

## Speaking on Sports

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The Canadian National hockey team came to town Friday night and left Saturday morning.

During their brief stop-over, 3,000 fans watched as they quite handily dumped the Edmonton Nuggets 12-6.

Most of the crowd was happy that they had seen Canada's representative for the 1967 World Hockey Tournament in action.

But no one could say that he had seen the Nationals play even 30 minutes of hockey.

There just was no competition, and it certainly is sad to think that our national team is preparing itself for the world cup by playing against such second rate teams.

Don't misunderstand me. The Nuggets are a good second-place team in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League.

The Nationals, however, claim to possess the best amateur hockey players in Canada. Many indeed, have turned down NHL offers, to aid the Canadian team in its bid to regain the world title, which it has not held since 1962.

### Tougher competition needed

If this is the case, why don't they warm up against other visiting national teams, as they did in the Centennial Tournament and against minor league (or even NHL) professional teams.

In one meet with an NHL team this year, the New York Rangers, the Nationals were held scoreless as the Rangers won 7-0.

This type of game, in which the national team has to play heads-up hockey at all times, will sharpen them up much better than the games they are now playing, where they score at will.

And score at will they did, on Friday night.

When the Nationals formed up in their own end and started up the ice, they were unbeatable.

On four occasions, the Nationals skated around the Nugget defence and neatly deposited the puck in the net.

On five other goals, the Nationals displayed excellent puck control as they hemmed the Nuggets in their own end and passed out to the player stationed on the goal crease.

But when the Nationals weren't scoring, they seemed to lack any desire to play good hockey.

Several times, forward Gary Dineen, a hot prospect in the Toronto Maple Leafs future, had chances for breaks and goals but didn't put out the effort required in world cup play.

The Nationals knew they could score when they wished and seemed to stay only far enough ahead of the Nuggets to keep the score respectable.

Three of the Nuggets' goals were scored directly as a result of a National's mistake, one which they would never have made if the opposing team had been the Russians or the Czechs.

Forward Dineen, early in the game, skated right in front of his own net and then left the puck there, for the Nuggets' first goal.

### Centres show speed, finesse

The Nationals are definitely a strong team down the centre. With Gary Dineen, Roger Bourbonnais and Fran Huck, three little men with a great deal of speed and finesse.

Even with Huck out of the lineup on Friday and Danny O'Shea taking his place, the centres fed their wingers for easy goals.

Defense for the Nationals looks steady with the aid of Jack Bownass and Carl Brewer, two former pros who are reinstated amateurs.

Next to Roger Bourbonnais (a home town boy from the Oil Kings), and Fran Huck, the majority of the fans came to have a look at Carl Brewer, the former bad man on the Toronto Maple Leafs' defense.

Brewer pleased the capacity crowd as he used his professional poise and every trick in the book to stop the Nuggets, and he continually bothered them in the corners with this glove stuck in their face, and their stick neatly hooked under his arm when the referee had his back turned.

He also lived up to his reputation as a penalty box visitor, when he was caught neatly removing the feet from under a Nugget forward standing open in front of the Nationals' net.

If the Nationals can find enough good good competition from now to March they could prove to be the victors at the World Cup.

# Top-ranked Windsor squad toppled by Toronto b'ballers

Windsor, Acadia, and Calgary, defending champions with proven dynasties, were quickly hailed the best in basketball two months ago by the coaches and sports writers who rate Canada's college teams.

It served as a kiss of death for Acadia, who have matched every victory with two defeats so far this season. Now Windsor coach Bob Samaras and Calgary's Don Newton might well wonder what fate has in store for them.

Top-rated Windsor, who were upset last week by eighth-ranked Toronto, counted their lowest point total in several years while defeating the lowly Waterloo Warriors 51-42 Friday.

The defending national champions are clinging to a two point lead in the Ontario-Quebec league's western division over Western Ontario, who easily disposed of Guelph, 81-57, in a mid-week game.

#### SUFFER SETBACK

Calgary's hopes of repeating as western champions received a severe jolt at the weekend in Saskatoon, where they were upset 75-74 and 79-73 by unranked Saskatchewan.

The Dinosaurs' collapse narrowed their league lead to one game over British Columbia, who trounced Manitoba 106-48 and 91-49 in Winnipeg. British Columbia easily defeated Saskatchewan last weekend

and have played two less games than Calgary.

Queen's Golden Gaels increased their lead in the OQAA's eastern division Friday by beating McGill 78-73 in Montreal. Queen's is now undefeated in three games, while McGill sports a 2-2 record.

Saturday, St. Dunstan's handed Mount Allison its first victory of the year, 97-84 in Sackville.

#### LOSE AGAIN

And poor Acadia fell to within one game of last place Mount Allison in the Maritime conference by losing 77-75 to St. Francis Xavier. Now ranked fourth, the once proud Axemen will probably be dropped from the top-ten this month.

While basketball wallows in confusion, college hockey teams are having little trouble living up to their pre-season ratings.

Top-rated Toronto methodically added two points to its OQAA lead at the weekend by beating second place Waterloo 7-2 Thursday and last place Guelph 6-4 Friday.

Waterloo's loss dropped them eight points behind Toronto and into a second place tie with Western Ontario, who disposed of hapless McMaster 15-1 Thursday in London.

#### HUSKIES ON TOP

Seventh-ranked Saskatchewan assumed first place in the west at the weekend by defeating winless Calgary 5-3 and 4-2 in Calgary. Saskatchewan now has a two point lead over second-ranked Alberta, but has played two more games than the defending western champions.

Manitoba and British Columbia used a two-game series in Vancouver to settle nothing. British Columbia defeated Manitoba 11-4 Friday, then lost 4-2 Saturday to remain in fourth place, six points behind the Bisons.

Third ranked Sir George Williams maintained a six point lead over Loyola in Ottawa-St. Lawrence hockey by trouncing MacDonald College 9-0 Wednesday.

The Georgians were led by veteran winger Bob Berry, who scored three goals to set a league record of 28 for one season. Berry leads the OSLAA scoring race with 44 points.

## Quebec City scene of winter games

By DON MOREN

Canada will hold its own "Olympics" next week when 2,000 Canadian athletes fly to Quebec City for the Quebec Winter Games Feb. 11-19.

All provinces and the two territories will send teams to compete in 15 sports. The sports will include: badminton, basketball, curling, gymnastics, hockey, indoor track and field, figure skating, synchronized swimming, skiing, speed skating, table tennis, shooting, volleyball, and wrestling.

Teams will have coaches and trainers, while provinces without teams will be permitted observers who will be expected to drum up interest in the sport when they go back.

Transportation is being handled under a contract to Air Canada and first-class hotel accommodation will be offered the teams, plus a meal allotment of \$7 per person, per day. **MILLION DOLLAR DEAL**

It will cost one million dollars to stage the event and the tab will be picked up by the Department of National Health and Welfare at Ottawa, the Province of Quebec and the various revenues from the gate, radio and television.

Every province is limited to 200 competitors in order that no one province will have an advantage numerically. Since there will be twelve teams competing in hockey, 12 points will thus be awarded to the winner, 11 points to the runner-up and so on down to the bottom.

The number of points awarded in each sport will thus depend on the number of teams entered.

A trophy will be awarded to the province winning the most points.

Team members may be selected from outside the province provided that the selecting province is his home province, or, the competitor may join the team of the province he is temporarily residing in, i.e., a student who is attending university in another province.

#### THE EXCEPTION

In skiing an exception has been made. Competitors must represent

their home province, otherwise British Columbia would have a tremendous advantage in ski competitions.

Among the facilities available for the Games include a \$1,600,000 ski development at Mont Ste. Anne and the 10,000 seat Coliseum where all the hockey games will take place.

The hockey tournament will no doubt be the big event of the games. The University of Alberta Golden Bears will represent Alberta.

It has been decided that all hockey teams will be selected from the university level. Each team will be allowed 17 players, which must include two goalies. A coach, manager and trainer will complete the delegation.

The hockey competition will be held Feb. 13-19th. Teams will be organized into two sections. Section A includes: Yukon, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

Section B consists of: Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, Newfoundland.

#### THE SCHEDULE

The Bears' schedule goes as follows: Tuesday the 14th-Bears vs. Nova Scotia (expected to be fifth-ranked St. Francis Xavier), Wednesday the 15th-Bears vs. Quebec, Thursday the 16th-Bears vs. Manitoba, Friday the 17th-Bears vs. P.E.I., and Saturday the 18th-Bears vs. the Yukon.

On Sunday the 19th at 1:00 p.m. a match will be held between the second-place finishers in each event to decide who wins the bronze medal.

It appears fans at the Coliseum that afternoon will be treated to a double-header, because at 3:30 the first place finishers in each section will play to decide the gold and silver medals.

The Bears will leave for le vin, jeunes filles, chansons et hockey of French Canada Monday at 9:30 and should be razor sharp for the competition. They will have just finished a two-game series with those tough Saskatchewan Huskies.

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