

# Martin scores winner for Wales team

VANCOUVER (CP) — Scott Bowman was willing to gamble and his Martin had luck on the right Tuesday as the Prince of Wales Conference remained undefeated in the National Hockey League all-star game.

Bowman shook up his forward lines with the score tied late in the third period and came up with the combination that set up Martin's second goal of the game with less than two minutes to play for a 3-3 decision over the Clarence Campbell Conference.

Martin beat goaltender Glenn Resch with a quick, low shot at 18:04 of the final period after some diligent forechecking by new linemates Marcel Dionne and Guy Lafleur.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," said Martin, who averaged 47 goals a season in his first five seasons with Buffalo Sabres. "Chico (Resch) started going down and as he was going down it (the puck) went underneath his trapper glove."

Martin, 25, was named the

game's most valuable player and received a new automobile. Up until the game-winning goal, it appeared that Larry McDonald of Toronto Maple Leafs was the leading candidate for the MVP award.

McDonald scored the first two goals for the Wales Conference and played a strong game at right wing on the line with Bob Gainey of Montreal Canadiens and Peter McNab of Boston Bruins.

Bowman, coach of Stanley Cup champion Montreal, said that Martin is the best goal-

scorer in the NHL. He added that the 30th annual all-star game, played at the Pacific Coliseum for the first time, was a good one and "the fans got their money's worth."

It was the third straight loss for the Campbell Conference under coach Fred Shero of Philadelphia Flyers. The Campbell goals were from Eric Vail of Atlanta Flames, Rick Wicks of the Flyers and Phil Esposito of New York Rangers.

**SHERO WANTS CHANGE**

Shero, who favors a return to the old format of the Stanley

Cup champions playing a league all-star team, said it was hard "for anyone to get excited about this game because the fans really have anyone to cheer."

He said his best players were left winger Gary Dornhoefer of the Flyers, who drew several hard checks along the boards, and right winger Bob Nystrom of New York Islanders. Nystrom was a last-minute replacement for injured team-mate Clark Gillies.

Lafleur of the Canadiens and Dionne of Los Angeles Kings did the heavy work to set up the tie-breaking goal late in the game. They checked defenceman Phil Russell of Chicago Black Hawks along the end boards and Dionne was able to feed Martin a perfect pass near the net.

Martin didn't make any mistake with an accurate shot that left Resch off the Islanders flat on his back, frustrated that he had been so close.

Bowman used many different line combinations in the game because the Campbell defencemen and 11 forwards.

Defenceman Larry Robinson of Montreal, who assisted on two goals, was used with left wing in the second period. Centre Dornhoefer and right wing Buffalo was double-shifted at times in the first two periods.

**RIGHT CHANGES**

The Wales team went with six defencemen in the final period and Bowman came up with the right line in the game when it counted.

"I figured with less than 2 1/2 minutes to go it is like a sudden-death game," said Bowman. "You have to play over-time anyway... I had a hunch we just might rap one in."



RICHARD MARTIN ... wins car

with a quick shot from the left boards that eluded goaltender Gerry Desjardins of Buffalo, who was screened on the play by Nystrom.

**GOALIE SCREENED**

McDonald tied the score in the last minute of the second period with a blazing 40-foot wrist shot. Resch was screened on the play by Bobby Clarke and MacLeish of Philadelphia Flyers.

Parent stopped 17 shots and Resch 15 of the Campbell, while Dryden turned back 18 drives and Desjardins for the Wales team.

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## VERNON PEE WEE REPS

Vernon Pee Wee Reps, currently in first place in the Okanagan, will be the host club in the Winter Carnival's Invitational Pee Wee Tournament from Feb. 4 to 6 at the Civic Arena. Team members are, from left, Manager George Beck, Coach Hank Wensley, and assistant coach Al Kowal. Middle

row, Greg Kowal, Kevin Savitsky, Scott Lair, Kent Adams, Gordon Olson, Jeff Weir, Kevin Atchela, and Rod Duchesner. Front row, Todd Beck, David

Wensley, Nick Kaplic, Kevin Miskoak, Bob Morden, Tom York, Ron Sparks, Robbie York, and Norm Schwing. (Daily News Photo)

## CURLING CLUB NEWS

**BY RON HOUSTON**  
Club Manager

Zone winners are the big news in our club as we have three teams representing the Vernon Curling Club in provincial playdowns.

The teams are Junior men's — Scott Thompson, Dave Loyie, Mark Bierker, and Kelvin Korol; senior men's — Ralph Danglefield, Joe Mullin, Hal Thompson, and Jack Shettler; and women's — Chilton, Dave Simpson, John Taporovick, and Doug Weir.

**TO CRANBROOK**

Senior men are off to Cranbrook Thursday to take part in the playdowns and I'm sure our team will do well. These guys curl twice a week in men's league and three afternoons in the senior men's league, so are in top form. Good luck!

Last weekend, Chilton knocked off Randy Brown in a thriller. Chilton's rink is now working on it so it will have a fine edge when the BCCA banquet starts in Kelowna in two weeks.

**LEAGUE LEADERS**

In regular league play, the following mixed teams are showing top form: Glen Wilton, Ken Fashner, Glen Bridgman, Bill Whitton, Ken Curtis, and Ba, Al Edwards.

In men's evening curling, the following teams are doing well in fourth round play: Dave LaChance, Randy Brown, Herb VanGrootel, Percy Briggs, Ted Kenny, Ron Reinertson, John Cormier, and the Sweet Hoggs.

The Mondin team, skippered by John Mondin, is in the race for the league aggregate trophy. However, it is getting challenged by three other rinks as we reach the three-quarter mark in a league play.

## Daily News

# SPORTS

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## Two veterans will not play

Vernon Vikings host Kamloops Braves in B.C. Junior A hockey action tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

Vikings will be hoping to snap a slump which has seen them lose seven of their last nine starts. Captain Gary Gassoff and the team's top goal scorer Jack Letley are both out-of-town on personal business and will not be back in time for the game.

Meanwhile, Langley Lords, inspired by a three-goal effort

from Brian Henderson, handed Maple Ridge Bruins a crushing 9-1 defeat in Langley Tuesday to move into a tie with the Bruins for second place in the Coastal Division.

In other league play Tuesday, the Vees edged Kamloops Braves 5-4 in Penticton and the Buckaroos downed the Merritt Centennials 6-3 in Kelowna.

Kelowna remains in first place in the Interior Division with 79 points. Penticton is second with 72, Vernon has 66, Kamloops 54 and Merritt trails with 47.

Nanaimo leads with 75 points, followed by Maple Ridge and Langley with 64 each. Bellingham has 44 and Abbotsford 40.

Terry Jackson scored two goals and Andy Crawford, Editt Lebler, Ron Kolman and Chris Tucker added singles to back up Henderson's efforts for Penticton. Frank Nagy scored the sole Maple Ridge marker.

Langley led 1-0 after the first period and had a 6-1 margin going into the final period.

Langley goaltender Al Wiebe made 40 saves, while Richard Martens and Steve Abbott made 32 saves in Maple Ridge nets.

Each team was tagged with one minor penalty and major and Merritt was assessed one 10-minute misconduct.

In Kelowna, three power-play goals in the third period clinched a 6-3 victory for the Buckaroos over the Centennials scored by 400 fans.

## Lumby foursome wins spiel

**LUMBY** — A local rink skipped by Eileen Weir took top honors in Lumby's ladies open bonspiel last weekend, beating out the Sharon Derry rink of Vernon. With her second Betty Gauthier and lead, Sandra Kubash, the foursome was a splat that saw good outside participation and those two clubs are losing time is costly. Thus, another loss.

In the Interior, Penticton Vees crowds are up this season, however, a loss is being sought. Team owner Bryan Couling had to resign his full-time post and general manager to take a financial burden off the club.

Merritt Centennials crowds are running around the 500-600

## Vernon coach looking for balanced offence

Vernon Royals travel to Rutland tonight in senior girls' high school basketball action at 7 p.m.

Royals go into the game in second place in the Okanagan, with a 6-1 record, two points behind unbeaten Salmon Arm Jewels.

Despite his club's impressive record, Vernon Coach Daley Routley has a serious problem. Routley told the Daily News he is very concerned about the lack of balance in his team's scoring attack.

In recent games, centre Terri Rosman and guard Leanne Wilms have been providing the bulk of the offence.

"I don't want to go anywhere this year we are going to have to come up with a more balanced attack. We need Laurie Ogawara and Jill Hewitson to start hitting their shots."

Ogawara was in the top 10 scorers in the Okanagan last season, however, has been far below par to date this year. Hewitson is expected to provide 10-12 points a game, but has been in a slump.

Routley said, "I expect Laurie and Jill to stop hitting the rim soon and start swishing their shots."

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## Cougars run over by Blues

Vernon Blues thrashed Tri-Lake Cougars 22-7 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Tuesday at the Civic Arena.

Blues held period leads of 8-2 and 12-4 before outscoring Cougars 10-3 in the final 30 minutes.

Bruce Ritchie scored six goals for the winners while Tom Williamson, Lou Joly, and George Watson added four goals. Cougars' Coach Gord blinked the red light twice.

George Prokopetzki replied with three goals for Cougars while Ben Yakelchak added two. John Sutherland and Gerald Frutkin notched singles.

## PIN POINTS

**Jan. 18**  
Tues. 7:30 Mixed  
Women's high single — Irene Walker 268, high triple — Irene Walker 681, high average — Evelyn Livingston 219  
Men's high single — Eric Knapp 233, high triple — Barry Killips 775, high average — John Killips 218  
Men's high single — Triple K 137, high triple — Triple K 363, high average — Triple K 263  
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**TEAM STANDINGS**  
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Women's high single — Genie Kowal 240, high triple — Marie McKenna 686, high average — Marie McKenna 261, high triple — Lil Jamieson 261  
Men's high single — Sugar Pops 268, high triple — Sugar Pops 775, high average — Sugar Pops 218

# Houston rallies in final period

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Houston goaltender Ron Grahame wanted to show Winnipeg Jets just how well his club has been playing recently, and the Aeros' fourth period Tuesday night must have convinced them.

WHA	East Division	W	L	T	P
Quebec	28	15	11	1	57
Cincinnati	22	10	10	2	48
Indianapolis	22	10	10	2	48
New England	18	10	7	1	39
Birmingham	17	10	6	1	37
West Division					
Houston	26	14	5	1	39
San Diego	26	12	10	2	52
Winnipeg	25	12	10	3	51
Edmonton	20	12	7	1	41
Portland	19	12	6	1	39
Phoenix	19	12	6	1	39
Los Angeles	18	12	6	1	39

Morris Lukowich scored two goals and Grahame turned aside 29 shots as the Aeros defeated the Jets 5-2 in World Hockey Association play.

"I think that the teams were a little sluggish in the first period," Grahame said. "But we started to play better in the second period."

The victory increased Houston's first place margin in the West Division to three points over second-place San Diego.

# Ottawa's hopes hinge on injury

OTTAWA, N.B. (CP) — Ottawa pushed its way to a contending position in the Canadian national midwest hockey championships Tuesday but an injury may spell trouble before the tournament ends.

The Ottawa club won its first game with a 6-2 verdict over Prince Edward Island on Tuesday while first string goaltender Bruce Jones sat on the bench to recuperate from a severe bruise on his collarbone.

Jones suffered the injury when struck by a hard slapshot in an earlier game Ottawa lost 5-2 to the host Moncton Flyers. Substitute Kevin Gomes allowed the winning goal but stayed in the win over P.E.I. steadily in the win over P.E.I.

In other action Tuesday, Saskatchewan made its first start, dumping Newfoundland 4-1. Ontario, represented by Toronto Don Mills, also won its opening match by shutting

out winless Nova Scotia 4-0; Quebec won its second straight game 6-1 against Manitoba, and British Columbia handed Manitowague its first loss 7-2 defeat.

Along with the goaltending team, Ottawa used defenceman Claude Julien sparingly because he has a shoulder injury picked up in a game with Alberta Monday.

One player apparent, unaffected by an 11-stitch gash along his lip was forward Dave Lafleur, who scored twice in the victory over Charlottetown, raising his scoring output to three goals since the injury.

Quebec climbed to the top of the Doublemint Division with the Moncton entry by whipping Winnipeg, 6-1 with the help of a two-goal performance from Normand Desrosiers.

The game between Burnaby, the B.C. association representative, and Thunder Bay was marred by a high-sticking incident. B.C. defenceman Paul Bourne got a five-minute major and a game misconduct for his action, which was later suspended for the team's next game Thursday against Saskatchewan.

Winnipeg is in third place, six points behind the Aeros. The Aeros now are 18-2-4 at home and enjoy a 10-2 record over West Division clubs.

ESCAPE CELLAR  
Calgary's Cowboys received three goals and an assist from captain Peter Dracolo to escape the West Division cellar and drop the Roadrunners into the bottom spot.

The Calgary line of Dracolo, Butch Deadmarsh and Ron Chupitoff accounted for 13 points. Deadmarsh had two goals and two assists, while Chupitoff collected five 20th.

Robbie Flocke got his 26th goal of the season for the Roadrunners on a freak play. With Calgary netminder Don McLeod on the bench during a delayed penalty to Phoenix, Don Tannahill of the Cowboys passed to John Arbour but the stick jumped over Arbour's neck and travelled the length of the ice into the vacant Calgary net.

Tene Cloutier's second goal of the game at 4:26 over time lifted Quebec to a comeback victory over the visiting Racers. It gave him 38 for the season and, along with his 40 assists, moved him into top spot in league scoring, one point ahead of Anders Hedberg of the Jets.

The win was Quebec's ninth in a row. At Cincinnati, Blaine Stoughton tied the score 2-2 in the second period and then scored his goal of the season early in the third to give the Stingers the lead.

Tonight, Quebec entertains Edmonton Oilers.

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# CLEVELAND BARONS

# Shaky franchise needs \$500,000

VANCOUVER (CP) — It's beginning to look like Mel Swig, owner of Cleveland Barons, will have to partially refinance his struggling National Hockey League franchise himself rather than rely entirely on other NHL operators for help.

Swig appealed to the NHL board of governors for help Tuesday after disclosing that partner George Gump of San Francisco had backed out of an earlier agreement to raise \$4 million to troubled Cleveland franchise.

NHL owners heard Swig's tale of trouble and then countered with a proposal of their own for saving the former Oakland franchise which was transferred to Cleveland before the start of the 1976-77 NHL season.

"I can't believe that Mr. Swig is entirely without resources," NHL president Clarence Campbell told a news conference. "We made him an offer and he is to get back to us in the morning with a decision."

Campbell and other NHL owners refused to say how much Swig has lost this season or how much he wanted from the league. It was believed he asked for at least \$500,000 to continue operations for the rest of the current season.

CORLEY FINDING  
There also was speculation that the NHL would match whatever Swig, although some owners said they were against financing other league

teams after costly, previous experiences in Oakland and Pittsburgh.

Another line of thought was that the Cleveland league dues would be postponed until the end of the season. Campbell and other league officials refused comment on all financial aspects of the Cleveland franchise.

"It will be Mr. Swig's choice just what action is taken by the league," Campbell said. "It's a question of his willingness at this point to continue with the operation of the Cleveland team."

Swig said the Barons are in "a tenuous position" and could not operate much further without financial help. The Barons have been averaging about 5,300 fans a game in a suburban arena.

John A. Ziegler Jr., NHL board chairman, said there would also be a meeting with Swig and the Cleveland players Feb. 2 in Cleveland to discuss the situation.

He said the players have not missed any pay cheques so far.

POSSIBLE PAY CUT  
Alan Eagleson, executive director of the NHL Players Association, said the Cleveland players would likely be asked to take a pay cut of "at least 1 1/2 per cent."

Eagleson said it was in the best interest of the players and the league to continue operation of the franchise. He estimated there was a 60-40 chance of continuing after the end of this season.

Players in Atlanta earlier this season agreed to donate \$1 million to help finance a ticket drive which helped keep the Flames operational before Christmas.

Ziegler said that in the Cleveland situation the 1 1/2 per cent proposal could be in the form of a deferral.

Swig also is from San Francisco. He purchased the team from the league two years ago after the NHL took over operation from former owner Chuck G. Finley.

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