

Maple Leafs hang on to slim playoff hopes

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Rick Vaive made it seem as if he had just been at a dance instead of an intense game that kept Toronto Maple Leafs' playoff hopes dangling by a thread.

"Everybody was out there hopping and bopping and grinding," said the 22-year-old Leaf captain after Toronto's 4-3 victory over St. Louis Blues in a National Hockey League game Wednesday night.

"I think the fact that we had to win this game is what put a little more enthusiasm into everybody."

Miroslav Frycer scored the winning goal with only 12 seconds left in the game. The Leafs now are 10 points behind St. Louis in the fight for the last playoff spot in the Norris Division with five games remaining.

It was the second consecutive game that Toronto had escaped elimination from the playoffs.

On Monday they defeated Chicago Black Hawks 8-5. The Black Hawks clinched a playoff berth Wednesday night with a 4-1 victory over Detroit Red Wings.

In other NHL games Wednesday, Quebec Nordiques tied Hartford Whalers 3-3, New York

Rangers dumped Pittsburgh Penguins 7-2. Winnipeg Jets beat Los Angeles Kings 5-3 and Vancouver Canucks edged Colorado Rockies 3-2.

SQUANDERED LEAD
The Leafs had taken a 2-1 lead into the third period, but a premature defensive shell and a slashing penalty to Dan Maloney allowed Brian Sutter to get a power-play goal at 5:15 and Jorgen Pettersson to follow at 7:30.

The Leafs had taken the lead in the first period on goals by Derlago and Vaive's 50th of the season — the first Toronto player to hit that plateau — with Bernie Federer replying for the Blues.

After Paul Poddubny had tied the game 3-3 at 11:30, goalie Michel Larocque, who had been steady for the Leafs, was pulled with less than a minute to go. Boris Salming kept the puck in the St. Louis zone, swung around and fed Vaive, who centred the puck to Frycer for the goal.

Coach Mike Nykoluk paraphrased Yogi Berra, saying: "I don't believe we're out of it until we're out of it."

The Leafs must win their remaining five games while the Blues lose their last five — a tie either way would cause Toronto to miss the playoffs for the first time since 1972-73.

Black Hawks 5-3 Detroit
Tom Lysiak and Darryl Sutter scored two goals and defenseman Kevin Maxwell, Don Lever and Larry Ruppert recorded a goal and two assists.

Chicago could win its 13th consecutive loss, lengthening a club record. Tim Jitka scored the other Chicago goal while Detroit scorers were Greg Smith, Paul Woodward, California's Mike Milbury and Willie Huber.

Nordiques 3 Whalers 3
Michel Goulet's 40th goal left to cap a Quebec comeback as the Nordiques tied the Whalers, Goulet's 40th goal of the season clinched a rally that saw Quebec score three times in the final period.

Anton Stastny and Mario Marois started the comeback with goals in the first 10 minutes of the third period. Gary Howatt, Blaine Stoughton and Warren Miller scored for the Whalers. Stoughton's goal was his 45th of the season.

Rangers 7 Penguins 2
Don McLean scored two goals and assisted on two others as New York ran its unbeaten streak to eight games. The Rangers roared to a 6-1 lead by 5:21 of the second period after only nine shots on Pittsburgh goalie Gary Edwards.

The Rangers are 6-0-2 in their last eight games, while the Penguins have lost four of their last five.

Jets 5 Kings 3
Dale Hawerchuk had picked up his 10th point of the season as the Winnipeg beat Los Angeles.

The rookie centre scored his 41st goal of the season by putting the puck into an empty net at 19:48 of the third period.

Paul MacLean, Lucien Delbois, Martin Lukowich and Brent Lindholm also scored for Winnipeg, who led 4-2 at the end of the second period.

Replying for Los Angeles were Rick Charney, Jim Fox and Mike Murphy.

FLYERS DUMP LEACH

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Veteran right wing Reggie Leach will not play any more hockey for Philadelphia Flyers, coach and assistant general manager Bob McCammon announced Wednesday.

McCammon said the decision was reached "to go with the kids and winger Mike Sinsale."

Leach will be paid for the remainder of the season. The Flyers have six more games in the regular season.

"It's a tough decision for me to make," McCammon said. "Reggie has three or four good years left and he is capable of scoring 50 goals in this league."

Leach, 31, has played eight seasons with the Flyers. He was a first-round draft pick by Boston Bruins in 1970, followed by Maria-Grazia Costantini at 18.

In other ninth-round games, France beat Italy 10-5, Denmark

Four rinks deadlocked at world championships

GENEVA (CP) — Norway added to Canada's woes in the women's world curling championship today, taking a 7-5 decision in the ninth round and putting Colleen Jones of Halifax in a tie-breaker situation for final playoff berth.

Jones, who won her first six games in the round-robin schedule, made a number of key misses against the Norwegians, allowing Trine Trulsen to force a four-way tie for second place in the 10-country championship.

Marianne Jorgensen's team from Denmark scored first in the round-robin portion of the fourth world tournament with a 7-5 record. Other members of the Danish rink are Helena

Slach, who throws skip stones slant, who throws skip stones slant, who throws skip stones slant.

Canada, meanwhile, finished Canada's campaign, finished Canada's campaign, finished Canada's campaign.

Timmins, Ont. (CP) — Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Columbia emerged as the top three rinks Wednesday after eight rounds of play at the Canadian mixed curling championships.

Folk Rink's rink from Saskatoon is the only undefeated rink in the championship, perfect 8-0 record while Ontario's have Yan Dine of Ontario to beat with a 7-1 record.

Making a strong appearance in third place is British Columbia's Glen Pierce, of Vancouver, with a 6-2 record.

Folk defeated Quebec's Thom Pritchard of Montreal 8-5 while Van Dine defeated the Chucker rink of Sudbury, Ontario 7-3.

Pierce edged Newfoundland's Don Ryan 6-4.

In other eighth round action it was New Brunswick defeating Manitoba 8-2 while Alberta defeated Prince Edward Island 8-4.

Nova Scotia topped the Territories, who have just one win in the event, 14-5.

"Our rink is playing well," said Pierce. He and his four-some from the Vancouver Curling Club have been picked as the dark horse of the event and the team to watch.

"I started slow, but we are playing well now; it still is a long way to go," said Pierce.

Pierce will tangle with the Folk Rink Friday and admits the two skips are friends.

"I've curled with Rick several times," said Pierce. He says the friendship will go to the wind as they both play crucial games.

"We have to take the game; we can't afford to lose," said Pierce. A loss for the British Columbia rink would mean a log

tie-breaker would mean she would have to play another game to decide her fate.

Whichever route she takes, Jones will meet Denmark in semifinal play if she advances from the tie-breakers.

Canada appeared to be on its way to an easy win against Norway, stealing two points in the first end and one in the second for a 3-0 lead. Norway, however, got three in the third when Trulsen was good on a free draw after Jones was wide on a takeout attempt.

Canada skip deliberately blanked the fourth, but it backfired when Norway stole one in the fifth as Jones wrecked on a guard while attempting a

takeout.

"Everything has gone for two key points in the seventh end for a 4-1 lead when Trulsen made another free draw, thanks to Canadian misses.

Jones, visibly upset, said "it's just something ailing me, I don't know what it is."

"I don't seem to be able to get two shots in a row together. I'm not playing well at all."

Commenting on her fine start against the Norwegians, the Canadian skip said: "We were lucky that they were missing and then they came back with the three and you think, 'here we go again we always kind of blow the lead. We're just not playing well, and I'm definitely not.'"

breathing down Pierce's neck is Alberta's Wayne Sokolsky of Calgary who just beat out Prince Edward Island's Bill Merklinger 9-6.

"We needed that win," he said after the contest, "it was a great life and death." He added he felt Merklinger played well and the fact they picked up two points in the ninth was the key to their victory. It was 7-4 in favor of Sokolsky up until that time.

After eight rounds of play Saskatchewan is 8-0, Ontario 7-1, and British Columbia 6-2.

Fourth place rinks include Alberta and Prince Edward Island with 5-3 records while Quebec, Newfoundland and Manitoba are 5-5.

TEAM UNIFORMS
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Canucks nip Cowly Rockies

VANCOUVER (CP) — A playoff hopes he is just getting started and another goal he feels his season should have been already led Vancouver Canucks to a 5-4 win over Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night.

Winger Jim Nil scored the winning goal — his first since joining the Canucks in the trade that sent popular goalie Glenn Hanton to St. Louis Blues — while Steve Thomas Gradin scored two goals, including the tying goal late in the second period.

The victory moved the Canucks to within three points of Edmonton Oilers in the first round of the playoffs. The Flames meet the Canucks here Saturday.

"It was a long time coming," Nil said as his 10th goal of the season with less than eight minutes remaining in the game.

It was nice to get it at a time like this, he said.

Nil said the trade made him press even harder for the goal than he put in his own rebound off a deflected point shot by Harold Snepsts.

HELP THE TEAM
"You want to come and help the team out and start getting into the game, make it harder and harder and harder but I've got that goal now and maybe we can sail from here."

Gradin, on the other hand, feels his season has just ended a couple of months ago because of the early start for Team Sweden in the Canada Cup series. His 34th and 35th goals before 12,399 fans increased his club-record season points total to 82.

"I don't feel that bad but the season is over for me," Gradin said after banking one shot in off goalie Phil Myre as he carried behind the Colorado net and scoring a power-play marker to give him five goals in the seven games against the Rockies this season.

He should have ended two months ago because we started earlier. That's the way I think psychologically.

KEVIN MCCARTHY

opened scoring.

"A month ago was the time when we first usually go it is tough. But when things are going good and you win games it makes it easier."

SCORES FIRST GOAL
Kevin McCarthy opened the scoring for both clubs and Lars Molin counted the Canucks' other goal while killing a penalty. Steve Tambellini, Kevin Maxwell, Don Lever and Jukka Porvari, with his first NHL goal, replied for the Rockies.

McCarthy gave the Canucks the lead at 15:25 of a lacklustre first period but Tambellini earned the advantage 25 seconds later by shovelling a rebound past Vancouver goalie Richard Brodeur.

Both clubs shelled the goalies in the second period in which the Canucks scored a 3-1 lead before Gradin gave the Canucks a 4-1 victory with a bank shot.

Maxwell scored from 10 feet as Snepsts backed up on the play and Porvari made it 3-1 with a screened shot on the left boards. Molin tied the game after Gradin's power-play goal when he intercepted a careless Rob Ramagie clearing pass in the Denver end.

Ramage figured in the fourth Colorado goal when his headline shot dribbled through Brodeur's pads, hit the post and Lever put in the rebound for his 26th goal of the season, tops on the Colorado club.

Foster and Wood faced 37 shots on goal while Rick Whitt for New Westminster faced 31 shots.

The fourth game of the series will be played tonight in New Westminster.

Proudfoot to play again

VANCOUVER (CP) — Veteran safety Tony Proudfoot will return to B.C. Lions in 1982 after a year's absence from the Canadian Football League.

Proudfoot, 31, said Wednesday he has arranged for a leave of absence from his off-season teaching job in Pointe Claire, Que.

"I have that (teaching) to fall back on," Proudfoot said in a telephone interview, "but in the terms of the political climate here, I'm going to see about moving to Vancouver permanently."

Proudfoot has played the last two CFL seasons with the Lions after playing eight years for Montreal Alouettes. B.C. acquired Proudfoot in 1980 from the Alouettes in a trade for Doug Carlson.

Replying for Los Angeles were Rick Charney, Jim Fox and Mike Murphy.

New Westminster defeats Penticton

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — After two periods of evenly matched play Wednesday, New Westminster Royals scored two unanswered goals in the third period to win their first game against Penticton Knights in the B.C. Junior Hockey League finals.

Vaughn Karpan led the Royals to the 6-4 victory by scoring three goals.

Penticton leads the best-of-seven series 2-1.

After Karpan scored his second goal of the night just 13 seconds before the end of the second period to tie the game 4-4, Rod Slatten at 3:46 of the third, scored the winning goal.

unassisted, from about seven metres in front of the net.

The Knights then pulled goalie Norm Foster and replaced him in the net with Ian Wood.

Karpan scored his third goal of the night in a few minutes later as Duane Potekal and Tom Sanger added singles for the Royals.

Fay Ferraro led the scoring for Penticton, with two goals, while Jim Cammarzo and Brett Gopp added singles.

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TAKE NOTE THAT THE Board of the Regional District of North Okanagan proposes to amend its Dog Control By-law No. 242, 1977 Schedule of Fees as follows:

Dog Licence Fees — Each Dog:
Male Dog (neutered) \$ 10.00 Bitch (spayed) 10.00
Male Dog (unneutered) 25.00 Kennel Licence 100.00
Bitch (unspayed) 25.00 Replacement Dog Licence 2.00

Impoundment Fees — Each Dog:
First Occurrence \$ 25.00
Second & Subsequent Occurrence 35.00
Food, Water and Shelter (each day or part thereof)

Copies of the proposed Dog Control Amendment By-law No. 473, 1982 may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of North Okanagan between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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