Sabres move into tie in the Adams Division

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Strange as it may seem, Buffalo Sabres felt they played better hockey in defeat Saturday than they did in victory a night later.

NHL

Campbell Conference						
Patrick Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Philadelphia	43	15	12	281	185	98
Islanders	42	19	10	251	173	94
Atlanta	29	30	11	225	232	69
Rangers	25	33	13	241	274	63
Smythe Division						
St. Louis	29	32	8	201	228	66
Chicago	23	38	10	215	267	56
Minnesota	19	34	17	213	271	55
Vancouver	22	40	9	197	259	53
Colorado	19	39	12	198	260	50
Prince of Wales Conference						
Adams Division						
Buffalo	43	21	6	260	191	92
Boston	42	21	8	272	212	92
Toronto	31	28	11	268	243	73
Cleveland	21	37	10	199	245	52
Norris Division						
Montreal	52	8	11	342	163	115
Pittsburgh	30	28	13	211	220	73
Los Angeles	28	28	14	231	208	70
Washington	19	38	14	188	273	52
Detroit	16	44	9	171	261	41

But there were two important differences between Buffalo's 3-2 loss at Pittsburgh on Saturday and their 6-1 win over Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday.

"We didn't have to contend with a hot goalie, and we were luckier," said Sabres winger Rene Robert, who had four assists.

The win moved the Sabres into a tie with Boston atop the Adams Division after the Bruins had gone one point ahead with a 3-1 win at Philadelphia on Saturday. Sunday, the Bruins managed only a 2-2 tie against Los Angeles Kings.

Elsewhere Sunday, Atlanta Flames completed a two-game sweep over New York Rangers with a 5-3 decision. Philadelphia Flyers blanked Pittsburgh 4-0, Vancouver Canucks beat Colorado Rockies 6-2, Detroit Red Wings and Washington Capitals tied 3-3 and New York Islanders tied 5-5 against Minnesota North Stars.

BEAT RANGERS

Saturday, Atlanta beat the Rangers 6-3, the Islanders beat Cleveland Barons 8-3, Montreal Canadiens defeated Chicago Black Hawks 5-1, Toronto blanked Detroit 6-0, Colorado and Vancouver tied 2-2 and Minnesota and St. Louis Blues tied 3-3.

The Sabres got an early indication that luck was with them Sunday when Fred Shero scored at 2:36 of the first period. He fired a soft shot from 30 feet out that Toronto goalie Mike Palmateer casually gloved, then let fall from his mitt and dribble over the goal line.

Gil Perreault picked up his 32nd and 33rd goals of the year to lead the Buffalo scoring while rookie goalie Don Edwards picked up his 12th victory in 16 starts.

Rookie Willi Plett scored three goals, running his season total to 30, in leading Atlanta against the Rangers who dropped six points behind the Flames in the battle for third place and the last playoff berth in the Patrick Division. Plett also scored once in Saturday's win over New York.

CANUCKS MOVE UP

Vancouver's win over Colorado, led by two goals from Ron Sedlbauer, pulled the Canucks to within two points of Minnesota which holds third place and the last playoff berth in the Smythe Division.

The win extended Vancouver's current unbeaten streak to five games while Colorado extended its winless string to 10 games.

Meanwhile, Minnesota's two weekend ties moved the Stars to within one point of second-place Chicago.

Alex Pirus and Steve Jensen each scored twice for the Stars who took an early three-goal lead before the Islanders rallied, led by two goals from Clark Gillies.

Right winger Don Saleski scored three goals to lead the Flyers over Pittsburgh while goalie Wayne Stephenson stopped 22 shots for his third shutout of the season.

Brandon stretches lead with success on road

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brandon Wheat Kings stretched their lead in the Eastern League during the weekend by winning one game and tying another-both on the road.

A 3-3 tie with Saskatoon Blades Sunday night, following a 4-1 victory over Medicine Hat Tigers Saturday, enabled the Kings to end their road season with an 11-game undefeated string.

They wound up with 23 wins, seven losses and six ties, easily the best in the 12-team circuit.

Victoria Cougars duplicated Saskatoon's feat, gaining a 7-6 win over Winnipeg Monarchs Saturday and a 3-3 tie with Portland Winter Hawks Sunday.

In other Sunday games, Lethbridge Broncos edged Regina Pats 5-3, Winnipeg tied New Westminster Bruins 4-4 and Medicine Hat thumped Calgary Centennials 7-1.

Gord Kaluzniak scored two goals in each game for Brandon. Bill Deriago and Ray Allison connected Saturday and Wayne Ramsey completed Sunday's scoring.

Dave Ross scored the Medicine Hat goal Saturday night. He also tallied once Sunday.

Glen Wylie had the only Calgary goal.

Saskatoon scorers were Bill MacNaught, Brian McGregor and Darryl Erickson.

OVERCAME DEFICIT

Gary Lupul scored twice Saturday to lead Victoria. Greg Anderson, Geordie Robertson, Mark Robinson, Archie Henderson and Bill Jobson also scored to help the Cougars overcome a first-period 4-0 deficit.

Dave Morrison scored twice and Kevin McCarthy, Tom Roulston and Scott Hall once each for Winnipeg. Roulston, Morrison, Gord Blumenaschein and Jim Mrazdowicz scored for the Monarchs. Sunday night, while New Westminster marksmen were Brad Maxwell, Stan Smyl, Ray Creasy and Mark Lofthouse.

Roberson, Curtis Fraser and Lupul scored in the Cougars' unsuccessful effort Sunday to win its first game of the season in Portland. Tony Currie paced the Hawks with two goals and Dave Hatheway earned the tie with less than five minutes remaining.

Rod Gutmont, Grant Eakin, Mike Schneider, Willie Desjardins and Rick Hendricks scored for Lethbridge, while Gerry Galloway had two goals and Ron Parent one for Regina.

Play resumes Tuesday with Regina at Brandon and Winnipeg at Victoria.

Final positions decided in WHL

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Kimberley Dynamiters swept a weekend series with last-place Trail Smoke Eaters 8-7 and 7-4 to clinch first place in the Western International Hockey League.

On Sunday, Spokane Flyers nipped Nelson Maple Leafs 5-4 in overtime to capture third place as the league's order of finish was decided before Tuesday's last game of the regular season which has the Flyers at Kimberley.

In other weekend games, Cranbrook Royals kept their first-place hopes alive Friday night by besting Nelson 10-8 but the Leafs got even Saturday night by thrashing the Royals 11-2 to help Kimberley nail down the title.

In Trail, Kimberley scored three goals with less than two minutes remaining for the 8-7 victory before about 1,000 fans Friday night.

Kimberley led 3-1 after the first period but the Smokies led 5-3 after two periods.

SCORES WINNER

Dave Lee scored the winning goal with six seconds left in the game. Other Kimberley marksmen were Len Hicks and Jim Cruise with two each, and Murray Flegel, Aurel Beaudin, and Mickey Wilson with singles.

Brian DeStasio, with two goals, Dan McCarthy, Dell Iannone, Dunc Fisher, Kevin Knibbs and Tom Gawryletz scored for Trail.

Obscure golfers dominate

MIAMI (AP) — Little Chi Chi Rodriguez may have said it best.

"I have a great respect for the young players on the tour," Rodriguez said. "I try to help them as much as I can. After all, the future of the tour belongs to them."

The veteran golf professional paused, and a sly, humorous twinkle appeared in his eyes.

"Only thing is, they seem to be turning the future into now."

Andy Bean is the latest in that apparently endless line of previously obscure youngsters who are claiming the rich pro golf tour as their private playground.

Bean, front-running winner in the Doral Open, held off the challenge of veteran David Graham in Sunday's final round. He dedicated his first victory to his father, Tommy Bean of Lakeland, Fla.

A par-72 was good enough to hold back Graham's charge Sunday and provide Bean with his first tour title, on his 24th birthday. It also made him the latest in the line that includes Bruce Lietzke, Tom Purtzer and Dave Koch to come from obscurity to prominence on the tour this season.

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Bucks, Clippers capture openers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scoring bursts helped Kelowna Buckaroos and Nanaimo Clippers take 1-0 leads in their British Columbia Junior Hockey League semi-final series Sunday.

Four goals within 6:12 of the first period helped the Clippers double Langley Lords 8-4 while two goals 39 seconds apart in an overtime period gave the Buckaroos their 7-6 victory over Penticton Vees.

Both best-of-seven series resume Tuesday at Penticton and Langley.

At Nanaimo, the Clippers led 5-2 at the end of the first period and scored the only goal of the second.

Mike Shields and George Fritz led the Clippers with two goals each while Morely Anderson, Sid Giroux, Mickey Willgress and Kelly Short added singles.

LORDS OUTSHOT

Lane Lavik scored twice for Langley while Brian Henderson and Steve McDonald scored the others for the Lords which were outshot 45-38.

At Kelowna the Bucks led 2-1 after one period and 4-2 after two but the Vees pulled ahead 5-4 on three unanswered goals in the third period. Scott MacLeod scored his third goal of the night at 11:06 to force overtime.

John Olver scored for Kelowna at 5:13 of the extra session and was followed at 5:52 by team-mate Brian Matthews who scored his second marker of the game. Carey Eades scored for the Vees with seven seconds remaining.

Brad Palmer scored the other Kelowna goal while Kevin Maxwell, with two goals, John Uvegas, Mike Bracko, and Kevin Callaghan were the other Penticton snipers.

Each team had 12 minor penalties and a fighting major, and Penticton also had a game misconduct and a 10-minute misconduct.

Gordie reaches another milestone

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunday night was a night of milestones for Houston Aeros and as usual Gordie Howe was in on the action.

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WHA

East Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	40	26	2	297	249	82
Cincinnati	35	30	3	309	252	73
Indianap	30	32	7	229	256	67
New Eng	29	37	4	236	263	64
Birming	27	40	3	245	265	57
x-Minn	19	18	5	136	129	43
West Division						
Houston	42	20	6	272	194	90
Winnipeg	38	28	2	307	245	78
San Diego	33	33	3	227	245	69
Calgary	28	33	5	206	224	61
Edmonton	28	39	3	200	261	59
Phoenix	26	39	3	237	318	55

x-folded.

Howe, 17 days shy of his 49th birthday, scored his 20th goal as the Aeros shut out Indianapolis Racers 5-0 in one of four World Hockey Association games. This marks Howe's 25th consecutive 20-goal season, the last four of them coming in the WHA after a two-year retirement.

Cam Connor, 22, and Rich Preston, 24, were both still products of their fathers' imagination when Howe started his string with 38 goals for Detroit Red Wings in the 1949-50 season.

Connors and Preston joined in the celebration Sunday, however, as each scored their 30th goals.

Goaltender Wayne Rutledge, 13 years Howe's junior at 35, recorded the shutout. It was the sixth of his WHA career and the seventh for the Aeros this season, a league record.

In other games Sunday, Cincinnati Stingers defeated Birmingham Bulls 7-4, Winnipeg Jets pounded Edmonton Oilers 9-3 and Quebec Nordiques dumped New England Whalers 6-3.

In Saturday's action, Indianapolis drubbed Birmingham 7-2, Cincinnati blasted Calgary Cowboys 9-2, Phoenix Roadrunners edged San Diego Mariners 7-6 in overtime and Edmonton and Quebec tied 3-3.

"We bet a case of beer on who would score his 30th goal of the season first," said Connor as he stepped on a brew during the Aeros' dressing room party. "It's a good thing I didn't wait much longer."

Connor fired his 30th goal at 3:56 of the second period and Preston matched him less than 15 minutes later as the Aeros rolled to their 18th consecutive home ice victory.

At Cincinnati, Richie Leduc scored his 44th and 45th goals, a club record, as the Stingers moved within six points of clinching a playoff berth.

Leduc, who also counted twice Saturday, scored both his goals in the second period as Cincinnati overcame a 3-2 disadvantage to take a 5-4 lead into the third period.

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Quebec foursome travels to Sweden

MONTREAL (CP) — Jim Ursel and his Montreal rink earned a date with the best from the rest of the curling world Saturday when they won Quebec's first Canadian men's curling championship since the event began in 1927.

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Final

	W	L
Quebec	9	2
British Columbia	8	3
Ontario	8	3
Newfoundland	7	4
Manitoba	6	5
Alberta	6	5
Territories	5	6
Saskatchewan	5	6
Northern Ontario	4	7
Nova Scotia	3	8
New Brunswick	3	8
P.E.I.	2	9

"It's a big surprise to us," Ursel said of his trip to Karlstad, Sweden, to represent Canada at the world curling championship March 28-April 3. "We have to start thinking about it, I guess."

Ursel's rink defeated Bob Fitzner's Halifax foursome from Nova Scotia 7-4 in the 14th and final draw Saturday to finish the round-robin competition with a 9-2 record.

Roy Vinthers' Vancouver rink from British Columbia and Toronto's Paul Savage of Ontario were second with 8-3 marks. Newfoundland's Wayne Hamilton of St. John's finished fourth at 7-4 in trying to defend Jack MacDuff's 1976 title.

Ursel, a 40-year-old personnel supervisor, is a Winnipeg native who moved to Montreal several years ago. His third is Art Lobel, 41, a Virden, Man., native, while second Don Aitken, 31, was born in Tillsonburg, Ont. Only 30-year-old lead Brian Rose, born in Arvida, is a native Quebecer.

HAD FAVORITE'S ROLE

However surprised Ursel said he was at the victory, he had been established as the favorite before the competition began and had correctly predicted a 9-2 mark would win it.

"We got a great draw, I thought," Ursel said in discussing the factors that helped in capturing the Brier Tankard. "We got the byes right where we should and we played a couple of weak teams early.

John Usackis' Manitoba rink from Lac du Bonnet and Edmonton's Tom Reed of Alberta finished at 6-5, while Don Twa of Whitehorse and the Territories and Saskatchewan's Les Rogers of Regina were 5-6. Northern Ontario's Rusty Tale of Sudbury was 4-7 ahead of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick's Roly Mockler of Fredericton, both 3-8. Prince Edward Island's Ken MacDonald of Charlottetown was last at 2-9.

In other final-draw games Saturday, Ontario downed Alberta 8-2, New Brunswick nipped Manitoba 10-9, P.E.I. tripped Saskatchewan 7-6 and Newfoundland turned back the Territories 8-6.

"I've never seen a crowd so pro-Quebec, so pro-provincial," Ursel said of the fans at the Velodrome. "Everybody always cheers their team, but nothing like this."

Petty wins Carolina 500

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Richard Petty, who must wish every Grand National stock car race were run at North Carolina Motor Speedway, won another one here Sunday, the 12th annual Carolina 500.

Petty, who gained two of his three 1976 victories at the 1.017-mile oval, was not seriously challenged after the 290-mile mark. His Dodge averaged nearly 97 miles an hour, an alltime record slow speed in the race that lasted a gruelling five hours and 15 minutes.

In second place, about eight seconds back was Darrell Waltrip, in a Chevrolet, the only other driver on the same lap with Petty. Donnie Allison, who lost a lap in the pits on an extremely long pit stop, was third, a lap down, also in a Chevrolet.

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