

# for Canadians

PRAGUE (CP) — Team Canada faces an uphill climb at the world hockey championship, all because of a single loss to Finland in its first game.

With each of the eight countries still to play three games in the preliminary round-robin, it is still quite possible for Canada to place as low as fifth.

Only the top four teams, after the preliminary play, go into the medal round-robin. The bottom four teams are left for position and to avoid relegation.

Canada has a 3:1 record while Finland is 1:3. But assuming Finland wins its remaining games against the weaker teams, East and West Germany and the United States—Canada will be on the spot.

It will have to win at least one and probably two of its three remaining games—against Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Sweden, all of whom have 4:0 records.

Should Canada win only one—Sweden and Sweden—then Sweden and Sweden will lead the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, then Sweden.

Canada and Finland would have 4:3 records and the difference between goals for and against in games played, the three would determine the placing.

**NEED ONE GOAL**  
Since Sweden beat Finland 5:0 Tuesday night and the Finns defeated Canada 4:0 Thursday, the Canadians would merely have to beat Sweden by one goal to eliminate the Finns from the top four.

The Canadians would also get in by the same route if Soviet Czechoslovakia and the other teams were to lose all of its remaining games.

The other teams, if two teams end up with identical win-loss records, the team with the greater number of goals would be ranked higher.

That means that if Finland 4:0 Canada were to play a tight match, Finland would be 3:0 and Canada fifth and out of the medal hunt.

Since the big four haven't played each other, there isn't much hard information on which to base comparisons.

The Canadians have been improving game by game, winning their 8:2 win over West Germany on Monday showed they had recovered the edge they played in pre-tournament play.

But injuries may ultimately be the deciding factor because each team is limited to a 20-goalkeepers, and no injury replacements are permitted except in goal.



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# Canadians win opener

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 5:2 Tuesday night in the opening game of their National Hockey League season.

The defending Stanley Cup champions held a 36:25 edge in the game in the contest, but the Leafs took advantage of some shaky goaltending by Canadiens' Ken Dryden to make it close.

Dryden said he was not any more nervous than usual and the fact he was playing his first game in a week did not have anything to do with his effort.

The rest doesn't really have any impact on a goaltender," he said. "There's nothing really to say about it (the rest)."

"I wasn't any more nervous, I'm relatively nervous before most playoff games."

It may have been the lack of consistent activity that had people feeling Dryden was napping during the contest, but Mike Palmateer, who kept his team-mates in the game with sometimes brilliant netminding, said that should not be the case.

**SITUATION NOT NEW**  
"It shouldn't be anything new to Dryden. He's faced 35 shots probably in 50 games before. He never gets bombed too often."

"In the playoffs it shouldn't matter how many shots you get. You should be in for anything. I think in the playoffs of four, five minutes when I wasn't getting any shots."

"Then, all of a sudden, I'd get a breakthrough. I had to be ready for it."

Palmateer, who allowed Yvan Coomoy's 62nd and 63rd career goals, said he was relatively pleased with his effort, despite the fact the Leafs were not winners.

Serge Savard, Jacques Lemaire and Guy Lafleur scored the other goals for the Canadiens who led 3:1 at the end of the first period and 3:2 entering the 20th minutes.

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# Blue trade good for both teams

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Vida Blue deal is looking good to both sides of San Francisco Bay.

Blue, the star left-hander who had sought to be traded from Oakland A's for several years, got his wish this spring when he was traded to San Francisco Giants.

Blue is the 5:1 and pitching win.

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One of the players who will be the other way, 29-year-old Jerry Alexander, has been nothing short of sensational as Oakland's designated hitter.

The 29-year-old overlander hit his fifth game-winning home run in the seventh inning Tuesday night to give the A's a 2:1 win over Toronto Blue Jays.

Alexander, who appeared in just 17 games the last three years with the Blue Jays, is being full-time duty with the A's, has hit seven home runs and lead Oakland to a 17:6 start in the American League West, the best record in major league baseball.

In other American League games Tuesday night, New York Yankees beat Kansas City Royals 4:2, Baltimore Orioles defeated Boston Red Sox 3:1, Cleveland Indians beat Detroit Tigers beat California Angels 10:2.

In the National League, Chicago Cubs edged Los Angeles Dodgers 5:4 in 10 innings, San Diego Padres beat Pittsburgh Pirates 2:1, Atlanta Braves defeated New York Mets 5:4.

# Sluggish performance by Bruins and Flyers

BOSTON (CP) — Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers added some substance Tuesday night to the adage that pre-season games can't stand an extended period of inactivity.

They finally got their National Hockey League semifinal playoff series under way but Boston's 5:2 win—thanks to an overtime goal by Mike Middleton at 1:43—couldn't disguise a sluggish performance by both clubs.

Flyers coach Bert Sher described the lacrosseur effort as "tight checking" but countered that Don Cherry's words in describing what should have been exciting Stanley Cup hockey.

"We don't look like we're in shape," Cherry said. "It looks like a lot of guys lost it in the last few days we were off. I'm ashamed to say."

"Evidently, we should have had heavier workouts in the last few days."

Both clubs can thank New York Islanders and Toronto Maple Leafs for their little holiday. Boston dispatched Chicago Black Hawks in four games during the quarter-finals and Philadelphia was extended to five games against Buffalo Sabres while the Leafs were eventual winners in a series that went seven games.

**LEFT TO WATCH**  
That left the Bruins and Flyers with little to do but watch the outcome of the Toronto-New York series and both teams appeared to lose their edge during the layoff.

The Bruins opened the scoring early in the first period on Jean Ratelle's first goal of the playoffs and looked to be ready to rout. But poor passing and missed chances allowed Reggie Leach to tie the score with less than five minutes to play in the period.

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# Dynamiters near Allan Cup victory

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — Kimberley Dynamiters moved to within one game of winning their first Allan Cup minor hockey championship in 42 years with a 2:0 win over Brantford, Ont. Alexander here Tuesday night.

Dynamiters lead the best-of-seven final series 3:1 with the fifth game of the series scheduled here tonight.

Kimberley went on the attack from the opening faceoff and scored four unanswered goals in the first period while outscoring the defending Allan Cup champions 17:0.

Barry Cummins paced Kimberley with goals at 8:46 and 8:53 while Aurel Beaudin and Dale Booth rounded out first-period scoring for the Western International Hockey League champions.

The Alexanders kept pace with Kimberley in the second and third periods but were unable to overcome the Dynamiters' lead.

Rick Binch and Mark Dumelle scored for Brantford from the Ireland lead while the Oilers traded away four draft choices plus tight end Jimmy Giles to Tampa Bay for the Buccaneers pick to guarantee getting the Heisman Trophy-winning running back from Texas.

Campbell, a 6-foot-1, 220-pounder, is financially troubled and drafted with O.J. life, thanks in part to Mike Trope. He's the agent who negotiated contracts reported worth about \$1.2 million over the five years, and who promised that Campbell would make about \$1.4 million in six.

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Chicago Bills went for Terry Miller, a running back from Oklahoma State. Miller is the Bills' successor to O.J. Simpson, traded to San Francisco here last March.

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# Campbell picked first in NFL college draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League's draft of college players entered the mopping-up stage after Tuesday's opening six rounds claimed the star.

Earl Campbell, Art Still, Wes Chandler, Chris Ward and the other instant superstars were long gone, gobbed up and scattered with hundreds of thousands of dollars by most of the league's 28 teams.

After the excitement died down, the teams were left looking for diamonds in the rough in today's seventh through 12th rounds.

Campbell was Houston's No. 1 selection in the opening round, no surprise since the Oilers traded away four draft