SPORTS SCOREBOARD

MONTREAL (CP) — National Hockey League statistics re- leased Monday:

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts	Pim
Gretzky, Edm	67	79	146	20
P Stastny, Que	31	57	88	31
Maruk, Wash	36	67	83	100
Savard, Chi	39	56	82	47
Bossy, NYI	35	46	81	16
Smith, Min	32	48	80	45
Dionne, LA	33	46	79	0
Taylor, LA	26	51	77	84
Trottier, NYI	27	47	74	56
Anderson, Edm	25	49	74	47
Coffey, Edm	24	48	72	71
Ciccarelli, Min	40	29	69	80
Middleton, Bos	37	30	67	0
Linseman, Pha	14	49	63	186
Propp, Pha	32	30	62	73
Lafleur, Mtl	21	41	62	18
Cloutier, Que	31	41	62	18
Stoughton, Hart	38	23	61	43
Hawerchuk, Wpg	28	33	61	29
Acton, Mtl	25	36	61	0
M Stastny, Que	24	36	60	15
Messier, Edm	33	26	59	71
Bridgman, Cal	24	35	59	88
Vaive, Tor	36	22	58	68
Tardif, Que	34	24	58	49
Derlago, Tor	22	36	58	26

GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS
Empty-net goals bracketed

	MP	GA	SO	Avg
Holden	20	0	0	0.00
Wamsley	946	44	1	2.79
Herron	1,067	50	1	2.81
Sevigny	967	52	0	3.23
Mtl (1)	3,000	147	3	2.94
Herron, Sevigny shared one shutout				
Cloutier	311	13	0	2.51
Sauve	760	35	0	2.76
D Edwards	2,049	105	0	3.07
Buf (2)	3,120	155	0	2.98
Smith	1,689	86	0	3.06
Melanson	1,251	71	0	3.41
NYI (2)	3,940	159	0	3.24
Baron	1,355	71	0	3.14
Vachon	1,765	107	0	3.64
Bos (2)	3,130	180	0	3.46
Meloche	2,066	199	1	3.46
Beaupre	1,054	63	0	3.59
Min (3)	3,120	185	1	3.56
Brodeur	1,170	104	1	3.53
Hanlon	1,350	84	1	3.73
Ver	3,120	190	2	3.65
Peeters	1,731	98	0	3.56
St Croix	1,189	80	0	4.04
Lindbergh	120	13	0	6.50
Pha (3)	3,060	194	0	3.80
Davidson	60	1	0	1.00
Van'brouck	60	1	0	1.00
Mio	600	33	0	3.30
Weeks	2,012	127	1	3.79
Baker	328	33	0	6.04
NYR (2)	3,060	197	1	3.86
Fuhr	1,896	111	0	3.51
Low	1,005	68	0	4.06
Moog	399	32	0	4.81
Edm (5)	3,300	216	0	3.93
Garrett	180	10	0	3.33
Bouchard	2,472	151	1	3.64
Plasse	388	35	0	5.41
Malarchuk	120	14	0	7.00
Que (2)	3,180	212	1	4.00
Skidmore	120	6	0	3.00
Liut	2,320	142	2	3.67
Heinz	160	14	0	5.25
G Edwards	460	44	0	5.74
SIL (4)	3,060	210	3	4.12
Jensen	627	37	0	3.54
Parro	1,849	125	1	4.06
Palmateer	584	47	0	4.83
Wash (2)	3,060	211	1	4.14
Dion	2,420	149	0	3.69
Harrison	640	55	0	5.16
Riley	60	6	0	6.00
Pit (6)	3,120	216	0	4.15
Legris	28	0	0	0.00
Sauve	1,326	90	0	4.08
Gilbert	1,030	70	0	4.08
Mlcalet	726	53	0	4.38
Stanlowski	1,818	125	0	4.06
Soetaert	1,302	97	0	4.47
Wpg (2)	3,120	222	0	4.27
Veisor	120	3	0	1.50
Garrett	898	63	0	4.21
Millen	1,982	144	0	4.36
Hart (4)	3,000	214	0	4.28
Lemelin	1,276	87	0	4.09
Riggin	1,904	141	1	4.44
Cal (1)	3,180	229	1	4.32
Tremblay	1,517	110	1	4.35
Larocque	1,663	123	0	4.44
Tor (3)	3,180	236	1	4.45
Resch	2,182	142	0	3.90
Myre	898	79	0	5.28
Janaszak	100	13	0	7.80
Col (6)	3,180	240	0	4.53
Bannerman	1,131	80	1	4.24
Esposito	1,929	150	1	4.67
Skorodenski	60	5	0	5.00
Chi (5)	3,120	240	2	4.62
Keans	774	52	0	4.03
Lessard	1,966	147	0	4.49
Rutherford	380	43	0	6.79
LA (6)	3,120	248	0	4.77

BCJHL

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

STANDINGS
Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pts
New Westminster	31	8	0	62
Abbotsford	27	12	0	54
Cowichan Valley	26	11	0	52
Richmond	21	20	0	42
Vancouver	16	23	0	32
Nanaimo	8	28	0	16
Langley	6	33	0	12

Interior Division

Penticton	34	4	0	68
Kelowna	27	11	1	55
Revelstoke	16	22	2	34
Vernon	9	29	1	19
Merritt	7	29	2	16

SCORING
Coast Division

	G	A	Pts
Potekal, NW	56	44	100
Redmond, Abb	28	64	92
Meyer, CV	30	59	89
Rich, Sal	38	48	86
Hodgson, CV	35	51	86
Larsheid, Nan	29	49	78
Wilkinson, Rich	34	42	76
Yewchin, Abb	28	45	73
Irvine, CV	35	36	71
Slatten, NW	25	44	69

Interior Division

Ferraro, Pent	50	53	103
Filbey, Kel	43	43	86
Rempel, Pent	35	36	71
Brennan, Pent	30	39	69
Jensen, Kel	30	33	63
Martin, Kel	30	29	58
Adams, Kel	21	35	56
Maxwell, Pent	21	33	54
Nugent, Kel	16	35	51
Gropp, Pent	19	31	50

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WESTERN
Eastern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Lethbridge	35	15	0	306	187	70
Saskatoon	32	16	2	309	223	66
Regina	33	18	0	318	272	66
Calgary	28	19	2	227	176	58
Brandon	25	24	0	272	274	50
Billings	18	31	1	251	295	37
Med Hat	14	37	1	223	334	29
Winnipeg	17	34	1	206	281	35

Western Division

Portland	34	15	1	258	220	69
Victoria	30	19	1	272	205	61
Seattle	26	24	1	242	218	53
Kamloops	11	38	1	203	317	23
x-Spokane	3	22	1	102	196	7

x-Franchise suspended

Monday Result
Portland 5 Victoria 4

Tuesday's Games
Regina at Saskatoon
Brandon at Victoria

Scoring Leaders

	G	A	P
Callander, Reg	64	75	139
Michaluk, Reg	47	83	130
Eakin, Sask	31	88	119
McGeough, Bill	66	45	111
Habscheid, Sask	46	57	103
Glowa, Bran	44	59	103
Yaremchuk, Port	44	53	97
McMurchy, Bran	45	50	95
Derkatch, Reg	44	48	92
Moller, Leth	29	58	87
Schreiber, Reg	38	49	87
Mokosak, Bran	37	48	85
Shaw, Port	36	45	81

Top goaltenders

	MP	S	GA	SO	Avg
Vernon, Cal	1530	748	85	3	3.33
Rowein, Leth	1810	845	105	0	3.48
Craig, Cal	1436	652	88	0	3.68
Rors, Sea	2480	1174	164	1	3.98

HOCKEY ROUNDUP

MONDAY
Central
Oklahoma City 4 Indianapolis 1
Quebec Major
Laval 4 Granby 3 (OT)
Western
Portland 5 Victoria 4
Saskatchewan Junior
Yorkton 10 Swift Current 3
Alberta Junior
Cal Spurs 8 Red Deer 5 (OT)
Hobbema 8 Olds 6
U.S. College
Boston 5 Harvard 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League
Chicago White Sox sign pitcher Richard Dotson to a one-year contract. Pacific Coast League
Portland Beavers name Jim Saul manager.

FOOTBALL NFL
Chicago Bears name Ed Hughes offensive co-ordinator.
New England Patriots name Tommy Brasher defensive line coach, Steve Sidwell linebacker coach and Steve Walters defensive back coach.
San Diego Chargers acquire linebacker David Lewis from Tampa Bay for undisclosed future draft choices.

HOCKEY NHL
Boston Bruins assign goaltender Jim Craig to Erie Blades of the American Hockey League.
Quebec Nordiques trade defenceman Lee Norwood to Washington Capitals for centre Tim Tookey.

SOCCER NASL
Jacksonville Tea Men sign forward Dennis Wit to a one-year contract, sign midfielder Nino Zec to a two-year contract.

First baseball game was played in Hoboken

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (CP) — To be historically accurate, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum should be located in Hoboken, N.J.

For it was in Hoboken that the first game of baseball was played. And the father of that first game was not Abner Doubleday as popularly believed, but Alexander Cartwright, a surveyor and amateur athlete from New York City.

On June 19, 1846, Cartwright umpired a game at Elysian Fields in Hoboken between his New York Knickerbockers and a team called the New York Nine.

The Knickerbockers lost 23-1, but the score was irrelevant. What was important was that it was the first baseball game played according to rules devised the previous fall by Cartwright.

His regulations form the basis of the modern game — nine men to a side, three outs, four flat bases including home plate, a batting order and even the balk.

So what is the Hall of Fame doing in Cooperstown and who was Abner Doubleday?

WAS IN CIVIL WAR

Doubleday was a general in the American Civil War. Most historians say he fired the first Union shot in the war at Fort Sumter, N.C.; none say he invented baseball.

The more generous say he might have played an English-originated game called "rounders" or another named "town ball." Versions of the two were popular with Union soldiers.

But in 1907, a special commission studying baseball declared that the game originated in the U.S. and "the first scheme of playing baseball, according to the best evidence obtainable to date, was devised by Abner Doubleday at Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839."

"The best evidence obtainable to date" referred to letters written by Abner Graves, a mining engineer from Denver. He told the commission, headed by A.G. Mills, fourth president of the National League, that as a boy in Cooperstown he remembered Doubleday refining the rules of town ball and teaching the game he called baseball to local schoolboys.

When the commission released its findings, skeptics scoffed. The term "baseball" was used in an English book published in 1774. But early in the 20th century, baseball officials felt it was important their game be declared all-American. Thus, the Doubleday legend.

MYTH STILL REMAINS

The Doubleday myth has become an important part of American folklore. And Cooperstown is the perfect setting for the fairy tale.

Even the Hall doesn't devote much space to Doubleday. In offering the Mills commission definition, an exhibit on Doubleday concludes "only cynics would need to know more."

Opened in 1939, the Hall of Fame has become a Mecca for players and fans. Located near the middle of New York State, about 350 kilometres southwest of Montreal, Cooperstown is a community of about 2,500 nestled beside beautiful Lake Utsego.

The Hall, a fine example of Colonial architecture, contains thousands of exhibits, including variations of ballgames played since from 2000 BC.

The Great Moments Room features giant murals illustrating such feats as Johnny Vander Meer's back-to-back no-hitters. Other rooms are devoted to the all-star game, the World Series and the game's ballparks.

There's a special exhibit devoted to the eccentric Casey Stengel and another to the incredible George Herman Ruth with every imaginable bit of Babe memorabilia, including his bowling ball.

The actual Hall of Fame, where bronze plaques of 176 players, managers, umpires, pioneers and executives are displayed, takes up only a small portion of the building. But baseball faithful in the Fame area behave more like pilgrims to a holy shrine, talking in whispers as if afraid to disturb the spirits.

Nearby is the National Baseball Library, where films are shown daily. It's in the library that induction ceremonies are held for the latest additions to the Hall of Fame, an annual August event that attracts about 10,000 people.

Those to be honored are selected by a vote of the Baseball Writers' Association of America each January.

Included in induction weekend is a game between two major-league teams at Doubleday Field, which has a plaque that proudly proclaims: "Where baseball was invented and first played in 1839."

About 200,000 people visit the Hall every year, most in the summer. But the Hall is open year-round — a comforting thought for baseball addicts eagerly counting the days until pitchers and catchers report for spring training.

Young Aussie is all smiles

TORONTO (CP) — A huge smile broke out on the angular face of Peter McNamara. He couldn't help it — in fact, he would have had to fight to suppress it.

Here he was, at 26, the 10th-ranked tennis player in the world, about to take part in the $350,000 Molson Tennis Challenge — an eight-man, round-robin tournament beginning today where the worse he could do would be to earn $12,500. Best of all, he was thousands of miles away from his native Australia and his most severe critics.

"Australians have a very strong national pride and they've put a lot of pressure on me to do better than I have been doing," said McNamara, the first Australian to appear in the top 10 in six years — and long after the likes of Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Tony Roche, Roy Emerson, John Newcombe and others dominated the sport in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s.

"They keep telling me that being 10th isn't good enough, but I just want to play as well as I'm capable of playing.

"I'm just glad I'm here because all I want to do is consolidate my position in the top 10 and show that I belong."

McNamara faces a tough initiation here, having been placed in a preliminary group with Ivan Lendl, Jimmy Connors and Eliot Teltscher, ranked second, third and eighth, respectively. John McEnroe, defending champion Vitas Gerulaitis, Roscoe Tanner and Adriano Panatta are in the other group.

"It looks like I'm the rabbit in the group. I'm just looking forward to gaining some valuable experience playing three consecutive nights against fellows like these."

McNamara's rise has been dependent on a strong backhand and volley. An accomplished doubles player — he teams with fellow-Australian Paul McNamee — he has used doubles as a time to tone his game since winning and losing takes on less importance than it does in singles."

McNamara's biggest victory over the last few years came in May, 1981, when he defeated Connors in the final of a tournament at Hamburg, West Germany. For him, the win was the necessary hurdle into the top ranks. He's also beaten Lendl and Teltscher.

U.S high jumper to receive award

NEW YORK (AP) — How high can man soar? To the moon, if he's an astronaut, maybe some day to 20 feet if he's a pole vaulter and would you believe eight feet on a running high jump?

"Why not?" surmises John Thomas, the first to break the seven-foot barrier. "It has been shown that a man can go over a bar a foot above his height.

"Athletes are getting taller, faster, more agile, more mobile. A guy will come along, like Wilt Chamberlain, and go over eight feet. The ultimate height? There's no such thing as long as the physical assets change in human beings."

Thomas was a 17-year-old Boston University freshman when he sailed over the bar at seven feet on Jan. 31, 1959, in the Milrose Games, establishing a new standard for all high jumpers. In the ensuing 10 years, he was to attain and exceed that mark 191 times while winning medals in two Olympics and building on his series of world records.

HAD KNEE TROUBLE

Thomas, who retired in 1968 after knee trouble kept him out of his third U.S. Olympic team, is now a successful 40-year-old Boston businessman. There are light specks of white in his hair. His once stringbean frame has filled out to a robust 6-feet-6, 235 pounds.

Thomas is returning to the scene of some of his greatest triumphs Feb. 12 when the Wanamaker-Millrose Games will bestow on him the highest honor in its history by citing his seven-foot leap 23 years ago as the event's Most Memorable Moment.

"When I jumped seven feet, I thought that would be the highlight of my career," Thomas said. "Then I began to set other world records.

"I twice made the Olympic team. Then, more recently, I was sure that I had hit the peak when Boston, celebrating its 350th anniversary, included me among the 27 athletes cited for contributions to the city over that long period.

"Now comes this. There is great satisfaction and pride in knowing that only one man has this honor — and it's me."

There was a time when it appeared this career would never reach full fruition.

INJURED HIS FOOT

A month and a half after his sensational seven-foot jump, Thomas got his left foot caught in an elevator shaft and the first prognosis was that he may never be able to jump again.

ENCHANCE REPUTATION

King wants to learn

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dave King, fresh from success at the world junior hockey tournament, would like to enhance his international reputation as a coach and teacher.

"I'd like to further my experience at the international level of hockey," King said in an interview. "There's so much to learn about this game.

"You have to be prepared to make a change at any time. I don't know where I'll go from here. Perhaps some day it will be the pros."

King, 34, is rapidly filling his portfolio with impressive credentials. He led University of Saskatchewan Huskies to the Canadian college final last spring and added the world junior hockey crown this winter. He's already coached at the major junior level.

The talkative native of North Battleford, Sask., said Canadian hockey is progressing because "the players are better than ever before."

CREATIVE WORK

"There's better athletes playing the game today. There's more offence being taught by coaches, the shooters are better and the players are becoming more creative.

"It's not surprising that scoring is up in the NHL. There's so much more emphasis on the offensive aspects of the game. Kids like to work on offence and therefore they're becoming more skilled at that part of the game."

King said he'd like to be considered for a position with the coaching staff of Canada's 1984 Olympic team and "the sooner we get started with the identification camps, the better."

The Saskatchewan coach doesn't claim to have all the answers following his success with the Canadian junior all-star team which didn't lose a game at the world championships.

"We should always be examining the game and trying to improve it," he said. "There's no question that hockey in Canada can and is being improved.

"The national coaching certification program, with its various levels, has helped tremendously. Our universities are playing better hockey than ever, despite so many good prospects still going to the United States on scholarships."

King said the national education assistance program announced last week by Hockey Canada, providing $2,500 a year for each of five years to as many as 50 eligible players, is "just a drop in the bucket."

"Having only 50 scholarships won't stop the drain of players going to the States," he said. "There are 32 universities in Canada playing hockey, so we need far more assistance than that.

"Maybe the Canadian universities can't offer players as much money for assistance as the American schools, but we do have world-class coaches at many universities in Canada."

King said Canadian universities, in general, need to market their product better so that Canadian hockey players are aware of the opportunities at home.

"When you think of Alabama, you think of Bear Bryant and football," he said. "We don't have that kind of identification in Canada.

"We talk about the University of B.C., for example, and we think of research programs. The University of Saskatchewan is known for its work in the field of agricultural research.

NEED AWARENESS

"I wouldn't mind seeing a little more accent on the athletic programs in Canada, combining the strong points of our academic systems with what we offer in sports like hockey."

King said the success of the Canadian junior team came from "poise and control" and he said the awarding of the Fair Play Cup to Canada was an indication of the discipline of the team.

"In the final game against Czechoslovakia, they understood our mentality," he added. "So we had to have poise and not give them chances on the power play.

"We stayed away from needless penalties, yet we were able to play an aggressive, checking style of hockey.

"I just hope that I can maintain some consistency in my coaching. Then, who knows that the future will bring."

King was in Vancouver last weekend with his university team, which defeated UBC twice, and also was a guest lecturer at a coaching clinic in suburban Coquitlam.

Captures marathon

TOKYO (CP) — Vadim Sidorov of the Soviet Union pulled away from Hugh Jones of Britain in the final 800 metres to win the second Tokyo marathon on Sunday, while Don Howieson of Toronto was the top North American, finishing 24th. Sidorov's winning time for the 42.195-kilometre race was two hours 10 minutes 33 seconds.

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