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Hurricane threatens yacht race

NEWPORT (Rhode Island), Saturday. — Hurricane-fed Atlantic gales today threatened to postpone the fourth race for the America's Cup until Monday.

Hurricane Doria, churning up the Atlantic south of here, prevented the United States' Intrepid and Australian challenger, Dame Pattie, from sailing the fourth race in their best-of-seven series today. Racing also appeared unlikely tomorrow with winds of 25 to 30 knots and eight-foot seas forecast.

The race was to have been sailed today following a day off yesterday requested by the Australian skipper, Jock Sturrock, after losing three straight races in boisterous winds.

In Montreal, Geoff Smale, of New Zealand, yesterday held first place in the world Flying Dutchman sailing championships after a protest against Bertrand Cheret, of France, failed to upset the first five places.

After four races of the seven-race series, Smale is listed with 24 points under the Olympic scoring system.

John Oakley, of Britain, is in second place with 33 points.

Reinaldo Conrad, of Brazil, was in third place with 36.4 points while Bud Melges, of the United States, was fourth with 47.

John Sully, of South Africa, moved into the sixth position, replacing Cheret, after the protest was sorted out. Sully has 57.7 points.—Sapa-Reuter.