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HABS FOUND OUT

Yes, it's true folks.

Your intrepid reporter has learned that *l es* Canadiens put gold ahead of silver in their recent postseason confrontations with Edmonton's own Kiddie Korps a.k.a. the Oilers.

Fans will be horrified when they find out that *Lord Stanley's* big silver beer mug is going to be somewhat tainted come the final May showdown.

Certain Montreal players, no names are known but *Richard Sevigny* would be a likely candidate, are alleged to have lined their pockets with some unearned cash in return for less than spectacular play on the NHL's frozen ponds.

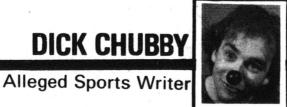
According to big league boss John Ziegler, ever since the Habs became the Kiddies' Korpses he has been suspicious of something rotten in La Balle province.

"Gosh, gee whiz," says he. "How could a bunch of potential Pampers' commercial stars humiliate my.... I mean our.... I mean Canada's beloved red, white and blue?"

In speaking from his room at the New York YMCA Ziegler also divulged his suspicions about heavy gambling losses (and wins) by numerous members of the hockey echelon across the continent.

Rumors floating around have the *Wunderkid's* bankroll behind the whole shenanigans. *Peter Pocklington*, the *Great Gretzky's* guardian against poverty, reportedly liquidated a few assets and sold tons of extra weiners lately to round up moola for a big payola.

Oilers, once dubbed the Gang Who Couldn't Shoot Straight (with Murdoch in the lineup it was the Gang Who Couldn't Play Straight), recent exploits (?) against Montreal were made almost believable after



the late season dash for the playoffs and the Boy Wonder's assault on the hallowed scoring records of Esposito and Orr. It's too bad the Canadiens had to pull a dirty trick on Slats and his nursery school charges.

Claude Ruel, soon to be *ex-Canadiens* coach, is reportedly out of the country buying gold and was unavailable for comment.

IN SHORT: The skating "accident waiting for a place to happen" got nailed again in Stockholm, Sweden. Guy "Call me a Taxi" Lafleur was scrunched in the schnooz by a boy from the backwoods of Ontario playing on the Dutch team. Now we'll have even more trouble understanding what the hell he's trying to say.... Wayne Gretzky and Kevin Lowe will be running the Kissing Booth at the Brantford County Fair this summer.... Oilers blew a chance for an NHL record earlier this season when they traded Pat Price. The record is for most games played by a team with at least three defensemen who can't skate.... The Boy Wonder's third cousin on

his mother's side said after the Saturday game, "I hope he remembers all his relatives in his will."....With *Philadelphia* and *St. Louis* wins last night, the *Oilers* will tackle *New York Islanders. Edmonton* in six games

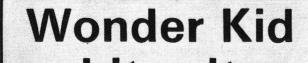


By SCOTT HASBEEN

Norm Kimball has done it again! The Eskimo's version of hockey's wheelin' and dealin' whiz, Sammy Pollock, scooped the football

world with his surprise announcement yesterday that the local Green and Gold have signed Terry Fox. For any who may not remember, or have been out of the country the past year. Terry Fey is a one logged

of the country the past year, Terry Fox is a one-legged cancer victim who — while outfitted with an artificial limb — attempted to hop, skip and jump his way across Canada to raise bucks for cancer research. Starting on

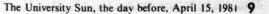


the east coast, Fox made it as far as Thunder Bay before the cancer bug forced him to pack it in.

Why, you ask, does Kimball think a fellow like Fox could help out the numero uno gridiron squad in Canada? A team that wins Grey Cups with the same regularity as the Montreal Canadiens win.... oops used to win Stanley Cups?

Kimball says, "I've got this buddy who lives just down the street from the hospital where Fox is being treated in Vancouver. One day he sees Fox go out behind the cancer wing and start punting the old pigskin. Tells me that sucker was going 70 - 80 yards easy. Hughie (coach Campbell) and I flew down on the weekend to watch him perform and offered him a contract on the spot."

Apparently Fox also placekicks and is accurate up to 60 yards





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In tennis: Top seeded John McEnroe won the Eastern Westchester - North tennis tournament with a final 6-4, 7-6, 6-3 victory over some other sweaty bozo. The match was marred by McEnroe's poor sportsmanship: In a heated argument about a call, McEnroe bit off the linesman's nose. A \$500 fine will be deducted from the \$500,000 first prize.

In basketball: It's been rumored that the NBA playoffs are still going on. At this point in time, however, there is no information as to which teams may have made the playoffs and which, if any, may have been eliminated. The league office will be unavailable for comment until somebody is able to discover its location.

In minor hockey: 12-year old sensation, Bobby Skeet says he is giving up the game. The little dynamo, who scored 4,098 goals in 30 games while playing with the Peterborough Petes of the OMJHA, says the pressure on him was just too great. He says he would rather grow up to be an Air Traffic Controller.

In weightlifting: Boris Lavoris of the Soviet Union set a new world record in the superheavyweight class. He now weighs 568 lbs.

In franchise buying: Nelson Skalbania has offered to buy the Soviet Red Army Hockey team. Possible partners in the deal could include Peter Pocklington, Dr. Jerry Buss, George Steinbrenner and Alexander Haig.

In football: The Edmonton Eskimos have signed **Bubba Jackson** out of Idaho State. The 69". 305 lb. star of the Enormous Eleven conference is expected to try out as a blocking sled.

In golf: Middle-aged men in day-glow plaid polyester slacks used \$600 sets of specially weighted sticks to hit little plastic balls into 18 randomly spaced holes. One of the men did this better than the others and was given an ill-fitting, pistachio green blazer.

In boxing: Ex-heavyweight champion Muhammed Ali has signed for a bout against actor Robert DeNiro who portrayed boxer Jake LaMotta in the recent movie, *Raging Bull*. The winner will be the first man to gain 50 lbs.



Did he

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Special to the Sun

Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton Oiler hockey star of unequalled fame and fortune, met violent death in Orillia, Quebec, yesterday.

Gretzky, who was taking time out from the Stanley Cup playoffs to make T.V. commercials for GWG and 7-Up, fell off his ego and smashed his skull on Montreal Canadiens forward Rejean Houle's closed fist.

The Montreal media are said to have ignored the incident.



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"He gets that metal leg wound up and really lets her rip," says Campbell. "And," says the Eskie mentor, "there is less human error."

Kimball says, "Fox will report to our summer training camp and go against (Hank) Illesic and (Dave) Cutler for the kicking jobs. But if he performs as well as we think he will we can unload those two bozos. Plus we'll save some money on salaries. Fox signed a small one-year deal that will mean more bucks for me and Hughie. In the future when Fox proves his worth, and with more seats in Commonwealth Stadium, we'll be able to afford an arm and a leg if he asks for it."

When contacted, Illesic and Cutler both had this to say, "No comment."

Defensive back Larry Highbaugh said, "Hey, man, like that's cool. Whatever old Norm baby does is okay with this cat."

Kimball added that there should also be an additional benefit in television revenues. "We're really going to have a lock on the hospital patient audience. I know a lot of teams have no patient fans," he says. He cited the Toronto Argonauts as an example.