

Canadian foursome tied for first place

GENEVA (CP) — Colleen Jones ironed out some of the wrinkles in her Canadian team Monday and wound up the second day in the women's world curling championship with a 4-0 record, including a convincing 13-7 win over Denmark.

"We're throwing very good rocks, but we're not getting a few breaks and I'm missing a few," said Jones, who holds first place with Paulette Subjic of France. "But that's not really too scary."

The Canadian rink from Halifax scored five points in the ninth end — when Jones won on a free draw — to hand Marianne Jorgensen her first defeat in the round-robin schedule of the fourth world tournament.

The Danish rink, a surprise in the competition, raised its record to 3-0 in an earlier draw with an 8-5 triumph over Maria-Grazia Constantini of Italy.

Jones, who has Day Smith at third and sisters Monica and Barbara at second and lead, respectively, opened the second day with an 8-7 decision over Scotland.

Meanwhile, the French rink continued to impress with a 10-7 victory over Trudi Kiesel of West Germany in the third round and a 12-1 romp over Scotland in the fourth draw.

The Nova Scotia curlers, hoping to duplicate the world success of Marj Mitchell's Regina rink in the 1980 championship, were to meet West Germany in the fifth round today, then take on France in a later game.

The Canadians, who had their troubles with heavy lean and sloping ice Sunday but still managed to win 12-0 over Ruth Schwenker of Oak Park, Ill., and 7-5 over Italy, finally showed some of the form that carried them to the Canadian title in Regina on March 6.

For the first time in four games, the Nova Scotia team was making come-around shots, line shots and hit and rolls with authority, although Jones says her rink still has a long way to go.

Following Canada and France, both with 4-0 records, was Denmark at 3-1, with defending champion Elisabeth Holm of Switzerland and West Germany all at 2-2.

In other fourth-round games, Switzerland whipped Italy 14-1, thanks to a total of 12 stolen points, the United States won its first game with a 7-4 decision over Trine Trulsen of Norway and West Germany surprised Sweden 11-10 with two points in the final end.

Nova Scotia still unbeaten

MONTREAL (CP) — The reason Nova Scotia has breezed to a perfect 5-0 win-loss record after five rounds of the Canadian senior women's curling championship is simple, says one of the rink's members: "We're making our shots."

Said Molly Pirie, second on the Verda Kempton rink from Halifax: "We all get along well together, have a great deal of confidence in each other and nobody gets upset if somebody misses a shot."

The Nova Scotia rink didn't miss many Monday, in an 11-1 (11th-round) rout of New Brunswick, skipped by Elsie Holm of Fredericton.

After taking three in the first, Nova Scotia capitalized on mistakes by New Brunswick to steal points in four of the next five ends to build a 9-0 lead after six ends. New Brunswick managed one in the seventh but conceded the game after Nova Scotia took two in the eighth.

In other fifth-round games, V. Pike's Grand Falls, Nfld., rink defeated the rink skipped by Jean Pike of Calgary, 12-4 and Bernice Mulock's Vancouver, B.C., rink defeated the rink skipped by Mary Lint of Winnipeg, 10-4.

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Folk on top of pack

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The Cougars victory, their first in Portland this season, may have cost the West Division champion Hawks second place in the league standings.

Regina can clinch second with a victory over Kamloops on Wednesday.

First Victory

The Territories, represented by Grace Randal's Hay River rink, foursome, posted its first victory, a 10-2 drubbing of the Joyce Beer rink of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The host rink, skipped by Elsie Holm of Fredericton, lost 10-2.

Evelyn Krahn's Regina rink, which had a fifth-round win over the Territories, 10-2, and another undefeated team in the championship with a 4-0 record, lost to Nova Scotia, 10-1, in a fourth-round game earlier in the day.

The two unbeaten teams met in the final round Thursday night.

British Columbia, bidding for its seventh championship since the event began in 1973, is in third place with a 4-1 record. Its only loss was to Nova Scotia.

Alberta follows B.C. in the standings with a 3-2 record. New Brunswick and Newfoundland share 1-1 with 2-2 marks. Pike's P.E.I. and Quebec are tied for seventh with 1-1 records. Manitoba, Ontario and the Territories all have one victory in five starts.

AFTER LONG HOLDOUT

Vaazuela reports

By The Associated Press

Fernando Valenzuela was set to return to Dodgerstown but didn't want anyone to consider that a sign of surrender.

"I have decided to report to the Dodgers in Vero Beach because of my friends and my family, but not to sign a contract," the Los Angeles pitcher said. "I have been holding out for more money this year, said Monday."

The Dodgers unilaterally renewed Valenzuela's 1981 contract earlier this month under provisions of baseball's free-agent rule, and gave him a raise the club said made the left-handed highest paid second-year player in baseball history, \$350,000.

Valenzuela, whose salary was \$250,000 last year when he won both the Cy Young and rookie of the year awards in the National League, had been asking for \$1 million in his original demand, and was said to have lowered his figure to \$350,000.

The Dodgers say if I report they will improve my contract."

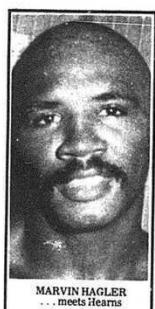
The Dodgers say at a news conference, "I will not sign a 1982 contract. This season I will play under the renewed 1981 contract."

As a rookie last year, Valenzuela posted a 13-7 record and 3.50 ERA.

WARREN CROMARTIE

2-8 earned run average in the strike-shortened season and led the Dodgers to the NL pennant and a World Series triumph over the New York Yankees.

In exhibition play, Warren Cromartie signed two rinks in a three-run first inning against Ron Gundry as Montreal Expos defeated New York Yankees 6-1.



MARVIN HAGLER ... meets Hearn

TITLE FIGHT PLANNED

NEW YORK (AP) — "The boxes well, punches hard and has the ability to destroy and destroy," Emanuel Steward, the manager-trainer of Thomas Hearns, says about Marvin Hagler.

But before anyone at a news conference Monday could say Steward if he didn't have his fighters mixed up, Steward said, "My prediction is that Hagler will win by a knockout about the middle of the fight."

Hagler and Hearns, the former World Boxing Association welterweight champion, will meet May 20 for the middleweight title in Las Vegas.

Steward said Hagler's defense is as midweight title as Hagler's offense. Hagler, 33, is undefeated in 14 fights, with 10 wins and one draw. Hearns, 31, is 22-0 with 17 wins and one draw.

"We think we will be looking at 200,000 to 300,000 homes and we think we'll have one million spots for closed circuit," said Steward. "I think foreign rights probably will bring in \$1 million."

The telecast also includes a 15-round fight between Pimpino Cuevas of Mexico and Hwang Chung Jae of Korea, and WBC's two top-ranked welterweight contenders.

Vaive sets team record as Leafs defeat Hawks

TORONTO (CP) — To understand just how Rick Vaive must be feeling, imagine walking up the steps to the hangar's nose when suddenly you're given a lot of love, but at least you'll be executed, but at least you'll die.

To Vaive's 22-year-old captain of Toronto Maple Leafs, who four goals Monday night allowed him to break a team record for most goals in a season and defeat the team's elimination game, the Toronto Maple Leafs played in an 8-5 victory over Chicago Black Hawks.

Vaive faces the same ambivalent feelings in accepting his personal achievement with the hope still awaiting the Leafs "It feels great," said Vaive of the market of 40 goals scored by former Leaf star Frank Selke in 1966-67. "It's always great when you score goals and win, but it doesn't make up for the season."

The Leafs' dismal performance this season has left them with 34 points — 11 behind St. Louis Blues and Chicago. Although the win kept the Leafs' playoff hopes alive, their situation hasn't improved.

It was a booming drive by Vaive and the blue line that tipped by Tony Esposito after Vaive had pounced on a loose puck.

"He's got a tremendous, overpowering shot," said Toronto coach Mike Nykoluk. "He'll be in danger for a while."

Nykoluk said it was Vaive's defensive skills and not his proximity to the Leaf record that he set on the ice in the final minutes.

Savard set a mark for Black Hawks, earning three points Monday night to lift his season point total to 110 — three better than the standard set by Bobby Hull in 1966-67.

In other NHL games, Minnesota North Stars defeated Los Angeles Kings 4-2 and Boston Bruins edged Quebec Nordiques 2-1.

North Stars 4 Kings 2

Ken Selheim scored two goals and led a third-period surge as Minnesota beat Los Angeles. The rookie scored his first goal in the first period, then struck again at 6:18 of the third to tie the score at 2-2.

"I haven't had a goal in two months," said Selheim, who has just three goals this season. "It felt good."

Kent-Erik Andersson put the North Stars ahead for good with the breakaway goal at 8:32 mark of the first period.

Bruins 5 Nordiques 4

Brad Park scored the winning goal in the third period as Boston defeated Quebec. Wayne Cashman swung around the net with the puck, fed Park in front, and the Boston defenceman fired a 20-foot shot past Quebec goalie John Garrett.

The Bruins took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Keith Crocker, his 20th, and Peter McNaab, his 30th, and a short-handed score by Mike Krushelnyski.

NFL approves pact with three networks

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — ABC is the Super Bowl CBS and NBC are into more preseason games and the National Football League is the money line before.

On the opening day of a week of spring meetings Monday, the league unanimously approved a contract with the three major networks, a five-year, \$1 billion deal. It is the richest deal in the history of television and in sports has well over \$1 billion.

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle said the deal would pay the networks \$1 billion over five years, but he wouldn't reveal any figures, but it is known that CBS will pay between \$200 million and \$300 million, ABC will pay \$500 million and NBC \$600 million for the rights to telecast preseason, regular season and postseason games and keep cable television out of the deal.

The 28 teams, which made about \$5.5 million apiece in television revenue last year, will average about \$14 million a year for the next five.

Rozelle said ABC, which had been locked out of the Super Bowl in previous contracts, will join the network with CBS and NBC in January 1985.

EXPANSION SCHEDULE

In addition, the number of preseason games covered by ABC and CBS will increase from two to three a year. ABC already has three including the Hall of Fame game.

ABC also will get one more prime-time regular season game, the 101st to 121 and increase its commercial time from 22 to 24 minutes a game.

After Rozelle formally announced the approval of the contract — a coup for the network — he said he was seeking to obtain through Congress new legislation.

If the bills now pending ultimately become law, the NFL would have legislative backing for its rule barring teams from moving without league permission. Tagliabue said.

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win their suit, they would be blocked from moving since the legislation would take effect before all NFL appeals were exhausted.

OPPOSES CHANGE

The NFL Players Association, meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., opposes the legislation being sought by the league, claiming it could be used to break the union — although it has never explained how.

The league lawyer said he left the union's position to such legislation is a bargaining ploy as the two sides try to work out a new collective bargaining agreement.

Rozelle said the Raiders' litigation is typical of the quagmire in which the league has occasionally found itself, being sued no matter which way it turns.

PETE ROZELLE ... lucrative

Pentiction leads final series 2-0

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Pentiction Knights fought back, determined first-period effort by New Westminster Royals to take the second game of the Junior Hockey League championships 4-2 Monday.

The Knights won the final series 2-0.

After battering Pentiction goalie Norm Foster with 18 shots, the Royals led 1-0 at the end of the first period. However, the Knights regained their composure and tied the game 1-1 after two periods. Pentiction went ahead 2-1 early in the third, only to have the Royals tie the game again.

Brent Groppe scored the winning goal with 6:38 left in the game.

Ray Ferraro had two for the winners and Randy Maxwell scored.

Jury selection resumed Monday in Los Angeles in the trial pitting the league against the Raiders and the L.A. Coliseum Commission, which wants the Raiders as a tenant. The NFL, which has refused the Raiders' request to move, is seeking permission to move the team to obtain through Congress new legislation.

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rounded out the scoring. Geoff Harrigan and Joe Leschuk were the New Westminster marmalade.

Groppe said he was thrilled to score the winning goal. He added that the team was shaken back by the New Westminster rush in the first period.

"We were definitely surprised by the way they came out," said Groppe. "They actually took the game to us. It took us a period to wake up and finally we got back on our game."

Royals coach Rod MacLeod said it was an excellent game. "It's the way playoff hockey is supposed to be played. Either team could have won."

"We could have blown them away in the first period when we had 18 shots and tied 4-0."

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