

Kings sit on throne after first victory

By The Associated Press
 Sooner or later, the Edmonton Oilers were bound to lose. And sooner or later, the Los Angeles Kings had to win. And both happened when they played each other Thursday night in the National Hockey League.

The Kings, who took an 0-4-2 record into the game, got a four-goal, two-assist performance from Bernie Nicholls in routing the Wayne Gretzky-led Oilers 7-2.

EDMONTON won its first seven games of the season and would have tied an NHL record for the fastest start by beating Los Angeles.

"We wanted the record very badly," said Gretzky. "This team has done well the last five years. We've set a lot of individual records. This would have been a great team record."

But the 1934-35 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975-76 Buffalo Sabres remained the only teams to win their first eight games as Nicholls, a 22-year-old center, scored the

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game's first two goals within a 2:57 span late in the first period.

Flyers 3, Bruins 3
 In Philadelphia, the Flyers trailed 3-1 in the third period before rallying to tie on goals by Brian Propp and Ron Sutter.

Craig MacTavish scored on a 30-foot shot 1:33 into the third period to give Boston its 3-1 lead. But Propp scored a minute later from a difficult angle and Sutter tied it at 13:52 by putting a rebound past Bruins goalie Doug Keans.

Canadiens 5, North Stars 4
 Doug Wickenheiser scored 1:35 into overtime to lift Montreal. The Canadiens had trailed 3-0 early in the third period before rallying in Minnesota.

Mark Napier scored at 1:33 to make it 3-1, but Minnesota's Neal Broten tallied at 4:55 to put the North Stars ahead 4-1.

Montreal was playing with a two-man advantage when Guy Carbonneau scored at 7:22.



MONTREAL goaltender Rick Wamsley smothers a shot by Minnesota's Brad Maxwell in Thursday's game at the Met Center. (AP)

Monroeville runners cop Firelands title

MONROEVILLE — Host Monroeville placed three runners in the top 10 to capture the Firelands Conference cross country championship Tuesday at Marsch Park.

Monroeville finished with 57 points, way ahead of New London with 100 and Black River with 102 in the 10-team field.

Ron Farmer was third in 16:56, Jeff Morrow fourth in 17:06 and Tony Good 10th in 17:26 for the Eagles.

FIRELANDS CONFERENCE
 At Monroeville Marsch Park
 Team Standings
 Monroeville 57, New London 100, Black River 102, South Central 106, Ashland Crestview 127, Plymouth 128, Western reserve 151, Norwalk St. Paul 157, Edison 215, Ashland Mapleton 252

Top 10 Individual
 David Poole, St. Paul, 16:21, Loren Kranz, Plymouth, 16:45, Ron Farmer, Monroeville, 16:56, Jeff Morrow, Monroeville, 17:06, Eric Benson, Black River, 17:04, John Rook, Black River, 17:12, Shane Montgomery, South Central, 17:18, Bobby Matthews, New London, 17:19, Roger Reel, Edison, 17:22, Tony Good, Monroeville, 17:26

Reader's Sportscope

Chronicle-Telegram:
 I would like to thank all of the people involved with the North Coast Cycling Championship.

As a citizen racer in this championship I have watched the interest in bicycle racing grow over the four race series. I have enjoyed being part of this growth as well.

In my opinion the best race was the fourth and final race at the Apple Festival. Not only because I live in Elyria or the beautiful day we had, but also the very good cooperation from the city police department.

I wish to thank the officers of the Elyria Police Dept. for providing the extra protection of a closed course for the racers.

I think I speak for all of the racers in saying: Our helmets are off to these fine people who serve us all.

To all involved with the N.C.C.C. I thank you again.

Jim Wormwood
 Elyria

Yellow Jackets look to keep top division spot

BEREA — Baldwin-Wallace College's football team travels to Capital University Saturday in search of its third straight Ohio Athletic Conference Red Division win.

Currently, the Yellow Jackets are alone at the top of the division after beating Mount Union, 28-19, last Saturday at Finnie Stadium. The Crusaders were upset by Muskingum by a 30-21 count, resulting in a four-way tie for second place in the division.

'JACKET head coach Bob Packard would like nothing better than to repeat last year's

B-W sports

22-0 shutout of the Columbus-based school. The Yellow Jackets hold an 11-3 series advantage over the Crusaders, whose last win over a B-W team was in 1971.

Juniors Brian Moore and John Price will lead the B-W offensive attack Saturday as they have done throughout much of the current season.

Moore has completed an even 100 of 162 pass attempts for almost 1,000 yards while Price has gained 299 rushing yards for

the defending OAC champions. Price became the first B-W player to rush for more than 100 yards in a game in the win over the Purple Raiders as he picked up 112 yards in 17 carries and scored three TD's.

CAPITAL will counter with its own balanced offense led by quarterback Bryan Haenzel and runningbacks Tim Brady and Keith Palm. Placekicker Manny Matsakis is also a weapon that Crusader coach Gene Slaughter will not be afraid to call upon should the situation call for it.

"This game should be a real challenge for us," said Packard when asked what to expect from

this meeting with Cap. "We will have to control their offense and not give up the big play. And we will have to run our 'Run and Shoot' offense well because they have a very solid and well-coordinated defense."

IN OTHER B-W fall sports, the men's cross country team recently finished seventh overall of 32 teams entered in this year's All-Ohio Meet at Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware. The squad took second place in the college division. Elyria Catholic graduate Bill Kukučka is the top runner for Coach Paul Adams.

Later this month, Adams and

his forces will be out to capture their third straight Ohio Athletic Conference championship before attempting to make it three titles in a row in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in early November.

First-year coach Jack Mar has improved the Yellow Jacket soccer program so well that the team has posted the most wins in several years. The team is currently 3-8-1 with four games remaining on its 1983 schedule.

Baldwin-Wallace's volleyball team, under the tutelage of Marcia French, is currently ranked third in the Mid-West Region of Division III schools.

'Gipper' speech tries to stir Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind (AP) — The voice that urged beleaguered Notre Dame football players to "Win one for the Gipper" will try to rouse the Fighting Irish once more tonight.

A taped message by actor Pat O'Brien, who died last Saturday at age 83, will be played at a downtown pep rally in South Bend sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Club of St. Joseph Valley.

O'Brien, whose most famous role was that of Notre Dame football Coach Knute Rockne in the 1940 film "Knute Rockne, All-American," will exhort the Fighting Irish to beat Southern California in Saturday's game against the Trojans.

IN THE Rockne film biography, which also starred Ronald Reagan as the dying Irish football star George Gipp, O'Brien gave an impassioned locker room speech to his team to "Win one for the Gipper."

O'Brien and Reagan, long-time friends, were reunited at Notre Dame in 1981 when each received an honorary doctorate from the school.

"It's almost like win one for Pat now," said Lyn Leone, president of the alumni club.

The audio tape will be played at a town pep rally tonight at the Century Center, a downtown convention center. The rally, which is free, starts at 8 p.m. EST.

MEMBERS of the Notre Dame football squad and coaching staff, cheerleaders and the team's leprechaun mascot also will be on hand for the pep rally.



PAT O'BRIEN ...movie role stirs Irish

In planning a rally big enough to match the tension and excitement of the annual Notre Dame-Southern Cal game, Leone said she began searching for celebrities with Notre Dame connections.

O'Brien was the obvious choice.

Although he had been sick and could not attend the game and rally, he made every effort to send an appropriate message. He volunteered to tape the message that will be played, Leone said.

A moment of silence for O'Brien will be observed before Saturday's kickoff.

Also expected to attend the weekend festivities are Chicago White Sox slugger Greg Luzinski, once a Notre Dame student, and ABC sportscaster Chris Schenkel, an Indiana native.

Indianapolis 500 winner Tom Sneva has sent a good luck message from Mexico, where he is racing.

Buckeyes relegated to role of spoilers

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Then this week, outside linebacker Curt Curtis, who leads the team in sacks with five and tackles for a loss with 12, was sidelined for the rest of the season after severely lacerating his calf muscle when he ran through a plate glass door.

This seemingly jinxed, confused squad could be the first full four-year Buckeye recruiting group to not earn a Rose Bowl bid since the pact between the Big Ten and Pac-10 was sealed in 1947.

When Earle Bruce rounded up his first recruiting class after replacing Woody Hayes as coach, it was suspected Ohio State's 1983 team might pan out to be the best in the nation.

Broadnax, despite his size (252 pounds) and pre-season acclaim as a "bonafide All-American," has been relegated mostly to a blocking back for Byars.

Broadnax said he doesn't think it is a case of the rest of the Big Ten closing the gap on Michigan and Ohio State in talent, as some have rationalized.

"I don't think there's anyone really yet up to our level," he said. "It's just that I think we've fallen down to their level. We haven't played a decent game since we beat Oklahoma, and we've got to find out why that is."

The Buckeyes are listed as 25-point picks over Michigan State, which upset Notre Dame early this year but is 2-3-1 on the season and 0-3-1 in Big Ten play.

The 6-foot-6 sophomore needs seven attempts and 211 passing yards Saturday to crack two more Bowling Green season records. McClure has thrown for 1,893 yards in 1983.

IN OTHER games involving Ohio schools, Cincinnati, with star quarterback Troy Bodine hurt, must entertain Miami of Florida, led by freshman passer Bernie Kosar, a product of Boardman. The Bearcats are 3-3 while Miami has lost once in seven games.

Akron has an Ohio Valley Conference night game with visiting Murray State. Youngstown State plays outside the league at Northern Iowa.

In the Ohio Conference, blue division leader Baldwin-Wallace (2-0) plays at Capital (1-1) and, in the red division, Wittenberg (2-0) awaits Otterbein (1-1) and Ohio Northern (2-0) goes to Ohio Wesleyan (0-1-1).

Other Ohio Conference games have

Muskingum at Heidelberg and Wooster at Mount Union in the red division and Denison at Marietta in the blue division. Kenyon plays at Oberlin in a non-league game involving two OC members.

Findlay, the Hoosier-Buckeye Conference leader at 3-0, travels to Hanover, among the contenders with a 3-1 mark. Defiance entertains Manchester and Wilmington plays at Bluffton in other HBC contests.

Ashland bids for its Heartland Conference triumph at league-leading Butler.

Unbeaten Central State guns for its seventh victory at Northeast Illinois. Dayton (4-2) plays at home against Canisius.

Case Western Reserve, ranked seventh nationally in NCAA Division III, shares the Presidents' Conference lead with Carnegie-Mellon at 4-0. Case Reserve entertains Allegheny while Carnegie-Mellon goes to Bethany.

Moutaineers to scale Lions in battle for East supremacy

It's a pretty ho-hum weekend coming up in college football circles with bulk of attention on the West Virginia-Penn State clash.

Penn State started out in horrendous fashion, only to come alive. West Virginia started strongly, and shows no signs of weakening. We have the Mountaineers ranked eighth nationally.

Usually, the Notre Dame-Southern California game is a donnybrook, but it lost its sheen this year. The Trojans are weak as kittens and the Irish belatedly caught fire. It's no contest this time around.

In the Big Ten — well, Ohio State fans can hope only for lesser things than a Rose Bowl appearance. Illinois took care of that in dumping the Buckeyes.

Last weekend our Top 20 favorites won 14 of 18 games, with nine of the 14 winners beating the predicted margin. This week's Top 20, in order: Nebraska, Texas, Miami (Fla.), Auburn, Notre Dame, Florida, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Georgia, Michigan, Brigham Young, Arizona State, Florida State, Arizona, Oklahoma State, Illinois and Tennessee.

For all major college games we were 40-11, bringing the season mark to 249-81 for 75 percent. And here's the outlook for this weekend:



Don Miller QB CORNER

FAVORED	OPPONENT	MARGIN
Air Force	Utah	4
Furman	Appalachian	9
Arizona	Stanford	11
Arizona St.	Washington St.	20
Arkansas	Houston	13
McNeese St.	Arkansas St.	4
Auburn	Mississippi St.	24
W. Michigan	Ball St.	8
Baylor	TCU	11
N. Illinois	Bowling Green	8
BYU	San Diego St.	20
Holy Cross	Brown	9
UCLA	California	13
C. Michigan	Miami, O.	1
Miami, Fla.	Cincinnati	15
Citadel	Davidson	17
Clemson	N. Carolina St.	21
Colgate	Wyoming	1
Nebraska	Colorado	38

Colorado St.	UTEP	2
Dartmouth	Cornell	9
Maryland	Duke	16
Toledo	E. Michigan	15
Florida	E. Carolina	15
E. Tennessee St.	VMI	2
Georgia	Kentucky	16
Tennessee	Georgia Tech	18
Harvard	Princeton	11
Hawaii	N. Mexico	4
Illinois	Purdue	9
Wisconsin	Indiana	6
Indiana St.	S. Illinois	5
Michigan	Iowa	9
Oklahoma	Iowa St.	24
Oklahoma St.	Kansas	10
Missouri	Kansas St.	12
LSU	S. Carolina	4
Tenn.-Chatt.	Marshall	19
Ohio St.	Michigan St.	25
Minnesota	Northwestern	1
Vanderbilt	Mississippi	5
Pittsburgh	Navy	21
N. Mexico St.	Texas-Arl.	6
Notre Dame	Southern Cal	17
Ohio U.	Kent St.	4
Washington	Oregon	1
W. Virginia	Penn St.	5
Pennsylvania	Yale	3
Texas A. & M.	Rice	14
Virginia Tech	Richmond	25
Rutgers	Wm. and Mary	1
Texas	S. Methodist	11
S. Mississippi	Tulane	16
Texas Tech	Tulsa	3
Nevada-LV	Utah St.	1
Virginia	Wake Forest	1
Wichita St.	W. Texas St.	13

Youth ice hockey

SQUIRTS
 Elyria defeated Rocky River, 7-6, when Scott Naselsky scored with 35 seconds left in a youth ice hockey game at the Rocky River Recreation Center Thursday.

Naselsky's goal, assisted by Andy Malanowski, rescued the game for Elyria, which had had blown a 5-1 lead.

Naselsky had three assists to go along with his game-winning goal and Nathan Loyd and Malanowski each had two goals and two assists. Jeff Reid had a goal and an assist and Guy Rodgers a goal.

John Farroll had three goals, Mark Eldred two and Brian White one for Rocky River. Mark Loeding had two assists.

Richy Reid made 17 saves for Elyria and Brian Keane 19 for Rocky River.

On Friday, North Olmsted downed Elyria, 7-1, at the North Olmsted Recreation Complex. Elyria averted a shutout in the third period when Malanowski scored with an assist from Naselsky.

Tim McCurdy, Billy Fielder and Hiroshi Miyoshi each had two goals for North Olmsted and Jarret Whidden one. Whidden had three assists and Fielder, Eric Stehle and Davey Petre one.

Reid made 27 saves for Elyria, 13 in the third period, while Brad Westerfeld and Dan Beaulac combined for 26 saves for North Olmsted.

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