



# Medicine Hat wins two thanks to Arshenkoff

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Ron Arshenkoff scored seven goals during the weekend as Medicine Hat Tigers swept two games with Lehigh Valley Brno to move into first place in the Central Division of the Western Canada Hockey League.

In other games, Brandon Wheat Kings and New Westminster Bruins strengthened their grips on their respective divisions.

Medicine Hat took an 11-5 home-ice victory over the Brno on Saturday, then went to Lehigh Valley Sunday for a 9-5 win.

Portland Winter Hawks split two games, winning 6-2 Saturday over the Bombers in Flint, then dropping a 4-2 decision to the Wheat Kings in Brandon.

The Cougars blasted Calgary Centennials 11-2 on Saturday in Victoria, but forfeited their flight Sunday to Kamloops. The game with the Chiefs was postponed but no date was set for the rematch.

In other Sunday games, the Bruins downed the Centennials 4-2 and Regina Pats

and Saskatoon Blades tied at 3-3. Brandon now has 73 points in the seven Division, well ahead of Saskatoon, which has 65. Flin Flon has 31 and Regina, with two wins and eight ties in 44 games, has 27.

New Westminster has 60 points in the Western Division, ahead of second-place Kamloops, Victoria has 45 and Portland has 42.

Medicine Hat made the Central Division with 48 points, while Lehigh Valley is second with 46. Winnipeg has 44 and Calgary has 39.

Darre Switzer scored four goals Saturday night and Arshenkoff contributed three as Medicine Hat swamped Lehigh Valley while Sotheim, Doug Johnson and Mike Schneider tallied singles.

Switzer scored three times in the third period and once in the second while Arshenkoff connected for three consecutive tallies in the third, while Sotheim scored at 14:05. Arshenkoff also added three assists.

The opening shot came back from a 2-0 first-period deficit, scoring seven times in the final period.

Dave Snopce also scored two for Medicine Hat and

Brian Hill and Owen Lloyd added singles. Rocky Saganuk, Grant Eakin, Willie Desjardins, Dean Solheim and Rick Hendrick replied for Lehigh Valley.

Lehigh Valley took 13 of 19 minutes in the first period and took two majors. Medicine Hat's Lloyd got a 10-minute misconduct in the first period. Medicine Hat outshot Lehigh Valley 40-40.

Lehigh Valley scored four goals Sunday in Lehigh Valley to lead the Tigers to a 9-5 win. Callie Heston and two goals for the Tigers. Singles came from Merlin Mallowack, Ken Oulton and Tom Bost.

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Lehigh Valley led 2-1 at the end of the first period while Medicine Hat went ahead 6-5 after 40 minutes.



ROGATIEN VACHON ... posts shutout

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captain Yvan Courmayer with 9-40 to play game Montreal ties with Detroit.

Courmayer's goal came with 1:50 remaining in a double minor assessed to the Wings' J.P. Leblanc, who was called for delay of game when he fell on the puck behind the Detroit net and was slapped with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for lapping at referee Wally Harris.

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# Big defenceman supplies muscle

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks, led by their first period goals and lots of muscle from newly acquired Jack McIlhargey, dumped New York Rangers 6-2 in a fog-delayed National Hockey League game at Pacific Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

Playing before a capacity crowd of 15,877 fans, Vancouver took advantage of a tired Ranger club which showed up 58 minutes late to the game because of fog conditions at Vancouver International Airport.

The Canucks struck for three unanswered goals in the first period and were inspired by the hard-tackling and fistfights of McIlhargey, who

along with Larry Goodenough, was playing in his first Canucks game since being dealt from Philadelphia Flyers.

McIlhargey was involved in two fights—one with rookie Murdoch in the first period, and another with Nick Fotu in the second period—seemed to rub off on the Canucks.

Chris Odoms, Bobby LaLonde, Dennis Kearns, Gary Monahan, Don Lever and Dennis Verreger with a goal each led the Canucks attack, while Murdoch and Pat Hickey replied for the Rangers.

Cesare Manigo played an outstanding game in the Canucks nets facing 39 Ranger shots, 16 of them in the final period.

Following the first period deficit the Rangers came alive in the second period outshooting the Canucks 12-6 but the superb goal tending of Manigo kept them off the score board.

Kearns gave Vancouver a 4-0 lead with a short-handed goal with only 29 seconds remaining in the period, flipping a loose puck behind Ranger netminder Gilles Gratton from the edge of the crease.

New York narrowed the lead to 4-2 early in the third period but Vancouver replied with two goals to rout the scoring.

# European skiing stars battling for Cup lead

WENGEN, Switzerland (CP) — Downhill ski king Franz Klammer of Austria and slalom ace Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden won their specialties on the Lauberhorn this weekend to remain only four points apart in the race for the World Cup.

And Canada picked up its first World Cup points in men's skiing when Dave Murray of Abbotsford, B.C., collected three white slaloms in the first run. But he clocked 48.03 seconds on the final run, nearly a full second faster than Frömmelt for a winning total of one minute 35.38 seconds.

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Murray's time Sunday was 1:43.10 while Ken Read of Calgary, who finished a disappointing 27th in Saturday's downhill after clocking the eighth in the combined slaloms.

Klammer took the downhill Saturday for a World Cup total of 135 points. Stenmark captured Sunday's slalom for 159 points. For both it was also the third consecutive victory on the Lauberhorn, the classic series that is perhaps the most selling test in ski racing.

Murray placed 26th in the downhill Saturday and 30th in Sunday's slalom. He is one of the Canadian plights in the race. The combined winner was Walter Treusch of Switzerland, followed by Gustavo Thoeni of Italy and Sept. Ferrell of West Germany.

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third fastest times in practice runs Friday, finishing 38th in 1:48.58.

In the combinations, Treusch took 1,071 points to lead. Murray was awarded 1,710 for eighth place and Read finished 11th overall with 1,727 points.

Steve Podbrski of Toronto abandoned Sunday's slalom early in his first run after missing a gate while Dave Irwin of Thunder Bay, Ont., did not compete in the slalom and spent the day training for the giant slalom and downhill races.

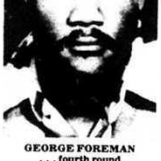
Klammer's time in Saturday's downhill was 2:35.66, almost four seconds ahead of Read, the fastest Canadian.

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GEORGE FOREMAN ... fourth round

# Foreman batters opponent

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — George Foreman's attitude as the premier challenger to the heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, is one of fight and learn, not wait and see.

"I'm sitting and watching challenges don't do me any good," Foreman said after stopping Puerto Agosto in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout Saturday in the Pensacola Civic Auditorium. "I'm going to fight every opportunity I get."

Opportunity No. 2, which could be much tougher, will come in the form of clever Jimmy Young on March 17 at Lansdowne, Md.

Of course, the opportunity Foreman wants most is a rematch with Muhammad Ali who took the title from him in 1974.

Foreman scored at will Saturday with short punches to the head and more looping shots to Agosto's body.

He knocked down his challenger five times. When Agosto went down for the third time in the fourth round the fight was over under the rule which states a bout must be stopped if a man is knocked down three times in a single round. The first two knock downs came in the third round.

# Jones sets new record

SASKATOON (CP) — Diane Jones of Saskatoon broke her own Canadian record in the long jump at the Sled Dog indoor track and field meet Saturday with a leap of 6.24 metres. She held the previous record of 6.22 metres along with Brenda Eisler of Vancouver.

Jones made the jump from her right foot instead of her usual left. Her right foot is affected by an injury suffered in the Saskatchewan indoor track meet here last month.

# Aeros sweep two from San Diego

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Houston Aeros coach Bill Hunter says his team is playing its best hockey of the season and that San Diego Mariners aren't about to argue.

"We have some injuries to Houston," Hunter said. "San Diego coach Ron Ingram. 'But I'm not worried. We'll return to regroup.'"

The Mariners also have to watch for Winnipeg, now Calgary, which is expected to play after the romp over Calgary.

The Jets outshot the Cowboys 41-30, scoring four goals in each of the first two periods. Among the Winnipeg scorers was Anders Hedberg with his 40th goal of the season.

The game at Winnipeg saw the travel weary Calgary club playing a third game in as many nights.

At Birmingham, coach Pat Kelly said his club was happy to return from a 19-game road trip and earn the win over Indianapolis. "It was nice for a change to be getting the cheers instead of the boos."

ONE-SIDED CONTEST The Bulls took an early lead on two first-period power play goals by Tim Sheehy and Mark Napier and never fell behind.

Sheehy and John Stewart scored twice for the Bulls, while Napier remained the club's scoring leader, picking up his 34th goal of the season.

Defenceman Barry Wilkins collected a goal and four assists to help Edmonton beat Phoenix. Forward Mike Antonovovic, goalie Lou Levasseur and defenceman Bill Butters, acquired by Edmonton last week from the defunct Minnesota Fighting Saints, all contributed to the Edmonton win, with Antonovitch scoring one of the goals.

Three other former Minnesota players each scored goals to help New England beat Cincinnati. The three were Dave Keon and brothers Steve and Jack Carlson.

# McLain awarded \$31,500

DETROIT (AP) — Former Detroit pitching star Denny McLain has won \$31,500 from the Tigers and four other baseball teams in settlement of a former major's compensation claim for damage to his pitching arm.

The out-of-court settlement was approved by Judge Alan Chinichin of the Michigan Workers' Compensation Bureau. The insurance carriers for the five baseball teams made the payout Thursday.

The Tigers' insurance company paid \$17,000 of the claims. The rest came from the insurers of the old Washington Senators, Atlanta Braves, Oakland A's and their former farm club in Birmingham.

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