

Ontario team clinches crown

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — An Ontario rink is assured of winning the Canadian curling championship today, ending a 15-year domination of the title by western rinks.

However, with just one round remaining, it is not clear whether the Ontario foursome from Northern Ontario or Bob Widdi's Ontario quartet will take the championship back East.

Northern Ontario had the inside track after Thursday's two rounds, when Lund defeated Roger Goss of Prince Edward Island 8-5 and Ivan Christie of British Columbia 8-5 to move to the top of the standings with a 9-1 record.

Don Ross of the Territories came up with the upset of the day, knocking the Ontario rink out of first place.

Ontario recovered later to edge Brian Mackin of New Brunswick 7-5 in the 10th round to keep its playoff hopes alive.

Northern Ontario plays Lowell Goodale of British Columbia in today's final round and a victory for the Lund rink would make Ontario's match with Jim Burden of Newfoundland meaningless. However, a loss by Northern Ontario coupled with an Ontario victory would force a sudden-death playoff.

NO PRESSURE — Lund said Thursday his rink wasn't feeling any additional pressure heading into the final round.

"I don't think there's any extra pressure on us. We've had to win all of our games since early in the week."

Lund said play better under pressure. We needed a victory to qualify for the national championship and the Ontario team is finally coming together some early struggling.

"We curled really well today (Thursday). Those were probably our best two games of the week."

Lund said he had to curl a lot better than he did earlier, but he had to because Prince Edward Island and B.C. played very well against us.

Lyle Davis of Alberta continued to play well Thursday, but his lethargic rink has been unable to recover from two losses on Sunday.

TITLE HOPES DASHED — Alberta defeated Newfoundland 6-3 and Saskatchewan 6-3 for its seventh straight win in its last eight games, but saw its slim title hopes dashed by Northern Ontario's 10th round victory.

Showdown today for playoff bye

VICTORIA (CP) — Geoffrey Cunningham of Newfoundland met Warren Proctor of Saskatchewan today for the round robin title in the Canadian junior men's curling championship.

Proctor posted three victories Thursday to move to the top of the standings for the bye into the playoffs.

Mert Thompson of Winnipeg also won three games to take the favorite's role for the third and final berth in Saturday's playoff finale to determine the Canadian representative in the 1980 world junior championship in Kitchener, Ont.

Cunningham and Proctor today's play with 9-1 records while Thompson was 2-2. Still with a chance for a berth in its last eight games, but saw its slim title hopes dashed by Northern Ontario's 10th round victory.

Nicklaus returns to form

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — It was with definite sense of relief that Jack Nicklaus said "That's what I'd do tomorrow, but that's got to help a lot."

That's what I'd do tomorrow, but that's got to help a lot. Golf's greatest comeback story is probably the slowest start of his career. Fired five under-par on Thursday — his best round of the year and his first under-par effort in three weeks.

"I knew it would happen — I just didn't know when," said Nicklaus, defending champion in the \$40,000 Tournament Players Championship.

He was tied for second behind Kermit Zieglar who took advantage of ideal playing conditions to rip through Sawgrass with a course record matching 66 and establish the first round record Thursday.

Bump contest planned

The Great Labatt Ski Bump Contest will be held this weekend at Silver Star Mountain.

Registration Saturday is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the ski school office. Competition on the middle starts at 12:30 p.m.

The event is open to all skiers 19 and over. The format will be dual moguls on an intermediate run. CSA instructors will judge runs on style, turns, and control not speed.

Top 32 skiers from Saturday's qualifications compete in the final Sunday, on the Green Chair.

Practice runs start Sunday at 9 a.m. with competition at 12:30 p.m., and presentations at 4 p.m.

Prizes include Salomon 727 bindings and heel-kicking jacks.

B.C. RINK BEAT

PERTH, Scotland (CP) — Gaby Casanova of Switzerland took advantage of Canadian misfortune to defeat Lindsay Sparkes of North Vancouver, B.C., 6-3 and advance to the final of the women's world invitational curling championship.

The Canadians, who finished second in the round-robin portion of the country tournament, led 3-0 after four ends but fell apart in the next five ends.

The Swiss scored one, two, and three in the fifth and stole two in the sixth to tie the score. Then Casanova stole a single point in each of the seventh, eighth and ninth ends for the win, all set up by Canadian misses.

Holmes favored to win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — "Good luck to Ocasio," said Larry Holmes. "You need it," replied Larry Holmes. "Me no Jimmy Young."

Holmes is an overwhelming favorite to defend his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship tonight against Oscar, who will be trying for the big prize in only his 14th fight. His last two fights, decisions over the highly-regarded Young, earned Ocasio the WBC's No. 3 ranking and his title shot.

Third line leads attack

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ralph Anderson, Kevin Ginnell and Larry Doyle have been playing third fiddle as a line for Lethbridge Broncos. But they grabbed the limelight Thursday night, scoring five goals in the third period to give Lethbridge Broncos a 7-7 draw with Calgary Wranglers in a two Western Hockey League game.

Portland Winter Hawks clipped New Westminster Bruins 4-1 in the other contest. The Wranglers had to score two goals in the last three minutes to salvage the tie in Lethbridge after the third-period outburst by the Broncos third line.

Habs and Bruins suffer setbacks

By ED SIMON

The Canadian Press

Playoff contenders in the National Hockey League are finding it downright dangerous to walk into their own rink. Even the most modern arenas appear to be infested with snakes.

Waters Division

W	L	T	P
Montreal	23	16	30
Pittsburgh	22	18	22
Los Ang	21	16	27
Washington	21	15	23
Detroit	20	15	24
Boston	19	12	21
Philadelphia	18	12	22
Toronto	18	11	23
Colorado	18	11	22
Calgary	17	11	23
Atlanta	17	11	23

Only one of the last nine NHL games was won by the home team — Minnesota North Stars, who are scrambling to preserve their faint playoff hopes.

WINGS DEADLY — Detroit Red Wings, who can confidently book their Florida motel reservations the day after the NHL schedule ends visited Montreal twice this month and came away with four wins and a tie.

Talks adjourned in early morning

CHICAGO (CP) — Ongoing National Hockey League expansion talks were recessed shortly after a.m. CST today and set to resume six hours later.

NHL president John Ziegler, accompanied to an early-morning news conference by Howard Baldwin, president of the World Hockey Association, said much of the previous 12 hours had been spent in explaining the latest expansion proposals.

Baldwin's New England Whalers, along with three Canadian WHA franchisees, are to become part of the NHL in time for the 1979-80 season.

Jacques Lemaire, with his second goal of the night, brought them back from a 3-1 deficit. But the tie lasted barely a minute before it was broken by Denis Potvin's 30th goal of the season.

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2003	PLYMOUTH HORIZON 3 dr. Green	7577.40	796.40	6783
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2122	PLYMOUTH HORIZON 4 dr. Red	671.55	250.40	5010
2219	PLYMOUTH HORIZON 3 dr. Cashmere	6487.05	501.05	5988
2023	CHRYSLER NEWPORT 4 dr. Tan	12 440.25	1818.25	10 622
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2238	CHRYSLER NEWPORT 4 dr. Red	12 150.95	1776.95	10 374
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2148	CHRYSLER NEW YORKER 4 dr. Tan	14 710.55	2489.55	12 261
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2146	DODGE MAGNUM XE 2 dr. White	9472.15	1113.15	8337
2160	DODGE B100 VAN 127 in W/B Green	8318.75	893.75	7423
2157	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Red	8262.25	1066.25	7188
2057	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Blue	10 903.35	1323.35	8010
2154	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Black	8801.55	1211.55	7590
2156	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Brown	8007.50	1032.50	6975
2152	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Silver	8007.50	1032.50	6975
2158	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Green	9225.20	1308.20	7927
2056	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B Blue	10 956.80	1375.80	9381
2155	DODGE B100 VAN 109 in W/B White	131 047.30	1547.30	8010
2070	DODGE B200 VAN 127 in W/B Blue	9638.30	1323.30	8313
2162	DODGE B200 VAN 127 in W/B White	9140.20	1274.20	7500
2080	DODGE B200 VAN 127 in W/B Blue	9638.30	1323.30	8313
2059	DODGE B200 VAN 127 in W/B Tan	8542.30	1053.30	7489
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2165	DODGE B200 WAGON Silver	14 389.45	2140.45	12 249
2061	DODGE B200 WAGON Blue	14 892.55	2489.55	12 403
2287	DODGE C100 131 in W/B Green	10 029.30	1132.30	8231
2171	DODGE D100 P.U. 131 in W/B Green	7935.20	1134.20	6801
2151	DODGE D150 P.U. 131 in W/B Cream	8756.50	1175.50	7581
2245	DODGE D150 P.U. 131 in W/B Green	8922.25	1175.25	7581
2063	DODGE D200 7 ft. Club Cab Blue	13 318.40	2240.40	11 078
2175	DODGE RAMCHARGER 4x4 Cashmere	12 907.40	1668.40	11 239
2174	DODGE RAMCHARGER 4x4 Blue	11 700.95	1405.95	10 363
2173	DODGE RAMCHARGER 4x4 Green	11 421.40	1378.40	10 053
2172	DODGE RAMCHARGER 4x4 Green	11 486.85	1363.85	10 123
C118	DODGE B200 HAZY VAN White customized	13 802.60	2141.60	11 661

Blazers whip Rockets

KAMLOOPE, B.C. (CP) — British Columbia Junior Hockey League final series goals as Bellingham Blazers 2-1 over Kamloops Rockets 4-1 in the first period, but Thursday night to take a 3-0 lead in their best-of-seven by the end of the second

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