browns for the first time today and declared he intends to wear it as a player in 100 or more games this year. He is listed on the Browns' roster as a coach.

"Sure, I'm out to play," said Marty. "If I can't play 100 games I won't be worth much to the Browns. I think I can go in 125, 130 games. Maybe more."

What about his year-long non-active status as manager of the Cardinals last year?

Said Roger Hornsby, the new Browns manager: "Did him good. But ask Marty."

"As a matter of fact, it did," Marion agreed. "You know my knee, the right one, was what kept me out last year."

"But I played basketball all winter and it held up fine. I worked hard for this new job. I think I gave it a pretty good test."

Marty added that an old back ailment might force him to pull up and rest a day or so during the campaign. "But the knee seems okay," he said.

Marion's flawless shortstopping and his eternal spirit earned him the title of "Mr. Shortstop."

"I think I've got a couple of more good years of play left in me," he says. "And moving over into the American League, with new faces, new parks, new cities, I think it's great. A big challenge. Honest, I'm really enthused about my well, shall we say, my 'comeback'."

Marion, it is understood, signed an unusual coach-player. He'll be paid a certain sum for coaching. If he plays a certain number of games, he'll get double the salary.

# DiMag Picks Woodling In Centre

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 — (AP) — Joe DiMaggio, who came to town to sign another lucrative television contract, put a finger on Gene Woodling today as the man probably best qualified to fill his old centrefield spot with New York Yankees.

"Woodling is the best fielder of the lot," the Yankee Clipper said. "He is fast and can cover the ground. The only problem would be his arm."

DiMaggio, lean and tanned after a winter on the Pacific Coast, talked baseball while putting his name on a new contract.

He signed for a 15-minute series over NBC to be known as "Joe DiMaggio's Dugout." It will be aimed at teaching the fundamentals of the game to youngsters.

DiMaggio already has signed to do commentary on Yankee games at a reported \$50,000-a-year figure. His new job will net him about as much.

# Storm Postpones Two MMHL Games

HALIFAX, Feb. 28 — (CP) — Both Maritime Major Hockey League games scheduled for tonight have been postponed because of storm conditions.

Glace Bay Miners were slated to play at Charlottetown and Moncton Hawks and Halifax St. Mary's were to battle at Dartmouth.

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