

Two Victories Give Wings League Lead

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Keep both eyes on Detroit Red Wings. The Detroiters, winners of six straight National Hockey League championships, always did bear some watching but now may be making their key move of the 1954-55 season.

Everybody was impressed by the explosive power of Montreal Canadiens during the first half of the campaign. The Red Wings were supposed to be demoralized and weakened by the deal that sent Metro Crystal to Chicago a club that has never finished in first place.

The Wings didn't fall apart. On the contrary, they stuck around second and third place and this weekend jumped into returning to the lineup after an absence of 33 days because of injuries looked good in scoring that against the fifth-place New York Rangers. That gave them 50 points, two up on the Montrealers.

Canadiens were riding comfortably on a 3-0 lead at Montreal Saturday when the Wings broke out with four goals and the victory. Sunday, the Montrealers were lambasted 6-0 by the fourth-place Bruins in Boston.

In two other games, the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs picked up a 4-2 win against the Bruins in Toronto Saturday and son at Boston Gardens 12,663, defeated Black Hawks by the same score in Chicago Sunday night.

EIGHT HAWK VICTORIES

The last left the Hawks in last place with only eight victories in 43 games for a total of 35 points. The New Yorkers remained in fifth spot with 32 points, six behind Boston and 19 behind Leafs.

The Detroit-Montreal engagement was a dilly. Gordie Howe inspired the victory, firing two goals in the second period when it seemed that the Wings would never overhaul the 3-0 Montreal lead. Howe's 19th and 20th goals cut it to 3-2. Marty Pavelich and Marcel Bonin took care of the other two goals in the third session.

Rightwinger Maurice Richard scored two goals for Canadiens. That ran his output for the sea-

Bob Rudderham Twin Winner In Mixed Loop

Bob Rudderham chalked up two wins in the Mixed Ten-Pin bowling, Jan. 14-15, afternoon when he rolled a 230 for men's high single and a 542 for men's high three.

For the women J. Ann Watson and Jean Sharp each rolled 173 to share women's high three and Dot McCall 149, 122 for men's high three.

Results: Women's 9, Lorraine, 4; Star 6; Jean, 3; The Leader, 1; Pineapple 3; M. & M., 1.

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JETS DROP THIRD IN ROW AS METLAKATLA WINS 47-44

Prince Rupert Jets, all-star aggregation from the city's Senior B league, completed a tour of the north with a third straight loss Saturday night when they bowed to New Metlakatla 47-44.

On Thursday and Friday nights they lost to Ketchikan Rockets 60-51 and 70-42.

Playing coach Don Hartwig, said the game at New Metlakatla was close all the way with the lead changing hands several times. Towards the end of the final quarter Metlakatla gimed a 5-point edge and the Jets were only able to get back two of them. Art Olson topped the Prince Rupert scorers with 13.

Making the trip were Don Hartwig, Don Scherk, Fred Kristiansen, Art Olson, Harold Marshall, Reg Lavigne, Danny Bill, Glen Carlson.

Earl Walls 8-5 Favorite To Take Slade Tonight

TORONTO 0 — Hard-punching Earl Walls of Toronto, 26-year-old Canadian heavyweight champion takes on New York's Jimmie Slade tonight in a 10-round rounder at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Odds on Walls, ranked fifth among the world's heavyweights by Ring magazine, to defeat the seventh-ranked slade range from 8-5 to 2-1.

It's expected a crowd of 19,000 will watch Toronto's first major boxing match since last April when Walls pummeled Tommy Harrison of Los Angeles to the canvas in the first round of a scheduled 10-round.

Victory averaged an early 10-round Harrison decision here.

The 28-year-old Slade, often called the Bronx Spoiler because of upsets over Don Cockell and Hurricane Jackson, also holds a victory over Walls, a 1951 desision in New York. Although a boxer rather than a knockout puncher, he finished Cockell in four rounds. He has a record of 26 victories, four draws and eight losses.

A lapse during the second period of a Western Hockey League encounter with New Westminster Royals Saturday night when coach Doug Bentley sent a tenth man over the boards cost Quakers their third win of a five-game coast tour.

The score was 1-1 when the extra player was thumbtucked to the penalty box and Royals were quick to seize the advantage, rapping in two quick goals and going on to win 5-4.

In the only other weekend and just about everything else, four points ahead of the pack, he expects to weigh in at 165 in the WHL race by turning the five-foot-ten Slade will back Calgary Stampeders 4-3.

Despite the second period mix-up, "N.Y." can make a game of it before bowing to the stand-place Royals.

TWO QUICK GOALS

Down 5-1 entering the final period, Quakers fired three goals, two of them in the last minute of play.

When defenceman Jim Bedford of Royals was sent off for cross-checking at 10:48, Quakers pulled Ber Bentley out of the nets and threw six forwards into the fray. They pumped two goals past Lucien Dechene before time ran out.

Leading the New Westminster attack with two goals apiece were Gord Fashaway and Ron Matthews, who moved up to the wing from his usual defense position. Playing-coach Mac McLean scored the other.

Jackie McLeod paced Saskatoon with one goal and three assists, while Ray Mansen had two goals and an assist. The fourth marker went to veteran Max Bentley.

TIE-BREAKING GOAL

In the game at Calgary, which Norm Ullman came up with the tie-breaking goal with less than two minutes to go.

The "N.Y." was a sweet one for Flyers after Calgary had snapped their eight-game winning streak with a 2-1 victory Friday night. The game was watched by a season's record crowd of 7,511.

Ullman, with a brace of goals, Bronco Horvath and John Pueck were the Edmonton scorers. Sid Finney, Pat Coburn and Pat Lundy tallied for Stampeder.

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Junior Rainmakers Edge Seniors

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The tournament will see 21 games played in two days with handful of fans was exciting games starting at 2:30 pm. From start to finish and saw the lead change hands several times before the Grades 10 and 11 afternoon and running until all schools have played each other.

Cancellation of the senior fixture between Rainmakers and boys and girls teams from Kitimat and Anderson was met. Terrace and Prince Rupert brought about due to several players being away with the Prince Rupert Jets, who were playing at New Metlakatla.

In other games Saturday night, Frizzell's downed North Star 31-28

Students Push Campaign For Successful Tourney

Tickets for the Northern B.C. Inter-High School Invitational Basketball Tournament will be distributed to classes at Booth Memorial High school today as the campaign for sell-out houses.

O. Husack bringing up a girls team and A. R. Kemp coaching a boys' squad.

Teams will be as follows:

Kitimat Girls — Verdella Holman, captain; Erica Creed, Noorah Angle, Sharon Carlson, Ruth Spracklin, Pat Hanna, Christen Bolig.

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