

# Major league talks go well

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (CP) — A major-league baseball franchise for the city of Vancouver has taken another step toward becoming a reality, says a six-member committee after talks with spokesmen for two American League teams.

"We are encouraged to proceed aggressively on an individual basis with the other people in (major league) baseball," Jimmy Fattison said Thursday. Fattison is part owner, along with major league Nelson Skalbanik, of the Vancouver Canadians of the minor Pacific Coast League.

The other members of the group who met with Phil Segal, president of Cleveland Indians, and Buzzie Bavasi, general manager of California Angels, were Vancouver Mayor Mike Harcourt; Bill Slemmon, representing Fattison's interests in the Canadians; lawyer Grant MacDonald, who represents Skalbanik; Hal Moran, president of Molson, B.C. Ltd.; and Jack Quinn, general manager of the Canadians.

The group spent Thursday's meeting in Bayview Hotel in Grande, the new training site of the Angels, and with Segal in Tucson, touring buses in the Indians.

Francisco Giants of the National League as well as PCL president Hal Hunter.

"It was a gold-star day," said Quinn, the go-between for the new owners of the Canadians (who did not become involved in baseball until acquiring the minor league club from Harry Ornstein late last year) and owners of the seven major league teams that are training in Arizona and California.

"We reviewed the existing (major league) franchises and potential franchises and, in my judgment, Vancouver is certainly in no worse a position than No. 2."

New Orleans, which attracted 75,359 fans to a series of three exhibition games at the Superdome last weekend, Tampa Bay, Denver, Washington, D.C., and Phoenix also have been mentioned as possible expansion sites.

Quinn told a press conference Thursday that "Bavasi has told us that he knows of at least five major league owners who are solidly behind us."

"Our objective is to meet all the requirements to land a major league franchise and one thing that hasn't gone unnoticed is the success of Canadian teams in Montreal and Toronto."

Quinn said the next step for the committee is to make a formal presentation to the major league at the winter meetings and Oakland A's in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in December.

**MORE MEETINGS SET**

They were scheduled to meet this weekend with representatives of Milwaukee Brewers and Oakland A's in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in America, League and Jan

# Kuhn calls off baseball trade

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The National League baseball Pittsburgh Pirates said Friday they have cut off trade talks with the American League New York Yankees and will keep newly-acquired first baseman Jason Thompson.

The Pirates tried to restructure a deal to trade Thompson to the Yankees after baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn blocked the deal Thursday. Kuhn objected to the cash involved in the trade, which exceeded a \$400,000 informal limit he set.

The Pirates set an early after-noon deadline Friday for making a new deal with the Yankees and then extended the deadline after Kuhn's request.

However, the Pirates said they were told by Bill Bergesch, Yankees vice-president, that owner George Steinbrenner "felt the Pirates weren't being aboveboard."

Pirate General Manager Pete Peterson ordered talks over the trade to cease and said the slugger first baseman will remain with the Pirates, a club spokesman said.

Thompson, traded Wednesday by California Angels, was ordered to report to the Pirates as soon as possible.

Manager Chuck Tanner and Peterson were reported "very disappointed" by the news.

On Thursday, Kuhn approved the first half of the three-club trade in which Thompson was traded to the Pirates for catcher Ed Ott and pitcher Mickey Taylor.

Thompson was to be traded to the Yankees for first baseman Jim Speer, second baseman Prince Greg Cochran and Fred Touler and cash. The Yankees were reported to have offered the Pirates \$200,000 in the deal.

# Penticton to host St. Albert

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Penticton Knights and St. Albert Saints open their Centennial Cup best-of-seven quarter-final series tonight in this Okanagan city.

The second game of the series will be here Sunday, with the remainder of the games scheduled for the Albert community near Edmonton, starting Tuesday.

Penticton won the B.C. Junior Hockey League title last weekend and defeated Prince George Spruce Kings of the Peace-Cariboo Junior Hockey League in two straight in the B.C. final.

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# Oilers hammer Vancouver 7-2



CRAIG PATRICK ... lights

## Rangers clinch a berth

It's two down and three to go in the National Hockey League playoff derby.

Both New York Rangers and Edmonton Oilers clinched playoff berths Friday night with wins in their respective NHL games. The Rangers defeated Chicago Black Hawks 2-1 while Edmonton blitzed Vancouver Canucks 7-2.

The victories leave the Rangers and Oilers with 72 points each, one point ahead of Pittsburgh Penguins and four up on both Toronto Maple Leafs and Washington Capitals. The Penguins, Leafs and Capitals all have two games remaining in regular-season play.

"I tried to do some work in the office this afternoon," said Rangers coach Craig Patrick. "But I couldn't get a thing done. We were really tight and the players weren't talking in the dressing room. When we were down 1-0 after two periods, I tried to loosen them up. The guys really responded."

"It feels good, I really believe in this team and they're right in the minds to it and beared down."

Left winger Don Maloney scored the decisive goal in the Rangers' victory.

Goaltender Steve Bakke kept the Oilers in the contest with some spectacular outskating.

Dean Talbot and Mike Allison scored New York's other goals while John Marks replied for the Black Hawks.

Canadians' Whalers' Pierre Larouche scored two goals to pace Montreal and clinch third place for the Canadians in the over-all standings.

The victory also enabled Montreal to win the Norris Division crown for the seventh consecutive season.

Yvon Lambert, Guy Lafleur, Doug Jarvis and Rejean Houle while Al Sims replied for Hartford.

Richard Scrivny and Dennis Herron played in goal for Montreal. Herron was making his 24th appearance of the season, the leaving him one short of the number he needs to have his name engraved on the Vezina trophy.

Edmonton Oilers are much more than Wayne Gretzky and his travelling magic hockey show.

The Oilers are Glen Anderson and Glen Sather, Brett Callaghan and his gritty determination and Risto Siltanen and his dirt passing ability.

Edmonton, in its second NHL season, has had an incredible run, fashioning one of the better records since the 1940s.

The Oilers hammered Vancouver Canucks 7-2 Friday night to give them a 20-14-10 record since Jan. 1 — and a playoff berth.

Gretzky was held, if that's the proper term, to a goal and one assist by the Canucks, but the black was picked up by other capable and determined Edmonton players.

Callaghan scored the first two goals of the game, giving him 23 in just 54 games this season, and Anderson added two more on brilliant efforts — one short-handed and the other on a power play — to give him 30 in his rookie season.

**HAVE GOOD BLEND**

The guys are complimenting each other right now and they're all getting on well," said Oilers coach and general manager of the Oilers.

"We seem to now have the proper blend of youngsters and veterans."

"As much as I'm happy with the win, I'm even more delighted with our overall game, from the goaltender out. We played a complete game tonight, and didn't have to rely just on Gretzky."

"We have a lot of quickness in our lineup and that's going to be the style of things in the '80s."

The Canucks were so disorganized that Gretzky may as well have taken the night off. In seven power-play attempts while Edmonton scored three times with the man advantage, Gretzky's rather ordinary night left him with 54 goals and 105 assists for a single-season record of 159 points.

steadily, although he had to be replaced by veteran Gary Edwards for 33 seconds in the third period. Most's face mask needed repairs after the goaltender was hit by a high shot from Vancouver's Stan Smyl.

The Oilers have a 28-25-16 record going into the last regular-season game tonight in Edmonton against Winnipeg Jets. Edmonton's 72 points is six more than the Oilers had last year.

The Canucks, 20-31-30, had been shooting for 10th place in the overall standings, but they've fallen on hard times lately and likely will finish 12th, unless they upset Calgary Flames tonight in their last regular-season game in Calgary.

**WANTED GRETZKY**

Darryl Rota and Dave (Tiger) Williams scored for the Canucks, who spent more time chasing Gretzky and less attending to the business at hand.

"It's time to get the coversalls on and get to work," said Canucks coach Harry Neale. Canuck got to regain our enthusiasm for the playoffs or we'll be getting early."

"I'm bewildered," to say the least. We had a good chance to get at least 80 points this season, which would have been a pretty good season. I've tested the last two weeks and I've never been so disappointed in a team as this one lately."

The Canucks have 76 points, six more than last season, but haven't played with any kind of consistency since the New Year.

Sather added that the Oilers are winning lately — Edmonton's 72 points in the last 11 games — because they believe in each other and have learned how to play when they encounter difficulties with close-checking opponents.

**MUCH IMPROVED**

"We've come a long way since Christmas," said Gretzky. "We're a much better team and we're going to surprise a few people in the playoffs."

"I can see us knocking someone off in the first round and then we'll be around for a long time. We can upset anyone who's good goaltending."

Rookie Andy Moog made his fifth start for the Oilers and was

# Nelson in front after two rounds

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Larry Nelson is leading and he loves it. But it could be costly.

"If the greens stay this slick, if the pins are this tough the rest of the way, I'll be burnt out by the time we get to Augusta."

Nelson said after taking a two-round lead Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament.

The Masters, the first of the year's four major tests, comes up next week and traditionally features only one "live" green in its 36 holes.

"I'm worn out," Nelson said after his second-round 68 which he called "as good a round as I've ever played."

His 137 total, seven shots under par on the 6,894-yard Forest Oaks Country Club course, put him two in front of Mark Hayes, who had a 69 and a 139 total.

Jay Haas, who shared the first-round lead with Bill Kratzert, and Leonard Thompson were at 140, three shots behind Haas matched par 72 in the warm, windy weather and Thompson shot 71 despite a double bogey on his 17th hole, where he was bothered by an amateur photographer.

**NEXT AT 11**

Lee Trevino and Jim Dent were next at 11. Trevino matched

ed par and Dent shot 71 despite bogey on his last hole, the 17th.

Kratzert went to a 75 and was in a group at 145. Defending champion Craig Stadler had another 72 and was at 144. Seve Ballesteros of Spain, who will defend his Masters title next week, improved to 70-146. Tom Weiskopf, who needs a victory here if he is to become eligible for the Masters, slipped to a 76 and was well back at 147.

Nelson called the pin placements "the most severe I've ever seen, on crowns and mounds and slopes" and the greens "as fast as I've ever seen."

# Kangaroos win opener

QUENNEL, B.C. (CP) — Rick Szabo made 27 saves as Quennel Kangaroos took the opening game of their Western Canada senior 'A' hockey semifinal series 2-0 over Inuvialut Eagles Friday night.

Game two of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for tonight in Quennel.

Bob Galloway made 38 saves for the Alberta team. Only John Price and Ken Gassoff got the puck past him for Quennel.

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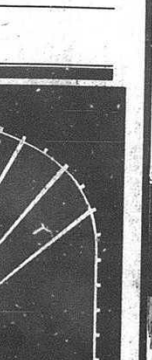
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