

White Sox buy veteran slugger

By The Associated Press
First Ron LeFlore. Then, ski. Any resemblance between this year's Chicago White Sox and last year's club is purely coincidental.

"As of today, I think the rest of the American League West has to consider us seriously," Eddie Evers, Chicago's new president, said Monday after the White Sox purchased slugger Luzinski from Philadelphia Phillies for an undisclosed amount of money. "Now we have the power we didn't have."

The sale of the 30-year-old Luzinski climaxed days of rumors he would be leaving the World Series champion Phillies, actually since they acquired Atlanta outfielder Gary Matthews last selection in the June 1979 draft. Luzinski was the Phillies' regular left fielder from 1972 until he lost his job to rookie Lonnie Smith last season in his ninth year. Luzinski compiled a .281 batting average with 223 home runs and 811 RBIs.

The White Sox' new-found power was missing Monday. Indiana home runs by Cincinnati's George Foster and rookie Dave Van Gorder keyed a 12-6 victory and backed the six-hit pitching of Mario Soto, Doug Bair and Tom Hume as the Cubs handed the Sox an 8-3 exhibition defeat.

In another deal, Los Angeles Dodgers seeking outfield insurance in Reggie Smith, who did not recover from shoulder surgery, acquired Ken Landry from Minnesota. Twins bought for rookie third baseman George Hatcher and two minor league leaguers. Landry batted .265 in 1979 and 281 last season, when his 31 game hitting streak was the longest in the majors.

COLLECTED SINGLES

Rob Wilting collected four singles for Minnesota and Glenn Adams drove in four runs but

the Twins lost to Pittsburgh Pirates 8-8 as Mike Easler paced a 17-hit attack with two home runs and a two-run homer.

Despite home runs by Pedro Guerrero and Steve Garvey, the Dodgers moved to New York Yankees 6-4 as Bucky Dent's two-run homer and two-run triple by Dave Winfield keyed a five-run, sixth-inning rally.

Jerry White had five hits, including a two-run homer in the 10th inning, as Montreal Expos defeated Kansas City Royals 8-6. The Expos traded with the runs of Rene Martine to tie it in the ninth, three on a triple by White. Dan Ford tripled home two runs and scored during a three-inning homer in a game. Los Angeles defeated Cleveland Indians 4-3.

Pinch hitter Claudiu Washington singled home the winning run in the 10th inning as Atlanta Braves edged Houston Astros 4-3.

Gary Roenicke capped a two-run eighth inning with a game-winning single, giving the Texas Rangers a 6-7 victory over Texas Rangers.

Dwight Evans belted a solo home run leading off the eighth inning and then capped a Boston comeback with a three-run shot in the ninth. The Red Sox won a 6-4 victory over Detroit Tigers.

Darrell Evans's two-run homer helped San Francisco Giants defeat Seattle Mariners 6-3.

Toronto was idle, but Danny Ainge, Brigham Young University, all-America basketball player, reported to the Blue Jays to begin his third season.

CFL governors approve Skalbana

TORONTO (CP) — Flamboyant Nelson Skalbana, the Vancouver millionaire who in recent years has acquired a number of sports franchises, has been confirmed owner of Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

The action was taken Monday following a four-day teleconference involving the CFL board of governors of the nine league teams and the CFL office of commissioner Jake Van Der Meer.

The league, which rejected Skalbana's bid in February to purchase 50 per cent of the Eastern Alouettes, approved a complete change of ownership after hearing a bid from Montreal group headed by Bill McKinnon and Bernard Munn.

The sale price of the Alouettes, whose attendance plunged 100,000 in 1980 owing to a deficit

of \$1 million continuing a downward trend started in 1972, was reported to be \$2.4 million plus an additional \$600,000 over outstanding debts.

Some owners expressed concern about the lack of local ownership but Skalbana assured them he has had discussions with a number of potential Montreal-area investors.

LOCAL OWNERS
The prospective parties weren't identified, but there have been reports that Montreal businessman Rene Forté and Grand Prix driver Gilles Villeneuve of Berthierville, Que., would be partners.

Skalbana, wheeling and dealing even while his bid to buy the AIs was still to be ratified, has also talked to George Allen, the former Los Angeles and Washington Redskins coach, about becoming a minority shareholder in the CFL team and charged with the on-field operations of the club.

Skalbana owns several other pro franchises, including Calgary Flames of the National Hockey League, Calgary Soccer League and Vancouver Canadians of baseball's Pacific Coast League, as well as two junior Western Hockey League teams — New Westminster and Kelowna.

He failed in bids to purchase Seattle Mariners of baseball's American League and to obtain a National Basketball Association franchise for Vancouver.

Leos ink speedster to contract

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Lions have signed free agent Eric (Flash) Hurt to a Canadian Football League contract following a free agent camp last weekend at Huntington Beach, Calif.

Hurt, 23, is an import defensive back from San Jose State with exceptional speed, the club said Monday, having been timed at 4.4 seconds over 40 yards.

The five-foot-11, 177-pounder tried out last season with Dallas cowboys of the National Football League.

The Lions said they offered contracts to six players after the free agent camp and are considering 12 players in all for their 1981 training camp which opens May 24 at Courtenay in Vancouver Island.

B.C. also announced the signing of Canadian linebacker Fred Nagy from the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

Nagy, 24, is a native of Kelowna, B.C., and was not selected in the recent CFL draft. He played for two years at Alberta after three earlier seasons with University of B.C. Thunderbirds.

Penticton hosts series

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Prince George Struvs Kings and Penticton Knights begin a best-of-five series here tonight for the B.C. Tier Two Junior hockey championship.

Second game of the series is Wednesday and a third, if needed, would be Thursday. All games will be in this Okanagan city.

Penticton won the B.C. Junior Hockey League title Sunday night with a 3-2 double-overtime victory over Abbotsford Flyers. While Prince George took the Peace-Cariboo Junior Hockey League championship over Fort St. John Flyers in a seven-game series.

BARB WAS A CHAMP

In a period of one month in 1948, Canadian Barbara Ann Scott won the top three figure skating titles — European, Olympic and World.

Indiana captures college hoop title



DANNY GARE — in action

Bruins settle for tie

By The Canadian Press
Boston goaltender Rogie Roenicke, ignoring a third-period tussle with Buffalo Sabres captain Danny Gare, stopped 31 shots Monday as the Bruins tied the Sabres 2-2 in a rugged National Hockey League game.

The moves started with Sabres forward Ric Selting encroaching on Vachon's territory.

"Usually, players come across in front of the net, but this time it was right into my crease," said Vachon. "So, I whacked him in the skates and Gare saw it."

"Danny got a hot temper and he drops the gloves a lot, but I don't hold that against him."

All four goals came in the second period — one each by Boston's Peter McNab and Steve Kasper and Buffalo's Craig Ramsay and John Van Bormer.

Van Bormer's back-hander from the left faceoff circle kept Buffalo in the race for fourth place in the all-NHL standings. The top four teams have home legs at least through Stanley Cup quarter-finals.

Philadelphia Flyers, Buffalo and Los Angeles Kings each had 48 points. The Flyers have two games remaining, Los Angeles has five and Buffalo has three.

The Flyers blew a chance to make their position more secure when they skated to a scoreless tie with the Rangers in New York in the only other game played Monday.

Buffalo outshot the Bruins 33-9, but Vachon kept his club in the contest, stopping two Buffalo shots on a three-on-one break early in the final period.

Rogie's Rangers' goalie Rick St. Croix of Philadelphia and Steve Baker of New York provided faultless retminding at Madison Square Garden, although St. Croix was the busier. He faced 35 shots while Baker turned aside 26.

Despite a dearth of goals, the 17:45 fans were treated to a free-wheeling contest that ranged into both ends of the ice.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bobby Knight can be arrogant and rude, haughty and unyielding, scrupulously honest and principled to a fault. He is, undoubtedly, a brilliant basketball coach.

On a day marred by the shock and sadness of the shooting of President Ronald Reagan, when serious consideration was given to postponing the game in deference to the tragedy, Knight guided his Hoosiers to U.S. college basketball's NCAA title Monday night with a marvelous victory over North Carolina.

Isiah Thomas, the Hoosiers' gifted sophomore point guard, was voted the outstanding player of the tournament after scoring 19 of his 23 points in the second half.

After North Carolina jumped in front 16-8 in the first 10 minutes, Knight made the strategic move of the game. He switched 6-foot-6 swingman Randy Wittman from guard to forward to replace the foul-plagued Ted Kitchel and brought guard Jim Thomas off the bench — going with a three-guard offence and putting Jim Thomas on North Carolina shooting star Al Wood.

"Carolina had a chance to take us out of the game, but our kids did a heck of a job hanging in," said Knight.

MAKE BAD MOVE
"Maybe it was a bad thing to get Kitchel in foul trouble," said North Carolina coach Dean Smith, who has reached the final

four six times and the championship game three times in his 20 years at Chapel Hill, N.C. "In comes Jim Thomas and he plays like he should be on the all-tournament team."

North Carolina led for 19:59 of the first half, but Indiana regrouped behind its three-guard offence and took the lead 27-26 on Wittman's jumper from the right corner at the halftime buzzer.

The Hoosiers started the second half with an 8-2 spurt that included a pair of steals and layups by the cat-quick Isiah Thomas. That made it 32-28 and the North Carolina collapse was only a matter of time.

With Jim Thomas stalking Wood all over the floor, the Tar Heels could manage just eight points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. By now it was 45-34 and Indiana, 25-9, was on its way toward becoming the longest champion in tournament history.

That's a distinction we don't mind," said Knight. "The Hoosiers won 18 of their last 22 games, including their final 10 in a row."

North Carolina finished 28-8 but had won 11 of its last 12 before being shut down by Indiana's tenacious man-to-man defence. Wood, who had scored a career-high 39 points in North Carolina's 48-43 semifinal triumph over Virginia, was limited to 10 points — 10 of which came after Indiana had broken the game open.

Games dealings termed improper

VICTORIA (CP) — Accusations of a sweetheart deal with the Coca-Cola company involving the B.C. Games are improper, Provincial Secretary Evan Wolfe said Monday.

"It is not true that there is an under-the-table arrangement," Wolfe said in an interview.

He was replying to Barbara Wallace (NDP — Cowichan-Malahat) who said Coca-Cola had been designated the official soft drink of the B.C. Games in return for \$100,000 in advertising expenditure.

"The most unusual aspect of the deal, however, is that Coca-Cola is given exclusive right to beverage concessions at the games," Wallace in a news release.

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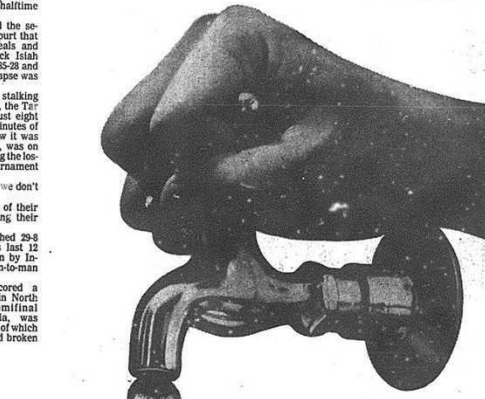
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