

Veeps default BCJHL finals

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers have been awarded the British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoff championship league champion Ernie McLean said Tuesday.

The decision was made after Penitence Veeps pulled out of the best-of-seven final series with Nanaimo after three games, saying the Clippers were too violent and dangerous to play. Nanaimo is leading the league.

McLean said the problem was not covered under any league regulations or bylaws, but in that situation the chairman can make a binding decision. He said the series will be considered a best-of-three with Nanaimo winning 2-1.

"Penitence is a whipped hockey club," said McLean, after meeting with owners and management in Vancouver Tuesday. "The boys are down on everything to do with the game."

He said that considering the Veeps were hurt or disabled, "if any player was hurt or disabled, we'd have to on our conscience for the rest of our days."

"I don't condone Penitence's actions," he said, "but I feel the black eye for the British Columbia Junior Hockey League and there will be other girls."

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MERRITT HOSTS PRINCE ALBERT

OTTAWA (CP) — The western final of the Centennial Cup will begin Thursday with the Merritt, B.C. Centennialis playing host to Prince Albert, Sask., Raiders, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association announced Tuesday.

The site of the remaining games will depend on the outcome of the first two games. A Merritt sweep will see the best-of-seven series move to the Saakatchewan city for the final games. But a split will result in a third match in Merritt before the series moves east.

The Saskatchewan games are scheduled for April 30, May 1-2, May 4, May 6. The April 30th game would be dropped if a third game is played in Merritt.

CAHA President Gordon Renwick denied reports the final series was abandoned. The B.C. club has sent Renwick a telegram saying it will play.

The team was suspended by the provincial hockey federation for playing Calgary Canucks in a Centennial Cup preliminary. The Canucks were suspended by the Alberta hockey federation because referees had refused to wear helmets.

Merritt obtained a court injunction last Friday to allow it to continue in the Centennial Cup, the national championship for tier-two junior teams.

Red Wings and Sabres out of NHL playoffs

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Montreal Canadiens beat Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Tuesday night for a 4-1 win in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup quarter-final series, spelling the bitter end to an extremely sweet National Hockey League season for Detroit.



BOB NYSTROM ... in action for the Flyers.

This year saw the Red Wings win 18 more games than the last, lose 21 fewer, improve offensively and defensively, and make the playoffs for the first time in eight seasons.

The record book does not have time for such things, but Detroit coach Bobby Kromm had time to tell anyone who would listen.

"We accomplished a lot of things this season which people did not think we would do," he said. "We surprised a lot of people around the NHL and probably ourselves. We gave the Canadians everything they could handle and I think they would be the first to admit that."

Philadelphia Flyers also wrapped up their quarter-final with Buffalo, beating the Sabres 4-1. In the other quarter-final game Tuesday night, Bob Nystrom's goal at 8:02 of overtime gave New York Islanders a 2-1 triumph over Toronto Maple Leafs and a 3-2 lead in the series.

HAD HANDS FULL. "We certainly had our hands full right to the end," said Montreal's Doug Jarvis, whose third-period goals paced the Canadiens' triumph.

"We could have won the game as well as the Canadiens," claimed Kromm. "We had as much right to win the game as Montreal did. We had the chances and it just wasn't there."

Rejean Houle took a pass from Bob Geimey and sent a 20-foot shot between the pads of Detroit goalie Ron Low just 20 seconds into the game. Vaclav Nedomany brought the Red Wings even with his third goal of the playoffs at 8:40, but Guy Lapointe potted the rebound of a Steve Shutt shot 1:29 later for a 2-1 Montreal lead.

Dennis Polonich gave Detroit a tie at 4:40 of the second period and that's the way it stayed until Jarvis scored his third-period goal, just 14 seconds after making a mistake that resulted in a Buffalo goal. Philadelphia right winger Paul Holmgren snapped a tie and sent the Flyers to their series-clinching victory over the Sabres.

Holmgren's flip pass from behind the net hit the stick of Buffalo's Gil Perreault and deflected to the Sabres' Terry Martin, who scored from 10 feet.

Don Saleski added a third-period score for the Flyers' second series triumph in two post-season meetings with the Sabres. The other time the team met, the Flyers won in six games to take the 1975 Stanley Cup.

Nystrom, who had four goals in his 42 playoff games prior to the series against Toronto, capped a long dash by scoring his third of the set to give New York its second overtime triumph of the series.

He picked up the puck at the Detroit ice in his own end, rushed up circle, faked past defenseman Brian Guite at the Toronto blue line and blasted a 20-foot shot past Mike Palmateer.

The goal could not blemish the phenomenal performance Palmateer had turned in. The Islanders took 10 shots—more than half from five feet or less—during a power play lasting three minutes and 14 seconds late in the third period, and Palmateer flipped, dived, lunged and kicked to stop them all.

NHL TOP TEN
 BY THE CANADIAN PRESS
 National Hockey League play-off scoring leaders after games Tuesday.

Player	Goals	Points
MacLean, Phil	5	11
Gare, Bob	4	7
Ortiz, Bob	4	8
McNab, Bob	3	5
Turnbull, Tor	3	8
Nedomany, Det	3	8
Lafleur, Phil	2	6
Robinson, Phil	1	8
Shutt, Phil	1	7
Park, Bob	1	7

Five Alexanders return for crack at Allan Cup

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP) — Spokane Flyers in five games in the 1977 championship series. But the roster of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A champs, who beat St. John's, Nfld., Blue Caps 3-1 in the Eastern Canada final, features eight former big leaguers.

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The Alexanders only have players returning from last year's lineup, which best

Hospital flooded by well-wishers

TORONTO (CP) — The staff at Wellesley Hospital has no idea how popular Borje Salming was until the Toronto Maple Leafs' defenceman came in with a facial injury and was quickly deluged by get well cards, candy, flowers, stuffed animals and other gifts.

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World hockey schedule released

PRAGUE (CP) — The schedule for the 1978 world hockey championship is as follows:

April 26—Sweden vs West Germany, Soviet Union vs U.S.

April 27—Czechoslovakia vs Finland, West Germany vs Soviet Union, U.S. vs Sweden

April 28—Czechoslovakia vs East Germany

April 29—Czechoslovakia vs West Germany, Soviet Union vs East Germany

April 30—Soviet Union vs Finland, Canada vs U.S.

May 1—West Germany vs Soviet Union, West Germany vs Canada

May 2—U.S. vs Czechoslovakia, Finland vs Sweden

May 3—Czechoslovakia vs Germany, Finland vs East Germany

May 4—Sweden vs Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia vs Canada

May 5—West Germany vs Finland, East Germany vs U.S.

May 6—Soviet Union vs Czechoslovakia

May 7—West Germany vs East Germany, Finland vs U.S.

May 8—Czechoslovakia vs Sweden, Soviet Union vs Canada

The top four teams will play in the championship round; the bottom four, in the consolation round as follows:

Tue. May 3—U.S. vs 8, 6 vs 7

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AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Team	W-L-Pct	Team	W-L-Pct
Detroit	11 5 688 1	Montreal	11 5 688 1
Boston	8 8 500 4	Philadelphia	7 6 528 11
Milwaukee	8 8 500 4	Pittsburgh	7 6 528 11
New York	8 8 500 4	Chicago	6 8 500 11 1/2
Cleveland	5 11 313 7	St. Louis	6 10 375 11 1/2
Baltimore	5 11 313 7	Los Angeles	5 11 313 7
Toronto	5 11 313 7	Cincinnati	4 11 250 13
Dakota	13 3 810	San Francisco	3 9 400 13 1/2
Kansas City	11 5 688 2	Atlanta	4 11 250 13
California	11 5 688 2	Houston	4 11 250 13
Chicago	5 11 313 7	Oakland	4 11 250 13
Minnesota	6 12 333 8	Texas	4 11 250 13
Seattle	6 12 333 8	Seattle	4 11 250 13
Texas	4 11 250 13	Texas	4 11 250 13

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