

Shoddy play produces a tie

MONTREAL (CP) — Atlanta Flames and Montreal Canadiens tied in a shoddy display of hockey, played to a 2-2 tie in the only National Hockey League game Monday night.

An announced Forum crowd of 15,109 saw a variety of poor passes and missed shots but heard numerous whistles for offside and icing.

John Gould scored the game-tying goal at 8:13 of third period. He beat Montreal goalie Ken Dryden with a long shot from the right wing.

Gould's goal was the second of two for Montreal in the second 2-2 tie in Montreal this year.

"I got my eye off it for a second and got it off the edge of my glove instead of right in it," explained Dryden, who faced 22 shots during the evening and no doubt heard the groans from the Montreal fans when he allowed Gould's shot by him.

Bobby Lalonde got the other Atlanta goal with Guy Lafleur scoring twice for Montreal. Lafleur's total to a league-leading 21.

Lafleur's first effort with 11:11 gone in the second period drew the ire of Atlanta netminder Dan Bouchard, who stopped 23 of 28 shots he faced.

Bouchard charged a referee Ron Hoegzarth, claiming he was harassed by Guy Lafleur. Hoegzarth was fined \$500.

The Atlanta goaltender also had a few words for team captain Bobby Clarke, who provided an effective screen for Lafleur's 30-foot shot at 55:00 of third period.

That shot Montreal into a 2-1 lead before Gould tied it.

The Flames who have not won since Nov. 22, have three ties and three losses in their last six games and are fourth in the Patrick Division, one point behind New York Rangers.

The Canadiens lead the Norris Division with 36 points, nine more than second-place Los Angeles Kings.

The club announced that right winger Murray Wilson had surgery Monday to repair a disc problem in his back and that the operation was a success.

Wilson, who will be in hospital for at least two weeks, is out for the season.

In games tonight, New York Islanders play host to Minnesota North Stars, Vancouver Canucks visit Washington Capitals, Colorado Rockies entertain Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Kings will play the Blues in St. Louis and Chicago Black Hawks are in Detroit for a date with the Red Wings.



JOHN GOULD ... tied game

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MINOR HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Midget rens lose berth in championship

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Vernon Bloom and Sigale Midget rens tied their efforts to make it to the Wrigley Provincial Championship, but fell short Sunday in Oliver as they dropped a hard fought 5-4 decision to Kelowna in the finals of the Okanagan Zone tournament.

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JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS



With the exception of two, close games decided the 1978 Okanagan Zone Junior men's championships at the Lumby curling rink this past weekend. Four teams participated: the Greg McCune rink, Enderby; Clint Merslack, Lumby; and from Vernon, the Larry Dulais and Greg Mostak rinks. It was a double knockout tournament with McCune coming from an extra to force Dulais into a final game to take the event.

The Dulais rink will now go to the provincial playoffs at Prince George, Feb. 8. Junior men's curling is for the under 19 age group. Above are the winners, from left: skip Dulais, third Rod Morrison, second Dennis Kawaguchi, and lead Terry Cumine. Below, the Enderby rink, from left: skip McCune, second Don Gilowaski, second Gordie Holmes, and lead Butch Balch. (Alleyne Tull Photo)

Jauch back coaching — will lead the Bombers

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg Blue Bombers announced Monday the appointment of Ray Jauch as head coach of the Western Football Conference club.

Jauch was manager of football operations for Edmonton Eskimos last season after seven years as the team's head coach.

During his coaching days, Jauch, a former Bomber player, signed a three-year contract. He replaces Bud Riley who was dropped by the Bombers at the end of the season last year.

Jauch was one of several candidates but Bomber general manager Earl Lunsford said that when Jauch's coaching record backed by his familiarity with Winnipeg and the organization.

Jauch's brief professional playing career was in Winnipeg in 1960 and 1961 but he ended prematurely when he was injured during the 1961 Grey Cup game.

He turned immediately to coaching, beginning with juniors, then college and on to assistant in Edmonton before taking the head coaching job in 1970.

LEFT COACHING — He decided to head coaching after the 1978 season and the Eskimos made him manager of their operations.

Jauch admitted that while he was pleased to have the chance to get involved with the management end of the game, he couldn't rid himself of the desire to coach.

"I look back at another day of football which I had wanted to do ... but I felt I'm still only 38 and I want to get back to coaching, I missed it some."

The decision not to renew Jauch's contract was made almost immediately after the semi-final.

Jauch said no decision has yet been made on assistant coaches.

Skiers on Star for freestyle

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Brier seat sales said disappointing

VANCOUVER (CP) — Less than 50 per cent of the seats in the 15,000-seat Pacific Coliseum have been sold for the 1978 Canadian men's curling championship, a spokesman for the organizing committee said Monday.

Clare McCloskey said that 70,000 unit sales have been completed and 88,000 unit sales are necessary for the event to reach the break-even mark.

"The people of Vancouver have responded well to the Brier like we thought they would," McCloskey told a news conference Monday.

McCloskey said the event was put on the biggest show in the history of the Brier, but he said it "unless ticket sales pick up."

McCloskey said that two-thirds of the tickets were sold in March after it was announced that Vancouver would host the 1978 event.

Officials of the Pacific Coast Curling Association said they had hoped to sell out all 15 draws before the event begins March 5. It ends March 11.

The Pacific Coliseum, home of Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League, will be the largest building in which the championship has ever been staged.

The event will mark the first time in 27 years it was held in Vancouver. It was held in the 1950-51 season at Kerrisdale Arena in 1950. Victoria was host to the event in 1968 and Kelowna, B.C., in 1968.

Tickets are being sold for the first 11 draws, and a playoff, if necessary.

Changed games with Larry Flacher of the Canucks and Wayne Gretzky of the Oilers. The Oilers bringing the first period total to 3-2 in favor of the Oilers.

Second period play saw only two goals scored, three coming off the stick of the Canucks as Ralph Litzenberger in the early and middle stages of the game.

The Canucks opened with three consecutive goals in the third period. Grant Lusk, McDermid, Ed Folk and Jack Howard, before Wayne Little was able to get one for the Oilers.

Canucks trample Firefighters 8-3

In Sunday PVHL action, the Vernon Canucks, motivated by a home crowd, dominated and paced themselves to an 8-3 victory over the Vernon Firefighters.

In the first period of play, no scoring was sustained during the first 10 minutes, but once the Canucks got on the right track, there was no looking back.

Two more goals were scored in the second period by Ken Richardson and Peter Carr, before Grant Lusk, who had been the hero of the Firefighters' reprieve. The teams then exchanged goals.

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