

BOXER REMAINS IN HOSPITAL

NEW YORK (AP) — Willie Classen, the middleweight boxer who suffered severe head injuries in a bout Friday night, remained in critical condition Sunday, a hospital spokesman said.

The 29-year-old Classen fell backwards through the middle ropes and to the ring apron in the final round of his 10-rounder against Houston's Wilford Scotty at Madison Square Garden.

Observers said that two knockdowns — one in the third round and one in the ninth — Classen did not appear to have heard the bell signaling the start of the 10th round. He did not raise his gloves, was coherent before the 10th round and that he had responded that he wanted to go on.

Classen, a Puerto Rican native, lives in New York with his wife and two children.

Hawks close in on division leader

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
"A new lease on life" is how Dave Logan described coach Eddie Robinson's decision to put him back into the Chicago Black Hawks lineup.

WALLES CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	P	P
Montreal	9	4	3	43	29
Los Angeles	9	8	5	42	31
San Jose	9	7	6	41	30
Hartford	7	7	6	46	41
Edmonton	7	7	6	46	41
St. Louis	6	8	6	45	39
Buffalo	5	9	8	44	37
Minnesota	5	9	8	44	37
Toronto	5	10	7	43	35
Quebec	7	10	4	46	38

PHILIP CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	P	P
Philadelphia	15	1	3	86	59
Atlanta	15	1	3	86	59
NY Rangers	9	12	1	88	94
Washington	9	12	1	88	94
Winnipeg	9	12	1	88	94
Vancouver	4	15	4	42	95



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left in the second period, as Toronto handed the Rangers their sixth loss in eight games. The Leafs, hit by injuries the last two games, lost starting goaltender Paul Harrison late in the first period with a back injury. Team captain Darryl Sittler and defenceman Ian Turnbull suffered in Saturday's loss to Chicago. Sittler injured his ankle and Turnbull his knee.

Brunas 4 Canadiens 2
Boston defenceman Kne

Smith got some help from the bounces when his shot with 2:42 left in the first period glanced off Montreal defenceman Brian Engholm and went off the glove of goalie Michel Larocque for the winning goal.

The Bruins have lost just one of their last 14 games.

Whalers 4 Flames 2
Dave Keon set up second-period goals by Elaine Stoughton and Jory Douglas to help Hartford improve its record to 11-7 with its victory over Atlanta.

Captains 2 Nordiques 2
Real Cloutier scored with 4:01 remaining to give Quebec its tie with Washington and extend to nine games.

Robbie Ftorek gave Quebec an early lead, but Washington got second-period scores from Guy Charon and Gord Lane for a 2-1 advantage. Then Cloutier scored his 10th goal this season to tie it.

Sabres 6 North Stars 2
Craig Ramsay scored two goals and set up a third in four-goal Buffalo second period as the Sabres beat Minnesota for their fourth victory in five games.

Alberta trainer is out for life

RED DEER, Alta. (CP) — The Alberta Junior Hockey League has suspended a 22-year-old trainer for a pre-game brawl between Red Deer Mustangs and St. Albert Saints last Wednesday night.

The general managers of both teams and the Saints coach were banned Saturday from the AJHL for the rest of the season and a number of players also were suspended.

The 15-minute brawl spread from the ice to team officials and players in the stands behind the players' benches. One player was sent to a St. Albert hospital.

It started when St. Albert players skated into the Red Deer end of the rink during the warm-up, violating a league directive that players stay on their own side of centre ice during warm-ups.

Trainer Terry Seix, 31 of

the Mustangs was banned from the AJHL for 10 and fined a \$250 bond.

Red Deer general manager Graham Johnson, St. Albert general manager Jack Reid and Saints coach Doug Messer were banned for the remainder of the 1978-80 season. The suspension was to attend any AJHL games during that time.

Three Mustang players received game suspensions — Doug Blagich will sit out 10 games, Steve Pierce five games and Ray Houle six games. Saints player Blaine Bueck was suspended for three games.

Each team was fined \$500 and ordered to put up a \$1,000 cash performance bond.

Rangers defenceman Glenn Johansson was taken to hospital with a separated shoulder and a concussion.

Clippers dump Bellingham 6-3

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The Bruins' Clippers closed to win 10 points of division-leading Bellingham Sunday by beating the Blazers 6-3 on home ice in one of seven weekend British Columbia Junior Hockey League games.

The Clippers now have 35 points but also have played eight fewer games than the Coastal Division leaders.

In their Sunday games, Merritt Centennials beat the

visiting Chilliwack Colts 6-5 while Penitence Knights edged Kelowna Buckaroos 4-1 to open a five-point lead over Kamloops Rockets in the Interior Division.

On Saturday, Nanaimo Islanders defeated Vancouver Caps 13-7, the Blazers beat the Centennials 4-4, Kamloops Rockets 4-3 in overtime and Abbotsford Flyers edged Richmond Sockeyes 5-4.

In Bellingham, Dave Wheelend led the Nanaimo attack with two goals while Mickey Willgrass, Kris Kjoerber, Dave Robinson and John Newberry, with his 43rd goal of the season, also scored for the winners.

Bob Bates, Perry Braun and Maurice Jaeger counted for Bellingham which fired 44 shots at Nanaimo goalie Terry Kliestinger before 300 fans.

Doug Westering and Greg Egan got the Knights off to a good start in Penitence by scoring their first two goals while killing penalties. Greg Wilson, with two, Steve Metzger and Dave Smith, on a power play, were the other Knights marksmen.

Bruce Cullen, Tim Turner, Randy Endo and Dave O'Brien scored for Kelowna before 373 fans.

In Merritt, Rich Norberg's third goal of the game 33 seconds into the final period snapped a 5-5 tie and gave the Centennials the decision over the Colts.

Dwaine Jurrel, Mark Sochty and Greg Cochrill scored the other goals for Merritt which counted three times on the power play.

Delta earns a split

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
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Trail vaults into first-place

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Dynamiters during the weekend. The Smoke got two goals Saturday from Ernie Gare in beating the Dynamiters 7-4 in

Trail, following a 6-2 Trail decision Friday in Kimberley on the strength of two-goal performances by Don Dechene and Mike Foy.

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A PROUD CANADIAN

Canucks forget to hit Winnipeg

Winnipeg (CP) — Vancouver Canucks coach Harry Neale was not scratching his head after his team lost 6-3 to Winnipeg Jets Saturday, his third straight National Hockey League defeat.

"I don't know why we've slipped, but we have," he said in a dressing room interview.

Neale said Vancouver had planned to body check Winnipeg because "that's one way of neutralizing their speed."

"There might have been five body checks thrown all night by us," he added.

"There were very few close-offs, or shut-downs, or rubbering, whatever you want to call them, and it's burning me up."

Despite the recent slump, the Canucks still lead the Smythe Division of the NHL's Patrick Conference amassing 23 points in 22 games. The Jets are fourth in the division with 17 points.

Thomas Gradin gave Vancouver the lead at 18:15 of the first period when his wrist shot beat Pierre Hamel from the five feet out.

TIES SCORED

However, Lorne Stampler pleased the 12,110 fans when he tied the score less than two minutes later beating out Vancouver goalie's Curt Ridley.

In the second period, Winnipeg captain Lars-Erik Sjöberg put the Jets ahead at 4:30 when netted his first NHL goal.

Kerris Lukowich then picked the far corner at 15:06 from a sharp angle at close range to score a rare Winnipeg power-play goal.

Koosik right-winger Jimmy Mann, scoring, his first profes-

ional hockey goal, gave Vancouver a 4-1 lead early in the final period.

Vancouver roared back, however, with defenceman Kevin McCauley and centre Bill Derlago scoring goals within a 48-second span to narrow the Jets lead to 4-3.

Ridley, who was in goal for only the third time in 22 games, was guided in favor of an extra attacker or Vancouver "with little more than a minute remaining in the game."

Forward Jude Drouin spotted the Canucks hopes of salvaging a tie by firing a hard slap into the empty net from point blank range.

The Jets took one of the 17 minor penalties handed out by referee Ron Wick. Each team received one major.

Vancouver outshot Winnipeg 24-22.

WINS FINAL
BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Martina Navratilova beat Chris Evert Lloyd 6-3, 6-3 Sunday in the final of a \$110,000 women's challenge tennis tournament.

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