Flyers, Kings combine for 372 penalty minutes

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Comedian Rodney Dangerfield's one-liner "I went to a fight last night and a hockey game broke out" became reality during a National Hockey League match Sunday night.

NHL Standings

Wales Conference	W	L	T	F	A	P
Norris Division						
Montreal	44	13	9	287	170	97
Los Angeles	29	30	9	244	247	67
Pittsburgh	28	28	9	223	238	65
Washington	28	31	4	235	284	54
Detroit	15	35	15	210	250	45
Adams Division						
Boston	37	18	12	268	214	86
Buffalo	28	24	14	224	219	70
Toronto	29	27	11	219	207	69
Minnesota	24	31	11	219	229	59
Campbell Conference						
Patrick Division						
Islanders	41	13	12	299	178	94
Rangers	37	21	8	272	224	82
Atlanta	26	24	7	277	236	79
Phila	30	22	14	221	203	74
Smythe Division						
Chicago	25	29	12	202	235	62
Vancouver	19	38	10	187	258	48
St. Louis	17	41	9	215	294	43
Colorado	14	46	8	180	291	36

Ten NHL penalty records were established in the game between Philadelphia Flyers and Los Angeles Kings which the Flyers won 6-3.

Los Angeles coach Bob Berry called the game "a disgrace".

Referee Wally Harris assessed 372 minutes in penalties in the first period against the two teams, with 290 of those coming at the 20-minute mark when a 12-minute fight broke out before the teams left the ice.

Marcel Dionne of the Kings, one of the classiest players in the league who scored his 50th goal of the season for the second time in his eight-year NHL career, said the fight was disgusting.

"We just learned a lesson from the Russians," he said of the Challenge Cup series, which the Russians dominated through skating and skill. "And you think this helps hockey in the United States? No way.

"It gets worse every year. There's nothing wrong with good hard hitting. What you see today is a lot of cross-checking and high-sticking. It's the attitude around the league. They're drafting kids who fight but can't play. I score 50 goals and then I see guys who score four goals and get 300 penalty minutes."

In other NHL games Sunday, New York Islanders tied Boston Bruins 4-4, Buffalo Sabres clobbered Atlanta Flames 9-4, New York Rangers defeated Chicago Black Hawks 5-2, St. Louis Blues pounded Minnesota North Stars 8-2, Toronto Maple Leafs blanked Pittsburgh Penguins 4-0 and Washington Capitals and Detroit Red Wings played to a 3-3 tie.

In Saturday's games, Toronto downed Los Angeles 9-4, the Rangers upset Montreal Canadiens 6-3, the Islanders beat Chicago 7-1, Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia 3-2, Washington downed St. Louis 7-5, Colorado Rockies defeated Vancouver Canucks 3-1, Boston shaded Minnesota 4-3 and Buffalo tied Atlanta 5-5.

The first-period raucus all began when Randy Holt and the Flyers' Frank Bathe, who got 45 minutes in penalties, squared off at 14:58, each getting double majors and misconducts. At 18:20, Kings left winger Bert Wilson and Flyers defenceman Behn Wilson started scrapping and both were assessed minors and majors. The Flyers' Paul Holmgren got a two-minute charging penalty 32 seconds later.

Words were exchanged in the penalty box between the five players and when the period ended, Mel Bridgman of the Flyers and Los Angeles's Steve Jensen started swinging.

That's all that was needed to set off the full-scale brawl.

PLAYERS EJECTED

For Los Angeles, Holt, Jensen, Bert Wilson, Dave Taylor and Mark Heaslip were ejected, while Philadelphia lost Bathe, Wilson, Bridgman, Holmgren and Bob Kelly.

Bathe, Jensen, Bridgman and Holmgren received double game misconducts.

Holt's 67 minutes included three fighting majors, two misconducts, a triple-game misconduct and a two-minute unsitting penalty. His 10 penalties set a record for most by one player in a single period and a single game, and the most penalty minutes by one player in both a single period and a game, 48.

Jim Dorey of Toronto Maple Leafs and Dave Schultz, then a member of the Flyers, jointly held the previous record for most penalties in a game with nine each, while Dorey's 48 minutes was the old mark for most penalty minutes. The previous two single-period highs were also held by Dorey, with seven penalties and 44 penalty minutes.

The other records set, with the previous marks in parentheses, were:

Most penalties, both teams, one game: 54 (48, Toronto, Detroit).

Most penalty minutes, both teams, one game: 380 (256, New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues).

Most penalty minutes, one team, one game: Philadelphia, 194 (Philadelphia 144);

Most penalties, both teams, one period: 50 (31, New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues);

Most penalty minutes, both teams, one period: 372 (196, New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues).

Most penalty minutes, one team, one period: Philadelphia, 188 (Philadelphia, 114).

TOTAL NOW 369

Holt, a 26-year-old defenceman, now has 369 penalty minutes this season.

PETE MAHOVLICH
. . . 53 points

Shoulder sidelines Mahovlich

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pete Mahovlich, the Pittsburgh Penguins' leading scorer, will be sidelined the remainder of the regular National Hockey League season with a left shoulder separation, a team spokesman said Sunday.

Mahovlich, 32 sustained the injury Saturday night in Pittsburgh's 3-2 victory over Philadelphia Flyers.

The veteran centre, who scored Pittsburgh's first goal in the game, was injured when he was checked into the boards in the first period by rookie Ken Linesman of Philadelphia.

Mahovlich led Pittsburgh with 53 points in 60 games.

The team spokesman said Mahovlich would undergo surgery and be out of action four to six weeks. His status for the playoffs was uncertain.

Men's curling finals attract record crowds

OTTAWA (CP) — Although Barry Fry and his Manitoba rink clinched the title before the final draw, the Canadian men's curling championship ended its 50th year with a record paid attendance under a system that will disappear in 1980.

There will be a new sponsor for the 51st round-robin tournament in Calgary and a format that will involve the top three rinks in playoffs to decide the eventual national champion.

Fry — a rookie in the 1979 competition at the Ottawa Civic Centre where 89,081 fans watched the week-long event, breaking the previous record of 63,851 set last year in Vancouver — won the crown Friday night.

He came back in the final round Saturday to beat Quebec's Jim Ursel 7-2 to finish the 12-rink championship with a 10-1 record. Northern Ontario's Larry Pineau of Thunder Bay and Saskatchewan's Rick Folk of Saskatoon shared second, both at 8-3.

In next year's tournament, scheduled for March 2-9, the second-and third-place finishers will play off for the right to meet the first-place team.

Fry and third Bill Carey, second Gordon Sparkes and lead Bryan Wood go after the world title March 26-31 in Berne, Switzerland. Canada hasn't finished first in that event since 1972 when Orest Meleschuk of Winnipeg was the winner.

The 1979 tournament was the last under the sponsorship of Macdonald Tobacco Co. The next sponsors, Labatt Breweries of Canada Ltd., stepped into the picture Saturday night when, for the first time in the history of the sport, the draw was made a year in advance for the 51st championship.

The new draw gives a bye to Ontario and Quebec in the opening round with P.E.I. meeting New Brunswick, B.C. playing Alberta, Saskatchewan against Newfoundland, the Territories playing Manitoba and Nova Scotia going against Northern Ontario.

RICK FOLK
. . . second

In this year's championship, Alberta's Paul Devlin of Edmonton, Ontario's Bob Fedosa of Pickering and Prince Edward Island's Wayne Matheson of Charlettetown wound up with 6-5 records.

Glen Pierce, skip of the British Columbia rink from Vancouver, and Quebec finished at 5-6.

Nova Scotia's Alan Darragh of Dartmouth was 4-7, while New Brunswick's Richard Belyea of Saint John and Newfoundland's Jeff Thomas of St. John's were 3-8. Don Strang, skip of the Territories rink from Yellowknife, was 2-9.

Saskatchewan won its final-round game Saturday, defeating Ontario 7-4, while Alberta beat the Territories 8-4, B.C. nipped P.E.I. 5-4 and New Brunswick topped Newfoundland 5-2. Northern Ontario and Nova Scotia had byes.

WOOD SUCCESSFUL

Besides Fry, Carey and Sparkes were rookies in the Canadian championship. It was the fifth appearance for Wood, who helped Don Duguid and his Winnipeg rink win the Canadian and world titles in 1970 and 1971.

Fry, who won the Manitoba provincial playoffs in his 13th attempt, Carey and Wood were named to the first all-star team by the Canadian Curling Reporters, with George Campbell of Northern Ontario taking the second position. Sparkes was selected as the best second on the second squad.

Saskatchewan handed Manitoba its only loss, a 7-3 decision in the seventh round, then Fry beat Ontario, Nova Scotia, Alberta, P.E.I. and Quebec to win the crown.

Fry said the loss to Folk and his Saskatoon rink was the turning point.

"I guess I can attribute the loss to Rick Folk for getting us off our rear-ends and get moving," Fry said.

OTTAWA (CP) — Standings in the Canadian men's curling championship after Saturday's thirteenth and final round

	W	L
Manitoba	10	1
Northern Ontario	8	3
Saskatchewan	8	3
Ontario	6	5
P.E.I.	6	5
Alberta	6	5
Quebec	5	6
British Columbia	5	6
Nova Scotia	4	7
Newfoundland	3	8
New Brunswick	3	8
Territories	2	9

Edmonton foursome wins opening match

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — Darren Fish wasn't sure what sort of reception his rink would get when it paraded on to the ice at the opening ceremonies of the world junior curling championships Sunday.

His last appearance in this southern Saskatchewan city last December — for an exhibition match — left an unfavorable impression when lead Barry Barker broke down a motel door and was removed as a member of Canada's world championship representative rink.

But the Edmonton skip didn't have to worry, as the 2,000 spectators seemed willing to let bygones be bygones. There was no booing as the Fish foursome marched in — and there was applause when Fish edged Norway's Sjur Loen 6-5 in a seesaw battle.

"Everybody backs a winner," said Fish, whose rink is defending the world title won last year in Switzerland by Calgary's Paul Gowsell, now over age.

In other games Sunday, Denmark's Tommy Stjerne downed Italy's Massimo Alvera 8-4, Switzerland's Eric Francois Rudolph got by Sweden's Tong Eng 8-7, France's Claude Peige clobbered Germany's Roland Jentsch 11-5, and Scotland's Andrew McQuistin edged the U.S. rink, skipped by Don Barcome of Grand Forks, N.D., 6-5 in an extra end.

The Canada-Norway match went down to the last rock as Fish scored a takeout in the final end to count one for the win. He purposely blanked the ninth end to have the hammer coming home.

Canada trailed by one in the sixth but counted two in the seventh with Loen tying the score again in the eighth.

The ice was keener and it forced Fish to depart from his come-around game and to begin hitting.

Barcome had to contend with faster ice, too, but couldn't get the edge on McQuistin. The Americans fell behind 3-1 after five ends but enjoyed a lead when they counted three in the sixth.

McQuistin then picked up two unanswered points and Barcome had to settle for a 10th-end tie to force the extra end.

It seemed Barcome would score and win, as McQuistin ran two consecutive rocks through the house. Barcome set up two front guards, and then threw two more in behind to lie two — but McQuistin wasn't finished.

"They peeled back the guards and I went to put up another guard and didn't make it," said Barcome. McQuistin took out Barcome's two now-open counters to score the win.

Nelson captures Inverrary tourney

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP)

The key to Larry Nelson's front-running, three-shot victory in the Jackie Gleason Inverrary golf tournament may have centred around a tactical decision made on the 11th hole of the final round.

"I had a perfect lie in the rough and 230 to the pin," Nelson said Sunday of the par-five hole. "I could have reached it. I also could have hit it in the water on the right. So I took out a six-iron, hit it up short, chipped up and made an easy 5.

"Two years ago I'd have gone for the green, hit it in the water and lost by two."

But Nelson, who said he played "the smartest four rounds of golf of my life," made no mistakes in the wind-raked final round, protected the four-stroke lead he had built through three rounds with a closing 71, and scored his first pro triumph by a comfortable three shots. He finished with a 274 total, 14 strokes under par on the 7,127-yard Inverrary Country Club course.

"Larry played a super round under the conditions," said Grier Jones, again a runner-up in this event and the only man able to keep Nelson in sight.

Jones, who lost to Jack Nicklaus's string of five consecutive birdies last year, trailed by six at the turn and played his back side in 33. It wasn't good enough. He finished with a 70 and a 277 total, three back.

It was three more strokes back to Hale Irwin, third for the second week in a row, at 73-280. He was followed by Lee Elder and Tommy Aaron at 281. Elder birdied the last hole for a 70 and Aaron matched par 72. Ray Floyd was next at 74-282 and U.S. Open champ Andy North was 72-283.

Nicklaus, who had won three consecutive tournaments on this course, never challenged this time. He finished with a discouraging 74 and was 20 shots back at 294.

Nelson, 31, didn't take up golf until relatively late in life, 10 years ago. He found he had natural talent, quit his job as an illustrator for an aircraft manufacturer and went to work as an assistant golf pro. He joined the tour six years ago.

Quebec whipped by slumping Jets

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg Jets have been struggling, winning just three of their last 11 games.

WHA	W	L	T	F	A	P
Edmonton	36	23	7	250	195	74
Quebec	33	25	5	232	209	71
New Eng	30	24	8	241	219	68
Winnipeg	30	29	6	248	250	66
Cincin	26	32	6	220	230	58
Birming	24	33	5	224	248	53
Indianap	5	18	2	78	130	12
x-disbanded.						

But centre Terry Ruskowski thinks that's all history. Ruskowski scored two goals, as did Lyle Moffat, Sunday night when the Jets defeated Quebec Nordiques 7-2 in a World Hockey Association contest.

"The last couple of home games, things weren't going our way," Ruskowski said. "The pucks hit a crossbar, we'd get an opening and we couldn't hit the net. Nothing was working right for us.

"But tonight, everything went into place because we worked hard, checked hard," he continued. "It was just one of those games where everything worked out for us."

In other WHA games Sunday, Edmonton Oilers blanked Birmingham Bulls 4-0 and New England Whalers shaded Cincinnati Stingers 2-1.

In Saturday's lone game, Cincinnati defeated Quebec 5-2.

The victory left the Jets two points back of third-place New England. The Nordiques, playing their third game in as many nights, remain in second place, three points behind the league-leading Oilers.

Paul MacKinnon, Kent Nilsson and Morris Lukowich also scored for the Jets, and Winnipeg's Peter Sullivan added three assists.

Real Cloutier, the league's leading scorer, got his 83rd goal of the season for the Nordiques. Serge Bernier got the other Quebec goal.

Ruskowski also had some good words for Tom McVie, the Jets coach who now sports a 2-2 won-loss record with the club.

"I think he has the respect of all the players," he said. "He's worked up pretty hard in practice, but I think that's what we have to have from here in, to really be in top physical condition."

The Oilers finally opened some breathing room in the torrid WHA race.

Blair MacDonald scored two goals and Wayne Gretzky had three assists to pace Edmonton.

Goaltender Ed Mio celebrated his first start in a month with a shutout, turning back 24 shots, 15 in the first period.

Brett Callighen opened the scoring on a second-period power play. Dave Langevin scored the other Edmonton goal.

Mike Rogers and Warren McNeer each scored a goal and an assist for the Whalers.

Manitoba rink remains unbeaten

YORKTON, Sask. (CP) — Wanda Kirby's rink from Snow Lake, Man., was the only undefeated foursome Sunday after three rounds in the Canadian junior women's curling championship.

Kirby edged Karen Thorne of Grand Falls, Nfld., 7-6 in the third round for Manitoba's second straight victory.

Kirby moved into first place in the 11-rink round-robin tournament when Saskatchewan, skipped by Denise Wilson of Saskatoon, lost for the first time in the third round; 7-5 to Mary Matatall of Dartmouth, N.S.

In other third-round games Marilyn Lockhart of Roxboro, Que., beat Terry Stevens of Hay River, N.W.T., 8-7, Jennifer Scott of Montague, P.E.I., squeezed by Diana Smith of Kimberly, B.C., 6-5 and Wendy McCollough of Kingston, Ont., dumped Joy Mabey of Riverview, N.B., 10-4. Alberta, skipped by Sandra Knight of Calgary, had the bye.

The third-round decisions left Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec with 2-1 records. Alberta and Nova Scotia were at 1-1, New Brunswick and Newfoundland at 1-2 and the Northwest Territories was winless after three games.

Nova Scotia had the bye in the second round, in which Ontario beat the N.W.T. 8-3, Saskatchewan defeated P.E.I. 7-5, New Brunswick whipped Newfoundland 10-2, Manitoba hammered Alberta 9-0 and Quebec clipped B.C. 7-2.

In Saturday's first round Alberta nipped New Brunswick 6-5, B.C. polished off Ontario 8-2, Saskatchewan doubled Quebec 8-4, P.E.I. beat Nova Scotia 10-5 and Newfoundland outlasted the N.W.T. 10-7. Manitoba had the bye.

Two draws are scheduled today.

In the fourth round it's B.C. vs N.S., N.B. vs Quebec, Manitoba vs Ontario, Newfoundland vs Alberta and P.E.I. vs N.W.T. Saskatchewan has the bye.

Hawks nip Breakers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Perry Turnbull's 68th goal helped Portland Winter Hawks beat Seattle Breakers 5-4 Sunday in one of seven weekend Western Hockey League games.

Turnbull scored three goals Saturday, including the tying tally at 18:16 of the third period, as Portland drew 5-5 with Victoria Cougars.

In other games Sunday Brian Propp's three goals directed Brandon Wheat Kings past the Pats 7-3 in Regina. New Westminster Bruins scored four goals in the final 13 minutes to defeat the Cougars 7-3 in Vancouver, Brad Purpur scored twice to lead Calgary Wranglers to a 6-4 win over the Broncos in Lethbridge and the Blades scored five times in the third period to whip Edmonton Oil Kings 10-4 in Saskatoon.

Billings Bighorns scored three first-period goals and hung on to beat the Tigers 6-4 in Medicine Hat Saturday.

Centre Mike Toal's two third-period goals were the difference before 5,658 fans in Portland Sunday.

Birdie putt on 18th gives Lopez victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nancy Lopez sank a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th green to give her a one-stroke victory in the $100,000 Sunstar golf tournament Sunday, her first LPGA triumph of 1979.

Lopez, who won nine LPGA tournaments last year and earned a record $189,814, finished the final round with 69 for a 280 total, eight under par over the 6,268-yard, par-72 Rancho Park golf course.

Third-round leader Hollis Stacy, who missed an 18-foot putt for a birdie on the par-four, 18th hole in a bid to force a playoff, carded a 72 in the final round for a 281 total.

Lopez, 22, started the day two strokes behind Stacy but caught her with birdies on the eighth and ninth holes.

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