

Calgary takes lead in junior A playoffs

CALGARY (CP) — Calgary Canucks struck for two power-play goals in the final five minutes to defeat Merritt Centennials 6-3 in the third game of the disputed Western Canada Centennial Cup hockey semi-final Tuesday. Dave Spence scored two Calgary goals with singles going to Robin Laycock, Kris Corbett and Brad Neufeld and Todd Scott.

Kelly Femer, Gary Strick and Bob Deschamps scored single goals for Merritt Centennials, British Columbia junior champions.

Calgary, which led 2-1 and 3-2 by periods, were outshot 37-21 but played a strong defensive game and capitalized on the two power-play goals to record their second win of the series, which faces an uncertain future.

Canucks lead the best-of-

seven series 2-1 with the remainder of the games to be played in Merritt starting Friday.

Canucks, champions of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL), were suspended from Centennial Cup play Sunday by the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association for playing a non-sportsmanlike game against Merritt.

DEFIED ASSOCIATION

Monday, the members of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association and played an inter-provincial game against Calgary.

The series between Calgary and Merritt has been billed as the Centennial Cup western semi-final but the president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) disagrees.

Gordon Renwick said

Tuesday Merritt was told that if they played Monday night their season would be suspended indefinitely.

"They can play all over Canada if they like, as far as I'm concerned, but it won't be for the Centennial Cup."

The affair started when the AAHA ruled the AJHL regulations could not compete with the Centennial Cup playoffs since the league shunned a ruling requiring referees to wear helmets.

Merritt's defeat Tuesday was triggered by some unruly behavior from the Merritt bench which resulted in two team penalties.

Spence scored his second goal with Canucks having a two-man advantage to clinch the contest.

Merritt took nine of 13 minor penalties with each team taking two majors.



TERRY EVANSHEN ... unemployed

Nobody wants Evanshen

TORONTO (CP) — Terry Evanshen wants to retire as the top pass receiver in Canadian Football League history.

"But it's unlikely the Montreal native will get an opportunity to achieve that goal. Evanshen, 33, has been unemployed since playing at the option year of his contract with Hamilton Tiger-Cats and becoming a free agent 10 days ago.

"He's anxious to continue his CFL career with Montreal Alouettes or Toronto Argonauts, but neither of those teams are interested."

"I'm the guy who released Evanshen three years ago, and he's always been a good player," said Toronto Argonauts coach George Young.

"My advice to Terry is to retire. Look what happened to Mike Eber last year."

Eber, long one of the league's premier pass catchers with Toronto Argonauts, last year was dropped twice by Toronto and Ottawa Rough Riders.

"In 12 seasons with Montreal, Calgary Stampeders and Hamilton, Evanshen has caught 570 passes."

Kimberley advances with win

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — Kimberley Dynamiters won the Western International Hockey League playoff title Tuesday night with a 6-3 victory over Spokane Flyers.

Kimberley took the best-of-seven final series 4-2 over the Flyers who won the Savage Cup last year.

Glen Walton led the Kimberley attack with two goals while singles went to Jim Cruise, Ken Ireland, Len Hicks and Dallas Ellerby. Don Borgeon, Peter Morris and Kirk Pyffe counted for the Flyers who led the league in regular-season play.

Kimberley advances against Drumheller Miners in the Western Canada Allan Cup semi-final which starts Friday night. All games in the best-of-five series against the Alberta club will be played here.

VEES WIN OPENER

PENITENTON, B.C. (CP) — Terry Olson scored on a 16-minute minor penalty time period Tuesday night to give Penitence Veez a 5-4 victory over Kamloops Blazers in the opening game of their best-of-seven British Columbia Junior Hockey League semi-final series.

Olson took possession of the puck in a scramble in front of the Kamloops net and backhanded a shot past goaltender Blair McKee.

The Chiefs trailed 4-3 after two periods, but Mike Mestic scored on a power play midway through the third frame to send the game into overtime.

Kevin Maxwell paced the Vees with three goals, including one on a penalty shot, while Cary Eades was the other marksmen. Pete Gertinger, with two goals, and Murray Matheson completed the Kamloops scoring.

Penitence outshot the visitors 48-38. The teams split 10 minor penalties and two majors.

"Next game in the series is Thursday night in Kamloops. The other semi-final begins tonight, with Bellingham Blazers at Nanaimo Clippers."

Spinks and Ali meet Sept. 15

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Heavyweight champion Leon Spinks and former champ Muhammad Ali signed Tuesday to fight again for the title Sept. 15 and they were obviously elated over the prospect of additional wealth.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Spinks came closest to revealing the financial deal "Santa Claus," he said.

"He also had a quick response when a reporter asked who would get the larger share of the purse: 'Uncle Sam.'"

Promoters expect a \$5 million gate from the sale of 80,000 seats in the Superdome.

The bidding for television rights started at \$7 million, said Bob Arum, head of Top Rank Inc., which holds the exclusive rights to the match. Butch Lewis, vice-president of Top Rank, said two networks were still in the bidding, but he wouldn't say which or how high the bids had gone.

Tuesday's news conference — at which a signing of the contract was announced — was delayed first by a move to a larger room, then by the tardiness of Spinks.

After about 30 minutes of waiting, Ali said: "One thing I always tried to do when I was champ, I always tried to be on time."

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL ROUND-UP

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	2	1	.667	1/2
Philadelphia	1	2	.500	1
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1
St. Louis	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	2	2	.500	1
Montreal	1	2	.333	2 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Milwaukee	4	0	1.000	0
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1 1/2
St. Paul	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	2 1/2
Boston	1	2	.333	2 1/2
Baltimore	0	4	.000	4

Tuesday Results

Chicago 9 New York 6
San Diego 3 Atlanta 2
San Francisco 3 Cincinnati 2
Houston 10 Los Angeles 7
Montreal at Philadelphia p.p.d. rsn.

Today's Probable Pitchers

Chicago (Burris 0-0) at New York (Espinoza 0-0)
San Diego (Perry 0-0) at Philadelphia (Rutledge 0-1)
San Francisco (Blue 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bonham 1-0)
Los Angeles (Sutton 1-0) at Houston (Niery 0-1)
Pittsburgh (Candrea 1-0) at St. Louis (Forsyth 1-0)

Tuesday Results

Chicago 9 Toronto 6
Milwaukee 9 New York 6
Detroit 3 Philadelphia 1
Oakland 2 Seattle 0
Minnesota 3 California 1

Today's Probable Pitchers

Boston (Torrez 0-0) at Cleveland (Gardner 0-0 or Wertz 0-0)
Toronto (Lemanczyk 0-1) at Chicago (Stroh 0-1)
New York (Holtzman 0-1) at Kansas (Hays 1-0)
Baltimore (Flanagan 0-1) at Milwaukee (Hendry 1-0) at Texas (Matack 1-0)
Seattle (Honeycutt 1-0) at Oakland (Krogh 0-0)
Minnesota (Teeters 0-1) at California (Tanna 1-0)

Flyers edge Rockies, Leafs hammer Kings

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Colorado Rockies produced one of their surprises in opening games of the National Hockey League playoffs Tuesday night, forcing Philadelphia Flyers into overtime, but came up empty.

"We work 60 minutes and get nothing," said crestfallen rookie defenseman Harry Howell after the Flyers' Mel Bridgman jammed his own rebound past Doug Favell just before the end of a 3-2 victory in the first game of the best-of-three preliminary round series.

"Maybe it was a confidence builder for the team," said Beck, "but it's a letdown for me."

The Rockies, who won less than half as many games as the Flyers during the season, were underdogs going into Philadelphia.

"This game was a pay-off, tactical test for us, and I think we passed," said coach Pat Kelly of the Rockies who was at home to the Flyers for the second game Thursday night.

Other surprises Thursday night were provided by Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs. The Wings scored a 6-3 win over Atlanta Flames who had been slight favorites after a strong season finish. And the Leafs, who won only two of five

games against Los Angeles during the season, easily beat the Kings 7-3.

SABRES IN FORM

The only result that ran to form was Buffalo Sabres 4-1 win over New York Rangers. All three best of three series resume Thursday night, with Tuesday night's visiting teams becoming the home teams.

At Philadelphia, Rick MacLeish gave the Flyers the lead just outside the first period but the Rockies tied it up six minutes later on a goal by Denis Dupere.

Philadelphia centre Bobby Clarke slipped the puck under Favell from just outside the crease with 28 seconds left in the second period, but the Rockies again fought back to tie it at 1-1 at the third period.

Center Vaclav Nedomansky had a goal and two assists in the three-goal first-period outburst that helped the Red Wings beat the Flames in Atlanta.

USED POWER PLAY

Detroit, in its first playoff since 1970, got power-play goals from Dale McCourt, Errol Thompson and Nedomansky in the first eight minutes and Dennis Hextall added a short-handed goal for a 4-0 lead at Atlanta.

George Ferguson, who scored just seven goals in the regular season, scored three

in the third period to tie a Stanley Cup record and carry Toronto past Los Angeles.

Ten other players have scored three goals in one playoff period, the last being Bobby Schmautz of the Boston Bruins, who did it in the first period against Los Angeles exactly a year ago.

"It's a miracle," said coach Ron Stewart of the Kings. "They played well and we didn't. That's all I have to say."

Ferguson's first two goals coasted the Maple Leafs to a 6-0 before Pete Skemkowski connected for Los Angeles.

JOURNEMEN SHINE

Ferguson's sniping was typical of the work of several Leafs journeymen who had been inconspicuous during the season. Jerry Butler, a nine-goal scorer during the season, had a goal and an assist, and Stan Weir, a 12-goal man, also scored.

Utility forward Jimmy Jones, a penalty killer most of the season, had two assists and provided an effective job of shadowing Kings star centre Marcel Dionne.

Buffalo got goals from Rick Martin, Gil Perreault, Gary McAdam and Jocelyn Guevremont to leave the Rangers one loss away from elimination.

"They played a good game," said Buffalo defenseman Jerry Korab. "But you know and I know that we've got the better team, and I think they know it. They played their best, but when we play well, their best isn't good enough."

Smith captures netminding award

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — New England Whalers were looking ahead to the opener of the World Hockey Association quarter-final playoffs. But goalie Al Smith had \$2,000 on his mind.

That was the prize for holding Indianapolis Racers to three goals in the WHA's final regular season contest with the Whalers Tuesday night. He managed it, just, with the Whalers taking a 6-3 victory over the last place Racers.

Smith earned the Ben Haskin goaltending award and the \$2,000 for himself and fellow Whalers goalie Louis Levesaur.

"The \$2,000 is a lot of

dough," said Smith after the victory. "I was worried about goofing it up, not only for me and my family, but for Louis as well."

After Indianapolis scored its third goal in the third period, Smith thought he saw the award money slipping away.

"I thought there was no way we were going to win the award," said Smith. "You can't shine a sneaker."

Steve Carlson's two goals and an assist paced the Whalers to the victory, which also saw Gordie Howe break a team record by picking up his 82nd assist. Two Whalers joined the 30-goal club, Mark Howe in the first period and George Lyle in the third.

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