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Cocciardi picks

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Last week the National Hockey League entered into the playoffs, or, if you will, the Second Season. With the best of three mini series completed, eight teams remain in contention for the Stanley Cup. This article is a profile of the quarterfinals and their probable outcomes.

Toronto and Montreal - The Maple Leafs are a tough defensive club and they are capable of giving the Canadiens more than a run for their money, especially on their home ice. The Canadiens are without doubt, the leagues finest all around team. As returning champions they are the team to beat. Montreal's great play both offensively and defensively was the best in the league, and their point total was the highest of all other contenders. A most formidable challenge to

the Leafs. **Montreal, 4 games to 1.**

Chicago and New York - On both paper and ice the Islanders appear to be the overwhelming favorite in this series. The Islanders had the second highest point total in the league, compared to the Blackhawks whose point total was the lowest of the four division leaders. Don't expect the Blackhawks to roll over and die but I really don't see them winning any games from the determined New Yorkers. In a mismatch make it **New York 4 games to 0.**

New York and Philadelphia - Of all the quarterfinal matchups, this is probably the closest thing to a dead heat there is. The surprising Rangers have played excellent hockey for the last half of the season while the Flyers have been struggling. The Flyers will soon find out

that the Rangers 2 game sweep of the L.A. Kings was no fluke. The Flyers' scare with Vancouver will make them more cautious with the Rangers so don't be surprised to see a couple of overtime games. In a dramatic series make it **Philadelphia 4 games to 3, but don't bet on it.** **Pittsburgh and Boston** - On the surface it might appear that the Bruins are a solid favorite, but the Penguins are a dogged, unflinching team with high spirit. The Pens showed excellent comeback ability against the Buffalo Sabres by winning both games of their series on the Sabres home ice. The Bruins are always rugged in the playoffs and they hate to lose at home. A distinct possibility for the Penguins to rise to the occasion and beat the odds. In an upset **Pittsburgh 4 games to 3.**

The big kiss off

On Sunday, April 29, Hershey's annual "Chocolate Chase" will be held. This is a 10,000-meter run or optional two-mile "fun-run" to benefit the Pediatric Liver Abnormalities and Nutrition Studies (PLANS) Fund at the Hershey Medical Center.

The races will begin at Hershey Stadium and proceed through primarily rural roads in the vicinity of Hotel Hershey and Hersheypark. The 10,000-meter run will start at 1 p.m., the two-mile at 2:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 3 p.m..

Awards will be given to men and women in five categories in the 10,000-meter race; ribbons

will go to the first three male and female finishers in the two-mile run. Runners who pre-register will receive tee-shirts, post-registrants will receive the tee-shirts on a first come, first serve basis.

The races are sponsored by the Student Assembly of The Milton S. Hershey Center of The Pennsylvania State University, with support from HERCO Inc., and Hershey Foods Corporation.

The entry fee for both races is \$3. if paid by April 20; \$4 if paid after that time.

Runners may post-register on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday,

April 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Runners who have pre-registered are encouraged to pick up their materials at these same times.

Registration forms can be obtained at various locations in the community or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Office of Gifts and Endowments, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, 17033.

Make checks payable to "The Pennsylvania State University" and return both the form and payment to the same office. They must be postmarked by April 20, 1979.

Sports shorts

The 78-79 Intramural Basketball playoffs completed semi-final and final matchups last week, and team Z and the Brain Stems went head to head, and at the final whistle Team Z was a 49 - 43 winner.

Leading the champions in scoring was Don Cuff with a nineteen point performance and some excellent rebounding. John Bruno also played a strong game for Team Z with

good board control play.

Of the four teams qualifying for semi-final competition, Team Z defeated Voit by a 64 - 49 margin, while the Brain Stems advanced by outscoring Joint Effort 57 - 51. Team Z finished the year with an unblemished mark of 13 - 0, the Brain Stems followed at 10 - 2, with Joint Effort and Voit finishing at 9 - 2 and 7 - 4 respectively. Congratulations Team Z.

Intramural softball got into the swing of things yesterday. Twenty-three teams will be vying for the championship. Three fields will be used and some night games will be played, probably later in the season.

The Redneck Mothers are

the returning champions. Other teams expected to do well are Taint, Dukes, Joint Effort, and The Bushwackers.

There are still openings for Umpires. Anyone interested please see Ruth in the Athletic Office.

The Diet Pepsi 10,000 meter series race is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Maintenance Building on Campus. It is anticipated that more than 300 runners will participate in this 6.2 mile run. Although the official deadline for entries is

Thursday, April 19, anyone desiring to enter may do so by paying a late fee of \$5.. Registration will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. This race is being sponsored in conjunction with Capitol Campus Phi Beta Lambda.

Now that the spring softball program is organized and waiting for the weather to clear so we can, once again, "play ball," attention will be given to the

following intramural activities:
tennis league
golf tournament
raquetball tournament
table tennis tournament

Problems are still occurring in the weight lifting area! Weekly inventories indicate more loss of equipment! It is physically & financially impossible for us to cover this area during the hours the Multi-Purpose Room is open. Therefore, we are asking the cooperation of all who enjoy the use of the weight lifting area--please, if you see anyone attempting to leave the building with any of the equipment, or if you happen to know how some of it has

been taken out of the building, report it to the Recreation/athletics Coordinator immediately. The repeated loss of this equipment hurts those of you who lift regularly. There is no plan whatsoever to replace what has been lost--it is financially impossible. You could eventually be left with only your universal gyms! Remember--~~this~~ is your equipment--it was purchased for your convenience & use. Treat it like your own.

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For further activities info call 787-7751