

# SPORTS FRONT

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## Those Poor Rangers

NEW YORK Rangers are no longer surprising folks who follow the National Hockey League doings. Earlier this season, the New Yorkers were showing signs of real greatness and in a time it seemed almost a certainty that they were headed for a playoff berth. But the men of Doug Harvey have indeed fallen upon evil days and risk now they are in a slump that seems destined to put them back into fifth place.

After 42 games, the Rangers had amassed 36 points. This was only one better than the Red Wings who had played two games less. Third place Chicago was three points up on the Harveysmen and had played one more contest.

HARVEY started the season with a dash and had the Big-town boys away with a rush. There was great rejoicing early in the campaign when the Rangers, showed signs of challenging the best of them. However the bubble has burst and now the Rangers have a terrific fight on their hands to obtain that last playoff spot.

Andy Bathgate, however, doesn't appear to be affected by the New York slump and he continues to enjoy a comfortable margin over the NHL scoring leaders. Andy's playing has been so good that it has earned him a berth on the all-star squad. However, that's small consolation to Harvey who naturally was hoping for a slice of playoff money in his freshman year as a National Hockey League star.

Of course, Rangers could still make the grade. There are a lot of hockey games to be played yet and the New Yorkers could start showing the form they flash earlier in the season. However, it's a most difficult chase that faces Harvey and his associates and Leafs are far out of reach but there's always the remote possibility that Hawks and Wings will do a first class crutch. Neither team is running up any great win streak and a few flashes of form by the Rangers could be all that's needed.

We, along with just about everybody else, would like to see Rangers make the grade. However, we're not willing to bet a nickel on their chances and honestly we are pretty well convinced the Harveysmen have had it.

## A Night To Remember

Glen Hall will not soon forget that game with Montreal Canadiens Wednesday night in Chicago. It was Hall's 50th consecutive NHL contest and the Hawks' management had a new car driven on the ice and the keys presented to their capable getminder. It was a great moment in Glen's hockey life but the excitement wasn't in league with the Canadiens who were in as good for making Hall's celebration. They came through with one of their best performances of the season and pumped seven goals into the Chicago cage—the greatest number of times Hall has been beaten at home this season.

Glen surely will remember this night for a long time to come. It started out so pleasantly but then those Montrealers went and spoiled what could have been a delightful evening. However, after what happened in the Stanley Cup finals, we wouldn't wonder at the Canadiens' craving most co-operative. They found those Hawks real snafus back in those late days of March and early April. They feel they owe them nothing other than a defeat from here on.

And the Canucks managed to give the Chicago club a most humiliating one Wednesday on the very night Glen Hall was honored.

## Welshmen Present Sports

TONIGHT at The Sports Arena, Prince of Wales College students are staging their annual ice sports and these energetic colleicians have quite a program lined up.



### PUSH BUTTON WARFARE

Jose Gonzales, left of Puerto Rico, gets the range and the button of Kelvin Scott, of Trinidad, with a left uppercut in fourth round of their bout in New York's St. Nicholas Arena. Gonzales, weighing in at 156 pounds, won a split decision over Scott who weighed 152 pounds. (AP Wirephoto)

## Revamped Boston Bruins Down Detroit Wings 5-3

BOSTON (CP-AP) — The revamped Boston Bruins jelled behind Don McKenzie's two goals Thursday night and defeated Detroit Red Wings 5-3 in a National Hockey League contest despite the scoring magic of Gordie Howe.

With newly-recalled goalie Bruce Gamble playing his first NHL game of the season before 8,463 fans, Bruins staged a three-goal second period that provided the margin of victory. Howe notched his 20th goal of the season—marking the 13th consecutive year that the Red Wing center has reached the 20-goal mark. His NHL total now is 489. Howe also set up ex-Bruin Vic Stasiuk for two tables.

McKenzie opened the scoring for Bruins before the contest was three minutes old. Taking a pass from Charlie Burns, he flicked the puck past Detroit goalie Terry Sawchuk. But Detroit bounced into a 2-1 lead on Stasiuk's two markers one of them coming while Red Wings had a man advantage.

Bruins turned on the heat in the second period. John Bucyk clicked for a goal at 3:06. Wayne Connelly made it 3-2 for Boston before the six-minute mark and McKenzie collected his second marker of the night at 14:25. Howe scored with less than a minute left to play in the period to narrow the count to 4-3 but Soliver put the game on ice for Bruins with his goal at 9:16 of the third period.

Sawchuk had a rough night in the Detroit nets. The game was held up in the first period after Dick Meissner fired a shot that smacked Sawchuk in the forehead. Five stitches were needed to close the cut.

In the third period, Sawchuk was knocked out for a moment.

## Curling Draw For Montague

Here is the Montague curling schedule for today (Friday), 7 P. M.

Ice No. 1 — Ken MacKenzie, E. MacLure, B. VanDerKamp, Ken MacDonald, vs. Duke MacDonald, Dave Clarkson, Bob Ferguson, Bert Bryant.

## Bruins Down Bulldogs 7-4

Murray Harbour Bruins defeated visiting Hampshire Bulldogs 7-4 in an exhibition hockey game at Murray Harbour Wednesday night.

# Fired Up Saints Defeat Second Place 'Birds' 7-4

Father Frank Ledwell had his Saints going a terrific clip at the Sports Arena last night as they defeated Old Spain Penguins 7-4 in one of the best games this season.

The Saints, with the schedule nearing completion and their eye on a playoff berth, never slowed down for one moment, skating all out both ways.

It was a team effort all the way as the students from the hill outplayed, outskated and pretty well skated rings around the second place 'Birds.'

Along with Vince's two goals the other SDU markers were evenly distributed among R. MacIntyre, Gerry Gillis, Darrell Pollock, Bob Marshall and Dick Tingley.

Old Spain goals were by Stan Pearson, Lloyd Sheppard, App Arsenault and Sandy MacDonald.

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## Rifle Club Has Successful Shoot

A 40 per cent smaller target resulted in a reduction of scores in the match rifle class at this week's rifle competitions conducted by the Charlottetown Indoor Rifle Club at the RCMP ranges.

The veteran marksman from York, Tom Vesey, took top honors in the class, registering 98 points out of a possible 100.

With scores of 95, W. Dennis won top place in class two and D. Rogers, held a similar spot in class three.

Following are the results by classes:

Match Rifle Class: R.E. Vesey 98, R.E. Jenkins 97, W. MacLean 97, D. Durber 94, E. Jones 91, I. Auld 89, R. Barwise 89.

Class One: R. Barwise 99.

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## Austrian Skier Scores Victory

BAD GASTEIN, Austria (AP) Traudl Hecher, Austria's teenage wonder, scored a strong comeback victory in the international silver jug giant slalom race Thursday.

Miss Hecher, 18, sped down the lightning-fast Graukogel Mountain course in one minute, 39.2 seconds in outclassing a field of 82 skiers from 20 countries.

The world's top woman skier last year, the Austrian girl had finished a disappointing 12th in the downhill event Wednesday.

The race was a preliminary to the world championships next month in Chamonix, France.

The Canadian team found the 1,750-yard course, with its sharp 475-yard drop and 44 gates too difficult to handle.

Nancy Green of Vancouver was the best of the Canadian group, finishing 34th in one minute and 52.2 seconds.

Linda Crutfield of Shawinigan, Que., chalked up a time of 1:56.1 in finishing 43rd.

Nancy Holland of Montreal was 48th and completed the run in 1:57.0; Vicki Rutledge of Ottawa was 64th, with a time of 2:06.0; and Ann Parsons, also of Ottawa was 68th, with a time of 2:30.6.

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## Spahn Signs 1962 Pact

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Warren Spahn, greatest righthander in baseball history, signed the game's highest paid pitcher, signed his 1962 contract with Milwaukee Braves Thursday and said he is happy with the terms.

His 1961 salary was about \$73,000.

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## Saban Named Bills' Head Coach

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