

Caps Top Bisons For Undisputed 2d Place

Hellermen Now Hold Two-Point Lead Over Barons and Hornets

Local Skaters Rack Up 3-1 Victory; Need Win to Clinch Playoff Spot

By BILL EGERTT

Indianapolis had Cleveland and Pittsburgh behind the eight-ball today as the American Hockey League race galloped down to the last two nights of the regular season.

The Caps took a 3 to 1 game here last night at the Coliseum from Buffalo before 6552 customers and went into undisputed possession of second place in the Western Division. They now hold a two-point lead over Cleveland and Pittsburgh, who are tied for third place. St. Louis still leads with 89 points, one more than the Caps.

The key to the whole finish was wrapped up in a confused week-end series of games with St. Louis meeting Cleveland twice and the Caps and Pittsburgh tangling in a similar series. Pittsburgh will finish the Caps season here Sunday night.

Playoffs Start Tuesday

The post-season playoff schedule for the first three teams in each division will open next Tuesday. The winner of the Western Division will meet Providence there and again Thursday to start a best four-out-of-seven series.

The Western's second-place club will start a two-out-of-three series in Hershey and play remaining games on the Western team's ice. The same setup is scheduled for third-place teams. Thus, the Caps would play in either Providence, Springfield or New Haven, but General Manager Richard Miller can't buy railroad tickets until after Sunday night's games.

Indianapolis needs only to win one of the games with Pittsburgh to clinch a playoff spot, but if Cleveland loses its two battles to St. Louis, then the Caps are in as of now. Pittsburgh then would need only a tie game to shove Cleveland completely out of the picture.

A Cousin Scores

With Terry Sawchuk back on the job as goalie, the Caps went to work early on the Bisons last night. Calum MacKay and Freddie Glover punched through with first-period goals while the defensemen did a commendable job in front of Sawchuk.

Nelson Podolksy rammed home the third goal at 18:13 of the second period, but a chance for Sawchuk's third shutout of the season went astray at 14:25 of the final period. Murdo MacKay, cousin of the Caps' Calum MacKay, took a back pass from Les Douglas and sent the puck high and fast to Sawchuk's right into the cage.

On the Ice

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANDINGS

Western Division

GP W L T Pts G OG

St. Louis 66 39 18 9 188 143

INDIANAPOLIS 66 38 18 10 188 184

Cleveland 66 40 8 8 186 271 243

Buffalo 66 31 27 8 187 229 309

Eastern Division

GP W L T Pts G OG

Providence 66 42 18 6 190 338 213

Hershey 66 37 34 8 189 244 248

Springfield 66 39 28 8 188 223 240

New Haven 66 30 28 8 188 214 274

Philadelphia 66 18 47 8 189 220 305

Washington 66 31 27 8 189 220 301

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Boston 66 39 23 8 188 171 181

Montreal 66 38 23 9 188 145 180

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Photo by Times Staff Photographer: John Spicklemire
Calum (Baldy) MacKay, Cap wing (right), and Ray Garipy, Buffalo defenseman, go sliding toward the endboards in a scramble for a loose puck last night. Indianapolis won, 3 to 1, at the Coliseum.

Training Camp Briefs

Lowly White Sox Cross Up Scoffers By Thumping Champs of the World, 15-4

Smack Out 16 Hits, Draw 13 Walks,

In Fourth Victory of Spring Season

By United Press

PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 18—Chicago's lightly-regarded White Sox, who trampled the champion Cleveland Indians, 15 to 4, yesterday, moved in from Tucson today, intent on continuing their onslaught at the expense of the New York Giants.

The White Sox hammered rookie pitchers, Will Hafey, Dick Ruzek and George Anderman, for 16 hits in addition to drawing 13 walks in the one-sided contest.

Leading antagonists against the Indians were Dave Phillips, who smacked four singles, and Jerry Scalzi with a home run and a triple.

Randy Gumpert and Fred Bradley, coasting behind the heavy stickwork of their teammates, scattered 10 hits and never were in trouble. The victory was Chicago's fourth of the spring season while Cleveland suffered its second setback.

The Giants met the Chicago Cubs yesterday, rallied for three runs in the ninth to make off with a 6 to 5 decision. Joe La Fata was New York's offensive star with four hits.

SARASOTA, Fla., Mar. 18—The New York Yankees, somewhat wined by their 17-inning stalemate against Detroit yesterday, today nominated pitchers Vic Raschi and Tommy Byrne to face the businesslike Boston Red Sox.

The Yankees used five pitchers in the 2 to 2 tie against the Tigers, while Detroit mustered four hurlers to the mound. New York collected 11 hits and the Tigers seven.

Dave (Bo) Ferriss of the Red Sox showed fine form yesterday in limiting the Philadelphia Phils

a full day of rest under their belts, resumed workouts today in anticipation of their next exhibition game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Clearwater tomorrow.

Coach Rick Ferrell was the only active man in camp yesterday, keeping busy by passing on to one scratch hit in six innings as he paced Boston to a 4 to 1 victory.

Bobby Doerr led the Red Sox attack with three hits, including a first-inning double, which drove in two runs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 18—It was back to work for the St. Louis Cardinals today following 24 hours of plain, unadulterated loafing.

Manager Eddie Dyer gave his squad an off-day yesterday and the majority of players spent the time either fishing, beaching or golfing.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 18—The Philadelphia Athletics who have been meeting big league competition the past week, will see how the other half lives today when they meet the minor league team with four hits.

BRADENTON, Fla., Mar. 18—Pistol Pete Reiser of the Boston Braves, who has had more than his share of injuries, was nursing a new one today in a strained leg.

Reiser suffered the strain in the sixth inning of yesterday's game against Cincinnati after he had bounded out two hits in three times at the plate. The Reds jumped on Johnny Beazley and Johnny Antonelli with equal ease and fervor to beat Boston, 9 to 4. It marked the Braves' fifth loss in six starts.

ORLANDO, Fla., Mar. 18—The Washington Senators, with

18:00

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San Francisco, Loyola Gain Finals in NIB

Bowling Green Bows to Dons; Ramblers' Rally Bests Bradley

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (UP)—Can the slick resourceful Dons of San Francisco University find out how to stop Jack Kerris, Loyola of Chicago's own team, and thus