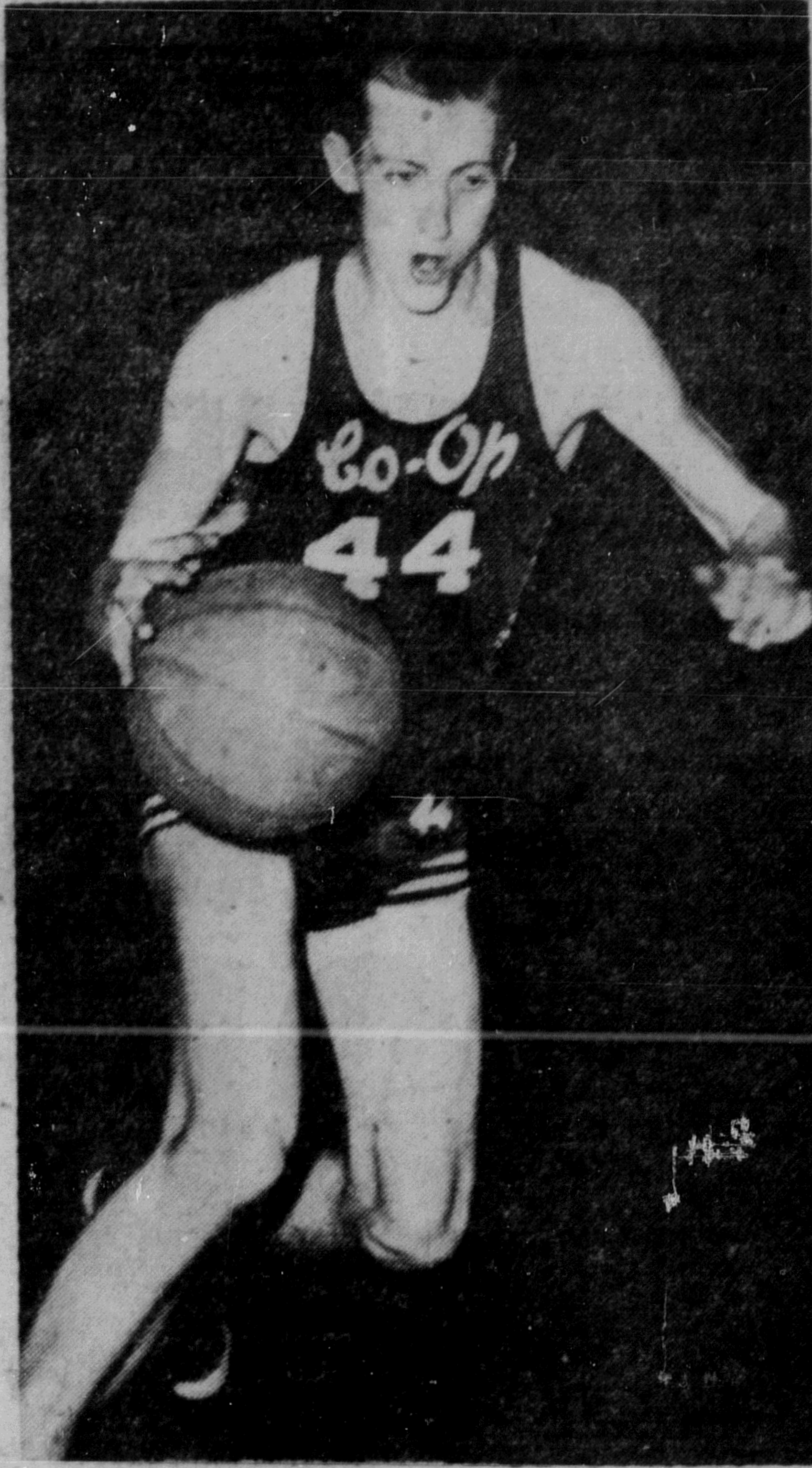




CHALLENGERS leave next Wednesday for Penticton to tackle for the first time the "A" provincial basketball championship. Players are (left to right), back row, Joe Scherk, Rupe Holkestad, Art Olson, J. M. Flaten, Herb Morgan; front row, Ray Spring, Coach Alex Bill, Les Mathews, Mickey Webster. Penticton semi-finals begin March 14. Carlson, who is boxing in the Gold n' Glove Friday, will join the team in Vancouver.



TOP SHOOTING star and front liner is Don Scherk with 148 points in 11 games this season. Always a threat in any lineup, Don's basketball career began in high school, the home of all Prince Rupert hoop prowess. This is his third year as member of Prince Rupert all-star cagers.



MICKEY WEBSTER is the man to watch in future basketball. Playing guard and forward alternately, Mickey is a driving force on the lineup. He never plays an easy game and is best when things are toughest. Coach Alex Bill is putting a lot of stock on this newcomer, who might be termed the "outstanding rookie of the year." This is Webster's first year in Senior basketball.



RAY SPRING demonstrates the "spring" technique whistling through the air four feet from the floor, then letting go the melon with an underhand flick for a quick basket. Spring and Webster are the two youngest members of the Challengers. —Daily News staff photos

# The DAILY NEWS SPORTS

## Detroit Backs Into NHL Championship

Toronto Downs Canadiens So Neither Can Now Get Above Second Spot

TORONTO (Canadian Press) — Detroit Red Wings backed into their fourth straight National Hockey League championship when Toronto Maple Leafs whipped the second place Montreal Canadiens here Wednesday night. Neither the Leafs nor Canadiens can now catch up with the Wings who were idle.

## NHL Bad Men Really Good

NEW YORK (AP) — Hockey's men are some of the nicest. If you don't think so, ask the boys. Like baseball's bats, they have their own ideas, they seldom jibe with the idea of the average fan.

Howie Meeker and Max Bentley got single goals to go with doubles by Sloan and Smith. It was the 22nd of the season for each of the swift wingmen.

## Hockey Scores

National	
Toronto 6, Montreal 2	
Pacific Coast	
Saskatoon 1, Tacoma 1	

## Hockey Standings

NATIONAL						
W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
Detroit	38	11	12	175	113	87
Montreal	31	8	23	177	145	70
Toronto	26	16	20	147	131	63
New York	23	13	29	158	185	53
Boston	19	15	28	135	158	53
Chicago	15	7	37	133	193	37

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## Curling Results

7 p.m.—Bealter 6, Laurie 5; McKenzie 12, Stewart 2; Rogerson 14, Wood 6.

9 p.m.—Greene 3, Miller 13; Skalmrud 8, Black 11; Berg 19, Landon 1.

### THURSDAY DRAW

7 p.m.—Wales vs. Kellough; Matthew vs. Wright; Barber vs. Holliston.

9 p.m.—Rowbotham vs. Shier; Sieber vs. Eydolfson; Wilson vs. Moore.

## Round-Up on The ALLEYS

Joe Long of Hotshots bowled men's high single of 306, a season's new high in the Wednesday Mixed League, and also bowled high three with 733.

Marg Leavitt, also of Hotshots, bowled ladies' high single with 225 and high three of 548. With five players, Hotshots captured team honors with its game of 997.

Season's high averages are still maintained by Jack Wiese and Hal Wendt, both of Daffy Dribblers, with score of 204 and 203, respectively. Glen Morgan of Dribblers came close to the season's highest score, but blew on the tenth frame and ended with an even 300.

Results—Kayettes 1, Hotshots 3; Nunels 1, Screwballs 3; Dingbats 1, Daffy Dribblers 3. Standings—Hotshots 18, Daffy Dribblers 15, Kayettes 12, Nunels 10, Screwballs 10, Dingbats 7.

## VITAL AREA

Because of its rubber and tin production, Malaya is described as the greatest dollar-earned in the commonwealth sterling bloc.

## Round-Up

By Larry Stanwood

The coming bonspiel this month—first one ever to be held in Prince Rupert—is the big talk among local curlers at this time. And along with the 'spiel, many an impressive trophy supplies the centre of attraction.

The Grand Challenge trophy has been donated by A. J. Dominato and can be seen in the window of what was formerly the People's Store. Other trophies donated, but not yet arrived from eastern manufacturers, are by North Star Bottling Works, E. T. Applewhait, MP, and Rupert Motors.

A Grand Aggregate trophy, for most points scored in the bonspiel, has been donated by Frizell Motor Products Ltd. Several other trophies will be given by local firms for club competitions such as the Gordon's Hardware and Cook's Jewellers trophies.

These prizes are magnificent pieces of workmanship and present an enticing objective in winning the game. They stand 21 inches high and each costs in the neighborhood of \$100.

Another donation comes from Smithers. R. J. Collison, building contractor, has sent up five

sheepskins from the Bulkley Valley for sweeping the ice.

Dates of the bonspiel are March 21, 22, 23 and 24. Event will conclude with presentation of prizes and a social evening at the Canadian Legion. Prince Rupert Curling Club expects to enter 20 rinks and an additional 15 or 20 are expected to arrive from outside points such as Prince George, Burns Lake, Smithers, Terrace and Vancouver.

Odds 'n ends: Andy Marshall, Chubby Stacey and Tiny Carlson—balance of Prince Rupert boxers entering the Province Golden Gloves in Vancouver tomorrow—left by plane today in company with trainer Joe Ward. Be sure to watch this newspaper for the spot coverage of the Gloves event, arranged for the benefit of Prince Rupert sport fans.

Seems that Vancouver boxing circles think some of the greatest threats in the Gloves this year will come from the Fraser Valley clubs, where more than 800 youthful fistie tyros have begun training since the Second World War. At the Chilliwack Golden Gloves, Roy Langston won the Golden Boy award in the 139 pound division and will be a likely contender in the

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## Middleweight Bout Sizzler

DETROIT (CP)—The former middleweight champion, Jake Lamotta, and Eugene Hairston

Vancouver finals will be a three or five-game series.

The Daily News will present coverage of all semi-final and final games if possible.

## Square Dancing, Friday, March 7

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