

## SPORTS SLANTS

- By Ray Shank

If you've been reading this column the last few weeks, you probably know what to expect today ... a whole lot of rigamarole about the Canadiens winning their 16th Stanley Cup - 18th if you want to go back to the time when teams other than the NHL participated.

But I'll surprise you all. I'll only dedicate a few paragraphs of this column to the Cup series. After all, it's almost summertime, and who wants to read about hockey, especially when you've been hearing about it all winter?

All I can say about it all is that I TOLD YOU SO. I predicted the Canadiens would win the Cup all along, and they came through like they have so many times.

I don't have to eat a column I wrote in this newspaper a few weeks ago, I don't have to worry about paying off my debts (matter of fact I made a few bucks this time) and I can now look forward to making a potfull of money the next few hockey seasons, since I think, after the hockey draft is over, Sam Pollock will have made more cagy deals to make the Canadiens the NHL's best for the next half-decade, at least.

While the finals between the Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks was probably the most exciting you'll ever see, I'd like to drop this hockey subject by mentioning that I was a little disappointed with the netminding.

After all, the two best goalies in the league were performing and look what happened. Canadiens' Ken Dryden, who won the Vezina Trophy with a 2.26 percentage, gave up 23 goals in six games for a lousy 3.83 average.

But if you think Dryden's 3.83 was lousy, look at Tony Esposito's six-game average. He allowed 10 more goals than Dryden for a 5.60 average.

It's hard to believe that Esposito won the Vezina Trophy last year with a below 2.00 av-

erage and gave up an average of only 2.51 goals a game this year. Maybe the Hawks should have traded him instead of Gary Smith.

My heart bleeds for you, Tony O.

One more thing. Yvan Cournoyer was a most deserving winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy, but I still say that the NHL's Godfather, Sam Pollock, would have been a logical choice.

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I just realized, I've written more than half this column on hockey, after promising you that it would be dedicated to something else.

Forgive me!

Turning to baseball, that east division of the American League has to be the craziest division that ever existed. As of early last week, Milwaukee Brewers led the league with a 14-15 won-lost record, which is hardly a record belonging to a front-running team.

That division is so wild that, so far, four of the six division teams have had a grip on the lead, including perennial losers, Cleveland Indians. Detroit Tigers, Baltimore Orioles and Boston Red Sox (hey, that's five teams, not four) have also been at the top.

Things were so close in that league last week that only 1 game separated the first and sixth place teams. cont'd page 7 .....

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