

Montreal Nationales Defeat St. Mary's 4-2 In Series Opener

(By The Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, April 6—Montreal Nationales, scoring three goals in the first period, downed Halifax St. Mary's 4-2 here tonight to capture the first game of the Eastern Canada Junior semi-final before 10,000 Forum fans.
 Second game of the best-of-three series will be played here Thursday with the third, if necessary, on Saturday.
 Nationales outplayed the Maritime champions most of the way but found goalie Ernie Yeardon a tough nut to beat.
 The hard-working St. Mary's net custodian turned aside 42 shots and was given rounds of applause by the Montreal fans.
 The Halifax defence was weak and several times Nationales came right in on Yeardon but he always managed to get a piece of his skates or pads on the puck.
 Jacques Richard, Claude Robert, Claude Dolbec and Eddie Cyr each notched a goal for the Montrealers while Dugger McNeil and Don Reardon scored for the Halifaxians.
 St. Mary's, rated one of the best teams ever to come out of the Maritimes, had only 12 shots on goalie Gaston Desjardis as Nats put up a strong barrier in front of the goal.
Summary:
First Period
 1—Nationales, Richard, (Robert, Racette) 4-3
 2—Nationales, Robert, (Richard) 10-33
 3—Nationales, Dolbec, (Trudel) 18-39
Penalties: Campbell (2), Conraal, Robert, Jeanneau (2), Duggan.
Second Period
 4—Halifax, McNeil, (Reardon) 5-58
 5—Nationales, Cyr, (Landy, Geoffrion) 15-17
Penalties: Cyr, Jeanneau, M.F. Laughlin, Trudel.
Third Period
 6—St. Mary's, Reardon (Hollett) 5-07
Penalties: Cyr, McNeil.
 Henry Hudson explored the waters now known as Hudson Bay in 1610.

Lesnevich To Risk World Title July 26

LONDON, April 6—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich will risk his world light heavyweight boxing title against Freddie Mills of England in a 15-round pre-Olympic bout at White City Stadium here July 26.
 Announcing the fight today, promoter Jack Solomon ended speculation over whether Lesnevich would compete next in the heavyweight ranks or defend his title in the light heavy class.
 The Cliffside Park, N.J., champion will receive an estimated \$15,000 (\$80,000). Solomons declined to state the exact figure. White City Stadium has a seating capacity of 47,777.
 "I have received permission of the Bank of England to pay Lesnevich in dollars in New York for his purse from the fight and his additional earnings for film and television rights," Solomons said.
 This approval was the only delay encountered in making the final arrangements for the fight, which had been widely predicted in Britishistic circles.
 Mills came close to beating Lesnevich in a title fight in May, 1946, soon after the Briton was discharged from the R.A.F.
 After weathering a severe beating in the early rounds, he scored points and closed Lesnevich's left eye but ran into trouble in the 10th frame. Mills suffered two knockdowns and the referee stopped the bout when the Englishman went down for the third time.
 Since then, Mills has had his ups and downs. He reached his lowest point when beaten in the fifth round by Lloyd Marshall, American negro, last year.

Lure Winnipeg Girl Hoopsters To Miami

WINNIPEG, April 6—(CP)—Swaying palm trees and flashing "greenbacks" again are luring local girl softballers to Miami and tryouts with the Girls' All-American Professional Baseball League.
 Three of Winnipeg's better known players—Eleanor (Squirt) Callow, Doris Barr and Audrey Haines—already are en route to the deep south, where a two-week training schedule followed by a two-week exhibition tour faces them. Other players are expected to follow shortly.
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Badminton Club Plans Matches

The Garrison Officers' Badminton Club will hold a series of club matches at the Armouries on Saturday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. and on Monday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. It was learned yesterday.
 The tournament will mark the closing of the badminton season and the committee in charge hopes that the number of entries will be large.
 The draw for partners and matches will take place immediately prior to play and all players intending to enter are requested to send in their names not later than 7:30 each evening. Those unable to play Saturday may enter in the matches to be held Monday.

Cleveland Leads A.H.L. Playoffs

CLEVELAND, April 6—(CP)—Cleveland Barons topped Buffalo Bisons 5-3 tonight for their second straight victory in the best-of-seven American Hockey League Calder Cup finals at Cleveland arena. The triumph gave Cleveland a 2-0 playoff margin.

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Charlottetown Tennis Club Prepares For Active 1948 Season

President
Mr. Morton Dew
 The opening game of the best two out of three series for the City League basketball championship between the Navy and Ray's will be played tonight at 7:30 in P.W.C. Auditorium.
 Ray's proved a formidable team through the regular schedule and were looked upon as favorites to cop the title. The Navy team, however, after a rather slow start seemed to hit their stride toward the close of the season and finished in an impressive manner. Indications are that the series will be a close one.
 Both teams will be anxious to win the all-important first game and there will be little doubt that they will be at full strength for tonight's game. The exhibition game with Moncton C.Y.O. Saturday night was proof that the brand of basketball played in these parts is every bit on a par with its counterpart on the mainland.
 Each season of sports has its prognosticators and baseball is no exception. With the major leagues scheduled to get underway this month the so-called experts are busily engaged making predictions as to how the teams will finish up in the fall. One source, James J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner, estimates the Yankees and the Red Sox as co-favorites in the American League, which is the way it figured out to be, although all the so-called smart money seems to be going on the Yankees.
 Carroll sets an equal odds-on price of 5-6 on the two leading contenders for the junior circuit flag, which in the vernacular of the betting world makes it a "pick'em" insofar as the books are concerned. Furthermore it must be construed to mean that none of the six other clubs is regarded as having a chance.
 The Detroit Tigers are listed at 8-1, the Indians at 20-1, the Athletics 25-1, the Senators at 40-1, and both the White Sox and the Browns at 100-1. But the bookies figure that something like 80 to 90 per cent of the wagering will be placed on the Yankees and Red Sox, which accounts for the short price and makes a sucker out of the betting public.
 The choice in the National League is St. Louis at 8-5, with Boston 2-1 and Brooklyn 3-1, and New York 5-1. The fact that the Dodgers are rated third must come as a surprise.
 It's derivation, no doubt, stems from the winter deals. While adding Preacher Roe, Billy Cox and Ray Sanders, the Dodgers lost Dixie Walker, Vic Lombardi and Eddie Stanky.
 The odds came out 24 hours after Marty Marion's left knee collapsed, and it is just possible that Carroll was in the dark about Marion's frailties. Without Marion the cards would transfer Red Schoendienst to short and pit Nippy Jones at second.
 A year ago today the Cards were the shortest priced favorite in the National League history at 3-5. They were overrated then, as now. The Dodgers, Giants and Braves all stand an excellent chance of upsetting Mr. Carroll's dope just as the Dodgers did last year.
LONDON, April 6—(AP)—The British Professional Golf Association today selected Ganton, Yorkshire, as the site for the 1949 meeting between the British and United States Ryder Cup teams. Dates have not yet been selected.

M.A.H.A. Prexy Issues Statement On Hawks Case

SYDNEY, N. S., April 6—(CP)—President Charles Campbell of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association tonight released the following prepared statement in which he detailed the facts surrounding Moncton Hawks' "replacements issue" which precipitated a warm anti-climax in the Maritime senior finals:
 In order to clarify, if that is possible to some, the replacement question of the Moncton Hawks I would like to give the following resume of the various events in this connection.
 On March 7, the Moncton club and also the president of the Maritime Hockey League requested a replacement for the Moncton club under C.A.H.A. regulation 24, due to the fact that their third player Poirier had been injured.
 I immediately wired the executive of the M.A.H.A. stating the case and by a majority vote was granted with the understanding that doctor's affidavits would be submitted before game time, March 8. I also wired the C. A. H. A. recommending this replacement which is necessary under this regulation, and the C.A.H.A. approved. The affidavits were supplied by Moncton and a replacement was allowed to play on Monday, March 8 against the Saint John club, and the game was won by Moncton.
 On Tuesday, March 9, the Saint John club objected to this replacement on the grounds that they did not consider that Poirier was injured to the extent claimed, and asked that another doctor be allowed to examine him. This being a reasonable request it was granted and Poirier was examined by two Saint John doctors.
 The affidavits submitted by them were to the effect that he (Poirier) was physically fit and in their opinion capable of playing hockey. This information was passed on to the M.A.H.A. executive with the result that the replacement granted to Moncton on the strength of the first affidavit was cancelled and the game awarded to Saint John with the final game of the Big Four playdowns to be played in Moncton March 11. This game was won by Moncton without a replacement and they advanced to play Sydney in Moncton on the 12th and 13th for the Maritime title.
 On March 13, the executive of the M.A.H.A. again was requested by the Big Four League to have Poirier examined by doctors appointed by the M.A.H.A. This was agreed to by the officers with the understanding that the decision of these medical men would decide the issue definitely.
 The examination of Poirier was arranged with the Medical Health Centre at Sackville, and their affidavit was to the effect that he was not injured and was capable of playing hockey, therefore this affidavit decided the case as far as Poirier was concerned, and also as to no replacement.
 Sunday, March 14, Moncton again asked for a replacement claiming Demchuk was injured in Saturday's game with Sydney. To this request they were informed by wire that no replacements were permitted under C.A.H.A. regulation 24 after teams entered their branch playdowns.
 On Monday, March 15, J. Elliott Hudson, president of the Big Four League, requested and recommended a replacement for either Bell or Bastarache who were injured previous to entering branch playdowns. A vote of the officers was again taken between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 15th with the result that a majority ruled against a replacement.
 This information was sent out immediately to the parties concerned at that time, which closed the issue.
 At approximately 7 p.m. I received a further note from one of the executives who had already requested changing his previous vote after another executive member had called him and evidently explained it more fully than I did. The vote on the question had been closed at 2 p.m. when I sent out the decision, and as no further vote was asked by me this vote of necessity had to be ignored as each one of the executive had already voted once.
 It should be noted that when the C.A.H.A. was asked to approve a replacement that it was requested on the recommendation of the branch due to Poirier being injured and out for the season, but when Poirier was declared still able to play, this of course nullified the branch recommendation and also the approval given by the C.A.H.A., as no request would have been made to the officers of the C.A.H.A. for a replacement if it was not for the fact that Poirier was allegedly injured. This was occurred in by the C. A. H. A. Therefore, there rested the case.
 In conclusion, would like to make reference to criticisms splashed by some alleged sports writers, which made great sport for the more rabid fans, who do doubt were misinformed by these same writers, who certainly can write a lot about something they know so little about at the time. This, of course, refers definitely

Grand Circuit Racing Results

ARCADIA, Calif., April 6—Favored Seaforth Lad won the first division of the Arcadia trot at Santa Anita Park today, while longshot Red Tower upset the field in the second division as 6,306 fans turned out for the Grand Circuit harness racing.
Summaries:
First Race—\$1,000 Pace, 18 Class, Three-Year-Olds and Up, California-breds, Six Furlongs
 Rhoda Mae (D. Argo) Black Tronla (Estes) Santa Park Astworthy (Vail) Time: 1:35 1-5.
Bob Frisco, Gal Abbe, Lucille Star, Swindle Sheet, Mr. Lacey also started.
Second Race—\$1,000 Trot, 27 Class Three-Year-Olds and Up, One Mile
 Dwight Hanover (Fitzpatrick) Roderic (Pownall) Calumet Bo (Crippen) Time: 2:13.
Ginger Up, We'll Win, Mac Crusader also started.
Third Race—\$1,000 Pace, 22 Class, 3-Year-Olds and Up, 1 1/16 Miles
 Scotch Melody (Fitzpatrick) Empire State (Baldwin) Stony Grattan (Cruise) Time: 2:14 4-5.
Nat-U-Mite, Gypsy Tass also started.
Fourth Race—\$1,000 Trot, 19 Class Three-Year-Olds and Up, One Mile
 Perk Maxey (Cedeberg) Darnell's Abbe (Miller) Miss Sedgewick (Thomas) Time: 2:07.
American Ballad, Dillola Lord, Put N Take, Bruce Patch also started.
Fifth Race—One Mile, Pace, 18 Class, Three-Year-Olds and Up, Purse \$1,000
 Winsocki (J. Brown) Patricia Tass (R. Reeves) Flaxey Hal (A. Clark) Time: 2:06 3-5.
Linda's Girl, Perkasus, The Expected Grattan, Brownwood Lilly also started.
Sixth Race—One Mile, Pace, Conditioned, Four-Year-Olds and Up, Purse \$1,000
 Guest Star (D. Maher) Dick Eria (C. Hodgins) Indian Land (J. O'Brien) Time: 2:03 1-0.
Scottish Boy, Captain Cash, Prince Richard, Walnut Law also started.
Seventh Race—One Mile, Trot, 14 Class, The Arcadia Trot—First Division, Three-Year-Olds and Up, Purse \$3,750
 Seaforth Lad (H. Beattie) Scotch Thistle (L. Fleisch) Full Bloom (W. Taylor) Time: 2:04 3-5.
Private Pat, Britanic, Preston Hanover, Milk Hanover, Sheppard Hanover, Allen Spencer, Onolee Hanover, Pastor Hanover, Kernel Bud, Errol Hanover also started.
Eighth Race—One Mile Trot, 14 Class, The Arcadia Trot—Second Division, Three-Year-Olds and Up, Purse \$3,750
 Red Tower (A. Clark) Second Front (C. Hodgins) Morris Mite (R. Baldwin) Time: 2:03 3-5.
Alexandria, Clever Sunny, Gale Patch, Sparkle Hanover, Frances Dawn, Betsy B. Joe's Pride, John Meadows, Windsor Guy also started.

Both Camps Show Confidence On Eve Of N.H.L. Playoffs

TORONTO, April 6—(CP)—It's easy to find reasons for the confidence in the rival camps of Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs on the eve of their best-of-seven series for the Stanley Cup and the world hockey title.
 The Leafs, who won the National Hockey League championship by finishing first in the six-team race, can point to their statistical record in scheduled play with the Red Wings. They won six games, tied four and lost two in 12 meetings.
 The Red Wings pin their hopes to those improbable, and often decisive, factors in sport competition—the will to win and the breaks.
 The teams play here tomorrow and Saturday nights and then swing to Detroit for Sunday and Tuesday night fixtures. Further dates are to be announced later.
 The Leafs, who went to St. Catharines in the Niagara Peninsula to rest from a tough five-game semi-final joust with Boston Bruins, return tomorrow in time for the opener. The Red Wings, carried to six games in their semi-final with New York Rangers, arrive here tonight.
 The season's record undoubtedly was a factor in the betting odds which ranks the Leafs as two-to-one favorites to take the series. They won four of their six scheduled games with the Wings in Toronto and tied the other two. At Detroit, each team won twice and two games were tied.
 The Leafs had a strong edge on goal production. They got 37 to 27 for the Red Wings. At Toronto they had a 22-16 edge and at Detroit a 15-11 margin.
 However, the Red Wings can look back to their own sad experience in the 1944-45 campaign for an example of how cleaning-up statistics can be. In that year the Leafs and Red Wings met 10 times in the scheduled season. The Wings won eight games, lost two and tied one. They scored 44 goals to 24 by the Leafs. But in the cup final, the Leafs took the best-of-seven series which went the limit before a decision.

Canadiens Plan To Keep Key Players

MONTREAL, April 6—(CP)—Not one key player of Montreal Canadiens will be sold or traded between now and snow-flying time of October.
 That's the word of general manager Frank Selke for the team that rose-divided from National Hockey League championship heights a year ago to a dismal, out-of-the-playoffs fifth spot this season.
 "I am convinced we will gain nothing by making any trades involving established players," said Selke.
 Selke named no players, made no forecasts. He didn't have to. Veteran no. 1 is Hector (Toots) Blake, the old lamp-lighter of many a campaign and an ice general who ranks with the best. Bill Courtnall, him out.
 When Blake toppled to the ice in a game against New York Rangers a few months ago, that was the end. It cost him a broken leg and Canadiens a fighting chance for the playoffs.
 Veteran no. 2 could be none other than grizzled Murph Chamberlain, the 34-year-old fighting Irishman. His rugged aggressive play has lifted a sagging Montreal team time and again.
 From there on it's anybody's guess.
 Selke was canny enough to say Canadiens' management will "do the limit" in purchases or trades, "other than the present established team"—that qualification again—"to bolster the few weak spots."
 Who are the key men who have no worries? A guess:
 Goalie Bill Durnan, defencemen Butch Bouchard and Kenny Reardon, centre Elmer Lach, leading point-scorer for 1947-48; right wing Maurice Richard.
 Then there's Normie Dussault, the Victoriaville rookie who finally took over from Blake's left wing job and could logically fit into the same spot.

Fredericton Army Wins N. B. Hoop Title

FREDICTON, April 6—(CP)—Fredericton Army downed Woodstock Senators 46-40 tonight to take the New Brunswick intermediate basketball title by a round score of 107-81. Army, organized only this season, won the first of the two-game total-points series 62-51.

Ottawa Senators Square Cup Finals

OTTAWA, April 6—(CP)—Bringing one up from the floor, Ottawa Senators hung a 12-1 score on Victoriaville Tigers tonight to square their best-of-three Allan Cup playoff series at one game each.
 Deciding game of the Eastern Canada semi-final will be played here Friday night. The winner will play Hamilton Tigers in the Canadian semi-finals.

Allan, Memorial Cup Schedule

Allan Cup playoffs tonight (Wednesday).
 Western Canada finals—Edmonton Flyers vs. Winnipeg Flyers at Winnipeg.
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 Memorial Cup playoffs tonight (Wednesday).
 West: Western Canada finals—Port Arthur Bruins vs. Lethbridge Native Sons at Lethbridge, second game best-of-seven series, Lethbridge leads 1-0.
 East—None.

Olympic Champions Arrive At New York

By NORMAN ALTSTEXTER
NEW YORK, April 6—(CP)—Tired but triumphant, Canada's Olympic hockey champions arrived in New York late today.
 R. C. A. F. Flyers disembarked from the liner Queen Mary to the sounds of whirring movie cameras and popping flash bulbs, the Ottawa led the team's 15,000-mile tour of Europe and the United Kingdom in happy sight.
 to only some writers who went all out on one side of the case with out even having the courtesy to call the scene of operations the M.A.H.A. office in Sydney, for a statement, but published the hash-ed-over tripe of some individuals without even checking the material received.
 However, that is their prerogative, but now in less tense moments when one has time to consider calmly, I hope that this explanation will be digested properly.

Exhibition Baseball

At Birmingham, Ala. Detroit (A) 7; Birmingham (SAN) 8.
 At St. Petersburg, Fla. Philadelphia (A) 2; New York (A) 3.
 At Plant City, Fla. Cincinnati (N) 5; Syracuse (IL) 5.
 At Oklawaha City. Brooklyn (N) 8; Oklahoma City (TL) 1.
 At Austin, Tex. Chicago (N) 2; St. Louis (A) 6.
 At Juarez, Mex. Pittsburgh (N) 5; Chicago (A) 7.
 At Tucson, Ariz. New York (N) 5; Cleveland (A) 2.
 Toronto (IL) 2; Philadelphia (NL) 7.

Sweepstake Winner Gets Small Payoff

MONTREAL, April 6—(CP)—Fred Hampshire, 63-year-old railroad blacksmith, said today he had received \$12,789.99 instead of an expected \$40,000 as winner of the top prize in the sweepstake held by the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Association at Quebec.

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According to the provisions of the Stallion Enrolment Act all stallions two years old and over, standing for service in this Province, must be enrolled in the records of the Department of Agriculture. Horses offering for service must be inspected and graded and carry an inspection certificate. Applications for enrolment and inspection should be made immediately.
 Applications for enrolment should be accompanied with the required fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) and should include name of horse, breed, age, colour description and registration number, if horse is registered.
 Stallion owners who use horses for service not enrolled or inspected, or in grades not authorized by the Act will be subject to the penalty provisions of the Act. Only horses enrolled, graded and authorized by the Department of Agriculture will be permitted to travel for public service. All horses that have graded "out" will not be permitted to stand or travel for service.
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(By Gayle Talbot)
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