

**Sharp Wit  
Not Dulled  
By Illness**

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MONTREAL (CP)—Dick Irvin, veteran National Hockey League coach, hasn't let a long siege of illness dull his sharp wit.

Irvin has found much to intrigue him while propped up in bed at Ross Memorial Hospital.

"What do you know about this," he said. "They gave me blood transfusions. Then they wanted samples of my blood so they turned around and drew it all off again."

Irvin entered hospital a couple of weeks ago. He is undergoing treatment for anemia and has had a minor operation. More recently he has shown improvement. He is anxious to "get walking again."

Irvin has renewed his interest in what is going on in the hockey world. He still thinks Maurice "Rocket" Richard of Montreal Canadiens "is a marvel."

It's almost unbelievable the way the Rocket is still scoring at 35 years of age," said the man who coached Canadiens for 15 seasons.

Before that stretch with Canadiens, Irvin coached Toronto Maple Leafs through nine campaigns. He took over the Chicago Black Hawks at the start of the 1955-56 season. Illness finally forced him to give up.

Irvin was particularly pleased with the way Eddie Litzemberger of the Hawks has been scoring.

**VASKO GOOD PROSPECT**  
"The season I had him he was having all kinds of tough luck," said Irvin. "Many times when he was in scoring position the puck would hop over his stick when it came to him. There were lots of times, too, when his shots zoomed off the goal post."

Irvin thinks rookie defenceman Wilmer Vasko is a good prospect but he would be better if he can instill a little more fight into his play.

What irks the 64-year-old coach is that this is the first time—outside of hockey injuries—he has been laid up since he had his tonsils yanked out when a youngster.

"It was a big day at our home. My two brothers and I were laid out on the dining room table, given an anesthetic and out came the tonsils."

"The doctors nowadays are just as anxious to get busy operating. When they wheeled me off the other day for my operation all I could see was a bunch of people in white, all standing around like cultures."

Irvin has also been intrigued with the number of new Canadians on the hospital. It didn't take Dick long to give the hospital a name: "DP Hill."

**Drobowsky Looking For 20 Games**  
By JERRY LISKA  
MESA, Ariz. (AP)—Although he had only a 2-4 record as a Chicago Cub pitcher last season, 21-year-old Moe Drobowsky said Monday he would like to set a 20-victory goal this year.

"It's good to set a target and I want to set a good one," said the Polish-born righthander, who takes an academic approach to baseball as well as his interrupted studies at Trinity College of Hartford, Conn.

"Twenty games is a lot to win," said Moe.

"But it's something worthwhile to shoot at and I'm shooting for it. I'll need all the breaks and all the help I can get, maybe, just to come close."

Drobowsky is tabbed by new Cub manager Bob Schffing to be front line pitcher this summer although Moe's entire major league career is wrapped up in 51 innings pitched for the Cubs last season.

**PLAYED FOR TRURO**  
He pitched for Truro Bearcats in the Halifax and District Baseball League here last summer before Cubs called him up. When he left, Truro was leading or fighting close to league lead. They dropped lower after his departure.

He had a 6-2 record with Truro Bearcats last season, striking out 56 in 67 innings. He gave up 21 runs and 33 hits in starting eight games and completing six. In 1955 he had a 6-3 record with Bearcats.

Drobowsky, a handsome, blond bachelor who may be inducted in the U.S. armed services before the season ends, was the talk of big league baseball last summer as he finished with a 2.47 earned run average.

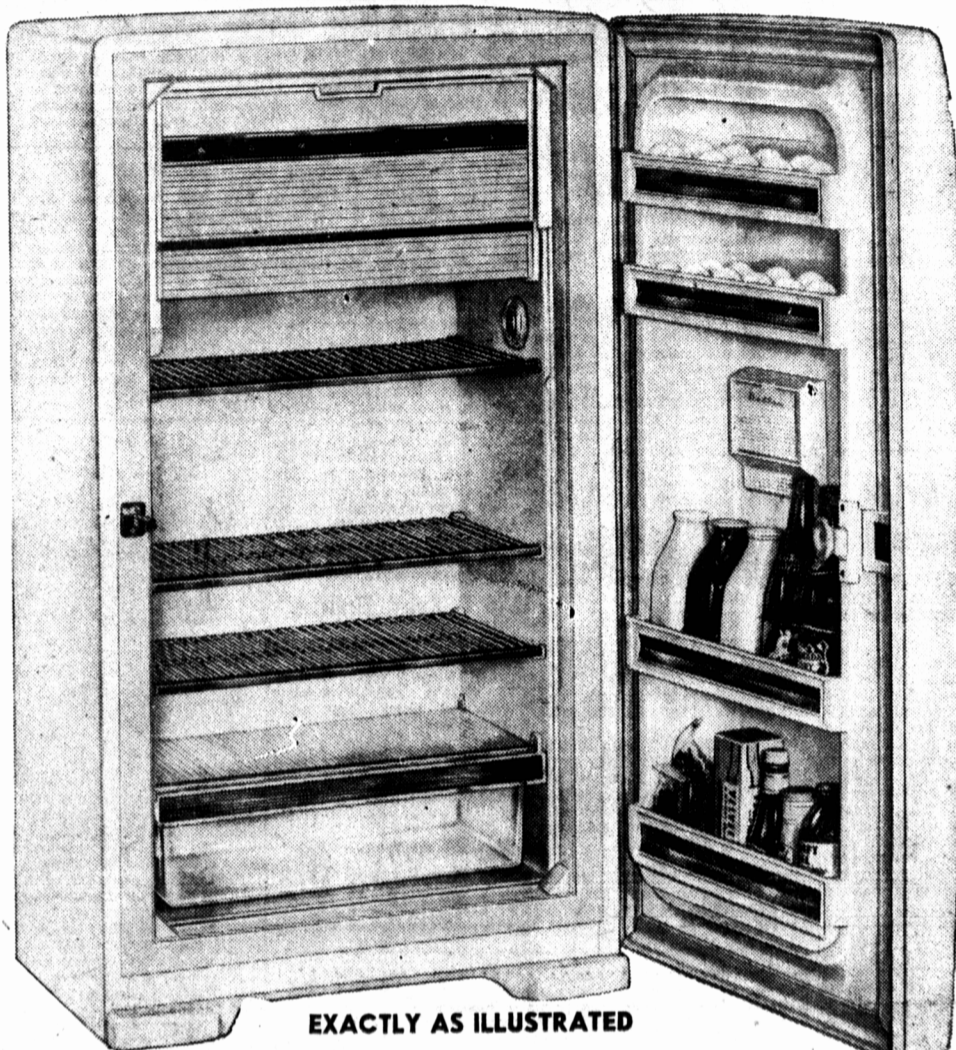
With a fast ball that whistles and a promising curve, Drobowsky had only one poor performance in nine Cub appearances after signing on his 21st birthday last July 21.

Drobowsky's contract allows him to leave again this season to quit the Cubs in September for entrance at Trinity where he tackles the final semester of his quest for a degree in economics.

Moe's two 1955 victories were over St. Louis and St. Paul. He won while his four losses were 7-2 and 2-1 to New York, 2-1 to Cincinnati, and 4-2 to Brooklyn.

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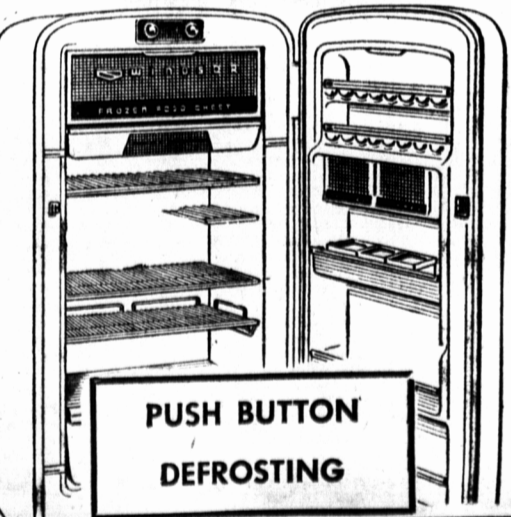
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