Hawks Back As Spoilers

Thwart Ranger Bid For Fourth Place

By The Canadian Press

The National Hockey League race is heading into the home stretch and once again Chicago Black Hawks have assumed their traditional "spoilers" role.

In New York Wednesday night they defeated Rangers 7-2 to keep their hosts a tantalizing point away from fourth place.

Leading the Hawks to the upset—it was their first victory in 10 games with the Rangers this season—were four dependable players who might be legitimate stars with any other team.

Right winger Johnny Wilson scored three times, lanky centre Nick Mickoski twice and Jack McIntyre and Eddie Litzenberger contributed one each.

Rangers were cheered for one minute of the third period when Andy Bathgate scored at 3:03 and Dave Creighton got the second 25 second later, to narrow Chicago's lead to 5-2.

Wilson's three goals boosted his total to 11 for the season but left the 27-year-old far off the pace he set last season when he scored 24 in his first year with the Hawks after 3½ seasons with Detroit Red Wings.

Mickoski brought his personal total to 12 with his pair, McIntyre's gave him 15 and put him in reach of his first 20-goal season and Litzenberger raised his total to 18.

Rangers were loudly and lustily booed by 9,382 fans for their lack-lustre play and goaltender Lorne Worsley turned in one of the displays which makes him the despair of coach Phil Watson. He stopped only 14 shots. Chicago's Al Rollins also had an easy evening, making only 18 saves.

Earlier this month Montreal Canadiens, battling with Detroit Red Wings for first place, were the victims of spoiler play by Chicago. Last Saturday they could get only a 4-4 tie with Hawks and a week earlier they were upset 4-2.

Canadiens now are three points behind Wings.

Wednesday night they took steps to pull out of their slump by calling up right winger Glenn Cressman from Montreal Royals of the Quebec League.

Cressman, a five-foot-eight, 22-year-old will be making his first start tonight against those same Red Wings in Montreal trying to fill the place of Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion, missing with an infected elbow. Defenceman Dollard St. Laurent also is out of the Montreal lineup.

Scant 18 Points Gives Boys Win Over Girls in Shoot

Five girls from the Civic Centre Rifle Club who challenged their male counterparts to a shoot last night lost the match by 18 points.

The girls and boys were chosen respectively to represent their teams on the basis of the best averages in shoots so far this year.

Wally Ballinger topped the shoot with an almost perfect score of 99 points. Ken Freeman followed with 98 points.

The rest of the boy's club also remained in the 90 bracket, John Olsen scoring 97, Alec Petford 92 and Bruce Mitchell 90.

For the girls, Lynn Wrathall notched top honors with a score of 97 followed by Carol Chastney with 96, Sally McKee 95, Judy Armstrong 94 and Jan Sparks 76.

The boys have challenged the girls to a return match February 12.

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Flyers Take Lopsided Win Over Leafs

SPOKANE (CP)—Spokane Flyers unleashed an unrelenting attack here Wednesday night and wrested a 11-2 Western International Hockey League victory from Nelson Maple Leafs.

The win gave them a two-game advantage over the second-place Trail Smoke Eaters.

The Flyers rolled to a 6-1 lead in the first period, marked time in the second while Nelson scored one goal and outscored the Leafs 4-0 in the third period.

Tic Beattie spearheaded the Spokane attack with three goals followed by two-goal efforts from Carl Curillo, Buddie Bodman and Rock Crawford. Art Jones, the league's leading scorer, and Lorne Uadeau scored one each for the Flyers.

Wendy Keller and Jim Pilla tallied Nelson's goals.

Mantle in For Wage Talks, Spahn Heads Home Unsigned

NEW YORK (AP)—Contract signing, baseball's mid-winter pastime, had stars of New York Yankees and Milwaukee Braves coming and going today with Mickey Mantle due to re open talks with the Yanks and Warren Spahn heading home after fruitless conferences in Milwaukee.

Mantle, touring the country from one award dinner to another as a result of his triple crown year in 1956, arrives in New York to receive more awards. Yanks' oficials expect him to drop in for further negotiations.

Mickey is believed to be demanding $60,000. Spahn is seeking a raise over the about $50,000 he drew in '56.

The world champion Yankees, customarily slow in getting their roster completed, raised their total of satisfied players to 13 Wednesday by signing shortstop Gil McDougald and first baseman Joe Collins. Both got raises.

Boston Red Sox signed Ike Delock, a star relief pitcher in 1956, to what Ike termed "the best contract I've ever had."

Other signings included outfielder Lou Skizas, a .314 batter for Kansas City Athletics last season, first baseman-outfielder Marv Blaylock of Philadelphia Phillies and catcher John Romano of Chicago White Sox, who split his season between Memphis of the Southern Association and Vancouver Mounties of the Pacific Coast League, batting .295 for Memphis and .241 for Vancouver.

Score Rare Eight End

MONCTON, N.B. (CP)—A rink skipped by Sgt. D. M. Cassels of the RCAF's No. 5 supply depot here scored a rare eight end in a game between the depot and army headquarters from Fredericton Wednesday.

Cassels' foursome scored all eight stones in the fifth end and went on to rack up a 14-10 victory.

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Regals Take Over Lead From Flyers, Cougars Tie Stamps To Leave Cellar

By The Canadian Press

Road trips are frequently a bane to Western Hockey League Clubs. Coaches look forward to them with pessimism and heave a sigh of relief when they end. Most of the time the coach finds his club a few points lower in league standings and a player or two sidelined with injuries when the team returns home.

But it didn't work out that way for Bones Raleigh and his Brandon Regals who skated to a triumphant windup of their tour of the League's Coast Division in Seattle Wednesday night.

The Regals rallied to a 4-2 victory over the Coast-Leading Seattle Americans. They return to Brandon today with a half-game hold on first place in Prairie standings. When they left the Prairies less than a week ago they were three points behind Flyers.

PICK UP POINTS

Victoria Cougars are also showing promise of a profitable Prairie tour. In Calgary Tuesday night, they held the Stampeders to a 3-3 draw after gaining an 8-7 win from Edmonton in the first game of the tour.

The Cougars, in last place when they left the coast Sunday, now share third with Vancouver Canucks.

Seattle's lapse gave E. Chorley, Lyle Willey and Les Lilley the chance to overcome a 1-0 deficit by scoring one goal each. Norm Johnson got credit for the fourth goal in the final period.

Guyle Fielder, the league's ace scorer, fired Seattle's first marker. Ray Kinasewich got one more in the third.

COUGARS COME BACK

Victoria's third-period rally was much more productive. The Cougars trailed Calgary 3-0 midway through the third period.

Bruce Carmichael started the rally with Victoria's first goal at 9:55 and polished it off at 19:46 with the tying goal.

Carmichael's goals were spaced by a brilliant scoring play staged by Coach Colin Kilburn. He took the puck at centre ice, outguessed two Calgary defencemen, and lured Calgary goalie out of position before lifting the puck into the net.

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Campbell Plans Turbo Jet To Break Land Speed Mark

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP)—To Donald Campbell, a dapper little Englishman with a cold disdain for death, breaking speedboat records is like climbing mountains.

"You get to the peak of one mountain," he said today, "and you see another one a little bit higher. So off you go to the higher mountain. But in this business there is no Everest."

Son of the late Sir Malcolm Campbell, onetime speed king of both water and land, Don Campbell declares he never will be happy until he achieves two goals.

1. A motorboat speed of 250 m.p.h.

2. An auto speed of 400 m.p.h.

"Heretofore, unlike my father, I have concentrated on speedboats," the handsome, dark-haired Englishman said. "But now we are working on a car with the idea of breaking the land record.

"Engineers currently are completing work on the automobile. It will be a revolutionary car powered by turbo jets. The car should be ready in 1959 and I plan to take it to the salt flats of Utah where as a boy I watched Dad make so many of his runs."

The current auto speed record is 394.196 held by John Cobb.

Campbell also plans to break the present water record of 225.36 m.p.h. set by him at Coniston, England, last Sept. 19.

"I still feel the Bluebird can reach 250 miles an hour under proper conditions and that's why I'm in this country now," the speedboat wizard said. He plans to check into possible sites for new record attempts.

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