

Canucks return home from tough road trip

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VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks return to the Pacific Coliseum tonight confident of one of the hardest parts of their National Hockey League schedule is behind them.

The Canucks, after opening with two wins at home, played five road games in eight days in some of the toughest NHL cities — Chicago, Philadelphia, Montreal, Uniondale, N.Y., and New York.

They emerged from what

PIN POINTS

WEDNESDAY EARLY BIRDS
 Women's High Single: Norma
 270; High Triple: Martine
 265; High Average: Martine
 19.0

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: Finches, +197;
 High Triple: Orioles, +284

DOVES
 Doves: 143%
 Chick-A-Dees: 157
 Doves: 146%
 Cardinals: 138
 Y.S.S.: 132

OCTUBER 17
 SUNDAY 7:00 P.M.
 MIXED

Women's High Single: Angie Murf
 242; High Triple: Ramona
 237; High Average: Diana Baker, 69.2
 247; High Triple: Goula Kim, 69.1
 High Average: Goula Kim, 69.1

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: Wipe Outs, 207
 High Triple: Spare Pins, 67
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OCTUBER 11
 Y.B.C. BANTAMS
 Women's High Single: Shirley
 Cavanagh, 173; High Triple: Shirley
 164; High Average: Shirley
 164

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: Coaglers, +128;
 High Triple: Super Soles, 209

OCTUBER 12
 T.C.S.E.N.S.
 Women's High Single: Ramona
 Krause, 306; High Triple: Ramona
 Krause, 278; High Average: Ramona
 Krause, 278

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: Red Koenig, 229
 High Triple: Red Koenig, 229
 High Average: Red Koenig, 229

OCTUBER 12
 SUNDAY 7:00 P.M.
 MIXED

Women's High Single: Donna
 Cochrane, 286; High Triple: Donna
 Cochrane, 286; High Average: Donna
 Cochrane, 286

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: Mary Wells, 255
 High Triple: Mary Wells, 255
 High Average: Mary Wells, 255

OCTUBER 13
 MONDAY 7:00 P.M.
 MIXED

Women's High Single: Lori
 Jamieson, 251; High Triple: Lori
 Jamieson, 251; High Average: Lori
 Jamieson, 251

TEAM STANDINGS
 Team High Single: I.E.W.K., +210
 High Triple: I.E.W.K., +210

OCTUBER 14
 TUESDAY 9:11

Women's High Single: Sandy Ken-
 nedy, 209; High Triple: Sandy Ken-
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team officials call the toughest road of the season with two wins, knocking off the Stanley Cup finalists of last season, the Flyers and New York Islanders.

The start has been encouraging for the Canucks, 4-3, because exhibition games, And, perhaps even more important, they were never blown out in any of the road games.

The Canucks face Boston

Bighorns hammer Breakers

CURT FRASER
 ... six goals

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4-over Calgary Flames, Montreal Canadiens slammed Chicago Blackhawks 7-2 and Philadelphia Flyers defeated New York Islanders 4-2.

The Red Wings led 1-0 after 15 seconds of play on a goal by rookie Jody Gage. A short-handed goal by Doug Berube pulled the Rockies even less than six minutes later.

Detroit jumped to a 4-1 lead on goals by John Oprodnick, late in the first period, and Blaisdel and Errol Thompson, early in the second period. Blaisdel scored his second goal of the night in the fourth minute of the first period.

Leaf's Flames 4
 Rocky Saganul scored twice to lead the Leaf attack. John Anderson, Rick Vaive and Laurie Boschman had one each. Will Plett, Eric Vail, Brad Smith and Bob MacMillan replied for the Flames.

Canadiens 7 Hawks 2
 Bob Gainsy scored two goals, one while Montreal was a man short and the other later in the game to raise his career total to 100, to lead the Canadiens to their second win in seven starts.

Junior Laizer scored a power-play goal to increase his head of former New York Ranger star Rod Gilbert to 13th place.

Doug Ulickiewicz, with his first NHL goal, Steve Shutt, Detroit is in last place in the

By The Associated Press
 Wednesday night against Calgary Flames, Gretzky got two assists on goals by Semenko as the Oilers won 5-3.

There are whispers that he just might be headed for the first 200-point season in hockey history.

All of this from a kid from Brantford, Ont., who should be completing his last year of junior hockey.

"I kind of expected to play four years of junior," admitted Gretzky. "But I was told if I was ready, the WHA would be interested and the courts wouldn't stop me from playing pro hockey."

Nobody seems capable of stopping The Great Gretzky now.

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Ice stops skiers at Mount Robson

VALEMOUNT, B.C. (CP) — An attempt to ski down the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies was abandoned Thursday because of ice. Two young skiers discovered there was too much ice at the peak of Mount Robson.

Jack Thabault, 21, said that he and companion Peter Chranowski, 22, were taken to the summit by helicopter, he went down in ice crevice on a 90-metre rope.

But the rope wasn't long enough to reach the first patch of snow. Chranowski said his skin and climbed back to the helicopter.

By the time he returned, the regular afternoon avalanche hazard had been forecast.

Earlier reports that he tripped on a crevice and lost a ski on the rope were not true, Thabault said.

"I'm burned out," Thabault said. "The skis are still there. We'll try tomorrow, but we can't ski off the top. You'd almost get killed."

STAY AT CAMP
 Thabault and Chranowski, 19-time skiers and freestylers from the resort community of Whistler, north of Vancouver, were to remain at their base camp, Darryl Goodwin, 3,564-metre mountain overnights.

At dawn today, they planned to climb to a point about 80 metres from the summit and attempt the schuss again. They estimate the climb, to be made with their skis strapped to their backs, will take about six hours.

"The mountain isn't the easy way (with the helicopter) so if we can't do it the easy way, we'll have to do it the normal way," Chranowski said.

"One thing is for sure — we'll

know that fact well when we're through climbing it."

Thabault said today's run will be more difficult than it would have been Thursday because they'll be tired from the climb.

"But we'll do it," he said. "I came to ski Robson and I'm gonna do it."

The two men want to set a new record for skiing the greatest vertical drop on slopes steeper than 50 degrees.

If they ski down the 2,133-metre drop, which includes about 1,000 metres of 60 and 55 degrees, they will beat the current record of a 1,582-metre drop on a slope 50 degrees or more as recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS
 There have been other attempts to ski the mountain, 400 kilometres west of Edmonton, but never from the top, which is frequently shrouded in cloud.

The west side has never been skied and has always been considered impossible.

Previous attempts all involved climbing to the mountain, but Thursday's was the first trip by helicopter.

The pair is attempting the run despite warnings they are risking their lives because they would be unable to stop if they lose their balance on the way down.

While both men stand to receive close to \$40,000 each in endorsements, they say they're sking Mount Robson for the challenge not the money.

"Why do people go on bicycle trips or race cars or on skiing trips? It's never been done. The risks are there, but that's not why we're doing it. It's just something we want to try."

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