

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 EGGERT

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 69 points, one more than the Caps.

The key to the whole finish is 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 play 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 be picked up by 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 Fred Glover punched through with first-period goals while the defensemen did a commendable job in front of Sawchuk.

Nelson Podolsky 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

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
St. Louis	30	17	3	63	50
Indianapolis	28	18	4	60	50
Cleveland	26	20	4	56	50
Pittsburgh	26	20	4	56	50
Buffalo	25	21	4	54	50
Providence	24	22	4	52	50
Hershey	23	23	4	50	50
Springfield	22	24	4	48	50
New Haven	21	25	4	46	50
Philadelphia	20	26	4	44	50
Washington	19	27	4	42	50

RESULTS LAST NIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS 3, Buffalo 1.

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Saturday—INDIANAPOLIS at Pittsburgh, St. Louis at Cleveland, Providence at Hershey, New Haven at Philadelphia, Buffalo at Springfield.

Sunday—Pittsburgh at INDIANAPOLIS, Philadelphia at Buffalo, Hershey at New Haven, Springfield at Providence, Cleveland at St. Louis.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Detroit	28	18	4	60	50
Boston	27	19	4	58	50
Montreal	26	20	4	56	50
Toronto	25	21	4	54	50
Chicago	24	22	4	52	50
New York	23	23	4	50	50
Philadelphia	22	24	4	48	50
St. Louis	21	25	4	46	50
Washington	20	26	4	44	50

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Calum (Baldy) Mackay, Cap wing (right), and Ray Garipey, 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

PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 12—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 Hafez, Dick Rozek and George Anderman, for 16 hits in addition to drawing 13 walks in the one-sided contest.

Leading antagonists against the Indians were Dave Philley, who smacked four singles, and Jerry Seals 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. 12—The New York Yankees, somewhat winded 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 2-2 tie against the Tigers while Detroit marched four hurriers 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 Phillies.

ORLANDO, Fla., Mar. 12—The Washington Senators, with

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Bowling Green Bows To Dons; Ramblers Rally Bests Bradley

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (UP)—Can the slick resourceful Dons of San Francisco University find out how to stop Jack Kerris, Loyola of Chicago's one man team, and thus win the National Invitational basketball tournament.

That was the big question dribble-dizzy Madison Square Garden fans were asking today about the payoff battle between these two untested and once lightly-regarded finalists tomorrow night.

Coach Pete Newell's West Coast Dons provided the fifth major upset of the invitation event last night in the semifinals as they overcame Bowling Green's overwhelming height advantage for a 49 to 39 triumph before a crowd of 18,301.

And the rollicking Ramblers from Chicago proved once again that "as Kerris goes, so goes Loyola," by rallying from a 10-point first half deficit to beat Bradley, 55 to 50, on a brilliant last-half performance by their 6-foot, 6-inch pivot man.

Don Lofgran, San Francisco's 6-foot-6 iron man with the amazing kangaroo leap, turned in a magnificent shooting, rebounding and defensive performance in the Dons' second straight surprise victory.

Lofgran's spectacular one-hand push shots netted 24 points on 10 field goals and four free throws. He held Charley Blake, Bowling Green's 6-foot, 11-inch center to six field goals and easily commanded three-quarters of the rebounds under both boards. Not only that, but he played all but five seconds of the game.

Bradley will meet Bowling Green in the third-place consolation game tomorrow night.

Gets Basketball Award

Times State Service GREENE, N.Y., Mar. 12 — John Mote, son of Mrs. Eva Mote, 4707 Guilford Ave., and a graduate of Shortridge High School, has received a major letter in basketball at DePaul University.

During the past season Mote scored 161 points in nine games.

BRADENTON, Fla., Mar. 12—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 pounded 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.

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