SPORTS SCOREBOARD

By The Canadian Press

WALES CONFERENCE

Adams Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Montreal	17	7	3	162	95	43
Buffalo	17	9	8	132	105	42
Boston	18	10	4	125	103	40
Quebec	17	14	3	166	139	39
Hartford	7	16	9	105	138	23
Patrick Division						
NY Islanders	19	9	5	143	116	43
Philadelphia	20	11	1	124	115	41
Pittsburgh	15	13	5	125	123	35
NY Rangers	12	17	4	111	135	28
Washington	10	21	2	127	140	22

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division						
Chicago	13	10	9	148	134	35
Minnesota	13	10	9	127	111	35
Winnipeg	13	14	7	131	151	33
St. Louis	14	16	4	124	137	32
Toronto	9	15	8	124	150	26
Detroit	10	19	5	118	145	25
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	22	8	6	205	140	50
Vancouver	13	15	6	127	126	32
Calgary	12	15	7	137	153	31
Los Angeles	12	18	2	137	162	26
Colorado	6	22	5	83	162	17

Tonight's Games

Montreal at Quebec

Winnipeg at NY Islanders

Minnesota at Vancouver

Hartford at Detroit

Buffalo at St. Louis

Los Angeles at Colorado

MONTREAL (CP) — National Hockey League statistics released Monday:

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts	Pim
Gretzky, Edm	40	53	93	14
P Stastny, Que	22	40	62	40
Taylor, LA	19	38	57	47
Dionne, LA	24	31	55	26
Smith, Min	21	33	54	21
Savard, Chi	17	37	54	29
Bossy, NYI	25	28	53	6
Maruk, Wash	25	25	50	70
Trottier, NYI	15	33	48	26
Ciccarelli, Min	27	18	45	32
Tardif, Que	26	19	45	24
Coffey, Edm	19	26	45	38
Lafleur, Mtl	14	30	44	16
Acton, Mtl	18	25	43	46
Anderson, Edm	14	28	42	33
Boxwer, Buf	7	35	42	34
Middleton, Bos	20	21	41	0
Clouter, Que	16	25	41	12
M Stastny, Que	18	22	40	8
A Stastny, Que	14	26	40	4
Boldirev, Vcr	22	17	39	20
Gardner, Pit	19	20	39	18
Lumley, Edm	19	20	39	48
Federko, Stl	12	27	39	22
Messier, Edm	24	14	38	47
Propp, Pha	21	17	38	47
Haverchuk, Wpg	18	20	38	21
Hagman, Edm	17	21	38	4

GOALKEEPERS RECORDS

Empty-net goals	MP	GA	SO	Avg.
bracketed				
Herron	88(	41	1	2.77
Sevigny	786	38	0	2.90
Wamsley	307	15	1	2.93
Mil (1)	1,980	95	3	2.88
Herron, Sevigny shared one shutout				
Cloutier	80	3	0	2.25
Sauve	760	55	0	2.76
D Edwards	1,200	66	0	3.30
Buf (1)	2,040	105	0	3.09
Baron	815	39	0	2.87
Vachon	1,165	63	0	3.42
Bos (1)	1,920	103	0	3.22
Smith	1,149	62	0	3.24
Melanson	831	53	0	3.83
NYI (1)	1,980	116	0	3.52
Beaupre	420	24	0	3.43
Meloche	1,500	87	0	3.48
Min (2)	1,920	111	0	3.53
Peeters	1,151	56	0	2.92
St Croix	649	44	0	4.07
Lindbergh	120	13	0	6.50
Pha (2)	1,920	115	0	3.59
Hanlon	1,010	59	1	3.50
Brodeur	1,030	65	1	3.79
Vcr (2)	2,040	126	2	3.71
Dion	1,729	91	0	3.16
Harrison	251	28	0	6.69
Pit (5)	1,980	124	0	3.76
Fuhr	1,656	58	0	3.50
Low	765	45	0	3.83
Moog	399	32	0	4.81
Ed (5)	2,160	140	0	3.89
Liut	1,540	92	2	3.58
G Edwards	280	23	0	4.93
Skidmore	60	5	0	5.00
Herron	160	14	0	5.25
Stl (3)	2,040	127	2	4.03
Davidson	60	1	0	1.00
Vanbiesbrouck	60	1	0	1.00
Mio	60	3	0	3.00
Weeks	1,472	95	0	3.87
Baker	328	33	0	6.01
NYR (2)	1,980	135	0	4.09
Bannerman	685	45	1	4.03
Esposito	1,235	87	1	4.23
Chi (1)	1,920	134	2	4.19
Jensen	327	21	0	3.85
Parro	1,069	70	1	3.92
Palmateer	584	47	0	4.83
Wash (2)	1,980	140	1	4.24
Legris	28	0	0	0.00
Sauve	420	25	0	3.57
Gilbert	866	63	0	4.36
Micalef	726	53	0	4.38
Det (4)	2,040	145	0	4.26
Garrett	658	45	0	4.10
Millen	1,262	91	0	4.33
Hart (2)	1,920	138	0	4.31
Bouchard	1,652	108	0	3.92
Plasse	388	35	0	5.41
Malarchuk	120	14	0	7.00
Que (2)	2,160	159	0	4.42
Staniowski	1,300	86	0	3.97
Soetaert	740	65	0	5.27
Wpg	2,040	151	0	4.44
Lemelin	836	62	0	4.45
Riggin	1,204	93	0	4.63
Cal	2,040	155	0	4.56
Tremblay	1,217	90	1	4.44
Larocque	703	59	0	5.01
Tor (1)	1,920	150	1	4.69
Resch	1,282	96	0	4.49
Myre	598	50	0	5.02
Janaszak	100	13	0	7.80
Col (3)	1,980	162	0	4.91
Krake	300	20	0	4.00
Lessard	1,240	97	0	4.69
Rutherford	380	43	0	6.79
LA (2)	1,920	162	0	5.06

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

Philadelphia Phillies sign third baseman Mike Schmidt to a six-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

Portland Trail Blazers waive centre Dennis Awtrey; reactivate centre Kevin Kunnert.

FOOTBALL

NFL

Baltimore Colts fire head coach Mike McCormac; name Frank Kush as head coach and signed him to a five-year contract.

HOCKEY

NHL

Montreal Canadiens trade centre Pierre Larouche to Hartford Whalers for future considerations.

Final

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pct
x-Miami	11	4	1	327	217	.719
y-NY Jets	10	5	1	355	287	.656
y-Buf	10	6	0	311	276	.625
Balt	2	14	0	259	533	.124
N Eng	2	14	0	322	370	.124
Central Division						
x-Cinci	12	3	0	421	304	.750
Pitts	8	8	0	356	297	.500
Hou	7	9	0	281	355	.438
Clev	5	11	0	276	373	.313
Western Division						
x-S Diego	10	6	0	478	390	.625
Denver	10	6	0	321	289	.625
K City	9	7	0	343	290	.563
Oakland	7	9	0	273	343	.438
Seattle	6	10	0	322	388	.375

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pct
x-Dallas	12	4	0	367	277	.750
y-Phila	10	6	0	368	221	.625
y-NY Gi'ts	9	7	0	295	237	.563
Washing	8	8	0	347	349	.500
St. Louis	7	9	0	315	408	.438
Central Division						
x-T Bay	9	7	0	315	268	.563
Detroit	8	8	0	397	322	.500
G Bay	8	8	0	324	361	.500
Minn	7	9	0	325	369	.438
Chicago	6	10	0	253	324	.375
Western Division						
x-S Fran	13	3	0	357	250	.813
Atlanta	7	9	0	426	355	.438
Los Ang	6	10	0	303	351	.375
New Orl'ns	4	12	0	207	378	.250

x-Clinched division title

y-qualified for playoffs.

Monday Result

San Diego 23 Oakland 10

Playoffs at a glance By The Canadian Press All Times EST

Sunday, Jan. 3 Wild-Card Playoffs

American Conference

Buffalo at New York Jets, 12 p.m.

National Conference

New York Giants at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.

Conference Semifinals Saturday, Jan. 2 National Conference

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.

American Conference

San Diego at Miami, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3 American Conference

Buffalo-New York Jets winner at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. National Conference

New York Giants-Philadelphia winner at San Francisco, 5 p.m.

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 10

Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 24 At Pontiac, Mich.

BCJEL

VANCOUVER (CP) — Statistics released Monday by the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Interior Division

Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Penticton	26	4	0	52
Kelowna	22	7	1	45
Revelstoke	10	18	2	22
Vernon	9	19	1	19
Merritt	4	23	2	10

Scoring

	G	A	Pts
Ray Ferraro, Pent	34	47	81
Ken Felbey, Kel	36	36	72
Chris Jensen, Kel	28	30	58
Dan Brennan, Pent	23	31	54
Leroy Rempel, Pent	27	22	49
Brent Gropp, Pent	17	29	45
Tom Martin, Kel	22	20	42
Dan Nugent, Kel	12	30	42
Randy Maxwell, Pent	15	25	40
Greg Adams, Kel	14	25	39

Coastal Division

Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
New Westminster	20	6	0	40
Abbotsford	17	8	0	34
Cowichan Valley	16	7	0	32
Richmond	14	13	0	28
Vancouver	10	15	0	20
Nanaimo	9	18	0	12
Langley	4	20	0	8

Scoring

	G	A	Pts
Len Meyer, CV	19	44	63
Duane Potekal, NW	33	25	58
Steve Moria, Rich	26	32	58
Craig Redmond, Abb	16	42	58
Don Yewchin, Abb	25	32	57
Marty Irvine, CV	30	25	55
Bob Larscheid, Nan	17	33	50
Jeff Wilkinson, Rich	22	24	46
Dan Hodgson, CV	20	26	46
Bill Shibicky, Abb	21	24	45
Grant Harris, NW	18	26	44
Bob Jude, Rich	12	31	43
Bob Brown, Abb	16	25	41
Rod Slatten, NW	13	28	41
Dave Dupas, NW	8	33	41

HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Central Senior

St. Boniface 8 East Kildonan 7 (OT)

Western International

Kimberley 6 Cranbrook 4

Quebec Major

Laval 5 Hull 3

Saskatchewan Junior

Yorkton 5 Saskatoon 0

Exhibition

Visp (Switzerland) 3 McGill University 2

Larouche traded off

MONTREAL (CP) — Pierre Larouche vowed he would be wearing another National Hockey League uniform by Christmas and the prediction came true Monday when Montreal Canadiens dealt the controversial centre to Hartford Whalers for future considerations.

Larouche learned of the trade from coach Bob Berry as the Canadiens were about to board a flight at Dorval Airport for Quebec City, where they play the Nordiques tonight.

"Hockey-wise, I'm happy with the trade, because obviously I wasn't going to play here," said Larouche.

"But in the five years I spent here, I played on so many good teams, and the public was so nice.

"I'll miss that."

Asked whether he was bitter, Larouche replied: "It's no time to be bitter. I have to look forward to the future."

Team officials wouldn't say what they got for Larouche, but it may be a high draft choice in 1982 or 1983. The Whalers have already dealt their top pick in 1982 to Philadelphia Flyers.

Ironically, Larouche sealed his fate last Wednesday when, by his own admission, he verbally lashed Montreal managing director Irving Grundman and several teammates on a bus ride from Hartford to Boston.

After the team bus arrived at a Boston hotel, Larouche, 26, went into a bar and broke curfew. He was caught by Grundman.

A native of Taschereau, Que., Larouche scored 53 goals for Pittsburgh Penguins in 1975-76 and 50 for Montreal in 1979-80. He had not played in Montreal's last several games because Berry wasn't happy with his defensive play and attitude.

He scored nine goals and 12 assists in 22 games this season.

Larouche was the Penguins' first-round draft choice in the 1974 draft. Montreal acquired him from the Penguins with Peter Marsh in November, 1977, for Peter Mahovlich and Peter Lee.

The announcement of the latest trade was made in Detroit by Larry Pleau, general manager and coach of the Whalers.

"Larouche is a proven player and scorer," Pleau said. "He will definitely make us a stronger team."

The Whalers are in last place in the Adams Division with a record of 7-16-9.

Gretsky's 81 — the good and bad

EDMONTON (CP) — The year 1981 was one that gave Wayne Gretzky the greatest thrill of his young National Hockey League career. But it was also the year of his biggest disappointment.

"I'll never forget beating Montreal, that was my greatest thrill in professional hockey," Gretzky said of Edmonton Oilers stunning three-game sweep of the Canadiens in last spring's Stanley Cup playoffs.

There was no hesitation in his reply, no thoughts about the individual awards, the NHL scoring championship, the Hart Trophy, Canadian male athlete-of-the-year. That is Gretzky — the team comes first, the individual second.

And it is that attitude that resulted in the biggest disappointment of his 20 years, the humiliating loss by Team Canada to the Soviet Union in the Canada Cup this fall.

"I've been very fortunate there haven't been that many disappointments," the curly-haired youngster said in an interview. The biggest disappointment so far was losing to the Russians in the Canada Cup."

Since that September defeat, however, Gretzky has so captivated the North American hockey spotlight it's almost becoming blase to discuss his accomplishments.

AIMS FOR RECORD

Since mid-November his lead atop the individual scoring race has hovered around 20 points; he has moved steadily towards the NHL record of 50 goals in 50 games and his own personal goal of 100 points in the first half of the season.

"People have talked about 200-point seasons and I have said if it's ever going to happen it will be this year or next year — the league is in such a transition right now with so many young players and so much inexperience that this would be the time to do it.

"It's tougher to get points the second half of the season so to get 200 points you have to have a good first half. The only way to get 200 is to get 100 after 40 games."

Through 36 games Gretzky had 40 goals and 93 points, putting him easily within range of his first-half goal.

After each of his first two NHL seasons, people have speculated on what Gretzky could do the following year. Thus far he has simply continued to get better.

In his first NHL season he scored 51 goals and had 137 points to tie for the scoring title. Last season he had 55 goals, a record 109 assists and a record 164 points to win the scoring title and the Art Ross Trophy outright. He was also named, for the second straight time, the league's most valuable player.

The honors have continued to pile up through the 1981 portion of this season. He was named Canada's male athlete of the year for the second time and became the first hockey player to win the Sporting News Man-of-the-Year honor.

Gretzky credits the improvement in the Oilers — they lead the NHL overall standings — for his improved showing this year. But there's also another reason why Gretzky is taking a serious run at the 50-goals-in-50-games standard — he's coming out from behind the opposition net more to create his own scoring chances.

Canadian juniors need new winger

WINNIPEG (CP) — The Canadian entry in the world junior hockey championship was searching Monday night for a 20th man to replace Kitchener Rangers star Brian Bellows after he was ruled out of the tournament on a doctor's recommendation because of a shoulder injury, head coach Dave King said.

Canada faces Finland in the opening game tonight.

"Brian can't play," King, coach of University of Saskatchewan Huskies, said of the Ontario Hockey League right winger generally conceded No.1 status in the National Hockey League entry draft next June.

"He'll stay with the team and be a part of the group, but he won't dress and he won't play. His shoulder was checked over by the doctor, and the doctor felt it would be detrimental to his further play this season to take part.

"He has to stay off the shoulder."

The loss of Bellows, who had been expected to be ready for Canada's third game, here Saturday against the Soviet Union, can hardly help Canadian chances in the eight-country round-robin tournament sanctioned by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

King declined to say who might replace Bellows, acknowledging that general manager Bob Strumm from Regina Pats of the Western Hockey League "is negotiating with a player to come out and join us."

DRAWN FROM CLUBS

The Canadian team, together since Thursday, is an all-star aggregation drawn primarily from major junior clubs, with two players from University of North Dakota — defenceman James Patrick and centre Troy Murray — and one, centre Carey Wilson, who is playing this season for IFK Helsinki.

Canada faces the Finns at the Winnipeg Arena at 8:30 p.m. EST and, by King's reckoning, can expect a stiff test.

"I think there are six teams that can compete," he said, not mentioning West Germany and Switzerland. "Canada and the United States are competitive, and there are the big four from Europe — Finland, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Sweden."

After meeting Finland, Canada plays defending champion Sweden on Wednesday night before completing the Winnipeg part of its schedule against the Russians on Saturday.

Canada faces the U.S. at Bloomington, Minn., on Sunday night and plays West Germany there next Tuesday night before going against Switzerland at Minneapolis on Jan.1. The final game is Jan. 2 against Czechoslovakia at Rochester, Minn.

Apart from Canada-Finland, other games tonight have the Soviet Union meeting West Germany and the U.S. playing Czechoslovakia at Duluth, Minn., and Sweden opposing Switzerland at Kenora, Ont.

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THE YEAR IN HOCKEY

Canada Cup biggest disappointment of 81

The Canadian Press

It was to have been another international hockey extravaganza — capped, Canadian fans came firmly to believe, by yet another host-team victory in the second Canada Cup tournament.

But Russian goaltender Vladislav Tretiak would have none of that, and the night of Sunday, Sept.13, was the most disappointing in hockey in 1981 from the Canadian point of view.

Tournament chairman Alan Eagleson, the Toronto lawyer and player agent who had been shaken by fan apathy in Quebec City and Winnipeg, gained new determination in light of the Soviet Union's 8-1 victory over Team Canada in the championship game.

"If we had won, I might have said to hell with it," he noted in the wake of the Russians' conquest of the best Canadians the National Hockey League had to offer. "Now we'll have to do it again.

"We're not going out losers."

Tam Canada was anything but a loser until the final night of the six-country tournament. They defeated Finland 9-0 and the United States 8-3 in the first two tournament games at Edmonton, tied a determined young Czechoslovakian team 4-4 at Winnipeg and moved to Montreal for a 4-3 victory over Sweden on Labor Day.

MORALE GETS BOOST

That game saw the loss to Canada of left winger Gilbert Perreault of Buffalo Sabres, the tournament standout, through a broken ankle, but worries were eased two nights later in a 7-3 romp over the Russians at the Montreal Forum

Canada finished first in the round-robin portion of the competition with a 4-0-1 won-lost-tied record, then beat the U.S. 4-1 in a semifinal at Montreal The Russians downed Czechoslovakia 4-1 in the other semifinal at Ottawa — where two games were shifted after Quebec City showed little or no interest in a Canada-U.S. exhibition game.

Attendance had been poor at several games at the Winnipeg Area as well, with Eagleson admitting that $25 a seat was too high a price for some of the less attractive matchups.

The Canada-Soviet Union pairing in the final, however, was what everybody wanted — including, no doubt, the Russians.

Tretiak, rested in favor of Vladimir Myshkin in the round-robin game, was at his post for the final, thwarting splendid Canadian scoring chances for two periods while his teammates built a 3-1 lead. Opening things up in an effort to overcome the disadvantage — and virtually abandoning goalie Mike Liut of St. Louis Blues in the process — the Canadians saw the Russians score five unanswered goals in the third period.

POLICE CALLED IN

Eagleson then was summoned from the directors' room to foil a Russian attempt to smuggle the Canada Cup out of the Forum. Only the Montreal police could stop them that night.

The Russians later happily accepted a replica of the nickel trophy to display to their own fans in Moscow.

There it was greeted with the same delight that New York Islanders supporters showed May 21 after a 5-1 victory over Minnesota North Stars gave the ninth-year Islanders their second consecutive Stanley Cup title.

Butch Goring was tireless at centre for the Islanders, earning the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs even as right winger Mike Bossy, whose 68 goals led regular-season scorers, set playoff records with 35 points and nine power-play goals against Toronto Maple Leafs, Edmonton Oilers, New York Rangers and Minnesota.

Bossy's centre, Bryan Trottier, set another record by earning a point in 18 consecutive playoff games — all the Islanders played — and Denis Potvin had a record 25 points for a defenceman. Islanders goalie Billy Smith tied the record of 14 playoff victories he set the year before.

Two of the teams the Islanders defeated had their own heroes and continued climbs to positions of power.

Right winger Dino Cicarrelli of the North Stars had rookie records of 21 playoff points and 14 goals.

The Oilers had 20-year-old super-centre Wayne Gretzky.

OILERS MAKE UPSET

The Oilers, 14th in the over-all standings compared with first for the Islanders, had advanced with the biggest upset of the playoffs, a three-game preliminary series sweep of Montreal Canadiens.

Great as Gretzky may be, the Oilers proved then that they have much more than simply The Kid. Goaltender Andy Moog, 21, was as important as Gretzky against the Canadiens and others such as defenceman Paul Coffey, left winger Jari Kurri and right winger Glenn Anderson helped establish the Oilers as one of the teams of the 1980s.

Gretzky had the most astonishing season in NHL history in 1980-81, setting records with 164 points and 109 assists, earning the Art Ross Trophy as scoring champion, the Hart Memorial Trophy as league MVP and first all-star team recognition.

After 36 games in the 1981-82 season, he had 93 points on 40 goals and 53 assists.

Randy Carlyle of Pittsburgh Penguins took the James Norris Memorial Trophy for 1980-81 as the NHL's best defenceman, teammate and right winger Rick Kehoe captured the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy as the most gentlemanly player and left winger Bob Gainey of Montreal was awarded the Frank J Selke Trophy as the best defensive forward.

Richard Sevigny, Denis Herron and Michel Larocque copped the Vezina Trophy as the goaltenders for the team surrendering the fewest goals, an unprecented three-way split. The NHL, mindful of the recognition Liut received for the Blues' rise to second place in the over-all standings, later said a new award, the Jack Jennings Trophy, will replace the Vezina, henceforth to go to the goalie voted as the league's outstanding.

WINS CALDER

Centre Peter Stastny of Quebec Nordiques won the Calder Memorial Trophy as the league's best first-year player after setting rookie records of 109 points and 70 assists beside left winger and brother Anton.

Dynamiters win

KIMBERLEY, BC (CP) — Kimberley Dynamiters scored three power-play goals and upset Cranbrook Royals 6-4 in a Western International Hockey League game Monday night before 750 fans.

Ray Creasy led the Kimberley attack with two goals. Ray Gregorash, Kim Koswin, Dave Roe and Gerry Stoughton added singles.

Kelly Ferner, Terry Kirkham, Rick Sanders and Kevin White scored for Cranbrook.

Randy Amatto blocked 30 shots in the Kimberley goal, while Leo Karchie turned aside 37 shots for the Royals.

The win moves Kimberley into a fourth place tie with Elk Valley at 8 points each, 12 behind second place Cranbrook.

The teams play again tonight in Cranbrook.

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