Dave Creighton Jumps From Sixth To First Place In NHL Point Race

MONTREAL (CP) -Dave Creighton, wearing the uniform of his fourth National Hockey League club, rates a special mention today as the man at the top of the point-getters in the early 1955-56 campaign.

Currently doing his centre-ice chores for the surprising New York Rangers, Creighton helped himself to two goals and two assists in last week's action and bounded from sixth place to first.

He is tied on points, at 10, with big Jean Beliveau of Montreal Canadiens but gets prior billing in the official statistics because of a higher goal production. Only a point away are Ron Murphy, and Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings who failed to get a point last week. Maurice Richard of Montreal and Ted Lindsay of Detroit follow with eight points each.

So far Creighton has scored three goals with the Rangers but he has contributed seven assists. Jean Beliveau's goal output is unusually low at two but his eight assists lead the league in that department. He picked up three last week.

MURPHY TIED

Murphy matched Creighton's display with two goals and two assists to overtake Howe with a total of nine points. He is tied with Rocket Richard as leading goal scorer. Each has six. The Rocket added one goal, with no assists, last week. Lindsay had one of each to raise his total to eight, tied with Richard.

Alex Delvecchio of Detroit went pointless and slipped from a second-place tie to seventh-place tie with Dickie Moore, Bert Olmstead and Doug Harvey of Montreal and Bill Gadsby of Rangers. Each has seven points.

Canadiens broke even in their two games but still top the league standings with 11 points—five wins, one tie and one loss in seven games. Rangers won two of three last week and moved up a notch into a second-place tie, at eight points, with Boston Bruins. The Bruins had the best percentage of the week for any club with a win and a tie.

Chicago Black Hawks, in the midst of a heavy road trip, could get only a tie in three starts. They are tied at six points with Detroit, who played two ties. Toronto Maple Leafs, are one point back, in the cellar, breaking even in two games last week.

PLANTE TOP GOALIE

Jacques Plante of Montreal continues to lead the goalies, with a goals-against average of 1.14 a game compared with his one-goal average a week ago. Terry Sawchuk of Boston and Glen Hall of Detroit each bettered their average of two. Sawchuk's average now is 1.71 and Hall's 1.86.

Record of Goalkeepers

	G	GA	SO	Avg
Plante, Mont	7	8	3	1.14
Sawchuk, Boston	7	[illegible]	2	1.71
Hall, Detroit	7	13	2	1.86
Lumley, Toronto	3	9	0	3.12
Worsley, N.Y.	7	[illegible]	0	3.28
Rollins, Chicago	4	29	0	3.62

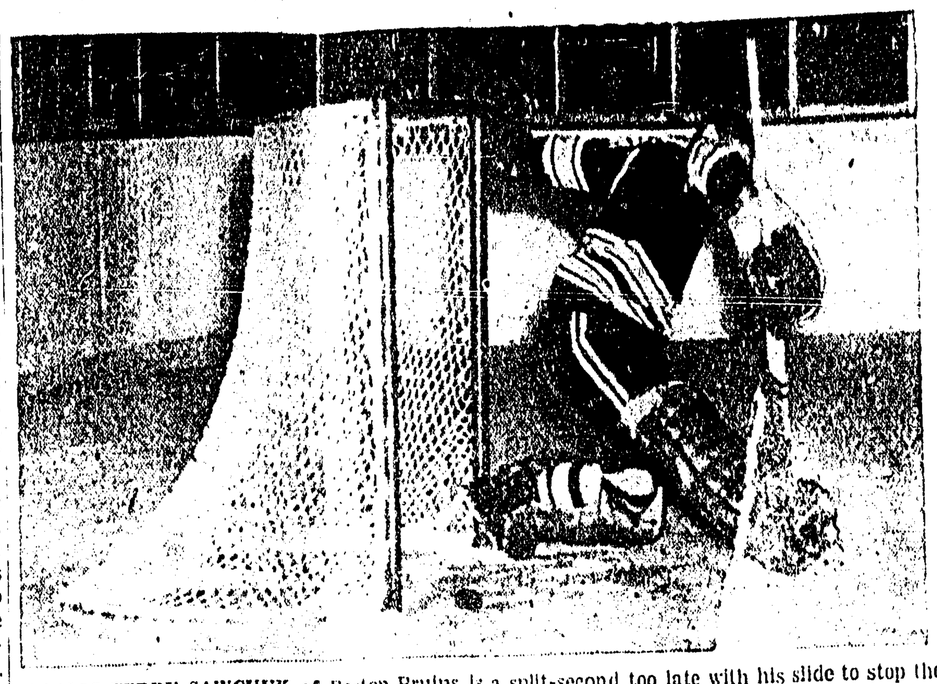
Penalties Do Not Pay Off Clubs: Montreal 93, Chicago 94, Boston 114, New York 118, Toronto 121, Detroit 134.

Team Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Montreal	[illegible]	1	1	23	8	11
New York	[illegible]	3	0	25	23	8
Boston	3	3	2	12	12	8
Detroit	2	3	2	19	23	6
Chicago	2	4	2	19	25	6
Toronto	2	4	1	17	25	5

The Leaders

	G	A	Pts	Pen
Creighton, N.Y.	3	7	10	12
Beliveau, Mont.	2	8	10	16
Murphy, N.Y.	6	3	9	4
Howe, Detroit	5	4	9	27
M. Richard, Mont.	6	2	8	8
Lindsay, Detroit	5	3	8	43
Delvecchio, Det.	4	3	7	0
Moore, Mont.	2	5	7	4
Olmstead, Mont.	2	5	7	10
Gadsby, New York	1	6	7	10
Harvey, Mont.	0	7	7	14
H. Richard, Mont.	4	2	6	0
Hergesheimer, N.Y.	3	3	6	6
Bathgate, N.Y.	1	5	6	2
Raleigh, N.Y.	1	5	6	4
Kelly, Detroit	0	6	6	27



GOALIE TERRY SAWCHUK of Boston Bruins is a split-second too late with his slide to stop the puck from edging in to the net during a National Hockey League game against Montreal. The puck was fired by Jackie Leclair of Canadiens but clipped Montreal defenceman Dollard St. Laurent and slid into the cage. (CP Photo)

Better Than Perfect Olympics Promised

By AL MARKLE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP) — Largest and most involved torch marathon in the history of the Olympic Games will kick off the 1956 games in Melbourne, Australia.

Melbourne city councillor Maurice A. Nathan said in a press interview here Monday the complex marathon would be started by a Greek maiden in Olympia.

The girl will touch the "flame from Mount Olympus" to a miner's helmet from the Saar valley. The helmet will be taken by runners to Athens, where a plane will pick it up and fly it to Cairns, 2,700 miles east of Melbourne.

"It will then be relayed to Melbourne in 15 days and nights, by 2,700 Australian runners. The flame will arrive — we hope — at the exact second the torch in Olympic Stadium is scheduled to be lit."

Mr. Nathan arrived here Monday on a tour that will take him to several Canadian and U.S. cities, where he will advertise through the press the coming Olympics.

Australia, he said, has developed an Olympic set-up which is "101 per cent perfect . . . much improved over Helsinki," where the last games were held.

Seating capacity of the main stadium, contrary to common practice, has been reduced for the games.

Normal capacity is 120,000, but has been "cut to about 110,000 for comfort."

All venues, including a completely new Olympic Village in a nearby suburb of Melbourne, will be completely finished in "lots of time."

Mr. Nathan said accommodation for visitors is about 2,000.

"Citizens were invited to open their homes to visitors, and at last check we had received more than 15,000 bids."

This proves, he said, that Australia is treating the games "as a national project."

He said about $2,750,000 already has been realized in ticket sales.

Mr. Nathan estimated the equivalent of $25,000,000 will have been expended by the time the games are under way.

The British Empire Games held here in 1954, cost $2,700,000.

At least 33 countries will compete, and accommodations are being made for 6,200 athletes and representatives.

A fine arts festival will be held at the same time as the games, scheduled to open November 22, 1956, and a surf carnival, featuring the famed Australian life guards, will follow.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the games.

Mr. Nathan leaves for Seattle today.

Pony Banquet Set Tomorrow

Prince Rupert Pony Leaguers will sit down to a "Father and Son" banquet tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the Commodore Cafe for the league's annual presentation dinner to wind up the 1955 season.

Evening will be highlighted with the presentation of the Esquire Men's Wear Trophy to a representative of the Moose entry, winners of the Pony championships.

The boys and their fathers will see two films one on the 1954 World Series, the other entitled "Building Big Leaguers."

Use Want Ads—They Pay

Kramer Sure He'll Convince Hoad, Rosewall

HONOLULU (AP) — Tennis promoter Jack Kramer said Monday night he was going to Australia to ask Davis Cup stars Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall to change their minds, and turn professional.

"Something has come up and they are in a pretty tough position," Kramer said. He would not explain or disclose whether he holds their contracts.

"I'll do my talking if the United States Lawn Tennis Association presses it," Kramer said.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

New York — Ludwig Lightburn, 138¾, British Honduras, outpointed Hocine Khalfi, 138½, Algeria, 10.

New Orleans — Charley Joseph, 159½, New Orleans, stopped Sammy Walker, 154, Holyoke, Mass. (8).

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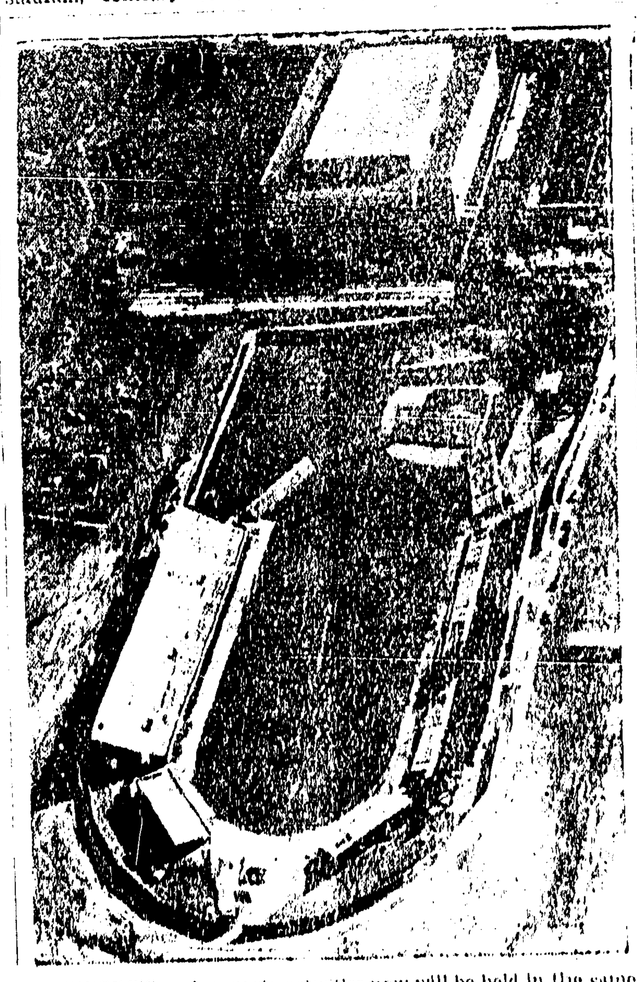

WINNIPEG'S major sports activities now will be held in the same area with the completion of the new $2,000,000 arena (background). The arena, accommodating 9,000 seated and 3,600 standing, joins the football stadium (foreground) — home of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers — and the baseball park (centre) in the city's west end. A soccer stadium (not shown) is nearby. (CP Photo)

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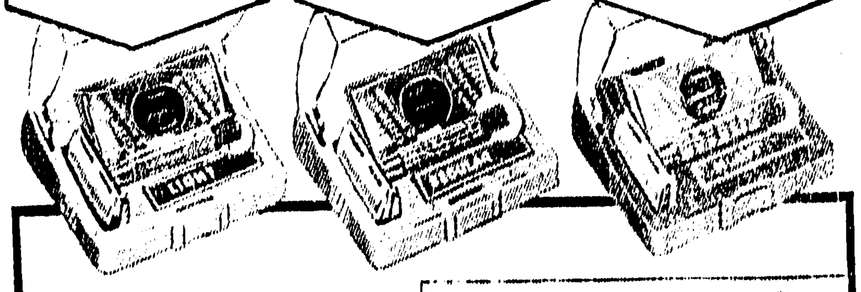
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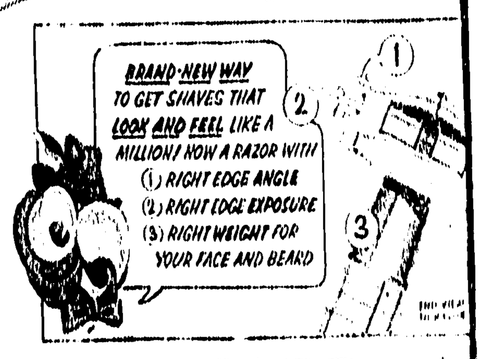

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