



OFF TO RENO

Alley Opa, who bowled in the Friday night Forrester League, won the Team Bowl and a trip to Reno on Sunday, at Lincoln Lanes.

The five-man team averaged 462 pins over average. From left are Dennis Croshaw, Sue Randall, Martin Randall, Ariene Milliken and Ken

Milliken. Mission Impossible finished second while Captain Crunch placed third. Alley Opa leaves for Reno, by bus, on June 11.

Leafs play without veterans

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Toronto Maple Leafs have been fortunate that some of their journeymen have carried a big share of the load so far in the Stanley Cup playoffs and now their continued success will depend even more on the lesser lights. With the loss of star defenseman Borje Sjolmning with a facial injury, the Leafs will be looking even more to players such as young Randy Carlyle and veteran Mike Pelky to fill in on defence while the likes of Jack Valiquette, George Ferguson and Stan Weir will need to keep up their occasional mopping up front.

The Leafs depended heavily on 40 goal scorer Larry Sittler and Lanny McDonald during the regular season while Ferguson had only seven goals. Valiquette eight and Weir 12 in the playoffs. Ferguson scored three goals in the game of the preliminary round against Los Angeles Kings and Sunday night. Valiquette set up goals by Saiming and Stan Weir in a win that set the best-of-seven quarter-final series against New York Islanders at 2-2.

"Valiquette has played exceptionally well in this series," said Leafs coach Roger Neilson. "Any time he's been on the ice, he's been very effective."

OUT TEN DAYS
The Leafs go back to Uniondale, N.Y. for the first game tonight without Saiming, their all-star defenceman, who was ruled out of action for 10 days by the injury suffered in Sunday's game.

Saiming suffered a gash over the right eye and a broken nose and was taken to hospital where he is to remain for a week.
Neilson said defencemen Ian Turnbull and Brian (Blunt) Glennie will get more ice time while rookie Trevor Johnson will continue regular shifts with Turnbull. Carlyle, who has been on the bench, and Pelky, will be rotated.

"Any time you lose a great player it's bound to have a psychological effect," said Neilson. "I just hope the guys come up big."
The rookie Leafs coach said his team plans to keep up the heavy hitting which he believes has been effective so far against the Islanders.
"We've said all along we were going to outfit them, which we have. They're a good team not to fight back. I was hoping they would because the toughest series in this series is, the better chance we have to win."

COULD END TONIGHT
Elsewhere, Philadelphia Flyers and Montreal Canadiens can wrap up their quarter-finals tonight.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BALL ROUND-UP

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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Team	W	L	Pct	GBL
Detroit	10	3	.769	1
Boston	10	5	.667	1
Milwaukee	9	7	.563	3
New York	8	8	.500	4
Cleveland	6	7	.462	6
Baltimore	5	10	.333	9
Toronto	5	10	.333	9

West

Kansas City	11	2	.846	1
Oakland	11	3	.786	1
California	10	5	.667	2
Chicago	5	8	.385	7
Minnesota	5	11	.313	8
Seattle	4	14	.222	11
Texas	3	10	.231	12

Monday Results
Cleveland 2 Toronto 2
Detroit 4 Chicago 2
New York 8 Baltimore 2
Kansas City 4 Texas 3
Minnesota at Oakland, p.m.

Seattle 6 California 5
Today's Probable Pitchers
Cleveland (Garland 12) at Toronto (Gavvin 10) 4 p.m.
Boston (Lee 12) at Milwaukee (Laurie 11) 6 p.m.
New York (Beattie 9) at Baltimore (Palmer 10) 7:30 p.m.

Detroit (Morris 0) at Redwood 10) at Chicago (Barriss 11) 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City (Lyonard 7) at Texas (Jenkins 11) 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Zahn 10) and Detroit 0) at Oakland (Broderick 7) 9 p.m.
Seattle (McCoolen 9) at California (Brett 9) 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday Games
Detroit at Chicago

Veas quit series: protest Nanaimo 'animal tactics'

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Pentiction Veas pulled out of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League final series with Nanaimo Clippers Monday, saying the Clippers are violent and dangerous to play.

The Veas left here 90 minutes before the fourth game of the best-of-seven series was to start, and about 800 fans and the Clippers turned up at the arena before the game was cancelled.

Nanaimo was leading the tier-two junior series 2-1, and BCJHL president Ernie McLean said a decision will be made today on the status of the teams and the series.

Pentiction quit the series following a game Sunday that was delayed 55 minutes by a bench-clearing brawl 28 seconds into the game. Howie Walker of Pentiction was given a match penalty for striking a line-man, who left the game complaining of dizziness.

Brent Bourne of the Veas received five stitches to the face after he was struck with a hockey stick wielded by a Nanaimo player outside his dressing room before the game started.

Police laid no charges following the game.

We are the toughest hockey club in the junior league, bar none," said McNabb. "We live by it and we will die by it."

"They haven't got the guts," he said of the Veas.

McNabb offered to continue the remainder of the series in Pentiction. He said he tried to talk to Martin about the situation, but the Veas coach refused.

During the series, Nanaimo was given 37 of 75 minor penalties, 11 of 22 major, seven of 11 misconducts, three of five game misconducts and one of two match penalties. McNabb said his club will lose at least 16,000 through lost gate receipts for the remainder of the series, and said he has already consulted his lawyer about taking legal action against the Veas.

Team Canada — fast and big

By MEL SUFRIN
The Sports Editor

PRAGUE (CP) — Speed and youthful stamina are supposed to be the hallmarks of Team Canada '78 but you can't overlook size in assessing the club's prospects as it prepares for the world hockey championship.

It's especially true of the six-man defence, five of whose members stand six feet or taller. And although newcomer Dennis Keane of Vancouver Canucks is relatively short at five-eight, he packs a lot of muscle into his ample 185 pounds.

The biggest man on the Canadian team is Pat Ribble of Atlanta Flames who stands six-four and weighs 210. Teammate David Shand is six-two and 220. Brad Maxwell of Minnesota North Stars six-one and 184. Bob Picard of Washington Capitals six-two and 211, and Rick Hampton of Cleveland Barons six feet and 180.

Except for Keane, who is 30, all are in their early 20s. Rookies Maxwell and Picard are 20. Hampton and Shand 21 and Ribble will turn 24 on Wednesday.

There has been some concern that lack of experience might hurt the defence but it hasn't been apparent except in Sunday's 3-3 tie with the

Czechoslovakia B team in which the players had some problems in situations where three skaters were defending against four.

They were remarkably disciplined in two wins over the Swedish national team and the 8-2 victory over the defending champion, Czechoslovakia A team on Saturday.

"The defencemen have played pretty well," said head coach Harry Howell, a former National Hockey League star at that position himself. "But they are still learning the tricks of playing on the wider European ice surface."

"They're backing up a little too soon when the other team gets possession in its own end. The opposing players start to come out and if the path isn't clear they circle back into their own end."

"We have to learn that as soon as they turn back we've got to move up to their blue line and start again. But if you've already given them 16 feet when they start coming out a second time, we can't challenge them until we're 10 feet inside our blue line."

The Canadians who open against Finland on Thursday, tried to practice the manoeuvre on Monday but were hampered by poor ice in an ancient arena in which they had to work out.

HOLD MEETING
Veas coach Terry Martin said the players met for six hours with no team officials present before deciding to quit the series. He said the players wanted to bring the violence to the attention of the league. They felt it would be forgotten if they complained at the end of the final.

"We understand that part of hockey includes fighting, rough boys' contact and a degree of intimidation," said Martin. "But we cannot condone the animal tactics of the Nanaimo Clippers hockey club."

Cliff McNabb, Nanaimo's general manager, said his team played a rough brand of hockey but added the Clippers paid for their style through penalties and injuries.



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