



334 YEARS YOUNG

In a friendly game this week at the Enderby Curling Club, a Vernon foursome with a total age

of 334, defeated a senior men's team. Members of the winning rink are from left, Stan Davis, 81, Noble

Torgerson, 85; Dr. Leon Courrier, 82. The losing foursome was skipped by

Stan Davis of Vernon. (Joan Bond Photo)

Blazers smoke Rockets

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (CP) - Customs problems and pre-game warmup Tuesday didn't bother Bellingham Blazers as they rolled over Kamloops Rockets 10-2 to take a 20 lead in their best-of-seven British Columbia Hockey League final series.

The game started 30 minutes late because the Blazers had to wait for their skates to arrive.

A team spokesman said the Blazers have their skates sharpened in White Rock, B.C., but this sometimes causes problems at the Canada-U.S. border - and Tuesday was one of those nights.

"Maybe the (customs agents) think we're smuggling skates," the spokesman said. "The Rockets got a chance to warm up, but the Blazers had to use the first period to warm up, as the teams played to a scoreless draw."

The Blazers then moved to a 5-0 lead in the second period. They scored six power-play goals during the game, including four in the final five minutes of the third period.

Bruce Harris and Jim Miller scored twice for Bellingham, while outshot Kamloops 41-16. Don Fraser, Kejo Tassula, Erud Pettinger, Bob Manning, Rob Atkinson and Don Hrechyk also added singles.

Al Radke and Walter Leskiv scored for Kamloops. The Blazers took 11 of 20 minor penalties; and four of nine fighting majors. Kamloops drew a game misconduct.

Next game is Thursday in Kamloops, with the fourth game there Friday.

WINS AT 87
Jockey Victor Lawson won his first race at Warwick, England, in 1973 at the age of 87.

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CAPS TIE RANGERS

Wings stretch win streak

By ED SIMON

The Canadian Press For Washington Capitals and Detroit Red Wings, their playoff chances barely detectable without the aid of a microscope, it's fun time in the National Hockey League.

All of a sudden, the Red Wings, last in the NHL's Norris Division and third last in the entire league, are riding a four-game winning streak.

And the Caps, barely ahead of Detroit, are stealing points from contending clubs that can ill afford to lose them.

Chicago Black Hawks, leaders of the Smythe Division, were Detroit's latest victims as the Red Wings defeated them 3-2 Tuesday night to sweep a home-and-

home series and extend Chicago's current string of losses to five.

And New York Rangers, fighting to stay ahead of Philadelphia and Atlanta in the battle for second place in the Patrick Division, needed a goal by Phil Esposito with five seconds remaining to salvage a 2-2 tie against the pesky Capitals.

Meanwhile Los Angeles Kings, one of the three teams still mathematically within range of the Wings and Caps, clambered a little closer to safety with a 4-3 victory over Atlanta Flames.

"This team still has a lot of heart and zeal," said Detroit coach Bobby Kromm as Detroit to sweep a home-and-

TIED MONTREAL

Hailed as a club with great potential when they beat Montreal Canadiens in their own rink before bowing to the Stanley Cup champions in the quarter-finals last spring, the Red Wings had given their fans little to cheer about until they went back to Montreal March 12, came away with a 3-2 tie and won their next four games.

The Black Hawks gave up three early goals, two by rookie Dan Labraaten, but threatened to tie the game until Reed Larson's empty-net goal nailed down the victory with less than a minute remaining.

The Capitals, who have never made the playoffs since they came into the league in 1974, have recently held Montreal to a 2-2 tie, damaged Minnesota's playoff hopes with a 4-4 victory and grabbed a point in Buffalo on Sunday night as the Sabres struggled to pull away from Toronto in their battle for second place in the Adams Division.

Bob Siro's power-play goal gave them the lead against the Rangers early in the second period but New York captain Dave Maloney tied it while his team was short-handed before the period ended.

ROOKIE DEFENCEMAN Lefif Svensson's restored Washington's lead midway through the third period but the Rangers pulled their goaltender when Rick Green was penalized at 18:44 and Esposito banged in the tying goal just before time ran out.

At Los Angeles, Dave Taylor's 40th goal of the year with less than four minutes remaining enabled the Kings to pull out the victory after

they blew a two-goal lead and fell behind 3-2 early in the second period. Randy Manery's 45-foot shot eluded Atlanta goaltender Dan Bouchard for the tying goal early in the third.

STANDINGS

NHL		W		L		T		P		A		P	
Norris Division													
Montreal	45	19	27	141	103								
Pittsburgh	31	28	10	245	247	72							
Los Angeles	31	30	10	254	254	72							
Washington	21	36	14	243	298	56							
Adams Division													
Boston	39	20	17	282	233	80							
Buffalo	30	25	15	238	232	62							
Toronto	30	30	11	231	225	71							
Minnesota	25	33	11	230	243	61							
Campbell Division													
Islanders	45	13	21	387	302								
Rangers	38	22	28	248	312								
Phila	34	27	14	240	213	82							
Atlanta	37	27	7	288	251	81							
Smythe Division													
Chicago	25	33	12	268	252	62							
Vancouver	21	42	10	198	273	52							
St. Louis	17	43	12	274	307	44							
Colorado	14	48	6	160	303	37							

Cloutier unreal

By THE CANADIAN PRESS New England Whalers eventually won the game 7-4 in overtime Tuesday night but goalie John Garrett was still shaking his head over the performance of Quebec right-winger Leif Cloutier.

"Every shot he takes is on the net," said Garrett, who has been around the World Hockey Association for seven years. "It's simply amazing."

"No matter what league he plays in, he'll be a great player. He's so young, yet so spectacular. He plays with such confidence."

At 22, Cloutier is completing his fifth and most productive season with the Nordiques. The three shots he had just put behind Garrett gave him 69 goals in 67 games, just eight short of the WHA record set by Bobby Hull with Winnipeg Jets in the 1974-75 season.

With their defeat, the second-place Nordiques dropped three points behind Edmonton Oilers, who romped to an 8-4 victory over the touring Finnish National B team in a game that counted in the WHA standings. Cincinnati Stingers defeated Birmingham Bulls 5-2 in a battle of tail-end teams.

MILLER WINS IT Warren Miller's second goal of the game at the 3:48 mark of the extra period eventually won the game for New England after Cloutier's third goal with less than two minutes remaining had sent it into overtime.

Mark Howe, shifted to defence from his regular left-wing spot four games ago by Whalers coach Bill Dineen, contributed a goal and three assists.

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