

UCLA grads pace Bucks to win

by Associated Press

That old Bruin spirit may have been the spark Milwaukee Bucks needed Tuesday.

Forwards Marques Johnson and David Meyers, a pair of former UCLA Bruins, helped pace the Bucks to a 108-105 comeback win over Buffalo Braves.

Meyers, only 4-of-15 on the night from the field, contributed seven points in the game's final five minutes, while Johnson led the Bucks with 28 points and clinched the victory with two last-minute free throws.

"That's UCLA," said Johnson. "We always come through—it's just a matter of time."

Johnson ended a string of 21 consecutive free throws by missing the first of a 3-to-make2 situation in the last minute.

"I thought I'd put a little suspense in the game," he chuckled.

Elsewhere in the NBA, Los Angeles Lakers blasted Golden State Warriors 123-82, New Orleans Jazz downed Cleveland Cavaliers 113-102, Phoenix Suns whipped Seattle SuperSonics 131-105, Chicago Bulls beat Portland 115-106 and Indiana Pacers got past San Antonio Spurs 96-89.

The Bucks were able to stifle a red-hot Billy Knight in the last quarter. Knight, who had 41 points in the game for the Braves, was held to two free throws in the last quarter as the Bucks erased an 87-80 deficit.

Randy Smith had 27 points for Braves, suffering their third straight loss.

Newly-acquired Charlie Scott scored 12 points as the Lakers ended a 16-game losing streak. Scott, obtained earlier in the day from Boston Celtics in exchange for Don Chaney and currently-suspended Kermit Washington, made his first appearance late in the second period with Los Angeles, already comfortably ahead.

Adrian Dantley, Jamaal Wilkes and Don Ford combined for 47 points for the Lakers.

Pete Maravich scored a season-high 42 points and Leonard (Truck) Robinson added 25 points and 20 rebounds to pace the Jazz over the Cavaliers. The win ended a string of seven consecutive road losses for the Jazz and broke Cleveland's three-game winning streak—dropping the Cavaliers a game behind idle Washington Bullets, leaders in the Central Division.

Walter Davis, Ron Lee and Paul Westphal combined for 75 points as the Suns swamped the SuperSonics. Lee led the winners with 30 points, while Davis had 23 and Westphal 22.

Wilbur Holland, hitting a career-high of 36 points, scored 14 points in the final five minutes as the Bulls beat the Trail Blazers for the first time in regular-season action since February, 1976, and ended Portland's seven-game winning streak. Chicago held high-scoring centre Bill Walton to 15 points.

Earl Tatum scored 20 points, eight in a third-quarter surge, and Ricky Sobers added 18 to spark the Pacers over the Spurs. Indiana broke away from a 48-47 halftime advantage, led by as many as 10 points in the third period and was on top 74-65 at the start of the fourth period.



New star

Denmark's Allan Simonsen (right) is being hailed throughout Europe as that continent's top soccer player. Simonsen, playing for West Germany's powerful Borussia-Monchengladbach, is to be awarded the Golden Football, one of Europe's top soccer awards.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Baseball has good year

by Associated Press

Baseball's most successful year started in a sort of controlled chaos born out of the newly-won freedom of the players. For the first time in history, players were free to walk away from their clubs, to declare themselves free agents, eligible to sign with whatever team offered them the best deal.

The result was instant wealth for a number of athletes with long-term, seven-figure contracts becoming almost routine for the two dozen or so players who went through the entire season unsigned to test the first free agent market.

Among the top performers who switched teams on their own were outfielder Reggie Jackson, who signed the richest free agent contract of all, a \$2.9 million agreement with New York Yankees, pitcher Don Gullett, who also signed for the Yankees for \$2 million and outfielder Joe Rudi, who cost California Angels \$2.1 million.

The Angels also signed two other big ones, infielder Bobby Grich and designated hitter Don Baylor. San Diego Padres came away with two ex-Oakland A's stars, catcher Gene Tenace and pitcher Rolie Fingers.

Throughout baseball, owners tried to entice the most appealing free agents with contracts that rocked the industry.

Some of the coaxing went too far to suit commissioner Bowie Kuhn, who warned the owners against pre-draft tampering and then proved he wasn't kidding by fining Atlanta Braves



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new boss, yachtsman Ted Turner, \$10,000 for his public pursuit of outfielder Gary Matthews.

Turner signed Matthews and when Kuhn tacked on a suspension, the Atlanta boss spent his summer successfully defending the America's Cup yachting series. In December, the commissioner decided Turner had learned his lesson and reinstated the Braves' boss.

Cincinnati Reds, winners of two straight World Series championships, were heavy pre-season favorites to repeat as National League champs. The Yankees, strengthened by the addition of Jackson and Gullett, were expected to win a second straight American League crown.

The Reds suffered through a sluggish start despite the slugging of outfielder George Foster, who was to finish the year with Most Valuable Player credentials which included 52 homers, 149 runs

batted in and a .320 batting average, third highest in the league.

Los Angeles Dodgers, operating under new manager Tom Lasorda, broke fast, winning 22 of its first 26 games and carrying them to the top of the National League West where they stayed there, maintained by the hot bats of several players.

Steve Garvey hit 33 homers, Reggie Smith had 32 while Ron Cey and Dusty Baker added 30 each making the Dodgers the first team in history with four 30-homer sluggers.

The Reds thought they might make a run at the Dodgers in mid-year when they acquired disenchanted Tom Seaver, longtime ace of the New York Mets pitching staff. But though he won 14 of 17 decisions for them, the three-time Cy Young Award winner couldn't help the Reds put a dent in the Dodger bulge. Los Angeles won the West by 10 games—the same

In the East, Philadelphia Phillies hung close early and moved to the top in August, carried there on the strong left arm of Steve Carlton, whose 23 victories led the league and earned him his second Cy Young Award. The offence came from sluggers Greg Luzinski, who batted .309 with 39 homers and 130 runs batted in, and Mike Schmidt, who socked 38 homers and added 101 RBIs to his .274 batting average.

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Boston takes over first; Canucks drop four behind

The Canadian Press

For Mike Milbury, it was simply a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

"That's the only reason I scored twice," the Boston native said of his two-goal effort Tuesday night which paced Boston to a 6-3 victory over Washington Capitals and allowed the Bruins to gain sole possession of first place in the Adams Division of the National Hockey League, two points up on idle Buffalo Sabres.

"We did what we wanted to do tonight," the Bruins defenceman added after scoring his fourth and fifth goals of the season. "When any of our defencemen see the break, they take advantage of it. It just opened up for me."

But veteran Bruins defenceman Brad Park doesn't see it quite that way.

"Mike (Milbury) has the poise of a veteran and combines that with youthful aggressiveness," he said. "With a few more years of experience, he will be the best rearguard in the NHL."

Elsewhere in the NHL, Detroit Red Wings dumped Colorado Rockies 5-2, New York Islanders defeated Vancouver Canucks 4-2, Minnesota North Stars nipped St. Louis Blues 1-0, Montreal Canadiens downed Cleveland Barons 5-3 and Chicago Black Hawks beat Atlanta Flames 4-2.

The win was Boston's fourth in a row and 19th in its last 23 contests.

"We skated well," said Bruins coach Don Cherry. "They (the Capitals) deserved the three goals they scored, but you have to be satisfied when you outshoot a team by a 2-1 margin on the road. This is the way we've been playing all year."

The Capitals came into the game undefeated in their last three outings and 4-2-1 in their last seven. In their only other meeting of the season, the Bruins defeated Washington 6-0 in Boston.

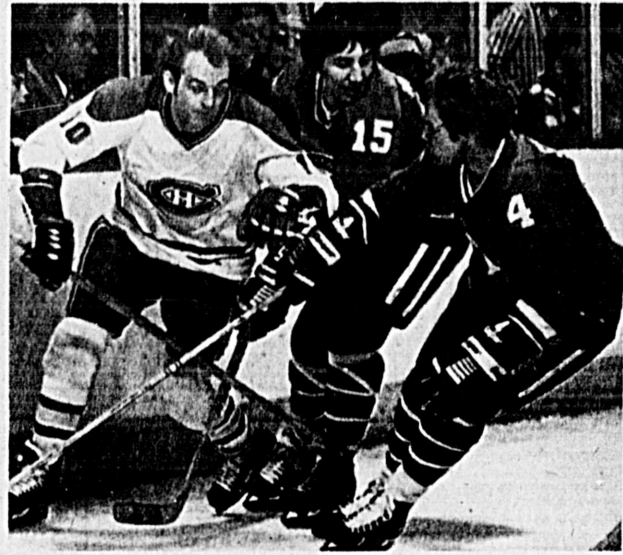
"They are the toughest club in the league for us to play," said Washington coach Tom McVie. "They gave us a rough night, really keeping our defence under a lot of pressure." Vaclav Nedomansky scored two goals to lead Detroit to its first win at home in more than a month. It was Detroit's first victory over Colorado since the Rockies moved to Denver from Kansas City in the 1976-77 season. Detroit dropped all four games to the Rockies last season.

Top rookies

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tony Dorsett of Dallas Cowboys and A.J. Duhe of Miami Dolphins have been named National Football League rookies of the year by the Sporting News.

Dorsett, who didn't start for the Cowboys until midway through the season, gained 1,007 yards on 208 carries and scored 13 touchdowns. He became only the eighth player in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards as a rookie.

Duhe, a defensive end, led the Dolphins with seven quarterback sacks.



Montreal's Guy Lafleur fends off a pair of Barons.

Detroit coach Bobby Kromm praised goalie Ron Low, peppered with 31 shots, and said he would become the Wings No. 1 netminder.

"We're going to go with the

hot hand" Kromm said. "Playing with three goalenders was unfair to them and unfair to me."

Bryan Trottier raised his league-leading points total to

60, scoring twice and assisting on another, as the Islanders moved to within two points of idle Philadelphia Flyers—leaders in the Patrick Division. Trottier's two goals gave him 27 for the season—tops in the NHL.

Tom Reid scored his first goal in almost four years and Pete LoPresti stopped 37 shots as the North Stars shaded the Blues. Reid's goal, the 17th of his 10-year NHL career, was his first in 219 games.

Montreal struck for four second-period goals to take a 5-1 lead and then coasted to victory. Steve Shutt, Bill Nyrop, Guy Lafleur, Rejean Houle and Pierre Larouche each scored one goal for the Canadiens, while Jacques Lemaire picked up three assists.

Left winger Ted Bulley scored twice and assisted on another to pace the Black Hawks past the Flames. The win gave Chicago 32 points and extended its lead over second-place Vancouver in the Smythe Division to four points.

Lopsided games in WHA

The Canadian Press

Ken Broderick got a rather rude reception from his former team-mates Tuesday night.

Traded four weeks ago to Quebec by Edmonton, Broderick faced a 22-shot barrage in the initial 15:30 of play—surrendering five goals—as the Oilers romped to a 9-3 victory over the Nordiques in World Hockey Association action.

In the only other contest, New England Whalers blasted Birmingham Bulls 8-1.

Broderick, Edmonton's most valuable player last season and once the goaltending mainstay of Canada's national team, held the Nordiques at bay until 5:42 when Blair MacDonald scored the first of two goals in the period. Sandwiched in between them were goals by Pierre Guite, Juha Widing and Ron Chipperfield.

Quebec coach Marc Boileau, who now has seen his club surrender 18 goals in two games since returning from the Izvestia Cup tournament in Moscow, decided to lift Broderick from the shooting gallery after MacDonald's second goal with 4:30 left in the opening period. His replacement, Jim Corsi, handled the final four Edmonton shots in the period, but surrendered three goals in the second period and another in the third.

On the night, the pair was bombarded with 58 shots, while Don McLeod, who joined the Oilers in the Broderick deal, was tested only 30 times in the Edmonton goal.

One of those to beat McLeod was league scoring leader Marc Tardif, who notched his

30th goal of the season, giving him 61 points—four more than Bobby Hull of Winnipeg Jets.

The victory moved Edmonton to within two points of the Nordiques, 9-4 losers Monday night to Winnipeg.

At Hartford, Conn., the Whalers scored three times in a span of 2:06 early in the first period. Defenceman Brad Selwood, with his first two goals of the season, paced New England, which lead 3-1 after the opening period and 4-1 entering the final 20 minutes.

Rookie Ken Linesman's first-period goal spoiled the shut-out bid of Al Smith, who handled 23 shots on the night. The Birmingham netminding duo of John Garrett and Wayne Wood faced 38 drives.

The win enabled the league-leading Whalers to move four points in front of Winnipeg.

Play resumes tonight with Cincinnati Stingers at home to Indianapolis Racers, while Houston Aeros entertain the touring Soviet Union all-stars in an exhibition contest which will not figure in the league standings.

Coaches named
NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Marchibroda and Chuck Knox were named Tuesday as coaches for the eighth annual AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Tampa Stadium on Jan. 23.

Marchibroda, whose Baltimore Colts were eliminated from the National Football League playoffs by Oakland Raiders on Saturday, will handle the American Conference squad while Knox, whose Los Angeles Rams were upset by Minnesota Vikings on Monday, will coach the National Conference.

The 28 NFL club representatives decided last June that the Pro Bowl coaching staffs would be those of division champions eliminated in divisional playoffs.

Marchibroda and Knox will be joined by the assistants, trainers and equipment men of their respective teams.

Best man

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Cauten, teen-age riding sensation, was named Tuesday recipient of Sporting News' man-of-the-year award.

Cauten, 17, became the first jockey to ride mounts earning \$5 million in one year and this month topped the \$6-million mark.

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Trottier setting hot pace

MONTREAL (CP) — Centre Bryan Trottier of New York Islanders has become the first player in more than two years to lead the National Hockey League in goals, assists and points all at the same time, statistics released Tuesday by the league office showed.

Trottier, 21-year-old native of Val Marie, Sask., had 25 goals and 32 assists for 57 points going into the Islanders' game Tuesday night against the Canucks in Vancouver. It was one of six games on the schedule.

Trottier, the NHL's rookie of the year for 1975-76, assumed the points lead from Guy Lafleur of Montreal Canadiens on Nov. 18. Trottier has led in assists since the same date, taking over from Jacques Lemaire of Montreal, and last week the Islander moved into first place in goals.

His total of 25 goals was only five fewer than he had last season and seven fewer than his total of 32 in his rookie year.

Bobby Clarke of Philadelphia Flyers was the last player to lead in goals, assists and points simultaneously, on Nov. 9, 1975. But, at season's end, Clarke was second to Lafleur in points.

Lafleur was tied with Darryl Sittler of Toronto Maple Leafs in second place behind Trottier with 48 points. Lafleur had 24 goals and 24 assists, while Sittler had 19 goals and 29 assists. The Canadiens played host to Cleveland Barons while the Maple Leafs were idle Tuesday night.

Mike Bossy, Trottier's rookie linemate on right wing, was fourth with 42 points on 23 goals and 19 assists, while Gilbert Perreault of Buffalo Sabres had 41 points on 24 goals and 17 assists. Then came Clark Gillies, who plays left wing for Trottier and Bossy, with 40 points from 15 goals and 25 assists. Clarke also had 40 points, on 11 goals and 29 assists.

In the goaltending department, Ken Dryden and Michel Larocque of the Canadiens boasted the best combined average with a 2.06 goals-against mark.

Apart from Goran Hogosta of the Islanders, who had not allowed a goal in nine minutes played this season, Larocque's personal goals-against average of 2.00 was the league's best. Dryden was at 2.04 with three shutouts compared with one for Larocque.

Bernie Parent of Philadelphia had four shutouts to lead the league.

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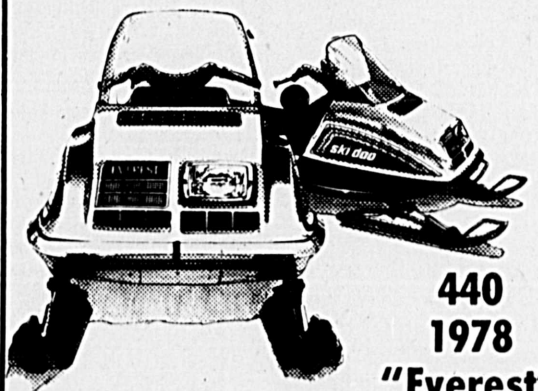
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