

SPORTS ALERT

SCHOOL SOCCER
4 p.m. Vernon Blues at Westside (Hamloops).
MEETING
7 p.m. VSSS, Silver Star Recreation Area advisory meeting. Everyone is welcome.
PVHL
10 p.m. Civic Arena, B.C. Tel vs. Kammen.
BASKETBALL
8 p.m. VSSS, women's strap-in basketball at gymnasium. No charge.

Gerela looking for a job

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego Chargers announced Wednesday they have put placekicker Roy Gerela on waivers and have not yet made a decision on whether the replacement will be when the Chargers Los Angeles Rams on Sunday.

A spokesman for the National Football League said that three placekickers — Nick Lowery, Dave Toney and Mike Wood — had been released on Wednesday with the Chargers.

Gerela, a member of Pittsburgh Steelers for 10 years before being released prior to this season, played in three games for the Chargers. He missed six of his seven field goal attempts.

Gerela, a native of Powell River, B.C., was signed because of an illness to regular placekicker Jeff Bentschke, who is on the Chargers' injured reserve list.

Blazers take over top spot

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — Evan Williams scored three goals Wednesday night as Billingham Blazers defeated North Vancouver Caps 4-2 to move into sole possession of first place in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League's Coastal Division.

The Blazers jumped into a 2-0 lead after one period and increased the margin to 6-2 after 30 minutes.

Dave Barry, Deane Hansen, Dave Coburn, Maurice Jager and Bob Blake scored for the winners. Brian Campbell, Geoff Harrington, Jeff Wilkinson and Duane Potekal, on a penalty shot, scored for North Vancouver.

Olli Suttinen stopped 20 shots in the Billingham goal, while Doug Parker and Harvey Hansen combined to turn aside 30 shots for the Caps.

The win gave the Blazers 17 points, two ahead of Chilliwack Colts who they meet tonight in Chilliwack. North Vancouver is in last place in the six-team division.

The only other game tonight has Merritt Centennials playing host to Nanaimo Clippers.

CANUCKS BEAT BLUES

L.A. line is red-hot

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
If they keep close to the pace it will become the most devastating scoring line in National Hockey League history.

Forget about whatever line Montreal Canadiens' Guy Lafleur is on or whoever plays left wing with Mike Eaves and Bryan Troutner of New York Islanders.

NHL WALES CONFERENCE		NHL PACIFIC CONFERENCE	
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Pittsburgh	21 12 15	San Jose	17 12 15
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The line so far in the embryonic stages of the NHL season belongs to Los Angeles Kings' troika of Charlie Simmer, Marcel Dionne and Dave Taylor.

Tuesday night, the line accounted for 16 points, three of them goals, as Los Angeles defeated Pittsburgh Penguins 4-1.

Taylor picked up three points on two goals and an assist, Dionne had one goal and two assists and Simmer one goal and three assists.

"We started playing together towards the end of last year and it really clicked," said Simmer, now in his first full NHL season.

Simmer leads the NHL in scoring after four games with six goals and six assists while Dionne is second with two goals and nine assists. Taylor is tied for third with Washington's Derrin Maruk, both at nine points.

In other games Wednesday, Chicago Black Hawks upset Montreal Canadiens 5-2, Detroit Red Wings defeated Winnipeg Jets 5-1, Buffalo Sabres beat Hartford Whalers 5-1, Vancouver Canucks bombed St. Louis Blues 5-1 and Toronto Maple Leafs beat Minnesota North Stars 5-2.

Federal funds not available
OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government will not provide any money for the building of sport facilities if either Calgary or Vancouver are awarded the 1988 Winter Olympic Games, Sport Minister Steve Paquin said Wednesday.

He said the Progressive Conservatives do not plan to copy the policy of the previous Liberal government of paying one-third of the capital costs of a major sports event if the provincial and municipal governments each pay one-third of the cost.

Simmer stated the Kings to an early lead with a power play goal in the first period.

In the second, Los Angeles widened its lead to 3-0 on goals by Butch Goring and Taylor. Pat Hughes then scored Pittsburgh's first goal at 13:27 of the period.

Dionne netted a backhand shot on a Simmer rebound before Taylor made it 4-1 with 35 seconds left in the second period.

The Penguins chipped away at the Los Angeles lead in the final period after Ross Lonsberry scored an early goal. Midway through the period, Great Kindrachuk scored and George Ferguson cut the lead to 4-4 with his fourth goal of the season.

Rich Preston scored twice for Chicago to hand the Canadians their first loss of the season.

Preston's second goal in the third period gave Chicago a 5-1 lead, but Lafleur cut the deficit to one a minute later. John Marks for Chicago and Montreal's Mark Napier were the other goal scorers.

Vaclav Nedomansky scored three second-period goals to lead Detroit over the Jets.

The right winger, formerly a centre, was set up on all three goals by Peter Mahovlich, Bill Hogaboam and Errol Thompson also scored for Detroit.

Lorne Stammer scored Winnipeg's lone goal.

HARTFORD WINNERS
Buffalo's Craig Ramsay scored two goals and assisted on the third to keep Hartford in the winless column.

Gilbert Perreault scored what proved to be the winning goal in the third period and also assisted on Ramsay's last goal.

The Whalers, who went through a 30-minute stretch without getting a shot on goal, led the score at 1:19 of the third period when Andre Lacroix scored.

Stan Szej led the Canucks with two goals while Don Lever, Kevin McCarthy and Rick Vaive got one each.

Ferry Turnbull spotted client Hanlon's shutout bid when he scored with 8:24 remaining in the game.

Dan Maloney paced the Leafs attack with a pair of goals. Paul Gardner, John Anderson, Dave Williams and Larry McDonald added one each.

Bobby Smith and Gary Sargent replied for Minnesota.

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