



SPORTS FRONT

Montreal Pivot Regains Form

By JIM CULLEN

The Montreal Canadiens are leading the way in the National Hockey League as the teams near the three quarter mark in their 70 game schedule and one of the big reasons the Blakemen are in the number one slot has been the performance of Ralph Backstrom.

Backstrom had a miserable season last year and it looked as though the Kirkland Lake native was destined for a stint in the American Hockey League. Backstrom was a goal scoring sensation while performing for the Montreal Junior Canadiens in the Habs farm system and when he jumped from Junior 'A' competition into the National Hockey League he took it right in stride and captured the Calder trophy as the National League's outstanding freshman performer.

The shift pivot then tailed off considerably in the next two seasons but came back in his fourth season with the Blake coached crew to fire 27 goals and contribute 38 assists for a most respectable 65 point campaign. The following season he rifled home 23 markers, but last season he went sour and his goal production dropped to eight goals as he spent a great deal of time on the end of the Montreal bench due to his erratic play.

This season the hustling centremen established himself as the number one pivot man on the Canadiens when both Beliveau and Henri Richard ran into injuries. Backstrom has blinked the red light on 17 occasions this season and added 19 assists to rank among the top ten scorers in the NHL.

Backstrom is a dedicated hockey player and it is good to see him back in the good graces of the Montreal Canadiens hockey club, although, we hope he doesn't play so well as to lead the "Flying Frenchmen" home in front of the Chicago Black Hawks.

We don't think we are going out on a limb to say the NHL championship will come to rest in either Montreal or Chicago, with the way the schedule appears now, and we will be pulling for the Billy Reay coached outfit to nail down their first league championship in the history of the club.

**Tid Bits From Here And There**  
The St. Francis Xavier hockey team hammered the Acadia Axemen 11-3 on home ice Tuesday night in a Maritime Intercollegiate hockey battle.

Rogers Rangers will tangle with the PWC Welshmen in a regular league fixture in the Charlottetown and District junior hockey league tonight at the Charlottetown Forum.

John Kane, coach of the St. Dunstan's Varsity hockey team, told us that every member of his team came out of the St. F.X. battle with some sort of bruise or cut as a souvenir of their 6-5 victory over the Antigonish pucksters.

Brian London, former British heavyweight champion, defeated Italy's Giorgio Masteghin on a technical knockout in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder Tuesday night.

The West German National team defeated St. John's All-Star team in an exhibition hockey game in St. John's Tuesday night.

There are two games on tap in the National Hockey League tonight. The Toronto Maple Leafs will travel to Montreal to meet the Canadiens and the Boston Bruins will entertain the Detroit Red Wings.

The F. R. McLaine Invitational will be staged at the North River Causeway this Saturday afternoon and the competitors will be racing for a \$100.00 purse. Officials of the North River Driving Club have an excellent card lined up for Island ice racing fans and a good crowd of racing enthusiasts is expected to be on hand for the program.

O'Leary Ice Sports Held Friday Night

A very good attendance at the O'Leary Rink Friday night Jan. 29 at which time the annual Ice Sports took place many thrills as the fans witnessed the exploits of the finishers. The following are the results:

Girls 5 and under: 1. Susan Bernard, 2. Beverly Shaw, 3. Carol Ann Pridham.

Girls 6: 1. Karen Adams, 2. Carla Dennis, 3. Marlene MacDougall.

Boys 6: 1. Paul Ellis, 2. Randy Bernard, 3. Randy Harris.

Girls 7: 1. Leah Sentner, 2. Cindy MacLean, 3. Oral Wallace.

Boys 7: 1. Brian Willis, 2. Kent Ferguson, 3. Paul Ellis.

Girls 8: 1. Marilyn Gamble, 2. Annie Cornish, 3. Annie Chisolm.

Boys 8: 1. Ronnie Harris, 2. Stephen Dennis, 3. Keith Pridham.

Girls 9: 1. Carol Harris, 2. Paula Kennedy, 3. Donna Sweet.

Boys 9: 1. Charles Strang, 2. Arthur Dennis, 3. Brian Dewar.

Girls 10: 1. Rhoda Dennis, 2. Heather MacDougall, 3. Betty Lou Ellis.

Boys 10: 1. Robert Harris, 2. Paul Harris, 3. Claire Matheson.

Girls 11: 1. Judy Ramsay, 2. Maxine Nesbitt, 3. William Bridges.

Boys 11: 1. Errol Strang, 2. Wade MacDonald, 3. Garnet MacLean.

Girls 12: 1. Judy Carruthers, 2. Judy MacDougall, 3. Darlene Graham.

Boys 12: 1. Allan Leard, 2. Carter Dennis, 3. Howard Matheson.

**Kensington Tops Miscouche High**  
Kensington High School dominated Miscouche High 6-4 in a fast exciting game yesterday in Kensington.

B. Sinclair potted four goals to lead the offence for Kensington while R. Proffitt and M. MacLean added single tallies.

The scoring for Miscouche was evenly divided between D. Carry, C. Birch, J. Prougnt, and E. Arsenault all with one goal each.

**Souris Curling**  
SOURIS — The following is the mixed curling bonspiel for today:

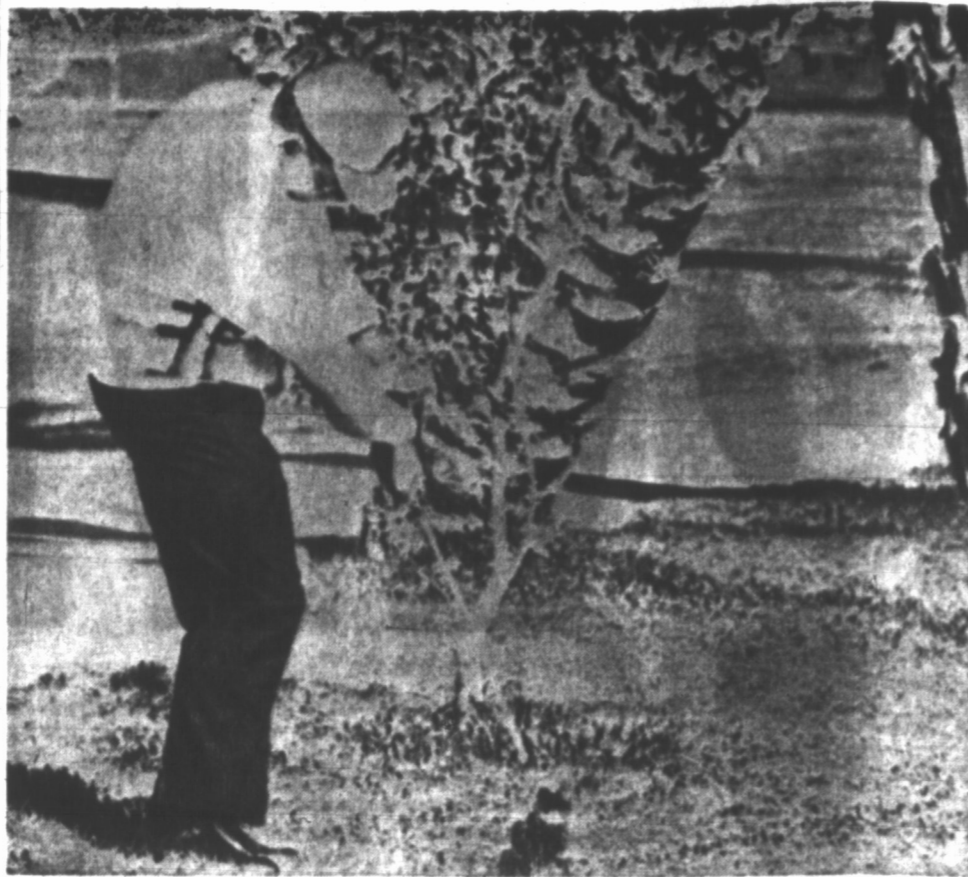
7-9 P.M.  
Ice One — C. Gallant vs. B. Acorn.

Ice Two — N. Birt vs. Winner of game 8, round 3.

8-11 P.M.  
Ice One — J. Dingwell vs. D. Shiers.

Ice Two — R. Peters vs. E. Doucette.

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ROSBURG GETS OUT OF TOUGH SPOT

Bob Rosburg chips from an awkward angle past a small tree toward the fifth green at Indian Wells Country Club near Palm Springs, Calif., yesterday during the opening round of the Bob Hope Classic. The ball reached the green and the two-pulled for a par 5. Rosburg carded a 68, putting him well up among the leaders. (AP Wirephoto)

Chicago Topples Rangers; Glenn Hall Stops 45 Shots

NEW YORK (AP)—The Chicago Black Hawks moved into a first-place tie with the Montreal Canadiens Wednesday night by defeating the New York Rangers 4-1 in a riotous National Hockey League game. The victory gave the Hawks 57 points although they have played three more games than Montreal.

Chicago's Bobby Hull led the league's leading scorers, failed to score for the sixth straight game but was involved in a third-period battle with New York defenceman Bob Plager that threatened to turn into a full-scale riot.

Chicago goalie Glenn Hall, who made 45 saves, was deprived of a shutout by Phil Goyette's goal early in the third period that narrowed the Hawks lead to 3-1. Ken Wharram and Fred Stanfield then scored for Chicago, wrapping it up.

Chicago's first goal came late in the first period when Stan Mikita rapped home a rebound of Pierre Pilote's slap shot. The goal came just as Plager had finished serving a two-minute penalty for elbowing Hull.

**ESPOSITO BEATS PLANTE**  
The Black Hawks scored again midway through the second period when centre Phil Esposito beat Raanger goalie Jacques Plante from 10 feet after winning a faceoff on the New York end.

The third period explosion started when New York's Arnie Brown and Mikita bailed, agitating his side boards for a loose puck. Suddenly Hull dashed in and was grabbed from behind by Plager, who held him several seconds before he could break away.

When he was skated off to the penalty box—Hull for highchecking and Plager for holding—Plager became further embroiled with a fan who came a him. The Ranger defenceman had a bee pulled away by eam-

Girls 13: 1. Anna Rayner, 2. Winnifred McAllister, 3. Brenda Jane MacGregor.

Boys 13: 1. Alfred Dennis, 2. Lorne Ramsay, 3. Ellis Adams.

Girls 14: 1. Eva Strang, 2. Eric Ellis, 3. Gordon Adams.

Girls 15: 1. Wendy MacDonald, 2. Francis Strang, 3. Jean Graham.

Girls 16: 1. Valerie Adams, 2. Phillis Dennis, 3. Kathleen McCormack.

Girls 17: Gail MacDonald, Anna Rayner, Valerie Adams, Judy Carruthers.

Boys 17: Errol Strang, Lorne Ramsay, Allan Leard.

This evening under the direction of O'Leary Recreation Commission Announcer, Chester MacMakin, classifier, Vaughn MacDougall, starter, A.W. Rayner, finish judges, James Harris, Wentworth Harris, Fred Rogerson, recorder, Mrs. Marne Kennedy, prizes, Don MacKenzie, corner referees, Winnifred Bridges, Billy Cornish, Garry MacGregor, Wayne MacDon-

**Basketball**  
The Bakers and Steeds were victorious in the City Men's Basketball league Tuesday night.

Enterprise Bakers whipped Jenkins Movers 96-61 in the first game.

Wayne MacDonald was the top scorer in this high scoring game with 34 points. MacDonald played for the Bakers. MacDonald was closely followed in the scoring field by Art Strang of the Movers who picked up 33 points.

Bakers — MacDonald 34, Perry 23, Bagole 1, R. R. McGonigall 8, Milton 6, Fox 26—Total 98.

Movers — G. Scantlebury 4, S. Lader 6, Burns 0, Strang 33, Grant 18—Total—61.

Dave Hyndman scored with four seconds left to give Steeds a 35-34 win over the Hawks.

Hyndman was the top scorer in the game as well as the hero for the winners with 16 points. Hyndman was followed by E. Murphy of the Hawks who picked up 14 points.

Atkinson of the Hawks with 12 points and LeClair of Steeds with 10 points were the only other players who got into the double figures.

Steeds — Weeks 0, Hyndman 16, M. Smith 8, James I. B. LeClair 10—TOTAL—35.  
Hawks — Howett 0, E. Murphy 14, Short 4, Atkinson 12, DesRoches 2, C. Morrison 2—TOTAL—34.

A dog of 17 years of age is the equivalent of a human centenarian.

**SUMMARY**  
First Period: 1. Eagles - Reidy (Gravelle, Guy) 1:21; 2.

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First Period—1. Chicago, Mikita 17 (Pilote) 16:12. Penalties—Plager 14:12; MacNeil 17:37.  
Second Period—2. Chicago, Esposito 18, 11:01. Penalties—Hicke 12:01; Ravlich 12:01; B. Hull 17:18; Mikita 19:23; Seiling 19:23.

Third Period—e. New York, Goyette 10 (Hadfield) 4:52; 4. Chicago, Wharram 16 (Mikita, Ravlich) 5:32 5. Chicago, Langfield 6 (Hay) 16:12. Penalties—MacNeil 4:13; Plager 8:58; B. Hull 11:06; Plager 11:06.

Saves  
Hall 12 15 18-45  
Plante 8 10 3-21

9 A.M.  
Smith (M) 002 001 202 2-9  
Douglas (C) 210 120 010 0-7  
Carruthers (C) 100 002 201 3-9  
Acorn (C) 013 140 010 0-7  
Howatt (B) 510 112 140-15  
Kassner (S) 002 000 002 0-4  
Basler (SS) 111 210 010 0-7  
Stewart (C) 000 001 201 0-8  
M. MacDonald (C) 111 221 31-11  
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12:00 P.M.  
N. MacDonald (C) 304 003 100 1-12  
Sheen (SS) 010 110 011 0-5  
Turner (A) 012 213 011-11  
Hill (B) 100 000 403 0-8  
S. MacMillan (CA) 020 101 111 0-7  
Taylor (B) 102 010 000 0-4  
Somers (SS) 202 011 012 1-10  
O. MacDonald (C) 010 200 300 0-6  
MacMillan (R) 041 020 200 1-11  
Ondmore (M) 010 103 021 0-8

3:00 P.M.  
D. MacDonald (C) 310 020 125 0-15  
MacKenzie (R) 002 102 000 0-5  
E. MacDonald (C) 100 410 310 1-11  
Dye (SS) 012 001 009 0-3  
Burden (C) 020 111 010 2-10  
Wood (C) 121 010 120 0-8  
Grant (B) 023 010 000 0-12  
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6:00 P.M.  
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Smith (M) 301 101 013-12  
MacKay (C) 030 010 000-4  
M. MacDonald (C) 012 012 123-12  
Howatt (B) 100 010 010-2

9:00 P.M.  
Carruthers (C) 030 010 004 1-9  
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Turner (A) 000 211 102 1-8  
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Burden (C) 111 000 210 0-6  
D. MacDonald (C) 221 110 010 1-8  
Grant (B) 002 001 101 0-5

**SET THE PACE**  
Alexander Graham Bell's grandson was the first teenager to speak coast-to-coast by telephone at a special U.S. telephone inauguration service in 1915.

**LADIES' NIGHT AT THE FORUM**  
ALL LADIES 15 YEARS — 95 YEARS !!  
ADMITTED FREE !!  
TO JUNIOR HOCKEY GAME BETWEEN  
Rogers Rangers vs. P. W. C. Welshmen  
THURSDAY, FEB. 4th — 8.30 P.M.  
SEE THIS — SEE THIS — SEE THIS

Ladies Door Prizes donated by: Fashion Shop, Suter's Ladies Wear, Burns Jewellers, Mona's, Shirley Ann Beauty Shop, Kennedy's Ladies Wear. will be drawn for between 2nd and 3rd periods. (Only ladies eligible for draw)

MALE ADULTS—50c  
MALE STUDENTS—25c

Spring Park School Holds Ice Sports With West Kent

Spring Park and West Kent Schools held their ice sports at the Charlottetown Forum last night. The evening was highlighted by two hockey games between the paperweights and pee wees teams of the two schools.

The Spring Park paperweights defeated the West Kent paperweights 5-0. Spring Park scorers were: Alan Moore, Billy Younker, and Danny Murphy all with one goal each.

The Pee Wee game ended in a 1-1 tie. All the scoring was done in the first period with David Wilson scoring for West Kent and Billy Doherty replying for Spring Park.

**RESULTS**  
Costume — (original) 1. Chris Kipping, Lynn MacLeod; 2. Sherry Monet, Cindy Topslay, (pretty) 1. Cindy Moher, John Scales; 2. Elizabeth Campbell, Anne Jenkins; 3. Marg Wyrwas; (funny) 1. Kathy Horton; 2. Michael Gauthier; 3. Ronnie MacDougall; (pairs) 1. Heather MacKinnon, Roger Henry; 2. Shelagh Hennessey, Alice Macdonald; 3. Tim MacLeod, Rosemary Hill.

Ralph Backstrom Comeback Player Of The Year

MONTREAL (CP)—If the National Hockey League had a comeback - of the - year award, chances are Ralph Backstrom would rate as a leading contender for it.

From last season's dispirited young man who wondered seriously "if my number was up, the Montreal Canadiens centre has rebounded to become a key figure in the Habs' drive for a second straight NHL title.

The 27-year-old Kirkland Lake Ont. native, who has averaged only of eight goals in 1963-64, already has scored 17 times this season to rank with Claude Provost as Montreal's top marksmen. With 19 assists for 36 points, he ranks among the league's top 10 scorers and Canadiens coach Toe Blake concedes he has bypassed injury-hampered Jean Beliveau and Henri Richard as the team's most consistent centre.

All of which is a far cry from a year ago when, as Blake puts it, "Ralph was so tight that the puck jumped a foot when he hit his stick," and both Backstrom and the Canadiens were wondering if they were about to part company.

Key to the abrupt about-face, both Backstrom and Blake agree, lies in one word: Confidence.

"That's the biggest thing," says Backstrom. "I think I worked just as hard last year, but I was so nervous I couldn't skate or handle the puck. This year with things going better, I've been playing the way I want to and not worrying about every move I make."

Backstrom has been something of an enigma in his seven seasons in the NHL.

From a standout junior career in the Canadiens' farm system, he moved directly into the big time in 1958 and proceeded to live up to advance billing by winning the Calder Trophy as the NHL's outstanding rookie.

After two mediocre seasons, he came back in 1961-62 with a career high of 27 goals and 38 assists for 65 points. The next season was almost as good with 23 goals.

Then came the disastrous performance of last season, ending after long stretches on the bench with Backstrom wondering whether he'd ever get another chance to redeem himself.

**PAMPER MAN FOR LONG LIFE**  
TORONTO (CP)—Want your husband to live longer? Love him and pamper him. Dr. Marvin Miller, a Toronto psychiatrist, told the women's auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital Wednesday.

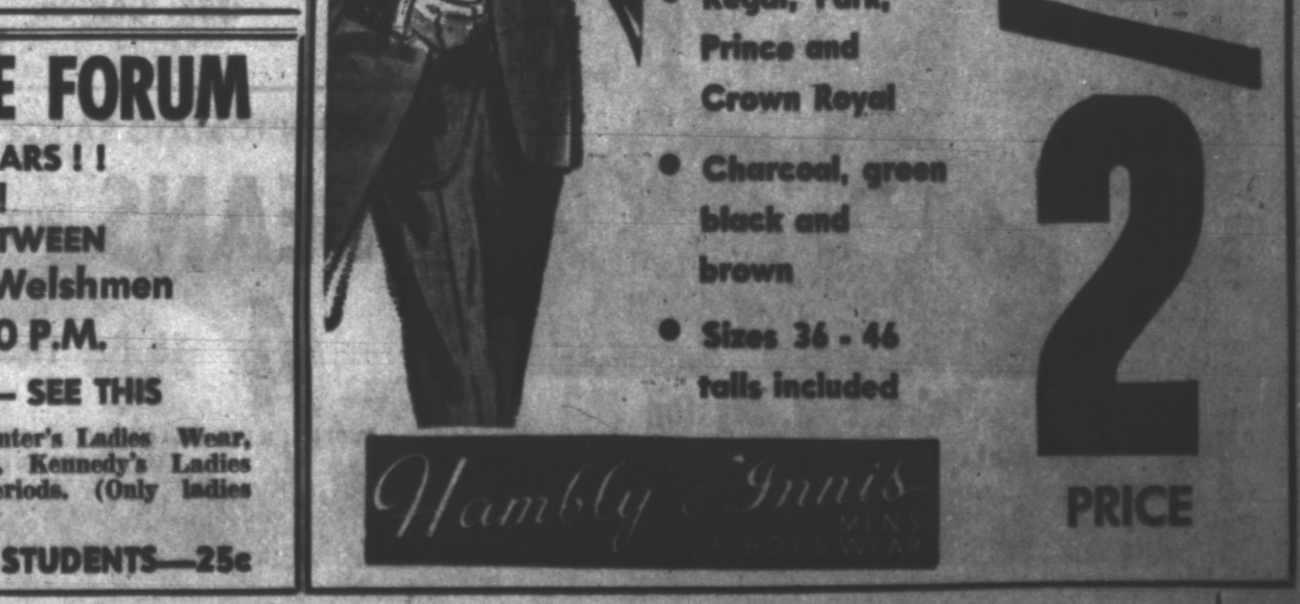
Men need to know they are loved, he said, but they are reticent about expressing the need.

When such lack of communication exists in a marriage, a husband often turns to food or alcohol and eventually develops emotional problems capable of producing physical ailments.

"The fragility of the male is visible daily," he said. "Go to a party. There are lots of widows but few, if any, widowers."

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**School At S'ide Holds Ice Sports**  
SUMMERSIDE — Summer Street School held their annual ice sports recently here. There was a large crowd on hand and the only thing that spoiled an otherwise perfect evening was that Elm Street defeated Summer Street in the hockey game 6-2.

Girls 6 years — 1. Lesley Shumka, 2. Brenda Lyka, 3. Barbara Romcke.

Boys 6 years — 1. Ronnie Frenette, 2. James MacTeer, 3. Stephen O'Neill.

Girls 7 years — 1. Heather Bernard, 2. Lesley Shumka, 3. Barbara Forbes.

Boys 7 years — 1. M.F. Schurman, 2. Wayne Gallant, 3. Jerry Edmund.

Girls 8 years — 1. Amber MacArthur, 2. Norma Hogg, 3. Linda Bigelow.

Boys 8 years — 1. Nial Leturge, 2. John Bowness, 3. Tony Rice.

Girls 9 years — 1. Nancy Gallant, 2. Donna Hansen, 3. Gilda Dolph.

Boys 9 years — 1. Neil James, 2. Jackie MacDonald, 3. Michael Sayers.

Girls 10 years — 1. Cathy Bursley, 2. Tanya Boyd, 3. Linda Milligan.

Boys 10 years — 1. Tyler Richardson, 2. Tom Peters, 3. Doug MacLean.

Girls 11 years — 1. Barbara Pickard, 2. Donna Sears, 3. Joanne Sheen.

Boys 11 years — 1. John Gravelle, 2. Roddy MacInnis, 3. Michael Farrington.

Girls 12 years — 1. Linda Delaney, 2. Debbie Holt, 3. Marjorie Ferrish.

Boys 12 years — 1. Paul Bernard, 2. Ralph MacKinnon, 3. Jackie Dymont.

Girls 13 years — 1. Janet Down, 2. Betty MacLean, 3. Shirley Ramsay.

Boys 13 years — 1. Alan MacWilliams, 2. Billie Watson, 3. Gary Rayner.

Boys 14 years — 1. Richard Connolly, 2. Paul Daley, 3. Tom Bradshaw.

Girls 14 years — 1. Richard Connolly, 2. Paul Daley, 3. Everett Simmons.

Officials: starter — Michael Kelly, scorer — Art MacKinnon, Announcer — Norman Macdonald, Judges — Carol Jenkins, Helen Yeo and Estelle Perry.

**Murray Hbr. Rifle Shoot**  
The result of the rifle shoot at Murray Harbour on February 1st are as follows.

Free Rifle  
Judy White  
Gary Gormley  
Bruce Dorr  
Bruce Gormley  
Darrell White  
John Goebel  
Jim Gordon  
Carole White  
Harley Fraser  
Jackie MacLeod  
Cliff Harris  
Alan Richard  
David Murdoch  
Keith White  
Ethel Buell  
Judy Levey  
Gary Haring  
Bert MacLeod  
Charles Murdoch  
Alvin Davey  
Ambrose Strickland

**NHL STANDINGS**  
National League  
Chicago 26 17 5 138 118 97  
Montreal 25 12 7 128 97  
Toronto 20 16 11 126 111 91  
Detroit 20 16 6 125 111 50  
New York 15 24 9 124 132 29  
Boston 11 33 4 103 172 26

**CANADIAN ACCEPTANCE**  
HALIFAX (CP)—A leading U.S. dog judge says Canadians have been the most enthusiastic in the program of the American Breed Survey Society. Dr. William E. Redlich of Highland Park, Ill., one of six surveyors in North America for the German shepherd breed, commented on the work being done here to improve the breed.

The society's survey work is aimed at eliminating characteristics among German shepherd dogs which are not considered ideal in breeding.

**Colavito Gets Pay Increase**  
CLEVELAND (AP)—Rocky Colavito signed his 1965 contract with Cleveland Indians Wednesday and said he got a raise over his salary last season with Kansas City Athletics.

Colavito, one of the most popular players in Cleveland's baseball history, returned to the Indians Jan. 29 in a trade with the Athletics after an absence of five years. His salary at Kansas City was estimated at \$40,000. The Indians did not disclose what Colavito's 1965 pay would be.

Where Colavito will play still has not been announced.

**JUNIOR HOCKEY FORUM**  
Thursday, Feb. 4th  
8:30 P.M.  
Rogers Hardware "Rangers"  
vs.  
P.W.C. "Welshmen"  
Students 25c; Adults 50c