

Tough decision helpful to Clan

By Grant Kerr
BURNABY, B.C. (CP) — Facing a difficult decision in the spring of 1988, high school basketball star Michelle Hendry turned to a trusted friend.

On one hand, there were full scholarship offers from Wyoming, Idaho State and Idaho. Then there were Canadian schools like Calgary and Victoria.

The six-foot-two centre from Terrace, B.C., eventually called Allison McNeill, her provincial under-17 coach, for advice.

"Allison told me she was a little biased because she had just accepted a position at Simon Fraser University," Hendry said this week. "That was good enough for me."

"I wanted to play for her because she's so easy to get along with. We've grown together and developed a really good bond."

Thanks to Hendry, 19, and McNeill, 30, the Clan has also grown into a championship contender.

On Tuesday, Hendry and McNeill headed to Jackson, Tenn., where the SFU Clan is ranked No. 6 heading into the women's tournament for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship.

It's the first time the Clan have qualified for the women's NAIA final.

"Michelle is the impact player every coach wants to have," said McNeill. "We have a great player-coach repertoire."

"The one thing she did make me promise is that I'd stay here for four years to coach her. She didn't want to be changing coaches."

Hendry has been nothing short of sensational at SFU, whose athletic program participates in the NAIA, made up of small U.S. colleges. SFU officials say the NAIA offers cheaper travel costs and better competition.

Hendry was named player of the year in the NAIA District One, the conference in which the Clan play, in both her freshman and sophomore seasons. She has averaged 23.8 points and 8.5 rebounds a game this season as a sophomore.

McNeill, a diminutive five feet, said she picked the ideal time to arrive at SFU. The former Laurentian and Oregon point guard brought eight freshmen with her in the fall of 1988, including Hendry.

"The most important part of this job is recruiting," said McNeill, who played high school ball at Salmon Arm, B.C., with former national team player Bev Smith. "There were only four returning players when I got the job, so there was room for all the freshmen."

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Although the Clan averages 84 points a game, McNeill said any success at the nationals will be generated by the swarming defence led by co-captains Andrea Schneider and Hendry. SFU has held opponents to 59 points a game.

The last practice before hitting the road was a demanding combination of fast-break tactics and defending two-on-one situations.

"We're a really tight team and do everything together," said Hendry, a kinesiology student. "It really helps when 12 people to get along so well."

"You're with these people for four years of your life. It's a huge commitment to make, but a lot of fun."

Hendry hopes to play for the Canadian national women's team this summer at the Goodwill Games in Seattle, with her long-range goal the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

SFU, 28-6 for the season, plays Minnesota-Duluth in the first round of the championships Friday. Top-ranked St. Ambrose (Iowa) is unbeaten at 33-0.

B.C. rink leads field

WHITEHORSE Yukon (CP) — Jerry Martin recovered from a 5-1 deficit to defeat Ed Derbowka of Whitehorse 8-6, giving British Columbia sole possession of first place in the Canadian senior men's curling championships on Tuesday.

Martin's record in the round robin was 6-1 after the win, while Derbowka's Territories team dropped into a tie for second place with Ken May of Burstall, Sask. Both have 5-2 records.

Joan Ingram of Winnipeg held off Jill Greenwood of Toronto with a single point on the 10th end for a 7-6 win in the senior women's event. It put Manitoba and Ontario, both at 4-2, into a five way tie for first place after the 10th round.

The other co-leaders were Evelyn Hosker of Fort St. John, B.C., who defeated Madeline Boyd of the Territories 8-3; Eleanor Stewart of Saint John, N.B., who lost to Dorothy Crowe of St. Lambert, Que (3-3); and Amy Nakamura of Taber, Alta., who had a bye in the round.

Martin's win over Derbowka came after the leading men's team had lost its first game of the championship earlier in the day to Damien Ryan of St. John's, Nfld. The win put Newfoundland's champion back in the thick of the race, although the rink lost 7-5 to Bud Hosker of Fort St. John, B.C. Hosker, who is representing Alberta, lost 7-5 in Round 10.

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Another nothing for ball

NEW YORK (AP) — Another day of nothing in baseball: no negotiating, no talks scheduled, no settlement in sight.

Still nothing definite on opening day, either. But, with the lockout now at 28 days, it's a foregone conclusion the season will not start on time.

On Tuesday, commissioner Fay Vincent and the league presidents agreed to wait until Friday before deciding whether to officially postpone the April 2 openers.

"We felt basically we could wait a few more days before we had to make a definite announcement, hoping something could occur in a positive way," said American League president Bobby Brown. "We didn't want to make some sort of a big pronouncement

and start scrambling and change it. We just want to hold out."

At this point, though, a lot of people are wondering what for. Especially since the sides are going public with their sniping, instead of keeping it private.

Union chief Donald Ferrell and management negotiator Chuck O'Connor spoke several times by telephone Tuesday, but Fehr said nothing of substance was discussed.

"I can't say we made any progress," O'Connor said.

The sides have not bargained since last Wednesday and there are no plans for them to get together.

President George Bush called on Tuesday for "both sides to get

the matter resolved so the American people can hear that cry 'Play ball' again."

"Yes, I'm a ball fan and I want to go to the opening game someplace," Bush said during a White House news conference. "Last year I went to the American League. This year I would like to go to the National League if possible."

Instead, baseball seems headed for its third shortened season in 17 years. And opening day seems certain to be delayed for just the second time.

The first 86 games of the 1972 season were cancelled by a strike. Not all of them were made up and it wound up making a difference as the Detroit Tigers won the AL East with an 86-70 record,

one-half game ahead of the Boston Red Sox's 85-70.

Brown said games would not be made up if more than two or three were cancelled from each club's 162-game schedule.

Management's six-owner player relations committee met by conference call and decided to allow minor league teams to play exhibition games in major league spring training ballparks.

Spring training communities had asked for this, and O'Connor said he thought some minor league teams would do so. He also cautioned that no one should mistake these for big league games, and said a portion of tickets would be given to charity.

Rose has humor about no baseball

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose is facing his first season out of baseball since 1963 with a sense of humor.

"I'm ready for it, the only difference is I think I'll have to pay to go to the games now," Rose said Tuesday during a news conference prior to a speech to about 1,200 supporters of Crossroads Rehabilitation Centre in Indianapolis.

"So I'll pay for my tickets, sit behind homeplate and the first guy that strikes out I'm going to boo."

Rose isn't laughing, however,

when he speaks of his bitterness toward former friends and associates who told baseball's investigators of his gambling habits.

"To see guys turn on me because of hearsay and because of something that wasn't true just really disappointed me. Guys that I thought were my so-called friends, and I won't forget that because it wasn't right."

"There's a little bitterness the way I was handled by some people, which really wasn't fair. That's still on the tip of my memory, so that's why I'm not really interested in going back and cooperating with all those people

like I did all those years as a player and all the years as a manager."

Baseball's career hit leader was banned for life from the sport last Aug. 24 for illegal gambling, but will be eligible to apply for reinstatement after one year.

He said he has made no decision on applying.

"I don't understand why August would be a good time to apply for reinstatement because what's available for an ex-baseball player in August?" Rose said. "The only job that would be available would be a team that's 35 games out of first place.

You're not going to be able to take over a first-place team."

A federal grand jury in Cincinnati is investigating Rose's taxes.

He now lives in Plant City, Fla., home of the Reds' spring training camp, and spends his days playing golf and working on his tan. He also plans to start a radio show in Cincinnati later this month.

"Golf's a perfect game for a guy that likes sunshine and has got a lot of time; I play golf every day," said Rose.

Rose said he is in no hurry to apply for reinstatement, but is anxious to get into the Hall.

The numbers game

Hockey

NHL CAMPBELL CONFERENCE				
Norris Division				
G	W	L	T	P
St. Louis	26	37	9	268
Chicago	25	36	8	248
Toronto	20	35	3	201
Minnesota	17	30	37	244
Detroit	17	26	33	12
Smyth Division				
Calgary	21	36	21	107
Edmonton	22	35	25	142
Winnipeg	21	34	29	127
Los Angeles	20	30	34	126
Quebec	22	31	33	128
Wales Conference				
Adams Division				
Boston	22	43	23	258
Buffalo	21	39	24	248
Montreal	21	37	26	256
Hartford	21	33	31	244
Quebec	20	31	25	215
Patrick Division				
NY Rangers	21	32	27	237
Washington	20	31	31	255
Pittsburgh	21	31	35	262
NY Islanders	21	31	35	291
Philadelphia	20	25	35	255
Tuesdays Results				
Montreal 4 Quebec 1	St. Louis 4 Washington 1	New Jersey 3 Minnesota 1	Detroit 3 Chicago 3	Hartford 1 Vancouver 0
Tonight's Games				
Los Angeles at Buffalo	Edmonton at Montreal	NY Rangers at Toronto	Philadelphia at New York	Washington at Pittsburgh

Habs 4 Islanders 2

First Period	
No scoring.	Penalties — Goranod NYI (cross-checking) 9:41, Odland MI (holding) 17:46.
Second Period	
1. Montreal, Glichist 8 (McPhee, Daigneault) 0:53	2. NY Islanders, Laxdal 2 (Sutter, Sutter) 19:42
3. NY Islanders, Laxdal 3 (Fleury, Sutter) 19:42	Penalty — Schneider MI (tripping) 6:58.
Third Period	
4. Montreal, Lemieux 6 (Corson, Schneider) 4:44 (pp)	5. Montreal, Corson 28 (Daigneault, Schneider) 15:26
6. Montreal, Corson 29 (Schneider, Skrudland) 19:24 (en)	Penalties — Goranod NYI (hooking) 2:49, Skrudland MI (high-sticking) 15:10.
Power-plays (goals-chances) — Montreal 1-2; NY Islanders 0-2.	
Referee — Dave Nowell. Linesmen — Mark Vines, Pierre Champoux.	
Attendance — 14,157.	
Oilers 4 Nordis 1	
First Period	
1. Edmonton, Graves 8 (Golina, Murphy) 2:43	2. Edmonton, Nima 25 (Anderson, Messier) 13:04
Penalties — Peil Oue (tripping) 10:40, Tikkanen Edm (holding) 15:07, G.Smith Edm, Forlier Oue (slashing) 15:31.	
Second Period	
3. Edmonton, Anderson 29 (Ruotsalainen, S. Smith) 9:03 (pp)	4. Quebec, Sanpase 5 (Loisel, Forlier) 14:03 (pp)
Penalties — Sevryn Oue (hooking) 7:46, Tikkanen Edm (tripping) 13:37, Ruotsalainen Edm (holding), Buchberger Edm (lighting, game misconduct), Vincelote Oue (lighting). Pen Oue (game misconduct) 18:59.	
Third Period	
5. Edmonton, Anderson 30 (Messier, S. Smith) 14:18 (pp)	Penalties — Marve Oue (elbowing) 8:13, Brown Edm (high-sticking) 19:43, Edmonson bench (too many men) 27:57, Murphy Edm (slashing) 19:54.
Power-plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton 2-3; Quebec 1-4.	
Referee — Mark Fausett. Linesmen — Gerard Gauthier, Dan McCourt.	
Attendance — 15,174.	
Blues 4 Capitals 1	
First Period	
1. St. Louis, Brind/Amour 25	

Whalers 1 Canucks 0

First Period	
No scoring.	Penalties — Butcher Vcr (elbowing) 6:53, Evason Hart (holding) 16:34, Lumsden Vcr (tripping) 17:08, Samuelsson Hart (slashing) 19:46.
Second Period	
No scoring.	Penalties — Kastelic Hart (slashing) 3:32, McBean Vcr (interference) 5:40, Jennings Hart (tripping) 8:30, Plavac Vcr (holding) 15:23, Conroy Hart (holding) 18:23.
Third Period	
1. Hartford, Kygler 16 (Verbeek, Francis) 8:34	Penalties — Verbeek Hart, Skirko Vcr (tripping) 2:19, Samuelsson Hart (holding) 5:22, Tomcik Hart (instigator, lighting), Sandiak Vcr (slashing, lighting) 8:09, Siem Vcr (charging) 8:58.
Shots on goal by — Hartford 9 4 6-18; Vancouver 9 4 6-18	
Goal — Hartford: Sidorkiwicz (W, 16-17-5); Vancouver: McLean (16-29-8).	
Power-plays (goals-chances) — Hartford 0-4; Vancouver 1-7.	
Referee — Andy van Holstend; Linesmen — Shane Heyer, Brad Lazarowich.	
Attendance — 14,837.	

Basketball

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
G	W	L	Pct	GBL
New York	39	23	.629	—
Philadelphia	38	25	.603	1 1/2
Boston	36	25	.590	2 1/2
Washington	24	39	.381	15 1/2
New Jersey	15	47	.242	24
Miami	14	49	.222	25 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	47	15	.758	—
Chicago	40	21	.656	6 1/2
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	14
Indiana	31	32	.492	16 1/2
Atlanta	29	33	.468	18 1/2
Cleveland	27	34	.443	19 1/2
Orlando	16	47	.254	31 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	45	18	.714	—
San Antonio	41	20	.672	3
Denver	34	28	.548	10 1/2
Dallas	32	28	.533	11 1/2
Houston	30	32	.484	14 1/2
Minnesota	16	45	.262	28
Charlotte	10	50	.167	33 1/2
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	47	14	.770	—
Portland	44	18	.710	3 1/2
Phoenix	42	19	.689	5
Seattle	37	30	.558	16
Golden St.	29	33	.468	24
LA Clippers	25	37	.403	27 1/2
Sacramento	19	43	.306	35 1/2
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NEW YORK (AP) — The 1989-90 Associated Press college basketball all-America teams, with height, class, school and key season-average statistics:				
FIRST TEAM				
Derrick Coleman, 6-10, senior, Syracuse, 18.1 ppg, 12.2 rpg, 2.1 blocks	Chris Jackson, 6-11, sophomore, LSU, 28.7 ppg, 3.2 apg, 90.8 ft pct.	Larry Johnson, 6-7, junior, UNLV, 20.9 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 62.1 ft pct.	Gary Payton, 6-4, senior, Oregon State, 26.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 8.3 apg, 3.5 steals.	Liesel Simmons, 6-7, senior, La Salle, 26.2 ppg, 11.1 rpg, 3.6 apg, 2.0 blocks.
SECOND TEAM				
Bo Kimble, 6-5, senior, Loyola Marymount, 35.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 55.0 ft pct.	Alonzo Mourning, 6-10, sophomore, Georgetown, 16.7 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 2.3 blocks.	Rumeal Robinson, 6-2, senior, Michigan, 18.9 ppg, 6.0 apg.	Dennis Scott, 6-8, junior, Georgia	

Curling

WHITEHORSE (CP) — Standings after the tenth round Tuesday at the Canadian senior men's and women's curling championships:				
MEN				
W	L	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10
B.C.	6	1	201 020 0-2	201 010 0-2
Saskatchewan	5	2	201 020 0-2	201 010 0-2
Alberta	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Manitoba	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Newfoundland	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
N.Ontario	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Quebec	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
N.B.	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Atlantic	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
P.E.I.	4	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
New Brunswick	2	5	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Nova Scotia	2	5	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Wales	1	6	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
WOMEN				
B.C.	4	2	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Manitoba	4	2	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
New Brunswick	4	2	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Ontario	4	2	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Alberta	3	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Newfoundland	3	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Quebec	3	3	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Nova Scotia	2	4	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Saskatchewan	2	4	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Territories	2	4	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
P.E.I.	1	5	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Wales	1	6	201 010 0-2	201 010 0-2
Tennis				
WEMDALEN, Sweden (AP) — Women's World Cup standings:				
WOMEN'S SINGLES				
1. Claudia Strobil, Austria, 108 points	2. Vreni Schneider, Switzerland, 100	3. Anke Huber, Austria, 87	4. Iva Lendl, Austria, 87	5. Karin Budnik, Austria, 87
Men's Singles				
1. Mats Wilander, Sweden, 50	2. Andrei Panatta, Italy, 48	3. Boris Becker, Germany, 48	4. Yannick Noah, France, 48	5. Ivan Lendl, Czechoslovakia, 48
WOMEN'S OVERALL				
1. Petra Kröner, Austria, 311 points	2. Anke Huber, Austria, 285	3. Maria Wallner, Switzerland, 212		