

BRODEUR NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks have received some good news regarding the knee injury suffered by Richard Brodeur.

The National Hockey League team had the little netminder undergo an arthroscopic examination Monday and doctors reported that Brodeur may be able to rejoin the team next week.

Brodeur, who has appeared in 46 games this season, re-injured his knee last Friday during a 3-1 loss to New York Islanders and was replaced after the second period by Glen Hanlon.

Ironically, Brodeur got his chance to play regularly earlier in the season when Hanlon injured his knee which forced him to miss four months of action.

Doctors said the damage to Brodeur's knee was limited to cartilage spurs, which were removed. He should be back on skates within five days, they said, and ready to return to action in eight or 10 days.

The Canucks open a four-game road trip tonight in Toronto against the Maple Leafs, a team they have beaten twice and tied once to start this season.

Hanlon will be Vancouver's starting goaltender in Toronto, with Gary Bromley as backup. Hanlon recorded Vancouver's first shutout of the season here Sunday night in a 3-0 win over Hartford Whalers.

Coach Harry Neale took seven defencemen in the trip, including Mario Marois, who did not dress against Hartford's Colin Campbell, sidelined for over two months with a fractured wrist.

AT BRIAR

North Ontario lengthens lead

HALIFAX (CP) — The Canadian men's curling championship is noted for its hospitality — mainly at parties when veterans fall outside once a year.

But the friendliness reached the ice Tuesday when Al Harker of Thunder Bay, Ont., reaped the benefits of two giveaways.

Kerry Burtyk of Winnipeg and Ed Werenich of Toronto, both missed relatively early in the play-off, but with the last-rock advantage in extra play, enabling Harker to steal single points in each game.

Harker, who finished in the runner-up position last year to Fock Fook of Saskatchewan, increased his Northern Ontario rink's record to 6-0 when he defeated Burtyk's Manitoba rink 6-3 in the eighth round after escaping with an 8-7 decision over Werenich's Ontario foursome in the morning draw.

Commenting on his win over the Winnipeg foursome, Harker said: "Yes, I got lucky, but both of us had to struggle with the ice."

Manitoba third Mark Olson said: "We went flat, probably the worst game here."

MOVES TO SECOND
Meanwhile, Bob Elert of Assiniboia, Sask., picked up two victories during the third day to move into sole possession of second place with a 4-1 record.

Barry McPhee of Kamloops, B.C., Peter MacDonald of Charlottetown and Manitoba were 4-2 in the 12-rink, round-robin tournament at the Metro Centre. Brian Ness of Iroquois, Que., was 3-2 and Mel Watchorn of Fairview, Alta., was 2-3.

At 2-4 were Don Muir of Moncton, N.B., Toby McDonald of St. John's, Nfld., and Ontario's Chuck Haines of Whitehorse, representing the Territories, was 1-5 and Alan Darragh of Dartmouth, N.S., was winless after five games.

At the conclusion of the evening draw, Quebec held Bob Carter suffered a bruised right knee when he fell to the ice and his status was doubtful for a game this morning against Alberta. It was uncertain whether the Quebec rink would use a substitute or elect to compete with only three curlers.

In an important match this afternoon, Northern Ontario was to meet B.C., Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario battle in the 14th round Friday morning.

The top three teams advance to the playoffs at the end of round-robin play in the 52nd championship, sponsored for the second year by Laidlaw's Ltd. The second- and third-place rinks meet in a semifinal game Saturday at 3:30 p.m. AST, and the winner takes on the leading team in the sudden-death final Sunday, starting at 3 p.m.

In other eighth-round games, P.E.I. beat Newfoundland 5-3 by stealing two in the ninth end, Saskatchewan defeated New Brunswick 7-4, Alberta bounced B.C. 10-5 and Quebec won Nova Scotia 6-2. The Territories 1-0 Ontario had byes.

NIFS ALBERTA
Manitoba nipped Alberta 5-4 in seventh-round play, while Saskatchewan beat B.C. 7-5. Newfoundland topped the Territories 4-0, Quebec downed Ontario 1-3 and New Brunswick shamed Nova Scotia 8-7. Northern Ontario and P.E.I. did not compete.

In the only other game Tuesday morning, MacDonald's Charlottetown foursome defeated the Territories 7-4. MacDonald, who met top opposition early in the playoffs, said his rink has been curried off well.

In tonight's game, we started off well, then fell asleep. If Newfoundland came back, so we had to take the advantage. We have a good chance to be among the top two rinks.

Despite MacDonald's impressive showing and Saskatchewan's brilliant play, it was the games against Northern Ontario that had fans buzzing.

In Harker's game against Manitoba, the Northern Ontario skip placed a rock just at the top edge of the 12-foot circle with his final shot of the extra end to tie one. Burtyk only had to draw a little past it for the winning point, but his stone slid through the hole.

HIT HEAVY PART
Burtyk was actually throwing into a heavy part of the ice — "that's why they swept it," Harker said. "We should have two leads."

"There were a number of errors on both sides, but he made the last one. I was surprised he went through, his sweepers didn't make a mistake."

After eight rounds, the tournament has attracted 25,079 fans. The record is 33,185, set in Calgary last year.

Proudfoot to stay with Lions
VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Lions can count on the services of Canadian safety Tony Proudfoot for at least one more Canadian Football League season.

Proudfoot, 38, acquired last season from Montreal Alouettes in a trade for Doug Carlson, said Monday he's been successful in obtaining another year of absence from his teaching job in Montreal.

After seven seasons with the Alouettes, Proudfoot still makes his home in Montreal and has a position at Dawson Community College, where he's a physical education instructor. He will miss the summer and fall semesters.

8-8 WITH EDMONTON

Bossy embarrassed by Islanders tie

The Canadian Press
It might sound unusual coming from a man who has just scored four goals in one night, but Mike Bossy says New York Islanders and the National Hockey League should be embarrassed by an 8-8 tie.

"There's no reason for an 8-8 game," Bossy said after Islanders and Edmonton Oilers produced that score Tuesday night. "This league is too good for that to happen."

In other games Tuesday, Calgary Flames beat Washington Capitals 6-3. St. Louis Blues defeated Boston Bruins 4-2 and Colorado Rockies edged Hartford Whalers 5-4.

Bossy scored four goals in a game for the first time this season and extended his NHL record to nine games with at least three goals. His 61 goals in 65 games also keeps him within reach of Phil Esposito's NHL record of 76 goals in a season.

Both teams had to come from at least two goals behind twice to gain the tie, with Andrei Kharin getting the final goal for the Islanders with only 1:46 to go.

"We have to get a lot of consistency back in a hurry if we want to get to the finals and win the Stanley Cup again," said Bossy. "Playing like this can get you eliminated from the playoffs before your time comes."

The Islanders were outshot 41-24 for the game, including 20-14 in the second period, when both teams scored three times.

DEFENDS GOALIE
"Don't blame (goalie) Billy Smith," said Islanders coach Al Arbour. "If he hadn't been there the score would have been 20-4."

Wally Gretzky, Mike Messier and Jarri Kurri had two goals and a pair of assists each to pace the Islanders' attack.

Gretzky, the NHL's leading scorer, now has 125 points on 44 goals and 81 assists, including 55 points in the last 24 outings.

Gretzky was unhappy with the tie, but less distressed than Bossy.

Alm Kerr scored three goals for the winners with Paul Herron assisting on all three. They had two goals for the Buckaroos.

At Abbotsford, the game was called with 2:13 remaining in the game after a bench-clearing brawl erupted. Only three players weren't involved in the fighting.

Troy Arkavan and Ken Duncan each scored two goals for Abbotsford.

Ken Davie, Todd Semkin and Kevin Harris scored for Nor-Wes.

The Coastal Division round-robin series continues Thursday with Abbotsford visiting Nor-Wes.

Hamilton of the U.S. are second and fourth, Igor Bobrin of the Soviet Union fifth and Fumio Igarashi of Japan sixth.

In the pairs event, European champions Irina Vorobieva and Igor Lisovsky of the Soviet Union jumped to an early lead by winning the short program.

Barbara Underhill, 17, of Oshawa, Ont., and Paul Martini, 20, of Woodbridge, Ont., were 10th after they lost marks by taking a bad fall in the opening seconds of their program.

Sabine Bares of Tassilo Thierback of East Germany were second, while defending champions Marina Cherkasova and Sergei Shakrai of the Soviet Union were third.

Pockar, competing in his fifth world championships, was a dismal 10th after compatriots last year but achieved excellence this time.

"He skated world-class figures as well as anyone out there," said Winnie Silverthorne, Pockar's coach at the Calgary Winter Club. "Brian felt he skated the last figure particularly well, the best he's ever done."

Pockar was fifth after the second of the figures, but jumped to third with a near-perfect paragraph loop, one of the most difficult of all figures to perform.

Simond is not considered one of the top three free skaters.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

TORONTO (CP) — Gary Cowan of Kitchener, Ont., and Doug Foxburgh of Vancouver, B.C., will represent Canada in the 1981 national golf championship in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, May 18-19, the Royal Canadian Golf Association said Tuesday.

FREDRICK, N.J. (AP) — U.S. federal judge has told James Scott, a boxer at Rahway State Prison, he can't take his prize fighting career on the road until he qualifies for work release status.

U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. DeBevoise said Tuesday that Scott, convicted of murder and armed robbery, must follow the

same rules as other inmates. In most cases, work release is available only when an inmate has achieved minimum security status and has come within nine months of a scheduled release date, DeBevoise said.

His next step should be to secure minimum security status at a hearing in June, the judge said.

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