

# Brancato still shuffling on eve of crucial game

**OTTAWA (CP)** — The way coach George Brancato is shuffling his lineup this year, he would probably feel more comfortable in a casino dealing blackjack than in a football conference semifinal against Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Ottawa Rough Riders were hit with injuries, slumping veterans and a loss of new faces but still managed to finish in a 16-game schedule with eight wins, two ties and second place.

And Brancato has been shuffled back into the starting lineup this year and hurt his knee in his first game back. But many are confident he will lead the pack as Tiger-Cat receivers will have to play heads-up football.

Cox made his CFL debut against Montreal Alouettes and scored three touchdowns on long punts in the game. He overhauled tight end Tony Gabriel and ended the season with 32 catches for 566 yards and seven touchdowns.

And even fullback Mike Murphy, middle linebacker Kelly and several other offensive linemen who have become around.

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# Computer helps two Cats

**HAMILTON (CP)** — Game time but not the computer. It's the job of analyzing opposition offences one step ahead.

"You have to keep an up-to-date file, anti-patting what a team does, but if you are successful, it says the defensive coordinator with Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And how does he do that? — with a computer.

At McMaster University, the computer facilities at McMaster University.

After studying game film for up to 10 hours, the computer breaks down each play into cards on every alignment, gain, pass and run and sends the data to McMaster. The computer provides information tendencies in coaching situations.

"You must put your men in

# U.S. twosome leading

**ATHENS (AP)** — The World Cup golf competition entered its final round today at the United States and John Mahaffey and Dan Hurlbut are leading.

The Americans are too strong," said a discouraged Hurlbut. "I'm not sure I've plodded off the 6,800-yard, par-72 Glanford course Friday.

The Canadian team is far off the pace.

"Mahaffey faded slightly in the final round but he improved over his opening round with a 74. Mahaffey shot a 73, six more than a Thursday, for a two-stroke lead of 140 and a four-stroke lead over Irwin and two others.

Irwin was tied with Bernard Langer of Germany, who shot 70, and Juan Pizarro of Colombia, with 74. Lee Jan Chen was in a group of five golfers at 148.

Canada's Jim Niford of Burnaby, B.C., is eight strokes off the pace. He hit a 75 Friday after a first-round 73, giving him a 148 total.

Irwin, Hurlbut and shio, Jan Chen, improved on an opening round 71 with a 74 Friday, giving him a 151 total.

At last year's World Cup in Dallas, Irwin and the team aggregate by seven strokes after two rounds. But this year the Canadian team is far off the pace.

"PLAY DRAGS

"Mahaffey complained he had difficulty maintaining his concentration because of slow play. Most teams took 5 1/2 hours to finish.

"There's got to be a way to speed up play."

"Mahaffey, defending holder of the individual title in the World Cup, claimed some players had not used the high standards of United States and European tournaments.

"They take too long to play, take too much time to line up their shots. Although they say 'Halo and I have hit a couple of balls today, our talents are questionable."

# Caps end slump by beating Cents

**By THE CANADIAN PRESS**

One streak came to a merciful end and another continued Friday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

In North Vancouver, the Caps ended a six-game winless streak by beating Merritt Centennialis 10-4 while in Port Moody, Kamooche Rockets went through their sixth game without a loss.

The Rockets got a goal from Gord Young with 3:32 left in overtime to defeat the Knights 6-5 and move into a second-place tie with Kelowna in the Interior Division as the Buccaneers were doubled 6-3 by the Clippers in Nanaimo.

Blake Folestad had three goals for the Caps while Doug St. Louis had two for the Rockets. The game was a high-scoring affair with 11 goals scored. Singles came from Byron Black, Doug Barnes and Bruce Poole. Terry Grams, Rich Norberg, Greg Cockerill and Dan De Jager replied for Merritt.

# REMEMBER WHEN

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# ROCKY START FOR CHAMPION

**PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)** — Defending champion Arnold McEwan of Edmonton got off to a rocky start Friday by losing both of his games in Tournament of Champions bouts.

McEwan's games were unbroken after the first day of the \$28,000 event and eight tournaments, including Robert Elrod and Bob McDonald of Prince George, won two games.

The others are Sid Clarke of Langley, B.C., Jim Armstrong of Vancouver, Mel Wachsm of Fairview, Alta., Brian Bygrave of Edmonton, Gerald Brown of Sunset House, Alta. and Ralph Will of Fernie, B.C.

Defending champion Heather Heywood was one of eight sinks to win two straight opening games in the 32-rink, \$6,000 women's bonspiel.

Other double winners include Marlon Radcliffe, of Kelowna, Rita Boyer and Joyce Barton of Grande Prairie, Alberta, and the teams of Fairview, Alberta, Norman Magee of Williams Lake, B.C., Kay Gable and Ruth Wooley, both of Prince George.

# Maple Leafs keep feuding

**WINNIPEG (CP)** — Harold Ballard, owner of Toronto Maple Leafs, said Friday when his sentiments ran in the way of the team's new general manager Punch Imlach, general manager of his National Hockey League club, the players.

Imlach has publicly blasted the players of late as the Leafs slug through a mediocre season, performance which is in sharp contrast to the team's previous games, in one and lose seven in six.

One of the players under Imlach's gun has been captain Darryl Sittler and his veteran Imlach has held 'em trade for any NHL all-star.

Sittler and several other Leafs were placed on recallable status last week as a ploy to sweet out other clubs on possible trades.

Sittler responded to Imlach's criticisms on Thursday, saying his teammates are not the problem and there is a lack of communication between the general manager and the players.

Ballard, here for the Leafs' general manager, said Sittler, said the controversy is a childish concern.

"They should get the men and get down to work," he said of the players.

**TRINGS ARE FINE**

Ballard said he thinks communications between the players and management are just fine.

"There's no reason for Punch to be doing anything more than he is being doing," Ballard said.

"I'm still thinking Punch is a general manager, his hands are up for the suspension.

"I could accept one game," Ferguson said. "But it's tough to accept three. The punishment was more than enough."

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# Winnipeg coach in record book

**WINNIPEG (CP)** — Winnipeg Jets' coach Tom McVie came up down in the National Hockey League history books as the first coach ever suspended.

"Actually, records of that nature never get in on both the NHL and the NHL's director of information and statistics, who checked around."

Andrews said he couldn't find a previous case where a coach had been suspended for even one game.

McVie received the dubious honor Friday when he was fined \$500 for his actions Tuesday in Atlanta where he removed a stick, lit and false teeth to challenge Flames' coach Al MacNeil to a fight.

Former NHL president Clarence Campbell also said he can't remember a coach ever being suspended.

"I do know that in my 30 years as president I never suspended a coach," Campbell said in a telephone interview.

**FERGUSON UPSET**

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# NHL TOP TEN

**By THE CANADIAN PRESS**

National Hockey League scoring leaders after 10 regular season games.

Player	Team	G	A	P
Dionne, L.A.	LA	15	20	25
Simmer, L.A.	LA	14	21	25
Feyler, NYI	NYI	9	24	24
Lafleur, Mtl.	Mtl.	10	24	24
Trotter, NYI	NYI	13	22	22
Goring, LA	LA	5	22	21
B Smith, Minn.	Minn.	5	19	21
Nisson, All.	All.	11	9	20
Hessler, LA	LA	12	18	20
Payne, Minn.	Minn.	12	18	20
Doyle, Edm.	Edm.	10	18	18
Nisson, NYR	NYR	8	18	18
Prepp, Phi.	Phi.	8	18	18

# Red-hot Flames dump Islanders

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

For Eric Vall, ever scoring his 11th and 12th goals of the season wasn't quite enough.

"It's nice to get all these goals," Vall said after the Atlanta Flames blasted New York Islanders 6-2 in a National Hockey League game Friday night.



**AL ARBOUR**  
— Referee

**NHL WALES CONFERENCE**

Team	W	L	T	P
Montreal	8	3	2	1
Rangers	7	4	2	1
Hartford	4	5	3	1
Pittsburgh	4	4	3	1
Detroit	4	6	2	1

**CAMPBELL CONFERENCE**

Team	W	L	T	P
Philadelphia	5	5	1	2
Atlanta	4	5	1	2
Rangers	6	4	1	2
Islanders	5	4	2	2
Washington	4	5	1	2
San Jose	4	5	1	2
Vancouver	4	5	1	2
Calgary	4	4	2	2
Edmonton	4	3	2	2
Winnipeg	4	3	2	2
Colorado	4	3	2	2

Atlanta new in unbroken in its last seven games.

Islanders coach Al Arbour said it was a different angle.

"We gave them three goals in the first period," Arbour said. "Our guys were skating around on tips like they were playing against their mothers."

In the only other game Friday night, Chicago Black Hawks defeated Hartford Whalers 4-2 and Minnesota North Stars nipped Colorado Rockies 5-0.

Bob MacMillan assisted on both of his goals and added one of his own in the third period.

**DARRYL SITTLER**

Thought they were men and knew how things went in professional sport. They may as well make up their minds to get in line."

Ron Liles, the only current Leaf to have been a member of Imlach's 1987 Toronto Stanley Cup championship team, offered his assessment of the change in atmosphere between this and the previous season.

"We got used to something we never should have, all right — a little common sense."

As the Leafs went through a drill in preparation for tonight's game, defenseman Ian Turnbull skated across the ice to where former Leaf Lorne Stamer of the Jets was standing.

"What year are you playing in?" Turnbull asked. "We're playing in 1800."

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