NUMBERS GAME

Hockey

WHL

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
East Division							
Swift Current	28	19	8	1	135	87	39
Brandon	28	18	9	1	124	85	37
Regina	26	15	11	0	130	92	30
Moose Jaw	28	11	14	3	97	95	25
Prince Albert	30	11	16	3	104	120	25
Saskatoon	27	5	21	1	88	142	11
Central Division							
Lethbridge	26	20	5	1	129	86	41
Red Deer	26	17	7	2	118	99	36
Medicine Hat	30	18	12	0	115	114	36
Calgary	28	6	20	2	78	141	14
Edmonton	25	6	19	0	81	147	12
West Division							
Portland	27	18	8	1	108	79	37
Seattle	29	14	12	3	118	106	31
Spokane	28	14	12	2	101	79	30
Prince George	31	13	16	2	108	127	28
Kamloops	29	11	14	4	109	114	26
Kelowna	24	12	12	0	103	97	24
Tri-City	26	5	17	4	64	100	14

Tuesday Results

Brandon 3 Saskatoon 2
Swift Current 8 Lethbridge 5
Medicine Hat 4 Edmonton 2
Moose Jaw 2 Prince Albert 1 (OT)
Portland 6 Tri-City 2
Kamloops 8 Prince George 2

Tonight's Games

Prince George at Kelowna
Moose Jaw at Saskatoon
Brandon at Swift Current
Calgary at Lethbridge
Medicine Hat at Red Deer
Seattle at Portland
Regina at Spokane

Thursday Games

No games scheduled

Cougars 2 Blazers 8

First Period

1. Prince George, Smith (Brewer, Roed) 7:37 (pp)
2. Kamloops, McNeil (Baines, Kinney) 10:28
3. Prince George, Hancock (Mehalko) 10:58

Penalties — Chara PG 2:12, Rota Ka 6:08, Smith PG 16:06.

Second Period

4. Kamloops, St. Croix (Razin) 4:13
5. Kamloops, Burt (Ainsworth) 5:03
6. Kamloops, Baines (McNeil, Razin) 14:12
7. Kamloops, Rota (Gainey, Albrecht) 15:33

Penalties — Kwiatkowski PG 0:19, Brewer PG 8:49, Petrovicky PG, Skrlac Ka 13:30.

Third Period

8. Kamloops, McNeil (Baines, Kinney) 6:09 (pp)
9. Kamloops, Kinney (St. Croix, Petruk) 8:10 (pp)
10. Kamloops, Ainsworth (McNeil, St. Croix) 14:39 (sh)

Penalties — Mehalko PG misconduct 0:48, Hancock PG 4:52, Petrovicky PG minor, major, Rota Ka major 6:56, Hancock PG misconduct 8:10, Scantlebury Ka 14:22, Kiesman PG 17:13.

Shots on goal by
Prince George 6 3 14—23
Kamloops 14 16 19—49

Goal — Mason, Prince George; Petruk, Kamloops.

Attendance — 5,187.

Hawks 6 Americans 2

First Period

1. Portland, Vesely (Standish, Ference) 4:52
2. Portland, Russell (Tetarenko, Podkonicky) 9:04 (pp)
3. Portland, Robinson (Isbister) 16:51

Penalties — Isbister Pd, Focht TC 4:13, Murray Pd, McCallum TC 4:36, Smith TC 5:52, Gervais TC 7:56, Morrow Pd 11:04, Popp Pd 12:15, McKay TC 15:36, Morrow Pd 15:55, McCallum TC 18:08, Ference Pd double minor, Lapeyre TC 19:50.

Second Period

4. Portland, Podkonicky (Standish) 1:49 (sh)
5. Tri-Cities, Stahl (Ascroft, Sakal) 12:35 (pp)
6. Portland, Davidson (Podkonicky, Haupt) 17:08 (pp)

Penalties — Isbister Pd, Komarniski TC 3:54, Standish Pd double minor, Smith TC 4:45, Tetarkenko Pd, Legault TC majors 7:15, Horning Pd 10:56, Ference Pd 12:35, Flynn TC 15:28, Russell Pd, Ference Pd, Gervais TC, Smith TC majors, game misconducts, Robinson Pd game misconduct, Tetarenko Pd, Lapeyre TC majors, Isbister Pd minor, misconduct, Anderson TC double minor, misconduct 16:39, Vesely Pd 17:50.

Third Period

7. Tri-Cities, Hurley (Komarniski 1:19
8. Portland, Morrow (Podkonicky) 7:19

Penalties — Jones-Parry Pd 12:19, Popp Pd, Stahl TC 12:54, Duncan Pd 15:06, Popp Pd, Legault TC majors 17:47, Jones-Parry Pd major, Lapeyre TC minor, major 18:26, Tetarenko Pd 18:51.

Shots on goal by Portland 13 10 9—32
Tri-Cities 7 10 7—24

Goal — LaBarbera, Portland; Baker, Tri-Cities.

Attendance — 3,085.

Wheaties 3 Blades 2

First Period

1. Saskatoon, Rempel (Johnston, Gaucher) 12:54 (pp)

Penalties — Sonnenberg Sa 3:40, Tetrault Br 11:10, Woitas Br (minor, major), Nedjelski Sa (major) 13:52, Goldade Br 17:00, Aitken Br, Rempel Sa (majors) 18:57, Tetrault Br, Sarich Sa 20:00.

Second Period

2. Saskatoon, Bonni (Cusson, Werner) 4:13
3. Brandon, Cyrenne (Schaefer, Unterluggaer) 6:29 (pp)
4. Brandon, Kurtz (Schaefer, Cherneski) 16:15 (pp)

Penalties — Gaucher Sa 4:33, Steenbergen Sa 11:28, Rempel Sa 15:22, Rempel Sa (misconduct) 16:15.

Third Period

5. Brandon, Schaefer (Unterlugguaer, Cherneski) 19:31

Penalties — Cyrenne Br 2:31, Gaucher Sa, Goldade Br (double minor) 13:24.

Shots on goal by: Brandon 5 21 13 — 39
Saskatoon 15 4 6 — 25

Goal — Haun, Brandon; Cockell, Saskatoon.

Attendance — 2,841

Hurricanes 5 Broncos 8

First Period

1. Lethbridge, Salvador (Josephson, O'Grady) 2:18
2. Lethbridge, Josephson (Ritchie, Taylor) 14:44
3. Swift Current, Sopel (Larsen, St. Louis) 19:58 (pp)

Penalties— Severson L 6:32, Severson L, Smith L misconduct, Szysky SC, Kirwan SC misconduct 9:47, Josephson L 12:02, Salvador L, Szysky SC majors 15:15, O'Grady L, Arbez SC majors 15:20, Purinton L 19:03.

Second Period

4. Swift Current, Varlamov (St. Louis) 3:03
5. Lethbridge, Ritchie (Law, Purinton) 5:47 (pp)
6. Swift Current, Sopel (St. Louis, Varlamov) 7:38
7. Swift Current, Varlamov (St. Louis, Henkelman) 15:15
8. Lethbridge, Brigley 17:35 (sh)
9. Swift Current, Szysky (Perry, Arbez) 18:21 (pp)

Penalties— Tobler SC 3:50, Henkelman SC 4:09, Drummond SC 8:59, Ritchie L 10:37, Purinton L, Beagle SC 16:09, Salvador L, Ritchie L misconduct 16:49.

Third Period

10. Swift Current, Arbez (St. Louis, Henkelman) 5:23 (pp)
11. Swift Current, Perry 10:16
12. Lethbridge, Josephson (Ritchie, Salvador) 15:14 (pp)
13. Swift Current, Perry (Kirwan, Sopel) 17:35 (pp)

Penalties— Josephson L 3:24, Smith L 4:19, Arbez SC 13:15, Lethbridge bench (served by Cameron) 16:26, Beagle SC 19:02.

Shots on goal by
Lethbridge 7 18 10 — 35
Swift Current 10 10 9 — 29

Goal—Lethbridge: Hoople. Swift Current: Friesen.

Attendance—1,798.

Tigers 4 Ice 2

First Period

1. Edmonton, Kachur (Dewaele) 15:13

Penalties— Norrie E 1:46, Green MH 2:21, Wasyluk MH 8:59, Dubinsky E 12:38, Svangstu MH, Norrie E (majors) 15:32, Polak MH (minor, misconduct) 15:41, Zorn E 17:56.

Second Period

2. Edmonton, Burt (Dewaele) 7:13
3. Medicine Hat, Huppe (Buchko) 19:21

Penalties— St. Martin MH 2:55, Dubinsky E 8:28, Dubinsky E (misconduct) 12:04, Green MH 13:08, Toor E 14:01, Green MH 15:30, Holland MH 19:56.

Missed penalty shot— Wasyluk MH 8:11.

Third Period

4. Medicine Hat, Wasyluk (St. Martin) 5:07 (sh)
5. Medicine Hat, McDonald (Kuster, Obsut) 9:32
6. Medicine Hat, Chimera (Wasyluk) 10:22

Penalties— Wilchynski MH (minor, major, game misconduct), Penny E 3:16, Polak MH, Henderson E 6:26, Burt E 7:31, Chimera MH, Cabana E (misconduct) 13:08, Hendersson E 18:42.

Shots on goal by Medicine Hat 6 8 7—21
Edmonton 8 4 7—19

Goal—Medicine Hat: Schwartz; Edmonton: Winters.

Attendance—1,773.

Raiders 1 Warriors 2 OT

First Period

1. Moose Jaw, Robertson (Twerdun, Laplante) 15:18 (pp)

Penalties— Flaman PA 4:16, Brunel PA major, Lynch MJ minor, major 8:26, Pratt PA 9:28, Jacobson PA 14:46, Van Drunen PA, Laplante MJ 16:35.

Second Period

No scoring.

Penalties— Issel PA, Laplante MJ 1:12, Hogue PA 4:26, Kubina MJ 7:28, Morgan PA, Sotiropoulos MJ majors 11:39, Baker PA 17:43, Prince Albert bench (served by Botterill) 20:00.

Third Period

2. Prince Albert, Issel (Jacobson) 10:18

Penalties— Menhart PA, Twerdun MJ majors 1:19, Cihak MJ 4:45, Willis PA, Kubina MJ 16:05.

Overtime

3. Moose Jaw, Low (T. Johnson) 2:45

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by Prince Albert 7 9 11 0 — 27
Moose Jaw 12 11 8 4 — 35

Goal—Prince Albert: Russell. Moose Jaw: Nunweiler.

Attendance—1,690.

CHL Rankings

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian Hockey League rankings, including games of Nov. 24, listing teams, leagues, records and previous rankings in parentheses:

1. Ottawa 67's, OHL (18-3-2) (2)
2. Lethbridge Hurricanes, WHL (20-4-1) (1)
3. Sarnia Sting, OHL (16-4-3) (3)
4. Granby Predateurs, QMJHL (19-7-2) (5)
5. Guelph Storm, OHL (15-5-2) (4)
6. Swift Current Broncos, WHL (18-8-1) (7)
7. Red Deer Rebels, WHL (17-7-2) (6)
8. Brandon Wheat Kings, WHL (17-9-1) (10)
8. Hull Olympiques, QMJHL (18-11-0) (NR)
10. Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, OHL (15-8-3) (9)

Prospects Game

TORONTO (CP) — A list of potential players for the Canadian Hockey League top prospects game Feb. 12 in Toronto, as identified by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau (with position, team and league). Teams will be selected in January:

Scott Barney, C, Peterborough (OHL)
Karol Bartanus, RW, Drummondville (QMJHL)
Nicholas Boynton, D, Ottawa (OHL)
Eric Brewer, D, Prince George (WHL)
Stefan Cherneski, RW, Brandon (WHL)
Daniel Cleary, LW, Belleville (OHL)
Adam Colagiacomo, RW, London (OHL)
Benoit Cote, C, Shawinigan (QMJHL)
Brad Ference, D, Spokane (WHL)
Roberto Luongo, G, Val-d'Or (QMJHL)
Paul Mara, D, Sudbury (OHL)
Patrick Marleau, C, Seattle (WHL)
Alexandre Mathieu, C, Halifax (QMJHL)
Jarrett Smith, C, Prince George (WHL)
Daniel Tkaczuk, C, Barrie (OHL)
Joe Thornton, C, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
Didier Tremblay, D, Halifax (QMJHL)
Jason Ward, RW/C, Erie (OHL)

BCHL

	W	L	SL	GF	GA	Pts
Coastal Division						
SouthSurrey	21	3	2	178	66	44
CowichanValley	17	11	1	122	90	35
Victoria	16	13	0	111	121	32
Chilliwack	15	9	0	110	101	30
PowellRiver	14	15	1	98	130	29
Nanaimo	13	12	0	112	118	26
Langley	11	16	1	120	135	23
Interior Division						
Trail	18	7	1	132	98	37
Vernon	16	7	3	136	97	35
PrinceGeorge	12	16	1	113	143	25
Merritt	11	12	1	75	100	23
Penticton	10	16	1	120	123	21
Quesnel	3	27	1	100	205	7

NOTE: One point awarded for shootout loss (SL)

Tuesday Games

Penticton 5 at Trail 9
Cowichan Valley 2 at Victoria 4

RMJHL

Castlegar 9 Creston 8 (SO)

Hockey

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts	Home	Away	P10	Vs West	GF PG	GA PG
Dallas	22	14	7	1	64	52	29	7-3-1	7-4-0	5-4-1	11-6-0	2.91	2.36
Detroit	24	13	8	3	70	45	29	8-3-1	5-5-2	6-3-1	6-6-2	2.91	1.88
Chicago	24	11	10	3	64	59	25	5-7-0	6-3-3	4-5-1	8-7-3	2.67	2.46
St. Louis	23	12	11	0	72	70	24	7-5-0	5-6-0	7-3-0	11-6-0	3.13	3.04
Toronto	23	10	13	0	70	79	20	8-5-0	2-8-0	3-7-0	7-8-0	3.04	3.44
Phoenix	22	6	12	4	50	66	16	3-7-4	3-5-0	1-6-3	4-8-1	2.27	3.00
PACIFIC DIVISION													
Colorado	24	15	5	4	91	50	34	8-1-3	7-4-1	7-1-2	12-3-2	3.79	2.08
Edmonton	24	12	11	1	87	75	25	6-4-1	6-7-0	5-4-1	7-9-1	3.63	3.13
Vancouver	21	12	9	0	62	63	24	7-4-0	5-5-0	6-4-0	8-5-0	2.95	3.00
Los Angeles	22	9	10	3	59	72	21	5-3-1	4-7-2	5-3-2	3-6-1	2.80	3.42
Calgary	24	9	13	2	60	69	20	5-6-0	4-7-2	2-7-1	6-11-2	2.50	2.88
San Jose	23	7	12	4	58	77	18	3-5-2	4-7-2	2-7-1	6-8-0	2.52	3.34
Anaheim	23	6	13	4	62	80	16	4-7-2	2-6-2	4-4-2	6-8-2	2.70	3.48

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts	Home	Away	Past 10	Vs East	GF PG	GA PG
Florida	23	15	3	5	74	46	35	8-2-2	7-1-3	7-2-1	10-3-3	3.22	2.00
Washington	22	12	9	1	66	60	25	6-3-1	6-6-0	7-2-1	11-5-1	3.00	2.73
Philadelphia	24	12	11	1	65	64	25	5-6-1	7-5-0	5-4-1	7-8-0	2.71	2.67
New Jersey	20	11	8	1	50	52	23	7-4-1	4-4-0	7-3-0	7-6-1	2.50	2.60
NY Rangers	25	8	13	4	79	76	20	4-6-1	4-7-3	2-7-1	5-8-4	3.16	3.04
Tampa Bay	20	7	11	2	62	66	16	2-5-2	5-6-0	2-7-1	6-8-1	3.10	3.30
NY Islanders	21	4	9	8	52	63	16	3-5-2	1-4-6	2-4-4	3-4-3	2.47	3.00
NORTHEAST DIVISION													
Hartford	20	10	6	4	60	60	24	7-3-1	3-3-3	5-3-2	6-2-4	3.00	3.00
Montreal	24	10	11	3	89	89	23	7-2-2	3-9-1	5-5-0	3-6-1	3.71	3.71
Buffalo	22	10	11	1	62	67	21	6-3-0	4-8-1	4-5-1	5-6-0	2.95	3.19
Boston	21	8	9	4	59	68	20	4-7-3	4-2-1	4-4-2	4-4-3	2.81	3.24
Ottawa	20	6	8	6	55	60	18	4-3-4	2-5-2	3-5-2	4-6-4	2.75	3.00
Pittsburgh	21	7	13	1	65	81	15	6-2-0	1-11-1	5-4-1	4-10-1	3.10	3.86

TUESDAY RESULTS

Boston 2 Philadelphia 0; Florida 4 Buffalo 3; Toronto 3 Vancouver 2; NY Rangers 3 Phoenix 1; Edmonton 10 Calgary 1.

MONDAY RESULTS

Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 2.

Today's Games

	TV	Season Series	Las Vegas Line
Vancouver at Hartford, 4 p.m.		0-0	Hartford ½-1
Toronto at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.		Toronto 1-0	Detroit 1½-2
Philadelphia at NY Islanders, 4:30 p.m.	SCNY	New York 2-0	Philadelphia ½-1
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.		0-0	Pittsburgh ½-1
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.		Tampa Bay 1-0	Tampa Bay even-½
Ottawa at Washington, 4:30 p.m.		0-0	Washington 1-1½
New Jersey at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.		Dallas 1-0	Dallas even-½
NY Rangers at Colorado, 6 p.m.	ESPN2, MSGN	0-0	Colorado 1-1½
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 6:30 p.m.		Edmonton 1-0	Edmonton ½-1
St. Louis at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.		St.Louis 1-0	Anaheim even-½
Chicago at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.	SCCH	San Jose 1-0	Chicago even-½

THURSDAY GAMES

New Jersey at Phoenix, 4 p.m.; Los Angeles at Calgary, 6:30 p.m.

Scoring Leaders

Unofficial NHL scoring leaders after Tuesday games:

	G	A	P
Forsberg, Col	11	24	35
Sakic, Col	10	25	35
Koivu, Mtl	11	22	33
Sundin, Tor	14	18	32
Yzerman, Det	9	23	32
Selanne, Ana	13	16	29
Recchi, Mtl	12	17	29
Gretzky, NYR	9	19	28
Lemieux, Pgh	9	18	27
Ozolinsh, Col	8	18	26
Leetch, NYR	7	19	26
Jagr, Pgh	18	7	25
Amonte, Chi	15	9	24
Savage, Mtl	11	13	24
Arnott, Edm	9	15	24
Francis, Pgh	6	18	24
Weight, Edm	5	19	24
Palffy, NYI	13	10	23
Messier, NYR	12	11	23
Bondra, Was	9	14	23
Kamensky, Col	9	14	23
Nolan, SJ	9	14	23

Oilers 10 Flames 1

First Period

1. Edmonton, Marchant 6, 1:54
2. Edmonton, McGillis 1 (Mironov, McAmmond) 18:01 (pp)

Penalties — Richardson Edm (hooking), Arnott Edm, Simpson Cal (fighting) 3:53, Gagner Cal (hooking) 4:14, Allison Cal (roughing) 9:38, Weight Edm (double high-sticking) 10:31, McGillis Edm (holding) 15:14, Chiasson Cal (holding) 17:16.

Second Period

3. Edmonton, Lindgren 2 (Murray) 1:55 (sh)
4. Edmonton, Marchment 2 (Satan, Norton) 4:44 (pp)
5. Edmonton, Czerkawski 9 (Weight, Smyth) 12:53

Penalties — Czerkawski Edm (slashing) 0:32, Simpson Cal (hooking) 3:05, Titov Cal (hooking) 5:28, Huscroft Cal (roughing) 14:24, Norton Edm, Grier Edm, Hulse Cal, Huscroft Cal (roughing) 19:49.

Third Period

6. Edmonton, Weight 5, 2:44
7. Edmonton, McAmmond 6 (Richardson) 5:45 (pp)
8. Edmonton, Satan 8 (Richardson, Lindgren) 14:54
9. Calgary, Gagner 9 (Millen) 15:51
10. Edmonton, Kovalenko 12 (McAmmond) 16:20
11. Edmonton, Buchberger 1 (Grier, Marchant) 19:30

Penalties — Chiasson Cal (roughing) 4:26, Richardson Edm, Allison Cal (roughing) 8:40, Hlushko Cal (hooking) 12:33, Fleury Cal (slashing) 13:06.

Shots on goal by
Edmonton 5 139—27
Calgary 8 179—34

Goalies (shots-saves) — Edmonton: Joseph (W,11-9-1); Calgary: Kidd (L,7-7-1) (10-6), Roloson (5:01 second, 17-11).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 4-9; Calgary: 0-5.

Referee — Dan Marouelli. **Linesmen** — Swede Knox, Mark Wheler.

Attendance — 17,146.

NYR 3 Coyotes 1

1. NY Rangers, Messier 10 (Kovalev, Driver) 7:29 (pp)
2. NY Rangers, Messier 11 (Beukeboom, Leetch) 12:44

Penalties — Gartner Phx (tripping) 6:12, McKenzie Phx, Langdon NYR (fighting) 10:10.

Second Period

3. Phoenix, Tkachuk 7 (Ronning) 19:03

Penalties — Gretzky NYR (tripping) 7:38, Leetch NYR (interference) 11:34.

Third Period

4. NY Rangers, Messier 12 (Graves) 19:46 (en)

Penalties — Kovalev NYR (boarding) 17:34.

Shots on goal by
NY Rangers 18 96—33
Phoenix 11 1611—38

Goal — NY Rangers: Richter (W,7-9-1); Phoenix: Khabibulin (L,4-11-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — NY Rangers: 1-1; Phoenix: 0-3.

Referee — Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Jay Sharrers, Shane Heyer.

Attendance — 16,210.

Canucks 2 Leafs 3

First Period

1. Toronto, Clark 12 (Murphy, Gilmour) 7:41 (pp)
2. Toronto, Hendrickson 2 (Muller, Domi) 9:49
3. Vancouver, Linden 5 (Walker) 12:50
4. Toronto, Sundin 14 (Berezin, Macoun) 13:28

Penalties — Brashear Vcr, Craighead Tor (fighting) 6:36, Aucoin Vcr (interference) 7:21, Ware Tor (holding) 14:33.

Second Period

No scoring.

Penalty — Gilmour, Tor (interference) 19:41.

Third Period

5. Vancouver, Roberts 3 (Walker, Linden) 19:14

Penalties — Roberts, Vcr (tripping) 4:04, Hedican Vcr (interference) 4:51, Modin Tor (interference) 9:14, Macoun Tor (slashing) 10:45.

Shots on goal by
Vancouver 6 99—24
Toronto 11 77—25

Goal — Vancouver: Hirsch (L,6-4); Toronto: Cousineau (W,1-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-4; Toronto: 1-3.

Referee — Bill McCreary. **Linesmen** — Mark Pare, Ray Scapinello.

Attendance — 15,726.

Flyers 0 Bruins 2

First Period

No scoring.

Penalties — Podein Pha (interference) 6:18, McLaren Bos (interference) 11:53, Wilson Bos (hooking) 15:17.

Second Period

1. Boston, Oates 9 (Kennedy, DiMaio) 1:27
2. Boston, McLaren 2 (Stumpel, Heinze) 13:26

Penalties — Therien Pha (holding) 3:42, Heinze Bos (hooking) 17:02.

Third Period

No scoring.

Penalties — Kennedy Bos (boarding) 1:18, Kordic Pha (elbowing) 5:09, Heinze Bos (tripping) 8:43, LeClair Pha (hooking) 9:43.

Shots on goal by
Philadelphia 14 119—34
Boston 8 98—25

Goal — Philadelphia: Snow (L,2-4-1); Boston: Ranford (W,8-5-4).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia: 0-5; Boston: 0-4.

Referee — Terry Gregson. **Linesmen** — Ron Asselstine, Brian Murphy.

Attendance — 14,915.

Sabres 3 Panthers 4

First Period

1. Buffalo, Brown 3 (Ward, Audette) 7:42

Penalties — Burridge Buf (holding) 1:16, Shannon Buf (cross-checking) 19:49.

Second Period

2. Buffalo, Ward 2 (Zhitnik, Burridge) 3:13 (pp)
3. Florida, Sheppard 9 (Svehla) 10:48
4. Florida, Sheppard 10 (Mellanby, Straka) 13:10 (pp)

Penalties — Murphy Fla (hooking) 2:08, Mellanby Fla (high-sticking) 6:50, Burridge Buf (hooking) 7:52, Peca Buf (roughing) 11:44, Wells Fla (interference) 14:21, McKee Buf (cross-checking) 14:57, Ward Buf (hooking) 17:09.

Third Period

5. Florida, Svehla 3 (Mellanby, Lindsay) 1:01
6. Florida, Sheppard 11 (Lowry, Gustafsson) 7:09 (pp)
7. Buffalo, Barnaby 5 (Galley, Plante) 15:18

Penalties — Svehla Fla (tripping) 2:57, Ray Buf (high-sticking, slashing) 5:57, Straka Fla (tripping) 13:14.

Shots on goal by
Buffalo 7 88—23
Florida 9 1212—33

Goalies (shots-saves) — Buffalo: Trefilov (21-19), Hasek (L,10-9-1) (0:00 third, 12-10); Florida: Vanbiesbrouck (W,11-2-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Buffalo: 1-5; Florida: 2-8.

Referee — Lance Roberts. **Linesmen** — Dan McCourt, Jean Morin.

Attendance — 14,703.

Most Improved Teams

TORONTO (CP) — A ranking of NHL clubs, showing the most improved after 20 games this season compared to last season (with this season's record and last year's record in brackets and the point differential over last season):

Calgary (9-9-2, 3-13-4)	+10
San Jose (7-9-4, 2-14-4)	+10
Vancouver (12-8-0, 5-9-6)	+8
Dallas (13-6-1, 8-7-5)	+6
Ottawa (6-8-6, 6-14-0)	+6
Hartford (10-6-4, 9-10-1)	+5
NY Islanders (4-9-7, 4-13-3)	+4
St. Louis (11-9-0, 8-10-2)	+4
Edmonton (9-1-0, 5-10-5)	+3
Chicago (10-8-2, 9-8-3)	+1
New Jersey (11-8-1, 10-8-2)	+1
Colorado (13-4-3, 13-4-3)	0
Florida (12-3-5, 14-5-1)	0
Tampa Bay (7-11-2, 6-10-4)	0
Washington (10-9-1, 10-9-1)	0
Boston (7-9-4, 8-9-3)	-1
Buffalo (9-10-1, 9-9-2)	-1
Detroit (11-7-2, 12-6-2)	-2
Los Angeles (9-8-3, 10-5-5)	-4
Philadelphia (10-10-0, 10-6-4)	-4
Phoenix (6-11-3, 9-9-2)	-5
Montreal (7-10-3, 12-8-0)	-7
Toronto (9-11-0, 11-6-3)	-7
NY Rangers (6-10-4, 11-7-2)	-8
Anaheim (4-13-3, 10-10-0)	-9
Pittsburgh (6-13-1, 12-5-3)	-14

IHL

Detroit 5 Quebec 1
Las Vegas 5 Utah 4 (SO)
Orlando 7 San Antonio 4

AHL

Worcester 6 Fredericton 1

ECHL

Peoria 3 Wheeling 0
South Carolina 6 Knoxville 5 (SO)
Tallahassee 3 Louisiana 2

Central

Macon 6 Nashville 1

Colonial

Port Huron 5 Quad City 4 (SO)

OHL

Sault Ste. Marie 5 London 2

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	10	4	.714	—
Orlando	6	3	.667	1½
New York	8	5	.615	1½
Washington	7	6	.538	2½
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4½
Boston	3	8	.273	5½
New Jersey	2	7	.222	5½
Central Division				
Chicago	13	1	.929	—
Detroit	10	2	.833	2
Cleveland	9	3	.750	3
Charlotte	7	5	.583	5
Atlanta	8	6	.571	5
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	5½
Indiana	3	8	.273	8½
Toronto	3	9	.250	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	13	1	.929	—
Utah	9	2	.818	2½
Minnesota	5	7	.417	7
Denver	5	9	.357	8
Dallas	4	9	.308	8½
San Antonio	2	11	.154	10½
Vancouver	2	12	.143	11
Pacific Division				
Seattle	12	3	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	10	5	.667	2
Portland	8	6	.571	3½
L.A. Clippers	6	7	.462	5
Sacramento	5	9	.357	6½
Golden State	3	10	.231	8
Phoenix	0	13	.000	11

Tuesday Results

Sacramento 98 Toronto 87
Atlanta 101 Vancouver 80
Charlotte 97 Seattle 89
L.A. Lakers 100 Philadelphia 88
Houston 102 Portland 101
Dallas 105 San Antonio 101
Denver 117 Phoenix 108
Miami 107 Golden State 88

Tonight's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 4:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 5 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Games

Sacramento at Indiana, 4:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

U.S. College Poll

The top 25 teams in The USA Today-CNN coaches college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Cincinnati (16)	1-0	731	2
2. Kansas (12)	1-0	717	1
3. Wake Forest (1)	1-0	666	3
4. Utah	1-0	621	5
5. Duke	2-0	507	10
6. Villanova (1)	0-0	506	8
7. Michigan	0-0	450	9
8. Kentucky	0-1	436	4
9. Clemson	2-0	420	17
10. Arizona	1-0	412	16
11. Syracuse	1-0	370	12
12. North Carolina	0-1	332	7
13. Texas	1-0	292	15
14. Stanford	0-0	283	14
15. Iowa St.	0-0	281	11
16. Massachusetts	0-0	264	13
17. Indiana	3-0	260	24
18. UCLA	0-1	258	6
19. Fresno St.	1-0	216	19
20. Arkansas	1-0	205	18
21. Tulsa	2-0	184	—
22. New Mexico	3-0	164	22
23. Iowa	1-0	160	20
24. Boston College	1-0	139	21
25. George Washington	2-0	115	—

Others receiving votes: Tulane 110, Minnesota 106, Temple 63, South Carolina 57, Providence 49, Marquette 46, Louisville 43, Purdue 43, Connecticut 35, Georgetown 22, Illinois 22, Texas A&M 20, Florida State 18, Rhode Island 18, Auburn 12, Georgia Tech 11, Missouri 11, Penn State 9, California 7, Delaware 7, Evansville 7, Ark.-Little Rock 6, Miami (Ohio) 6, New Orleans 5, Old Dominion 5, Virginia 5, Illinois State 4, South Alabama 3, Southeastern Louisiana 2, Virginia Tech 2, Boston U. 1, Detroit M