

# SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May

## Assassins unlimited

An impeccable defense will not win the Stanley Cup this year.

Today there are just too many crafty snipers with telescopic sights roaming the big pond. Each NHL club is loaded with highly capable assassins ready to administer the coup de grace.

Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, Chicago Black Hawks and New York Rangers are preparing to head into the semi-final rounds of Stanley Cup play. Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins have retired to the Land of Nod.

The four surviving clubs from league play are predominately high scoring outfits although only Chicago has avoided a slump during the schedule. If the final round winds up with a Canadian team against an American squad there should be more cannonading than in the War of 1812.

Overall the playoffs will be spotlighted by high scores this year. Usually playoff hockey produces a kitty-bar-the-door style with 3-2 and 2-1 results not being uncommon. And so often the Saturday night heroes shoot nothing but blanks during the dollar series. Playoff hockey is just not like anything witnessed during the regular 70 game schedule.

Opposing forwards have a Batman and Robin relationship, so close is the checking. Defencemen become second goalies, halting rubber barrages with their bodies and sticks. Goalies appear capable of catching a piece of lint in a tornado.

Such is life in the playoffs.

But this year, as the man once said, there'll be some changes made. Toss the past performance charts away and forget about the defensive qualities of the four best teams in hockey. Man, it will be wilder than any LSD trip and these fans who don't appreciate wide open hockey should stay in the bathroom. The '67 struggle for shiny supremacy will be nothing but superb of-

fensive hockey played the way they don't like it in Europe.

You'll see Robert Marvin Hull whirl around his net and head up ice in one of his patented adrenalin pounding dashes toward the enemy. As he crosses the opposing blue-line his North American boomerang is brought back and suddenly the tiny black rubber disc is swatted toward the net leaving only a blurr for the fans to see. The goalie's right leg darts out intent on impeding the projectile — too late. The red light flashes and a gummy grin from Hull tells the tale. On his next dash down the ice he is met squarely by one of the many rugged defencemen the enemy has on duty. A sturdy hip sends him thudding unglamourously into the boards and then down to ice in a horizontal position.

That's hockey the way the game should be played!

Let's take five and compile a short list of the offensive stars who will be soon displaying their talents. We'll start with the Leafs for no other reason than y'r 'umble scribe predicted during the big snow they would win it all. Although Toronto doesn't possess a one-man wrecking crew they have a few architects of destruction. There's Dave Keon, Ron Ellis, Jim Pappin, Bob Pulford and Frank Mahovlich. Any of them is capable of winning a contest.

Les Habs have Henri Richard, Bob Rosseau, Jean Beliveau, Yvan Cournyer, Ralph Backstrom and Claude Larosse. The Broadway Blue-shirts have Bobby Nevin, Bernie Geoffrion, Rod Gillbert, Donnie Marshall and Jean Ratelle. Down Chicago way there's Bobby Hull (and that should be plenty), Stan Mikita, Dennis Hull, Kenny Wharram, Doug Mohns, Phil Esposito and recently Ken Hodge.

Those names alone would cause any goalkeeper to tear up his \$30,000 contract and head for the jungles of Vietnam insisting he would be safer.

Close scores this year in the playoffs. Yea, like maybe 9-7.

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family for 125 years, an autograph album used by Mrs. Harvey Stevenson's mother, then Jennie Zant, 75 years ago in Amsterdam, a tray in the Riley family brought from Ireland 135 years ago, a Jesuit Holy Medal of 1892, a Family Bible brought from Ireland by Mrs. C. Todesco's great grandmother in 1840 and a plate given to Mrs. Bill Thrower's mother in 1892 as a wedding gift. This was interesting because it had a picture of Kakabeka Falls much different from the Falls of today.

Mrs. Jack Corbett, tea hostess, had set the table with very old china to add to the occasion.

## PARTIES HONOUR RESIDENTS

Mrs. John MacIsaac and Mrs. Neil Ross arranged a farewell party recently honouring Mrs. Naldo Stortini who is taking up residence in Terrace Bay. Twenty-three friends were present with Mrs. Ross making formal presentation of television tables and a money corsage in token of their good wishes.

Peter Wojciechowski, who taught adult book-keeping classes this winter, was given a party by his students, arranged in Mr. & Mrs. L.R. Tremblay's home. On behalf of the others the host presented cufflinks and a cravat and among smaller amusing gifts, a bottle of Easter cordial and an Easter egg.

## ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE REPORT

Corp. M. Kulmatycki, O.P.P. Detachment Commander, Schreiber reports that from March 12 to 18 - 3,812 miles were patrolled in 225 duty hours. Two accidents were reported with property damage. Nine motorists were warned regarding equipment on their vehicles, six motorists charged under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, and 44 vehicles given safety checks. One charge was laid under the Ontario Liquor Control Act. Eight transients were given funds in the form of meal tickets from the Transient and Welfare Fund.

Death recently brought to an end an interesting correspondence carried on for years between Mr. Schreiber, of Willoughby, Ohio and Mrs. Willoughby of Schreiber. The correspondence arose from the similarity in names. Mr. Schreiber died.

The Dept. of Lands & Forests report that 7,791,671 visitors used provincial parks last year - a 10% increase over 1965.