

North Ontario faces Saskatchewan in final

WINNIPEG (CP) — Thunder Bay's Rick Lang continued his merry over Alberta rinks Friday night with an 11-3 win over Gary Morken of Grande Prairie in the semifinal of the Canadian mixed curling championship.

It was seventh straight win for Alberta rinks in the North Ontario skip.

In today's final, however, he met the second seed, the late Gary Morken, the 1980 world men's champion — and Lang has won the eight games he's played against that province's rinks.

"I'm not going to say anything about that," said Lang after his win over Morken. "I thought before that by talking about it with the press it might help, but now I don't know."

Lang has reason to cringe every time the wheat province's name is mentioned. He suffered DEFEATS.

He has lost to Saskatchewan

rinks in two schoolboy competitions and Brier games. He dropped a 9-5 decision to Folk in their encounter at the 12-man round robin competition here.

Folk earned a bye into the final by finishing with a 9-2 record while Lang and Morken finished up with 7-4 records.

"Sure, you think about it," Lang said. "You try not to, but you can't help it, especially when they spray a really good end or something with a terrific strike."

"You can't help but think it's a jim of some kind," Lang said. "I had a 1-0 lead in the first end and three in the sixth against Alberta, one of the two teams to defeat Folk. Morken never had a chance to get untracked and never did find his draw weight."

The good breaks started going our way in the very first end when he raised us in for the deuce," Lang said.

"If I could make a game plan

against them, I would like to have gone up early against them because that lets us to come back."

WAS INCONSISTENT Morken's rink was inconsistent throughout the week but won big games against Prince Edward Island, Ontario and the Territories, all contending rinks at different stages of the competition. Lang took an 11-4 win over Morken in round robin play.

"The first few ends were very even," he said. "Lang, despite the lopsided score, — in fact, the whole game was evenly played even after we were up 5-2."

Then they had an end (sixth) when we picked up a couple of hit-and-runs and Gary had a bit of a hammer, that's when he took a bit too much weight."

The dejected Morken said it just wasn't his game.

"I had a terrible game, I just couldn't pick up the weight," he said. "To give them two in the first end with the hammer, that's just up in a bad way."

Rick didn't miss much after that, he was hard to catch."

Today's final will be televised nationally by the CBC beginning at 3 p.m.

Jaekel leads after 36 holes

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — They came straggling off the windward dunes of Sawgrass, their hair tousled, their games in disarray and their tempers short.

Even the leader, Barry Jaekel, couldn't escape entirely. In the trials and tribulations of the Tournament Players Championship event.

"I don't mean to be a pill about it, but I'm tired," said Jaekel. "I feel like I've been in a prize fight."

"And I just got slapped with a traffic ticket. It's a little bit of a traffic ticket cost \$200."

Jaekel and his playing partners, D.A. Weir and Mark Cumbar, were each fined \$200 for speeding on the Professional Golfers' Association tour officials. They were assessed the fine immediately after Jaekel had birdied the final hole from six feet to finish off a 70 that gave him a 24

possession of the 36-hole lead in the \$440,000 event that offers \$72,000 to the winner.

It gave him a two-round total of 129, five shots under par on a course that has not respected the reputations of some of golf's greatest players.

The principal victim was Tom Watson, golf's player of the year for the last four seasons.

He thrashed his way through the capricious, shifting, changing winds to a 149 that failed to make the cut for the final two rounds. He was 152, one stroke over the qualifying score. It was his highest score in five years and the first time since 1979 he had

failed to make the cut.

Danny Edwards, who managed a remarkable no-bogey 68, and Dan Halliderson of Shilo, Man., were a single shot back of Jaekel at 149.

Halliderson, who helped Jaekel win a World Cup team title and won the Pensacola Open late last year, fought his way to a second consecutive top 10.

"Growing up in Canada, I've played in some pretty severe conditions, but I've never seen like this," Halliderson said of the wind gusting to over 70 kilometers an hour.

Jim Simons, with a second-round 68, was next at 141.

David Graham, a former PGA champ, winner at Phoenix earlier this year, had an 80 and a 162 total. Lon Hinkle, twice a runner-up this year, shot 81. Gary Player missed at 75-154.

Sawgrass got back at the first-round leaders, too. Mike Morley bogeyed his first five holes and shot a 77, nine strokes higher than his opening 68. He was at 145. Dave Eichelberger went eight strokes higher to 78 and 144.

Jack Nicklaus, though, a three-time winner of the championship of golf's touring players, vaulted over 44 men for the last four seasons.

Defending champion Lee Trevino took another 73 and finished at 141.

Another victim of the conditions was Neiland of Burbank, B.C., who shot a 74 Friday and missed the cut with a 159 total.

Surrey, Cowichan battle for trophy

VANCOUVER (CP) — North Surrey Spartans and Cowichan Thunderbirds from Duncan meet today in the final of the B.C. boys' AA basketball championship.

North Surrey defeated Steveston 61-57 in one semifinal Friday, while Cowichan stopped West Vancouver 75-56 in the other.

Jay Derksen's two foul shots broke a 57-57 tie with 1:06 left and the defence held Steveston scoreless until the final buzzer.

John Randa led the Spartans with 21 points. Derksen and Sean

Gibson had 16 each. Stu Noble had 17 for Steveston and Edgar Cruso 10.

In the other semifinal, Greg Wallers scored 34 points to pace Cowichan. Graham Egan had 19 and Mike Gordon 12 points.

John Oberholzer had 11 points for West Vancouver. Erik Lusk had 10 and Paul Kitchener nine.

In consolation play, Vancouver College nipped Cowichan 88-86 in overtime. Surrey downed the Spartans 74-67. Kamloops 85-72 and Abbotsford 80-71 won Vancouver 54-48.

Lopez-Melton in front at Desert Inn tourney

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Nancy Lopez-Melton wasn't exactly overwhelming on the 6,237-yard, par-72 Desert Inn Country Club course in the second round of the \$200,000 Desert Inn pro tournament Friday. But she did well enough to extend her lead in the Ladies Professional Golf Association event.

Battling strong winds, Lopez-Melton matched par 7 Friday and brought a two-stroke advantage into the third round today of the 72-hole event.

She had a six-under-par 139 after playing 36 holes. She held a one-stroke lead after firing a 67 Thursday at the 6,062-yard, par-72 Las Vegas Country Club.

Lopez-Melton, who won the Arizona Copper tournament in Tucson two weeks ago, took last week off as Patty Hayes captured the Sun City event.

Judy Rankin, who also had a 72 Friday, was alone in second place at 141. In third place was Jo Ann Washam, who had a second-round 74 after 68 Thursday, giving her a 142 total.

JoAnne Garner, who had been tied for second with Washam behind Lopez-Melton after the opening round, struggled to a 76 in the second round and was back in the field at 147.

Winds with gusts to 69 kilometres an hour hampered the golfers.

Defending champion Donna Caponi had to settle for a 75 that left her 10 shots back of Lopez-Melton.



WITH 41 STOPS

Young netminder saves North Stars

EDMONTON (CP) — Don Beaupre took Gary Edwards' job away from him in Minnesota, and Friday night the young goaltender demonstrated how.

The 19-year-old rookie was at his acrobatic best in kicking out 41 shots to almost singlehandedly carry the faltering North Stars to a much-needed 1-1 National Hockey League tie with Edmonton Oilers.

In the only other NHL game Friday, New York Islanders got two goals from Mike Bossy to defeat Colorado Rockies 5-3 in Denver.

While Edwards, now tending goal for the Oilers, had an easy night with 17 saves, Beaupre was nothing short of a thief.

Using every piece of his body and equipment, Beaupre threw himself in all directions to continually rob as likes of Wayne Gretzky, Glenn Anderson, Jari Kurri, Mark Messier and Garry Unger.

In the end his own temerity failed to respond cost Beaupre his first NHL shutout and the North Stars a possible victory.

Beaupre stopped 18 shots in the first period and 11 in the first 19 minutes of the second. The Stars on Tim Young's goal midway through the second, had a 1-0 lead. But with 69 seconds left the Stars began playing as if the period was over.

The Oilers led the attack in the final minute and with seven seconds left, Risto Silta's pass caught Gretzky breaking through the middle of the defence. The NHL's leading point-getter put a close-in backhand under the crossbar for his 51th goal of the season.

"I don't know how it got by me," said Beaupre. "He pulled the puck over, he was in tight and he got it up, it must have gone up my arm."

While acknowledging the loss of half a dozen front-line performers in all directions to continually rob as likes of Wayne Gretzky, Glenn Anderson, Jari Kurri, Mark Messier and Garry Unger.

"This one didn't beat us but it got them the tie," he said. "That's sorta silly for us to be saying after they outshot us 42-18, but still, I would have been a little more diligent in the last minute of that period the kid would have had the shutout... and if anyone else but Gretzky had been dashing through the middle."

Except for Beaupre, and at moments Kevin Maxwell and a defenceman on two, the North Stars put on a pathetic performance. They shied away from the corners, did little forechecking or hard skating and often threw away the puck.

They managed four shots on Edwards in the first period — three from outside the blue line — and four in the third, one difficult.

At Denver, Mike Bossy's 64th and 65th goals of the season spoiled the home-ice debut of Colorado goalie Glenn Resch.

Bossy also set up Bob Bourne for the goal that put the Islanders ahead to stay in the first period. John Tonnelli and Bill Carroll also connected for New York.

Colorado got goals from Merlin Mallinowski, Steve Tambellini and Paul Gagne. The win gives New York 97 points, two back of league-leading St. Louis Blues.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

This week's honored bowlers are Doreen Chamberlain, of the Wednesday Maxine League, and Marcel Gallon, of the Monday 7-9 pm league. Chamberlain rolled

a three-game total of 780, 243 pins over her 179 average. Gallon had a 921 three-game to go 243 pins over his 224 average. Chamberlain rolled

Knights win Interior title

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Leroy Stempel scored three five-hit Fenwick's knightholds in a 6-4 win over Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League Interior Division final play Friday night.

Penitton took the best-of-seven series 4-3 and plays host tonight to Abbotsford Flyers of the Coast Division in the first game of a best-of-seven league final.

Rich Trupp scored the winning goal at 14:58 of the third period and Barry Huber added another at 17:05.

Brent Group scored the other goal for the Knights, who got 32 saves from Bruce Campbell.

The game was tied 2-2 after the first period and 3-3 after two, and saw seven minor penalties, with Penitton taking six.

REMEMBER WHEN... The Canadian Press

REMEMBER WHEN... Joe Louis fought one of his longer bouts 40 years ago tonight in 1941 — in Detroit, for the 123rd round knock out of Abe Sisco. Unlabeled, Simon stepped into the ring with a young Bomber agent a year later, and was knocked out in the sixth round.

REMEMBER WHEN... Cassius Clay, now Muhammad Ali, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, was rejected for U.S. military service 7 years ago today — in 1964 — after failing aptitude tests. Two years later, when the Vietnam war had entered its military to their better entrance standards, the fighter was honored to stand by for induction.

REMEMBER WHEN... Canada and Sweden had finished top two in the round-robin portion of the competition with 1-1 records, but the Swiss four-time world champion, who won a gold first place by virtue of its victory over the Swedes earlier in the year.

Norway had finished with a 7-2 record and Switzerland, the only rink to win a Canada during the round robin, had a 6-3 mark.

The Swiss rink, made up of Mike Erickson, Steve Koy, McKeay and lead Betty McCann, had defeated the Sue Bartlett foursome from Labrador City, Nfld., in the Canadian final earlier this month.

Winnipeg foursome victorious

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Karen Falls and her Winnipeg Winter Club rink won the Canadian junior women's curling championship Friday, downing Barbara's bonanza of Toronto 7-5 in a tie-breaker.

The tie-breaker was decided by a tie-breaker after Falls and Boake finished round-robin play Thursday night with identical 2-1 records.

Falls scored three in the fourth end to take a 5-1 lead. Boake elected to blank the fifth and came back with two in the sixth.

Manitoba topped the seeded list with one each in the seventh and eighth, Ontario counted with two in the ninth but Manitoba had the hammer in the 10th and Ontario ran out of rocks.

Other members of the Winnipeg rink are third Karen Hunter and lead Lynn Falls.

Joining Boake on the Ontario rink were third Karen Shaw, second Jane Boake and lead Suzanne Pile.

Saskatchewan finished third in the round-robin competition with a 7-3 record. British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Alberta all finished with 5-5 records. Nova Scotia had 4-6, New Brunswick led her 10 shots back of Lopez-Melton.

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