

# NHL Patrick division race 'all-important'

MONTEAL (CP) — With one week remaining in the National Hockey League's 1977-78 regular season schedule, there are still positions to be decided including the all-important Patrick Division race between the Montreal Canadiens and Philadelphia Flyers.

The Patrick Division race is important because the winner will also emerge as the Clarence Campbell Conference champion.

The Islanders have 106 points after 77 games compared with 101 for Philadelphia after 76 games, figures released by the NHL.

Chicago Black Hawks, winners of the Smythe Division and also eligible for the Campbell Conference title, were well behind the pace of the Islanders with 80 points.

Montreal Canadiens won the Norris Division and the Prince of Wales Conference title some time ago and Boston Bruins captured the Adams Division ahead of Buffalo Sabres last week.

WILD CARD OPEN — In the race for the final wild card playoff spot, New York Rangers need only one point in their final four games to qualify.

# Goodenough called for tonight's game

VANCOUVER (CP) — Defenceman Larry Goodenough has been recalled from Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League by Vancouver Canucks for tonight's National Hockey League game here against St. Louis Blues.

Goodenough obtained a trade last year with Philadelphia Flyers, was sent to Tulsa in January by the Canucks.

Injuries to defencemen Sheldon Kannegisser and Jack McIlhargey suffered here Friday against the Flyers left Vancouver with only four healthy defencemen.

A Canucks spokesman said Monday that McIlhargey had undergone surgery for a separated shoulder, while Kannegisser had a badly bruised heel.

Vancouver is in third place in the Smythe Division, two points behind Colorado Rockies in the fight for a playoff berth.

Both teams have three games remaining in the regular season.

Mike Waiton, who missed three games with a hand injury, also is to play tonight. He leads the Canucks in goals with 27, including 12 on a

power play.

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The Rangers have 71 points while Pittsburgh Penguins have 64 points and four games remaining in the final four games to qualify.



JERRY KORAB ... three games

# Korab suspended 3 games

MONTEAL (CP) — Defenceman Jerry Korab of Buffalo Sabres was suspended Monday to three games without pay by the National Hockey League for physically abusing linesman Bob Hodges in the second period of Buffalo's 3-2 loss to the Maple Leafs in Toronto Saturday night.

The suspension was announced after a hearing in Toronto conducted by Brian O'Neill, NHL executive vice president of the NHL.

O'Neill reviewed videotapes of the incident as well as reports from the game officials at a hearing Monday in Toronto at the office of referee-in-chief Scott Morrison.

Morrison, referee Andy van Hellemond, Hodges, Punch Imlach, the Sabres' general manager, and Korab were at the meeting along with O'Neill.

Korab, who will miss the Sabres' last three regular season games, was ejected after he shoved linesman Hodges three times in the game.

The incident took place after an altercation involving Korab and Toronto's Dave Williams at 13:31 of the middle session.

Korab knocked Hodges to the ice during the altercation, and after Hodges assessed him a misconduct penalty he showed the linesman a second time Hodges then called a game misconduct penalty and Korab showed Hodges a third time before being restrained by teammate Jim Schofield.

O'Neill said there was no justification any "track on an official."

His team drew eight minors over the first two periods and I feel young again," said McKenzie who ran his season total to 26 goals.

Centre Dave McKenzie now has 26 goals and 17 assists in 41 games.

Whalers coach Harry Neale said New England turned things around when they stopped taking "stupid" penalties.

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# 'WE'RE GETTING SET UP,' SAYS SAUTER

# Flyers furious over charges

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A fracas during a British Columbia Junior Hockey League game has turned into a criminal issue with legal authorities arresting an Abbotsford Flyers player.

Pat McGill, an 18-year-old left winger, was removed from the game and arrested on charges of third degree assault Sunday night during a game with Bellingham Blazers.

There had been a number of altercations in late-season and playoff games between the two teams, prompting Dave McEachern, Whatcom County prosecutor, to attend the game.

McGill was released on his own recognizance with a hearing set in Bellingham on Thursday.

Flyers coach Doug Sauter was irate over the charges. "I think we're getting set up down there," he said.

McGill gets charged for hitting a guy and one of their guys gives a two-handed slap right across the back of one of our players and doesn't get charged. Is that fair?"

Blazers owner Jarmo Salminen said he spoke via telephone following the game with BCHL commissioner Ernie McLean.

Salminen said McLean told him McGill would not be suspended and the league may banish Bellingham.

McLean confirmed in an interview in Vancouver that there would be no suspension of McGill and that the fighting major assessed by the referee was adequate.

The commissioner said that McEachern did nothing when Romeo Profeta of Bellingham slashed the Abbotsford player referred to by Sauter and received a five-minute penalty.

McKenzie scores three and feels young again

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Johnny McKenzie, a 40-year-old right winger who began his major-league hockey career 20 years ago, says he still has nights when he feels young again.

Monday night was one of those nights and McKenzie scored three goals to lead New England Whalers to an 8-3 win over Houston Aeros in the only scheduled World Hockey Association game.

"Our line's getting good, and I feel young again," said McKenzie who ran his season total to 26 goals.

McKenzie scored two of his goals and George Lyle accounted for a third before the game was eight minutes old.

A wild shootout ensued, as the Aeros rallied to a 5-5 tie at 1:58 of the final period, but New England regrouped, scoring three in quick succession to wrap up their third straight victory.

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# MAMMOTH OPENS WITH SLALOMS

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — Steve Mahre of White Pass, Wash., and Cindy Nelson of Lutsen, Minn., won men's and women's giant slalom, respectively, as the international spring series of skiing began Monday at Mammoth Mountain.

Each race was over a two-run course. The competition continues through Friday with slalom competition scheduled for today and Wednesday and giant slalom events scheduled again Thursday and Friday.

Mahre was timed at one minute, 52.28 seconds in winning Monday's men's giant slalom. His brother Phil was second in 1:52.42, followed by Jeff Bruce of Corning, N.Y. in 1:52.78.

Fourth was Gary Adgate of Boyne City, Mich. Canadians took the next four spots. Peter Monod of Banff, Alta., was fifth, Steve Fodorski of Toronto sixth, Kaymond Pratte of Nuranda, Que., seventh and John Hilland of Calgary eighth.

Ikuo Yamamoto of Japan was ninth and American Peter Dodge finished 10th.

International handicap for the race was 9.17 points.

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# Legion curling

REGINA (CP) — Thomas Hunter of Hudson, Que., and Mac Scates of Winnipeg each picked up two wins on the opening day of play in the Canadian Legion senior curling championship Monday.

Hunter opened with a 5-3 win over William Waller of Kamloops, B.C., and followed with a 12-7 decision over James Meltae of Yarmouth, N.S.

Scates battered Paul Jones of Moncton, N.B., 14-3 and edged Art Balliem of Charlottetown 6-4 in an extra end. Alberta finished the day in third spot with a 1-0 record, followed by P.E.I., Saskatchewan and British Columbia at 1-1.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had 0-2 records and Ontario was 0-1.

In other opening-round action on Tuesday morning, P.E.I. downed George Hobbins of Sutton, Ont., 7-6 in an extra end and Stu Werner of Indian Head, Sask., beat Nova Scotia 14-10. On the afternoon draw, Jim Walker of Beaver Lodge, Alta., crushed New Brunswick 12-1 and B.C. topped Saskatchewan 8-4.

Play continues until Friday.

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