Whalers down Nats

OTTAWA (CP) - New England Whalers defeated Ottawa Nationals 4-2 last night in the World Hockey Association.

Tom Webster scored two goals for the Whalers with single goals going to Terry Caffrey and John Danby. Scoring for Ottawa were Rick Sentes and Bob Charlebois.

The Nationals surprised the 4,439 fans by outshooting the Whalers 24-19 but New England goalie Al Smith played a steady game.

Ottawa centre Wayne Carleton was awarded a penalty shot by referee Ray Thomas when Whaler Paul Hurley tackled Carleton from behind on a breakaway in the third period, but he missed the net.