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## Philadelphia Phillies Loaded With Players

### Governor General Checks Fishing Gear

By H. Dent Hodgson (Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, April 12 (CP)—With spring turning many a frozen brook into a purling trout-stream, one of Canada's most ardent fishermen, Viscount Alexander, has packed his skis and skates and started checking his fishing gear.

Salmon and trout, which he has fished extensively since coming to Canada three years ago, are the Governor-General's favorites. He has caught both in British Columbia, and fished northern Manitoba, and James Bay for trout, always on more or less secret trips.

When he visited the Restigouche river in New Brunswick, famous for salmon, his itinerary was complete to the last detail of time and place, except for one unspecified notation—a three-day program of fishing "somewhere on the Restigouche."

The Governor-General's love of sport is well known to most followers of spectator events, particularly hockey and football. His records for kicking off the official ball at rugby games are a source of personal pride.

And he is no duffer when it comes to participating in sports. Since coming to Canada he has found time to pursue skiing, which he learned in the Swiss Alps, skating, tennis and various other games.

When he tries a new sport, it's with the same keen interest as when he takes over the controls of an aircraft on one of his many flights, or handles the throttle of a locomotive while travelling across the country.

Viscount Alexander didn't pick up his love for sport on the playing field of Eton. He's a Harrow man, and proud of it. At Harrow he played on the cricket XI and the rugby XV, and won the Harrow cross-country race in record time.

Peak of his track career came in 1914 when he was amateur mile champion and ran for England against France.

(By The Associated Press) LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 12—Philadelphia Phillies, once the lowliest of "have not" ball clubs, are the "have" club of the National League.

All spring the Phils have been scouting for deals to unload their surplus of infielders and catchers. Up to now they haven't hit the right combination.

The season opening now is only six days away and soon the Phils will have to start paring their overloaded roster.

First-line trading bait lists Dick Sisler, Bert Haas, Andy Seminick, Ken Silvestri and perhaps Ralph Caballero and some of the club's pitching staff.

Sisler and Haas both are first basemen although Sisler can play the outfield and Haas is at home at third base as well as the outfield. But both first base and the outfield are set.

Seminick and Silvestri are catchers. Besides them the Phils have Stan Lopata, highly-rated rookie, and veteran Hal Wagner.

Caballero played second and third last year—but he won't in 1949. Willie (Puddin' Head) Jones is a fixture at third as is Eddie Miller at second.

The club now has 13 pitchers, at least two more than the Phils are willing to carry. One of them, rookie Dick Koehler—likely will be sent down for further training, but one or two more must be disposed of.

(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 12—Toronto Maple Leafs now threaten to become the first team in National Hockey League history to win the Stanley Cup three years in succession.

Having downed the Red Wings twice in Detroit the Leafs are heavy favorites to win the third of the best-of-seven game cup-final round here Wednesday night.

The Leafs, who managed to finish only fourth in the N. H. L. race, are so deep in reserves that breaking up the present combination won't stop their successes.

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## Picks Brooklyn Dodgers To Win National League

By JOE REICHLER NEW YORK, April 11 (AP)—Burt Shotton's Brooklyn Dodgers are this writer's pick to win the National League pennant, but only after a terrific struggle with the improved Pittsburgh Pirates.

At least two other clubs—Boston and St. Louis—will have something to say as to which team will represent the senior circuit in the World Series. But the pendulum swings to the Dodgers because they have the youth, aggressiveness, speed, poise, balance and reserve strength the others lack.

The Pirates have more power, equal defence, and may even top Brooklyn's pitching, but the Bucs are slow and aged, and their bench is only mediocre.

On the other hand, the Dodgers are rich in reserves who can step in and give an excellent account of themselves should anything happen to any of the first-line athletes.

Boston's decision to stand pat is not calculated to do the defending champion Braves any good. However, they still have enough to finish a strong third. The Cardinals have two many "ifs" to make a serious fight of it. But any club with Stan Musial, Enos Slaughter, Marty Marion and Harry Brecheen should finish in the first division.

Here's the way we see the probable order of finish: 1. Brooklyn, 2. Pittsburgh, 3. Boston, 4. St. Louis, 5. Philadelphia, 6. New York, 7. Chicago, 8. Cincinnati

## Bowling

ROLLAWAY ALLEYS

Old Times:	
J. MacDonald	96 105 98
G. Francis	86 60 109
H. Craswell	93 99 86
Rev. P. McMahon	103 97 88
E. Larter	99 139 98
Total—1483.	
Royals:	
I. MacKinnon	92 93 99
J. Lawlor	101 92 86
E. Goss	80 93 114
F. Harley	98 68 103
F. Connors	100 134 122
Total—1612.	
High single: E. Larter, 139.	
High three: F. Connors, 356.	
Points: Old Times 2 1/2; Royals 2 1/2.	

Many long-winged, short-legged birds need room for a take-off like an airplane before they can get up into the air.

Old Faithful, a geyser in Yellowstone Park throws 25,000 gallons of steaming hot water 150 feet in the air every 70 minutes.

Egyptian astronomers had advanced so far they were able to devise a calendar of 365 days 600 years ago.

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## Sees Bright Future For A's Hurler

ST. PETERSBURGH, Fla., April 12 (CP)—Connie Mack has a secret. But it's one he wants every other American League manager to know about.

The old gentleman who has piloted the Philadelphia Athletics since the turn of the century, is convinced he knows just the man to step into the pitching shoes that have been worn by Rube Waddell and Lefty Grove.

The name? Leland Victor Brisse. Brisse is the 25-year-old whose left leg was all but shot off in the Italian campaign of world war two. It took 23 operations to save the leg.

And he still clogs it in a plaster shield when he's out there pitching.

Twelve of the players who helped Dav startle the hockey world by winning the cup in 1947 are still in the line-up. But only one of them—goalie Turk Broda—has ever been selected on the N.H.L.'s first all-star team.

## Sport Briefs

TIMMINS, April 12—(CP)—Romeo Houde, an underground miner who bowls in this Northern Ontario town, reached the goal of all five-pin bowlers yesterday with a perfect 450 score.

CHICAGO, Apr. 12—(AP)—Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler has called a special meeting of American League club owners and representatives here tomorrow, presumably to discuss current litigation confronting the major leagues. A similar conference is held in Cincinnati last Friday.

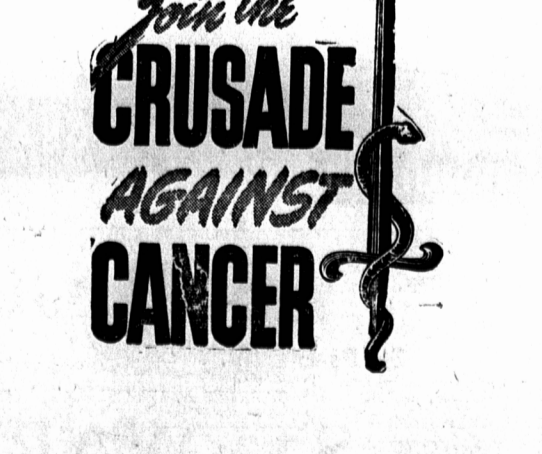
KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., April 12—(CP)—Boston Bruins may start the next National Hockey League season without the services of veteran defence star Johnny Crawford. Currently spending a brief vacation here, Crawford said today that he was "thinking seriously" of hanging up his skates for good.

And he still clogs it in a plaster shield when he's out there pitching.

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