

Liu blocks 30 shots for his first shutout

By The Canadian Press
Mike Liu seems to be proving what the St. Louis fans have been saying all along — that he's the best goaltender in the National Hockey League.
The young Blues netminder posted his first shutout of the season Sunday — 7-0 over Colorado Rockies.

Liu, called on to stop 30 shots in the contest at Denver, has been credited with helping the Blues improve from a middle-of-the-road team to one with the best record in the NHL.
Coach Red Berenson agrees, saying that Liu has played the "shut-out-calibre games many times before."
"He's definitely deserved that," Berenson said after the team's 4-1 victory of the season. The Blues have lost three of their last 10 games.
"The score wasn't an indication of how easy it was," Berenson said. "We worked really hard out there."
PUNCHED ON MISTAKE
Defenceman Rick Pilon scored the winning goal just 2:33 into the game when he picked up the puck in the centre ice area after Colorado's Paul Gagne had lost it and fired from about 40 feet.

Then, just 13 seconds apart, Tony Currie and Bernie Federko connected, and the rout was on.
Other scores Sunday were: Detroit Red Wings 4 New York Rangers 4, Buffalo Sabres 3 Philadelphia Flyers 4, Calgary Flames 3 Hartford Whalers 4, Washington Capitals 4 Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 6 Edmonton Oilers 4, Vancouver Canucks 1 and Chicago Black Hawks 3 Quebec Nordiques 2.
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Knights take lead in series

Penticton Knights dominated visiting Revelstoke Rockets 4-2 Sunday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Junior Hockey League Interior Division semi-final series.
The other game on Sunday, Nanaimo Clippers edged New West 5-4 and Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Merritt Centennials 7-4. On Saturday, hometown Revelstoke defeated Penticton 2-1 and Kelowna 5-4.
Leroy Rempie, Lance Johnson, Brad Beck and Grepp scored Sunday for the Knights, which led 2-1 after the second frame. The scoreless opening period. Mike Stanton and Jeff Dorr repelled for Revelstoke.
"Dave Kirby had a pair for the Revelstoke win Saturday, while Stanton, Kelly Smith, Jeff Armstrong and Butch Swanson had singles."
The visiting Buckaroos defeated Merritt Centennials 7-4 Sunday to cut Merritt's lead to 3-2 in their best-of-seven Interior

Division semi-final series.
Tom Martin scored three goals and Ken Fibey had a pair of goals in the first period and 7-1 after the second, Paul Houck and Dan Nugent scored the singles.
Fritz Malar added two goals for Merritt while Mark Blundin and Mike Herchak added singles.
SCORED WITH SKATE
On Saturday, Rich Norberg scored the holy-disputed winning goal for Kelowna, which led 3-1 at the 3:57 of the third period. Other Merritt goals came from Roland Laidlaw, John Mackenzie, Dan London and Mike Lapointe.
Repsly for Kelowna were Fido, John Cullen and Gary Leask — all in the last 15 minutes and a half minutes of the second period.
David Anderson scored two goals to lead Nanaimo Clippers 3-1 over Kelowna in the Coast Division round-robin playoff action in North Vancouver Sunday.

Kite rallies to edge foes

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP) — Surprises, generally, have been considerably less than pleasant for Tom Kite in his 10-year professional golfers' association tour career.
One of the game's more accomplished performers, Kite has been steady player. He kept finding ways to win. He'd come out, but, somehow, victory would elude him.
"This time looked no different. With three holes to go, he was thinking three play."
But Jack Nicklaus failed to put the tournament away. Kite came up with the victory Sunday in the Inverrary golf tournament.
"With the on-rushing Nicklaus aiming at Curtis Strange, Kite was all but overruled by the 72-year-old Inverrary Golf Club course. Put, over the last three holes, Strange and Nicklaus both knocked themselves out of it and Kite — who played those critical holes two par while no one seemed to be looking — came on to win his third title in a decade.
He won it with his closing three-under-par 69 and a 274 total, 14 holes under par.
Nicklaus, who started the last round six shots off the pace, three-putted for bogey on the final hole and lost by a single stroke at 275 after a last-round 82. Strange, fighting Nicklaus for the lead over most of the back nine, fell apart with bogeys on the last three holes. He was third at 277 with a closing 76.
Andy Bean and Larry Ziegler were next at 277. Bean with his 24th hole putt and Ziegler with a par on the 72. Charlie Cook and defending champion Johnny Miller were at 278. Cook chipped in on the last hole to tie Miller's 72 in the warm, hazy weather.
Jim MacLellan, B.C., had a final-round 70 and finished at 287 — 13 strokes behind the leader. "I'll take home \$1,170," he said. "I'll take home \$1,170, \$724 with a 72 and at 289 won \$724."
The victory — his first in three years — enabled Kite to pick up the \$1 million prize of the tournament. He also pushed him past the \$1 million mark in career earnings and made him eligible for a \$100,000 extra prize put up for the man able to sweep both titles at Inverrary and the next two tour stops — Doral and the Tournament Players Championship.
Nicklaus, playing in front of Kite and Strange, went to the 18th apparently needing a par to win outright. When he drove the fairway, it seemed the worst he could do would be a tie.
But Kite birdied the 17th and Nicklaus took three from the back fringe on the 18th, missing a four-foot par putt. Kite parred it to win.
"I wasn't looking at Kite," said Nicklaus. "I didn't know he was doing anything."

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GOAL DISPUTED
Federko's goal was contested by the Rockies, but referee Dick Wicks ruled it a goal even though the goal judge failed to turn on the red light signaling the score.
The Blues added two goals in each of the final two periods, and Federko increased his club-leading scoring total to 91 points, with his 24th 25th goal.
"Rockies' coach Billy MacMillan wasn't as gracious as home owner Jack MacMillan said. "In order for us to compete with anybody in this league, we have to have everybody working."
The Rockies, now with the second-worst record in the NHL, were booed by a crowd of 6,655.
With the win, the Blues improved their record in the NHL with 36 points, three more than depending Stanley Cup champion Islanders.
The Rockies dropped to 19-37-10 with the loss.
Red Wings 4 Rangers 4
Glen Hicks and Dale McCourt scored in the third period to salvage the tie for Detroit after the Red Wings trailed by two goals at Madison Square Garden 2-1 in the first 40 minutes. Gary MacLellan and Perry Miller also tallied for Detroit. New York goals from Barry Beck, Anders Hedberg, Ron Greschner and Mike Altman.
Sabres 5 Flyers 4
Captain Danny Gade scored three goals and Alan Hines and Andre Savard added two each as Buffalo romped over Philadelphia. Ric Selles had the other Buffalo goal. Tim Kerr, Ron Flockhart, Behn Wilson and Brian Propp shared for the Bruins extra goal.
Philadelphia's scoring.
Lopez wins trick tourney
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Nancy Lopez-Melton shot a 68 Sunday to win the \$125,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament by four strokes over runner-up Pat Bradley.
Bradley and Ann Serner both shot rounds of 67 Sunday to set a new course record at the par-27, 6,303-yard Randolph North Municipal links. Lopez-Melton had originally broken the record with a 68 on Saturday.
It was Lopez-Melton's first victory on the 1981 tour in six outings and earned her \$18,750.

U.S. ski racers best in GS events

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Tamara McKinney's come-from-behind victory in the women's giant slalom has given the United States, already enjoying its best year ever on the World Cup alpine circuit, a sweep of both giant slalom events.
McKinney, 18, of Olympic Valley, Calif., won her third giant slalom event of the year Sunday, increasing her standings lead over veteran Marie-Theres Nadig of Switzerland.
McKinney added 10 points to her giant slalom total, giving her 100 for the season to Nadig's 82. Nadig struggled with a place finish and failed to pick up any points.
"I really, really want to win the giant slalom title, and it's almost there," McKinney admitted after her triumph on Aspen Mountain, concluding the five World Cup races being staged at the facility.
McKinney's victory was the second in a row for the United States. Phil Mahre of Yakima, Wash., outduelled Swedish ace

Ingenar Stenmark to win the men's GS Saturday.
McKinney, in third place after the first run Sunday, had a blistering second run on the 50-gate course, clocking one of the fastest times in the series — 2:23.59, a tenth of a second faster than Hess, who had 2:24.19.
McKinney win followed a head-first fall after a near-collision with a crowd, just prior to her first run.
Best among the Canadians entered was Kathy Kreiner of Timmins, Ont. The 23-year-old Kreiner, an Olympic gold medalist in the event in 1976, could do no better than 21.
Kreiner's time was 2:28.75. Other Canadian placements were 41. Lynn LaCasse, Edmonton, 2:37.30; 44. Dianne Lehodey, Calgary, 2:39.00; and Cathy Huser, Salmo, B.C., 2:41.11.

Cranbrook wins series

By The Canadian Press
Ernie Lukowich scored at 7:57 of sudden-death overtime to boost Cranbrook Royals to a 7-4 win over visiting Nelson Maple Leafs in Western International Hockey League play Sunday.
The win gives Cranbrook a 4-1 sweep over Nelson in the league's best-of-seven final series. The Royals now advance to the league finals.
The winning goal came in the 10th minute of overtime in Cranbrook Saturday. Kimberley leads the series 3-2.

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Bruins trounce Canucks

ROGIE VACHON ... injured
Boston (AP) — Boston coach Gerry Cheevers, a goaltender himself in his playing days, has new plans today for protecting the Bruins net in the final 12 games of the National Hockey League season.
His scheme to play veteran goalie Rogie Vachon in every game is as risky as Vachon is on the injured list after pulling a muscle in his left arm in the first period Sunday in a 4-1 victory over Vancouver Canucks.
"We're going to have to wait a couple of days to find out when I can come back," said Vachon, his arm in a sling on his return from hospital after the game. "I'm just going to have to ice it down for two or three days and see what's going to happen."
Rookie Marco Barron showed his credentials by almost immediately getting into a fight with Vancouver's Tiger Williams in the second period.
That meant dressing again Olympic goal Jack Craig, who had refused a Bruins bid to send him to the minors after being with the club all season. When Vachon is well, Craig watches the games in civilian clothes.
PERMITS THIRD
A new league permits a team to dress a third goalie if a regular netminder is injured.
"I was in pain the whole period, but I thought I would finish the period and see what happened after," said Vachon of his injury after he stretched for the only Vancouver goal by Thomas Gradin early in the first period. "It got worse and it got light on me, so the doctor did not want to take chances."
The Bruins spotted Gradin's goal in the net batted back by the victory.
Gradin's goal came at 1:07 of the first period, but Mike O'Connell tied it for Boston at 3:06. Dwight Foster got the go-ahead goal for the Bruins at 5:26. After Barron's slashing match and fight with Williams, the Bruins took a 4-1 lead when Mike Gilles, his first as a Bruin, and Terry O'Keilly.

Canada leads junior finals

MEGEEVE, France (CP) — Canada defeated France 7-3 Sunday to emerge as the only undefeated team after three rounds of the world junior curling championships.
Earlier in the day, the Trois Rivières, Que. rink skipped by Denis Marchand, had beaten Sweden 11-2 in the final of the U.S. 8-7 in the opening game Saturday night.
The defending champion Scotland was upset 6-5 Sunday afternoon by Norway, creating a five-way tie for second place. The U.S., Switzerland and West Germany — for second spot in the 18-country tournament at 1-1.
Today, Canada plays winless Italy before taking on Switzerland.
"I'm glad we got to play a weaker team on this ice before we meet the Swiss," said Marchand, 20.
Marchand, normally a precise shotmaker, missed two easy takedowns in the early days of the game against France.
"There were a lot of runs in the ice and it was very difficult to judge on the take-up shots," said Canadian skip Yves Brette.
"It was also a different set of stones from the ones used on the other four sheets," added Larry Phillips, the rink's third. "These stones are new and the cut is a lot deeper. You have to push them much harder."
With the erratic play, Canada had only a 4-3 lead over the French by the end of the sixth end.
But Marchand then found the

Young Manitoba rink captures Canadian title

HALIFAX (CP) — Kerry Butryk couldn't believe it. "I never dreamed he'd miss the shot," he said. "I sure didn't want things to go this way."
It was a miss by Al Hackner of Thunder Bay, Ont., in the 10th end of the final game in the Canadian men's curling championship Sunday.
The shot barely touched a Manitoba stone and slid through the house and Butryk pounced on the opportunity for a 5-4 victory over Northern Ontario.
"It feels absolutely great," said Butryk, 22, the youngest skip ever to win the title. "But I'd rather have won it with a hit."
Butryk, with the last-rock advantage and two stones in the house, drew to the four-foot circle, with a piece tucking the button, to overcome a 4-2 deficit and give Manitoba its 21st crown in the championship — the most by any province.
WANTS EASY TIME
"I hate to see Roger Broom (young tournament) will be easier," said Mark Olson, 23, who throws third for the Winnipeg rink. "Otherwise, I won't live past 25."
The Manitoba foursome, which includes second Jim Spencer, 22, and lead Ron Kammerlock, 21, will compete in the world championship later this month in London, Ont.
Sunday's defeat, before 7,412 fans in the Metro Centre, was a shock to Hackner and his rink, which had won the 1987 title with a 5-2 record in round-robin play. The same rink lost 10-4 to Rock of Saskatchewan in the 1980 final.
"I actually didn't throw the stone that badly," said Hackner. "It just didn't pull."
"But we outplayed them in all the other ends other than the 10th. It was the first time I missed a takeout all week."
CAREFUL PLAY
The rinks played cautiously for most of the game, with Manitoba taking a 1-0 lead in the third end, then giving up two in the fourth.
Hackner led 4-2 after the seventh and his rink appeared to be in control — making slightly

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measure of the ice and drew his final roc. of the seventh end through an archipelago of guard rocks to score two in the blank eighth end, the sharpener returned to the Canadian knockout game and, in the ninth, Canada stole a point, making it 7-3. France conceded the match midway through the 10th end.
In other games Sunday, Norway upset Scotland 6-5, West Germany beat Denmark 7-5, Switzerland defeated Italy 9-5 and the United States swamped Sweden 11-2 when the Swedes conceded after seven ends, even though rules call for international games to go at least eight full ends.
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Manitoba rink became the youngest to ever win the championship, with an average age of 22, and received the Labatt Brier Tankard.
Hackner's rink, which included second Bob Nicol and lead Bruce Kennedy, had defeated Manitoba 6-5 in an extra end in round-robin play.
Before 1980, the team with the best record at the end of round-robin play was declared the winner. The champion last year was Barry Fry of Winnipeg-2.
Manitoba finished second in round-robin play with an 8-3

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