

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

**NEW YORK** — If one can believe anything he hears, Jack (Doc) Kearns, the old fight manager, has lost none of the deft touch which enabled him to close the banks in Shelby, Mont., and practically turn its citizens into the streets back in the vigorous 20's.



**WRESTLER OF YEAR** — Jerry Gratton, 25-year-old middleweight class weightlifter from Verdun, Que., has been named wrestler of the year for 1952 by the Amateur Athletic Union. He was awarded the Norton H. Crowe trophy. Gratton placed first in his class at the Helsinki Olympics last summer, was fifth in the 1948 Olympics at London and in 1950 won the British Empire Games title at Auckland, N.Z. (CP Photo)

## Leaflets Take League Lead at First Time

**MONTREAL** — Toronto Maple Leafs secured sole possession of first place in the National Hockey League for the first time by defeating Montreal Canadiens 3-1 Thursday before a crowd of 14,449. The Leafs relinquished their lead and dropped to second-place tie with the Black Hawks who blasted the York Rangers 6-2 before a crowd of 6,210. The Cup champions, Detroit Wings showed their last power by blanking Boston 3-0 at home with Ted Lindsay and goalie Terry Sawin registering his second goal of the season. The Leafs contributed to their comeback by loose defensive play and their own defence was let down late and again by persistent checking of the Leafs.

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# AAU Names Quebecer As Athlete

**HAMILTON (CP)**—Jerry Gratton of Verdun, Que., has been awarded the Norton H. Crowe trophy as Canada's outstanding amateur athlete of 1952 by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

Gratton, 25-year-old middleweight wrestler who placed fifth in his class in the 1948 Olympic games at London and won the British Empire games title at Auckland, N.Z., in 1950, placed third in the Helsinki Olympics this summer.

Georges Genereux, 17-year-old rifle shooter from Saskatoon who won the only gold medal for Canada in the 1952 games, was awarded the Viscount Alexander Trophy as outstanding junior athlete of the year.

Genereux, holder of the North American junior and Saskatchewan open trapshooting championships, started the sports world with his brilliant Olympic trapshooting championship at Helsinki. The schoolboy sharpshooter scored 192 of a possible 200 points in the two-day competition to defeat a class of cosmopolitan field including several former world champions.

The Jack Davies trophy, awarded to the outstanding track star of the year, went to Jackie Carroll, 21, of Verdun, Que., who competed in the Helsinki Olympics. The black-haired Montreal-born quarter-miler, ran for the University of Michigan this season.

The Fred N. A. Rowell trophy went to Bob Adams of Saskatoon, who competed for Canada in the decathlon in the summer games.

The Tom Long Boat trophy, named after Canada's great Indian runner and eligible only to Indians, was awarded to Jack Stark of Lennox Island, N.S., 18-year-old all-round athlete. The youngster is a comer in football, basketball, swimming, track and field, hockey and baseball.

## Remember When

Two-ton Tony Galento flattened Harry Thomas at Philadelphia 14 years ago tonight to gain a title fight against champion Joe Louis the following spring. The Jersey barkeep however lasted only four rounds against the Brown Bomber.

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# Ike Likely Most Sports Minded President

By WILL GRIMSLEY

**NEW YORK (AP)** — General Dwight D. Eisenhower will be perhaps the most sports minded president in American history.

He was a football player at West Point, proud of the fact he once tackled the great Jim Thorpe. He took a brief fling at baseball in the Central League. Today—still at his old playing



**TRACK STAR**—Jackie Carroll, 21, of Verdun, Que., who competed in the Helsinki Olympics, has been awarded the Jack Davies trophy, as Canada's outstanding track star for 1952. The award was made by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada at its meeting in Hamilton. The Montreal-born quarter-miler ran for the University of Michigan this season. (CP PHOTO)

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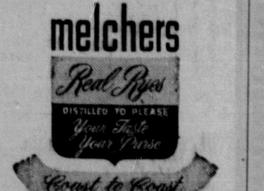
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weight of 173 pounds—he shoots a bangup game of golf.

When A. B. (Happy) Chandler was dismissed as commissioner of baseball more than a year ago, Eisenhower was among those considered for the post. But his duties as chief of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were too important.

Ike is an avid sports fan. "Football is a tremendous spectacle," he says. "I saw my first game from the sidelines with Gus Dorais (Notre Dame) throwing passes to Eht Eorck (Knute Rockney)."

He told a group of sports figures at a New York tete-a-tete recently:

"Today I can go to a major league baseball game and come away a raving maniac."

Golf is the president-elect's game today and he's threatened to go away and play 10 days of golf as relaxation after the strenuous campaign.

Ike says his score is 90 and up but acknowledged he fired a 79 two years ago at Blind Brook in Port Chester, N.Y., and recently had an 82.

Ike wasn't an outstanding gridiron star at the Point. He played fullback, did plunging duties and backed up the line.

He recalled the game he played against Carlisle Indians. "It was a pleasure to see a guy like Thorpe running by," he said.

It was against Tufts in 1913 that Eisenhower suffered a torn cartilage in his knee, cutting short his athletic career.

Warren Harding was an ardent golfer, Herbert Hoover preferred to fish. Harry Truman wasn't a sports participant, but Franklin Roosevelt was a fairly good golfer before his crippling illness. Old timers recall that Woodrow Wilson and Howard Taft tried their hands at golf but never really mastered the game. They were well up in the 100s. Ike is the first one who's ever had a 79.

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