

Jets blank Wings

WINNIPEG (CP) — While the once lively Winnipeg Jets appear headed for the National Hockey League playoffs, the still lively Detroit Red Wings are having a hard time getting a run on the ladder to post-season play.

Standing in the Red Wings' way Friday night was Jets goaltender Doug Setaert, who stopped 34 shots as Winnipeg blanked Detroit 5-0.

In the only other NHL game, Dennis Maruk snapped out of a four-game scoring slump with three goals to lead the hometown Washington Capitals to a 3-0 victory over Calgary Flames.

At Winnipeg, Bengt Lundholm opened the scoring in the third period with his 12th goal of the season after the teams had been scoreless.

Morris Lukovich added an empty net goal to give the Jets their fourth consecutive win and a three-goal bulge over third-place St. Louis Blues in the Norris Division.

Just about everyone, including Detroit coach Wayne Manner, agreed that Setaert, the New York Ranger goalie who appears to have taken over the No. 1 netminding job with the Jets, was responsible for the victory.

SHOWED FORM
Doug Setaert has been 4-0 in his last five games and 1 goal he showed some of the form he's shown in the past. Wayne Manner said, "He made eight or 10 real key stops and I think he's got the win for them."

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Berwick wins 11th round decision

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MUELLER WINS RACE

Podorski wins title

ASPEN, Colo. (CP) — Pre-race favorite Peter Mueller of Switzerland flashed down Aspen Mountain to win a World Cup downhill race Friday, effectively giving the season downhill title to Canadian Steve Podorski.

Mueller's victory deprived Austrian Heli Wehrather of a shot at catching Podorski in the standings. Wehrather, who finished 11-hundredths of a second behind Mueller, needed to win Friday's race and the final downhill of the season here to overtake Podorski.

Mueller can tie Podorski, 24, of Toronto in points by winning today's race as well, but the Canadian would claim the title on the basis of a better overall record.

Podorski, who finished 14th Friday, said he had mixed feelings about his title.

"I didn't ski well today, but this has been a great season for me," he said. "I'm in sort of a dream world. It will take a while for this to sink in."

Mueller, notching his second straight downhill victory on the World Cup circuit — he won at Whistler, B.C., last weekend — took a one-minute 47.17 seconds.

CATECHISM WAS THIRD
Mueller's winning time was one minute 47.17 seconds to 1:47.25 for Wehrather and 1:47.57 for Corradin Cathomen of Switzerland.

Silvano Mell of Switzerland was fourth, followed by Austrian Heli Wehrather, Franz Hutter of Switzerland, Gunde Gohrl of Switzerland, Ken Read of Calgary, Todd Brooker of Paris, and the Valais team of Switzerland.

Podorski was clocked in 1:48.84. Dave Irwin, 27, of Vernon, B.C., was 13th in 1:48.81. Irwin, who is retiring after today's race, was a surprise third at the Whistler Mountain race last weekend.

Read, the first Canadian man to win a World Cup downhill race — at Val d'Isere, France, in 1975 — and also in his final season on the tour, had a time of 1:49.00, finishing at 22 as a newcomer on the Canadian downhill squad, was timed in 1:48.00.

"It's great," said Podorski of the championship that eluded him last year when he finished won the final two races of the season here to keep the title in Europe.

"I knew when I heard Heli's intermediate time — which was about the same as mine — that he couldn't make up all the time on Mueller no matter how well he skied the bottom of the course."

FIRST SINCE GREENE
Podorski, the first non-European to win the men's overall title since 1967, was the showpiece of the World Cup circuit — is also the first Canadian

to reign atop a Cup series since Nancy Greene was the queen of Canadian skiing in 1967 and 1968.

Podorski was No. 1 from the starting gate and, being the smallest skier among the top seeds, it proved his undoing because he was forced into creating a line that the other skiers followed.

"I certainly hope to do better tomorrow," said Podorski, a four-time winner on the World Cup circuit this season. Mueller, if he follows up his victory with

another one today, will also have four wins.

But his other results were much less impressive than the Canadian skier's.

Mueller said his ability to glide through the flat areas at the top of the 1.70-meter course won him the race.

"Tomorrow I will try for the double, but even if I win I know I can't beat Steve," Mueller said. "He's been the best skier all year long, so he should be the champion."

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Jones, Rose set for final

REGINA (CP) — Colleen Jones has an opportunity today to shake memories of 1980 when her Halifax rink goes for Nova Scotia's first title in the Canadian women's curling championship.

Her opponent, Dot Rose of Manitoba, hopes to give Western Canada its 20th success in the 22 years of the competition.

In semifinal play Friday night, Jones stole two points in the fourth end, then swiped four in the seventh to lead her rink to a 11-4 triumph over Arleen Day of Saskatchewan.

Rose, meanwhile, followed a similar pattern by stealing two in the second and three in the seventh and the Winnipeg skip took a 16-5 victory over Barbara Parker, skip of the British Columbia team from Courtenay.

Jones, who lost 7-6 to Ontario in the final draw of the round-robin schedule in the Scott Tournament of Hearts, which helped create a five-way tie for first place, was at her best Friday in making fine draw shots, takeouts and come-abouts.

MEMORIES RESURFACE
"Losing last night brought back every little memory I've ever had of losing in 1980," said Jones, reuniting the final two years ago when she was beaten by Mary Mitchell of Regina.

"You just remember how painful it was and how hurt you were by it for so long."

"My girls played so well last night (Thursday) and I felt so bad that I had let them down."

Rose, who helped Betty Duguid win the Canadian title for Manitoba in 1987, was jubilant after her win.

"It's hard to believe — it's just a super feeling," Rose said. "Nova Scotia, Cathy Shaw of Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and B.C. all wound up with 7-3 records in round-robin."

"I just checked tonight, and I'm surprised for a lot of my friends that came here expecting me to win."

Asked whether the fight should have been stopped when it was, Rose said "Where's that ref? I got to shake his hand."

Berwick felt the bout should have been stopped earlier because "a guy may be tough but we're human beings."

play, forcing two semifinals instead of one.

Jones was placed first with a 10-4 record in games among the leading teams, with Manitoba finishing second, B.C. third, Alberta fourth and Saskatchewan fifth.

NEED EXTRA ENDS
Earlier Friday, Day led her Regina rink to a 15 extra-end decision over her Edmonton opponent to decide the other semifinal.

Jones and her sister, Barbara, who plays lead, are left from the 1980 Nova Scotia team. Another Jones girl, Monica, now is at second and Kay Smith is at third.

Rose's rink includes third Lynn Andrews, also a harness racing driver in the West, second Kim Cross and lead Shannon Burns.

There were mild rumblings of controversy Friday night over the way Colleen Jones delivers her rocks. Some believe she breaks a rule by going over the hog line when she delivers, but Jones denies it.

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