## KENDALL'S KORNER

# Canadiens can do it

Thanks to Montreal Canadiens, most Canadians have fond memories of New Year's Eve, 1979.

The Canadians defeated Soviet Red Army 4-2. And if it had not been for the spectacular play of Russian netminder Vladislav Tretiak, the score could easily have been 7-2.

Montreal conducted a clinic on the way hockey was meant to be played. The Habs also proved that on any given day, they can still be the best team in hockey.

### BEST GAME

It was four years ago that Canadiens and Red Army battled to a 3-3 deadlock. Many knowledgeable hockey observers have called that game the best of all time. Most people will agree last Monday's game was equal in both entertainment and excitement.

Habs have had their share of problems this season. They are in first-place in the Norris Division, but have already lost 14 games. After four consecutive Stanley Cup victories, it is possible the Canadiens' reign is over. But, don't bet on it. There is no reason why they can't again rise to the occasion in the playoffs.

After Montreal had lost four consecutive games earlier this season, superstar Guy Lafleur was asked what the problem was. Lafleur replied that it is impossible for a team to get psyched up 80 times a year after winning four Stanley Cups.

Although Canadiens lost some key personnel, including centre Jacques Lemaire, goalie Ken Dryden, and coach Scotty Bowman, they are still the defending Stanley Cup champs. Getting mentally prepared to play against Colorado Rockies or Edmonton Oilers isn't easy for the Habs. And as a result, they lose some games to inferior teams.

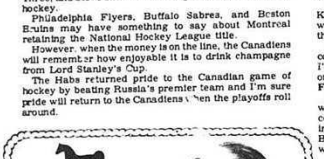
### PROVED A LOT

But, the Canadiens proved a lot of things against the Russians: Lafleur can control an entire game, Bob Gainey is probably the best two-way winger in hockey, Serge Savard isn't ready to retire yet, Rod Langway is an adequate fourth defenceman behind Montreal's Big Three, and Steve Shutt is the best garbage goal scorer in hockey.

Philadelphia Flyers, Buffalo Sabres, and Boston Bruins may have something to say about Montreal retaining the National Hockey League title.

However, when the money is on the line, the Canadiens will remember how enjoyable it is to drink champagne from Lord Stanley's Cup.

The Habs returned pride to the Canadian game of hockey by beating Russia's premier team and I'm sure pride will return to the Canadiens when the playoffs roll around.




A column to aid the novice horseperson.

**CARE OF HORSE EQUIPMENT**

The various pieces of equipment that we use for and on our horses is given the general name of tack. This is generally expensive, to buy and even if it were not, should be looked after properly to give us good use and, in the case of saddles, to provide comfort for our animals.

You would not wish to wear clothing which was dirty or stiff and neither does the horse!

All leather should be kept soft and supple or it will crack. Some oils are not suitable as they will cause rot — neatsfoot is one of them. The best thing to use is a tablet of glycerine saddle soap available at your tack shop.

Leather should be first cleaned off and made free of dirt and hair with a sponge and cold water. With clean cold water and a sponge you are ready to start. You can either dip the bar of saddle soap in the water or the sponge and then rub on the bar. Keep the sponge well wrung out and avoid excess moisture or suds. Thoroughly clean all parts of the tack. With English saddles, girths, stirrups, etc. are removed and cleaned. Girth and stirrups can be hung loose over saddle when cleaned instead of replacing to give the creases a rest. I clean my saddle and bridle after the end of each day's usage and take the bridle completely apart once a week. This also gives you a chance to inspect all the parts and ensure no stitching, buckler, or studs need repair. Clean all metal work with metal polish.

Saddle pads, numnahs, and cloths should be kept clean. They do not necessarily have to be washed every time used, but should be brushed or shaken out when dry to make sure they are always soft on the horse's back. I usually use a pad under the saddle and a cloth between that and the back that can be washed easily.

The girth is a very important piece of tack and even if time prevents the thorough cleaning of all tack, this piece must always be cared for to prevent galling. Leather types can be cleaned as above. String, nylon, and mohair can be washed or brushed as can web and lampwick types.

With the English stirrup leathers, try to switch them about fairly often as the bit one can stretch if always used on the left or mounting side.

The bit also must always be washed after every use, even if nothing else on the bridle is done. A dirty bit is horrible for the horse and can cause a sore mouth. In cold weather always warm the bit before putting it in the animal's mouth.

There are many books on the care of saddlery, but the Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship gives a detailed description with illustrations if you were lucky enough to get new tack for Christmas, take care of it!

# Steelers taking oilers seriously

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Houston Oilers pose a familiar threat, but last weekend they were pure inspiration to Pittsburgh Steelers' coach Chuck Noll.

"I like to see teams play real good football, inspired football," Noll said of the National Football League game last Saturday in which Houston overcame assorted hurts and heavily-favored San Diego Chargers to win a berth in the American Conference championship.

The Steelers went out the next day and beat Miami Dolphins in their conference semifinal.

The title clash, a rematch of last year's game here between the two AFC Central Division rivals, will be played at Three Rivers Stadium on Sunday.

Might the Steelers be lulled into a false sense of security by the injuries which kept Houston's Earl Campbell and Dan Pastorini on the sidelines in San Diego?

"You've got to be kidding," Noll told reporters.

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KELLY OLSON
...one to stop

STEVE KING
...top guard

# Grads ready for Panthers

Vernon Panthers will host the players from the past in the annual Grad Game on Thursday night, at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Grad player-coach Steve King told the Daily News he will have 13 or 14 players in the line-up.

King said, "I've been able to confirm most of our players — I'm just waiting to hear from one or two more guys."

**FACES OLSON**

Biggest job facing the Grads will be stopping Panthers' centre Kelly Olson, top scorer in the Okanagan last year. Bob Herring and Brent Krusel will share that duty.

King said, "I'd say our strong point will be rebounding. Our forwards have a lot of experience and know how to box out."

Grads will employ a man-to-man defence, with an occasional switch to an elementary zone.

**TOP GUARD**

King, top scoring guard in the school's history, will be the toughest man for Grads to stop. King starred with the Panthers for two years before graduating to Kelowna Okanagan College team.

The Grad squad will include Sandy Steinley, Ed Walterhouse, Tom Davison, Dave Turner, Mike Kakoske, Peter Wolgram, Glen Sirges, Rick Beaton, Jon Rosman, Grant Goldie, King, Krusel, and Herring.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

**JANUARY, 1975**

Kelowna Buckaroos started off the New Year the same way they finished 1974 as they rolled over the Vernon Vikings 6-1. A nearriot broke out in the third period as a fight on the ice spilled over among fans in the stands.

# North Stars dump Penguins

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tim Young and Al MacAdam scored goals 25 seconds apart in the third period to boost Minnesota North Stars to a 4-2 National Hockey League victory over Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night.

**NHL**

| Wales Conference Norris Division | W | L | T | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 18 | 14 | 6 | 142 | 127 | 42 |
| Los Ang | 17 | 12 | 6 | 152 | 135 | 40 |
| Pitts | 14 | 11 | 11 | 122 | 119 | 39 |
| Detroit | 11 | 17 | 7 | 115 | 124 | 29 |
| Hartford | 9 | 16 | 9 | 111 | 126 | 27 |
| **Adams Division** | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | 20 | 10 | 5 | 145 | 99 | 53 |
| Boston | 20 | 10 | 5 | 135 | 103 | 45 |
| Minn | 18 | 9 | 7 | 145 | 107 | 43 |
| Toronto | 16 | 16 | 4 | 128 | 134 | 36 |
| Quebec | 15 | 17 | 5 | 114 | 125 | 35 |
| **Campbell Conference Patrick Division** | | | | | | |
| Phila | 24 | 1 | 10 | 152 | 104 | 58 |
| Rangers | 17 | 15 | 5 | 142 | 135 | 39 |
| Islanders | 13 | 15 | 6 | 119 | 121 | 32 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 17 | 4 | 114 | 125 | 32 |
| Washing | 9 | 23 | 5 | 110 | 142 | 23 |
| **Smythe Division** | | | | | | |
| Chicago | 32 | 13 | 12 | 103 | 109 | 36 |
| Vancouver | 14 | 16 | 7 | 122 | 120 | 35 |
| St. Louis | 13 | 18 | 6 | 107 | 127 | 32 |
| Winnipeg | 12 | 22 | 4 | 107 | 150 | 28 |
| Colorado | 12 | 21 | 3 | 121 | 138 | 27 |
| Edmonton | 9 | 19 | 7 | 120 | 155 | 25 |

Young, with his second goal of the game and 16th of the season, broke a 2-2 tie at 3:21 of the third period when he slipped in a rebound past goalie Greg Millen. MacAdam, who also had two assists, hammered in a shot from the left faceoff circle for his 19th goal of the year at 3:46.

Young and rookie Tom McCarthy scored in the first period for Minnesota.

The Penguins countered in the second period on goals by Ross Lonsberry and Orest Kindrachuk to tie the game.

The Penguins, continually stymied by Minnesota goalie Gilles Meloche, finished with a 33-31 edge in shots, but the North Stars blitzed them 14-4 in the final period.

In other games, Buffalo Sabres beat Winnipeg Jets 6-2 and Colorado Rockies downed Detroit Red Wings 5-3. Montreal Canadiens came from behind to defeat Moscow Red Army 4-2 in an exhibition game.

**Rockies 5 Red Wings 3**

Ron Delorme scored two goals and assisted on a third to spark Colorado over Detroit. The decision ended Colorado's five-game losing streak on the road and handed Detroit its seventh defeat in its last 11 games.

Lanny McDonald, playing his second game for the Rockies after being traded from Toronto Maple Leafs last Friday, also scored twice, his 16th and 17th goals of the season. Randy Pierce got the other Colorado goal.

George Lyle, called up Monday morning from Glens Falls, N.Y., of the American Hockey League, scored two goals for the Red Wings in his first NHL game. Dale McCourt also scored for Detroit.

# Knights edge Merritt

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Penticton Knights edged Merritt Centennials 5-4 in the only British Columbia Junior Hockey League game Tuesday.

Penticton marksmen were Greg Egan, Doug Festerling, Gregg Wilson, Terry Houle and Lance Johnston.

Knights, leaders in the league's Interior Division, led 2-1 and 3-2 by periods.

Dan Landon had a pair of goals for Merritt while John Moskiewich and Mark Sochotsky added singles.

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# Local bantams beat in tournament final

Kelowna edged Vernon Sun Valley 5-3 in an all-Okanagan final at the Spokane Christmas Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Both Okanagan teams had won their round-robin divisions with identical 4-0 records.

The championship game was a goaltenders' battle. Kelowna's Matt Sekela, named top goalie in the tourney, made 37 saves while Hank Aarsen blocked 34 shots at the other end.

Ray Daley, with two goals, and Greg Moore handled the Vernon scoring.

Vernon's biggest win was against top-ranked Calgary, 4-2.

Calgary outshot the locals 40-29, but the outstanding netminding of Mike Martin made the difference.

Keith Major, Richard Kneller, Clayton Adams, and Moore shared the scoring in that game.

**COACH PLEASED**

Vernon Coach Bob Gregorash praised his team's effort. He said, "They really surprised me. I hope they can keep up to this peak from now on."

In other games, Vernon thumped Spokane 8-1, Westside 7-4, and Trail 8-1.

Against the host team, Moore led the attack with two goals and two assists. Kneller and Duane Jackson also scored twice while Major and Lance Marcoux netted singles.

Moore scored two and added three assists against Westside. John Barber, with two goals, Major, Kneller, and Marcoux rounded out the scoring.

In their opening game, Moore collected five goals with singles from Major, Daley, and Kneller.

# Only one setback for Vernon pups

By DALE MAJOR
DAILY NEWS SPORTS

Vernon Consumers Glass Pup Reps played five exhibition games against pee wee teams in the past week.

The pups thumped Vernon Lodge Hotel 13-5, Tradeland Realty 10-0, and Enderby 11-1; battled to an 8-8 draw with Boston Pizza; and dropped a 12-8 decision to the Pee Wee B Reps.

**SCORED FIVE**

Troy Mick scored five goals against the Hoteimen Dennis Holland added three goals while Evan Lamie and Mark Lambert each counted a pair. Alan Graves scored once for the pups.

Brady Prentice had two goals for the Lodge with singles from Danny Jones, Randall Mountain, and Stewart Hoyt.

Mick had another big game against Tradeland with four goals. Holland scored two and set up a pair while Lambert, Graves, Rick Cucksey and Doug Jewett collected one each.

In Enderby, Howie Finch led the onslaught with three goals while Mick and Graves each added a pair. Holland, Lambert, Lamie, and Darren Stenstrom blinked the red light once.

Holland was the offensive star against Boston with five goals. Mick scored twice and Cucksey rounded out the scoring.

Alex Kolesinsnehko and Steven Schroeder replied with three each for Boston while Mark Deutzler added a pair.

**SEVEN POINTER**

Warren Schneider led the pee wee B squad to victory with four goals and three assists. Darin Kowal scored twice and set up three others while Jason Holweg added a pair. Singles went to Darin Chamberlain, David Calder, Brent Lawrence, and Steven Schroeder.

Holland countered with three goals and three assists for the pups. Mick scored twice while Lambert, Cucksey, and Robertson notched singles.

**HOUSE LEAGUE**

In other Pee Wee House League action, Red Top Grocery hammered Vernon Lodge 13-4, Tradeland whipped Geniers TV 9-3 and Armstrong 6-3, Vernon Lodge nipped Lumby 7-5, and Geniers skated past Armstrong 9-6.

Murray Head had a big game for Red Top with five goals and four assists. Troy Bullock and Colin Fleming scored four goals each while Mike Hanchar added six assists.

Michael Novak, Hoyt, David Horochuk, and Jones shared the Lodge scoring.

Prentice led Tradeland past Geniers with six goals. Troy Rolzein, Dean Barnard, and David Holland scored singles for the Realtors.

Against Armstrong, Prentice had four goals while Tom Myers and Rolzein got solos.

Jones fired four goals to lead Lodge past Lumby. Hoyt, Horochuk, and Dean Cam got singles.

Benny Wilson replied with three goals for Lumby.

In Armstrong, Kevin Miller led Genier's with three goals while Dave Hildebrandt and Shane Deleeuw added a pair each. Blair Phillips and Prentice notched one apiece.

**SENIOR PUP**

Senior Pup House scores: (Tier 1) Butcher Boys 11, Whiskey Jacks 7; Steppa or Armstrong 8, Rent-a-wreck 0; Whiskey Jacks 9, Rent-a-wreck 2; Enderby 3, Army and Navy 0; Butcher Boys 5, McDonalds 4; Army and Navy 10, Whiskey Jacks 4; Enderby 6, Rent-a-wreck 1.

Tier 2: Enderby 3, BCGEU 3; Scotia Flyers 2, Minit Tune 2; Sun Flower Shirts 10, Village Green 1; Lumby 5, Yamaha 5; Village Green 6, Enderby 1; Sunflower 10, Scotia Flyers 0; Lumby 5, BCGEU 4; Yamaha 5, Minit Tune 4.

McDonalds won one of three games in a Penticton House League Tournament.

Army and Navy lost twice in the Salmon Arm All-Star Tournament, 7-3 to Salmon Arm and 4-3 to Armstrong.

# Midgets capture third spot

Vernon Bloom and Sigalet finished third in the six-team Penticton Midget Hockey Tournament last weekend.

In five games, Vernon had two wins, two losses, and a tie.

In the semi-finals, Vernon battled to a 5-5 draw with Drummondville, Que. The locals needed a win in that game to reach the final.

Drummondville conceded the championship to Penticton because it had already played two games that day.

Tom DeVries scored three goals against the Quebec club while Ray Willliment and Greg Kowal notched singles.

Earlier in the tourney, Vernon dumped Kelowna 7-3 and Port Alberni 9-2; while losing to Nelson and Penticton by identical 8-3 scores.

Willment led Vernon past Kelowna with two goals. DeVries, Kowal, Brad Brad Moore, Tom Day, and Kevin Beauva added singles.

Against Port Alberni, DeVries scored three times while Shane Koski and Kevin Aelchele added two apiece. Moore and Day got the other Bloom and Sigalet goals.

Willment got all three goals against Nelson while Kowal, Morden, and DeVries handled the scoring in the Penticton game.

# SNOW WOES CONTINUE

Tillicum Valley Ski Area was open today, on a limited basis.

But according to Tillicum Manager Sandy Boyd, the area may be closed again Thursday.

Boyd said, "We're right down to the base now. If we don't get more snow tonight, we'll have to shut down the handle lift."

Boyd admits they are still a long way from opening Tillicum's chairlift. He said, "We need another 10 centimetres of snow or else two or three cold nights so we can make snow."

Meanwhile, despite a busy Christmas season, Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said his area is still well behind financial projections.

Woodman said, "We had a super Christmas season in terms of day ticket sales. However, due to the late snow, we're down about 60 per cent in season ticket sales.

"All we can do the rest of the season is work hard to keep people happy and try to make up the deficit."

# Simmer and Dionne scoring at record clip

MONTREAL (CP) — Left winger Charlie Simmer and centre Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles Kings have their sights set on National Hockey League records as the season moves into 1980.

Statistics released Monday show Simmer, who had a scoring streak stopped at 13 games last week, with 34 goals in 35 games. That's two ahead of the pace Phil Esposito set with Boston Bruins when he scored a record 76 goals in the 1970-71 campaign.

Simmer also is ahead of the pace set by Steve Shutt of Montreal Canadiens when he fired a season-high 60 goals by a left winger in 1976-77. Shutt had 29 goals in his first 35 games.

Dionne, meanwhile, leads the scoring race with 28 goals and 44 assists for 72 points. Esposito had a record 152 points in 1970-71 but earned only 49 points through 35 games, putting Dionne four points ahead at this stage.

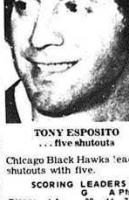
Defenceman Bobby Orr collected a record 102 assists with Boston in 19070-71, getting 41 in the first 35 games, three behind Dionne's pace.

**TWO-PLUS PER GAME**

Dionne has averaged 2.06 points a game, also a potential record-setting clip. The mark is 1.97 by Bill Cowley of Boston in 1943-44, and the second-best effort is 1.95 by Esposito in 1970-71.

Goaltenders Don Edwards and Bob Sauve of Buffalo had a league-leading combined goals against average of 2.60, with Gerry Cheevers, Gilles Gilbert and Yves Belanger of Boston second at 2.91.

Denis Herron of Montreal and Ron Low of Quebec Nordiques are tied for the best personal average at 2.33 while Tony Esposito of Chicago Black Hawks leads in shutouts with five.



TONY ESPOSITO
...five shutouts

**SCORING LEADERS**

| | G | A | Pts | Pim |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dionne, LA | 28 | 44 | 72 | 12 |
| Lafleur, Mtl | 28 | 40 | 68 | 6 |
| Simmer, LA | 34 | 29 | 63 | 39 |
| Taylor, LA | 23 | 34 | 57 | 33 |
| Gretzky, Edm | 19 | 34 | 53 | 6 |
| Trottier, NYI | 20 | 29 | 49 | 26 |
| Larouche, Mtl | 22 | 21 | 43 | 10 |
| Gare, Buf | 26 | 17 | 43 | 39 |
| Perreault, Buf | 24 | 26 | 50 | 33 |
| MacAdam, Min | 19 | 28 | 47 | 9 |
| R.Cloutier, Que | 24 | 21 | 45 | 10 |
| McDonald, Edm | 23 | 22 | 45 | 2 |
| Payne, Min | 24 | 20 | 44 | 21 |
| Federko, StL | 15 | 29 | 43 | 12 |
| Shutt, Mtl | 20 | 22 | 42 | 18 |
| Goring, LA | 11 | 31 | 42 | 6 |
| Leach, Pha | 25 | 16 | 41 | 12 |
| Nilsson, Atl | 16 | 25 | 41 | 6 |
| Nilsson, NYR | 9 | 31 | 40 | 14 |
| Nedomansky, Det | 23 | 16 | 39 | 4 |
| Propp, Pha | 20 | 19 | 39 | 22 |
| Ratelle, Bos | 16 | 23 | 39 | 4 |
| Halward, LA | 19 | 20 | 39 | 28 |

**GOALKEEPERS' RECORDS**
(Empty-net goals bracketed)

| | MP | GA | SO | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D.Edwards | 1,540 | 51 | 1 | 2.46 |
| Sauve | 1,040 | 45 | 3 | 2.65 |
| Buffalo (2) | 2,580 | 99 | 4 | 2.40 |
| Cheevers | 720 | 32 | 2 | 2.67 |
| Gilbert | 1,153 | 51 | 2 | 2.86 |
| Belanger | 227 | 13 | 0 | 3.44 |
| Boston (3) | 2,100 | 103 | 3 | 2.94 |
| Esposito | 1,860 | 84 | 5 | 2.71 |
| Veisor | 360 | 20 | 0 | 3.33 |
| Chicago (5) | 2,220 | 109 | 5 | 2.95 |
| Peeters | 1,020 | 44 | 0 | 2.59 |
| Myre | 1,080 | 60 | 0 | 3.33 |
| Philadelphia | 2,100 | 104 | 0 | 2.97 |
| Meloche | 1,261 | 54 | 1 | 2.56 |
| G.Edwards | 779 | 53 | 0 | 4.08 |
| Minnesota | 2,140 | 107 | 1 | 3.00 |
| Hanlon | 1,680 | 84 | 0 | 3.00 |
| Ridley | 540 | 32 | 0 | 3.56 |
| Vanc'ver (4) | 2,220 | 120 | 0 | 3.24 |
| Millen | 866 | 39 | 1 | 2.70 |
| Holland | 1,294 | 80 | 0 | 3.71 |
| Pittsburgh | 2,160 | 119 | 1 | 3.30 |
| Herron | 389 | 15 | 0 | 2.31 |
| Sevigny | 572 | 27 | 0 | 2.83 |
| Larocque | 1,319 | 63 | 0 | 2.78 |
| Montreal (2) | 2,280 | 127 | 2 | 3.34 |
| Low | 78 | 3 | 0 | 2.31 |
| Dion | 1,243 | 61 | 0 | 2.99 |
| Hogosta | 899 | 57 | 1 | 3.80 |
| Quebec (1) | 2,220 | 129 | 1 | 3.48 |
| Lilo | 1,412 | 73 | 1 | 3.10 |
| Stanlowski | 808 | 52 | 0 | 3.86 |
| St. Louis (2) | 2,220 | 127 | 1 | 3.43 |
| Vachon | 1,346 | 75 | 1 | 3.34 |
| Rutherford | 814 | 50 | 0 | 3.82 |
| Detroit (1) | 2,100 | 124 | 2 | 3.54 |
| B.Smith | 1,056 | 58 | 1 | 3.26 |
| Rigg | 974 | 60 | 0 | 3.70 |
| Islanders (3) | 2,040 | 121 | 1 | 3.56 |
| Bouchard | 1,701 | 85 | 2 | 3.00 |
| Riggin | 379 | 23 | 0 | 4.05 |
| Lemelin | 120 | 13 | 0 | 6.50 |
| Atlanta (4) | 2,100 | 135 | 2 | 3.57 |

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