DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD

NOHL FINAL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

Player	G	A	Pts	PIM
Gilchrist, Ver.	9	13	22	28
Correale, Ver.	10	6	16	12
Fargher, Elks	8	8	16	6
Caldow, Ver.	6	10	16	22
Harris, Elks	3	12	15	8
Anderson, Elks	6	7	13	4
Dye, Ver.	4	9	13	6
Sidnick, Ver.	7	5	12	28
Collins, Elks	5	6	11	10
Haller, Elks	3	4	9	4

GOALIES' AVERAGES

Goalie	Min	GA	Saves	Avg	SO
Briskham, Ver.	480	21	259	2.62	4
Forslund, Elks	544	39	298	4.30	0

PENALTY LEADERS

Player	PIM
Brewer, Ver.	60
Haggardt, Elks	38
Lietke, Ver.	33
Reed, Elks	30

MIDGET REPS FINAL SCORING

Player	G	A	Pts
Kevin Poirier	48	55	103
Bob Wensley	41	45	86
Brad Moore	34	46	80
Tom DeVries	36	42	78
Wayne Bodnaruk	51	25	76
Ray Willment	18	40	58
Glen Hampton	17	34	51
Randy Jones	14	32	46
Ron Litterman	28	16	44
Joe Leschuk	11	32	43
David Popilchak	21	16	37
Alan Schwing	11	18	29
Kevin Beavis	7	14	21
Luke Hildebrand	2	16	18

Oilers enroute to first spot

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

While Edmonton hockey fans might be excused for looking ahead to their team's debut next season in the National Hockey League, the Oilers have adopted a "first-things-first" attitude.

The players are preoccupied with finishing first in the final year of the World Hockey Association — an objective that drew nearer Tuesday night with a 5-1 victory over Cincinnati Stingers. That, combined with Birmingham Bulls' 5-3 win over Quebec, left the Oilers with a five-point bulge on the second-place Nordiques.

Time is running out for the Nordiques, who have six games remaining, compared with eight for the Oilers.

The Oilers could take a stranglehold on top spot should they beat the Nordiques tonight in Quebec.

"The Stingers have been good to me this year and this rink has been good for me," joked Bill Flett, who scored his 24th goal of the season for the Oilers on Tuesday and ninth against Cincinnati.

Oiler's coach Glen Sather praised his club's balanced attack, pointing out that five players shared in the Edmonton scoring.

Robbie Ftorek's first-period power-play goal was Cincinnati's only score and gave the Stingers a short-lived lead at 5:44.

GRETZKY GETS WINNER

Stan Weir tied it at 7:50 on a deflection and Wayne Gretzky fired the winner, his 36th goal of the year, at 12:52 of the period.

Flett and Blair McDonald scored for Edmonton in the second period and Peter Driscoll completed the scoring with just 11 seconds left.

Al Birmingham, the Nordiques' Real Cloutier scored his 75th goal of the season in 74 games and added an assist to move closer to Bobby Hull's WHA record of 77 goals in 78 games, set during the 1974-75 season.

GEHRIG HONORED

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Gehrig has been honored posthumously with the Pride of the Yankees award. Eleanor Gehrig, the Yankees captain's widow, will accept the award at a luncheon next Monday. Thurman Munson, the only player to serve as team captain since Gehrig, will present the award. Mickey Mantle, the Hall of Fame slugger, received the first Pride of the Yankees award last year.

Traders clip Sockeyes

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Marty Achtymichuk scored two goals to lead Fort Saskatchewan Traders to a 6-5 victory over Richmond Sockeyes in a Centennial Cup hockey quarterfinal game Tuesday night before 1,450 fans.

The teams are tied 1-1 in the best-of-seven series which determines who will meet either Manitoba or Saskatchewan in the Western region final.

Achtymichuk opened scoring in the first period and teammate Dean Postlewaite added a single but the Sockeyes ended the period leading 3-2 after a three goal performance by Mickey Chandler.

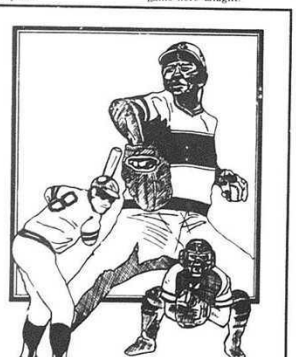
Chandler notched his first goal at 2:24 and six minutes later got two others within 16 seconds.

The two clubs were tied 4-4 after two periods as Mike Ferris and Gary Yaremchuk scored for the Traders while Don Davis replied for Richmond.

Ken Pedersen got a single for the Sockeyes in the third but Achtymichuk tied it and teammate Yaremchuk added the winning goal in the final three minutes.

The Sockeyes tested Fort Saskatchewan netminder Clint Malarchuk 43 times while Richmond goalie Rangy Kika made 31 saves. The Traders got only one minor penalty in the cleanly fought match while Richmond was handed four minors.

The teams meet for the third game here tonight.



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Caps high on winning

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Washington coach Danny Belisle says the Capitals have a contagious disease that has given them an emotional high — it's called the winning bug.

The Capitals, after a surprising 6-4 victory Sunday over New York Islanders — leaders in the National Hockey League's Patrick Division — did it again Tuesday night with a 6-2 victory over Los Angeles Kings.

Until Sunday, the Capitals were winless in 10 games.

"They deserve so much credit for the way they've been playing," Belisle said. "You lose two or three games and you start pressing. Things don't go your way and you can't get out of it. The same thing happens when you win."

Elsewhere Tuesday, the Islanders fought back to beat Atlanta Flames 3-2, Pittsburgh Penguins edged St. Louis 3-2, Vancouver Canucks shaded Colorado Rockies 2-1 and Minnesota North Stars downed Chicago Black Hawks 4-3.

Charlie Simmer and David Taylor gave the Kings a 2-0 first-period lead. But the Capitals dominated the next two periods, scoring six unanswered goals.

SCORED TWICE

Rolf Edberg scored twice for the Capitals, followed by Blair Stewart and Paul Mulvey. Then Jack Lynch and Dennis Maruk put the game out of reach with third-period goals.

"The big thing in the last two games is that we're playing together," said Maruk, who scored his 31st goal of the season and added a pair of assists for a point total of 89. "We've gotta show promise for next year."

Los Angeles goaltender Ron Grahame, victim of the Washington attack Tuesday, said the Kings, who have clinched a playoff spot, have come down with the end-of-the-season plague.

"It's the end of the season and you know you've only got a couple games left. There's no pressure on you and you don't play as you usually do."

Goals by Ivan Boldirev and Darcy Rota gave the Flames an early lead, before the Islanders began their comeback on Dave Lewis's second-period goal. Bryan Trottier's 46th goal tied the score early in the third period, with Billy Harris firing the winner from his back after being tripped in front of the Atlanta goal at 12:39 of the final period.

WITHIN A POINT

The win brought the Islanders to within one point of Montreal Canadiens in the over-all standings. Top spot over all assures that club of home-ice advantage in every playoff round.

Kim Davis, playing in his first NHL game, scored the winning goal on a 25-footer at 8:58 of the third period as the Penguins clinched second place in the Norris Division and tied a club record with 13 road victories for the season. The loss left the Blues winless in their last 11 games.

Jere Gillis broke a 1-1 tie with a goal early in the second period after assisting on Don Lever's first-period power-play score, giving Vancouver its sixth victory in eight games, with one tie, against Colorado this season.

Al MacAdam's tie-breaking goal with 40 seconds gone in the third period enabled Minnesota to beat Chicago and break a five-game losing streak while ending the Black Hawks' fivegame undefeated string.

Oilers, Molsons sign huge cash deal

EDMONTON (CP) — Edmonton Oilers, one of four World Hockey Association teams which will play in the National Hockey League next season, have signed a five-year, $3-million advertising and promotion contract with Molson Breweries of Canada Ltd.

The contract calls for Molson's, which owns the NHL Montreal Canadiens, to give the Oilers $2 million in cash and $7,000 annually for the next five years. The club will receive the first $1 million on May 1 and the second a month later.

Don Henderson, Molson Alberta region manager, said the company also is trying to negotiate a similar deal with Winnipeg Jets, who will join the Oilers, Quebec Nordiques and New England Whalers in the expanded NHL next season.

Oiler owner Peter Pocklington said the $2-million cash payment will defray about 25 per cent of the club's cost of entering the NHL. The Oilers must pay about $6 million to join the league, as well as its share of league indemnification costs to bury the WHA. The WHA clubs have a $4.5 million down payment due May 1.

The Oilers also announced ticket prices for next season will increase $1 to $3.50 for rush seats. The club's lowest price presold tickets will jump 50 per cent to $9 from $6 while the top range will increase to $12.50 from $10.

Van Hanegem with Sting

CHICAGO (AP) — Wim van Hanegem, one of the premier soccer players in the Netherlands, has agreed to terms with Chicago Sting of the North American Soccer League, Sting president Clive Toye said the agreement reached with the European star covered this season and two option years. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Wheaties in final

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

In one of three Western Hockey League divisional playoff games Tuesday night, Brandon Wheat Kings defeated Edmonton Oil Kings 5-3 in Brandon to assure themselves a berth in the league's best-of-seven eastern division final.

Brandon has a 4-1 record in the double round robin divisional playoffs. The Wheat Kings will meet either Edmonton or Saskatoon Blades in the finals.

In Billings, Dave Snopek and Gordie Williams scored two goals each to lead Lethbridge Broncos to an 8-4 win over Billings Bighorns while in Victoria Mike Toal scored one goal and set up two others as Portland Winter Hawks posted a 3-1 win over Victoria Cougars.

In Brandon, Ray Allison scored a pair of goals to lead the Wheat Kings, who held 2-0 and 3-2 periods.

Replying for the Oil Kings were Franco Disciglio, Larry McGurger and David Barr.

Hull may come back

TORONTO (CP) — Bobby Hull, who starred for 15 seasons in the National Hockey League with Chicago Black Hawks before jumping to Winnipeg Jets of the World Hockey Association, may resume his playing career with the Hawks next season.

John Ferguson, the Jets' vice-president and general manager, confirmed in an interview Tuesday that the Jets will be in contact with the Hawks "in the not-too-distant future" about the possibility of Hull returning to Chicago.

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