QUEBEC BEATS CANUCKS

Bruin fans overwhelm Don Cherry

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A defector cheered by Boston Bruins' loyal fans? It was hard to believe.

But there was coach Don Cherry behind Colorado Rockies' bench acknowledging a standing ovation of more than one minute, 12,542 fans welcoming him home at Boston Garden.

"I don't care where I go, what I do, if I win the Stanley Cup, I'll never feel the same like I did with that crowd giving me that ovation," Cherry said. "That's the tops for me. I can't go any higher than that. I have never felt any better than I do right now."

NHL

WALES CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Montreal	14	6	5	95	71	33
Los Angeles	11	8	5	104	94	27
Pittsburgh	10	8	4	82	80	24
Hartford	8	8	7	79	76	23
Detroit	7	10	5	70	74	19
Adams Division						
Buffalo	16	6	3	95	64	35
Boston	15	6	3	89	69	33
Minnesota	10	6	7	99	84	27
Toronto	11	10	3	89	80	25
Quebec	8	13	4	75	93	20

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Phila	17	1	5	106	71	39
Atlanta	11	9	3	84	70	25
Rangers	10	13	2	93	100	22
Islanders	7	11	4	80	92	18
Washington	5	17	4	71	103	14
Smythe Division						
Vancouver	10	9	6	82	78	26
Chicago	8	9	7	61	69	23
St. Louis	8	14	4	72	95	20
Winnipeg	7	14	4	60	97	18
Edmonton	5	12	6	79	101	16
Colorado	6	14	3	72	86	15

Cherry, who quit the Bruins after five years last summer to move to Colorado as one of the highest paid coaches in the National Hockey League, had an even more important reason to be happy. His lowly Rockies spotted the mighty Bruins a 2-0 lead on first period power plays and then roared back for a 5-3 victory.

WINGS TIE FLYERS

In other games Sunday, Quebec Nordiques beat Vancouver Canucks 3-1, Buffalo Sabres blanked Washington Capitals 2-0, New York Islanders shut out Winnipeg Jets 4-0 and Detroit Red Wings held Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-4 tie.

JACK VALIQUETTE
... paces Rockies

RON SEDLBAUER
... lone goal

On Saturday, Toronto Maple Leafs also held Philadelphia to a 4-4 draw, Hartford Whalers tied Montreal Canadiens 4-4, Winnipeg tied Minnesota North Stars 4-4, Washington beat Quebec 7-2, Pittsburgh Penguins edged Colorado Rockies 5-4, Detroit upset Boston 6-3, New York Rangers blanked St. Louis Blues 2-0 and Los Angeles Kings blanked Chicago BlackHawks 7-0.

With Bill McKenzie frustrating the Bruins in goal, the Rockies pulled into a 2-2 tie in the second period. Jack Valiquette scored at 2:15 and Wilf Paiement connected while the Rockies were shorthanded at 19:41.

Valiquette scored the tiebreaker while Boston was two men short at 9:13 of the third period, and Doug Berry made it 4-2 less than two minutes later. Boston's John Wensink and Paiement swapped goals in the final minute.

Red Wings 4 Flyers 4

Dan Labraaten's goal with 3:07 remaining capped a Detroit rally that earned the Red Wings its tie with Philadelphia, extending the Flyers' unbeaten streak to 21 games. The Flyers, 16-0-5, haven't lost since a 9-2 defeat in Atlanta in the second game of the season.

Dennis Hill scored twice for the Flyers with Al Hill and Dennis Ververgaert getting the others. Dale McCourt scored twice for Detroit.

Nordiques 3 Canucks 1

Real Cloutier scored one goal and assisted on the other to lead Quebec over Vancouver, ending a seven-game winless streak. Serge Bernier and Richard Leduc also scored for Quebec, while Ron Sedlbauer had the Vancouver goal.

Sabres 2 Capitals 0

Rick Martin scored two goals within a two-minute span early in the third period and Bob Sauve turned aside 20 shots for his third shutout of the season as Buffalo blanked Washington. The win was Buffalo's fifth straight.

Islanders 4 Jets 0

Goalie Billy Smith stopped 33 drives to spark New York to its victory over Winnipeg, the first triumph in seven games for the Islanders. Anders Kallur fired a first-period goal for New York and John Tonelli, Bob Nystrom and Mike Bossy added secondperiod markers.

WINS SECOND MARATHON

TOKYO (AP) — Defending champion Toshihiko Seko of Japan took his second straight Fukuoka International marathon Sunday, finishing only a few yards ahead of Japanese twins, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh. Seko clocked the 26-mile, 285-yard course in two hours, 10 minutes, 35 seconds, slightly slower than the 2:10:21 he won it in last year. Don Howieson of St. Catharines, Ont., was 20th in 2:17:28.

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SEAHAWKS WHIPPED

Eagles clinch first NFL playoff position

By ALEX SACHARE
The Associated Press

"It's a humbling experience," said Philadelphia coach Dick Vermeil after his Eagles became the first team to clinch a berth in the National Football League playoffs by beating Detroit Lions 44-7 Sunday.

"But I've said all along the players win games, and I really believe that," added Vermeil. "I told the players I'm just thrilled that they took me along."

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	F	A	Pct
Miami	9	5	0	289	220	643
New Eng	8	6	0	358	276	577
Buffalo	7	7	0	265	241	500
NY Jets	6	8	0	283	333	429
Balt	4	10	0	233	334	286
Central						
Pitts	11	3	0	371	242	786
Houston	10	4	0	322	288	714
Cleve	9	5	0	333	317	643
Cincin	3	11	0	307	381	214
West						
Denver	10	4	0	259	217	714
San D	10	4	0	359	239	714
Oakland	7	6	0	280	259	538
Seattle	7	7	0	321	325	500
Kan C	6	8	0	228	252	429

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	F	A	Pct
Phila	10	4	0	296	238	714
Wash	9	5	0	286	246	643
Dallas	9	5	0	312	262	643
NY Giants	6	8	0	210	263	429
St Louis	4	10	0	272	296	286
Central						
Tampa	9	5	0	263	214	643
Chicago	8	6	0	249	229	571
Minn	6	8	0	226	307	429
Green B	4	10	0	214	288	286
Detroit	2	12	0	196	319	143
West						
Los Ang	8	6	0	275	267	571
New Orl	7	6	0	306	269	538
Atlanta	5	9	0	256	333	357
San Fran	1	13	0	264	378	071

With two weeks to go in the regular season the Eagles, 10-4, lead the National Conference's East Division by one game over Washington, which beat Green Bay 38-21, and Dallas, which defeated New York Giants 28-7.

Although the Eagles may still be caught in the divisional race, they have assured themselves of a wild-card playoff berth by virtue of having a better conference record (9-2) than either Tampa Bay or Chicago, who are battling for the Central Division lead and also are involved in the wild-card scramble.

BUCS MISS OUT

Tampa Bay failed to lock up the division for the second successive Sunday by dropping a 14-0 decision to Chicago. The Bucs, 9-5, lead the Bears by one game and can clinch their first division title by winning either of their last two games, against San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs.

In other NFL games Sunday, Pittsurgh Steelers beat Cincinnati Bengals 37-17, Cleveland Browns topped Houston Oilers 14-7, Los Angeles Rams trimmed Minnesota Vikings 27-21 in overtime, Denver Broncos defeated Buffalo Bills 19-16, Atlanta Falcons upset San Diego Chargers 28-26, Kansas City outscored Seattle Seahawks 37-21, New York Jets beat Baltimore Colts 30-17 and St. Louis Cardinals defeated San Francisco 13-10.

Miami Dolphins beat New England Patrits 39-24 on Thursday night. Oakland Raiders plays at New Orleans Saints tonight.

Among the outstanding individual efforts, Franco Harris of Pittsburgh, Tony Dorsett of Dallas and Mike Pruitt of Cleveland surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season, rookie Ottis Anderson of St. Louis had his eighth 100-yard running day and Dan Fouts of San Diego passed for more than 300 yards for the sixth time this season.

Ron Jaworski threw two touchdown passes to Harold Carmichael and Philadelphia's defence limited Detroit to five first downs and only 53 yards rushing.

Steelers 37 Bengals 17

Terry Bradshaw threw two touchdown passes to Lynn Swann and became the first Steeler quarterback to pass for 3,000 yards in one season as Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati.

Harris gained 92 yards in 20 carries to give him 1,027 yards for the season, the seventh time he has surpassed 1,000 yards, tying him with Jim Brown for the NFL record. He also moved into fourth place on the all-time NFL rushing list with 8,404 yards, behind Brown, O.J. Simpson and Jim Taylor.

Redskins 38 Packers 21

Joe Theismann threw four touchdown passes and Washington erased a 21-7 halftime deficit to beat Green Bay.

"We won the first half, but then they just took the game to us," said Packers quarterback Lynn Dickey. "They knew what they had to do if they wanted to stay in the running for the playoffs, and they did it."

Cowboys 28 Giants 7

Roger Staubach threw three touchdown passes to Drew Pearson as Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak. Dorsett rushed for 108 yards to join John Brockington as the only runners ever to surpass 1,000 yards in each of their first three pro seasons.

Bears 14 Bucs 0

Chicago turned a blocked punt by Bruce Herron and an interception by Gary Fencik into touchdowns and picked off five passes in beating TampaBay.

WADE JOWETT
... scores one

Cowboys gain split

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bill Innos scored two goals Sunday to lead visiting Delta Hurry Kings to a 8-4 win over Kamloops Cowboys and a split of a weekend series in British Columbia Senior Hockey League action.

Kamloops squeaked by the Hurry Kings 7-6 Saturday setting the stage for Delta's revenge.

Vic Mercredie, Bruce Brill, Barry Wilcox, Butch Dupont, Bob Manning and Gord Brandt backed Innos performance with singles.

Gary Donaldson, John Flann, Wade Jowett and Dave Robinson counted for the Cowboys.

Kamloops' Al Glendinning scored two goals Saturday to lead the Cowboys, who caught up quickly in the final period with four goals in a seven minute span. Gary Donaldson, Bryan James, Larry Lestander, John Campbell and Gary Chris added singles.

Hurry Kings Dave Durante scored two goals while Innos, Roy Wheaton, Barce Brand and Trent Angus added singles.

Kamloops led 36-35 in shots on goal.

WINS AFRICAN MASTERS

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) — Native son Gary Player won the $120,000 South African Masters golf championship by six strokes after a final-round 68 Saturday.

Laker guards lead attack

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Earvin (Magic) Johnson and Norm Nixon aren't long on experience, but it's doubtful Los Angeles Lakers would trade their starting guards for any other tandem in the National Basketball Association.

Johnson, a 20-year-old rookie, and Nixon, in his third professional season, were at their best Sunday night as the Lakers rolled to a 116-103 victory over Milwaukee Bucks.

The pair combined for 48 points and 22 assists as Los Angeles rebounded from a 107-100 home-court loss to the weak Chicago Bulls 48 hours earlier. In that game, the ineffectiveness of Johnson had more than a little bit to do with the Lakers' setback.

But the former Michigan State all-American was brilliant Sunday night, scoring 23 points, recording a pro-high 13 assists and grabbing eight rebounds. Johnson scored eight of his points during an 18-0 Los Angeles blitz early in the fourth quarter that turned an 84-82 edge into a 102-82 advantage.

Nixon, meanwhile, scored a team-high 25 points and was credited with nine assists as the Lakers raised their home-court record to 12-2 and their over-all mark to 17-8. The Bucks dropped to 18-8 on the season and suffered only their fifth road loss in 14 outings.

CELTICS DEFEATED

Elsewhere Sunday, Cleveland Cavaliers dumped Atlanta Hawks 126-108, Seattle SuperSonics whipped Golden State Warriors 111-98 and Kansas City Kings downed Boston Celtics 94-88.

On Saturday, Atlanta beat San Diego Clippers 106-96, Detroit Pistons outdistanced San Antonio Spurs 134-124, Houston Rockets defeated Portland Trail Blazers 120-112, Boston edged Indiana Pacers 106-102, New York Knicks dumped Denver Nuggets 121-112, Philadelphia 76ers tripped Cleveland 117-105, Washington Bullets shaded New Jersey Nets 104-100, Utah Jazz nipped Seattle 97-93, Phoenix Suns beat Chicago Bulls 99-86 and Milwaukee Bucks downed Golden State 109-99.

Calgary drubs Great Falls

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary Wranglers stayed comfortably atop the Western Hockey League Eastern Division at the expense of the hapless Great Falls Americans with a 6-3 home-ice victory in one of five Sunday WHL games.

In the other league encounters: Lethbridge Broncos dumped Brandon Wheat Kings 6-2 in Lethbridge, Billings Bighorns got by the visiting Regina Pats 6-4, Victoria Cougars bested New Westminster Bruins 7-4, and Portland Winter Hawks edged Seattle Breakers 6-5.

In games Saturday: Brandon took Medicine Hat Tigers 5-3, Victoria beat Portland 7-4 and Regina beat Great Falls 7-3.

The Wranglers, who are five points up on second-place Billings in the eastern loop, spotted the Americans two goals early in the game before going ahead to win. Dan Bourbonnais and Clint Fehr paced Calgary with two goals apiece and Kelly Kisio and Berry Brigley had singles.

Ray Karlson and Tom McGillivary scored for Great Falls, which was outshot 52-24 and now has a record of one win and a tie in 22 starts.

Dale Cross led the Bighorns against Regina with two goals, while team-mates Marcel Frere, Gary Plamondon, Gord Stafford and Marc LeClair added the others.

Darren Veitch, Mike Blaisdell, Doug Wichenheiser and Brian Varga replied for the Pats, who trailed 3-2 after the opening frame but drew to a 3-3 tie after the second. The Bighorns edged Regina 44-42 in shots.

Lethbridge led all the way against the Wheat Kings, who last year set league records for scoring on their way to a regular season division pennant. This year they languish in seventh spot in the east, with 13 wins and a tie in 30 games.

Doug Morrison scored a pair for the Broncos, followed by Randy Ruff, Simon Learmouth, Len Overbeeke and Gord Williams. Mike Winther and Don Gillen had the Brandon markers while Lethbridge outshot the Wheat Kings 37-34.

In Seattle, the Winter Hawks received two goals from John Multan and singles from Bart Yachimec, Brian Shaw, George Walter and Florent Robidoux in the see-saw battle. Joe Ward with two and Dean Postlewaite, Dan Held and Allan Graves replied for Seattle.

Portland goalie Clint Malarchuk stopped 35 shots and Ken Hodge made 34 saves in the Seattle net. Portland led 2-1 after the first period but Seattle went ahead 4-3 after 40 minutes.

Streaking Blazers topple Knights 5-1

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bellingham Blazers are making it hard for other B.C. Junior Hockey League teams to catch up by playing a brand of steady hockey that is keeping them on top of the Coastal Division.

The Washington team, leaders with 49 points, claimed an easy 5-1 win Sunday over visiting Penticton Knights, on top of the Interior Division at 36 points.

In games Saturday, Nanaimo Clippers trounced the visiting Chilliwack Colts 11-2, Penticton edged by the hometown Richmond Sockeyes 6-5 and the Abbotsford Flyers defeated the visiting Merritt Centennials 7-4.

Bellingham got goals from Jim Miller, Petteri Kaneverva, Dave Anderson, Chris Tucker and Dave Berry, while Penticton's Barry Huber was the only man to elude Bellingham goaltender Pasi Pussinen.

Penticton had to make a quick comeback in its game against Richmond after trailing 3-2 after the second period. The Knights scored four goals in the final 20 minutes. Penticton markmen were Greg Egan, Jeff Hepburn, Rob Proudfoot, Gregg Wilson, Doug Festerling and Steve Metzger.

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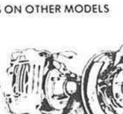

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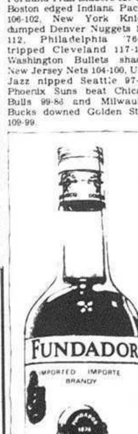

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