Cross Country Skiing

By BOB PLATT

The season is slowly drawing to a close and it's been a mighty one too, abundant snow renewed almost constantly without any marked thawing tendencies to destroy the texture and cause the wax to fail.

LEVELS OF SKILL

As a direct result of good trails, well maintained and we particularly refer to the Star's, skill levels have increased and this doesn't apply only to the people who have been at it for years. There are lots of enthusiasts, waiting in the wings as it were, practicing techniques learned from watching the pros and these novices will soon be fully fledged performers, able to step it out with the best.

THE YOUNGSTERS

A gratifying aspect of what we see on the Star is the appearance of so many youngsters, accompanied by an adult and going incredible distances before returning to the parking lot. The golden rule is not to allow the budding skiler to overdo it and with proper attention to this requirement, their interest will be sustained, to ensure the desire for further outings on the snow.

A TUSSLE FOR THE LEAD

Last Saturday, the club put on its annual trophy day events and Mother Nature co-operated with yet more snow falling during the morning, to fill in the tracks and thus making the first starters work a little harder.

TACTICS

In the Stussi Trophy race, over 10 kilometres, the front runner, Paul Birzins, maintained his 30 second barrier lead over Al Melland for a while then stepped out to let him pass, a tactical move that didn't faze Al. They raced like that until Paul went to the front again and that's how they came to the finish line. However, the margin was now reduced by 12 seconds, thus giving Melland the victory. These skiers demonstrated wonderful degrees of skill and stamina.

HIGH ALTITTUDE TELEMARKY

Proud possessors of brick-red complexions, the people who have returned from their Rocky Mountain holiday are all agog about the skiing they had high up in the mountains. Lifted in by helicopter, they stayed in huts, the slopes close at hand and they took full advantage of it.

The altitude was generally about 220 metres but they did go up to 2600 metres, in the midst of steep terrain or vertical ramparts, always on the lookout for avalanche areas.

EQUIPMENT TESTING

The first day, the morning was set aside for exercises in locating supposed victims in a simulated slide and transceivers were used to pin point the buried skier. At $80, this miniature transmitter is regarded as much superior to the lengthy tagged rope trailed behind, the purpose being to float on the surface and act as a guide.

SNOW CAVES

With powder waist high, there was plenty of scope for experimenting in building an overnight shelter. in fact people soon became adept in scooping out a sleeping space and they were able to accommodate four of their number in a comfortable manner.

BUILDING METHOD

It was found that with a degree of compaction, a roof five centimetres thick sufficed and the trick was to push a series of sticks through the surface and then excavate from below until the ends protruded. Light came through the snow at this stage too.

ERLING STROM

The huts used on this jaunt were originally built by the pioneer of this type of holiday, one Erling Strom. He came to the area in the 30's and amazed the locals with his journeys on skis — they had always relied on snowshoes.

POPULARITY

So many enthusiasts want to do this thing, it's necessary to book well ahead. What a wonderful vacation, entirely remote from contact with the everyday world for a term of 10 days or so.

THE STAR AT THIS TIME

Reports are that temperatures are still near zero and they were using purple wax this week. Freshly groomed, by machine, the trails are in fine shape. That traffic counter on the roadside will continue to send back some astounding figures of how much this amenity is being used by the community

DARCY ROTA
... scored three

THOMAS GRADIN
... team record

Canucks upset red-hot Habs

MONTREAL (CP) — Pit a team that has won only once in its last eight games against a team that has lost only once in 27 and you have the makings of a mismatch, right?

Guess again.

Playing the role of the meek, Vancouver Canucks stopped the mighty Montreal Canadiens 4-2 in a National Hockey League game Thursday night. The loss snapped Montreal's 10-game unbeaten string and was its first loss in 15 games at the Forum.

"We don't expect to win here, but they were due for a loss," said Canucks centre, Thomas Gradin. "They've been playing so well lately."

Gradin played an instrumental role in the Canadiens' unexpected demise by collecting three assists. He set up two of three goals scored by Darcy Rota.

The production gave Gradin 79 points, which broke a single-season team scoring record shared by Andre Boudrias and Stan Smyl.

The record-breaking point came at 9:07 of the third period. With only one Montreal defender back, Gradin slipped the puck to Rota at the lip of the crease to give the Canucks a 4-1 margin.

The goal grew in importance when Bob Gainey scored his 21st for the Canadiens only 18 seconds later.

GETS THE LEAD

Rota wasted little time providing the Canucks with a 1-0 lead, pouncing gleefully on a loose puck near the Montreal blueline and skating in alone on Denis Herron before deking the Canadiens goaltender after only 36 seconds.

Larry Robinson, with a slapshot from about 10 feet inside the Vancouver blueline, tied it for the Canadiens at 12:16 but Rota replied 41 seconds later.

Then, Canucks goaltender Richard Brodeur went to work.

Scarcely resembling a man who was winless in his last eight starts, Brodeur stopped 34 shots, although 14 were by defencemen, indicating the Canadiens' lack of intensity around the net. Vancouver was held to 18 shots.

Dave Williams of the Canucks, with his 14th of the season at 7:22, had the lone goal of the second period.

"The defeat is not really that important," said Montreal forward Rejean Houle. "What's important is how we rebound in big games against Minnesota and Buffalo this weekend.

"When you trip at this stage of the season, you have to get back up fast."

Whalers 4 Sabres 1

Blake Wesley's goal on a low slapshot at 18:28 of the second period broke a 1-1 tie. The Sabres had taken a 1-0 lead in the opening period on a goal by Larry Playfair. The lead stood until Mark Howe tied it at 8:12 of the second period. In the third period, Hartford got goals from Don Nachbaur and Garry Howatt, the latter into an empty net with 14 seconds left.

The victory was the first for Hartford against Buffalo since last March. It also was the first time the Whalers have beaten Buffalo at home since 1979.

In addition to losing the game, Buffalo lost defenceman Bill Hajt for an indefinite period of time after he pulled ligaments in his right knee.

Blues 7 Red Wings 4

Wayne Babych scored two goals and assisted on two others as St. Louis ended a 10-game road losing streak. Babych's second goal, on a rebound, snapped a 3-3 tie with 1:03 remaining in the second period.

Detroit, loser of 10 straight, had tied the game nine seconds earlier on a goal by Paul Woods.

The Blues sealed the victory on goals by Karl Eloranta, Blake Dunlop and Brian Sutter in the first 5½ minutes of the third period. Jorgen Pettersson and Joe Mullen were the other Blues scorers.

Jody Gage scored Detroit's only goal of the final period after Mike Blaisdell had one in each of the first two periods.

Black Hawks 4 Flyers 4

Darryl Sittler's 400th career goal with 22 seconds remaining lifted Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-4 tie with Chicago Black Hawks.

Sittler scored his 28th and 29th goals of the season in the game. The tying goal came after the Flyers pulled goaltender Pelle Lindbergh in the final minute.

Chicago had taken the lead at 5:33 of the third period on centre Tom Lysiak's rebound goal. Terry Ruskowski, Grant Mulvey and Darryl Sutter also scored for the Black Hawks.

Al Hill and Glen Cochrane got the other Philadelphia goals.

Swedish rink in final with a perfect record

FREDERICTON (CP) — Soren Grahn had a modest goal when he left home for the world junior men's curling championship a week ago.

"We were hoping to make the semifinal, that was all," the 19-year-old Swedish skip said Thursday night. "But I never dreamed we would be 9-0."

But 9-0 the Swedes were when round-robin play ended at the Aitken Centre, the first unblemished record in preliminary-round action since the Rod King rink of Edmonton did the job at the inaugural championship in 1975.

That unbeaten mark sent the Swedes into the final Saturday, their rivals to be determined today as Canada, the U.S. or Scotland.

The Karlstad rink kept its unbeaten mark intact in the tightest contest of the week, a 4-3 extra-end victory over Canadian Mert Thompsett before about 3,000 spectators — the largest turnout since the event started last Sunday.

MISSES CHANCE

Thompsett, the 1981 Canadian junior champ from Winnipeg, blew his chance to hand the Swedes their only loss of the tournament in the 10th end when his attempted hit-and-roll gave Canadian stone on the four-foot was wide and heavy.

The Canadians picked up one to tie the score and send it into the extra end, but Grahn had control of the game — keeping the house clear and removing the only Canadian stone in play with his last rock to score one.

The Canadians' record dropped to 6-3, leaving them in a tie for second with Scotland and the U.S.

Scotland, represented by Robin Gray of Glasgow, earned a bye today and the U.S. in round-robin play. The U.S. and Canada meet in a tie-breaker this afternoon.

The Scots lost a chance to be alone in second when they were upset 7-2 by Rico Simen of Switzerland while the U.S. entry, skipped by Dale Risling of Seattle, Wash., beat Jack Kjaerluff of Denmark, 9-5.

In other games, Christophe Boan of France beat Italian Adriano Lorenzi, 7-6, while Morten Skraug of Norway edged Christoph Moeckel of West Germany, 7-5.

In eighth-round play, the Italians won their first — and only — game of the tournament, upsetting the U.S. 7-5; Canada beat Norway 6-3; Sweden got by Denmark, 9-5; Scotland defeated France, 7-5; and West Germany downed the Swiss, 8-2.

Saturday's finale will be carried live on CBC television beginning at 4 p.m. AST.

Thompsett said later it was the 10th end and his own inability to make the right shots that cost his rink the game. The Canadians had two hidden on the eight-foot circles with just skip rocks to throw.

"I wasn't too sure about the ice," Thompsett said. "The last time I threw in that area it was heavy.

"That time, it just got away from me," he said of the shot that wrecked on the front guards and opened the way for Grahn to cut him down to one counter and head to the extra end with last shot.

B.C. and Ontario clash for junior curling title

WINNIPEG (CP) — Alison Goring of Ontario and B.C.'s Sandra Plut, the two most consistent rinks at the Canadian women's curling championship, meet today in a tie-breaker to decide the winner of the 1982 event.

Goring, of Toronto, and Plut, of Kamloops, each finished the 11-rink, round-robin competition with 8-2 records. Manitoba, Alberta and Quebec were their closest rivals at 6-4.

Plut forced the tie-breaker Thursday night with a 12-3 thrashing of Heather Mader of Charlottetown, P.E.I., while Goring and her rink of Kristin Holman, Cheryl McPherson and Lynda Armstrong watched from the sidelines, having drawn the 11th-round bye.

Plut broke open the game against Mader, 3-7, by stealing five points in the first end and two more in the second, and then simply coasted to the win.

"After stealing five in the first end, we could play a nice clean game," said Plut. "We didn't have to worry about coming back and putting up garbage."

Plut said although the game was easy for her and her rink of Sandra Rainey, Leigh Fraser and Debra Fowler, it gave them a bit of a tune-up for today's encounter with Ontario.

THROW TAKEOUTS

"A tough game would have been nice, but we were still having to throw the shots," she said. "They were putting a lot of rocks in the house and we were having to throw a lot of takeouts."

In other final round matches, Maureen Bonar of Deloraine, Man., edged Jennifer Jones of Halifax, N.S. 8-6, to finish at 6-4. Jones, younger sister of 1982 senior women's champion Colleen Jones, ended up 5-6.

Montreal's Debbie Wark, in first place after Wednesday's play, dropped a 6-5 extra-end decision to Penny Samoleski of Nipawin, Sask., who finished at 5-5.

Edmonton's Jennifer Buchanan scored four points in the first end but barely hung on for a 9-8 extra-end win over Denise Peirine of Moncton, N.B. Peirine ended up at 4-6.

Denise Colwell of Yukon-Northwest Territories scored deuces in the second, fifth and seventh ends to upend Cindy Crocker of Labrador City, Nfld., 7-4. Crocker wound up 4-6 while Colwell, of Whitehorse, finished with a 3-7 record.

SLUGGISH START

Plut said she was happy her rink finished as strong as it did after a sluggish start to the sixday championship.

"We're pleased, especially after the first four games when we were 2-2 and things didn't look as good as they do now," she said, confident her rink can beat Ontario.

"We can only go out and play the game we've been playing all along," she said. "I think we can give them a run for their money."

Goring, who suffered her only two defeats Tuesday, edged Plut 7-6 in the second round of the competition Monday.

"We'll just go out and curl and see how we do," Goring said. "All we really like to do is keep it clean, as clean as we can."

Goring, third if her front end — lead Lynda Armstrong and second Cheryl McPherson — perform the way they have been, Ontario should be the 1982 junior women's champion. Ontario coach Keith Reilly has referred to Goring's front end as the class of the competition.

"They don't miss too much," said Goring. "That helps me a lot to set up the ends."

The tie-breaker game starts at noon EST.

Kamloops foursome defeated

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — Lloyd Gunnlaugson of Manitoba needs only one more win at the Canadian senior men's curling championships to finish in at least a first-place tie after the last two rounds of round-robin play today.

Gunnlaugson defeated Bert Thorne of Kamloops, B.C., 8-6 in the 13th round Thursday night. That gave him an 8-2 win-loss record and moved him out of a first-place tie with Percy Peterson of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que., who had the bye in the late draw.

Alberta, Quebec and Ontario were in three-way tie for second place behind Gunnlaugson after Thursday's play, each with seven wins and two losses.

In other 13th-round games, Mac White of Ontario defeated Bill Matiation of Northwest Territories 7-4, Ken Montgomery of Northern Ontario defeated Cedric Allaby of New Brunswick 8-3, Ray Tull of Alberta defeated Bill Piercey of Newfoundland 7-5 and Wen McDonald of Prince Edward Island edged Ted Juriste of Saskatchewan 7-6.

Gunnlaugson knew it was important that he defeat British Columbia.

"That was a very nerve-wracking game," said the Winnipeg skip. "There were many delicate shots and we were fortunate to come out on top.

"We know we must win against New Brunswick Friday morning to at least get a tie for first and maybe a playoff for the championship."

While needed his 6-4 win over the Territories on Thursday night to keep his Ontario rink in the three-way logjam for second place.

CURLED WELL

"The team curled really well in our game against the territories, especially Norm Pyper, my third man," said White. Pyper made 92 per cent of his shots in the third game and was shooting 100 per cent in the first four ends.

Tull drew to the four-foot in the 10th end to beat Piercey's St. John's, Nfld., rink 6-4. Piercey led 3-2 midway in the game but Alberta stole the lead with a three-ender in the eighth.

Montgomery of Northern Ontario moved his record past the 500-mark by trouncing New Brunswick 8-3.

Ritzman fires first round 69

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Alice Ritzman claims she's not a cold weather player, but after fighting chilly, windy conditions in the opening round she shares the lead in a $200,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Ritzman's 4-under-par 69 made her a co-leader with Judy Clark at the start of today's second round.

"I'm always the worst cold weather player," Ritzman said after surviving bogeys on the final two holes Thursday to share with Clark a 1-shot lead over Nancy Lopez-Melton. "I play my best when people are waiting.

"I like it hot."

With temperatures in the 40s and gusting winds, only a handful of golfers managed to break par, all of them at the par-73 Las Vegas Country Club, considered the easier of the two courses the women are playing. The golfers will play three of their four rounds at the par-72 Desert Inn course.

Ritzman, a fourth year pro who has won only $1,800 on the LPGA tour this year, had an eagle and two birdies on the backside and was six under par with only two holes left. However, she missed the green on the final two holes to finish at four under.

"I think I was tightening up on the last two holes," said the 30-year-old from Phoenix, Ariz.

Blanchette at two shots off the lead after the first round were Marlene Floyd-DeArman, Alice Miller, Sandra Haynie, Pat Bradley and Sally Little, who won the rain-delayed tournament in City of Industry, Calif., last Monday.

Donna Caponi, two-time defending champion in the tournament, strung together 18 consecutive pars to finish at 73, while Jan Stephenson, playing for the first time this year after breaking a bone in her foot, shot a 79.

No golfer broke par at the Desert Inn course, with Bonnier Lauer's even-par 72 was the best the pros could manage. Also at 72 was 1981 LPGA rookie of the year Patty Sheehan.

The tournament, which concludes Sunday, carries a $30,000 first prize.

Kelowna blasts New Westminster

VANCOUVER (CP) — Kelowna Owls, whose shaky opening-round performance in the B.C. high school boys' 'AA' basketball championship raised doubts about their No. 2 ranking, dispelled those doubts Thursday with a convincing 78-55 win over New Westminter Hyacks.

The victory put the Owls into tonight's semifinal against No. 7 West Vancouver Highlanders, who continued their improved play of late by eliminating Centennial Centaurs of Coquitlam 53-44.

In the other semifinal, No. 1 ranked Argyle Pipers, which struggled against scrappy Oak Bay Bays of Victoria before winning 64-58, will go against No. 3 Abbotsford Panthers, which dumped youthful Killarney Cougars of Vancouver 77-50.

Kelowna co-captain Paul Jonansson, who was held to just eight points in his club's first game, paced the Owls over the Hyacks with 26 points and a large share of the rebounding.

"Paul and (centre) Glenn Ennis did a good job on the boards for us," said Kelowna coach Jack Hoy.

Argyle went with its starters the entire game — getting 22 points from six-foot-seven centre Mark Marter, who played the second half with three fouls.

"We can't afford to lose Marter and he did a good job of staying out of trouble in the second half," said Argyle coach Bob Molinski.

Abbotsford got 23 points from Sunny Sarowa and 20 from Chico Duncan in the victory over Killarney. Paul Kitchener scored 16 to lead West Vancouver past Centennial.

In consolation-round games, Kamloops Red Devils edged Prince Rupert Rainmakers 65-59; Vancouver College Fighting Irish dropped L. L. Hoppers Bombers of Nelson 88-65; Notre Dame Jugglers of Vancouver defeated Duchess Park Condors of Prince George 74-60 and Mission Roadrunners defeated Mount Douglas Rams of Victoria 85-80.

The four losers now are eliminated from the tournament, which concludes with the championship match Saturday night.

Royals to meet Penticton

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — New Westminster Royals advanced to the B.C. Junior Hockey League final Thursday night, turning back the stubborn Cowichan Valley Capitals 6-3 to win the best-of-seven Coastal Division series 4-3.

The experienced Royals, with 12 players 19 years of age or older, will face the young Penticton Knights, BCJHL champions the past two seasons, and easy winners of the Interior Division final this season.

Tom Stanger and Vaughn Karpan paced the New Westminster attack with two goals apiece. Dave Dupas and Jim Thom added singles for the Royals, who trailed 2-1 after one period by lead 4-3 heading into the final frame.

Gile Cornett, Len Meyer and Darryl Wavryk scored for the Capitals.

Ken Trousdell made 30 saves in the Cowichan Valley net, while Rich Wills turned aside 21 shots for the Royals.

Minor baseball sets registration

Vernon Minor Baseball Association received a fair response for its first registration last Saturday, at the Recreation Complex.

Minor Baseball President Dennis Morlett said he was pleased with the turnout of the younger age groups, but was disappointed with the older levels, especially the Colt division.

Only two players signed up for Colt (15-16 year-old) while 11 signed up for Pony (13-14 year-old). In Bronco (11-12 year-olds) 14 players registered while Mosquito (9-10 year-old) had 18 boys register. Tadpole (6-8 year-old) was the most successful with 34 registrants.

Morlett said he's definitely hoping for a better turnout for the Colt division.

The Colt team is the one which will be competing in the zone for the right to go to the Summer Games which are being held in Vernon," said Morlett. "I was disappointed with only two signing up, hopefully more will show some interest."

Another registration will be held Friday, at the Village Green Mall, from 5 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, registration will be held at the Village Green and Polson Place Malls, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1977

B.C. Junior Hockey League season ended Thursday for the Vernon Vikings, but they didn't go down without a fight. Penticton Vees eliminated Vikings from the best of seven quarter-final series by posting a 5-2 overtime victory before 1,600 fans at the Civic arena.

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Adams Division

	W	L	T	P	A	P
Montreal	42	15	17	330	199	101
Boston	38	24	10	280	247	86
Buffalo	35	22	15	268	230	85
Quebec	31	27	14	321	310	76
Hartford	21	34	16	240	302	58
Patrick Division						
x-Islanders	47	15	8	340	221	102
NY Rangers	35	24	13	278	272	83
Phila	34	29	9	292	289	77
Pittsburgh	27	34	11	270	304	65
Washington	23	37	11	287	301	57

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division

	W	L	T	P	A	P
Minnesota	32	20	20	313	258	84
Winnipeg	29	29	13	283	302	71
St. Louis	29	37	6	280	315	64
Chicago	26	35	11	299	326	63
Toronto	18	38	16	273	339	52
Detroit	18	42	12	244	319	48
Smythe Division						
x-Edmonton	44	17	13	386	278	101
Calgary	26	31	16	304	318	68
Vancouver	25	33	15	253	269	65
Los Angeles	22	34	15	270	318	59
Colorado	17	44	11	218	316	45

x-clinched division title.

Thursday Results
Hartford 4 Buffalo 1
Vancouver 4 Montreal 2
Chicago 4 Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 7 Detroit 4

Tonight's Game
Calgary at Edmonton

Saturday Games
Buffalo at Boston
Philadelphia at Hartford
Minnesota at Montreal
Vancouver at Quebec
St. Louis at NY Islanders
NY Rangers at Washington
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles
Toronto at Winnipeg
Chicago at Detroit
Calgary at Colorado

Sunday Games
Hartford at Philadelphia
Montreal at Buffalo
NY Islanders at Washington
St. Louis at NY Rangers
Pittsburgh at Colorado
Detroit at Winnipeg

Buffalo 1 at Hartford 4
First Period
1. Buffalo, Playfair 6 (Lambert, Perreault) 9:50
Penalty — Playfair Buf 6:04.
Second Period
2. Hartford, Mark Howe 8 (Shmyr, Francis) 8:12
3. Hartford, Wesley 8 (Neufeld, Francis) 18:28
Penalties — Ramsey Buf 2:07; Renaud Hart 9:27, Xotsopoulos Hart, Foligno Buf 10:47, Lambert Buf 12:59.
Third Period
4. Hartford, Nachbaur 5 (Miller, Wesley) 9:45
5. Hartford, Howatt 16 (Shmyr, Mark Howe) 18:46
Penalties — Renaud Hart 3:02, Dunn Buf 7:26.
Shots on goal by

Buffalo	5	7	7	—19
Hartford	11	10	13	—34

Goal — Edwards, Buffalo; Millen, Hartford.
Attendance — 11,011.

Vancouver 4 at Montreal 2
First Period
1. Vancouver, Rota 14 0:36
2. Montreal, Robinson 12 (Delorme, Gainey) 12:18
3. Vancouver, Rota 15 (Gradin, Smyl) 12:57
Penalties — Snepsts Vcr 6:25, Nill Vcr, Gingras Mtl majors 7:04, Williams Vcr, Nilan Mtl majors 9:58.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, Williams 15 (McCarthy, Gradin) 7:23
Penalties — Wickenheiser Mtl 6:44, Acton Mtl 7:57, Smyl Vcr 8:07, Fraser Vcr 12:59.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Rota 16 (Gradin, Smyl) 9:07
6. Montreal, Gainey 21 (Hunter, Jarvis) 9:25
Penalties — Snepsts Vcr, Tremblay Mtl 2:02, Robinson Mtl 3:09, Fraser Vcr minor, major, Engblom Mtl major 10:06.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	6	9	3	—18
Montreal	13	10	13	—36

Goal — Brodeur, Vancouver; Herron, Montreal.
Attendance — 15,912.

Chicago 4 Philadelphia 4
First Period
1. Chicago, Ruskowski 7 (Bellev, Mulvey) 1:26
2. Philadelphia, Sittler 28 (Linseman, Cochrane) 18:40
Penalties — Marsh Phia 5:34, Hill Phia 12:39, Wilson Chi 18:35.
Second Period
3. Chicago, Mulvey 29 (Gardner, Crossman) 3:32
4. Philadelphia, Hill 4 (Leach, Clarke) 5:49
5. Philadelphia, Cochrane 6 14:42
6. Chicago, Sutter 19 (Preston, Lysiak) 17:34
Penalties — Linseman Phia 1:51, Marsh Phia 16:37, Fox Chi 17:57, Hutchison Chi, Holmgren Phia majors 20:00.
Third Period
7. Chicago, Lysiak 25 (Secord, Savard) 5:33
8. Philadelphia, Sittler 9 (Barber, Holmgren) 19:38
Penalties — Clarke Phia 4:55, Higgins Chi 6:25.
Shots on goal by

Chicago	13	12	10	—35
Philadelphia	15	16	16	—47

Goal — Bannerman, Chicago; Lindbergh, Philadelphia.
Attendance — 17,021.

St. Louis 7 at Detroit 4
First Period
1. Detroit, Blaisdell 21 (Joly, G Smith) 2:10
2. St. Louis, Babych 16 (Federko, Eloranta) 14:47
3. St. Louis, Mullen 20 15:18
Penalties — Federko StL 6:29, Sutter StL 3:51, Hart StL, G Smith Det 6:09, Larson Det 17:23.
Second Period
4. St. Louis, Pettersson 33 (Mullen) 14:10
5. Detroit, Blaisdell 22 (Ogrodnick, Larson) 15:42
6. Detroit, Woods 8 (Nolan, Kirton) 18:42
7. St. Louis, Babych, 17 (Federko, G Lapointe) 18:57
Penalties — Eloranta StL 14:39, Joly Det 19:36.
Third Period
8. St. Louis, Eloranta 1 (Babych, G. Lapointe) 9:41
9. St. Louis, Dunlop 23 (Pettersson, Mullen) 1:30
10. St. Louis, Sutter 33 (Federko, Babych) 5:22
11. Detroit, Gage 7 (D. Smith, Huber) 6:29
Penalties — None
Shots on goal by

St. Louis	8	13	12	—33
Detroit	17	15	16	—48

Goal — List, St. Louis; Salve, Detroit.
Attendance — 9,782.

National Hockey League scoring leaders after Thursday's games:

	G	A	P
Gretzky, Edm	87	110	197
Bossy, NYI	56	79	135
Maley, Wash	56	66	122
Trottier, NYI	49	73	122
P. Stastny, Que	41	80	121
Sojitt, Min	41	69	110
Dionne, LA	46	63	109
Savard, Chi	30	76	106

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Boston	50	15	.769	—
Philadelphia	46	18	.719	3½
New Jersey	34	32	.515	16½
Washington	31	33	.484	18½
New York	29	37	.439	21½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	44	21	.677	—
Detroit	33	35	.470	13½
Atlanta	30	34	.469	13½
Indiana	30	36	.455	14½
Chicago	27	38	.415	17
Cleveland	15	48	.238	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
San Antonio	49	25	.615	—
Houston	36	30	.545	4½
Denver	36	30	.545	4½
Kansas City	23	43	.348	17½
Dallas	22	43	.338	18
Utah	19	47	.288	21½
Pacific Division				
Los Angeles	45	21	.682	—
Seattle	43	23	.646	2½
Phoenix	36	29	.554	8½
Golden State	35	31	.530	10
Portland	33	31	.517	11
San Diego	16	50	.242	29

Thursday's Results
Atlanta 95 Houston 94
Detroit 119 Seattle 115
Portland 109 Golden State 95

Tonight's Games
San Antonio at Boston
Indiana at Philadelphia
San Diego at Washington
Los Angeles at Dallas
Seattle at Kansas City
Cleveland at Milwaukee
Detroit at Houston
Portland at Utah
Chicago at Denver

JUNIOR CURLING

WINNIPEG (CP) — Standings at the Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championships after the eleventh round Thursday:

	W	L
Ontario	8	2
British Columbia	8	2
Quebec	6	4
Manitoba	6	4
Alberta	6	4
Saskatchewan	5	5
Newfoundland	4	6
New Brunswick	4	6
Yukon-NWT	3	7
P.E.I	3	7
Nova Scotia	2	8

MEN'S CURLING

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — Standings at the Canadian Senior Men's curling championship after 13 rounds:

	W	L
Manitoba	8	2
Quebec	7	2
Alberta	7	2
Ontario	7	2
British Columbia	5	4
N. Ontario	5	4
Saskatchewan	5	5
New Brunswick	3	6
Territories	3	7
Nova Scotia	2	7
P.E.I.	2	7
Newfoundland	2	8

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League
Chicago White Sox option catcher Rick Seilheimer and infielder Fran Mullins to Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. **National League**
Cincinnati Reds name Joe Nichols assistant for player development and scouting.
BASKETBALL NBA
New York Knicks reinstate forward Sly Williams to the active roster.
FOOTBALL NFL
Baltimore Colts name Roger Theder running back coach.
Dallas Cowboys name Alan Lowry special teams coach.
Houston Oilers sign head coach Ed Biles to a contract extension. **CFL**
Hamilton Tiger-Cats sign import defensive lineman Ricky Isaac and non-import defensive tackle John Celestino.
British Columbia Lions sign import offensive tackle Leo Biedermann, Larry Stewart and Gerald Scott.

HOCKEY ROUND-UP

World Tournament Group B
East Germany 10 Norway 1
Switzerland 3 Poland 2
Romania 5 Netherlands 2
NHL
Vancouver 4 Montreal 2
Hartford 4 Buffalo 1
St. Louis 7 Detroit 4
Chicago 4 Philadelphia 4
International
Milwaukee 8 Saginaw 6
Ontario Major
London 4 Brantford 2
(Brantford leads six-point division quarter-final 4-2)
Niagara Falls 3 Windsor 3
(Six-point division quarter-final tied 4-4)
Peterborough 8 Kingston 7
(Peterborough leads six-point division quarter-final 5-1)
Toronto 7 Cornwall 4
(Toronto leads six-point division quarter-final 4-2)
Western
Saskatoon 4 Winnipeg 2
B.C. Junior
New Westminster 6 Cowichan Valley 3
(New Westminster wins best-of-seven semifinals 4-3)
U.S. College Division Two Semifinal
Lowell 4 Merrimack 3

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

VANCOUVER (CP) — Scoring summaries Thursday at the B.C. high school boys' "AA" basketball championships: —

Ciccarelli, Min 53 47 99
Taylor, LA 38 59 97
Anderson, Edm 36 61 97

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... 16th goal

MISSION (85) — Make Jacobse 22, Kenny Braich 22, Valsimir Rus 19, Dwight Unrah 8, Rob Sward 8, Stephen Trash 4, Darshan Gill 2.

MOUNT DOUGLAS (80) — Doug Malpass 24, Chris Mosher 14, Darryn Lansdell 14, Warren Mar 9, Ken Pasmore 8, Rick Howe 5, Brian McLean 4, Magdy Ghobrial 2. —

VANCOUVER COLLEGE (88) — Tom Zavadil 22, Tony Medic 22, Mike Correa 18, Rod Hemming 12, Mike Torresan 10, Mike Kowalchuk 2, Sean Koban 2.

L. V. ROGERS (66) — Mike Masichchio 24, Lee Stelton 18, Gerry Montgomery 11, Mark Heddle 7, Justin Harty 3, John Devries 2, Richard Wong 2, Paul Foster 2 —

KAMLOOPS (65) — Jack Bryson 18, Mark Norman 17, Darren Hall 13, Matthew Sharman 8, Kent McDonnell 5, Vito DeFeo 5.

PRINCE RUPERT (59) — Darrell Wulf 15, Wayne Gurney 14, Trevor Smart 10, Marty Basso 8, Maurice Basso 6, Paul Lewis 4, Ted Frohlich 2. —

NOTRE DAME (74) — Pino Perovic 20, Greg Porter 19, Mitch Niwchar 16, George Karasavidas 8, Robert Moretto 7, Rob Petteno 4.

DUNCAN PARK (60) — Brad Frenkel 21, Rob Carpenter 3, Lance Bulmer 12, Orlando Bush 8, Phil Poucher 4, John Toltzamp 2.

Championship Round
KELOWNA (78) — Paul Johansson (26), Glenn Ennis (21), Dave Semper (11), Steve Fagan (10), Jim Johansson (6), John Phelps (4)

NEW WESTMINSTER (55) — Sean Murphy (21), Jamie Stewart (9), Al Hutchison (6), Cam Nelson (5), Stuart Watson (4), Andrew Conway (4), Scott McComb (2), Dan Glavind (2), Gary Berar (2)

ARGYLE (64) — Steve Pawett (24), Mark Marter (22), Jason Brown (12), Tim Mills (8), Ken Wright (2).

OAK BAY (58) — Graham Taylor (20), Ron Jacklin (19), John Thauberger (8), David Johnston (6), David Whitlaker (5)

WEST VANCOUVER (53) — Paul Kitchener (16), Matt McLeod (14), Erik Lockhart (10), Steve Loule (8), Don Mustard (5)

CENTENNIAL (44) — Graham Sharpe (15), Kevin Parkinson (12), Rob Lawson (8), Mike O'Kane (4), Brian Brown (2), Paul Parolin (2), Brett Meredith (1)

ABBOTSFORD (77) — Surinder Sandhu (23), Chico Duncan (20), Al Barker (18), Jim Gallinger (8), Jaje Bhopar (7), Dave Leschied (1)

KILLARNEY (60) — Paul Verret (18), Terry Salk (11), Bruce McDonald (8), Glen Bauder (7), Steve McKean (6), Tony Falcone (6), Rob Halill (4).

Hockey playoffs commence April 7

MONTREAL (CP) — The Stanley Cup playoffs will open on eight fronts Wednesday, April 7, three days after the end of the 1981-82 regular season, the National Hockey League has announced.

A total of $1,911,000 in playoff award money will be up for grabs, with the eventual winners to receive 21 units of $20,000 each.

The best-of-five divisional semifinals among the top four clubs in each of the Adams, Patrick, Norris and Smythe divisions will match the first- and fourth-place clubs in each group as well as the second- and third-place teams.

The first two games in each series will be played at the home of the higher-ranking team April 7 and 8, with the series switching to the opposite city Saturday, April 10, and, if necessary, Sunday, April 11. Deciding fifth games would be played at the higher-ranking club's home Tuesday, April 13.

Best-of-seven divisional finals between the survivors in each section will start Thursday, April 15.

COULD BE ADVANCED

Best-of-seven conference finals — between the Adams and Patrick divisional winners in the Prince of Wales Conference and the Norris and Smythe winners in the Clarence Campbell Conference — are scheduled to open Tuesday, April 27, but could be advanced if earlier series all end quickly.

The Stanley Cup final between the conference winners is scheduled to start Thursday, May 13, and, if it goes seven games, could end as late as Thursday, May 27, which would match the latest date in history, established by the winning Philadelphia Flyers and Buffalo Sabres in a six-game final in 1975.

Coin tosses before the season determined that the Patrick and Norris clubs will have home-ice advantage in the respective conference finals and that the Prince of Wales Conference team will hold the advantage in the final. The extra home game will alternate in subsequent seasons.

The losing finalists will receive $15,000 each. Teams eliminated in the divisional finals will get $5,000 a player, and those eliminated in the first round will receive $2,000 a man.

There is a total of $638,400 in regular-season award money as well. Players on the first-place team in each division will receive $4,000 each. Second-place clubs get $2,000 a player, third-place teams $1,000 and fourth-place teams $600 a man.

Tough match

ROTTERDAM (AP) — Britain's Buster Mottram upset Brian Teacher of the U.S. 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 Wednesday in the third round of the $250,000 Rotterdam Grand Prix tennis tournament. Mottram needed a little more than 90 minutes to overcome the fourth-seeded Teacher. In other third-round play, Chip Hooper ousted fellow American Mel Purcell 6-4, 6-3.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Rangers blank Expos

By The Associated Press

Doc Medich, who combines his medical practice with a major-league pitching career, isn't letting a case of hepatitis stop him from getting ready for the baseball season.

Medich, wearing a T-shirt saying "Better, thank you," three weeks and three days after being diagnosed as having the disease, allowed only one hit in three shutout innings Thursday as Texas Rangers beat Montreal Expos 4-0 in an exhibition game.

"Everybody told me it would be six weeks minimum before I would be up and around," said Medich. "But this one specialist I saw told me hepatitis runs in variable courses. Mine came back faster than a lot of people's."

When he originally got the hepatitis diagnosis, Medich told the team he would be leaving camp. Just a few days later, however, he called and said he was coming back to camp.

"Everything I've ever heard about hepatitis said it knocks you out for six weeks. Here is a guy trying to tell me he is feeling better after two days," said general manager Eddie Robinson. "You can't blame me for being a little skeptical."

BELL HOMERS

Buddy Bell slugged a three-run homer in the first inning for the Rangers, who are 7-3 in exhibition games. Charlie Hough and Jim Farr combined with Medich on an eight-hitter.

In other games, Greg Luzinski's grand slam homer in the third inning triggered Chicago White Sox to a 10-7 victory over Detroit Tigers.

Mark Corey smacked a homer and knocked in three runs to pace Baltimore Orioles to a 7-3 triumph over Atlanta Braves, which lost for only the second time in 11 spring games.

Rick Rhoden won his third exhibition game by allowing only two hits in five innings as Pittsburgh Pirates beat Philadelphia Phillies 6-2. The Pirates are now 8-3 this spring, while the Phillies lost their fifth straight.

Len Barker threw six innings of three-hit ball as Cleveland Indians blanked Seattle Mariners 2-0 and Bob Forsch, Joaquin Andujar and Vincente Romo combined on a two-hitter as St. Louis Cardinals defeated New York Mets 3-1.

WELCH SHARP

Ron Cey slammed a two-run homer and Jorge Orta drove in three runs as Los Angeles routed Cincinnati 11-0. Bob Welch, Ted Power and Terry Forster combined to handcuff the Reds on two hits, with Welch throwing five no-hit innings.

Darryl Motley's run-scoring double and an error by third baseman Ted Cox that allowed two runs to score in the sixth inning gave Kansas City Royals a 3-2 decision over Toronto Blue Jays.

Dave Engle's two-run homer in the fifth inning gave Minnesota Twins a 4-3 victory over Boston Red Sox, who got a two-run homer from Tony Perez.

Dave Winfield hit a two-run homer to break a 3-3 tie in the seventh inning and New York Yankees went on to a 6-3 victory over Baltimore Orioles in a night game.

The San Diego-Chicago Cubs, Oakland-San Francisco and California-Milwaukee games were rained out as Arizona continued to be plagued by wet weather.

Three golfers share the lead

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) — The absence of wind robbed the Players Club course of its natural defences and golf's touring pros turned the Sawgrass layout into a romp in the opening round of the Tournament Players Championship.

"The golf course was not as hard — by hard I mean unfair — as I'd heard it was," said Larry Nelson, who holds the PGA national championship and shares the first-round lead in this event.

Nelson, Lyn Lott and George Burns toured the 6,857-yard layout in five-under-par 67s Thursday.

In all, 17 men shot in the 60s and 56 were at par or better in the first competitive round over the course that will serve as the permanent site of this annual championship of the game's touring pros.

It was a major surprise on a course reputed to be one of the most difficult in the world, featuring water on every hole, mounds, severely undulating greens, pot bunkers and vast expanses of sand and scrub. Par had been predicted as a probable winning score.

But the winds that are common to this area failed to materialize.

TREVINO A VICTIM

The course did claim some victims, most notably Lee Trevino. Troubled as a boy by an ailing back, Trevino trudged wearily to the worst round of his career, an unbelievable 82.

Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and 1981 Player of the Year Bill Rogers had 73s. Johnny Miller shot 74. U.S. Open champion David Graham took a 77. Defending titleholder Ray Floyd was one stroke higher at 78.

A single stroke off the lead at 68 were Ed Sneed, Scott Simpson, Vance Heafner, Skeeter Heath and Pat Lindsey. A big group at 69 included Bruce Lietzke, Don January, Gibby Gilbert, Bob Eastwood, Bruce Fleisher, Roger Maltbie, George Archer and Jim Thorpe.

Tom Watson was in position at 70 and Tom Kite got in with a 71.

Jim Nelford of Burnaby, B.C., shot a 72, Dan Halldorson of Shilo, Man., had a 74 and Dave Barr of Kelowna, B.C., a 75.

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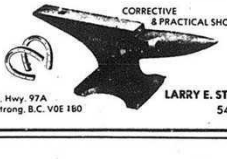
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