

## WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

October 17, 1961.

### NEW W.H.L. FRANCHISES

The Los Angeles Blades made an auspicious debut in their return to Western Hockey League play after an eleven year absence over the weekend as they split a pair of weekend games in Los Angeles with last seasons Champion Portland Buckaroos.

10,286 brand new hockey fans turned out for the opener in the League's southernmost city, the largest crowd ever to watch a hockey game in Los Angeles. This attendance total topped that of the National League's Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs in exhibition games played last season on a special tour to the West Coast and added more fuel to the fire in the Western League's drive to Hockey's Major Leagues.

The Portland Buckaroos were spoilers in the Los Angeles home-opener but the Blades shook it off with no ill-effects and came roaring back the following night to defeat the Bucks, 5-3.

The Los Angeles home-opener is reminiscent of and compares favorably with the first home game of the Portland Buckaroos last season. After playing the first ten games on the road last season while they awaited the completion of the new Portland Coliseum the Bucks returned home to an opening night crowd of well over 5000 and allowed no let-up for the rest of the season as they went on to win the Lester Patrick Cup. If the Blades can follow the same pattern this season, building on the opening night crowd of over 10,000, and from all reports there is no apparent reason why this won't happen, Western Hockey League success will be 50% assured in California.

The San Francisco Seals make up the remaining 50% of the California entries and are presently following the rugged road grind that Portland followed for the first ten games last season. Although they have lost the first two games there is no reason to panic as they possess a fine nucleus and will be in top shape for their home-opener on Nov. 17.

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### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

An outstanding performance in the first game of the new season brought 'Player of the Week' honors to veteran RUDY FILION of the Seattle Totems. The smooth skating centerman jumped out to a fast start by scoring 3 goals and assisting on two others for a total of 5 points as the Totems downed the San Francisco Seals 8 - 3 in Seattle's home-opener.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING -- HAT TRICKS

As well as scoring the season's first "Hat Trick" ( 3 goals in one game), FILION also leads the individual scoring race with 5 points after the first week of play.

GORD FASHOWAY, the other ageless veteran of Western Hockey League play, is in second place in the individual scoring along with several other players as he scored 3 goals and assisted on a fourth for 4 points as Portland split a weekend doubleheader with the new Los Angeles Blades.

FILION'S linemate, DON CHIUPKA, leads the League in assists after the first week of play, having set up four goals.

### PENALTIES

Rookie LARRY McNABB, rugged young Spokane defenceman, picked up 23 minutes in penalties in his first three games to take over the League "Bad Man" honors after one week of play.

### GOALKEEPERS

Spokane goalkeeper EDDIE JOHNSTON leads in the goal-keeping department with a 2.33 average for the first three games. Stellar performances by the lanky backstop over the weekend enabled the Comets to gain sole possession of first place with five points resulting from 2 wins and a tie in the first week of action.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos took over sole possession of first place in the Western Hockey League's Southern Division on the past week's action, having 4 wins against only one loss for a total of 8 points. In the Northern Division the high-flying Edmonton Flyers have now won three straight to lead with 6 points. At this point Edmonton is the only team in both divisions that has yet to taste defeat.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Last season's scoring champion, Art Jones of Portland, emerged as the League's leading scorer this week having amassed a total of 3 goals and 6 assists for 9 points. Jones took over the lead from Seattle's Rudy Filion, presently in second place with 4 goals and 4 assists for a total of 8 points. Filion's linemate, Don Chiupka, is tied with Rudy for second place along with San Francisco's Nick Mickoski, both having notched 3 goals and 5 assists for 8 points. Seattle's rookie Jimmy Baird is the League's leading goal scorer with 6 to date and his centerman, Guyle Fielder, leads in the assist department with 7.

### GOALKEEPERS

Edmonton goalie Denny Riggin, reportedly off to his best start in several seasons, gave proof of the fact in the past week by allowing only two goals in two games to lead the goalkeepers with the commendable average of 1.67.

### PENALTIES

Rookie Larry McNabb of the Spokane Comets added considerably to his penalty total during the past week to lead the 'Bad Men' of the League with 35 minutes. San Francisco's Jean Marc Picard is a distant second with 24 minutes followed by teammate Bud Hillman with 19.

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### UP-COMING GAMES

This week's schedule will see the San Francisco Seals continue their rugged road grind battling the Spokane Comets tonight in Spokane while the other California entry, the Los Angeles Blades, engage the Calgary Stampeders for the first time. Wednesday San Francisco travels to Portland for a mid-week encounter as the Los Angeles Blades will go against the undefeated Edmonton Flyers. Friday Portland makes their first trip to Seattle while San Francisco returns to the coast to battle the Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles face Edmonton for the second time in three nights. Saturday San Francisco will visit Seattle, Vancouver travels to Spokane and Los Angeles visits Calgary. The lone Sunday encounter will see Los Angeles at Portland.

### LEAGUE 'SHARPSHOOTERS'

After the first 10 days of Western Hockey League play the Seattle Totems emerge as League "Sharpshooters". In their five games played to date the Totems, on the average, "wasted" only five shots before blinking the red light for a marker. Seattle fired 140 shots at the opposition in the first five games and scored 25 goals. Edmonton follows Seattle with the next best average scoring once in every 7 shots. The team shooting averages are listed as follows:

Seattle-5 games..total shots 140..total goals 25..avg.--one goal per 5.60 shots  
Edmonton-3 games..total shots 112..total goals 16..avg-one goal per 7.00 shots  
Calgary-3 games..total shots 104..total goals 14..avg--one goal per 7.43 shots  
Portland-5 games..total shots 173..total goals 22..avg-one goal per 7.89 shots  
L. Angeles-4 games..total shots 135..total goals 15..avg-one goal per 9.00shots  
S. Francisco-6 games..total shots 163. total goals 17. avg-one goal per 9.56 shots  
Spokane-5 games..total shots 146..total goals 14..avg--one goal per 10.4 shots  
Vancouver-3 games..total shots 84..total goals 7..avg--one goal per 12.00 shots

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos, playing every game as though they were already in the play-off finals for the Patrick Cup, jumped out to a commanding five point lead in the Southern Division with 14 points made up of 7 wins and 1 loss. The Bucks have won all 4 of their games at home as well as chalking up the impressive record of 3 win in 4 road games played to date. In the Northern Division the powerful Edmonton Flyers continue to roll along with 5 straight wins against no losses. The Flyers lead the second place Seattle Totems by two points despite having played 2 less games than the high-scoring Totems.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Seattle's Rudy Filion added 3 goals and 3 assists to his individual scoring total to overtake Portland's Art Jones in the individual scoring race. Rudy now has scored 7 times and assisted on 7 more for a total of 14 points to tie with Jones for the League lead. Jones picked up 1 goal and 4 assists on the weeks play giving him a total of 4 goals and 10 assists and a share of first place in the scoring race.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Three players qualify for 'Player of the Week' honors of the past week's play all having picked up 6 points to enhance their position in the scoring race. RUDY FILION, with 3 goals and 3 assists, moved from second place to a tie for first place while the League's other ageless wonder, GORD FASHOWAY, with 2 goals and 4 assists, moved from seventh to fourth place in individual scoring. The biggest move, however, was made by Seattle's hardchecking GERRY LEONARD who, with 2 goals and 4 assists, moved all the way up to fifth in the scoring from the position of eighteenth last week.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

A brassy young Seattle rookie is presently challenging

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the League's two most experienced veterans for the goal-scoring lead. Young **JIMMY BAIRD**, showing no respect for age, has blinked the red light 7 times to tie for most goals scored with Portland's high-scoring **GORD FASHOWAY** and team-mate **RUDY FILION**. The League's two top playmakers for the past several seasons Portland's **ART JONES** and Seattle's **GUYLE FIELDER**, are tied for most assists with ten each.

### GOALKEEPERS

Edmonton goalie **DENNIS RIGGIN** maintains his position atop the goalkeeper list with the incredible average of 1.20 per game. In 5 games played to date only 6 goals have been scored against **RIGGIN**. At the present rate, as long as the Flyers continue to fly, the prairie all-star will soon boast the unheard of average of under 1.00. The first shutout of the season was recorded by **RIGGIN** against Los Angeles last week and was duplicated by Vancouver's **CLAUDE EVANS** against San Francisco a few nights later.

### PENALTIES

Penalty leader **LARRY McNABB** added 7 minutes to his total in the past week to lead the League with 42 minutes in the 'cooler'. The Spokane rookie has a comfortable lead over team-mate **COLIN KIIBUEN** who is in second place with 30 minutes and Vancouver's **DALE ANDERSON**, in third place with 25 minutes.

### UPCOMING GAMES

This week's action will see Los Angeles at Spokane and Vancouver at Edmonton tonight. On Wednesday Los Angeles will visit Portland and Vancouver will play at Calgary. On Friday, November 3, Seattle will be at Vancouver and Calgary at Edmonton. Saturday will bring about a full slate of games with San Francisco at Los Angeles, Vancouver at Seattle, Portland at Spokane and Edmonton at Calgary. Sunday, November 5, Vancouver will visit Portland and Spokane will make their second appearance on Seattle ice.

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RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT

The Seattle Totems, after losing to a come-from-behind Portland squad the night before, broke loose against the hapless San Francisco Seals for eleven goals on Saturday night past for a record-breaking win. After a scoreless first period the Totems started fast in the second scoring five times before the Seals gained their lone marker. Two records were shattered in the second period of the game as Seattle scored eight goals and one other was tied.

Eight goals in one period tied the record for most goals scored in one period which was set in the second period at Calgary on March 7, 1956, against Saskatoon.

The Totems broke the record for most goals and assists in one period by a team as they scored eight goals and thirteen assists for a total of twenty-one points. The previous high was set by Vancouver in the third period against Saskatoon at Vancouver on January 30, 1956, when the Canucks scored seven goals and had thirteen assists for a total of twenty points.

The record for the fastest five goals scored in one period crumbled when the Totems scored five in four minutes and fifty seconds. This record was held previously by the Edmonton Flyers when they scored five goals in Victoria against the Cougars in five minutes and twenty seconds on February 3, 1953.

The final score in the game was Seattle 11 and San Francisco 1 in a contest that will long be remembered by the Totems and quickly forgotten by the Seals.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos, losing only one game in three during the past week, remain solidly entrenched in first place in the Southern Division with nine wins against two losses for 18 points, -- five more than the second place Spokane Comets. The Edmonton Flyers, chalking up seven straight wins before losing their first game of the season in overtime Saturday night in Calgary, maintain their position atop the Northern Division standings with 14 points.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Veteran Seattle centerman RUDY FILION gained a two point lead in the individual scoring race over team mate DON CHIUPKA as he picked up 1 goal and 6 assists in three games during the past week to bring his total to 8 goals and 13 assists for 21 points. Filion has now averaged 7 points a week for the first three weeks of the 1961-62 season, --an average of over two points per game for the 10 games the Totems have played. Line-mate DON CHIUPKA moves into second place with 19 points and Edmonton centerman LEN LUNDE scoring consistently in every Flyer game moves up to third place with 17 points.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the week honors this week are awarded to hustling Vancouver Canuck forward DAVE DUKE. The free-skating right winger scored 7 goals and 1 assist in five games played by the Canucks during the past week to top all other players in individual performance.

### MOST GOALS--MOST ASSISTS

Veteran GORD FASHOWAY leads the Western Hockey League in the department in which he excels--that of scoring goals. The hard-shooting Portland winger has scored 10 goals in 11 games played, almost one a game and one more than Seattle rookie JIMMY BAIRD who has scored 9 goals in 10 games.



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Seattle's League-leading centerman RUDY FILION, leads the League in assists with 13 in ten games.

### GOALKEEPERS

DENNIS RIGGIN, Edmonton Flyer goalkeeper, tops the League in goalkeeping for the second consecutive week allowing 16 goals in 8 games for a 2.00 average. Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE is a close second with 27 goals against in 11 games played for a 2.45 average.

### PENALTIES

Despite having picked up only 2 minutes in penalties during the past week of play, Spokane rookie LARRY McNABB still leads in the penalty department with 44 minutes in 10 games.

### UP-COMING GAMES

This week's action will see the San Francisco Seals journey north once again to play the last three games of an extended 14 game road trip before returning to newly finished Cow Palace in San Francisco. The Seals will play tonight in Spokane while Seattle will face Calgary at the same time in the Totems first swing to the prairies. On Wednesday San Francisco will visit Portland and Seattle will be at Edmonton. On Friday Portland will visit Vancouver and Seattle will again face the Edmonton Flyers in the prairie city. On Saturday San Francisco will make their second appearance in Los Angeles while Vancouver plays at Spokane and Seattle will be at Calgary. On Sunday Edmonton will play at Portland in their first coast trip and Calgary will be at Spokane.

### FLYERS SET RECORD

It took an overtime game to accomplish the feat, but the Calgary Stampeders finally stopped the Edmonton Flyers after a record-breaking seven straight wins at the start of the 1961-62 season. The previous

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record of six straight wins was set by the Vancouver Canucks in the 1957-58 season. A tremendous crop of rookies steadied by the fine example set by experienced veterans and backed up by tremendous goalkeeping is the formula for early success by the Flyers. After a dismal finish last season it looks as though Edmonton intends to make amends with a strong bid for the coveted Lester Patrick Cup this season.

### DEJORDY TIES RECORD

When the Vancouver Canucks faced off against the Edmonton Flyers in Edmonton on October 31st it took Flyer winger ROGER DEJORDY no more than 8 seconds to score the first Edmonton goal. In so doing the speedy winger tied the record for the fastest opening game goal held by Andy Chakowski of Vancouver and Steve Witiuk of Calgary, presently with the Spokane Comets. Chakowski accomplished the feat against Portland on November 4, 1949, and Witiuk against Saskatoon at Calgary on December 1, 1954.

### FINES

In the latest breaking developments from the League office President Al Leader announced that two fines have been levied against players as a result of a second period fracas in the Seattle-Spokane game in Seattle on Sunday night, November 5.

Spokane defenseman CON MADIGAN was fined \$25.00 for a <sup>game</sup> misconduct penalty assessed by referee Robert Sloan and an additional \$75.00 for verbal abuse and threats directed toward Referee Sloan upon receipt of the game misconduct penalty.

Seattle goalkeeper JIM McLEOD was fined \$10.00 for leaving his goal area to enter a melee. McLEOD went to the aid of team mate DUNC McCALLUM when a fight broke out near the Seattle goal area between McCALLUM and Spokane forward STEVE WITIUK.

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### STANDINGS

The red-hot Edmonton Flyers, winning all three of their games during the past week, lengthened their lead over the second place Seattle Flyers to seven points in the League's Northern Division with an over-all record of 10 wins and 1 loss for 20 points. Despite having lost their last two games the Portland Buckaroos sit comfortably atop the Southern Division standings with a record of 10 wins and 4 losses for 20 points, 3 more than the second place Spokane Comets.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Increasing his point total by only one goal, Seattle centerman RUDY FILION maintained his position as the League's scoring leader with a total of 9 goals and 13 assists for 22 points in 14 games. Line mate DON CHIUPKA also added a goal to remain in second place with 9 goals and 11 assists for 20 points and is followed by Edmonton's LEN LUNDE with a total of 8 goals and 12 assists for 20 points.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the week honors this week are shared by two of the League's leading centermen, NORM JOHNSON of Calgary and GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle. Both players picked up 4 assists and gained notably in the scoring race. FIELDER moved from fourteenth place to fourth place and JOHNSON moved from twenty-second place to eleventh in individual scoring.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland scoring ace GORD FASHOWAY picked up one goal during the past week to up his total to 11 in 14 games to maintain the League goal-scoring lead. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER took over the lead in the assist department with 16 assists in 14 games.

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### GOALKEEPERS

Edmonton's DENNIS RIGGIN still maintains his position as the League's top goalkeeper with 18 goals against in 10 games for an average of 1.80. The starry netminder was cut above and below the eye last Friday in a game against the Seattle Totems and will be out of action indefinitely. He was replaced for the remainder of the game with HARRISON GRAY, Edmonton Oil King Junior goalie, and the Flyers have since been rescued by the parent Detroit Red Wings who sent former W.H.L. all-star HANK BASSEN to fill in until RIGGIN'S return to action. In one game played BASSEN has allowed one goal for a 1.00 average.

### PENALTIES

In three games played last week by the Spokane Comets rookie LARRY McNABB did not receive one penalty, yet he still leads the League in penalties. His accumulated total of 44 minutes in the 'cooler' are 10 more than team mate COLIN KILBURN who rates second place with 34 minutes. BILL SHVETZ, another Spokane player, is in third place with 32 minutes.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Twelve games are slated for this week's action. Edmonton will be at Los Angeles tonight and the Calgary Stampeders will make their first swing coastward to meet the Vancouver Canucks at the same time. A lone game will be played on Wednesday when the Calgary Stampeders invade the Glass Palace at Portland. Edmonton will play at Los Angeles again Thursday evening before journeying to San Francisco for the Seals home opener on Friday night. Friday will also see Calgary at Seattle and Spokane at Vancouver. On Saturday Calgary will head south to take on the Los Angeles Blades while the Edmonton Flyers will again face the San Francisco Seals. Seattle will battle the Spokane Comets in Spokane on the same night. On Sunday Spokane will journey to Portland to face the Buckaroos and Vancouver will play at Seattle.

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### SAN FRANCISCO OPENER

Ever since the 1961-62 Western Hockey League season opened on Friday, October 13th, the San Francisco Seals have been longingly looking forward to the arrival of another Friday, -- November 17th. For it is on this date that the Seals open their home schedule in San Francisco's famed Cow Palace.

After fourteen straight road games and thousands of miles-travelled the Seals will welcome the ice surface that will be "home" to them from now on. Even though it will mark the first game played at the renovated Cow Palace for the Seals or any other Western Hockey League team the great psychological advantage of the "home" ice surface will be with the Seals for the first time this season.

Not only will the Seals welcome this advantage, they will definitely need every possible advantage as the opposition in their opener will be provided by the hottest team in the League at the present time in the Edmonton Flyers. The sizzling Flyers have chalked up, at this writing, the amazing record of 10 wins and one loss to jump out to the fastest start of any team in the League's history.

The Seals will be determined to make their home debut a successful one and would rather accomplish the feat against the League's best rather than any other team. It should all add up to an ideal hockey debut in San Francisco.

### FLYER LEADER

Many critics are wondering how the Edmonton Flyers continue to win at ease with so many rookies in the line-up. The answer may be found in one player, centerman LEN LUNDE. LUNDE is the only player to date to score at least one point in each and every game played thus far by his team--a total of eleven games. In addition he has scored or assisted on seven of the ten game-winning goals scored by the Flyers.

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### STANDINGS

The Edmonton Flyers picked up a win and two ties in four games of their first Southern tour to remain well out in front in the Northern Division standings with 23 points. They lead the second place Seattle Totems by six points. In the Southern Division the Portland Buckaroos came to life in the last scheduled game of the playing week to regain possession of first place from the fiery Spokane Comets. Portland defeated the Comets, 2 - 1, on Sunday night past to up their record to 11 wins against 5 losses for a total of 22 points. The loss left the Comets with a record of 10 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie for a total of 21 points and second place in the standings.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

One goal and two assists in three games for a point-a-game average during the past week was enough to keep Seattle centerman RUDY FILION in first place in the individual scoring race with a record of 10 goals and 15 assists for a total of 25 points in 17 games. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON moved into second place in the scoring race by scoring three goals and six assists in four games during the past week to up his scoring total to seven goals and seventeen assists in fifteen games for twenty-four points. Los Angeles forward GERRY GOYER also scored nine points to take over third place with 10 goals and 13 assists for 23 points in 16 games.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the week honors are shared this week by two of the most consistent centermen in the League. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON and GERRY GOYER of the Los Angeles Blades both picked up nine points in four and three games respectively. JOHNSON moved from eleventh place in the scoring race to second and trails RUDY FILION by only one point for the League lead. GOYER topped off a fine week of play with a "Hat Trick" against Calgary Saturday night to move from sixteenth place to third place, just two points behind the League leader.

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### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Three players are tied for the League's goal-scoring lead. GORD FASHOWAY of Portland and Spokane's GERRY BRISSON have scored 12 times each in 16 games while Seattle's rookie JIMMY BAIRD has scored 12 times in 17 games. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER maintains his lead in the assist department with 18 in 17 games but is followed closely by Calgary's NORM JOHNSON who has 17 helpers in 15 games.

### GOALKEEPERS

Injured Edmonton goalie DENNIS RIGGIN maintains the best goalkeeper average in the League with 1.80 goals against in 10 games played. Among the active goalies Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE takes over the lead with a 2.25 average in 16 games played. Spokane's ED JOHNSTON follows closely with a 2.38 average for 16 games and, as well, chalked up his second shutout of the season against Vancouver on Friday night past to lead the goalies in that department.

### PENALTIES

For the first time since the first week of play Spokane rookie LARRY McNABB relinquishes the penalty lead to team mate BILL SHVETZ. SHVETZ has amassed a total of 49 minutes in penalties in 16 games to push his rookie team mate into second place with 44 minutes. The Spokane team has presently been assessed a total of 306 minutes in penalties in 16 games while the seven remaining teams in the League have yet to reach a team total of 200.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Twelve games are on tap again this week. On Tuesday the Calgary Stampeders travel further south to engage the Los Angeles Blades while their prairie counterparts, the Edmonton Flyers, battle the Vancouver Canucks. Wednesday will see the Portland Buckaroos host Edmonton while Seattle travels

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to Spokane for the other mid-week encounter. To initiate the week-end action Calgary will be at San Francisco, Edmonton at Seattle and Portland at Vancouver. Saturday's action will see Calgary in a return engagement at San Francisco while Portland will travel to Seattle and Edmonton will be at Spokane. Sunday's action will see San Francisco travel to Los Angeles to resume their rivalry. Calgary will battle the Portland Buckaroos in the only other Sunday encounter.

The big game of the week will no doubt be Edmonton's mid-week encounter with the Portland Buckaroos. The top teams of each division will be meeting for the second time this season and the Bucks will be determined to uphold the prestige of the Southern Division and also make amends to hometown fans for losing to the Flyers in their first meeting.

### WELL-BALANCED LEAGUE

A long hard battle will ensue before the top team will be declared in the Western Hockey League in this 1961-62 season. Up to the present time 63 games have been played and more than one-third of these games have been decided by one goal. In addition there have been four tie games that ended in the deadlock even after the ten minute overtime period. Portland has been the most fortunate team as the Bucks have won no less than five games by one goal while losing two by the same margin. Spokane follows with a record of four one goal wins while losing three in the same way. Seattle has had the roughest time as the Totems have lost six games by one goal while winning only half that many by the same margin. Vancouver have dropped five games by one goal while winning two while Los Angeles has won three and lost two by the one goal. Calgary and Edmonton have two and two records by one goal margins and San Francisco have yet to lose by one goal while winning one. Seven goals have been scored into empty nets with Edmonton the only team to accomplish this feat twice.



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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos opened a seven point gap over the second place Spokane Comets in the Southern Division standings by winning all four of their games during the past week. The Bucks have now played 20 games and have a record of 15 wins and 5 losses for 30 points to give them a convincing hold on first place. In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers split their four games during the past week but still remain solidly entrenched in the top spot. The Flyers now have a season total of 13 wins, 5 losses and one tie in 19 games played for a Divisional high of 27 points. The second place Seattle Totems also trail by 8 points, having 9 wins, 10 losses and 1 tie for 19 points in 20 games played.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

For the second successive week Seattle centerman RUDY FILION leads the individual scoring race by one point. In three games played this week the veteran playmaker picked up 5 assists, giving him a total of 10 goals and 20 assists for 30 points in 20 games played. LEN LUNDE, the smooth-skating Edmonton centerman moved into second place as he picked up 2 goals and 4 assists in 4 games to up his total to 29 points on 11 goals and 18 assists in 17 games. A third centerman, Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER moved all the way from ninth to third place as he picked up 3 goals and 4 assists in 3 games for a total of 4 goals and 22 assists for 26 points.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Atremendous scoring splurge by Portland Centerman GENE ACHTYMICHUK rates him 'Player of the Week' honors for the past week's action. The shifty playmaker scored 2 goals and assisted on 9 others for a total of 11 points in 4 games. In one big game against Vancouver on Friday night past ACK-ACK set up five goals, one shy of the record number of assists for one game.

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Team mate TOMMY McVIE was a close second for player of the week honors as he picked up 10 points on 5 goals and 5 assists in 4 games, including a 'Hat Trick' against Vancouver.

### MOST GOALS --MOST ASSISTS

Spokane Comet winger GERRY BRISSON moves out in front in the goal-scoring department as he picked up 2 goals in 2 games in the past week for a total of 14 goals in 18 games. Veteran GORD FASHOWAY follows closely with 13 goals in the 20 games played by Portland in the young season.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER is maintaining his more-than-an-assist-a-game pace to lead the League in that department with a total of 22 helpers in 20 games. In 3 games during the past week he picked up 4 assists along with 3 goals to move into third place in the individual scoring race.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE leads among the active goalkeepers of the League with 46 goals against in 20 games for a 2.30 average. He is followed closely by Spokane's ED JOHNSTON who has allowed 46 goals in 18 games for an average of 2.55 per game. Both of these goalies, of course, trail Edmonton's injured DENNIS RIGGIN, who boasts an average of 1.80 goals per game for 10 games played.

San Francisco goalie BEV BENTLEY becomes the fifth goalie this season to gain a shutout as he blanked the Calgary Stampeders on Friday past 4-0.

### PENALTIES

The Edmonton Flyers came on strong during an extended road trip to end the Spokane Comets domination of the penalty parade. Former Comet FORBES KENNEDY, this season one of the Edmonton sparkplugs, takes over the penalty lead with 58 minutes. In second place with the same total as last week is

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BILL SHVETZ of the Spokane Comets with 49 minutes. Team mate LARRY McNABB is tied for third place with another Edmonton forward, rookie LARRY JEFFREY, both having 46 minutes on the sidelines.

UP-COMING GAMES

Fourteen games are slated for this week's action beginning tonight when Spokane visits Los Angeles for the first time to battle the Blades and Seattle travels north to go against the Vancouver Canucks while the prairie rivals, Calgary and Edmonton, face each other in Edmonton.

On Wednesday Los Angeles will invade the San Francisco Cow Palace for the first time while Seattle plays at Portland and Edmonton travels to Calgary for a return match. A lone Thursday game will see Spokane go against Los Angeles for the second time in three nights.

To start the weekend action on Friday Spokane will visit San Francisco while Vancouver will be at Edmonton. On Saturday Spokane will again face the Seals of San Francisco while Vancouver battle the Calgary Stampeders in Calgary.

Sunday will find San Francisco at Los Angeles, Vancouver at Portland and Seattle at Spokane to round out the week's action.

NEW RECORD

Edmonton rookie LARRY JEFFREY set a new penalty record in Portland on Wednesday night past as he picked up seven penalties in one game. The previous high was six and was held by three players, CLARE RAGIAN of Edmonton, DUKE EDMUNDSON of New Westminster and FRANK ARNETT of Seattle.

CONSISTENT SCORER

Edmonton's flashy centerman LEN LUNDE was finally kept off the scoresheet in Spokane on Saturday night past after scoring at least one point or more in sixteen straight games since the start of the season.

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FLYERS TAKE OVER PENALTY LEAD

In a rough, tough battle in Portland on Wednesday, November 22, between the Buckaroos and the Edmonton Flyers penalty records crumbled. As well as setting a new League record for most penalties in one game (Larry Jeffrey of the Flyers) the Flyers set a new season high for most penalty minutes by a team in one game. The Flyers were assessed 13 minors and 2 misconducts for a total of 46 minutes, 1 minute more than the previous season high of 45 set by the Spokane Comets on two occasions.

When the Comets set the season high mark the first time the same Buckaroos were the competition and/or victims in the first meeting of the two teams this season in Portland on October 22. At that time the Comets were assessed 10 minors, 1 major, 1 misconduct and 1 game misconduct.

Two weeks later on November 5 in Seattle the Comets duplicated the 45 minute high with the exact same penalties.

LINE-UP CHANGES:

Add to Portland: #9.....Doug Anderson.....center  
#17.....Doug Macauley.....right wing  
#18.....George Knipelberg

Remove from Portland: Eddie Panagabko

Add to Los Angeles: #14.....Eddie Panagabko.....center

Remove from Los Angeles: Doug Macauley

STEADY GOALKEEPING FOR COMETS

Up to and including the game of November 25 between Spokane and Edmonton, Comet goalkeeper EDDIE JOHNSTON has not allowed more than three goals against in any one game with the exception of two Seattle games when the Totems scored six times in each encounter.

Spokane continues to hold the magic wand over the Edmonton Flyers. The Comets won 8 straight from the Flyers last season and made it 9 with a victory last Saturday in the two clubs first meeting this season.

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Tuesday, December 5, 1961.

### STANDINGS

Winning both of their games last week the Portland Buckaroos maintained their tight grip on first place in the Southern Division Standings over the second place Spokane Comets. The Bucks now have 34 points on 17 wins as against 5 losses in 22 games played. The Edmonton Flyers, with a record almost as enviable as that of Portland, lead the Northern Division with 31 points on 15 wins, 6 losses and 1 tie in 22 games played.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

The Los Angeles Blades made their presence felt in a big way in the scoring race this week as the names of two players permeate all scoring statistics. Centerman GERRY GOYER moved out to a commanding lead in the individual scoring race as he picked up 13 points in 4 games for a grand total of 38 points on 18 goals and 20 assists. In the week's action GOYER picked up his second 'Hat Trick' of the season and was one shy of his third on two occasions when he scored two goals. GOYER leads Edmonton centerman LEN LUNDE by six points. LUNDE scored 1 goal and 2 assists in 2 games to up his total to 12 goals and 20 assists for 32 points to tie him with last week's leader Seattle's RUDY FILION, who picked up 2 assists in 3 games for a total of 10 goals and 22 assists.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Two Los Angeles Blades, GERRY GOYER and BRUCE CARMICHAEL, share 'Player of the Week' honors as the League's hottest scorers during the past week. GOYER'S 13 points in 4 games made up of 7 goals and 6 assists also gained him the scoring lead. Leftwinger CARMICHAEL picked up only 1 goal but assisted on 12 others in the 4 games to give him a share of the honors with 13 points also.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The same two names dominate the Most Goals and Most Assists column as GERRY GOYER, with 7 goals, passed last weeks leader, Spokane's GERRY BRISSON

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who now is in second place with 16 goals. GUYER'S 7 goals in 4 games gives him the lead with 18.

Blades winger, BRUCE CARMICHAEL, assisted on 12 goals in 4 games to move him into a tie with Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER for Most Assists. FIELDER has scored 23 assists in 23 games while CARMICHAEL has upped his total to 23 in 22 games.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE leads the goalkeepers again this week and is steadily closing in on the injured DENNIS RIGGIN who presently leads with a 1.80 average in 10 games. GAMBLE has now allowed 47 goals in 22 games for a 2.14 average and leads Spokane's ED JOHNSTON, who is in third place with an average of 2.89 on 66 goals against in 22 games. In addition, GAMBLE shutout the Vancouver Canucks, 3-0, during the past week to give him a second shutout for the season. He is the only goalie to accomplish the feat twice this season as he blanked the San Francisco Seals by the same score on November 8.

### PENALTIES

Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY has now spent the equivalent of one full game in the penalty box as he maintains last week's lead with 60 minutes. The scrappy centerman 2 misconducts and 20 minors for the 60 minute total in the 'cooler'. In second place is Spokane's BILL SHVETZ with 51 minutes made up of 1 misconduct, 1 major and 18 minors.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Thirteen games are slated for this week beginning tonight with Vancouver at Los Angeles and Spokane at Edmonton. On Wednesday Vancouver will be at San Francisco, Seattle at Portland and Spokane at Calgary. A lone Thursday game will see Vancouver at Los Angeles. The weekend action, beginning Friday, will see Vancouver at San Francisco, Los Angeles at Seattle, and Calgary at

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Edmonton. Saturday Los Angeles will travel to Spokane and Edmonton will be at Calgary. Two games Sunday will find Los Angeles at Portland and Spokane at Seattle.

#### ONE MORE MILESTONE

In Seattle's 2-1 win over Spokane last Sunday night the winning goal was set up by, of course, GUYLE FIELDER. The assist marked the 900th Western Hockey League point by the flashy little centerman, an all-time League record.

However, this is not FIELDER'S all-time professional total but only his Western Hockey League total in his eight and 23 games of his ninth season in the League. Many people do not realize that GUYLE broke into professional hockey in New Westminster in the 1952-53 season and the following year was sent to St. Louis of the American League where he scored 22 goals and 61 assists for 83 points, winning the Rookie of the Year honors. That same season he became the first rookie to be chosen to the First All-Star team in the American League. Adding the 83 American League points to his Western League total it is found that FIELDER has now a total of 983 points in regular season play in his professional career.

The 31 year old speedster, now in his 10th season of professional play, has also chalked up a play-off record of 12 goals and 35 assists for an additional 47 points.

This brings his over-all professional scoring record to 1,030 points, placing him third behind the two all-time greats of professional hockey, MAURICE "ROCKET" RICHARD, who retired with a total of 1,091 points, and the fabulous GORDIE HOWE, who, at last count had 1174 points and is showing no signs of letting up for a long while yet.

#### FIREPOWER BEGINS TO SHOW

The goal-scoring potential of the Los Angeles Blades became a reality last week as the Blades piled up 28 goals in four games to finally get rolling in high gear.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos continue to run rampant over all opposition as they again won both games played during the last week to remain well out in front in the Southern Division standings. Of 24 games played the Bucks have now won 19 and lost only 5, two of the losses occurring at home and three on the road, for a grand total of 38 points. The Spokane Comets, eight points behind the Bucks, remain in second place and are followed by the San Francisco Seals in third, 10 points behind Spokane.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers won one game while dropping two decisions in the past week but still remain 8 points out in front of the Seattle Totems. The Flyers now have 16 wins, 8 losses and a tie for 33 points. The second place Totems have 25 points on 12 wins, 13 losses and a tie in 26 games played. The Calgary Stampeders are in third place with 22 points.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Los Angeles center GERRY GOYER continues to set the scoring pace on the road just as he did at home last week and remains far out in front in the individual scoring. The blond playmaker now has scored 21 goals and assisted on 26 others for a total of 47 points, 9 ahead of his closest rival, team mate DANNY BELISLE. GOYER picked up 3 goals and 6 assists in 5 games during the past week to gain his 47 point high. In the same 5 games BELISLE notched 5 goals and assisted on 5 others to move into second place with 38 points. Edmonton's LEN LUNDE, Spokane's MAX MEKILOK and Seattle's RUDY FILION are all tied in third spot with 37 points.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The Los Angeles Blades take 'Player of the Week' honors for the second straight week, this time with winger DANNY BELISLE doing the honors. The high-scoring winger proved a real opportunist as he picked up 5 goals while



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assisting on 5 others to outdo team mate GOYER by one point for the week's Honors.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The League's leading scorer continues to set the goal scoring pace as GERRY GOYER picked up 3 more markers to become the first player to pass the 20 goal mark. GOYER now has 21 goals to his credit, one more than Portland's TOMMY McVIE.

Los Angeles winger BRUCE CARMICHAEL leads in the assist department, adding 5 more in 5 games to up his total to 28, two more than team mate GOYER and Seattle's RUDY FILION.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE leads the goalkeepers again this week with a 2.21 average in 24 games. GAMBLE has allowed 53 goals in 24 games. Seattle's AL MILLAR moves into second place this week with a 2.86 average on 40 goals against in 14 games. Two shutouts were chalked up last week. San Francisco's BEV BENTLEY blanked the Vancouver Canucks, 2-0, for his second of the season tying him with Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE for the lead. Sunday night AL MILLAR shutout the Spokane Comets for his first whitewash of the season.

### PENALTIES

Three players now have the dubious honor of spending more than one full game in the penalty box and a fourth is one minute shy of the select circle. Spokane's rookie LARRY McNABB moves to the front in the penalty parade with 65 minutes on the sidelines. He is followed closely by team mate BILL SHVETZ and Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY who are deadlocked in second place with 64 minutes. Another Edmonton player, DOUG MESSIER, is in fourth place with 59 minutes.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Thirteen games are scheduled for the coming week's action starting

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tonight with Portland at Los Angeles and Calgary at Vancouver. One game Wednesday will see Edmonton at Spokane and Thursday's lone encounter will see Portland again at Los Angeles. Friday's action will find Portland at San Francisco, Calgary at Seattle and Edmonton at Vancouver. Three games will take place Saturday night with Portland at San Francisco, Edmonton at Seattle and Calgary at Spokane. Sunday will find Seattle at Los Angeles, Edmonton at Portland and Calgary at Spokane.

NOTE LINE-UP CHANGE: For Portland George Knipelberg.....#18 (not #16 as previously announced).

MORE RECORDS SET BY BUCKS

The Portland Buckaroos are making a habit of setting records, League records as well as records for their own team. On Sunday night past the Bucks walloped the Los Angeles Blades, 11-4. Winger TOMMY McVIE could have done the job all by himself as he scored no less than five goals. In the second period McVIE turned the true 'Hat Trick' as he scored three consecutive Portland goals in less than seven minutes. His five goals in one game ties the record previously held by three players, OLLIE DOROHY of New Westminster, DOUG ADAM of Tacoma and PAT DESBIENS of Portland. DESBIENS is presently a linesman in Portland and was close at hand to congratulate McVIE for equalling his effort.

Buckaroo defenseman RON MATTHEWS broke one record and tied another in the same contest. MATTHEWS tied the League record for most points in one game by a defenseman that was previously held by team mate BILL DAVIDSON when he played with Seattle and WILLIE SCHMIDT of New Westminster. MATTHEWS five assists in one game, however, broke the record of four helpers in one game by a defenseman, held previously by eight players dating back to 1952. Though a record for a defenseman, the five assists by MATTHEWS is one short of the record of six in one game held by four Western Hockey League players, all forwards.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos finally lost a game during the past week, but they also won four others to increase their lead in the Southern Division standings. The Bucks have presently recorded 23 wins as against 6 losses for a total of 46 points, 12 points more than the second place Spokane Comets. In three games played during the past week the Comets won two and lost one leaving them with a record of 16 wins, 12 losses and 2 ties for a total of 34 points.

In the Northern Division the leading Edmonton Flyers won 1 game, lost 2 and tied 1 in four games played to remain 7 points ahead of the second place Seattle Totems. The Totems won 1 game and tied two at home in three games played for a total of 29 points, two more than the surging Calgary Stampeders who chalked up 2 wins, 1 loss and a tie on the road in the past week .

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

The top five scoring positions remain unchanged from last week as the League's leading scorers all improved their records at approximately the same steady pace. Los Angeles Blades' GERRY GOYER remains in the top spot as he picked up 2 goals in the week's action for a total of 23 goals and 26 assists for 49 points in 30 games. Team mate DAN BELISLE also scored 2 goals to remain in second place with 41 points on 21 goals and 20 assists. Edmonton's LEN LUNDE, Spokane's MAX MEKILOK, and Seattle's RUDY FILION are all tied for third place with 40 points apiece.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Portland centerman GENE ACHTYMICHUK picked up 1 goal and assisted on 6 others in five games during the past week to rate him 'Player of the Week' honors for the second time this season. The smooth-skating playmaker,

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after getting off to a slow start in the first 15 games, has been a consistent scorer of late on the Bucks highest scoring line with BILL SAUNDERS and TOMMY McVIE. His seven points in five games tops all other scorers for the week.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's leading scorer, TOMMY McVIE, after chasing the League's leading scorer, GERRY GOYER of Los Angeles, for two weeks, finally finds himself tied for the goal scoring lead after playing 29 games. Both GOYER and McVIE have set a rapid pace with 23 goals each in 30 and 29 games respectively.

BRUCE CARMICHAEL continues to lead in the assist department as he picked up 3 more in the past week for a total of 31 in 30 games. RUDY FILION of Seattle follows with 28 assists in 29 games.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE maintains his lead in the goalkeeping department with an average of 2.31 in 29 games, having allowed only 67 goals. Edmonton's newly-recruited GILLES BOISVERT moves into second place after playing three games in the past week. BOISVERT allowed 8 goals in 3 games in the past week for a 2.67 average. Seattle's AL MILLAR follows with an improved 2.82 average in 17 games played.

### PENALTIES

Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY once again moves out in front in the penalty parade by a slim one point margin. In 29 games played thus far KENNEDY has spent 71 minutes on the sidelines. Team mate LARRY JEFFREY and Spokane's new Captain BILL SHVETZ are tied in second place with 70 minutes in 29 games each, 4 more than RALPH KELLER of Los Angeles who has 66 minutes.

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### UP-COMING GAMES

Thirteen games are slated for the coming week's action. Starting tonight Los Angeles will visit San Francisco and Vancouver will play at Calgary. Three games on Wednesday will find Seattle at Los Angeles, Spokane at Portland and Vancouver at Edmonton. On Friday Spokane will play at Los Angeles, Seattle at San Francisco, and Vancouver again at Edmonton. Saturday will find Spokane in a second game at Los Angeles, Seattle at San Francisco and Vancouver at Calgary. No games are slated for Sunday, Christmas Eve, but Christmas night Los Angeles will play at Portland and Vancouver will be at Seattle, rounding out the week's action.

### HIGH-SCORING DEFENCEMEN

Calgary defenceman DOUG BARKLEY led his team to a 7-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks last week by scoring the three goal 'Hat Trick'. This is a rare feat among defencemen with only two other active defencemen playing today having scored three goals in a game. Team mate FREDDIE HUCUL scored a 'Hat Trick' during the 1957-58 season and Portland's RON MATTHEWS notched three goals in the 1956-57 season.

Defencemen are playing key roles in the offensive strength of many of the teams this season with both BARKLEY and HUCUL leading the way. FRED HUCUL presently is the second highest scorer on the Calgary team as he has 11 goals and 19 assists for 30 points. Team mate BARKLEY and Edmonton's best defenceman LLOYD HADDON are tied with 26 points, HADDON having 13 goals and 13 assists and BARKLEY with 12 goals and 14 assists. Portland's RON MATTHEWS has 8 goals and 15 assists for 23 points and Seattle's GORD SINCLAIR 4 goals and 19 assists for the same total. RALPH KELLER of Los Angeles rates ahead of both MATTHEWS and SINCLAIR as he has scored 4 times and assisted on 20 others for 24 points and is among the leading scorers on his team.

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### STANDINGS

A win and a tie in two games played during the past week enabled the Portland Buckaroos to pick up three out of a possible four points and maintain a very comfortable 14 point lead in the Southern Division standings. The Bucks now have won 24 times while losing only 6 and tying 1 in 31 games played for a total of 49 points. The second place Spokane Comets lost and tied in two games played to gain only one of a possible four points but remain in second with a record of 16 wins, 13 losses and 3 ties for a total of 35 points.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers edged the Vancouver Canucks in two games last week to maintain their 7 point lead over the second place Seattle Totems. The Flyers, in 31 games played, have won 19, lost 10, and tied 2 for a total of 40 points. The Seattle Totems have 15 wins as against 15 losses and 3 ties for 33 points and second place.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

For the third consecutive week the three top scoring positions have not changed in the individual scoring race. GERRY GOYER of the Los Angeles Blades holds a ten point lead over team mate DANNY BELISLE. GOYER now has 25 goals and 30 assists for a 55 point total in 35 games played. BELISLE has 22 goals and 23 assists in the same number of games for a 45 point total in second place. Edmonton's LEN LUNDE and Seattle's RUDY FILION remain tied in third spot with 43 points apiece. LUNDE has 16 goals and 27 assists while FILION has 12 goals and 31 assists for the third place totals.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors once again go to the Los Angeles Blades, this time to fast-skating winger WILLIE O'REE. O'REE picked up

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5 goals and 3 assists in five games last week to lead the individual scoring for the week's play. Six of the eight points came in one game on December 22 when the Blades trounced the Spokane Comets 8-5. In that game WILLIE scored his first Western Hockey League Hat Trick and assisted on three others for the six point total.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

GERRY GOYER, hard working Blades centerman took over sole possession of the League goal-scoring lead as he picked up 2 more markers to up his season total to 25. GOYER may be setting a record-breaking pace as his 25 goal total equals Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI'S at the same time last season when JANKOWSKI went on to set the League goal-scoring mark of 57 in a single season.

BRUCE CARMICHAEL, Los Angeles team mate of GOYER, continues to lead the League in assists. CARMICHAEL added one more to his rising total in the past week to give him a season high of 32, one more than Seattle's RUDY FILION.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE remains in the number one spot among the active goalkeepers of the League with an improved 2.23 average. GAMBLE has allowed only 69 goals in 31 games played. Edmonton's GILLES BOISVERT is a close second with a 2.60 average for 5 games played since joining the Flyers. Diminutive BEV BENTLEY, San Francisco goalkeeper, took advantage of a two game rest to come back and shut out his former team mates, the Seattle Totems. BENTLEY was replaced by substitute goalkeeper GEORGE WOOD last week for two games and the rest proved fruitful. BENTLEY now leads the League with three shutouts, one more than BRUCE GAMBLE of Portland.

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### PENALTIES

Spokane Captain BILL SHVETZ took over the penalty lead in the past week as he picked up six minors to up his season total to 82 minutes. A new name appears close by in second place as Los Angeles' Blades defence-man RALPH KELLER has now totalled 78 minutes in penalties. LARRY JEFFREY, Edmonton rookie, is in third place with 72 minutes, one minute more than team mate FORBES KENNEDY.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Twelve games are on tap for the coming week three of which have already been played on Tuesday night past. Tonight Spokane will be at San Francisco and Portland will be at Calgary. On Friday Spokane will travel north to play at Vancouver while Portland will make their second appearance at Edmonton for a battle between the Division Leaders. Saturday will find Los Angeles at San Francisco, Spokane at Seattle, and Portland again at Calgary. Two games on New Years' Day will find Spokane at Portland and Calgary at Seattle.

### GOAL-SCORING LEADER MAKES MOVE

As the 1961-62 season nears the half way mark a noticeable surge on the part of last season's record breaking goal scorer, Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI, becomes very evident. JANKOWSKI broke loose in a game against Vancouver on December 23 for 4 consecutive Calgary goals to lead the Stampeders to a 7-1 victory against the hapless Canucks. The four goals brought LOU'S total to 22 for the season, and ten of these came in the last six games. In his record-breaking season last year JANKOWSKI had 25 goals in 29 games played at this time. In 30 games this season he has scored 22 times to remain just short of last season's pace. However, if this recent scoring surge continues JANKOWSKI will be once again going at a record breaking clip in an effort to surpass his record high of 57 in one season.



## WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE.

January 3, 1962.

### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos won but one of four road games on a treacherous prairie trip last week and then returned home to win their first game of the new Year to give them two wins against three losses on the weeks play and a thirteen point lead in first place over the Spokane Comets in the Southern Division Standings. The Bucks lost two games to Calgary and split with Edmonton before returning home to edge the second place Comets in Portland, giving them a total of 53 points.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers split a pair of games with Portland in their only two games played last week leaving them with a record of 20 wins against half as many losses and 2 ties for a total 42 points. The Calgary Stampeders moved into second place by winning all three of their games, two against Portland at home and a big four-pointer against Seattle in Seattle to drop the Totems into second place. The Stamps now have 37 points on 17 wins, 14 losses and 3 ties, 2 more than third place Seattle.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

GERRY GOYER'S scoring lead was cut to 7 points last week as the Los Angeles centerman picked up only one goal in two games to up his over-all total to 56 points, made up of 26 goals and 30 assists in 37 games. Spokane's MAX MEKILOK jumped into second place as he scored 3 goals and 4 assists for 7 points in 5 road games, giving him a total of 19 goals and 30 assists for 49 points. The Blades' DANNY BELISLE dropped to third place with 23 goals and 24 assists for 47 points in 37 games, and Portland's TOMMY McVIE moved into fourth place with 45 points made up of 26 goals and 19 assists.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Four players are tied for 'Player of the Week' honors this week.

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Spokane and Portland both played five games last week and 7 points were scored by MAX MEKILOK and BEV BELL of Spokane and ART JONES and GENE ACHTYMICHUK of Portland. JONES scored 4 goals and 3 assists, MEKILOK AND BELL each scored 3 goals and 4 assists, and ACHTYMICHUK assisted on seven counters.

### MOST GOALS--MOST ASSISTS

For the second time in the past three weeks Portland winger TOMMY McVIE has tied Los Angeles centerman GERRY GOYER for the League goal-scoring lead. Both players have blinked the red light 26 times, McVIE doing it in 36 games and GOYER in 37.

Although he did not pick up one assist in the past week's play, BRUCE CARMICHAEL of the Los Angeles Blades still leads in the assist department with 32 helpers. Right next in line are Portland's GENE ACHTYMICHUK and Seattle's RUDY FILION with 31 helpers each.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE maintains his position atop the Goalkeepers standings with a very respectable 2.53 average. Seattle's AL MILLAR moved into second place ahead of Edmonton's GILLES BOISVERT with an average of 2.61. GAMBLE has allowed 91 goals in 36 games and MILLAR has allowed 60 goals in 23 games. BOISVERT has now an even 3.00 average, having allowed 21 goals in 7 games.

Only one shutout was recorded in last week's action, but it was a real big one for the Calgary Stampeders and ED BABIUK. It was BABIUK'S first shutout of his pro career and it happened in Seattle on New Years' Night and gave the Stampeders sole possession of second place for the first time this season.

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### PENALTIES

Spokane Comet defenceman CONNIE MADIGAN takes over the penalty lead from team mate BILL SHVETZ in the past week's action. The rugged rearguard picked up 17 minutes in Portland on New Years Night to up his season total to 84 minutes. Spokane Captain BILL SHVETZ, out with an injury, is still in second place with 82 minutes while the Los Angeles Blades Captain, RALPH KELLER, is in third place with 80 minutes.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Limited action in the coming week will see 10 games slated in League play. One Tuesday game is already history and the lone game tonight will see the Seattle Totems playing at Edmonton. On Thursday San Francisco will visit their state rivals, the Los Angeles Blades and Friday the weekend action will begin with Los Angeles at San Francisco, Calgary at Vancouver, and Seattle again at Edmonton. Saturday will find San Francisco again hosting Los Angeles, Portland at Spokane and Seattle at Calgary. The lone Sunday game will see San Francisco at Portland.

### PORTLAND ONLY TEAM WITH WINNING ROAD RECORD

Even after the difficult swing through the Prairies the Portland Buckaroos still maintain a better than .500 average on the road in games played to date in the Western Hockey League. The Bucks presently have won 8 and lost 7 on the road, a record that no other club comes close to matching. The Northern Division leaders, the Edmonton Flyers, have the next best road record, having won 6, lost 8 and tied two. Calgary have won 7 while travelling while losing 10 and tying 1. All other clubs are nowhere near the necessary .500 average on the road to remain in first place contention.

Add to this better than average Portland road record the fact that the Bucks have the tremendous home record of 17 wins, 2 losses and a tie, and their 13 point first place lead becomes easier to comprehend.

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PLAYER LINE-UP FOR ALL-STAR GAME

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Los Angeles, Portland,  
San Francisco, Spokane

NORTHERN DIVISION

Edmonton, Calgary  
Vancouver, Seattle

POS

✓ 1.	Bruce Gamble	Port	GOAL	1.	Claude Evans	Van ✓
✓ 12.	Ron Matthews	Port	DEF	2.	Fred Hucul	Edm ✓
✓ 3.	Ralph Keller	Los Ang	DEF	3.	Doug Barkley	Cal ✓
✓ 4.	Alex Hucul	Spo	DEF	4.	Frank Arnett	Sea ✓
✓ 5.	Jim Hay	San Fran	DEF	5.	Lloyd Haddon	Edm ✓
✓ 6.	Gerry Goyer	Los Ang.	CEN	7.	Guyle Fielder	Sea ✓
✓ 15.	Art Jones	Port	CEN	8.	Phil Maloney	Van ✓
✓ 2.	Max Mekilok	Spok	CEN	10.	Norm Johnson	Cal ✓
✓ 8.	Arnie Schmutz	Port	RW	6.	Chuck Holmes	Edm ✓
✓ 14.	Steve Witiuk	Spok	RW	11.	John Kosiancic	Cal ✓
✓ 10.	Bev Bell	Spok	RW	9.	Ed Ehrenverth	Sea ✓
✓ 16.	Gerry Brisson	Spok	LW	16.	Lou Jankowski	Cal ✓
✓ 7.	Bill Saunders	Port	LW	15.	Bill MacFarland	Sea ✓
✓ 11.	Gordon Fashoway	Port	LW	12.	Ron Hutchinson	Sea
✓ 9.	Buddy Boone	San Fran	RW	14.	Forbes Kennedy	Edm ✓
	Tommy McVie	Port			Len Lunde	Edm

Harold Laycoe	Port	COACH	Norman Poile	Edm
Berlyn Hodges	Port	TRAINER	Bill Gray	San Fran

Game Time 8:00 P.M. Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon  
January 8, 1962

FIFTH ALL-STAR GAME

Previous results:

Jan. 8, 1958	at Calgary	COAST DIVISION	5	PRAIRIE DIVISION	3
Mar. 3, 1959	at Vancouver	COAST DIVISION	6	PRAIRIE DIVISION	3
Jan. 12, 1960	at Edmonton	COAST DIVISION	5	PRAIRIE DIVISION	3
Oct. 7, 1960	at Vancouver	ALL-STARS	4	VANCOUVER	3

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### 9 OF 10 GAMES INCLUDED IN THIS RELEASE

Due to a heavy schedule which includes the Fifth Annual All-Star Game in Portland on Monday and League Meeting on Tuesday, only nine of the ten games scheduled for the past week will be included in this release. The lone Sunday night game between San Francisco and Portland will be tacked onto next week's release.

### STANDINGS

Having played only one game up to this time in the week's play, the Portland Buckaroos failed to gain in the standings. In the one game the Spokane Comets edged the Bucks, 4-2, at Spokane. However, the defeat made very little difference in the standings as Portland still hold a very comfortable 11 point lead with an additional game yet to play at home in the week's action. The Spokane Comets, in second place with 42 points on 19 wins, 16 losses and 4 ties, are still making a determined bid to catch the front-running Bucks who have 53 points on 26 wins 10 losses and 1 tie.

In the Northern Division the standings are much tighter. The Edmonton Flyers are still in first place, but only by a three point margin. The high-flying Calgary Stampeders are close on their heels and the Seattle Totems are desperately trying to overtake the Stamps, setting the pace for a real tough second half for the Northern Division. The Flyers, who split a pair of games with Seattle last week, have 44 points on 21 wins, 12 losses, and 2 ties. Calgary has 41 points on 19 wins, 15 losses and 3 ties while Seattle is in third with 39 points, made up of 18 wins, 17 losses and 3 ties.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Though he did not pick up a single point in last week's action, GERRY GOYER of the Los Angeles Blades still leads the individual scoring race with 56 points. Spokane's MAX MEKILOK is moving up fast, however, and at his

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present scoring rate, will overtake GOYER in a week's time. GOYER has 26 goals and 30 assists in 40 games while MEKILOK has 21 goals and 31 assists for 52 points in 39 games, narrowing GOYER'S lead to a mere 4 points. The only other player over the 50 mark in points is Los Angeles Blades winger, DAN BELISLE, who has third place and 50 points on 23 goals and 27 assists.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

EDDIE PANAGABKO of the Los Angeles Blades gains 'Player of the Week' honors for the first time this season as he picked up 7 points in the past week's play, made up of 3 goals and 4 assists in three games with their state rivals, the San Francisco Seals. EDDIE was the sparkplug of the Blades attack as they took 3 of 4 points from the Seals in San Francisco over the weekend with a win and a tie.

### MOST GOALS--MOST ASSISTS

Scoring leader GERRY GOYER of Los Angeles and injured TOMMY MCVIE remain tied for the League's goalscoring lead, Both players have notched 26 markers for the season to remain in top spot although neither picked up a point during the past week. Last season's leader and record-holder, LOU JANKOWSKI, is making a fast bid for the honors as he presently has 25 and is gaining momentum each time out.

Seattle's RUDY FILION takes over the assist leadership from BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles. FILION'S two assists in the past week ups his total to 33, one more than CARMICHAEL'S total. It is the first time anyone has overtaken CARMICHAEL since the fleet winger took over the lead from Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER in the first month of the schedule.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE maintains his goalkeeping lead as he boasts an average of 2.57, having allowed only 95 goals against in 37 games.

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Seattle's AL MILLAR is still a close second in the race as he now has a 2.77 average, having allowed 72 goals in 26 games.

### PENALTIES

For the first time since the very early stages of the season the penalty lead has been taken over by a player who is not on the Spokane Comets roster. Los Angeles Blades RALPH KELLER this week pushed Spokane's CON MADIGAN into second place as KELLER upped his total to 87 minutes in 40 games. MADIGAN, however, is still close by in second place with 84 minutes to his credit.

### UP-COMING GAMES

Tuesday of this week will find San Francisco at Vancouver and Seattle at Calgary. On Wednesday San Francisco will play at Portland and Spokane will attempt to keep their win streak over Edmonton intact as they play at Edmonton. On Friday Edmonton will be at Vancouver, Spokane at Calgary. Saturday will find Seattle at Spokane in the only game scheduled. Sunday will see Portland at Seattle in the only game of that day, and Monday Edmonton will be at San Francisco. Total games for the week will number nine and next week's release will cover ten games, adding the San Francisco-Portland game which is excluded from this report.

### SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS PROVE CONSISTENT

The two old pros of the San Francisco Seals are turning out to be the most consistent scorers in the past several weeks. Veteran BOB SOLINGER who the Seals obtained from Edmonton over the summer has scored a point or more in eleven straight Seal games up to Friday night's game against Los Angeles. His partner NICK MICKOSKI, scored a point or more in ten straight games up until Thursday's game against the Blades in Los Angeles.

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with a total of 47 points made up of 12 goals and 35 assists to tie him with Spokane's MAX MEKILOK in the assist department.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland Buckaroo TOMMY McVIE, returning to the line-up after missing a week or more of action due to torn ligaments in his knee, scored two goals against his former mates, the Seattle Totems, to take over sole possession of the League's goal-scoring lead in the past week. TOMMY now has 28 goals to his credit in 37 games played, two more than his nearest rival. McVIE'S line mate GENE ACHTYMICHUK and Spokane's MAX MEKILOK are tied for the top spot in the assist department, both having 35. ACHTYMICHUK scored his 35 assists in 40 games while MEKILOK has picked up 35 in 42 games.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland's BRUCE GAMBLE continues to lead among the active goalkeepers in the League with a 2.63 average in 40 games played. GAMBLE has allowed only 105 goals against in the 40 games while stopping 1035 shots. The week's most improved average belongs to Edmonton's GILLES BOISVERT, who presently has a 3.09 as opposed to 3.33 last week. BOISVERT has allowed 34 goals in 11 games played to date.

### PENALTIES

The Spokane Comets did not relinquish their grasp on the penalty lead for very long as the two top spots are once again occupied by two Comet defencemen. Rookies CONNIE MADIGAN and LARRY McNABB lead the way with MADIGAN in top spot with 94 minutes followed closely by his partner LARRY McNABB who has now amassed the total of 90 minutes on the sidelines. The rash of Spokane penalties pushed last week's leader RALPH KELLER of the Los Angeles Blades into third place with the same 87 minute total that rated him the top spot a week ago.



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### STANDINGS

Including the game of Sunday, January 7, the Portland Buckaroos played three games last week, winning two and gaining a tie in the third for 5 of a possible 6 points to remain well ahead in the Southern Division Standings. The Bucks now have played a total of 40 games and have a record of 28 wins, 10 losses and 2 ties for a total of 58 points for the season. The second place Spokane Comets lost two while winning one in the past week to remain in second place with 20 wins, 18 losses and 4 ties for 44 points, 14 points behind the Buckaroos.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers won both of their games played last week to remain four points in front of the pursuing Calgary Stampeders. The Flyers now have 23 wins, 12 losses and two ties for a total of 48 points in 37 games played. The second place Stampeders won one and tied one in two games played in the week's action to up their over-all total to 20 wins, 15 losses and 4 ties for 44 points in 39 games played.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Two Southern Division sharpshooters are tied for first place in the individual scoring race this morning as Spokane's MAX MEKILOK gained four assists in the past week to up his total to 56 points to equal that of GERRY GOYER of the Los Angeles Blades. GOYER, in 40 games played, has scored 26 times and assisted on 30 others for the 56 point total. MEKILOK has scored 21 times and has assisted on a League high of 35 goals for his 56 point total in 42 games played.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK honors for the third time this season go to Portland's GENE ACHTYMICHUK who picked up seven points in three games played in the week's action to top all other individual performances. His four goals and three assists enabled him to jump from fifteenth in the scoring to eighth

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UP-COMING GAMES

One game has already been played this week as the Edmonton Flyers played against the San Francisco Seals on Monday night in San Francisco.

Eleven games still left in the week's action, however, beginning tonight with Edmonton travelling to Los Angeles to battle the Blades, Portland will be at Spokane, and Calgary will travel to Vancouver. One game Wednesday will find Los Angeles at San Francisco. Another lone encounter on Thursday as Edmonton will again play the Los Angeles Blades in Los Angeles. On Friday Calgary will play again at Vancouver. Saturday will find Edmonton at San Francisco, Calgary at Seattle, and Portland at Spokane. To round out the week's action on Sunday night San Francisco will travel to Los Angeles to battle the Blades and Edmonton will play at Seattle.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Please note:

- Add to San Francisco: #15.....Right wing.....LEN HALEY..(purchased from Edmonton)
- Remove from Edmonton: #15.....Right wing.....LEN HALEY..(sold to San Francisco)
- Add to Seattle: #14.....Left Wing.....BARNEY KRAKE..(on loan from Boston).
- Remove from San Francisco: .....Left Wing.....BARNEY KRAKE..(loaned by Boston to Seattle)
- Add to Portland: #16.....Center.....ED LAWSON..(on loan from Toronto)

ROOKIE ON THE MOVE

Vancouver's JIMMY BAIRD, rookie winger, has picked up two Hat Tricks since joining the Canucks, just one short of the record for rookies set at 3 by MURRAY OLIVER at Edmonton in the 1958-59 season.

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## TEAM RECORDS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL TEAMS

While all Western Hockey League teams are getting set to make a last desperate effort by way of a stretch drive to reach the highest possible spot in the standings and a chance at the coveted Lester Patrick Cup, it is interesting to note just where the individual teams have picked up the points that have put them in the position they are in today. The Edmonton Flyers have the winningest record against any one opponent as they have defeated the hapless Vancouver Canucks 7 straight times with a victory on Friday night past. The team records against individual teams are as follows:

CALGARY				EDMONTON				VANCOUVER				SEATTLE			
AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T
SEA	2	2	3	SEA	4	1	1	SEA	3	3	0	EDM	1	4	1
EDM	3	4	0	CAL	4	3	0	CAL	2	6	1	CAL	2	2	3
VAN	6	2	1	VAN	7	0	0	EDM	0	7	0	VAN	3	3	0
L.A.	3	1	0	L.A.	2	2	1	L.A.	1	1	1	L.A.	4	0	0
S.F.	1	3	0	S.F.	4	1	0	S.F.	3	1	0	S.F.	3	1	0
PORT	3	1	0	PORT	2	3	0	PORT	1	4	0	PORT	0	5	1
SPOK	3	2	0	SPOK	1	3	0	SPOK	0	4	1	SPOK	5	3	0
	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>10</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>
SPOKANE				PORTLAND				LOS ANGELES				SAN FRANCISCO			
AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T	AGAINST	W	L	T
EDM	3	1	0	EDM	3	2	0	EDM	2	2	1	L.A.	4	5	1
CAL	2	3	0	CAL	1	3	0	CAL	1	3	0	PORT	0	6	0
VAN	4	0	1	VAN	4	1	0	VAN	1	1	1	SPOK	3	4	0
L.A.	2	3	2	L.A.	6	2	0	SEA	0	4	0	SEA	1	3	0
S.F.	4	3	0	S.F.	6	0	0	S.F.	5	4	1	VAN	1	3	0
PORT	3	3	1	SPOK	3	3	1	PORT	2	6	0	EDM	1	4	0
SEA	3	5	0	SEA	5	0	1	SPOK	3	2	2	CAL	3	1	0
	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>28</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>13</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>1</u>

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### UNDECIDED OVERTIME GAMES

A comparison of statistics between this season and last at this particular point gives evidence of the fact that exactly the same number of overtime games had been played last season as have been experienced this season, 21 as of January 16. However, the ratio of decisions differs greatly as last season approximately 2 of every 3 overtime games were decided as 15 of the 21 games were either won or lost and only 6 were tied. This season the opposite situation is in effect in the League as about 1 of every 3 games have been decided in the overtime session, with the records reading 8 overtime games decided and 13 ending in a deadlock.

Every team in the League this season has participated in at least 4 overtime games and every one of the eight teams have won 1 overtime game, no more and no less.

The Los Angeles Blades lead the League in overtime games played, having participated in no less than eight to date. Five of the eight have ended in a deadlock, while two were lost and 1 game ended in victory in the extra session. San Francisco and Portland have engaged in the fewest overtime games, each going for an extra ten minutes on four occasions. Portland has a loss and 2 ties to go with their one win and San Francisco one win, 2 losses and a tie in their four overtime games.

The Seattle Totems and The Calgary Stampeders seem to be the two best-matched teams in the current campaign as they have played each other into the overtime session on three different occasions with each game ending in identical 2-2 scores. The other four games that the two teams have played against each other have been split so that each team has a 2-2-3 record against the other.

The shortest overtime decision was gained by Spokane this season against Los Angeles when SANDY HUCUL scored after 0:40 seconds on December 26.

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## PLAYMAKING GOALKEEPERS---PELLETIER SETS RECORD

At his present scoring rate Los Angeles Blades goalkeeper MARCEL PELLETIER may find his name appearing ahead of many of the defensemen in the League when the final statistics are drawn up. When the Blades beat the San Francisco Seals, 6-3, in Los Angeles on Sunday night past MARCEL started the plays for not just one, but two of the goals that his team mates scored and was credited with two assists in the game. Although there are no available records or statistics with which to compare this accomplishment, it is believed that PELLETIER set a new record in professional hockey when he set up the two goals in the same game and the feat will be entered in the record books of the Western Hockey League at the end of the current season.

The two assists gained by PELLETIER on Sunday night gives him a total of four for the season, a point total that exceeds that of seven active players in the League exclusive of goalkeepers, and ties him with an eighth. MARCEL picked up an assist against Spokane on October 21, and another against San Francisco on December 19, giving him a total of three against the Seals. The four assists in 41 games played gives the robust goalkeeper a point average of one every ten games,---a pretty fair average for a goalkeeper.

Calgary's ED BABIUK is the only other goalkeeper in the League this season to pick up a point. Lanky ED picked his assist on December 23 against Vancouver.

In comparison with last season at this time this season has been a fruitful one for the goalkeepers, thanks to PELLETIER. On January 25 last season only two assists had been recorded on the season's play. One of them was earned by the same MARCEL PELLETIER with the Victoria Cougars and the other went to Edmonton's DENNIS RIGGIN, who has been out with an eye injury this season.

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HAT TRICKS

Up to, but not including the 23rd of January in the current campaign a total of 24 Hat Tricks have been scored in Western Hockey/<sup>League</sup>play.

The injured GERRY GOYER of the Los Angeles Blades leads the way in this department as he has scored 3 times on three different occasions. The big centerman has scored the Hat Trick against each of Calgary's BABIUK, on November 18, Spokane's JOHNSTON on November 28, and Vancouver's EVANS on December 5.

Three other players have scored two Hat Tricks this season. Portland's TOMMY McVIE scored 3 on December 10 against MARCEL PELLETIER for his second of the season as he had already scored 3 times against Vancouver's CLAUDE EVANS on November 24. Last season's scoring leader LOU JANKOWSKI has picked up two 'Hats' along the way, his first against Edmonton's substitute goalkeeper DENNIS JORDAN, and the second against Vancouver's EVANS on December 23. Rookie JIMMY BAIRD has blinked the red light/<sup>three times</sup> on two separate occasions since joining the Vancouver Canucks from Seattle. His first 'Trick' came on December 26 against Los Angeles and on January 9 he scored three against GEORGE WOOD in the San Francisco goal.

The best individual performance goes to Portland's TOMMY McVIE who scored 5 goals against MARCEL PELLETIER of the Los Angeles Blades. He is followed by Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI, who scored four times in one game against Vancouver's CLAUDE EVANS.

Comparing the above to last season, there were 21 Hat Tricks scored up to January 25 last season. Calgary's RON LEOPOLD was leading the way as he had turned the 'Trick' three times up to that date. Edmonton's BOB SOLINGER and Seattle's MARC BOILEAU were in second place in Hat Tricks scored, each having scored three times on two different occasions.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos played two games in the past week against the powers of the prairies, Edmonton and Calgary, and won both to maintain a healthy lead in the Southern Division standings. The Bucks now have an outstanding home record of 21 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie and a better-than-average road record of 10 wins, 9 losses and 1 tie, giving them a 64 point total and a 12 point lead over the second place Spokane Comets. The Comets won all 3 games played during the week in an effort to cut Portland's lead as the teams vie for play-off positions.

The two top teams in the Northern Division, Edmonton and Calgary, played four and five games respectively, all on the road in the past week leaving the Northern Division standings unchanged. Edmonton is still in first place with 52 points, despite having won only one game in four in the week's play. Calgary trails the Flyers by 2 points, having won one game in overtime in five starts in the week's action. The third place Seattle Totems have 47 points, 3 points back of the Stampeders as they won two of three games played.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

The Spokane Comets played only three games in the past week but scoring leader MAX MEKILOK made all three count as he picked up no less than 10 points on 3 goals and 7 assists. MEKILOK now has a 8 point bulge over teammate GERRY BRISSON, who is in second place with 59 points made up of 31 goals and 28 assists. MEKILOK'S league-leading total is made up of 25 goals and 42 assists in 47 games. BRISSON'S scoring splurge lifted him from eighth place in the scoring race last week to second this week for the greatest individual gain of the week.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Scoring leader MAX MEKILOK of the Spokane Comets once again gains 'Player of the Week' honors as he tightened his grip on the individual scoring

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leadership in Western Hockey League play. His 10 points in three games gives him a better than 3 points a game average on the week's play and his sparkling play led the Comets to 3 straight victories in 3 games played. A close second for the Honors was team mate GERRY BRISSON who picked up 9 points and moved to second place in the scoring race.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The speedy winger of the Spokane Comets, GERRY BRISSON, this week takes over sole possession of first place in the goal-scoring race as he picked up six goals, four of them in one game against the Seattle Totems, for a grand total of 31 in 47 games.

Two veteran centerman, Spokane's MAX MEKILOK, and Seattle's RUDY FILION, are tied for the lead in the assist department with 42 each. MEKILOK picked up 7 in three games while FILION picked up 5 in his three games .

### GOALKEEPERS

For the first time in many weeks the Western Hockey League does not have a goalkeeper with an average under the 3 point mark. Portland goalkeeper DON HEAD leads the pack with an even 3.00 average after playing 2 games and allowing 6 goals. Seattle's AL MILLAR is in second place with a 3.12 average having allowed 106 goals in 34 games. MARCEL PELLETIER of the Los Angeles Blades boasts the most improved average this week as he dropped 8 points to 4.14 as the red-hot Blades won once and lost one in overtime.

### PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN picked up three penalties in one game to become the first player in the current campaign to pass the 100 mark in penalties. MADIGAN now has 102 minutes made up of 26 minors, 4 majors, 2 misconducts and one match penalty. Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY moves into second place with 97 minutes.



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WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Los Angeles Blades on Saturday night, January 27, played the Calgary Stampeders before the largest audience ever to witness a hockey game in the Western Hockey League. A crowd of 13,702 enthusiastic hockey fans gave the Blades the encouragement they needed and they responded with a resounding 7-1 victory over the Stampeders. The crowd would have been much larger than the record 13,702 as the Blades had to turn away over 2000 people at the gate for the contest.

The Portland Buckaroos, holders of all attendance records in the League up until Los Angeles took over on Saturday night past, played the same Calgary Stampeders on the following night, January 28, before a crowd of 10,489 and walloped the Stamps by the identical score, 7-1.

LINE-UP CHANGES

- Add to Vancouver Canucks.....#1.....ART LARIVIERE.....Goal
- Add to Vancouver Canucks.....#3.....LARRY McNABB.....Defense
- Remove from Spokane.....LARRY McNABB
- Add to Edmonton Flyers.....#14.....BILLY McNEILL.....Right Wing

COSTLY OVERTIME PERIODS

The Edmonton Flyers, in the midst of a rugged 10 game road grind last week, played two consecutive overtime games, one with Seattle and one with Portland three nights later. The Flyers lost both games by identical scores, 6-5, with the winning goal being scored by GERRY LEONARD in Seattle at the 6:57 mark and, in Portland, by ART JONES at the 5:19 mark of the overtime session.

MILESTONE

Vancouver free-wheeling centerman LARRY POPEIN, who has recently snapped a goal-scoring slump, has accumulated 296 Western Hockey League points to date and will soon pass the 300 mark. His totals are 117 goals and 179 assists.

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### HIGHEST SCORING TEAMS IN WHL PLAY

The 1961-62 Western Hockey League standings have changed very little since the season got under way. Portland jumped out to a fast lead in the Southern Division and have never looked back. Edmonton, in the Northern Division lead two points ahead of Calgary, have been in the top spot because of a fast start at home that gave them seven straight wins. As the teams head into the stretch drive, all aiming for a coveted playoff position, statistics point out that certain teams bear watching in these last 25 to 30 games. Looking at it ONE way, the highest scoring team and/or teams bear close watching, and, strangely enough, neither of the Divisional Leaders lead the League in total points. At this point the Los Angeles Blades are the League's highest scorers, having been credited with 483 total points in 46 games played, an average of 10.5 scoring points per game. The Spokane Comets are in second place with 472 points in 47 games, an average of 10 plus points per game. The scoring records of all the teams are as follows:

TEAM	GP	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE PER GAME
Los Angeles	46	178	305	483	10.5
Spokane	47	175	297	472	10.0
Calgary	47	186	284	470	10.0
Edmonton	46	183	280	463	10.0
Portland	44	173	255	428	9.73
Seattle	46	164	261	425	9.63
San Francisco	45	137	226	363	8.07
Vancouver	43	128	207	335	7.79

\*NOTE: (Vancouver has played 4 games fewer than Spokane and Calgary; Portland, 3 games fewer; San Francisco, 2 games fewer; Seattle, Edmonton and Los Angeles, 1 less game than Spokane and Calgary)

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ASSISTS CREDITED PER GOAL

Looking at the same statistics from another angle, the number of assists credited to each team in proportion to the number of goals scored may be determined. These statistics read as follows:

TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	AVERAGE NUMBER OF ASSISTS PER GOAL SCORED
Los Angeles	178	305	1.71
Spokane	175	297	1.70
San Francisco	137	226	1.65
Vancouver	128	207	1.62
Seattle	164	261	1.59
Edmonton	183	280	1.53
Calgary	186	284	1.53
Portland	173	255	1.47

\*NOTE: Differences in number of games played by each team same as stated on previous page.

The above statistics may be interpreted in many different ways to lead to several different conclusions. For example, Los Angeles has received .24 assists more per goal scored than has Portland, or Los Angeles has received 1 assist more on every four goals scored than has Portland. Could this mean that Portland has better individual stars, scoring with less assistance, or that Los Angeles displays better team work in their attack, with more players in on each goal? The number of goals scored by each team does not vary greatly.

LINE-UP CHANGES

- Add to Seattle.....#12.....GORD LABOSSIERE.....right wing
- Add to Vancouver.....#11.....JOHN ANNABLE.....right wing
- Add to Edmonton.....#15.....HOWIE YOUNG.....defense
- Remove from Edmonton.....#12.....CHUCK HOLMES.....to Detroit

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February 6, 1962.

### STANDINGS

In four games played last week the Portland Buckaroos won two and tied one to pick up five points for a 69 point total made up of 33 wins, 12 losses and 3 ties. This was enough to enable the Bucks to regain their 14 point lead over the second place Comets in the Southern Division standings as the Comets gained 3 of a possible 6 points in playing 3 games in the past week. They tied Portland in Portland, beat Vancouver in Spokane and lost to Edmonton in Spokane leaving them with 55 points made up of 25 wins, 20 losses and 5 ties.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers returned to the form that gave them a fast break into first place in the early season going as they swept all four games played last week over teams that had to be beaten and, as a result, have regained an eight point lead in the Northern Division standings. The Flyers shut out the Vancouver Canucks and then beat the Calgary on successive nights before travelling to Spokane and edging the Comets on Sunday night. The Flyers now have a season record of 29 wins, 19 losses and 2 ties in 50 games played for 60 points. Calgary are in second place with 52 points.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Spokane's MAX MEKILOK scored only two goals in the past week, but the two were enough to allow him to stay 6 points ahead in the individual scoring race. MEKILOK now has 27 goals and 42 assists for a total of 69 points in 50 games played. In second place is line mate GERRY BRISSON, who scored 2 goals and 2 assists in the past week to up his total to 33 goals and 30 assists for 63 points in 50 games played. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON moved into third place in the scoring race with 20 goals and 42 assists for 62 points in 49 games played.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for the first week in February go to recently unretired BILLY McNEILL of the Edmonton Flyers. BILLY scored 2 goals

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and set up 8 others for a 10 point total in 4 games last week to lead the Flyers to a four game sweep and an eight point lead in the Northern Division Standings. Honorable mention must be given to San Francisco's GORD REDAHL, who scored four goals in a game against the Seattle Totems to lead the Seals to a 6-1 victory in Seattle.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE took over sole possession of the League's goal-scoring lead in the past week as he scored 5 goals in 4 games to up his season total to 35 in 45 games. The sharp-shooting winger makes his goals count, as well, as he now leads the League in game-winning goals with 9.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON joins scoring leader MAX MEKILOK of the Spokane Comets and Seattle's RUDY FILION in a deadlock for the assist lead. The three players have all assisted on 42 goals for a League high for the season.

### GOALKEEPERS

Portland goalkeeper DON HEAD, discounting Sunday night's game against Vancouver when defenseman BILL DAVIDSON took over for him, still leads the active goalkeepers with a 3.20 average after five games. HEAD has allowed 16 goals in 5 games while stopping 99 shots. Seattle's AL MILLAR is close in behind in second place with a 3.22 average. MILLAR has played 36 games and has allowed 116 goals while stopping 958 shots. The most improved average goes to Edmonton's GILLES BOISVERT on the week's play, as he dropped .38 points from 4.05 to 3.67 in the 24 games he has played.

### PENALTIES

Three minor penalties and one major in two of the three Spokane games played last week gave rookie CON MADIGAN of the Comets a commanding lead in the penalty department with 117 minutes. Two Edmonton players took over

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second and third place in the penalty parade . FORBES KENNEDY and DOUG MESSIER both broke the 100-minutes-in-penalties circle with KENNEDY upping his total to 103 minutes and MESSIER reaching 100 minutes even in penalties.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Los Angeles.....#11.....STAN MAXWELL.....Center

Change: Vancouver's JOHN ANNABLE is wearing number 14.

The first week of February proved an eventful one in the Western Hockey League with the following notable events taking place:

----three overtime games were played with the Portland Buckaroos participating in all three games and winning one, tying one and losing one to Vancouver, Spokane and Seattle respectively.

----three Hat Tricks were scored in the week's play with Los Angeles Blades WILLIE O'REE scoring his second of the season, Edmonton's LLOYD HADDON scoring his first of the season and San Francisco's GORD REDAHL scoring his first against Seattle. HADDON'S Hat Trick was only the second of the season by a defenseman, the other was scored by Calgary's DOUG BARKLEY, and it gives HADDON a total of 19 goals for the season, only 2 short of the record for goals scored in a season by a defenseman which was set by Calgary's FRED HUCUL in 1955-56. GORD REDAHL of San Francisco joins a select circle with his four goal outburst against Seattle on Sunday night. Only two other players this season have scored more than three goals in one game, Portland's TOMMY McVIE, who scored five against Los Angeles, and LOU JANKOWSKI, who scored four against Vancouver, and Spokane's GERRY BRISSON who scored four goals against Seattle.

LATE LINE-UP CHANGE

Add to Portland:.....#1.....ROY EDWARDS.....Goal

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### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Looking at it from a strictly offensive point of view the most valuable player or players to his or their teams in the Western Hockey League would have to come from among those players who score the 'big' goals for each team---the goals that make the difference in any given contest. There is no 'bigger goal', of course, than the winning goal. Of equal importance in the contest is the player who sets up the winning goal to gain that all-important assist on the winner. Since the winning team has scored the first goal of the game in 119 of 195 games played in the Western Hockey League this season, then the player scoring the first goal of the game must rate a close third in importance to the above-mentioned winning goal playmaker and goalscorer.

On Saturday night past two fast goals scored in two different games played significant roles in the outcome of both games. In Los Angeles, REAL CHEVREFILS scored for the Blades at the 0:14 mark of the first period against San Francisco and the Blades never looked back, winning 11-4. This does not equal the record for the fastest goal after the start of a game set at 0:08 seconds and held jointly by ANDY CHACOWSKI, Vancouver, 1949, STEVE WITIUK, Calgary 1954, and ROGER DEJORDY, Edmonton, 1961. However, it points out the importance of scoring the first goal and the lift it gives the team that often sparks them to victory.

On the same night, newly acquired Seattle Totem GORD LABOSSIERE scored after 0:21 seconds of overtime play against Portland for the fastest overtime decision of the season as the Totems won, 5-4.

Assuming, for the moment, that First Goals, Winning Goals, and Game Winning Assists are of equal value in each game played, then the following players would have to be considered among the most valuable to his team:

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PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	FIRST GOALS	WINNING GOALS	WINNING ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS
Art Jones	48	7	7	6	20
Tommy McVie	45	5	9	3	17
Max Mekilok	50	5	2	9	16
Gerry Brisson	50	5	8	2	15
Chuck Holmes	46	6	2	5	13
Lloyd Haddon	50	3	4	4	11
Bob Solinger	48	6	0	7	13
Carl Boone	46	3	4	3	10
Ron Leopold	43	3	3	5	11
Norm Johnson	49	3	0	6	9
Fred Hucul	40	2	3	4	9
Jimmy Baird	48	8	2	1	11
Phil Maloney	48	3	3	1	7
Ron Hutchinson	48	6	2	2	10
Guyle Fielder	47	2	4	2	8
Rudy Filion	48	3	2	3	8
Bill MacFarland	48	2	4	2	8
Gerry Goyer	41	5	2	2	9
Bruce Carmichael	48	2	1	6	9

NOTE: The above statistics, with the exception of LLOYD HADDON, exclude defense-men who are oftentimes far more valuable than any forward, but in a non-scoring capacity.

MILESTONES

Winger JIM POWERS of the Los Angeles Blades has presently participated in 297 Western Hockey League games during which time he has scored 103 goals and assisted on 96 others for a grand total of 199 points. In the next game or two POWERS will no doubt notch his 200th point and pass the 300 game mark.

Edmonton's DON POILE has presently played in 487 Western Hockey League games during which time he has scored 172 goals and 223 assists for a total of 395 points. At the present Flyers pace, he will score his 400th point within the next three or four Edmonton games.



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### STANDINGS

In the League's Southern Division the second place Spokane Comets have been trying for weeks on end to close the 14 point gap that the first place Portland Buckaroos hold on them, but to no avail. Spokane won two of three games played last week, one of the games against the Bucks, but counter-acted it with a 1-0 loss against the Seattle Totems. The Bucks won their two games at Portland in the week's action while losing to the Comets in Spokane, giving them an over-all total of 35 wins 13 losses and 3 ties for 73 points in 51 games played. Spokane now has 27 wins, 21 losses and 5 ties for 59 points in 53 games played.

The Northern Division leading Edmonton Flyers still hold an almost-as-comfortable 8 point lead over the second place Calgary Stampeders. The third place Seattle Totems narrowed the Stampeders second place lead to one point in the past week but were unable to take advantage of the situation as they lost to Los Angeles at Seattle. Edmonton, sporting a seven game winning streak, has now won 31 times, while losing 19 and tying 2 for a total of 64 points in 52 games. Calgary follows with 26 wins, 22 losses and 4 ties for 56 points in 52 games. Seattle remains 3 points behind Calgary with 53 points in 51 games.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Scoring leader MAX MEKTILOK of the Spokane Comets picked up only 1 goal and 1 assist in three games in the past week, but it was enough to keep him in first place in the individual scoring race with 71 points made up of 28 goals and 43 assists in 53 games. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON is hot on his heels as he scored six points in the past week to move into second place in the scoring. The shifty centerman has now scored 20 goals while assisting on 48 others for a 68 point total, only three back of the leader. JOHNSON'S line mate LOU JANKOWSKI took over sole possession of third spot as he upped his total to 66 points made up of 35 goals and 31 assists in 49 games.

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### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In a relatively low-scoring week 'Player of the Week' honors go to Portland's ART JONES who led all point-getters with 7 in three games played. The Buckaroos played two games at home and one away in the past week and JONES went scoreless in the away game at Spokane but made up for it with a seven point splurge in the two home games. The diminutive centerman picked up 2 goals and 1 assist against Los Angeles on Wednesday night and another goal and three assists against the same Blades on Sunday night for his seven point total. Very special mention should be given here to two prairie stars ED JOYAL and SID FINNEY, both of whom scored a total of seven goals in the past week. JOYAL led the Flyers to a 5-1 victory with his 3 markers against San Francisco on Friday night and centerman SID FINNEY of the Calgary Stampeders scored four times against the same Seals on Saturday night to lead his team to an 8-5 victory.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE continues to lead the League goal-scorers with 37 markers to date, having added two in the past week. McVIE has scored the 37 in 48 games, giving him a 2 goal lead on his closest rival.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON takes over sole leadership in the assist department with a total of 48 helpers. JOHNSON picked up 6 assists in 2 games last week giving him 3 more than his closest rival in this department.

### GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR moves out in front in the goalkeeping activities as he allowed only 5 goals in three games to improve his average to a respectable 3.10 in 39 games played. Portland's new goalkeeper ROY EDWARDS has allowed 9 goals in 3 games for a 3.00 average in his first week of action in the League. MILLAR recorded the only shutout in League play in the past week as he blanked the Spokane Comets, 1-0, on Friday night in Seattle.

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### PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN maintains his lead in the League penalty parade as he picked up two majors and a minor in the week's action to up his total to 129 minutes for the season. Edmonton's DOUG MESSIER and FORBES KENNEDY hold down second and third spots respectively with 106 and 105 minutes each.

### PENALTY-LESS GAME

The first penalty-less game of the 1961-62 season was played on Sunday night past in Spokane. The San Francisco Seals lost a 5-4 come-from-behind game to the Comets in Spokane and referee JERRY OLINSKI found no occasion to banish a player for the full sixty minutes, even though the Comets lead the League in penalties as a team, having been assessed a total of 804 minutes up to the present time in season play. The last penalty-less game took place exactly one year ago less a week in Calgary on February 18, 1961, in a game with the Portland Buckaroos.

### GOALS AGAINST EMPTY NET

The Los Angeles Blades have had six goals scored against an empty net as a result of pulling the goalkeeper in the closing minutes in favor of a sixth attacker. The Vancouver Canucks have scored two of these goals into the unguarded cage, while Calgary, Portland, San Francisco and Spokane have scored once each. Spokane and Calgary rate second place in this department as they have had 4 each scored against an empty goal.

### SEALS MAKE DIFFERENCE

The Northern Division standings are influenced most by games played by the two prairie teams, Calgary and Edmonton, against San Francisco. The Flyers are enjoying the top spot due mainly to San Francisco's record of 2 wins, 6 losses and 0 ties against them while the same Seals have a record of 5 wins, 3 losses and 0 ties against Calgary.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos played only one game last week as they began a rugged road grind through the Canadian prairies and lost, 5-3, to the Calgary Stampeders. The second place Spokane Comets participated in three contests and won two of them and in so doing cut down the Bucks first place lead to ten points. The leading Buckaroos now have 73 points on 35 wins, 14 losses and 3 ties while the second place Comets have 63 points on 29 wins, 22 losses and 5 ties. Portland have four road games this week ending up in Spokane on Saturday night so that the Comets have a fine opportunity of cutting the Buckaroo lead further. The greatest gain in the Southern Division, however, came about with the San Francisco Seals as they won three straight contests to move within 2 points of the third place Los Angeles Blades. The Seals were 8 points back of the Blades at this point last week but the 3 wins upped their total to 43 points just two behind the Blades, and the Seals have a favored schedule ahead with most of their games at home while the Blades hit the road in quest of third place and a play-off position.

In the Northern Division the Edmonton Flyers maintain their position atop the heap with 66 points, though losing 2 of 3 games played in the week's action. The second place Calgary Stampeders won two of their three games played to remain six points behind the Flyers and the third place Seattle Totems won two games to remain three points behind the Stampeders. Edmonton now has 66 made up of 32 wins, 21 losses and 2 ties while Calgary has 60 points made up of 28 wins, 23 losses and 4 ties.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

In three games played last week scoring leader MAX MEKILOK picked up 4 goals and assisted on 4 others to up his season total to 32 goals and 47 assists for 79 points in 56 games played. Linemate GERRY BRISSON remains in second place 7 points back, as he picked an identical 4 goals and 4 assists for 72 points in

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56 games. Veteran San Francisco winger BOB SOLINGER made the biggest move in the scoring race jumping from seventh to third as he picked up 1 goal and 5 assists in three games to up his total to 24 goals and 46 assists for 70 points in 56 games.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The League's highest scoring trio, all members of the same Spokane line, share 'Player of the Week' honors this week as each player picked up 8 points in 3 games played. Center MAX MEKILOK and left winger GERRY BRISSON each picked up 4 goals and 4 assists for 8 points in the three games while right winger BEV BELL scored only once but assisted on 7 markers for his 8 point total. The three players led all individual players in point totals in the week's action.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE continues to lead the goalscorers as he scored once in the past week to stay one ahead of Spokane winger GERRY BRISSON. McVIE now has 38 goals in 49 games played while BRISSON has scored 37 times in 56 games played to date.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON picked up only one point in three games played last week but the point was an assist to up his season total in this department to 49 and the League lead. JOHNSON'S 49 assists in 54 games is one more than Seattle's RUDY FILION and 2 more than Spokane's MAX MEKILOK.

### GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR leads the League's active goalkeepers for the second consecutive week with a 3.15 average allowing a total of 129 goals in 41 games. Spokane's EDDIE JOHNSTON is a close second with a 3.34 average, having allowed 187 goals 56 games played. San Francisco goalkeeper BEV BENTLEY

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shows the greatest improvement in average for the week as his average dropped 12 points from 4.21 to 4.09 as his team won three straight games.

PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN moved out to a commanding lead in the penalty department as he picked up 2 minors and a major penalty in the week's action to up his total to 138 minutes in 49 games. Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY is a distant second with 116 minutes in 55 games.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Vancouver.....#11.....DON BAMBURAK.....Left Wing

Remove BAMBURAK from Seattle.

Number changes in Seattle line-up: #14.....DON CHIUPKA

#17.....BARNEY KRAKE

FIRST PROFESSIONAL GOAL

After 46 games of professional hockey with the San Francisco Seals rookie JIM WILCOX scored his first goal on Tuesday night past against the Vancouver Canucks and promptly followed with his second two games later against the Los Angeles Blades.

FIRST PENALTY IN SEASON

When Seattle sophomore EDGAR EHRENVERTH received a minor penalty in a game against Edmonton on Sunday night past it marked his first violation in more than a full year as the last time he was penalized was on February 8, 1960, game against the Portland Buckaroos.

300TH POINT

Los Angeles Blades leading scorer BRUCE CARMICHAEL has presently scored 297 Western Hockey League points and will be going after his 300th point in the next couple of games. Edmonton's DON POILE, with 398 points, is still working toward his 400th point in Western Hockey League play.

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### STANDINGS

One win in four games in the past week increased Portland's total in the League's Southern Division to 75 points, made up of 36 wins, 17 losses and 3 ties. The second place Spokane Comets closed the gap between first and second place in the standings by another two points, leaving them 8 points behind the Bucks with 67 points. The Comets won both games played last week to give them an over-all total of 31 wins, 22 losses and 5 ties. The Los Angeles Blades, in a nip and tuck battle for third place and a play-off position with the San Francisco Seals, still hold third place with 47 points, 2 more than the hard-working Seals, in last place with 45 points.

In the Northern Division, the leading Edmonton Flyers won three of their four games played in the week's action to up their total to 72 points for the season to boost their Divisional lead to 10 points over the second place Calgary Stampeders. In two games during the past week the Stamps fell victim to the Portland Buckaroos in the first encounter but bounced back to win the big one against the Edmonton Flyers, 8-3, to solidify their hold on second place. The Flyers record now stands at 35 wins, 22 losses and 2 ties for their 72 points while the Stampeders have 29 wins, 24 losses and 4 ties for 62 points. The third place Seattle Totems are in hot pursuit of the Stampeders and presently have a record of 28 wins, 24 losses and 5 ties for 61 points, one back of the Stampeders in the race for second place.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

In two games played last week scoring leader MAX MEKILOK picked up four assists to up his total to 32 goals and an even 50 assists for a handsome 82 points, seven more than his linemate GERRY BRISSON, who is in second place with 75 points. Both players have played 58 games with BRISSON surpassing his all-time high goalscoring record of 38 in one season as he picked up two in the

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week's action for a total of 39 goals to go with his 36 assists. San Francisco veteran BOB SOLINGER is close behind the two leaders as he picked up a goal and 3 assists to up his total to 25 goals and 49 assists in 58 games for 74 points, one behind BRISSON. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON is in fourth place with 72 points in 56 games.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Seattle Captain BILL MACFARLAND gains 'Player of the Week' honors on last week's play as he outscored all other players in games played by picking up 8 points. The big winger scored six times and assisted on two others while leading his team to a split of four road games in California. The eight point week lifted MACFARLAND from nineteenth place in the individual scoring race to thirteenth place for the greatest single gain of the week in the scoring race.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE became the first player this season to reach the 40 goal mark in regular season play as he picked up two goals in the four road games played by the Bucks in the past week. The fleet winger has presently garnered one more than Spokane's GERRY BRISSON, who also scored two last week to up his total to 39 goals.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON and Seattle's RUDY FILION remain tied in the assist department, both having set up 51 goals in season play. JOHNSON has played 56 games while FILION has played 57.

### GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR improved his average by 2 percentage points in the past week to maintain his position atop the goalkeepers standings with a 3.13 average, having allowed 141 goals in 45 games. Spokane's ED JOHNSTON is



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in second place with a 3.31 average, allowing 192 goals in 58 games.

PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CON MADIGAN maintains his lead in the penalty parade as he picked up two minors during the past week to up his total to 142 minutes in 51 games. Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY is still in second place with 124 minutes in 58 games.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Remove from Edmonton.....FORBES KENNEDY

Add to Edmonton.....LEN LUNDE

Edmonton's CHUCK HOLMES is wearing number 8.

FLYERS SET FASTEST GOALS RECORDS

The Edmonton Flyers were not very receptive to the visiting Portland Buckaroos in two games played in Edmonton last week. Not only did the Flyers win both games, but they set a couple of records doing it. The Flyers broke the record for the fastest five goals in one game by the same team, previously held by the Seattle Totems in the time of 4:50. The Flyers scored five consecutive goals in the third period in 4 minutes and 14 seconds for a new record and set another new record in scoring six goals in 5 minutes and 31 seconds in the same period.

In addition to the records set by Edmonton, the Flyers shutout the Buckaroos, 2-0, on Friday night and it was the first time this season that the Bucks had been kept off the scoresheet. Portland previously had played 55 games without being blanked.

Edmonton is the only team that has not been shutout in Western League play this season and have a non-shutout streak of 76 games going at the present time. New Westminster has the record of 133 non-shutout games in WHL play.

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February 28, 1962.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### BATTLE FOR PLAY-OFFS

The Los Angeles Blades and the San Francisco Seals are battling tooth and nail for third place in the League's Southern Division and it is quite conceivable that the two teams could end the season tied in points for the last play-off spot.

The Blades presently lead the Seals by two points, having 47 for the season, but have played one more game than San Francisco. The Los Angeles record stands at 21 wins, 33 losses and 5 ties. San Francisco has 22 wins, 35 losses and one tie for 45 points. However, not only do the Seals have a game in hand, but, of their 12 games left to play, 7 are at the Cow Palace in San Francisco with only 5 away, while the Blades play 7 of their remaining 11 games in enemy territory.

Of the away games, San Francisco faces the leading Buckaroos in Portland twice while Los Angeles will twice face the Bucks counterparts in the Northern Division, the leading Edmonton Flyers. The Seals' three other 'away' games are at Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver while Los Angeles play one game at each of Calgary, Vancouver, Spokane, Seattle and San Francisco.

In six meetings with Portland this season, San Francisco has yet to win a game, and, as well as playing the Bucks twice in Portland, 4 of the remaining 7 home games for the Seals will be against the same Buckaroos.

If the two teams should end the season tied in points, because the last play-off position is at stake, third place will be decided according to League rules which state the following:

"In the event two teams are tied in points for the last play-off position then these teams will play a sudden-death game in the home arena of the team having won the greater number of games."

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OUTSTANDING ROOKIES

With approximately a dozen games left in the schedule for each of the Western Hockey League teams, it won't be long before the Sportswriters and Sportscasters in each city are called upon to cast their ballots for the League's outstanding players. Their votes will decide, among others, the Western Hockey League's Outstanding Rookie for the 1961-62 season. To be eligible for the Rookie Award a player must have participated in not more than 30 games as a professional. NO AGE LIMIT FOR THIS AWARD. This season the following players are eligible for the Outstanding Rookie Award:

NORTHERN DIVISION

Calgary:

- 1.....ED BABIUK.....Goal
- 5.....AL WILLIS.....Def.

Edmonton:

- 2.....JOHN MISZUK.....Def.
- 4.....KEITH WALSH.....Def.
- 6.....DOUG MESSIER.....Def.
- 11.....DON CHIZ.....L.W.
- 16.....TOM BURGESS.....R.W.
- \*\* LARRY JEFFREY.....L.W.

Seattle:

- 2.....DUNC McCALLUM.....Def.
- 10.....IVAN PREDIGER.....Def.

Vancouver:

- 3.....LARRY McNAEB.....Def.
- 10.....JIMMY BAIRD.....L.W.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Los Angeles:

- 7.....GEORGE KONIK.....Def.
- 15.....TERRY SLATER.....Cen.

Portland:

- 16.....ED LAWSON.....Cen.
- 18.....GEORGE KNIPELBERG.....R.W.

San Francisco:

- 6.....MARTIN HOWE.....Def.
- 16.....JIM WILCOX.....Def.

Spokane:

- 3.....CONNIE MADIGAN.....Def.

\*\* Larry Jeffrey played 48 games for Edmonton before going to Detroit Red Wings.

CORRECTIONS

A mistake occurred in the Release from this office of Tuesday, February 27th with regard to a new record established by the Edmonton Flyers against the Portland Buckaroos in Edmonton, February 21. The Flyers set two new records for the fastest five goals in one game by same team and fastest six goals in one game by same team. The five goals by the Flyers were scored in 3 minutes and 34 seconds and the six goals were scored in 4 minutes and 51 seconds----both new records in Western Hockey League play.

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Despite the records set by Edmonton over Portland the two clubs were well-matched in the season's play as both won four and lost four in the eight encounters against each other , with each team winning one game on the other's ice. Edmonton scored 30 goals against Portland while Portland scored two less, 28, against the Flyers.

On Tuesday night the Edmonton Flyers had the opportunity to tie the record for most consecutive wins over one opponent when they played the Vancouver Canucks in Vancouver. Edmonton had previously won 10 straight games from the Canucks but the Canucks came to life to down the Flyers, 8-5. Thus, the Spokane Comets still hold the record for the most consecutive wins over one opponent, having downed the same Edmonton Flyers 11 straight times before the string was broken earlier this season.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Remove from Portland.....ROY EDWARDS.....To Sault Ste. Marie (EPHL)

Edmonton's LEN LUNDE is wearing number 10.

MOST GOALS AGAINST EMPTY NET

When LES HUNT scored in the empty Los Angeles goal on Friday night past it marked the seventh time this season that the Blades had a goal scored against them after pulling their goalie for an extra attacker. This record surpasses by far the records of any of the other teams in the League this season all other clubs have had 2 goals scored against an empty net except San Francisco who have had only one against.

FIRST GOALS

After 21 Western Hockey League games Vancouver's DUANE RUPP scored his first goal against Los Angeles on February 23. Los Angeles defenceman BILL BUREGA scored his first goal of the season against Seattle after 56 games.

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March 6, 1962.

### STANDINGS

With ten games left to play for each team, the Portland Buckaroos once again lead the Spokane Comets by ten points. The Bucks are in first place in the League's Southern Division with a record of 37 wins, 18 losses and 5 ties, while the second place Spokane Comets have a record of 32 wins, 23 losses and 5 ties, for 69 points, 10 behind Portland. In four games last week, the Bucks won one, lost one and tied two for 4 points while the Comets won and lost in two games played for 2 points. The Los Angeles Blades continue to stay in front for the last play-off spot in the Southern Division as they won two, lost two and tied one in five road games with the powerful prairie clubs last week to up their total to 52 points, four more than the last place San Francisco Seals, who won, lost and tied in 3 games played in the week's action.

In the Northern Division the race continues to tighten as the Seattle Totems, after a long pursuit, finally caught and by-passed the Calgary Stampeders. The Totems won three while losing one last week to move into second place and are presently only 6 points behind the leading Edmonton Flyers. The Flyers lost two and tied one in the weeks play, leaving them with 35 wins, 24 losses and 3 ties for 73 points, while the second place Totems have 67 points. Calgary follows in third place with 64 points on 30 wins, 25 losses and 4 ties.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Scoring leader MAX MEKILOK of the Spokane Comets picked up only one assist in two games last week to increase his total to 83 points made up of 32 goals and 51 assists. Two players are tied in second place, 6 points back of MEKILOK in an ever-tightening race as the schedule narrows down to 10 games or less for all the teams. San Francisco's BOB SOLINGER scored one goal and assisted on two others for a 77 point total and a share of second place with Calgary's NORM JOHNSON, who picked up a goal and 4 assists to raise his total to 77 points.

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Spokane's GERRY BRISSON dropped from second to fourth place as he picked up one point, his 40th goal, leaving him with a 76 point total.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Vancouver centerman PHIL MALONEY gains 'Player of the Week' honors for the first time this season as he outscored all other players in the League in action during the past week. MALONEY picked up nine points in three games, made up of 5 goals and 4 assists, to move into 11th place in the individual scoring race. The smooth playmaker actually scored the nine points in two games, as he was held scoreless in a 5-3 loss to Seattle, but he more than made up for the scoreless night as he picked up 4 goals and 2 assists in an 8-5 win over the leading Edmonton Flyers and another goal and 2 assists against the Southern Division's leaders, the Portland Buckaroos, in a 7-7 tie on Sunday night.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

For the first time in several weeks Portland's TOMMY McVIE is in hot competition for the League's goalscoring lead. A three goal Hat Trick on Sunday night, his third of the season, by Seattle Captain BILL MACFARLAND upped his total to 42 for the season and a share of the lead with McVIE. McVIE picked up two goals in three games during the week while MACFARLAND picked up five goals in four games. Spokane's GERRY BRISSON and Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI follow closely with 40 goals each.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON once again takes over sole possession of the assist lead in League play as he picked up four in the past week in 2 games to up his total to 55 in 58 games played. Seattle's RUDY FILION is in second place with 54 assists in 61 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR improved his lead in the goalkeeping department as he allowed only 8 goals in 4 games played in the week's action for a 2.00

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average on the week's play. MILLAR'S season's average now stands at 3.04 as he has allowed 149 goals in 49 games. He also shut out San Francisco on Sunday night for his third whitewash of the season to tie him in this department with the Seals BEV BENTLEY, both having three. Spokane's ED JOHNSTON follows in second place with 3.28 average. Veteran AL ROLLINS, who has been out of hockey for almost two full seasons, returned to his familiar spot between the pipes last week with the Portland Buckaroos and looked as though he had never been away as he blanked the Seattle Totems, 3-0. Thus, AL ROLLINS, in one game played leads all goalkeepers with a perfect average, having allowed no goals in his single appearance.

### PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN continues to lead the penalty parade as he picked up two more minors last week to up his total to 146 minutes. Los Angeles' BILL BUREGA is moving up fast in this department and takes over second place from the departed FORBES KENNEDY. BUREGA picked up 4 minors and a major in the past week to raise his total for the season to 134 minutes.

### LEAGUE RECORDS TIED

Two players last week tied standing League records and, with eight and 11 games left to play in the schedule by both players, the two records will probably have to be re-written in the record books at season's end. Edmonton's LLOYD HADDON scored two goals against Los Angeles on Friday, March 2, to give him 21 for the season and tie the mark set by Calgary's FRED HUCUL for most goals in one season by a defenseman. Vancouver's JIMMY BAIRD scored his 38th goal of the season against Portland on Sunday night to tie the record for most goals in a season by a rookie. BAIRD scored 14 goals with Seattle before being traded to Vancouver where he scored 24 more. BAIRD shares the 38 goal record in a rookie season with three former Winnipeg players, BARRY CULLEN, HOWIE GLOVER, AND GERRY BRISSON, presently with Spokane.

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### STANDINGS

As the schedule narrows down to the last two weeks the race for positional finishes in both Divisions grows ever tighter with no one team even close to clinching the first, second or third place positions that they have been battling for all season. In the Southern Division the Portland Buckaroos saw their first place lead diminish to a mere 6 points over the surging Spokane Comets for the first time since November. In three games played in Portland last week the Bucks won one and lost two leaving them with a 38, 20 and 5 win, loss and tie record for the season and 81 points. Spokane won all three games played during the week to up their season's record to 35, 23 and 5 for 75 points. Both teams have 7 games left to play. The Los Angeles Blades, meanwhile, still hold a slim 2 point lead over the pursuing San Francisco Seals in the race for the third and last play-off position. The Blades lost both games played during the week while the Seals won one while losing two. Los Angeles now has 52 points with San Francisco right behind with 50 points.

In the Northern Division the race is every bit as interesting as the second and third place Seattle Totems and Calgary Stampeders continue to close the gap on the front-running Edmonton Flyers. The Flyers won one game over Vancouver while dropping two decisions to Calgary, leaving them with 36, 26, 3 record for 75 points for the Divisional lead. The second place Totems won two weekend encounters to regain second place over the Stampeders, who had moved ahead of the Totes with the two wins against Edmonton. Seattle now has 71 points to Calgary's 70 and both teams have 7 games left to play while Edmonton has 5 games left, and the possibility emerges that the three teams could end the season in deadlock for first place in the Northern Division in the closest League race in years.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Scoring leader MAX MEKILOK picked up a goal and 4 assists in 3 games in the past week to up his total to 33 goals and 55 assists for 88 points in 63



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games. Calgary's NORM JOHNSON is moving up fast as the flashy centerman picked up two goals and 5 assists in four games to up his total to 24 goals and 60 assists in 62 games played for an 84 point total, just four points behind the leader. JOHNSON is now in second place in the scoring race and both he and MEKILOK have 7 games left to play.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors this week go to the Calgary Stampeders ace defenseman DOUG BARKLEY. BARKLEY is most deserving of the Honors as he out-scored all other players in the League, even though he was operating from his defensive position with the Stamps. In four games played the hard-shooting pointman scored 3 goals to up his season total to 23 for the season and assisted on 8 others for a total of 11 points in four games. On Friday night in Edmonton he scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 victory and the next night against the same Flyers in Calgary the Stampeders won 4-3 in overtime and BARKLEY was credited with four assists. To top off the week, even though the Stampeders were soundly trounced by the Spokane Comets, 10-4, BARKLEY again figured in all four of his team's goals, scoring two and assisting on the other two.

### MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE shows no signs of letting up in the goalscoring race as the galloping right winger scored 3 more goals in four games to up his season total to 45 in 60 games played. Two veterans, Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI and Seattle's BILL MACFARLAND are tied in second place with 43 markers each.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON moved into a commanding lead in the assist department as he picked up 5 in four games last week to up his total to an even 60 assists in 62 games played. Seattle's RUDY FILION remains in second place in assists with 57 helpers in 63 games played.

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GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR allowed 6 goals in two games in the past week but managed to keep his League-leading average of 3.04 goals per game in 51 games. Spokane's ED JOHNSTON is in second place with a 3.29 average, having allowed 207 goals in 63 games played. MILLAR'S totals read 155 goals against in 51 games.

PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN continues to hold a comfortable lead in the penalty parade as he was again tapped with 5 more minors in 3 games to up his total to 158 for the season. Vancouver's LARRY McNABB moves into second place as he now has 142 minutes in 58 games played for the season.

MORE LEAGUE RECORDS WILL BE TOPPED BY SEASON'S END

On Saturday night in Calgary Edmonton's LLOYD HADDON scored his 22nd goal of this season to break the record for most goals in a season by a defenseman, held previously by Calgary's FRED HUCUL. He only held the record for one day, however as the sharpshooting Calgary defenseman DOUG BARKLEY scored twice in Spokane the next night to up his season total to 23 for the season to re-break the goal record for defensemen. It is now a two-man fight for the record as HADDON still has 5 games left to play and BARKLEY seven games.

In a tremendous scoring weekend where he figured in every goal scored by his team except one, Calgary defenseman DOUG BARKLEY picked up 11 points to tie the record for most points in one season held by the great WALTER "BABE" PRATT. The record stands at 66 points in one season and BARKLEY has seven games left in which he can establish the new mark.

Vancouver rookie JIMMY BAIRD has shattered the record for most goals by a rookie in one season. BAIRD presently has scored 39 goals in 62 games and 8 games left to better his mark. In addition, JIMMY has tied the record for most first goals of the game/<sup>by a rookie</sup> with 9 first markers to tie him with former Winnipeg Warrior, BARRY CULLEN.

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### STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos, as a result of two wins in three games played last week, have clinched first place in the League's Southern Division as they have now a record of 40 wins, 21 losses and 5 ties in 66 games for a total of 85 points. The second place Spokane Comets dropped all four decisions on their prairie road trip and are presently 10 points back of the Bucks with 75 points.

In the Northern Division the battle still rages for all three play-off positions. The Edmonton Flyers came up with two big wins over Spokane to up their total to 79 points while Calgary and Seattle traded second place positions. The Totems are presently in second place, one point ahead of Calgary and four behind Edmonton, with 75 points. The Totems play both prairie teams this week and the outcome of the games should determine the Northern Division Standings.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Scoring leader MAX MEKILOK of the Spokane Comets picked up a goal and two assists in four games played last week to remain in first place in the individual scoring race, a scant four points ahead of Calgary's NORM JOHNSON. JOHNSON, in four games played, scored two goals and assisted on one other to up his total to 87 points in 66 games played. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY moved into third place in the race as he scored four goals and three assists in five games to up his total to 82 points, leaving him nine off the pace with three games left to play.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In a relatively low scoring week that previewed play-off hockey with low scoring and tight checking games, veteran centerman PHIL MALONEY of the Vancouver Canucks gains 'Player of the Week' honors as he picked up four goals and three assists in five games played to lead all scorers in the Week's action. The Canucks played four of the five games on the road where MALONEY led his mates to a split with Los Angeles and elevated himself to third place in the individual scoring race, just nine points behind Spokane's MAX MEKILOK, presently in first place.

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### MOST GOALS --- MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE and Seattle's BILL MACFARLAND failed to fatten their averages while performing against each other over the week-end and remain tied for the League's goal-scoring lead, each having 45 goals. McVIE has played 63 games and has four games left, all on the road, while MACFARLAND has played 66 games and has 4 left, three on the road.

Seattle centerman RUDY FILION once again finds himself tied with Calgary's NORM JOHNSON for the lead in the assist department as each have set up 61 goals in season's play to date and will have the opportunity to move into the lead in this department as Seattle plays at Calgary this week in their final meeting of the season.

### GOALKEEPERS

Seattle goalkeeper AL MILLAR fulfilled his predictions over the weekend as he finally broke the 2.00 barrier. MILLAR allowed only four goals in three games in the past week while leading his team to seven straight wins before dropping a close Sunday night decision to Portland, 2-1. MILLAR now has allowed a total of 159 goals in 54 games for a 2.94 average. The return of AL ROLLINS to Portland bolstered the Buckaroos as BIG AL allowed only 5 goals in three games and showed flashes of his former all-star days while establishing a 1.25 average for the four games played to date. San Francisco Seals goalkeeper BEV BENTLEY came up with a fine Sunday afternoon effort against the Vancouver Canucks, blanking the free-wheeling Canucks, 3-0, for his fourth shutout of the campaign. BENTLEY takes over the lead in this department, having earned one more whitewash than Seattle's AL MILLAR.

### PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN is being challenged for the penalty lead by another rookie and former team mate Vancouver's LARRY McNABB. MADIGAN

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picked up 3 minors and a major last week to up his total for the season to 169 minutes in 60 games played, an average of 2.82 minutes per game. McNABB, with 3 minors, a major and a misconduct came on strong during the past week to up his total to 163 minutes in 63 games, only 6 behind MADIGAN.

### TENTATIVE PLAY-OFF DATES

As the Western Hockey League schedule enters the last week, tentative play-off dates have been set up for the top three teams in each Division.

In the Southern Division, the Portland Buckaroos, having clinched first place are awarded a bye. The second place finishing Spokane Comets will open a best two of three series with either San Francisco or Los Angeles on Tuesday, March 27th, in the California city, with the remaining two games of the series, if necessary, to be played in Spokane on Thursday, March 29th and Saturday, March 31st. If Los Angeles and San Francisco end the season deadlocked in points for third place and the Southern Division's last play-off position, a sudden-death game will be played in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 27th, and the winner will meet Spokane in the Divisional semi-finals on Thursday in the California city.

In the Northern Division all three teams in contention are fighting for first place and a bye into the Divisional finals. The first game of a best two of three Divisional semi-final will be played in the home arena of the team ending in third place/ on Wednesday, March 28th. The remaining two games, if necessary, will be played on Saturday and Monday in Calgary if Calgary end in second place, on Friday and Saturday in Edmonton if Edmonton end in second place, or on Friday and Saturday in Seattle if Seattle end in second place.

### FIRST PROFESSIONAL GOAL

Calgary rookie AL WILLIS scored his first goal in professional hockey at Portland, March 14th, after 65 games of Western Hockey League play.

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\$12,800.00 will be up for grabs with the winners being awarded a total of \$8,000.00 a sum amounting to \$500.00 per player. The losers will divide the remaining \$4,800.00, an amount that will make each player on the losing squad \$300.00 richer.

The first series in each Division, the Divisional semi-finals, will be a best two of three games. The Divisional finals and the League finals for the Lester Patrick Trophy will be the best four of seven game series.

Looking at it from the players standpoint, any player on the team that ends in first place and goes on to win the Championship stands to earn a total of \$1,306.25. Any player on the team ending the season in second place that goes on to win the Championship will receive a total of \$1,250.00, while the player on the team that ends in third place and goes on to win the Championship will earn a total of \$1,175.00.

INCREASE IN PLAYER AWARDS

In addition to the \$65,000.00 in post-season rewards awaiting the players will also receive an extra \$4,400.00 that accompany the various awards in the Western Hockey League.

The League Directors have voted to increase all Player Awards this season by 200%.

This season, for the first time, each member of the First All-Star Team will receive a cash award of \$300.00. Also receiving \$300.00 will be the League's Leading Goalkeeper, the Leading Scorer, the Most Gentlemanly Player (Fred Hume Award) and the League's Best Rookie. Members of the Second All-Star Team will receive \$150.00 each.

The Most Valuable Player in the League, voted on by the players themselves, and presented as the Hiram Walker Trophy, will be accompanied by a \$500.00 cash bonus.

Up until this season all Awards, with the exception of the Hiram

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Walker Trophy, were accompanied by a cash bonus of \$100.00, with members of the second All-Star Team receiving \$50.00.

### SPOKANE NEARS PENALTY RECORD

The Spokane Comets, up until Sunday night past, had been assessed a total of 1,014 minutes in penalties during the present season. The record for Most Minutes in Penalties by One Club In One Season is presently held by Seattle. The Seattle club received a total of 1,046 minutes in penalties during the 1955-56 season. The Comets received, unofficially, 4 minor penalties on Tuesday night in their game against Vancouver upping their over-all total to 1,022 minutes for the season, leaving them 24 minutes shy of the record for the Western Hockey League. The Comets still have two games left in which to establish a new mark in total penalty minutes by one Club in one season. They play Vancouver in Spokane on Saturday night and close out the season against Seattle in Seattle on Sunday night, March 25. If the Comets do set a new League Penalty Record, it will have actually been set in 69 rather than 70 games as Spokane was one of the teams that participated in the only penalty-less game of the 1961-62 season to date, against the San Francisco Seals in Spokane on February 11, 1962.

### MILESTONES

#### 100TH GOAL

Spokane's DICK LAMOUREUX, with 16 goals scored to date in the current Western Hockey League season has now a total of 98 goals scored in League play and has two games left in which to reach the 100 goal mark in Western League play.

#### 300th POINT

Veteran defenseman GORD SINCLAIR of the Seattle Totems scored the game-winning goal and 300th point of his Western League career last Friday night against Calgary in his 533rd game in the Western Hockey League.

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HOW TEAMS FARED AGAINST ONE ANOTHER

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EDMONTON "	4 4 0	x x x	4 4 0	7 8 1	5 4 1	6 2 0	2 4 2	11 1 0	39 27 4
SPOKANE "	6 4 2	4 4 0	x x x	3 5 0	5 7 0	6 4 0	5 3 2	8 1 1	37 28 5
CALGARY "	4 4 0	8 7 1	5 3 0	x x x	3 4 3	3 5 0	5 3 0	8 3 1	36 29 5
SEATTLE "	2 7 1	4 5 1	7 5 0	4 3 3	x x x	5 3 0	6 2 0	8 4 0	36 29 5
SAN FRAN "	3 8 1	2 6 0	4 6 0	5 3 0	3 5 0	x x x	7 8 1	5 3 0	29 39 2
LOS ANG. "	3 9 0	4 2 2	3 5 2	3 5 0	2 6 0	8 7 1	x x x	2 5 1	25 39 6
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The Portland Buckaroos won the most games during the past season with 42 victories to their credit. The only team to hold the seasons edge on Portland was the Spokane Comets who beat the Bucks in six of their twelve games and tied two while losing 4. Portland broke even with Calgary and Edmonton winning and losing 4 with each team. They held a 6-1-1 advantage over Vancouver, 7-2-1 over Seattle and 9-3 over Los Angeles. Edmonton won 11 of the 12 games against Vancouver and edged Seattle 5-4-1 and San Francisco 6-2. They lost to Los Angeles 2-4-2 and to Calgary 7-8-1 breaking even, 4-4 with Spokane and Portland.

Seattle had a winning margin over every club except Portland, 2-7-1 and Edmonton 4-5-1. Spokane edged all clubs except Seattle 5-7 and Calgary 3-5. Calgary lost their series to Seattle 3-4-3 and San Francisco 3-5 and broke even with Portland 4-4. San Francisco had winning margins over Vancouver 5-3 and Calgary 5-3. Los Angeles won their series from San Francisco 8-7-1 and from Edmonton 4-2-2. Vancouver held the seasons edge over Los Angeles 5-2-1.

SHUTOUTS

Vancouver and Seattle were shut out 5 times during the season, Spokane and San Francisco 3 times, Calgary twice. Los Angeles and Portland once each. Edmonton played the entire 70 games without being blanked.



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### STANDINGS

In one of the closest races in League history, Western Hockey League teams battled down to the final week of the season to determine the positional finishes. The Portland Buckaroos, leading the Southern Division all season except for a brief spell of a couple of days, were the first to clinch first place and a play-off position as they ended the season with 42 wins, 23 losses and 5 ties for 89 points. Spokane followed in second place with a 37, 28, 5 record for 79 points while San Francisco edged Los Angeles for the last play-off spot with a 3-2 overtime victory in San Francisco last Wednesday, ending the season with a 29, 39, 2 record--60 points.

In the Northern Division Edmonton trounced the Seattle Flyers to clinch first place with 82 points on a 39, 27, 4 record. It took until the season's last game but Calgary edged the Seattle Totems for second place, gaining the higher position by having scored more goals over the season than Seattle. Both teams ended the season with identical 36, 29, 5 records but Calgary had scored 47 more goals than the Totems to move into second place.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Spokane Comet MAX MEKILOK, holding only a slight lead during the past few weeks over Calgary's NORM JOHNSON, came up with a four point performance against Vancouver Saturday night and it was enough to gain him the 1961-62 individual scoring Championship. The adept playmaker ended the season with 36 goals and 61 assists for 97 points. JOHNSON followed closely with 93 points in second place.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In the last week of the schedule 'Player of the Week' honors are awarded to the League's Individual Scoring Champion, Spokane's MAX MEKILOK. His 97 points over the season bested all other League players and the six points that he picked up in the last week clinched the title for him. Special mention in the last week go to Vancouver's BARRIE ROSS, who picked up 8 points and moved to 15th in the scoring race, and Portland's ART JONES who, with a 7 point week, moved into third place in

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the individual scoring race.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's BILL MACFARLAND is the League's goal-scoring leader for the 1961-62 season as the one goal he scored during the last week of the schedule gave him the title over Portland's TOMMY McVIE. MACFARLAND finished with 46 goals while McVIE, in second place, had 45. Calgary's LOU JANKOWSKI and Spokane's GERRY BRISSON followed with 44 goals each for the season.

Calgary's NORM JOHNSON edged out Seattle's RUDY FILION for the assist title in League play. JOHNSON set up 64 goals in season play one more than FILION, who ended the season with 63 assists.

GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's AL MILLAR finished the season with an average of 3.13 goals per game to lead all League goalkeepers except Portland's AL ROLLINS who only played 8 games with the Bucks. ROLLINS allowed 18 goals in the 8 games for a 2.25 average but MILLAR, in 58 games allowed 182 goals while stopping 1553 shots. Spokane's ED JOHNSTON ranked second with a 3.39 average in 70 games.

PENALTIES

Spokane rookie CONNIE MADIGAN led the penalty parade for the major part of the current season but almost lost the title to team mate BILL SEVETZ. MADIGAN ended the season with 171 minutes in 63 games while SHVETZ picked up 26 minutes in the last game in Seattle to up his total to 168 minutes and second place.

PLEASE NOTE !!!

ALL PLAY-OFF GAMES WILL BE PLAYED UNTIL A WINNER IS DECLARED WITH ALL OVER - TIME PERIODS BEING REGULATION 20 MINUTE PERIODS WITH 10 MINUTE REST PERIODS BETWEEN EACH EXTRA SESSION.

LOS ANGELES BLADES GOALKEEPER MARCEL PELLETIER WILL ACT AS SPARE GOALKEEPER FOR ALL PLAY-OFF GAMES IN BOTH DIVISIONS, TO FILL IN AS EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT.