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The job gets tougher every year, but the demand never lessens: Nothing short of the continuation of the dynasty will satisfy Montreal Canadiens fans.

Opposing teams will again be taking dead aim at the Canadiens starting Thursday night when the National Hockey League season opens. While Montreal failed to win the Stanley Cup last spring for the first time in five years, there still is special pleasure in beating a perpetual powerhouse.

With ever more teams vying for talent, keeping the player-rich club that way is a bigger challenge all the time for managing director Irving Grundman.

"Absolutely, it's getting more difficult," Grundman said Monday. "There are 21 teams and a common draft."

"There are more and better players graduating from American college ranks, though, and there's some movement of players from Europe. But everybody's working harder too."

At least for the regular season, however, Montreal looks to be a winner again. The playoffs are a second season.

Here's how the Norris Division clubs of the Prince of Wales Conference should stand at regular season's end April 5:

Montreal Canadiens: When the current alignment was devised for the 1974-75 season, the Canadiens were said to have a 50-year lease on first place in this division. It hasn't expired yet.

The defence corps boasts oldsters Serge Savard and Guy Lapointe, the NHL's top defenceman in Larry Robinson, partially-seasoned youngsters Rod Langway, Brian Engblom and Gaston Gingras and newcomer Bill Baker, the United States Olympian, with Bill Kitchen recently available. Coach Claude Ruel's biggest problem is keeping everybody happy.

Montreal's offence starts with right winger Guy Lafleur, who scored 50 goals last season. Mark Napier must prove he can score with consistency. Mario Tremblay and Rejean Houle rely on hard work.

No. 1 draft choice Doug Wickens moves into a centre spot, bringing needed size. Pierre Larouche matched Lafleur's goals total, and Doug

Jarvis and Doug Risebrough are capable. The Canadiens, 47-20-13 last year, await the return of Pierre Mondou, missing with a torn Achilles tendon.

Bob Gainey leads the left wingers. Steve Shutt was a 47-goal man last season. Yvon Lambert comes off a so-so season.

Ruel has retained three goaltenders, holdovers Denis Herron and Michel Larocque and young Richard Sevigny, who played in 11 games. If there's a weakness, it's in goal.

Los Angeles Kings: The Kings, 30-36-14 a year ago, will build from the bottom up with draft choices. For now, they'll go with centre Marcel Dionne, right winger Dave Taylor and left winger Charlie Simmer, who fired 56 goals last season, tied for tops in the NHL.

The Kings picked up Garry Unger to skate at centre with Andre St. Laurent when he returns from a back injury. Other forwards of note are left winger Steve Jensen and right wingers Mike Murphy and Billy Harris. Rookies Greg Terrier, a centre, and Jim Fox, a right winger, had outstanding training camps.

Much-needed moves were made to bolster the defence

last year, with Jerry Korab and Dave Lewis arriving to assist Doug Halward, but Randy Manery, Barry Gibbs and Rick Hampton now are minor leaguers, making room for rookie Larry Murphy. Goaltenders Ron Grahame and Mario Lessard return to a team that ranks a weak second.

Pittsburgh Penguins: If new head coach Eddie Johnston can bring them together quickly, the Penguins may waddle home ahead of the Kings. Centre Mark Johnson from the U.S. Olympic team embarks on his first full NHL season, joining 30-goal right winger Rick Kehoe and centres Greg Malone, Gregg Sheppard, George Ferguson and Orest Kindrachuk, hindered by a hip pointer in the second half last season. Right wingers Pat Hughes and Peter Lee and left winger Rod Schutt, all from the Montreal system, have potential.

Young Greg Millen has shown promise as the No. 1 goaltender. The defence includes Ron Stackhouse, Randy Carlyle, Russ Anderson and Gilles Lupien, who arrives from Montreal. But whether the Penguins can improve their 30-37-13 record will depend in great part on their power-play and penalty-killing proficiency.

Detroit Red Wings: The Red Wings are an old-line club that has made the playoffs twice in

14 seasons. At 26-43-11 last year, the biggest excitement came when Gordie Howe returned to Detroit for the all-star game. But things may be looking up.

Ted Lindsay moves behind the bench to direct a young fifth-place club that got goalie Gilles Gilbert from Boston Bruins in trade for Rogie Vachon, a major disappointment. Right winger Mike Polino led the team in scoring last year with 36 goals, and centre Vaclav Nedomansky had 35, followed by left winger Errol Thompson with 34. Centre Dale McCourt and left winger Dan Labraaten gave Detroit five 30-goal scorers.

Reed Larson and Willie Huber lead the defence. And Rick Vasko, nephew of former NHL rearguard Elmer Vasko, comes off a fine minor league season. If he and such as Perry Miller and Greg Joly hold up, and if Gilbert produces, the Red Wings could move to fourth.

Hartford Whalers: The Whalers were the best of the former World Hockey Association clubs in their inaugural NHL season with a 27-34-19 record. They've lost the 52-year-old Howe to retirement and were unable to reach contract agreement with left winger Bobby Hull, 41. Centre Dave Keon, 40, returns, but 27-year-old right winger Blaine Stoughton and his 56 goals won't necessarily be back, having won free agency last week.

Centre Mike Rogers led the team with 105 points, including 44 goals, and left winger Jordy Douglas had 33 goals. Defensively, preseason sensation Mike Veisor from Chicago Black Hawks replaces Al Smith as John Garrett's goaltending partner, and Tommy Abrahamson returns to the blue line from Sweden. Rick Ley and youngsters Mark Howe and Gordie Roberts will help clear the Hartford zone. First-round draft choice Fred Arthur could become a top-flight defender.

Whitworth and Young win LPGA championship

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Kathy Whitworth and Donna Caponi Young mastered the Riverside Golf Club course for the third consecutive day Sunday to win the \$115,000 LPGA team golf championship for the second time in three years.

Whitworth and Young, who together have won 99 tour titles, finished at 24-under-par 195 for 54 holes on the par-73, 6,308-yard course.

They combined for an eight-under-par 65 in each of the three rounds and finished in style with a 12-foot birdie putt by Young on the final hole.

The two veterans, with \$1.6 million in combined career earnings, held off a late charge by Janet Alex and Judy Clark. Alex and Clark shot a 10-under-par 63 and finished at 20-

under-par 199. Alex had seven birdies and Clark added three on Sunday. The two had never finished better than fourth in an LPGA event.

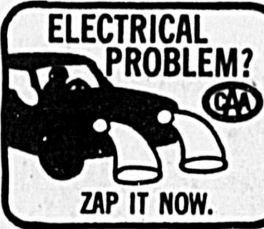
JoAnne Carner and Judy Rankin finished third at 18-under-par 201, five strokes behind the leaders.

Barbara Moxness and Beth Solomon, who began the final round just one stroke behind the leaders, finished in fourth place at 17-under-par.

Whitworth, 41, and Young, 35, won the team title in 1978 and have finished no worse than fifth in the four-year history of the event.

Young has won \$209,000 on the LPGA tour this year, second only to Beth Daniel, while Whitworth has won \$43,666. They split \$21,000.

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Meat prices will rise in the fall: Experts

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CRANBROOK — Stock the freezer, Ma, and buy lots of charcoal. Dad, then enjoy a summer of cheap beef, chicken and pork because the price of meat is going up in September.

This was the advice Thursday from five farm industry experts after they had analysed the complicated world and North American forces that influence prices for the Canadian farmer.

The five all made their comments either in interviews with The Province or at the annual meeting here of the B.C. Cattlemen's Association.

Pat Beazlett, farm economist for Vancouver's Beef Information Centre, said the "average" beef price will rise 10 per cent

Stock the freezer

More than 22 averaged five years ago, but it is "unlikely that consumers will ever see beef prices that low again," she added.

To understand meat pricing, whether at the farm gate or the consumer level, the public must first realize that the normal supply and demand factors for any one commodity no longer work in isolation.

Canada's meat pricing, in particular, said Gordon MacEachern, president of the Agriculture Economics Research Council of Canada, is a complex of factors.

The huge over-supplies both in Canada and the U.S. of pork and poultry.

Beazlett said that in Canada supplies of beef and veal are about 46 million pounds or 8.3 per cent lower than last year, and in the U.S. stand at close to 340 million pounds or 20 per cent less than last year.

But at the same time the supplies of pork in storage alone in Canada stand at nearly 34 million pounds, up 15 per cent from a year ago.

and poultry over-supply in both countries will have ended and the result will be a 34 increase in the price for feed cattle (animals put on grain after they leave the ranch). With the end of the over-supply in pork and chickens the price for all three meats will increase in the fall, the experts predicted.

But don't go away, there are still a few other factors to consider in the meat pricing field, they said.

According to MacEachern, European countries and some Third World nations have substantially increased their production of both pork and poultry.

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