

# Edmonton Gains WHL Crown

## Calgary Ousted 5-2 In 4th Straight Game

CALGARY (CP) — Edmonton Flyers advanced to the Edinburgh Trophy finals Monday night by winning the Western Hockey League title in four straight games.

They sidelined Calgary Stampeder, last year's winner of the trophy, with a 5-2 victory in the final game. It marked the first time in WHL history a team won the title without losing a game in the best-of-seven final.

Flyers now meet the winners of the Montreal Shawinigan Falls final in the Quebec League. The Edinburgh series, played in Calgary last year, will be held in the East.

Stampeder, who cut their way into the final after finishing in fourth place during the regular schedule, trailed 2-0 before connecting with a pair of goals in less than a minute.

### SPLIT FOUR GOALS

A sprinkling of rookies and veterans in the Edmonton camp helped Flyers throughout the finals after they finished in first place at the end of regular scheduled play.

Rookie Norm Ullman and Bruno Horvath, the league's leading point-getter during the season, scored two goals each for Edmonton. Rookie Jerry Melnyk got the other.

Dick Couture and Ray Barry were the marksmen for Calgary.

Flyers took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Calgary defenceman Gus Kyle cleared the puck to Melnyk. The second goal came in the second period when Ullman got a breakaway while Edmonton was a man short.

Calgary countered with a double effort but Flyers were again one-up before the period ended. The Stamps lost their steam in the third period.

### EILERS WIN SIXTH TITLE

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Underwood Trophy, emblematic of senior A women's basketball supremacy, was won by Vancouver Eilers for the sixth straight year Monday night.

Eilers defeated the challenging Saskatoon Aces three games in a row, 50-36; 50-44, and 48-43 in the final game.

The series spelled double victory for Eilers, giving them the western Canadian championship as well.

### Irvin Plans Two Changes For Tonight

MONTREAL (CP) — Coach Dick Irvin of Montreal Canadiens had another mystery going today as his crippled team prepared to do battle with the Detroit Red Wings in a game they have to win to stay in the Stanley Cup hunt.

Irvin, who likes to tantalize reporters and sometimes the opposition with incomplete information, said Monday night he plans "two changes" in his lineup for tonight's game. Montreal now is trailing the best-of-seven series 3-2 in games.

The Canadiens coach said he will have Dick Gamble in the lineup at left wing. Gamble, a former Canadian player, was with Buffalo of the American League this season.

Irvin kept his other change a deep secret but there was speculation that he planned to recall defenceman, Dollard St. Laurent, who has been played in the series with deep and painful cuts on the inside of his legs. He goes into hospital after each game and stays there until shortly before the next game.

### EX-BOXER PAINTS

NEW YORK (CP) — Mickey Walker, world's welterweight and middleweight, a nine titleholder of 20 years ago, opened a one-man art show of his paintings Monday. The 53-year-old former fighter displayed 10 canvases, varying in size and ranging in price from \$100 to \$750. He has been painting for 15 years.

### SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST By hal sharp

#### MANIPULATING A WORM AGAINST A CURRENT

*Illustrations by Hal Sharp*

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### Major Ball Season Launched

#### Hometowners Win For Ike

By The Canadian Press

President Eisenhower linked Washington's opposition for the second straight year Monday as the Senators got the 1955 American League baseball season along with a 12-5 rout of Baltimore.

The president, after tossing out the first ball at Washington's Griffith's Park, munched popcorn and cheered avidly with each Washington rally. He stuck around to the last out. During the long afternoon, the Senators labored five Baltimore pitchers.

Bob Porterfield scattered six Oriole hits and helped his own cause with sound hitting and fielding.

Chicago Cubs meanwhile hit distance against wobbly Cincinnati pitching and scored a 7-5 victory over the Redlegs in the opening game of the National League pennant race before 32,195 fans at Cincinnati.

In "A" loop, Jeannie Warren got women's high triple laurels for a 734 score while her teammates posted a 10-frame score of 1304 for team high single. Betty Hyndman of Thom Sheet Metal won women's high single for a 200 game and Mike Munizabalo of Esquire's Men's Wear got double honors for 321 and 777 scores for men's high single and triple. Headpins had team high three score on a 3540 three-game total.

**RESULTS**

A League—Fowle and Ruttell 4. Shamrocks 0; Shenton's 4. Harold's 0; Esquire's 3; Fashion Footwear 1; Frosty's 3; La Gon-

### Escoe Good Substitute But No Match For Ez

By BILL CUNNINGHAM  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

EDMONTON (CP) — A stinging left hook by Ezzard Charles Monday night climaxed a career of hard knocks for Vern Escoe of Toronto, former Canadian heavyweight boxing champion.

The 34-year-old fighter, bleeding badly from a cut above his right eye, went down for the full count at 2:15 in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Escoe said later, "I didn't see the knockout punch. I couldn't see much of anything with that blood in my eyes."

A last-minute stand-in for South African Johnny Arthur, who became ill one day before he was to fight Charles, Escoe gave a good account of himself until age and the former champion of the world caught up with him.

Following the announcement of Arthur's illness and Escoe's substitution, the \$15,000 put from advance ticket sales melted. Between 3,000 and 4,000 ticket holders returned their ducats and the resulting crowd of 3,036 paid only \$13,085 to see the fight.

**STARTED SLOWLY**

Charles weighed in at 106 and Escoe was one pound heavier.

Charles took his time through the first two rounds and opened with a flurry in the third.

A hard left opened an old cut above Escoe's eye. A hard right staggered him seconds later. Escoe faltered again this time.

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### Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

BROOKLYN — Danny Giovannelli, 150, Brooklyn, outpointed Chris Christensen, 143, Denmark, 110.

NEW YORK — Pat Lowry, 149 1/2, Toledo, outpointed Pete Adams, 152 1/2, Newark, N.J., 101.

EL PASO, Tex. — Chabo Hernandez, 155, Mexico, outpointed Charlie Salas, 133, Phoenix, Ariz., 101.

**CHARLES' LEFT**

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