

CARBONNEAU KEY

Habs' checking thwarts Whalers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — If the Montreal Canadiens think their dogged, dump-and-chase style of play is unsettling to the Hartford Whalers, they're absolutely right.

If the Whalers weren't wearing helmets, they would probably be pulling their hair out. The Canadiens have limited them to two goals in their past two games and jumped to a 2-1 advantage in their best-of-seven Adams Division final series.

If the Whalers are to have a chance in the fourth game of the series tonight at the Hartford Civic Centre, they must find a way to shake free from the forechecking of Guy Carbonneau.

"It's frustrating," Whalers' captain Ron Francis said. "But we have to go out and do something about it."

Francis, Hartford's No. 1 centre, has been held scoreless in the series. Linemates John Anderson and Kevin Dineen have also been shut down the past two games, mostly by Montreal's checking line of Carbonneau, Bob Gainey and Chris

Nilan.

The Canadiens have scored first in each of their victories, enabling them to fall back into a defensive game.

"I think playing like we have been in the first period of these games is getting on their nerves," offered Canadiens' coach Jean Perron.

For the first time since March 1, the Whalers have lost two straight games and are in danger of elimination from the Stanley Cup playoffs.

But coach Jack Evans, whose 58th birthday was dampened by the loss in Monday night's game, said he wasn't ready to panic.

"We've only lost five of our last 26 games, so I don't think we'll be making any drastic changes," he said.

The Whalers also said team doctors had examined goalie Mike Liut, who pulled himself out of Monday night's game in the first period because of a bruised right knee. Liut is expected to play tonight.

CAPITALS IN CONTROL

Next game critical for upstart Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — No doubt about it, the New York Rangers have been impressed by the Washington Capitals so far in their National Hockey League playoff series.

"When you talk about speed, you want to talk about team speed and Washington has more team speed than Philadelphia," New York's Kelly Miller said.

The Rangers knocked off the highly regarded Flyers in five games in the first round of their Patrick Division playoffs. Now they face just as formidable a task — beating the Capitals in the division final.

That job was made even tougher as a result of Monday night's 6-3 loss at home that put the Rangers behind 2-1 in the best-of-seven series with Game 4 in New York tonight.

"There's no question the next game is critical," Rangers coach Ted Sator said. "Our backs are to the wall."

The Rangers were embarrassed 8-1 Saturday night at the Capital Centre prior to Monday night's loss.

"We'll have to be a nickel better in every facet of our game," Sator added. "We do not want to go to Washington down two games with the next one on their home ice."

Bobby Carpenter and John Barrett were the latest Washington heroes against the Rangers, scoring

two goals each in Monday night's contest. But perhaps the nicest surprise for the Capitals has been the play of goaltender Pete Peeters, who beat the Rangers for the second time in three playoff games.

During the season, Peeters was winless in four games against the Rangers and Washington coach Bryan Murray was criticized for not going with Al Jensen against New York in the post-season games, especially after Peeters lost the opener 4-3 in overtime.

"I guess that settles the question about Pete Peeters playing against the Rangers," Murray said, chiding the media after Monday night's victory at Madison Square Garden.

Peeters not only has played well against the New Yorkers, but was also a strong performer in the Capitals' three-game sweep of the New York Islanders in the first round. Statistically he is the top goaltender in the playoffs.

The Capitals' defence as a whole merits much of the credit for their lead in this series. Not only have they been getting back to stop the Rangers from scoring goals, they also have been scoring goals themselves. Barrett's contributions Monday night continued a trend by Washington's offensive-minded defencemen.

"We're playing confidently," Peeters said. "Barrett and (Greg) Smith are giving us a lot of muscle at the blue line."

Active year planned in local orienteering

In its 10th season, the Prince George Orienteering Club is planning "an incredibly busy year," president Renate Dorschner announced Tuesday.

In addition to its accustomed weekend activities, the club is planning Wednesday night events.

Perhaps the biggest competition of the local season will be the club's first competition at Crooked River Provincial Park, which is north of town near Bear Lake. The initial Crooked River event is scheduled for June 15.

Dorschner said the club has a new map of the area in five colors, making it easier to read.

"We're quite pleased with that one (map)," said Dorschner, who revealed the special orienteering map cost \$900 to prepare.

The first competition of the season is Sunday, starting from 8215 Prince Edward Cres. in College Heights at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Kevin Hill-Tout at 964-8031.

There's a clinic for beginners May 3 at Moore's Meadow Elementary School. The clinic begins at 9 a.m. and there's a competition at 1:30 p.m.

The local club includes Karen Peterson, who won the master women's title at the 1984 Canadian championships and was third last year.

Orienteering is a combination of cross-country running and navigation, with strategy vying with running ability for importance.

Westwood to final

Westwood Pub downed the Indian Friendship Centre 79-61 Tuesday to advance to the final of the Prince George men's B basketball playoffs.

Westwood, the defending playoff champion and league winner this season, meets the Fort St. James Wolves at 8 p.m. Thursday at

BRIEFLY Sports

Prince George Secondary School in the A-B final of the double-knock-out tournament.

A victory by the Wolves would give them the title, but if Westwood wins, a second game will be played Tuesday.

Rob Klassen led Westwood with 20 points against the Friendship Centre and Dana Gorbahn added 11 for the winners, who led 37-24 at the half.

John Olson replied with 20 and Lance Bulmer 19 for Indian Friendship Centre.

Moms honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Golfer Nancy Lopez and track star Valerie Brisco-Hooks, an Olympic gold medal winner, were among those named Tuesday as winners of the 1986 Outstanding Mother's Award.

They were chosen for the eighth annual award by the National Mother's Day Committee for the examples they have set in combining career and parenting.

Shawn to fight

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto welterweight boxer Shawn O'Sullivan will put his unbeaten record on the line June 8 against 22-year-old Simon Brown of Washington, D.C., in a scheduled 10-round.

O'Sullivan has an 11-0 record, including eight knockouts. Brown, ranked 12th by the World Boxing Council and No. 5 by The Ring magazine, is 22-1 with 16 knockouts. His only loss was to Marlon Starling (ranked No. 5 by the WBC and No. 4 by Ring) in November, 1985.

The bout will be held at the 8,000-seat Coliseum at Exhibition Place and televised by NBC. However, it will be blacked out in Toronto.

Numbers game

Scorecard

TUESDAY BASKETBALL			
Men's B playoffs			
B final			
Westwood 79	Friendship	61	Cr. 61

9 - Runners World vs. Northern Sports	
Third place	
7 - Green Machine vs. Team X	
B Division	
Final	
9 - Under-Over vs. Northern Spts.	
Third place	
7 - Blues vs. Spruce Credit	
C Division	

Basketball

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NBA			
Milwaukee	118	New Jersey	113
(Milwaukee) wins		best-of-five	
first-round Eastern	series	3-0	
Detroit	108	Atlanta	97
(Atlanta) leads		best-of-five	
first-round Eastern	series	2-1	
Philadelphia	91	Washington	86
(Philadelphia) leads		best-of-five	
first-round Eastern	series	2-1	
Boston	122	Chicago	104
(Boston) wins		best-of-five	
first-round Eastern	series	3-0	
Denver	115	Portland	104
(Denver) leads		best-of-five	
first-round Western	series	2-1	
Houston	113	Sacramento	98
(Houston) wins		best-of-five	
first-round Western	series	3-0	
CBA			
LaCrosse	109	Tampa Bay	106
(Tampa Bay) leads		best-	
of-seven final	3-1		

Transactions

BASEBALL	
American League	
Toronto Blue Jays announce pitcher Gary Lavelle will be out for the remainder of the season.	

National League	
Chicago Cubs ask waivers on catcher Steve Lake for the purpose of assigning him outright to Iowa of the American Association.	

FOOTBALL	
Edmonton Eskimos sign defensive back Darryl Kopp; slotbacks Paul Sedun and Tom Richards and offensive guard Kevin Holliday.	

NFL	
Cleveland (AP) — The Cleveland Browns landed their second wide receiver from CFL ranks in five days Tuesday with the announcement that free-agent Jeff Boyd had come to terms with the NFL club.	

Boyd, who played last season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, joins Terry Greer, who spent the past six seasons with the Toronto Argonauts.	
Boyd and Greer finished 2-3 in CFL receiving statistics last season behind Mervyn Fernandez of the B.C. Lions. Boyd, six-foot-two and 180 pounds, caught 76 passes for 1,372 yards and 14 touchdowns, while Greer had 78 catches for 1,323 yards and nine TDs.	

Indianapolis Colts sign kicker Dean Bascucci and defensive back Jim Rockford.	
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Pool	
SHEFFIELD, England (AFP) — Kirk Stevens of Toronto put the threat of impending disciplinary action out of his mind Tuesday to reach the second round of the world snooker championship.	

Stevens, the No. 5-ranked player in the tournament, is to appear before the World Professional Snooker and Billiards Association for failing to appear at the Irish Masters championships two weeks ago.	
He defeated English qualifier Dean Reynolds 10-6 Tuesday, sporting ahead from a 5-4 overnight lead with three straight frames to take control of the match.	

Tennis	
MONTE CARLO (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, a former champion and playing in his first tennis tournament in seven months, lost his first-round match Tuesday at the \$325,000 Monte Carlo Open.	

Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia beat Vilas, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.	
Another Czechoslovak player, fifth-seeded Miloslav Meir, started second-round action with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Karl Karlsson of Sweden.	

However, another Czechoslovakian, Tomas Smid, was the first seeded player to lose. Fernando Luna of Spain beat the 12th-seeded Smid 6-3, 6-3.	
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Fights	
LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Henry Tilman stopped top-ranked Bash Ali at 1:25 of the first round Tuesday night to win the North American Boxing Federation cruiserweight championship.	

Tilman ran his pro record to 10-0 with seven knockouts. Ali was knocked down, then was given a standing eight-count, and then was dropped to one knee, which ended the bout under the three-knockout rule.	
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Ali, rated No. 1 by the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association, fell to 27-10 with 13 knockouts. He captured the NABF crown last June.	
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Baseball	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
East Division	
New York	9 4 892 —
Baltimore	8 6 571 1 1/2
Boston	8 6 571 1 1/2
Detroit	7 6 538 2
Cleveland	6 6 500 2 1/2
Toronto	6 8 429 3 1/2
Milwaukee	5 7 417 3 1/2

West Division	
California	9 6 500 —
Oakland	8 6 571 1 1/2
Texas	7 6 538 1
Kansas City	7 7 500 1 1/2
Minnesota	7 8 467 2
Seattle	5 9 357 3 1/2
Chicago	3 10 231 5

Today's Games	
Texas at Toronto	
Minnesota at Seattle	
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Baltimore at Cleveland	
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NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
New York	7 3 700 —		
St. Louis	7 3 700 —		
Pittsburgh	5 4 556 1 1/2		
Montreal	5 4 556 2 1/2		
Chicago	3 7 300 4		
Philadelphia	3 7 300 4		

West Division			
San Francisco	10 4 714 —		
Houston	9 4 692 1 1/2		
San Diego	7 7 500 3		
Atlanta	5 7 417 4		
Cincinnati	4 6 400 4		
Los Angeles	4 11 267 6 1/2		

Tuesday Results			
Montreal 8	Philadelphia 2		
Chicago 3	St. Louis 2		
New York 7	Pittsburgh 1		
Houston 3	Atlanta 2		
San Francisco 10	Los Angeles 3		
San Diego at Cincinnati, p.p.d. cold			

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San Diego at Cincinnati			
Philadelphia at Montreal			
St. Louis at Chicago			
Los Angeles at San Francisco			
Houston at Atlanta			

Thursday Games			
Montreal at Chicago			
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh			
Cincinnati at Houston			
New York at St. Louis			
Atlanta at Los Angeles			

AB R H Pct.			
Ray, Pgh	41	4	19 .463
Garber, Mt	25	4	11 .440
Kopit, NY	24	6	10 .417
Gamer, Hou	34	9	14 .412
Backman, NY	18	4	7 .389
Smith, StL	35	6	13 .371
Sax, LA	35	5	13 .371
Daniels, Cin	19	2	7 .368
Parker, Cin	41	9	15 .366
Diaz, Cin	36	3	13 .361

Doubles: Brooks, Montreal, 5;			
Gwynn, San Diego, 5;			
San Francisco, 5;			
Pittsburgh, 5.			
11 are tied with 4.			

Triples: Coleman, St. Louis, 2;			
Moreno, Atlanta, 2;			
17 are tied with 1.			

Home runs: Dawson, Montreal, 4;			
Gamer, Houston, 4;			
Knight, New York, 4;			
Leonard, Philadelphia, 4;			
Cronin, Cincinnati, 4;			

Trammell, Detroit, 2;	36	are	led
with 1.			
Home runs: 11	are	led	with
4.			
Runs batted in: Downing, California 15;	Carson	Oakland	

14; Tartabull,	Seattle,	14;	Beil,
Toronto,	12.		
Runs:	O'Brien,	Texas,	15;
Evans,	Detroit,	13;	Downing,
California,	13.		

Hits:	Joyner,	California,	20;
O'Brien,	Texas,	19;	Phillips,
Oakland,	19;	Puckett,	Minnesota,
19.			
Stolen	bases:	Henderson,	New
York, 9;	Cangelosi,	Chicago,	8.

Pitching (1 decision):	28	are tied with 1,000.
Strikeouts:	Viola, Minnesota, 26; Hurst, Boston, 25; Morris, Detroit, 25; Rijo, Oakland, 25.	
Saves:	Aase, Baltimore, 4;	