

# Lang avenges losses to Folk

WINNIPEG (CP) — Rick Lang of Northern Ontario settled an old score on the weekend when he skipped his rink to victory in the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships.

The Thunder Bay curler won the title with a 3-2 decision over Rick Folk of Saskatchewan, a province that had been an unbeatable opponent for Lang in eight previous meetings.

"That's probably the best part of the whole thing," said Lang, whose rink has Lorrans Edwards at lead and husband-and-wife Bert and Anne Provo at second and third.

Folk of Saskatoon, took two in the sixth end for a 3-2 lead in the sudden-death final Saturday afternoon and seemed to be gaining control of the game.

"But Lang fought back to tie the score 3-3 in the eighth. After Folk blanked the ninth end, Lang stole a pair in the 10th for the title in the 12-riek competition."

"I've talked it up for years now and I'm glad to get it against Saskatchewan. It's the only time the games we should have won there were not won by us," said Lang, who finished out, said Lang, who finished

# KNIGHTS LEAD BCJHL SERIES

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Weekend victories gave Pentiction Knights a 2-0 edge in their B.C. Junior Hockey League championship series against Abbotsford Flyers.

The best-of-seven series continues Tuesday at Abbotsford. The Knights clipped the Flyers 4-1 in a penalty-filled game Sunday after a 2-1 win Saturday.

On Saturday, Pentiction won Sunday, scoring two goals as the Knights led 4-0 going into the final period after the first period ended in a scoreless tie.

Lenny Reppel led Pentiction on Tuesday, scoring two goals as the Knights led 4-0 in the final period after the first period ended in a scoreless tie.

The Flyers pulled goalie Ken Baker with 1:56 left but couldn't score.

"I think both teams look quite a while to adjust," said Folk, who was unhappy about the tie.

Folk, who had led 1-0 to Folk who, they met earlier in the week-long round-robin competition. He was delighted by the victory.

"I'm pretty thrilled, there's no question about that."

But Lang, who was a member of the All Harker rink from Thunder Bay that lost to Kerry Rink in the final of the 1979-80 Canadian Men's Curling Championship, said he still has his eye on the prize.

"I don't think anything will stop me from getting it until we get back and win that one."

# Young curler under pressure

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — The Canadian rink from Manitoba faces a familiar situation at the men's world curling championship this week — young Kerry Birtwell is going against experienced pros.

Birtwell, 22, overcame the pressure in his provincial playoffs and he won the Canadian title earlier this month against All Harker's veteran rink from Northern Ontario.

He advanced to the country's world tournament that starts this afternoon.

"I guess there has to be a little more pressure," said Birtwell, the youngest skip ever to win the Canadian title when he beat Harker and his Thunder Bay foursome 3-4. "You're not just representing your own province, you're representing your country."

Canada's opening games today will be against countries that ranked well down in the 1980 world standings at Manotowish, N.S. West Germany and France.

The Winnipeg foursome meets Italy and the U.S. in Tuesday's games.

**WINS THREE TIMES**  
The U.S. rink skipped this year by Bud Somerville of Superior, Wis., had a 3-0 record, throwing last stones, won the Air Canada national tournament in 1974, 1975 and 1979.

In last year's tournament, Horning led his Saskatchewan rink from Saskatoon to an undecided result in round robin play, then beat Kristian

# Feller files suit against Enquirer

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Feller filed a suit against the National Enquirer, claiming that the weekly publication defamed him last year.

The Enquirer printed a story in its April 8, 1980, issue that called Feller a "shameless hoodlum" who is "living on handouts."

Feller works in the Indians' front office making personal appearances and is an instructor at the American League team's spring training camp.

He asked for a jury trial when he filed the suit, which alleges that at the time of the article's publication he had been employed by the Hilton Hotels Corp. as director of sports sales.

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# Islanders and Blues meet in crucial game

The Canadian Press  
New York Islanders take a six-game winning streak into St. Louis on Tuesday night for what Mike Bossy says may be their biggest game of the National Hockey League season.

"This is the team we know we have to beat," Bossy said after the Islanders' 6-2 victory Sunday over Chicago Black Hawks.

"This year we've been rebuilding our momentum but no matter what we do or how well we play, the St. Louis Blues must manage to stay ahead of us."

The Blues, who beat Buffalo Sabres 6-5, now have 102 points, three more than the defending Stanley Cup champion Islanders.

Bossy scored two goals — giving him 67 for the season — against Chicago and needs 10 more in the Islanders' last seven games to break Phil Esposito's record of 76 goals set in the 78-79 season.

The Islanders' sixth consecutive win gives them a 43-13 win-loss record for the season. Roland Melanson — now in coaching — was the captain of the team that replaced veteran goaltender Glenn Resch to lead the Islanders to the playoffs.

Bossy tied an NHL record Sunday with his 28th power-play goal. The goal tied the league record of 26 held by the recently retired Esposito.

Bossy scored two goals in a span of one minute and 23 seconds midway in the first period, one with Chicago's Reg Kerr in the penalty box. He put New York's 89th power-play goal of the season from the slot, easily beating Hawks goalie Tony Esposito.

Bob Bourne set a club record when he scored 11 seconds into the game, eclipsing the old standard by Chicago, the Islanders put the game away with second-period goals by Clark Gillies and Denis Potvin and a third-period goal by Wayne Merrick.

Elsewhere Sunday the scores were Quebec Nordiques 7 New York Rangers 7, Philadelphia Flyers 3 Calgary Flames 2, Montreal Canadiens 3 Washington Capitals 2 Toronto Maple Leafs 3 Hartford Whalers 3, Los Angeles Kings 3 Winnipeg Jets 3, Detroit Red Wings 3.

On Saturday it was Buffalo 6 Toronto 2, Montreal 5 Vancouver Canucks 3, Los Angeles 4 Edmonton Oilers 4, Chicago 4 Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3 Washington 3, Detroit 3 Winnipeg 4, Boston Bruins 4 Calgary 3, Rangers 4 Hartford 4, and Pittsburgh 3 Colorado 2.

Blues 6 Sabres 5, St. Louis couldn't have picked

more opportune time to end their winless streak at Buffalo, with Wayne Babych's 32nd goal of the season in the margin of victory. Terry Turbul, with two, Mike Zuke, Jack Brownshilde and Jorgen Peterson also scored for the Blues.

It was the Blues' first win at Memorial Auditorium in seven years. Andre Savard, Steve Patric, Gil Perreault, Tony McKeepey and Alan Haworth scored for Buffalo.

Younger brother, Anton, scored twice as did Dale Hunter, while Jacques Richard, with his 47th, and Marc Tardif added goals for Quebec, unbeaten in its first eight games. Anders Heberg scored two New York goals, the others going to Jere Gillis, Ron Duguay, Don Maloney, Steve Vickers and Ron Geschner.

Capitals 2  
Mario Tremblay's goal early in the third period saddled Washington with another tie against Montreal. The Capitals got power-play goals from Mike Gartner and Dennis Maruk, have tied five games and won one in 40 meetings with the Canadiens. Chris Nilan scored the other Montreal goal.

Whalers 3  
Mike Rogers scored his 40th goal of the season with 1:40 left in the game to bring Hartford back from a two-goal deficit with a shot that trickled through Toronto goaltender Jiri Cihra's pads.

Leaf Pat Boutette and Dave Duboi were the other Rangers scorers.

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# Surrey captures boys' hoop title

VANCOUVER (CP) — North Surrey Spartans outscored Cowichan Thunderbirds 20-11 in the final minute Saturday to triumph 69-61 and capture the 1981 B.C. boys' AA high school basketball championship.

John Randa, first team all-star, jumped in the first end and B.C. Thunderbird in 14 to lead the Spartans attack.

It was the second time in 19 years that North Surrey has captured the provincial title. They won it in 1975, when it was the first for coach Marvus Horning.

It was the work of Randa, who had 22 rebounds, plus a strong pressing defence that turned the tide against the Duncan squad.

Tournament most valuable player Greg Walters, a six foot, 10-inch center, was held to 26 points and 10 rebounds by the aggressive Spartans.

**MADE ADJUSTMENTS**  
We made some adjustments, or Walters when they got way ahead," said Horning. "I fronted Walters with our guard and when we started pressing, that was gone."

"What can I say," said Coach Jim Cox. "They shot and we stopped about their half-court press took us off."

The first half went in two different directions. The Thunderbirds shot over and passed through North Surrey's defence for an early 24-14 lead that was extended to 28-17 at the second quarter.

Then the tide turned as the Spartans, switching to a man-to-man defence, came back with 16 unanswered points to tie the game at 28-28.

Walters had 16 points in that half while six-foot, seven-inch centre Randa countered with 19 for the Spartans in the first 20 minutes.

**WANTED ALL-STARS**  
Joining Randa on the first all-star team were Walters, Stan Mattson of Richmond, Randy Carkner of Swanton, and Graham Clark of Cowichan. Second team all-stars were Cord Clemens of Surrey, Vancouver College's Steve Bailey, Derksen, Kamloops' Mac Gordon, and Abbotsford's Al Baring.

West Vancouver, ranked first coming into the tournament, got into the game by captain John Oberholfer and Tim shooting from the line. The loss dropped Packers 62-55 in the battle for third place. The loss dropped Stevenson to sixth place in the tournament.

Oberholfer snared 14 rebounds, scored 12 points and was instrumental in controlling the game, while Kitchener shot 37 per cent from the floor for 18 points. Grade 11 team-mate Eric Lockhart also had 18.

Stevenson's Carkner led all scorers with 25 points. Rob Basse helped out with 16.

So the possibility existed, "Mungus" said, that the final round will not be played until Sunday.

But officials, hoping for a break in the weather, went ahead with plans to complete the 72-hole tournament today. The times were announced from both the first and 10th tees at the storm-lashed Sawgrass links.

Barry Jaekel, who has had mixed success in a seven-year career in the U.S.A., held a three-shot lead after three rounds, and led a group that includes Dan Hallstrom of St. Man

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