

FLYERS TIE FINAL SERIES

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WITH 151 POINTS

Gretzky nears record

By The Canadian Press

Glenn Anderson had just completed his second professional three-goal game Wednesday night as he watched the news team swarm around teammate Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's top scorer.

"It's good Wayne can take it," said Anderson, a member of the 1980 Canadian Olympic team, after Edmonton Oilers drilled the Whalers 7-2 in Hartford, Conn.

"He's a superstar and I don't see why he shouldn't get it (the attention)," he said.

Gretzky, holding Phil Esposito's NHL point record of 152, moved within one goal of equalling Esposito's 1970-71 season achievement with one goal and three assists with five games left, with Gretzky's next chance comes Saturday in Detroit.

"It's an honor to beat the record," said Gretzky. "We don't talk about it much because we're worrying about getting in to the playoffs."

EYES OTHER RECORD

Esposito's record is not the only one the 26-year-old Brantford, Ont., native is likely to smash. His 58 assists so far leave him four short of Bobby Orr's single-season record of 102 in 1971-72.

Gretzky's two assists and 31rd goal of the season came when Hartford pulled goaltender Mike Veloski with 2:32 left in the game.

"They don't ask how," said Gretzky, "but how many."

Besides Anderson and Gretzky, the Oilers had goals from Jari Kurri, Brett Callaghan and Mike Messier. Hartford's goals were scored by rookie Don Nachbar and veteran Pat Boutette, with his 100th career goal.

Marc Tardif, Real Cloutier

Peter Pocklington, owner of the Edmonton franchise, was on hand for the game.

Wayne is not for sale at any price — period," said Pocklington when asked if it would be possible to pry Gretzky from the Oilers. "I had an offer for him of over \$3 million, and I turned it down."

Winnipeg goaltender Gary Edwards faced 33 shots on goal compared to 31 for Veloski.

The win moved the Oilers to 15th place with 65 points, one more than Washington Capitals and one more than Toronto Maple Leafs. Sixteen teams qualify for playoffs, which begin in less than two weeks.

The Whalers have 56 points and are only mathematically in the Stanley Cup race.

Elsewhere it was Quebec Nordiques 4 Calgary Flames 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 5 Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Buffalo Sabres 4 New York Rangers 2; Los Angeles Kings 4 Chicago Black Hawks 2; and Vancouver Canucks 4 Colorado Rockies 4.

COACH HARRY NEALE summoned goaltender Richard Brodeur to the bench and sent an extra attacker on to the ice and move paid off when Bobby Schumatz scored with 46 seconds left to earn Vancouver the tie.

Brent Ashton, Dave Williams and Per-Olof Johansson had Vancouver's other goals. Barry Smith, Ed Cooper, Job Truexer and Lorne Desbiens scored for Colorado.

Nordiques 4 Flames 2.

Dale Hunter, best goaltender Rejean Lemelin with a shot from the right wing faceoff circle for the winning goal at 12:32 of the third period.

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"It really doesn't bother me that much to be the boxer in the fight," Larry Bonds said Wednesday as he prepared for his first world championship fight. "I'm just happy to have the opportunity to be the other guy."

The Denver resident hasn't fought since he knocked out Cosellio King in Puerto Rico nearly a year ago. He was thinking about retiring from the ring when the offer to challenge Leonard came through.

"I was frustrated," Bonds said Wednesday. "I told my wife

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