

LIONS LOSE KICK RETURNER

VANCOUVER (CP) — Defensive back Devon Ford, one of the most dangerous kick returners in the Canadian Football League, has been lost to B.C. Lions for the rest of the season.

Ford underwent surgery Tuesday for torn knee cartilage after being hurt during a 48-run win here Saturday; and was scheduled to return to the field with an ankle problem, but four games into the schedule was activated when Leon Bright was returned to offence after a brief experiment in the defensive secondary.

Bright was placed on the injured list last week with a shoulder problem and the Lions were searching for a replacement for Ford among other CFL teams. B.C. also released defensive back Larry Rist last week.

The Lions also said that defensive end Richard Murray, who suffered a concussion in the Saskatchewan game, will be ready to play Monday in Edmonton against the Eskimos.

Top draft picks return to junior

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A trio of first-round amateur draft picks found themselves headed back to their junior club after being cut by their respective National Hockey League teams Tuesday.

Calgary Flames returned right winger Denis Cyr to Montreal Junior Canadiens after being cut by their respective National Hockey League teams Tuesday.

Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, Cyr, the Flames' No. 1 selection and the 12th player picked last June, has one year of junior eligibility left.

Centre Barry Pederson was cut by Boston Bruins and returned to Victoria Cougars of the Western Hockey League. Pederson, the Bruins' No. 1 pick and 18th player selected overall, lost out to No. 3 draft pick, Steve Kasper, also a centre.

Buffalo Sabres also sent back their No. 1 choice, right winger Steve Patullo of Brandon Wheat Kings, the 20th player picked in the draft last summer.

Under an agreement between the NHL and the Canadian Major Junior Hockey League, players with junior eligibility either must remain with the team that drafted them or be returned to their junior club.

The cuts came just two days before the opening of the NHL season.

Calgary also sent left winger Jim MacKae, former Olympic team forward Dave Hindmitch and defenceman Gord Wappel to Birmingham Bulls of the Central Hockey League.

The cuts left Calgary with a 20-man roster with an average age of 23.8 years for its opener at home Thursday night against Quebec Nordiques.

Kasper, a centre from Sorrel Black Hawks of the QMJHL and the 61st player selected in the

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The first 64 years are always the toughest.

Just ask Philadelphia Phillies. Greg Luzinski's two-run homer in the sixth inning led the Phillies to their first baseball postseason victory at home since Grover Cleveland Alexander beat Boston Red Sox in the 1915 World Series.

The Phillies beat Houston Astros 3-1 Tuesday night in the first of their best-of-five National League championship series for a ticket to the World Series.

The Phillies had lost nine straight post-season games at home, including one in that 1915 Series, two in the 1950 World Series to New York Yankees and six in divisional playoffs in 1976, 1977 and 1978.

Steve Carlton, the Phillies' 24-game winner, was credited with the victory although he wasn't as overpowering as during the regular season.

Still, Carlton worked seven innings and allowed just one run. But "he wins without his best," said Phillies manager Dallas Green. "He lets them hang on the bases."

Seven Astros were stranded in the first four innings.

Green lifted Carlton for a pinch hitter in the seventh despite a 2-1 lead. The Phillies had a runner on third and two out.

Tug McGraw came in and retired six of seven batters to save the game for Philadelphia.



GREG LUZINSKI led Phillies.

Phillies take lead

Luzinski's home run came landed high in the first tier of seats in left field. It was the only hit of the game for the Phillies' outfielder, who has struggled most of the season.

"I usually slump in September, but for some reason I got charged up in the playoffs," said Luzinski, who has had hits in all 12 of the Phillies' playoff games.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead in the third inning on singles by Jose Cruz, Cesar Cedeno, and a two-out base hit by rookie Gary Woods.

Astros' pitcher Ken Forsch held onto the slim lead until the sixth when Pete Rose opened with an infield single. Boke McBride struck out and Mike Schmidt flied out.

Forsch went to 3-2 on Luzinski and then the ball flew out of the ball park for a 2-1 lead. The Phillies added an insurance run in the seventh on Garry Maddox's single, a sacrifice bunt from Larry Brown, Maddox's steal of third and a slicing single to left by pinch-hitter Greg Gross, batting for Carlton.

Forsch went the distance, allowing eight hits, striking out five and walking one.

GOT LITTLE REST

Houston manager Bill Virdon refused to use the Astros' all-night flight as an excuse. The Astros came from Los Angeles where they beat the Dodgers in a one-game playoff Monday for the West division title.

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Clippers crush Chilliwack Colts

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Maurice Jaeger scored two goals to lead Nanaimo Clippers to a 4-2 win over Chilliwack Colts in one of two B.C. Junior Hockey League games Tuesday night.

In the other game, Richmond sockeyes beat the visiting Coquitlam Comets 2-2.

At Nanaimo, the Clippers led 2-0 at 3:20 by periods.

Bob Bales and Ian Ramsey also scored for Nanaimo while Brian Schoobles and Mark Ballant tallied for Chilliwack.

Mark MacDonald made 29

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