The STANDINGS

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National League

East Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Chicago	16	6	.727	—
Pittsburgh	12	7	.632	2½
New York	8	11	.421	6½
St. Louis	8	11	.421	6½
Phila'phia	7	11	.389	7
Montreal	7	12	.368	7½

West Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
San Fran.	14	6	.700	—
Los Angeles	14	6	.700	—
Atlanta	13	7	.650	1
Cincinnati	8	11	.421	5½
San Diego	9	13	.409	6
Houston	4	19	.174	11½

Tuesday's Results

New York 2, Montreal 0
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 3, 13 innings
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, cold
Chicago 10, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 2, Houston 1
Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1

Today's Games

New York at Montreal, N
Chicago at Philadelphia, N
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 2, twi-night
San Diego at Atlanta, N
Houston at Cincinnati, N
Los Angeles at San Fran., N

Thursday's Games

New York at Montreal
Los Angeles at San Francisco
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, N
San Diego at Atlanta, N
Houston at Cincinnati, N
Only games scheduled

American League

East Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Baltimore	15	7	.682	—
Boston	11	8	.579	2½
New York	11	9	.550	3
Detroit	10	9	.526	3½
Wash'n	11	11	.500	4
Cleveland	1	15	.062	11

West Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Minnesota	12	7	.632	—
Oakland	10	8	.556	1½
Chicago	8	7	.533	2
Kansas City	8	10	.444	3½
Seattle	7	10	.412	4
California	6	9	.400	4

Tuesday's Results

Minnesota 9, Kansas City 1
Seattle 1, California 0
Baltimore at Cleveland, rain
Boston 2, New York 1
Detroit 5, Washington 4
Only games scheduled

Today's Games

Seattle at Minnesota
Oakland at California, N
Chicago at Kansas City, N
Baltimore at Detroit, N
Boston at Washington, N
Cleveland at New York, N

Thursday's Games

Seattle at Minnesota
Cleveland at New York
Chicago at Kansas City, twi-light
Oakland at California, N
Baltimore at Detroit, N
Boston at Washington, N

West Golfers Still Champs

EDWARDSVILLE—Belleville West's Maroons successfully defended their Southwestern Conference golf title at Sunset Hills Country Club course here Tuesday.

The Maroons shot a team total of 315.

Alton's Redbirds finished second with 324 and they had the tourney's low medalist in Tim Wickenhauser, who shot a five-over par 76.

Third was Edwardsville, 334, followed by Granite City, 339; Wood River, 365; and Collinsville, 374. East St. Louis, the seventh conference member, did not compete.

BELLEVILLE WEST (315)—Rusty Pierce, 78; Denny Alberts, 79; Jay Harris, 79; Kim Littlefield, 80.
ALTON (324—Tim Wickenhauser, 76; John Fischer, 81; Don Schaeder, 82; Cliff Emons, 84.
EDWARDSVILLE (334) — Tom Utecht, 81; Bob Blankf, 82; John Denney, 84; Glen Stafford, 87.
GRANITE CITY (339) — David Rahland, 80; Tim Eschwandeman, 83; Larry Knox, 86; Earl Henderson, 90.
WOOD RIVER (365)—Ron Hendricks, 89; Clem West, 90; John Hunt, 91; John Byrd, 95.
Collinsville (374) Charles Cloin, 90; Dennis Meziski, 93; Gary Hausman, 94; and Kirt Kirkoff, 94.

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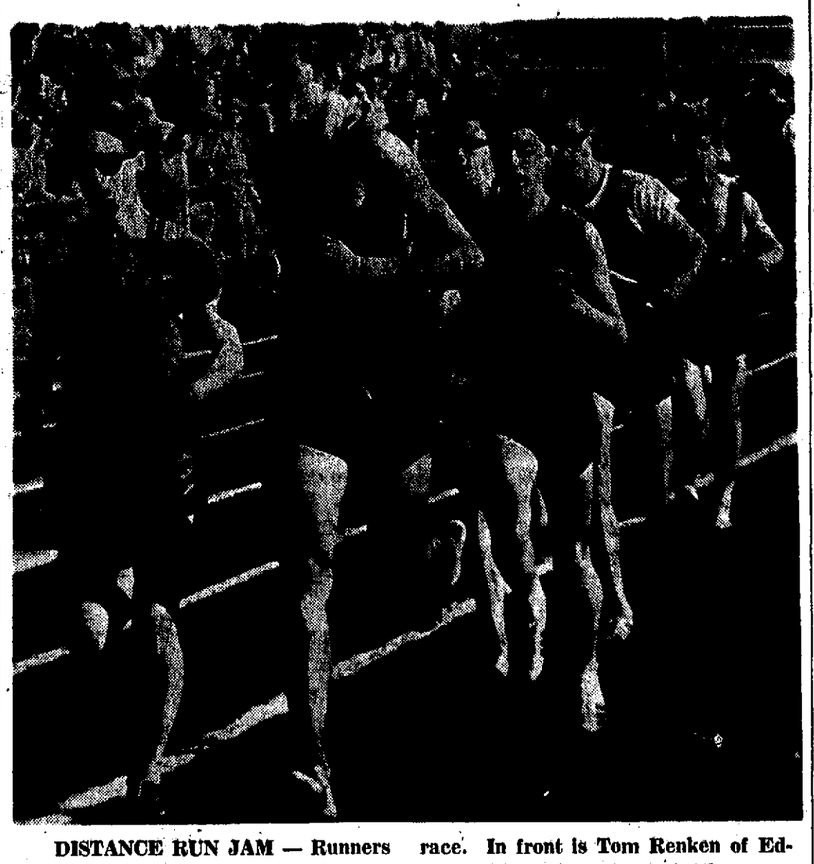

DISTANCE RUN JAM — Runners in the two-mile event of the Madison County Track and Field Meet at Granite City jam up near the start of the race. In front is Tom Renken of Edwardsville (tallest runner), the eventual winner. Alton runner is Andy Cannon.

Alton, Wood River County Track Kings

GRANITE CITY—Alton High School tuned up for the powerful East St. Louis Relays Friday night by winning the Madison County Track and Field Meet here Tuesday evening.

The Redbrids, competing in the four-team Red Division, piled up 70 points to 59½ for runnerup Granite City; 53½ for Collinsville and 53 for Edwardsville.

In the other division, the Green one (for schools with smaller enrollment), Wood River emerged winner with 61 points. Second was Triad with 48 and right behind was Roxana with 47.

It was the first time two separate divisions have been held.

Four records were set in the meet. Steve Birger of Collinsville, one of the top discus athletes in the state, flipped the platter 178 feet 1½ inches to easily break the old mark of 165 feet ½ inch set by another former Kahok, Bogie Redmon, in 1960.

Alton had a hand in two records, Doug Mendenhall going 12 feet 6 inches in the pole vault to beat the old mark of 12-4½. In the 440-yard dash, Milt Johnson was timed in :49.8 to crack the old record of :50.2.

The fourth broken record came in the two-mile run where Tom Renken of Edwardsville won in 9:57.5. The old mark was 10:01.2.

Alton's winning total would have been higher, but it was disqualified in the mile relay for passing out of the zone. The Redbirds finished first with a time that would have broken the record.

Alton's speedy 880 relay team of Jim Scruggs, Gerry (Scooter) Wilson, Oscar Wallace and Gail Murphy won its specialty in the time of 1:30.9. Murphy also won the 220-yard dash and was second to Morris Bradshaw of Edwardsville in the 100-yard race.

Surprisingly, Alton won only four of the 15 events. Collinsville won four as did Edwardsville; Granite City had three firsts.

RED DIVISION TEAM TOTALS
Alton 70, Granite City 59½, Collinsville 53½, Edwardsville 53.

RESULTS

Shot put — LaFrank, Collinsville, 53-10; Fisk, Alton, 48-3¼; Fletcher, Collinsville, 47-9; Blair, Edwardsville, 46-4¾; Minton, Alton, 45-6¼.

High jump—Bradshaw, Edwardsville, 6-0; Dooley, Alton, 5-10; Waugh, Granite City, 5-8; Cusanelli, Collinsville, 5-8; T. Mitchell, Alton, 5-6.

Discus — Birger, Collinsville, 178-1½ (record; old record 165-½ by Redmon, Collinsville, 1960); LaFrank, Collinsville, 160-4; Mitchell, Alton, 144-4; Steiner, Alton, 143-9¾; Miller, Granite City, 132-3¼.

Two mile run—Renken, Edwardsville, 9:57.5 (record; old record 10:01.2 by Fischer, Alton, 1967); Anderson, Collinsville, 10:01.4; Burris, Granite City, 10:14.6; Cannon, Alton, 10:20.5; Briggs, Granite City, 10:28.5.

120 high hurdles—Hayes, Edwardsville, :15.1; Allen, Granite City, :15.2; Twietmeyer, Granite City, :16.0; Aljets, Edwardsville, :16.6; Sackman, Alton, :16.7.

100 — Bradshaw, Edwardsville, :10.0; Murphy, Alton, :10.0; Jones, Granite City, :10.0; Lott, Edwardsville, :10.3; Merkle, Alton, :10.3.

Long jump—Cusanelli, Collinsville, 20-5½; Jackson, Granite City, 19-10; Gilcrest, Alton, 19-6½; Lott, Edwardsville, 19-5½; Waugh, Granite City, 19-3.

880—McDuffy, Granite City, 2:01.7; Gray, Collinsville, 2:01.8; Frazier, Granite City, 2:02.4; Ross, Alton, 2:04.7; Kidwell, Alton, 2:08.7.

880 relay—Alton (Scruggs, Wilson, O. Wallace, Murphy), 1:30.9; Granite City 1:31.8; Edwardsville 1:33.0; Collinsville 1:36.8.

Pole vault — Mendenhall, Alton, 12-6 (record; old record 12-4½ by Madison, Alton, 1968, and Mendenhall, Alton, 1968); — DeSherlia, Alton, 12-0; Busker, Edwardsville, 11-6; Friedline, Edwardsville, 11-0; Twietmeyer, Granite City, 10-6.

440—Johnson, Alton, :49.8 (record; old record :50.2 by Swettenham, Alton, 1967); Young, Collinsville, :52.4; Elieff, Granite City, :52.6; Toon, Collinsville, :52.7; Bower, Alton, :53.5.

180 low hurdles (curve) — Allen, Granite City, :21.9; Wallace, Alton, :21.4; Black, Collinsville, :22.0; Twietmeyer, Granite City, :22.2; Sackman, Alton, :22.3.

Mile — Doll, Collinsville, 4:27.4; Burgess, Alton, 4:41.8; Hans, Collinsville, 4:50.7; Rose, Granite City, 4:50.8; Runge, Edwardsville, 4:54.0.

220—Murphy, Alton, :22.8; Jones, Granite City, :23.0; Scruggs, Alton, :23.3; Lott, Edwardsville, :23.8; Bradshaw, Edwardsville, :23.9.

Mile relay—Granite City, 3:29.7; Collinsville 3:37.2; Edwardsville, 3:49.9; (Alton won but was disqualified).

GREEN DIVISION TEAM TOTALS
Wood River 61, Traid 48, Roxana 47, Madison 32, Civic Memorial 25, Highland 16, St. Paul (Highland) 4, Marquette 3.

RESULTS

Shot put—Stanton, Roxana, 55-8; Burgand, Civic Memorial, 52-2; Mitchell, Wood River, 48-¼; Stanley, Triad, 47-0.

High jump—Laird, Triad, 5-10; Crause, Roxana, 5-8; Perkins, Highland, 5-8; McKeever, Wood River, 5-6; Schmitt, Triad, 5-6.

Discus—Stanton, Roxana, 153-11½; Hale, Wood River, 138-9¼; Exton, Roxana, 123-10½; Burk, Wood River, 123-0; Bargfield, Triad, 119-2¼.

Two mile run—Box, Triad, 10:21.6; Timson, Roxana, 10:37.8; Spahr, Wood River, 10:45.6; Watts, Madison, 10:52.3; Meier, Triad, 11:59.3.

120 high hurdles—Thomas, Wood River, :15.2; Ford, Madison, :15.8; McKeever, Wood River, :15.9; Collins, Roxana, :16.2; Mennemeyer, Civic Memorial, :16.3.

100—Tyus, Madison, :10.2; Chandler, Madison, :10.4; Borst, Triad, :10.5; Schmidt; Marquette, :10.7; Deist, Civic Memorial, :10.7.

Long jump—McKeever, Wood River, 20-10½; Borst, Triad, 20-8½; Dickman, St. Paul, 20-2¼; Deist, Civic Memorial; 19-6¾;

880 — Romach, Highland, 2:06.5; Sedlack, Triad, 2:07.0; Clapsaddle, Wood River, 2:07.7; Guebert, Roxana, 2:08.7; Franklin, Madison, 2:10.6.

880 RELAY—Triad, 1:37.9; Civic Memorial, 1:38.0; Wood River, 1:38.5; Roxana, 1:40.0; St. Paul, 1:41.1.

Pole Vault—Watson, Roxana, 12-0; Mennemeyer, Civic Memorial, 12-0; Timson, Roxana, 11-6; Sidner, Triad, 11-0; Crenshaw, Wood River, 11-0.

440—Borst, Triad, :50.8; Colclasure, Wood River, :52.3; Wheeler, Roxana, :52.6; Michaels, Highland, :53.6; Sites, Civic Memorial, :55.8.

Low Hurdles—Thomas, Wood River, :21.4; McKeever, Wood River, :21.8; Ford, Madison, :22.0; Moran, Civic Memorial, :22.8; Collins, Roxana, :22.9.

Mile — Bingham, Wood River, 4:45.8; Luber, Highland, 4:47.2; Virgin, Civic Memorial, 4:48.6; Grinter, Triad, 4:54.8; McManus, 4:56.5.

220—Tyus, Madison, :23.2; Borst, Triad, :23.7; Chandler, Madison, :23.3; Deist, Civic Memorial, :24.2; Schmidt, Madison, :24.3.

Mile Relay—Wood River — Wood River, 3:33.5; Roxana, 3:39.3; Madison, 3:40.4; Triad, 3:40.5; Highland, 3:47.3.

Assumption Ruins Effort by Schulz

EAST ST. LOUIS — Pitcher Greg Schulz of Marquette yielded only three hits yet lost a heartbreaking 4-2 loss to Assumption here Tuesday in a Bi-State Conference baseball contest.

Two walks and as many errors, plus a double, pushed across three Pioneer runs in the first frame to taint Schulz' effort, his third loss in as many tries thus far.

Ed Blake was the winning Assumption, marking his fifth without defeat for the season. He struck out 10 and walked one, allowed four hits and gave up single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Schulz allowed all of Assumptions runs, struck out five and walked three.

In losing, Schulz also doubled. Rick Ryback had a two-bagger for the Pioneers, who are now 15-3 for the season. Marquette is 3-8 and has yet to win conference in seven starts.

MARQ. (2) Player	AB	R	H	ASSUMP. (4) Player	AB	R	H
Cun'ham	4	0	0	Caradona	2	1	0
Rodriguez	4	0	1	Ryback	3	1	1
B. Shculz	3	0	1	Maty-chowiak	2	1	1
Tueth	3	0	0	Miller	1	0	0
Buescher	2	0	0	Hagearty	2	1	0
Droste	3	0	1	Hollen	2	0	0
Fitzgerald	2	0	0	Brittle	3	0	0
Andre	1	1	0	Paskus	2	0	1
Conley	3	0	0	Dinr	2	0	0
G. Schulz	2	1	1	Sullivan	1	0	0
				Papa	0	0	0
				Blake	2	0	0
Totals	27	2	4	Totals	22	4	3

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Marquette	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	— 2	4	2
ASSUMP.	3	0	0	0	0	1	X	— 4	3	2

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Today's Pitchers

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland (Dobson 1-3) at California (Brunet 1-2) N
Chicago (John 2-0) at Kansas City (Butler 1-1) N
Seattle (Brabender 0-1) at Minnesota (Chance 2-0)
Baltimore (McNally 3-0) at Detroit (Dobson 0-1) N
Boston (Culp 4-0) at Washington (Hannan 1-1) N
Cleveland (Tiant 0-4) at New York (Burbach 1-0) N

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York (Seaver 1-2) at Montreal (Wegener 1-0) N
Chicago (Hands 3-1) at Philadelphia (Fryman 2-1) N
St. Louis (Giusti 2-1 and Bison 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Brunning 1-2 and Blass 3-0) 2, twi-night
San Diego (Sisk 0-0 or Ross 1-0) at Atlanta (P. Niekro 3-1) N
Houston (Blasingame 0-3) at Cincinnati (Maloney 2-0) N
Los Angeles (Singer 4-0) at San Francisco (Marichal 3-1) N

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Vernon Vanoy, University of Kansas defensive star, has signed to play with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League next season, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Phillip Miles said the 6-foot-8, 270-pound standout preferred the Canadian offer even though he had been drafted third by the New York Giants of the National Football League.

Astros Have Big Trouble!

By MIKE RECHT

The Houston Astros might have come out of the 1962 expansion draft in worse shape than this year's two new National League clubs, but it's seven years later now and the Astros still appear left out in the cold.

Colder than yesterday's mashed potatoes, the Astros added another loss to their worst record in the league by dropping a 2-1 decision at Atlanta Tuesday night, their seventh consecutive defeat and 14th in the last 15 games. They are 0-12 on the road.

"I think we're better than this," was about all suffering Manager Harry Walker could manage to say after his club fell to a 4-19 record.

Although Montreal dropped a 2-0 verdict to the New York Mets, and San Diego lost to Los Angeles 2-1, the two newest teams in the league had records Houston could envy. The Expos might be last in the East Division, but they have a 7-12 record, while the Padres are fifth ahead of Houston in the West at 9-13.

San Francisco, meanwhile, remained tied with the Dodgers for first place in the West by beating Cincinnati 4-3 in 13 innings and the Chicago Cubs increased their East lead with a 10-0 rout over Philadelphia.

Cold weather postponed St. Louis' game at Pittsburgh.

"We're not loafing," Walker insisted. "We just get the bases loaded and time after time the batter drills one right into someone's glove that just as easily could have been a double."

That's close to what happened against the Braves. Trailing 2-1, the Astros loaded the bases in the eighth inning with one out on singles by Jesus Alou and Jim Wynn, a sacrifice and an intentional walk, but reliever Cecil Upshaw got Denis Menke to hit into a force out at home and then induced Curt Blefary to ground out.

They also loaded the bases with one out against winner Milt Pappas in the fifth, but Alou and Wynn both fouled out.

After Orlando Cepeda's sacrifice fly in the first gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead, Pappas, 2-2, drove in the decisive run himself in the fourth with a single off loser Denny Lemaster, 0-4.

Ed Kranepool's first two homers of the season—off Jim Grant in the second and sixth innings—gave the Mets, the other 1962 expansion club, their eighth victory in 19 games for a third place tie in the East. Jerry Koosman stopped Montreal on two hits before leaving with one out in the fifth when his arm tightened, and Nolan Ryan completed the shutout, giving four more hits and striking out seven.

Kranepool's homers gave his 53 with the Mets, breaking the club record of 52 set by Frank Thomas from 1962-64.

The Dodgers scored twice in the first against rookie Al Santorini on a walk, an error and singles by Willie Davis and Bill Sudakis, but needed clutch relief work by Pete Mikkelsen and Jim Brewer to save Joe Moeller's victory.

Mikkelsen came in to get out Al Ferrara with the tying run on third and two out in the seventh inning and Brewer pitched out of a first-and-second, none out and then bases loaded, two out jams in the ninth.

Bobby Bonds was the hero in San Francisco's eighth straight victory, drilling a two-run homer in the eighth for a brief 3-2 lead and then rapping a run-scoring single in the 13th with two out.

Cincinnati, losing its fifth in a row, had held a 2-0 lead and then tied the game in the ninth on Bobby Tolan's hit with two out.

Pattin Is No Angel

By DICK COUCH
Associated Press Sports Writer

Marty Pattin got the Barber to trim off some excess curls free of charge. Now Pattin's making the California Angels pay for lifting his halo.

Pattin, picked up by Seattle from California in the American League expansion draft, pitched a two-hitter Friday as the Pilots nipped the Angels 1-0 on an eighth inning homer by catcher Larry Haney.

The victory was Pattin's second in two appearances against his former teammates. The complete game was his first in the majors.

"Give the credit to our pitching coach, Sal 'The Barber' Maglie," said the 26-year-old right-hander, who held the Angels hitless for 7 2-3 innings and finished with 11 strikeouts. "He changed my delivery and gave me a couple of other suggestions during spring training.

"Before, I had a lot of wasted effort. I was rearing back and winding up. Sal got me to take less of a windup and to stop rearing back."

Maglie, who pitched a no-hitter 13 years ago for the old Brooklyn Dodgers, watched his protege stop the Angels cold until Tom Satriano singled with two out in the eighth. Jim Fregosi singled with two out in the ninth, but Haney cut him down trying to steal second, nailing Pattin's third victory against one loss.

In other AL games, Boston shaded the New York Yankees 2-1, ending Mel Stottlemyre's winning string at five; Detroit topped Washington 5-4 on Mickey Stanley's three-run double in the ninth and Minnesota pounded Kansas City 9-1 behind Harmon Killebrew's grand slam homer.

The Baltimore-Cleveland game was rained out and the Chicago White Sox and Oakland Athletics were idle.

The St. Louis-Pittsburgh game was postponed because of cold weather and wet grounds.

Pattin, who appeared in 52 games—only four as a starter—with California in his 1968 rookie year, finishing at 4-4, breezed past the Angels in the first seven innings. He walked two, but one runner was erased in a double play.

After Satriano singled up the middle in the eighth, Pattin fanned pinch hitter Bob Chance for his 10th strikeout and Haney led off the bottom of the inning against Jim McGlothlin with his first 1969 homer.

McGlothlin, who yielded six hits, also was the loser when Pattin and the Pilots downed California 4-3 in their April 8 season opener.

"I hit a hanging curve . . I think," said Haney, who hit one homer for Baltimore.

"Larry Haney ... he's the man," beamed Pattin. "He called a great game.

"I was strong all the way. I was forcing them to hit my pitch."

Mike Nagy, making his first major league start, held the Yankees to three hits and an unearned run in 6 2-3 innings and Sparky Lyle finished up with a hitless relief job after the Red Sox scored twice in the seventh.

Tony Conigliaro doubled and scored the tying run on a single by rookie Syd O'Brien, who continued to second on the throw to the plate and took third on a wild pitch.

Montreal Again Toys With Blues

MONTREAL (AP)—The National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs moved to St. Louis today with the Montreal Canadiens holding a two-game lead and feeling the momentum.

Scotty Bowman, coach of the Blues, feels playing in front of its home fans will help his club turn the playoffs around. But Dick Duff, who scored one of Montreal's goals in Tuesday night's second-game victory, doesn't quite agree.

"The fans can't go on the ice and win the game for them," Duff reasoned. "They had some pretty good fans in New York and Boston, too, and we won there."

Right now, the Canadiens look like they can win most anywhere. They shed the lethargic style that marked Sunday's opening victory and wore down St. Louis Tuesday night with a non-stop attack that had them in control almost all the way.

Early penalties threw both teams off stride and the game was scoreless until the final three minutes of the opening period when Ralph Backstrom swatted J. C. Tremblay's rebound past Glenn Hall.

"It was a tough angle," said Backstrom, who again tailed St. Louis' top gun, Red Berenson, and kept him off the scoreboard. "I had to get the puck high and over Hall."

After playing the first four minutes of the second period shorthanded because of a double minor penalty to John Ferguson, the Canadiens turned on the pressure.

First Duff scored on a textbook power play after a half dozen pin-point passes had the Blues and Hall turning every which way. Jean Beliveau, who assisted on the goal, nodded approvingly as Duff lifted the puck into the net with almost ridiculous ease.

Then Yvan Cournoyer went to work. On three successive slap shots he decked defensemen Al Arbour, Bill Plager and Barclay Plager, who all dove in front of the puck to keep it away from Hall. Cournoyer's fourth slapper went in.

"That's their style—to block the shots like that," said Cournoyer. "You can't let that bother you. You just keep shooting them low. One will get through."

The Canadiens then swarmed all over Hall. "You are never in control of a game unless you have a bigger bulge than we did," said Beliveau. "Hockey is funny and sometimes the goals can come in a hurry."

For St. Louis, they did not.

Larry Keenan finally scored for the Blues with two Canadiens in the penalty box midway through the third period. It was much too little, much too late.

FIRST PERIOD: Scoring — 1. Montreal, Backstrom (J. C. Tremblay) 17:26. Penalties—Picard and Duff (elbowing) 2:17. Eccelstone (tripping) 3:30. Arbour and Beliveau (high-sticking) 4:54. Harris (tripping) 6:36. Picard (tripping) 6:56. Picard (tripping) 7:34. Harper (holding) 14:17. Ferguson (cross-checking) spearing and 10-minute misconduct) 19:50.

SECOND PERIOD: Scoring — 2. Montreal, Duff (Beliveau, Savard) 9:07. 3. Montreal, Cournoyer (Beliveau) 14:11. Penalty — McCreary (tripping) 8:45.

THIRD PERIOD: Scoring—4. St. Louis, Keenan 4 (Roberts, B. Plager 9:20. Penalties — W. Plager (holding) 2:34. Crisp (high-sticking) 5:21. Harris (elbowing) 5:21. Rousseau (tripping) 8:40. Davard (holding) 9:06. Picard (playing with a broken stick) 17:58. Laperriere (cross-checking) 19:23.

SHOTSON GOAL

St. Louis	5	10	10	—25
Montreal	9	15	9	—33

Kessinger Key Man In Chicago's Drive

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Chicago Cubs are leading the East Division of the National League and Manager Leo Durocher won't argue that his shortstop isn't the key figure.

"He's shown some kind of improvement," Durocher said Tuesday night of Don Kessinger, the Cubs' switch-hitting All-Star shortstop.

Kessinger was on base four times Tuesday night in a 10-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. He scored four runs and batted in two more. His pair of doubles and a single raised Kessinger's batting average to .311.

The 175-pound Mississippian talked about his improved hitting.

Kessinger said:

"I think I finally learned the strike zone lefthanded. It's the first time I can really compare it to batting right-handed."

Kessinger hit .296 right-handed last season, and wound up with a .240 batting average. The 6-foot-1 shortstop feels he's a much better ballplayer this year.

"I'm much more confident, not to the point of being cocky," he said.

"I just know I can get the job done. There's a difference when you know you can do certain things, know you can get the job done. It gives you a lift."

Informed that Durocher feels he is a big factor in the Cubs' fast start this season, Kessinger smiled, then said:

"I appreciate that, but I don't know that I'm such a factor. We have a lot of good ballplayers on this club."

The Cubs wrapped up Tuesday night's game early with three runs in the third and four in the fourth. Santo batted in four runs, including a solo homer in the ninth.

UP AND OVER — Doug Mendenhall of Alton clears the bar at 12 feet 6 inches to win the pole vault event. His effort was a record one; the old mark was 12-4½.

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