

IN THE NBA

Knicks' kids guide them past Phoenix

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The fans came to Madison Square Garden to see Earl Monroe, the veteran guard who was making his first appearance of the season. But when they left Tuesday night, it was New York Knicks' corps of youngsters which had their cheering.

Rookie centre Bill Cartwright looked over the Phoenix centre Alvan Adams' absence due to a sore foot to score a career-high 38 points and grab 13 rebounds, leading the Knicks to a 118-111 National Basketball Association victory over the Suns.

Elsewhere, Boston Celtics downed Detroit Pistons 118-114 in overtime. Cleveland Cavaliers 118-112 and Los Angeles Lakers outdid San Antonio Spurs 127-121.

"Cartwright was tremendous," said Suns coach John MacLeod. "Every time he touched the ball in the low post, he was effective. We tried three or four guys against him, but we couldn't stop him."

Phoenix centre Joe Kramer and Jeff Cook weren't strong enough to stop the 7-foot, 226-pound Cartwright, and forwards Len (Truck) Robinson and Gar Heard weren't tall enough.

But Cartwright wasn't the only New York player who performed well. Michael Ray Richardson, New York's rapidly-improving, second-year guard who inherited a spot in the starting lineup from Monroe, had his best game as a pro. He scored a career-high 26 points, shooting 13-for-16 from the field and 5-for-5 from the line, and added 12 assists, nine rebounds and three steals.

"And what about Monroe?" asked Phoenix coach George Gervin.

The 35-year-old guard spent the first 25 games of the season on the injured list and he looked rusty in his season debut, scoring two points in 11 minutes and missing seven of eight shots.

"The fans didn't care. They cheered his every move," Celtics 118 Pistons 114. Chris Ford's three-point field goal with 18 seconds left in overtime brought the Celtics, who never led during regulation time, the victory. M. L. Carr led the Celtics with 22 points. John Long paced the Pistons with 32 points and Bob McAdoo added 29.

Cavaliers 118 Clippers 112. Mike Mitchell scored 32 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, including a jump shot with 1:27 to play which put Cleveland ahead to stay and allowed the Cavaliers to their ninth straight home victory. Lakers 127 Spurs 121. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 29 points and Norm Nixon had 27 as Los Angeles fought off a late rally to subdue the crippled Spurs, who were without injured top scorer George Gervin.



PHIL MYRE ... in goal

GERRY CHEEVERS ... saved Bruins

JERE GILLIS ... the winner

Flyers still hot, Canucks beat NY

By NEIL STEVENS
The Canadian Press
Philadelphia Flyers have not won in their last three games but they haven't lost either, making use of the games to extend their unbeaten string to 22 games.

On home ice Tuesday night, the Flyers rallied from a 2-0 deficit to the Boston Bruins 2-2 in one of six National Hockey League games.

It was the remarkable comeback of Boston goalie Gerry Cheevers that kept the Bruins from suffering their fourth straight loss. The Flyers held the Bruins to only 11 shots while peppering Cheevers with 38.

Boston surged ahead on a goal by Ray Bourque at 11:23 of the first period and another by Rick Smith about seven minutes into the second.

But four minutes later, Reggie Leach tallied his 19th of the season to put the Flyers on the scoreboard, and Paul Hinmten made it 2-2 at 12:29. There were no goals and no penalties in a tight-checking third period.

"We should have won," said Philadelphia goaltender Phil Myre. "We played well. The only reason we didn't win was because of Cheevers."

Elsewhere, Vancouver Canucks drubbed New York Islanders 5-1, Winnipeg Jets defeated St. Louis Blues 4-2, Colorado Rockies dumped Quebec Nordiques 3-1, Los Angeles Kings thumped Atlanta Flames 8-2 and Hartford Whalers and Washington Capitals settled for a 3-3 tie.

Canucks 5 Islanders 1. Rick Valve, Jere Gillis, Stan Sgar, Bill Derriago and Rick Birt scored for Vancouver. Billy Hargis had New York's lone goal. It was the eighth loss in the last 11 games for the stumbling Islanders.

action aroused the Canucks, who have been passive during their previous games.

"I love it when teams run at us - I admit it," said Neale. "It upsets us and we play better when we're upset."

What a difference from a 9-0 loss in here last year," said defenceman Dennis Kearns. "We were lucky to have the 0."

But, tonight, everyone played well defensively. When the goals start coming in it's so easier to play that way."

Jets 4 Blues 2
Winnipeg scored all its goals in the opening period and held the home club at bay the rest of the way. Pete Sullivan scored twice and Bobby Hull and Lorne Stamerer once. St. Louis had goals from Wayne Babych and Bernie Federko.

Rockets 3 Nordiques 1
Bobby Sheehan, Rene Robert and Bob Ramage

scored for the visiting Colorado club, which coach Don Cherry says is beginning to play with more discipline after a slow start this season. Marc Tardiff had Quebec's lone goal.

Kings 6 Flames 2
In what coach Bob Berry described as one of his club's best games of the season, Los Angeles was led by the NHL's highest-scoring line - Dave Taylor and Charlie Simmer - and Charv Simmer once each. Mike Murphy and Dean Hopkins padded the total.

Whalers 3 Capitals 3
It was the seventh tie on the road this season for Hartford and coach Don Blackburn said he'd happily take the single point. The Whalers have played 16 of their 24 games in spot-on ruck while their arena is being rebuilt.

BCJHL leaders suffer losses

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Bellingham Blazers and Nanaimo Clippers, front-runners in the Coastal Division of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, both suffered losses on the road Tuesday night.

The Blazers were beaten 4-2 by Richmond Sockeyes while the Clippers were edged 6-6 by Abbotsford Flyers. In the other game, Kelowna Buckaroos won a road game 2-1 over Merritt Centennials to move into second place in the Interim Division.

Goalender Mike Desjardin turned aside 30 shots to lead the Sockeyes over front-line Bellingham before 625 fans.

Mackie Elmer, Randy Hall, Dave Williams and Jim Tomm were the Sockeyes snipers while Perry Braun and Maurice Jaeger replied for Bellingham.

The Flyers overcame a 3-1 first-period deficit to edge the second-place Clippers before 306 fans.

Brian Inkster had two goals

for the Flyers who got their other goals from Doug Fomenko, Ken Duncan, Mark Diddot and Rene Vandriel, who scored the winner at 15:48.

SHARE SCORING
Dave Robinson, Dave Wheelton, Hugh McCaskill, Mike Johnson and Tom Irvine tallied for Nanaimo.

The Buckaroos rained a fine penalty-killing effort by Merritt in the third period as they got past the Centennials before 300 fans.

The Blazers built a 2-1 lead after two periods but failed to add to its margin when the Centennials played one man short for the first 12 minutes of the third, including four minutes when they were two men short.

Goyle Corbett and Mike Sauch scored for the Buckaroos while Duaine Tupper replied for Merritt.

Tonight, the Clippers met the Caps at North Vancouver and Chilliwack Colts visit the Blazers.

eight 20-victory seasons and 39 C.Y. Young Awards in the 1970's.

"Everything is exploratory," Peters said. "It's so complicated to make a trade today. It used to be simple. You'd sit down, reach an agreement and make the deal."

"Now that's just step one. Step two is getting the consent of a player when needed, which is often. Then there's step three. That's to negotiate with individuals involved."

Boston Red Sox, one of the teams Palmer said he would be willing to talk contract with in a possible trade, withdrew from the bidding.

The Mets offered Swan to Detroit Tigers for first baseman Jason Thompson. However, the Tigers countered with outfielder Ron LeFlore, also playing out his option, and the talks stalled.

BRAVES WANT CHAMBLISS
Atlanta Braves continued their chase of first baseman Chris Chambliss of Toronto Blue Jays. Atlanta offered outfielder Barry Bonnell and rookie pitching prospect Tommy Boggs, but the Blue Jays wanted more and the two teams went back into a huddle.

Dodgers trying to sign Morgan

TORONTO (CP) - Major league baseball officials are negotiating with one another Tuesday as their annual meeting closed in New York's inter-league trading deadline.

Los Angeles Dodgers, one of the most successful operations financially, were said to have been considering signing veteran second baseman Joe Morgan as a free agent but signed outfielder Jay Johnstone instead, saving themselves a bundle of cash.

The Dodgers, who earlier raided the vault to sign pitchers Dave Goltz and Don Stanhouse as free agents, picked up Johnstone for a song in comparison to what they would have had to pay Morgan, who earned about \$300,000 while playing out his option with Cincinnati this year.

Johnstone, who played out his option with New York Yankees and then San Diego Padres, agreed to a two-year contract. A 14-year major league veteran, he was listed by the Dodgers as an extra outfielder and pitcher.

Meanwhile, Baltimore Orioles continued efforts to deal right-handed pitcher Jim Palmer, who wants a \$3.5-million, six-year pact to agree to move to a team of his choice.

And New York Mets remained frustrated in a bid to peddle right-hander Craig Swan, their top pitcher threatening to give up his option in 1980 unless given a hefty pay increase.

Although Hank Peters, Baltimore general manager, insisted "We're not shopping, we're talking," he obviously was having trouble trading Palmer, a superstar with

Young knocks Gardner down

LONDON (AP) - Jimmy Young of the United States sent British heavyweight champion John Gardner to the canvas for a count of eight in the last round Tuesday night and went on to score a 10-round decision.

The crowd yelled for more action as the 31-year-old Young built up a substantial lead on points. He responded with a furious burst with 16 seconds left. Gardner went down for an eighth count, got up and was on his feet at the bell.

Gardner, 26, had lost only once in 31 previous fights. After the fight, Gardner's handlers revealed the fighter had been suffering from gout for two weeks.

In an earlier fight, Britain's Dave Green, former European welterweight boxing champion, gained a controversial 10-round decision over Dick Ecklund of Lowell, Mass.

The two continued fighting for five seconds after the final bell and the referee had to pull them apart. The crowd then disagreed with the referee's decision when he raised Green's hand.

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