



# SPORTS



## HOCKEY NEWS

by Ed Wrzesniewski  
SLAPSHOT

The newest sport-comedy to come out of Hollywood, is a rip-roaring success. The movie is entitled, "SLAPSHOT," and it is one of the funniest sport-movies ever to grace the silver screen.

Paul Newman stars as an aging hockey player-coach, whose team is the worst club to ever wear a pair of skates. Fred Shero would surely commit suicide if his team resembled Newman's Hollywood gang.

After hearing rumors that the club is going to fold after another profitless season, Newman devises a plan to turn the club into a winner. It includes assault, battery and attempted murder.

This is the backdrop for one of the funniest satires this reviewer has ever seen. SLAPSHOT completely rips apart the violence in hockey. Hockey is depicted as a sport for goons who can only fight and not play. The players are rough and their language and thinking patterns originated in the gutter.

The profanity in the film is constant. To say their language and actions are dirty is an understatement. It is just plain raunchy — and this is the film's greatest asset.

Some movies have a few shocking lines here and there that are thrown in to make the film seem sexy, SLAPSHOT does not. It is totally dirty from the beginning to the end which makes the film so raunchy that it is just plain GREAT!!

SLAPSHOT is not a movie for those looking for a serious, deep, arty film. It is a flick for those looking for a good, backstreet laugh. If you haven't had a real good laugh in a long while, listen and see SLAPSHOT — you'll love it.

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## Four Teams Vie For Stanley Cup

by Larry Gallone

Spring has sprung and so have the NHL playoffs for the right to Lord Stanley's Mug. There are now four teams left after 80 regular season games and several playoff contests. They are: the New York Islanders, the **Boston Bruins**, Philadelphia Flyers, and **Montreal Canadiens**. They are paired off in this manner: Mont-NY, Philly-Bost. The winners in each of the best of 7 semi-finals will then play each other for the Stanley Cup.

How they got where they are is contrasting. Montreal lead everybody in every category this year and wrapped up their division by November. Guy Lafleur won the Art Ross trophy as NHL leading scorer for the second straight year. Ken Dryden and "Bunny" Larocque won the Vezina Trophy for the best Goaltending duo. Defenseman Larry Robinson is prime choice for the Norris trophy which goes to the best defenseman in the NHL.

The Flyers and Islanders fought until the last weekend of the season for the Patrick Division title and the Flyers came out on top. The case was similar for the Bruins who fought the Buffalo Sabres until the last game of the season for their Adams division championship. In that I-Don't-Want-It-You-Take-It division, better known as the Smythe, the St. Louis Blues took the division by default. The most surprising team in that division, the Minnesota Northstars, who with a bevy of rookies, came from somewhere in the Canadian Wilds to finish in second place. Watch them to bid and maybe even win that division next year.

In the playoffs preliminary round, there were no surprises with the Islanders, Sabres, Kings, and Maple Leafs all winners.

In the quarter finals Montreal and the Islanders both swept their respective series in 4 over the Blues and Sabres. Meanwhile the Flyers had to come back from two down to the hustling Maple Leafs and won the next four in a grinding series including two in overtime. The Boston Bruins were having an easy time with the Kings until goalie Rogie Vachon took command and forced the Beantowners to go six games before wrapping the series up.

Of the four remaining teams all are legitimate contenders to the throne. They all got there by hard work, talent, and a lit-

tle luck. Despite the talents and excellent play of the Flyers, Islanders and Bruins the pick here isn't that shocking, the Montreal Canadians should win the Cup again but not without a struggle against the other teams.

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## N.B.A. Playoffs

by Carole Klinginsmith

The twenty-two professional basketball teams that opened the 1976-1977 season in mid-October with hopes of a championship, have now dwindled down to eight teams. The division winners: Philly, Los Angeles, Denver, Houston, Washington, Golden State, Portland. The teams with the better record, have a home-court advantage in all the best-of-seven series.

### PLAYOFF PAIRINGS: EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Philadelphia 76ers vs. Boston Celtics**  
The 76ers lost the home-court advantage in the opening game by losing a heart-breaker to Boston, 113-111 on April 17 at the Spectrum. In the opening contest, Jo Jo White was the Celtics high scorer in the regular season versus the Sixers and his last second shot was the game-winner.

Lloyd Free was the leading Sixer scorer against Boston during the season with Julius Erving coming in second. The key to this series may be George McGinnis. He was held to just 6 points in game No. 1 and must score more and improve his rebounding against Dave Cowens. If Philadelphia can fast-break consistently, cut down on Boston's defensive rebounds and play good overall defense, they should overcome the early setback and beat the defending champion Celtics.

**Houston Rockets vs. Washington Bullets**  
Both teams have combined youth and experience in their line up, and battled each other for the division crown all season long with the Rockets winning by one game. Because both teams have played so closely through out the season, this should be a very exciting series.

### PLAYOFF PAIRINGS: WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Los Angeles vs. Golden State**  
The Warriors have their work cut out for them as they go up against the team with the best record in the NBA which contains the Most Valuable Player, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Golden State will have to play incredible basketball in order to knock the Lakers out of the playoffs.

**Denver vs. Portland**  
This pairing is a battle of two of the most exciting players in the game today. The Nuggets' David Thompson was 4th in scoring and can leap tall buildings in a single bound. Portland's Bill Walton prefers defense, leading the league in rebounds and blocked shots. The outcome of the series will probably hinge on a healthy Walton's ability to stop Thompson and company.

The two winners in the East play each other as do the two Western winners in the semi-finals. Then the two conference champs play for the coveted NBA title:

**PLAYOFF PREDICTION:** Philadelphia 76ers take it all!

## BASEBALL BRIEFLY

by Michael Pietrangelo

Ah, Spring is here, and with it comes the return of our grand old national pastime, baseball. This winter the off-season turned out to be an exciting and busy one. Free agents sold themselves to the highest bidder. They suddenly turned last place teams into contenders; two expansion teams have joined the A.L. and some startling trades were made. Our Phillies looked impressive in the Florida Grapefruit League, and headed north as the favorite team to repeat as eastern divisional champions.

### National League

<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>Phillies</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>
Pittsburgh	San Diego
N.Y.	San Diego
St. Louis	Houston
Chicago	Atlanta
Montreal	San Francisco

League Champ: Cincinnati

### American League

<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>New York</b>	<b>California</b>
Cleveland	Kansas City
Boston	Oakland
Baltimore	Texas
Milwaukee	Minnesota
Detroit	Chicago
Toronto	Seattle

League Champ: New York

\* \* \* World Series Winner: Cincinnati in 5 \* \* \*

These are my fearful predictions. I have confidence in these teams, but if I'm wrong somewhere along the line, I will NOT eat a baseball or hire a skywriter to tell the whole student body about it.

**Authors Note:** The predictions and accompanying article were written before the start of the regular season.

**Phillies:** The Phils won their first title in 26 years last season and then got demolished by Cincinnati in the playoffs. While Cincy still seems to be a cut above the rest of the league, the Phils should take their division again. They've lost Dave Cash and Dick Allen but acquired Richie Hebner and Ted Sizemore to back up the strong nucleus of Mike Schmidt (.262, 38 H.R., 107 RBI), Greg Luzinski (.304, 21 H.R., 95 RBI), and fleet-footed Garry Maddox (.330). The pitching, led by 20-game winner Steve Carlton, is solid and deep. They may not win 101 games as they did in 76, but barring any costly injuries or an outright choke, the Phillies should handle the rest of the division without much difficulty.

**Pittsburgh:** New manager Chuck Tanner plans to rely on speed this year, because there is no other choice. The Bucs traded two hard hitting regulars, Manny Sanguillen (.290) and Richie Zisk (.289) and saw another, Hebner, go to the Phils. Slugger Willie Stargell is now 37 years old and is becoming injury prone. The pitching is stronger than previous years. Al Oliver (.323), and Dave Parker (.313, 90 RBI) keep the Pirates dangerous. That once feared offensive power has been too depleted to carry them past Philadelphia.

**New York:** The Mets have the best pitching staff in the National League as surrounded by a bunch of weak hitting has-beens and never-wills.

**St. Louis; Chicago; Montreal:** There should be a real battle between these three squads to see who will finish in fourth place.