

ers hand Ollers yet another loss

Steve Shutt took a philosophical view.

Shutt said the Montreal Canadiens, "When things are going bad, they go bad."

They went bad again Friday night when Edmonton Oilers struck for three second-period goals to hand the struggling, defending Stanley Cup champion their third straight defeat, 5-3, in National Hockey League action.

"We let up badly for about 10 to 15 minutes in the second period," Shutt said. "We played a solid first period, which is what we wanted, and came back strong in the third."

"But we've been going downhill for the last month and a half and you don't suddenly turn things around in one game."



BOB GAINEY
...going bad

Edmonton coach Glen Sather said his team had been charged up for the contest, but a capacity home crowd of 15,423, who were cheering the Oilers on, cooled them down.

"We're playing one of the best teams in the world," Sather said. "Our guys have probably been thinking this has to be our last or three weeks run. It's not like playing Hartford, we were in a Montreal Canadiens."

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But Mio made a superb glove save on the shot and also stopped LaFleur with two excellent saves during the first five minutes of the game.

Dave Lumley gave Edmonton a 1-0 lead in the first period when he took

advantage of a Montreal miscue. Wayne Gretzky, Karl Makonnen and Lumley's second goal of the night gave the Oilers a 4-0 lead by the end of the second period.

Goals by Pierre Larouche, his 13th in the last 14 games, Lambert and Pierre Mondou cut the Oilers' lead to 4-3 by the third period.

However, the Oilers regained their composure and Mark Messier scored the clincher at 12:19.

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Hawks blitz Breakers

Ed Cooper might have been a rookie playing in only his third Western Hockey League game Friday night but he showed he fits rather nicely into the Portland Winter Hawks' lineup.

Cooper scored the final three goals of the night, struck down Colorado Rockies 5-3 and Atlanta Flames edged Minnesota North Stars 3-2.

Sather praised the checking of Dave Hunter who had the

Portland goalie Darrell May was sharp in stopping 31 shots, the same number as Ken Hodge in the Breakers' cage.

FALL BEHIND FAST
The Cougars were up 2-1 after the first period and led 3-0 after 45 minutes but gave up two goals in the first three minutes of the final period and were down 6-3 before Bob Smith brought them to within six points of division-leading Victoria Cougars who are leading the going east play on the season.

Glen Gardner reared the two-goal edge for the Blades at 17:04 of the final period and it turned out to be the winner as Mark Morrison banged home a rebound for the sixth Cougar goal.

Janchar and Terry Pastaruk scored two goals each for the Blades who have won eight of their last nine games to move into second place in the Eastern Division.

Dan Bent, Lorne Bokshovan and Blake Stephen completed the count while Greg Adams,

NY boxing officials seek new procedure

NEW YORK (Reuter) — New York state boxing officials want to implement new safety procedures so that a ban on their sport, caused by the death last month of Willie Klassen, could be quickly lifted.

The New York Athletic Commission suspended boxing in the state Friday until new safety rules could be put into effect, acting shortly after a state legislator filed for a ban until a six-point safety plan was adopted.

Classen, a 26-year-old middleweight, died Nov. 28, five days after he was knocked out by Wilford Scypion in Madison Square Garden. He never regained consciousness.

The death was termed a "preventable tragedy" by state Senator Roy Goodman, chairman of the legislative committee that investigated the case and drew up the safety plan.

Boxing officials welcomed the proposed stricter rules and some suggested the changes were overdue. This is the first time the state commission was set up in 1920.

After Classen's death, it was disclosed that he was knocked out in the second round of a

fight in London on Oct. 9 but that he told the athletic commission the match was stopped by cuts. The commission had no independent information about the London bout.

Marvin Kohn, deputy commissioner, said the state commission had recently secured a computer data bank to help it keep track of fights outside New York.

Senator Goodman called for neurological training for ring-side doctors and referees, expansion to 90 days of the 30-day post-knockout suspension rule and tougher physical exams for boxers' licences.

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Gotta gives up coaching post

CALGARY (CP) — Jack Gotta, a three-time winner of the Canadian Football League's coach-of-the-year award, has given up his coaching chores to work full time as Calgary Stampede's general manager.

Gotta, who has handled both jobs since joining the Canadian Football League club three years ago, turned over the coaching position to Ardiell Wiegandt, former offensive line coach.

Wiegandt coached under Gotta for two years in January 1977.

Gotta said in an interview his move to full-time management is a natural progression. The club had some managerial problems to tackle and he wanted to devote more time to those.

Marketing of the team and scouting of players were two areas he would be joining at.

Wiegandt coached under Gotta for two years in the defunct World Football League. The 39-year-old native of Lakota, N.D., played for North Dakota State University from 1959-69 and later coached the team for five years. He joined the Stampede three years ago.

There were no immediate plans to find a replacement for the position of offensive line coach. Wiegandt said the other members, Stan Schwartz, Marvin Bias and Jim Spavital, will stay with the team.

His top priority will be signing some of the veterans negotiating contracts. The Stampede has seven players under contract and at least six entering their option year next season.

He was named coach of the year twice during his six seasons in the early 1970s and won the award for an unprecedented third time after leading the Stampede to a second-place finish in 1978.

The Stampede, who came second again to the Grey Cup champion Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Conference last year, were perennial cellar-dwellers in 1977 when Gotta arrived. He has built the team with an emphasis on strong Canadian content.

Ford's key three stops the Bucks

Long-ball shooting Chris Ford took a pass and sank a three-point field goal with a running jump shot as the final buzzer sounded Friday night, lifting Boston Celtics to a 97-94 National Basketball Association victory over Milwaukee Bucks.

Ford, one of the league's premier outside shooters, took a pass from Cedric Maxwell at center court, took a few strides and let go his long shot, spilling a Milwaukee comeback and ending the Bucks their sixth consecutive defeat.

In other games, Atlanta Hawks defeated Philadelphia 76ers 103-98, Kansas City Kings downed Utah Jazz 103-87, Indiana Pacers edged Washington Bullets 111-109, New Jersey Nets dumped New York Knicks 118-105, San Diego Clippers defeated Denver Nuggets 112-108, Seattle SuperSonics downed Houston Rockets 108-103 and Los Angeles Lakers trounced Detroit Pistons 138-122.

Ford had tied the score 64-64 with a pair of free throws with 25 seconds left on the clock. Then, after Milwaukee's Brian Turner missed on a shot from the top of the key, Ford fired his desperation shot.

Maxwell led Boston scorers with 27 points. The Bucks' Marques Johnson led all scorers with 30 points.

The Clippers' Steve Nissem scored 10 of his 18 points in the last quarter at Philadelphia to help snip a nine-game "7er" win streak. Julius Erving was a high scorer for Philadelphia with 21 points.

Kings' J. J. Redick came off the bench to score eight points and grab three rebounds in the fourth quarter to lead Kansas City to the home-court victory. Six Kings

finished in double figures, led by Scott Wedman's 24 points.

Pacers 111 Bullets 109
James Edwards scored 24 points, including the game-winning basket with 53 seconds remaining, as the Pacers held off a late Washington rally to past the win in Indianapolis.

Sonics 109 Rockets 101
Seattle's defense shut down Houston center Moses Malone in the second half as the SuperSonics held on to beat the Rockets. Malone, who scored 20 points in the first half, managed only one field goal and six points after intermission.

Rockets romp past Richmond Sockeyes

Goalender Ian McEachern made 31 saves as Kamloops Rockets blanked Richmond Sockeyes 7-0 in a penalty-filled British Columbia Junior Hockey League game Friday night.

The game was marred by 138 minutes in penalties, mostly the result of a second-period bench-clearing brawl that saw five players from each team ejected from the contest.

In other games, Penitence Knights defeated Merritt Centennials 7-2 and North Vancouver Caps edged Kelowna Buckaroos 7-5.

When the game resumed in Kamloops, Murray Mathison, Dave Kirby and Gordie Young each scored two goals and Frank Bridges added a single as the Rockets breezed to victory over the visiting Sockeyes.

In Vernon, Duane Potelak and Doug Sissons each scored two goals to lead the Caps over the Buckaroos.

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Hollywood Henderson wants his job back

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Times-Herald says Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson, who retired from the National Football League last season, wants his job back.

Henderson's telegram to Dallas Cowboys, who he was supposed to join as offensive line coach, was returned to him by the team's general manager Peter Rozelle for immediate reinstatement.

Henderson's telegram through the NFL Players Association says Rozelle to reinstate him "at this time so he may be able to participate immediately," the newspaper says.

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cowboys placed him on their reserve retired list.

NFL rules prevent player movement this late in the season. One rule prohibits players coming off the reserved list in the last 30 days of the regular season. Other rules prevent a player from returning to the club placed on waivers at this time.

Wednesday was the deadline for any player to be placed on the waiver list until after the Pro Bowl on Jan. 28.

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