

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

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STANDINGS

The League's only undefeated teams, the Calgary Stamp-
eders and the Vancouver Canucks, share the top rung in the Northern
Division Standings after the first week of action in the '62-'63 season.
Two players on each of the teams played important roles in engineering
the two wins for each of the teams in as many outings. For the Van-
couver Canucks, a rookie and a veteran combined in outstanding fashion
to get the job done. Rookie GILLES VILLEMURE, playing his first two
professional games of the regular schedule, blanked both the Seattle
Totems and then the Spokane Comets in succession and enters the second
week of play with the leading goalkeeper average --0.00 goals against
for two games played. With VILLEMURE handling the defensive chores
veteran PHIL MALONEY became an inspired playmaker in both games and
led the successful attack. Two old pros for Calgary, NORM JOHNSON and
LOU JANKOWSKI combined to turn the trick for Calgary with JOHNSON notch-
ing the Hat Trick and assisting on two others in the first game and
JANKOWSKI potting the overtime winner against Los Angeles in the second.

In the Southern Division three teams are deadlocked for
top spot with one win each, with every team having at least dropped one
decision. Los Angeles and Portland split their first two games to sit
atop the Division while San Francisco won their first game, but dropped
the next two. Spokane lost in their only game played to date.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

JUMBO JIM POWERS combined with centerman GUYLE FIELDER
to score five goals in the Totems home-opener to take over the League
lead in the goal-scoring department after one week of play. In blinking
the red light five times POWERS now shares the record with five other
players, the last being TOM McVIE , who turned the trick last season with

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Portland.

Four players are tied for the League assist lead. San Francisco's EDDIE PANAGABKO and RAY CYR have set up four goals as have Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER and BOB BARLOW.

GOALKEEPERS

Vancouver Canucks new rookie sensation GILLES VILLEMURE set a new League record by chalking up two successive shutouts in his first two games of professional hockey. More remarkable is the fact that VILLEMURE shutout the Seattle Totems in the last scheduled exhibition game of the training season and now has played 180 minutes in Western League competition without having allowed even one goal. He enters the second week of play with the perfect 0.00 average and is followed by Los Angeles Blades Jack McCartan, who has a 1.50 goals against average, having allowed three goals in the two games played.

PENALTIES

San Francisco's LARRY McNABB is living up to his rough and tough reputation as he immediately takes over the penalty lead in League play. The rugged rearguard has served 19 minutes in the cooler, and all of the minutes came in one contest against Portland when he was assessed 2 minors, a major and a misconduct.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Outstanding performances on several fronts last week could have made the Player of the Week selection difficult had it not been for two super efforts by two players that rise above all other performances. Player of the Week honors will have to be shared in the first week of play between Vancouver Canuck rookie goalkeeper GILLES VILLEMURE and Seattle Totem rightwinger JIM POWERS. Back-to-back shutouts in the first week of League play could not be denied any goalkeeper and the fact that

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VILLEMURE is a rookie makes the Player of the Week honors just that much more deserving. JUMBO JIM POWERS did, on Saturday night past, what only five other players in League history have accomplished when he came up with a five goal performance. Three goals in any game is considered a big night, and five goals makes the performance exceptional and certainly worthy of Player of the Week honors. Along with these two players, honorable mention should be given to Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who played two outstanding games for the Canucks and Calgary's NORM JOHNSON, who scored the Hat Trick in his first game of the new season and led the Stampeders to the top of the League with two big wins.

THREE STAR SELECTION

In the first week of play in the 1962-63 season, a rookie leads the League-wide Three Star Selection Contest. Vancouver goalkeeper GILLES VILLEMURE was named the first star of both games played last week for his efforts in keeping all opposition players off the scoresheet. Points for this Selection are awarded on a five-three-one basis and VILLEMURE led with ten points on two selections to the number one position. In second place is San Francisco Seals Captain EDDIE PANAGABKO. The hustling centerman was chosen first star of the opening game in the Bay City and second star of the second game for a total of 8 points. Los Angeles goalkeeper JACK McCARTAN and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY are tied for the third spot, both having been chosen as second star in the two games each player has participated in to date for a total of six points each.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE ! ! !

The home game of the Los Angeles Blades scheduled for October 26 against Portland has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 24, to accommodate a visit by President Kennedy to Los Angeles on Friday.

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STANDINGS

The Vancouver Canucks, showing a complete reversal of form from last season, are presently the only undefeated team in the League after the second week of play. The Canucks hold down first place in the Northern Division after four straight victories. The Seattle Totems move into second place as a result of three straight wins on home ice as against one loss against the leading Canucks. The Canucks with eight points and Seattle with six are followed by the Edmonton Flyers who, though playing one more game than Vancouver and Seattle, also have six points. The Calgary Stampeders, after winning their first two games in fine fashion, dropped the next three straight games to go from first place last week to the cellar position in the Northern Division this week.

It took them a week to do it but the Portland Buckaroos lifted themselves into sole possession of first place in the Southern Division Standings. The Bucks, tied for first place last week with the Los Angeles Blades, won two of the three games played during the week to up their point total to six, two more than the pursuing Blades. The Spokane Comets are in third place with one win in three starts, while the San Francisco Seals are experiencing a rugged road trip, having lost five straight after winning the opener at home.

SCORING LEADERS

The hardskating centerman of the surging Edmonton Flyers, FORBES KENNEDY, came on strong in the scoring race and took over first place on ten big points while becoming the first player to hit double scoring figures. KENNEDY picked up one goal and set up five others in three games played by the Flyers last week for a two point a game average. All points picked up by the stocky centerman were big ones as the Flyers

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have won three games to date and KENNEDY has three game-winning assists to his credit, more than any other player in the League.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's JIM POWERS, following strong and hard on his five goal performance of a week ago, added two more goals to take a commanding lead in the League goalscoring race as he now has seven markers in four games. BIG JIM scored all of his goals in two games and was kept off the scoresheet in the other two Seattle Contests.

FORBES KENNEDY, getting off to his fastest Western League start in years, took over the League assist lead by picking up five helpers in the past week's action. KENNEDY now has eight assists in the five games played by his club to go along with two goals, enough to take over the number one spot in the scoring race.

GOALKEEPERS

Rookie goalkeeper GILLES VILLEMURE of the Vancouver Canucks had his shutout streak snapped in the past week's action, but he still shows no signs of letting up in his outstanding play in the nets. In two games played he allowed four goals, giving him an even 1.00 goals-against average for the four games played to date.

Spokane's goalie replacement, CLAUDE DUFOUR, moves into second place having allowed 5 goals in two games for a 2.50 average.

PENALTIES.

A familiar name appears at the head of the penalty list this week as Los Angeles Blades rugged rearguard FRANK ARNETT takes over from last week's leader, San Francisco Seals LARRY McNABB. ARNETT received one misconduct and one major to go with five minors for a 25 minute total in the cooler, two minutes more than McNABB.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In his first week of play in the Western Hockey League after an absence of three seasons, RAY KINASEWICH of the Edmonton Flyers gains Player of the Week honors. In three games played in the past week since joining the Flyers from the American League Hershey Bears, the speedy winger scored two goals and assisted on five others for a seven point total and sixth place in the scoring race.

Honorable mention for Player of the Week honors must go to teammate FORBES KENNEDY. Although scoring one less point in the week's action than KINASEWICH, KENNEDY came up with three game-winning assists in the Flyers three wins to date and his six points enabled him to take over first place in the individual scoring race.

THREE STAR SELECTION

In order to keep up-to-date statistics on the League-wide Three Star Selection Contest, it is necessary to include the complete and accurate account of the point totals of the three leading players in the Contest in the Wednesday release from this Office. Statistics on the Three Star Contest will no longer appear in this release.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Remove From Edmonton:

BILLY McNEILL....Right Wing.....Number 9

Add To Edmonton:

RAY KINASEWICH...Right Wing.....Number 9

Remove from Calgary: BERT FIZZELL.....Left Wing

Add to Calgary:

BOB SABOURIN.....Center.....Number 8

CECIL HOEKSTRA...Center.....Number 6

Remove from Spokane: WAYNE FREITAG

Add to Spokane:

CLAUDE DUFOUR....Goal.....Number 1

Add to Seattle:

BARNEY KRAKE.....Left Wing.....Number 12

Remove from Los Angeles: GORD LABOSSIERE...Center

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STANDINGS

The bubble finally burst — the Vancouver Canucks finally lost a hockey game. The defeat, the first in seven starts came at the hands of the Portland Buckaroos to the tune of 7-1. The Canucks, with six wins in seven starts for 12 points, presently hold a 4 point cushion over the second place Edmonton Flyers who have gained 8 points on four wins as against three losses. The Seattle Totems, with 6 points on three wins in five games, merit third place over the Calgary Stamp-
eders who have a like number of points on three wins in eight games.

In the Southern Division the Portland Buckaroos and Los Angeles Blades traded the top spot during the week and then ended the week's action in a deadlock for the honors. The Blades two big home wins over the Bucks in mid-week games lifted them into first place and forced a losing record on the Buckaroos for the first time in almost two years. The Bucks came back strong with a decisive 7-1 victory, however, over the Northern Division leading Vancouver Canucks and presently rate the number one spot, having scored more goals than Los Angeles. The San Francisco Seals, with three big road victories, moved back into the thick of the battle to force a three-way tie for the top spot. The Seals have eight points on four victories in ten games played. The Spokane Comets, having played only five games, still have only one victory and two points in last place in the Division.

SCORING LEADERS

One name dominates the Individual Leaders columns this week as the Vancouver Canucks silver-haired centerman, PHIL MALONEY, figures in almost every department. MALONEY was the scoring power that led the Canucks to six straight victories and even in their only defeat at the hands of Portland, 7-1, it was MALONEY who scored the only Canuck

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marker. In the past week he led his team to a comfortable 4 point lead in the Northern Division and, as well, led himself to a comfortable 4 point lead in the Individual Scoring race over San Francisco Seal centerman EDDIE PANAGABKO. MALONEY picked up 4 goals and 4 assists in 3 games in the week's action to up his total to 8 goals and 9 assists in 7 games for 17 points. PANAGABKO, in 10 games, has 6 goals and 7 assists for 13 points and second place. MALONEY'S linemate, JIMMY BAIRD, is tied with PANAGABKO for second as his totals read 4 goals, 9 assists for 13 points.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The same PHIL MALONEY takes over the goalscoring lead with 8 markers, one more than last week's leader, Seattle's JIM POWERS, who still has seven. The Canucks have played seven games to date and MALONEY has scored at least one goal in every contest. At his present pace he would end up with more than 70 goals for the season.

Two players share the assist lead. Edmonton's FORBES KENNEDY, last week's scoring leader, has ten assists along with San Francisco's RAY CYR. KENNEDY has played 7 games and CYR has played 10.

GOALKEEPERS

Despite having had seven goals fired by him on Sunday night past, Vancouver Canuck rookie backstop GILLES VILLEMURE still holds a healthy percentage edge over all rival goalkeepers. Portland's DON HEAD moved into second place and is the only other goalkeeper to boast an average of less than 3.00 per game. VILLEMURE, in seven games, has allowed 15 goals for a tremendous 2.14 average per game while HEAD has watched 22 goals go by in 8 games for a 2.75 average.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades rugged defenseman FRANK ARNETT maintains a slight lead in the penalty statistics over LARRY McNABB of

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San Francisco. ARNETT has a total of 29 minutes in the "Cooler", made up of seven minors, a major and a misconduct while McNABB has 27 minutes, made up of six minors, major and a misconduct.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

'Player of the Week' honors for the third week of the new season are awarded to San Francisco Seals veteran NICK MICKOSKI. MICKOSKI, after having missed two games on the Seals rugged road grind because of an infected foot, came on strong when he did get back into action, scoring nine points in four games during the past week for a better than two-a-game average. His four goals and five assists for nine points were one more than the eight points scored by Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY. Three of the five assists by MICKOSKI proved to be game-winning assists in the three victories picked up by the Seals in their Northern swing. The sudden surge by the Seals forward elevated him to seventh place in the individual scoring race.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to San Francisco:

PAUL JACKSON.....Defense.....wearing number 6

Add to Calgary:

GORD REDAHL.....Center.....wearing number 16

JACK HENDRICKSON..Defense.....wearing number 6

MILESTONES

MARC BOILEAU, fleet forward of the Los Angeles Blades presently has scored three goals and one assist in six games. The four points lifts him into the 200 point bracket in Western League play, 201 to be exact as he started the season with 197 points. He also has 94 goals in League play and will soon reach the century mark.

San Francisco's RAY CYR has 195 Western League points made up of 73 goals and 122 assists. He will soon reach the 200 mark in League play.

STANDINGS

The top three spots in both Divisions are occupied by teams having identical points after 39 games have been played to date. The Los Angeles Blades, on the strength of three straight road wins out of four games played away from home, have moved into sole possession of first place in the Southern Division with 14 points, two more than second place Portland. The Blades have won 7 while losing 5 and Portland have 6 wins as against 4 losses. The San Francisco Seals remain in third place with four wins and 10 losses in 14 starts while the Spokane Comets bring up the rear with 4 points on two wins in 7 games.

The Vancouver Canucks hold a 2 point lead over the second place Edmonton Flyers as they now have a 7 win-2 loss record for 14 big points. Their second loss in nine starts came at the hands of the surging Los Angeles Blades who shut them out 3-0 in Vancouver for the first home loss of the season after five straight wins on Forum ice. Edmonton has one less win than Vancouver, six, as against 3 losses in second place while the third place Seattle Totems have a 4 and 3 record in 7 games for 8 points. Calgary rounds out the Northern Division with 6 points on 3 wins and 7 losses.

SCORING LEADERS

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is still the pace-setter in the individual scoring as the tireless centerman added three points, all assists, to his record upping it to a total of 20 points. In nine games now PHIL has scored 8 times and assisted on 12 others to maintain an average of over two points per game. MALONEY was kept off the scoresheet for the first time in Vancouver's ninth game of the season as Los Angeles shutout the Canucks 3-0.

A red-hot week, scoring-wise, by Los Angeles Blades winger

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BRUCE CARMICHAEL, which was highlighted by a Hat Trick against Spokane, only the third of the season in League play, elevated him to second place in the individual scoring race with 17 points, made up of 8 goals and nine assists.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Three players are deadlocked for the League goalscoring lead with eight markers apiece. PHIL MALONEY did not add to his 8 goal total of last week but winger BUDDY BOONE added two goals to up his total to eight. Blade winger BRUCE CARMICHAEL picked up five goals in four games to up his total to eight for the season.

Though tied for the goalscoring lead, the Canucks PHIL MALONEY has the assist lead in League play all to himself with a total of 12 set-ups. Next best is San Francisco centerman RAY CYR, who has assisted on 11 markers in 14 games to date.

GOALKEEPERS

Vancouver rookie GILLES VILLEMURE still holds the number one spot in the League goalkeeping averages but his lead was cut considerably last week by robust DON HEAD of the Portland Buckaroos. VILLEMURE'S average went from a tremendous 2.14 average goals per game to a still very commendable 2.44 as he now has allowed 22 goals in 9 games. HEAD now boasts a 2.70 goals per game average, having allowed 27 goals in 10 contests.

Two shutouts were recorded in the week's action, the third and fourth of the season. CLAUDE DUFOUR, Spokane Comet goalkeeper, shutout the San Francisco Seals in a wild contest on Halloween night and Los Angeles Blades backstop, JACK McCARTAN, shutout the high-flying Vancouver Canucks in their own backyard, 3-0, for his first in Western League play.

PENALTIES

A nip-and-tuck battle for the League penalty lead between

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Los Angeles Blades defenseman FRANK ARNETT and San Francisco Seals defenseman LARRY McNABB was brought to a sudden halt as McNABB moved into a commanding lead as a result of a Halloween night melee in Spokane in which he played the major role. A major and a game misconduct to the rugged rearguard upped his total to 49 minutes in the 'Cooler' but his efforts to gain the dubious honor were costly to his pocketbook. A \$200.00 fine and a 2 game suspension followed the Spokane contest and a \$500.00 peace bond must be posted by McNABB to protect officials and the League against any future action of this nature.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Los Angeles:

HARLEY HODGSON.....defense-forward (rookie)

MILESTONES

Vancouver defenseman RONNIE MATTHEWS has two assists in League play thus far this season upping his Western League career total to 394 points in 676 games. MATTHEWS presently has 104 goals and 290 assists for the 394 total and will soon reach the 400 mark in points and 700 mark in games played.

San Francisco Seals forward AL NICHOLSON has presently played in 294 Western League games during which time he has scored 98 goals and 161 assists for 259 points. The big winger will soon reach the 300 game plateau and 100 goal mark in League play.

Calgary centerman GORD VEJPRAVA played in 201st Western League game over the weekend during which time he has scored 79 goals and 108 assists for 187 points.

Spokane's DICK LAMOUREUX has presently played in 492 Western League games and will soon reach the 500 mark in games played. He has a career record in League play of 102 goals and 144 assists for 246 points.

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STANDINGS

VANCOUVER and LOS ANGELES continue to lead their respective Divisions with sixteen points each. PORTLAND follow the BLADES with fourteen points, then SAN FRANCISCO with twelve and SPOKANE with ten. The COMETS had the best week winning all three games, two of them on the road to tighten up the Southern Division. SEATTLE and EDMONTON share second place in the Northern Division with twelve points. The TOTEMS split even in four games the past week while Edmonton dropped four. CALGARY follow with eight points.

THIS WEEKS GAMES

CALGARY have a heavy road schedule this week playing five games in six nights. They will play in SAN FRANCISCO Tuesday, LOS ANGELES Wednesday and Friday back to SAN FRANCISCO Saturday and conclude their week Sunday night in SEATTLE. EDMONTON and SEATTLE have four games scheduled, two at home and two away. LOS ANGELES will play three time at home. SPOKANE and VANCOUVER each have three games on tap. SAN FRANCISCO will play twice at home with PORTLAND playing twice once at home and once away.

HOME AND AWAY RECORDS

LOS ANGELES is still undefeated at home winning their first three . VANCOUVER and PORTLAND have each won six at home while losing 1.

VANCOUVER has the best road percentage to date winning two while losing one. LOS ANGELES has broke even in ten games on the road while SEATTLE and SPOKANE have a two and two record away from home.

OVERTIME GAMES

Only two overtime games have been played to date CALGARY shaded LOS ANGELES in the early part of the season 2-1 and last week VANCOUVER edged PORTLAND 3-2

GOALS SCORED WITH MAN ADVANTAGE

CALGARY have scored nine times with an opponent in the penalty box. EDMONTON and LOS ANGELES are next with eight each. SPOKANE have failed to score with a man advantage. SAN FRANCISCO have been scored on ten times with a player in the penalty box.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING

PHIL MALONEY, VANCOUVER centerman continues to set the scoring pace with 22 points on eight goals and fourteen assists. BRUCE CARMICHAEL of LOS ANGELES and teammates EDDIE PANAGAPKO and NICK MICKOSKI of San Francisco have eighteen points each. MICKOSKI also leads in goals scored with ten.

PHIL MALONEY has the most assists 14. MICKOSKI and teammate DUKE EDMUNDSON of SAN FRANCISCO have each scored the first goal of a game three times..

Three players have scored three game winning goals to date, BUDY MOONE of VANCOUVER, BILL SAUNDERS of PORTLAND and BOB SOLINGER of SAN FRANCISCO.

PHIL MALONEY of VANCOUVER has assisted in the game winning goal four times.

HAT TRICKS

Two three goal HAT TRICKS were turned in the past week. LEN HALEY of SAN FRANCISCO scored three times against EDMONTON in his home rink Thursday night. Teammate NICK MICKOSKI repeated the next night, also against EDMONTON.

GOALKEEPERS

The goalkeepers race is tightening up. GILLES VILLEMURE of VANCOUVER continues to lead with a goals against average of 2.40 per game followed by CLAUDE DUFOR of SPOKANE with 2.55 and DON HEAD of PORTLAND with 2.69 VILLEMURE still leads with two shutouts to his credit. GILLES BOISVERT of EDMONTON has made the most saves, 387.

GOALS SCORED WITH MAN ADVANTAGE.

NORM JOHNSON of Calgary has scored four times while his team had the man advantage. EDDIE STANKIEWICZ of LOS ANGELES has been in the penalty coup while his teammates has been scored on four times.

PENALTIES

LARRY McNABB of SAN FRANCISCO leads the 'Bad Men' with 53 minutes in the cooler.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the week honors go to centerman RAY BRUNEL of SPOKANE who played a large part in his teams three victories the past week. He scored FIVE goals and assisted on one other. Two of his goals were game winners and another the all important first goal of the game. He also vaulted into a tie for his teams leadership in scoring with Steve WITIUK, both have ten points.

NEW PLAYER

Add BO ELIK #14, Left Wing to the EDMONTON ROSTER and delete Dillabough.

WINNING AND LOSING STREAKS.

LOS ANGELES is riding on a four game winning streak, SPOKANE 3 and SAN FRANCISCO 2. CALGARY and EDMONTON have both lost their last four games.

GOOD CROWDS

The seasons largest crowds greeted the teams in three of the cities the past week. VANCOUVER for the first time in several seasons drew over 5000, PORTLAND had over 9500 SUNDAY night and LOS ANGELES went well over 12,000 Saturday night.

LEAGUE MEETING

Directors of the WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE will meet MONDAY November 19th at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle starting at One PM.

Important items on the Agenda are the finalizing of the Players Pension Plan, All Star game, Rookie Rule and other League business

INTERSECTIONAL GAMES

Vancouver has the best record between the Divisions beating their Southern rivals six times while losing two.

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SERIES OF THE WEEK

The Western Hockey League's top team of the 1962-63 season to date should be determined this week when the leading teams of both Divisions clash head-on in a two game series in Los Angeles. The Vancouver Canucks, beginning their first extended road trip of the season, will meet the Southern Division leaders for the third time this season, the first time in Los Angeles. In the two previous contests the two teams split, Vancouver taking the first contest, 6-2, and the Blades coming back strong to hand the Canucks their first whitewash of the season, 3-0. Both games were played in Vancouver.

The Blades have played 16 games and boast a record of 11 wins as against 5 losses for 22 points. The Canucks have played 13 games and have 9 wins, 3 losses and one tie for 19 points. Besides increasing their Divisional leads both teams have something at stake going into the series. The Blades are presently in the midst of a seven game win streak, the last four of which have taken place at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles, and Coach JACK "RED" BOWNASS is determined to see that it does not end with Vancouver. The Canucks, on the other hand, are just as determined to prove that they can win on the road as well as at home. To date the Canucks have played only four of their thirteen games on the road, winning two, losing one and tying one.

STANDINGS

The Seattle Totems moved to within two points of the leading Vancouver Canucks over the weekend as they defeated the leaders in Vancouver 5-4, and then tied them 3-3 in Seattle on Saturday past.

The Portland Buckaroos still trail the Los Angeles Blades by four points. Though the Bucks won both games played the Blades, likewise, won three games to maintain their lead in the Division.

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SCORING LEADERS

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY took over the individual scoring lead in League play in the second week of the schedule and has led ever since. In three games in the past week the shifty centerman picked up 1 goal and two assists to up his total to 25 points in 13 games, three points better than his closest rival. In second place is BRUCE CARMICHAEL of the Los Angeles Blades who picked up an identical goal and two assists in the same number of games in the past week to take over sole possession of second place with 22 points, made up of 9 goals and 13 assists. CARMICHAEL will have the opportunity to surpass MALONEY when the two teams meet in a two game series on Wednesday and Friday of this week in Los Angeles. In third place is San Francisco centerman EDDIE PANACABKO who also picked up a goal and two assists in three games to up his total to 21 points on 9 goals and 12 assists.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Left winger BILL MACFARLAND, Captain of the Seattle Totems, gains Player of the Week honors in action during the past week as he popped in three goals and assisted on five others for an eight point total in four games. Though the Totems played four games all of MACFARLAND'S points came in two contests as Seattle beat Vancouver 5-4 on Friday night and then walloped Calgary 9-4 on Sunday night. MACFARLAND now has six goals and eight assists for fourteen points due to his recent splurge.

GOALKEEPERS

In a week where goalkeepers really came into their own, Vancouver rookie GILLES VILLEMURE, who has been leading in this department since the opening game of the season, presently finds himself tied for third place among active goalkeepers in League play. Portland backstop

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DON HEAD takes over the top rung in the League with a very commendable 2.47 average after 15 games. HEAD has allowed 37 goals in the 15 games. Second in line is Spokane's CLAUDE DUFOUR, who now boasts a 2.58 goals against average, having allowed a total of 31 goals in 12 games. Last week the slim backstop also chalked up his second whitewash of the season as the Comets blanked the Edmonton Flyers 3-0 in Edmonton. Los Angeles Blades goalkeeper JACK McCARTAN moves into a tie with VILLEMURE with a 2.69 average. McCARTAN has played 16 games, 3 more than VILLEMURE, and has allowed 43 goals while VILLEMURE has seen 35 discs slip by him. The three topgoalies in the League at this point are all from Southern Division teams. VILLEMURE will carry the Northern Division goalkeeping lead with him on the Canucks first tour of the Southern circuit.

PENALTIES

Defenseman LARRY McNABB of the San Francisco Seals, though staying out of the penalty box in both of the Seals games last week, still holds a comfortable lead in the penalty department with 53 minutes in 16 games.

FILION MOVES UP

Veteran centerman of the Seattle Totems, RUDY FILION, scored three goals and assisted on three others last week to up his total for the season to 11 points on 3 goals and 8 assists. This 11 point total ups RUDY'S all-time record to 304 goals and 527 assists for a grand total of 831 points. This total moves FILION into second place in the Western League's all-time scoring records as he bypasses EDDIE DOROHY. DOROHY'S 297 goals and 531 assists for 828 points in 708 games was second only to Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, who sports a record of 690 goals and 250 assists for 940 points. Team mate FILION, after 832 games now gives Seattle the League's two highest scorers in the history of the WHL.

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The Portland Buckaroos, after trailing the Los Angeles Blades for several weeks, finally overtook the Blades and first place-- and did it all the hard way. The Bucks took to the road for five games last week and when it was all over they had chalked up four wins and a tie for 9 of a possible 10 points. They now hold first place with 27 points on 13 wins, 6 losses and a tie and boast a winning record on the road as well as at home. Losing only one of 8 contests in Portland, the Bucks have now won 6 on the road while losing 5 and tying one. Los Angeles now trails Portland by three points as they have 24 made up of 12 wins as against 6 losses. San Francisco leads Spokane by one point, 18 to 17, to hold down the Southern Division's third slot.

In the Northern Division the Seattle Totems are staying hot on the tail of the Vancouver Canucks who presently hold first place on 23 points made up of 11 wins 5 losses and a tie. The Totems have 21 points with a 10, 7, 1 record. Edmonton is in third place with 14 points while Calgary trails with 8.

FIRST MEETING COMING UP

On Thursday of this week the San Francisco Seals travel to Los Angeles for their first game of the season against the Los Angeles Blades. It is expected that the bitter rivalry between the two clubs that was built up last season when the Seals edged the Blades for the last play-off spot in the Southern Division will again prevail. The Blades, determined to regain the top spot in the Division from Portland will also be looking to make amends for losing the last play-off spot to the Seals in last season's play. The Seals, on the other hand, started slowly on the road but have built up a commendable home record and now want to prove themselves on the road. The teams meet 16 times beginning with Thursday's

encounter and the winner of this interstate rivalry could very well be the team atop the Southern Division standings come play-off time.

SCORING LEADERS

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY continues to score on the road as well as at home as he picked up 2 goals and 3 assists in 4 games to up his total to a League-leading 30 points, after playing 17 games. Galloping Portland winger TOMMY McVIE moves into second place after a hot scoring streak of nine points on the road in five games. McVIE has 26 points made up of 12 goals and 14 assists in 20 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle winger JIM POWERS moves into the League goal-scoring lead with 13 markers in 18 games to date. JUMBO JIM scored 3 goals in 3 games in the past week's action.

PHIL MALONEY still leads the assist parade in League play as he has set up 19 goals in the 17 games played by the Canucks to date. EDDIE PANAGABKO of San Francisco and GUYLE FIELDER follow with 15 assists each.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Right winger TOMMY McVIE of the Portland Buckaroos gains 'Player of the Week' honors as a result of having scored 9 points, four goals and five assists, in five games played by the Bucks. More remarkable is the fact that McVIE racked up the nine points in five games all away from the Glass Palace in Portland. It was his scoring splurge that led the Bucks to their most successful prairie swing that ended with Portland taking over first place from the Los Angeles Blades and now hold the top spot by a comfortable three points. In the 20 games played by McVIE to date he has only failed to pick up at least one point in two contests, having scored one or more in the other 18 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD trimmed an already commendable average another two percentage points and now sports a 2.45 average for 20 games, having allowed 49 goals. Vancouver's GILLES VILLEMURE, who was pushed from first into a tie for third place in the standings a week ago, came back strong to take over second place 2.65 average. VILLEMURE has allowed 45 goals in 17 games to date.

PENALTIES

Spokane's CONNIE MADIGAN received 3 minors and a major penalty in action during the past week to take over top spot in the Penalty Parade. MADIGAN's 57 minutes in 16 games played to date is better by two minutes than the record of San Francisco rearguard LARRY McNABB. McNABB, picking up only one 2 minute penalty in two games last week now has 55 minutes in 18 games.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Edmonton: HARRISON GRAY.....#1.....goal

JACK McINTYRE is wearing number 11.

Remove from Edmonton: DENNIS RIGGIN.....goal

LOSING STREAKS

Edmonton went 10 straight games before winning against Spokane on Saturday past while Calgary are in the midst of a 10 game losing streak.

TEAM RECORDS TO AND INCLUDING SUN. NOV. 25th

TEAM	Longest Winning Streak	Longest Losing Streak	Most Goals Scored one Game	Fewest Goals Sc one game	Most Goals Agst	Times Shut Out	Opp Shut Out	Games won and Lost by one goal	W L
PORTLAND	7	2	8	2	5	0	0	4	3
VANCOUVER	6	1	7	0	7	1	3	6	1
LOS ANGELES	8	3	6	1	7	0	2	3	3
SEATTLE	3	2	9	1	7	2	0	4	0
SPOKANE	5	3	5	0	6	1	3	2	1
SAN FRANCISCO	4	5	6	0	7	2	1	3	6
EDMONTON	3	10	7	1	8	1	0	2	4
CALGARY	2	10	7	0	9	2	0	1	7

UPCOMING ACTION

The League leaders take to the road this week to see if they can continue their winning ways away from home. The Portland Buckaroos, home only a week after the season's most successful road trip in which they registered no losses in six straight games, will place a ten game undefeated streak on the line when they journey to San Francisco to engage the Seals in two contests at the Cow Palace. The Los Angeles Blades, after taking 12 of the last 14 contests, including 7 of the last 8 at home, travel north this weekend for games with Spokane and Seattle.

In the Northern Division, the Seattle Totems finally caught the leading Vancouver Canucks as they moved into a tie with a Sunday night victory over Calgary, and now face a three game prairie test in an effort to substantiate their hold on the top slot.

STANDINGS.

The Portland Buckaroos remain three points ahead of the second place Los Angeles Blades in the see-saw battle for top spot in the Southern Division. Both teams won two games last week to maintain the identical spread, Portland taking Edmonton and Spokane and Los Angeles defeating Spokane and San Francisco. The Bucks now have 31 points and the Blades have 28. San Francisco follow with 22 points, three more than Spokane with 19.

In the Northern Division, the Vancouver Canucks, though tied with the Seattle Totems, have played one less game than Seattle and thus rate the top rung. The Canucks have 12 wins against 6 losses and a tie for 25 points while Seattle have 12 wins against 7 losses and a tie for the same amount. Edmonton follow with 14 points on a 7 - 17 - 0 record, 7 ahead of Calgary who have 10 points on a 5 - 19 - 0 record after playing 24 games.

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SCORING LEADERS

PHIL MALONEY still maintains his lead in the individual scoring race although eager competitors are gaining ground each week. MALONEY has 33 points made up of 11 goals and 22 assists in 19 games. In second place, only four points back, is Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL with 29 points on 14 goals and 15 assists in 20 games. Team-mate BOB SOLINGER follows with 28 points on 12 goals and 16 assists.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's JIM POWERS moved to the front in the goalscoring department with a resounding Hat Trick on Sunday night, his second of the season, and now has 16 goals to show for his efforts in 20 games to date. BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles is the only other player with two Hat Tricks to his credit and he is tied for second place in goals with San Francisco's DUKE EDMUNDSON, both having 14 markers.

Another familiar name appears with that of PHIL MALONEY in the League assists lead. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, having set up seven goals in two games in the past week, is now tied with MALONEY for the assist lead, both players having 22 helpers.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are awarded to Seattle centerman GUYLE FIELDER for his efforts in leading the Totems to a tie for first place in the League's Northern Division. FIELDER, in two games played by Seattle, set up seven goals, and moved into a tie for the League assist lead with Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY. In addition to this, FIELDER'S efforts enabled his rightwinger JUMBO JIM POWERS to take over the League goalscoring lead with 16 to his credit, including two Hat Tricks.

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GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD, with another outstanding week in the nets for the Buckaroos, still holds a comfortable lead among active goalies in the League. HEAD racked up his first shutout of the season against Spokane on Sunday night and allowed only 3 goals in two games in the Week's action to pare his average to an outstanding 2.36, having allowed 52 goals in 22 games. Spokane's CLAUDE DUFOUR, with a shutout over Edmonton last Saturday takes over the League lead with 4 whitewashes to date, one more than Vancouver's GILLES VILLEMURE.

PENALTIES

San Francisco's LARRY McNABB regained his League penalty lead, picking up 12 minutes in one game, for a total of 77 minutes in 21 games.

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TEAM	Longest winning streak	Longest Undefeated Streak	Longest Losing Streak	Most Goals Scored one Game	Most Goals Against One game	Games won and Lost by one goal	Won	Lost
PORTLAND	7	10	2	8	5	4	3	
VANCOUVER	6	6	2	7	7	6	1	
LOS ANGELES	8	8	3	8	7	3	3	
SEATTLE	4	4	2	9	7	5	0	
SPOKANE	5	5	3	5	9	2	2	
SAN FRANCISCO	4	4	5	9	7	4	6	
EDMONTON	3	3	10	8	2	2	5	
CALGARY	2	2	10	7	9	1	7	

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UPCOMING ACTION

Some big games are slated in the upcoming week's action, with the biggest being the clash of the first place teams in both Divisions when the Portland Buckaroos meet the Seattle Totems in Seattle on Friday next. The two teams have been red-hot lately and so far this season have each won one game against the other, the home team taking the decision in each case. Also, a home and home series between the California rivals, the first game in Los Angeles and a return match two nights later in San Francisco will highlight action of the coming week.

STANDINGS

The rampaging Portland Buckaroos, who have lost only one game in their last thirteen, having won eleven and tied one before dropping a decision to San Francisco in San Francisco last week, are presently comfortably lodged in first place in the League's Southern Division standings. The Bucks, though they have played four more games than the Blades are seven points ahead, with 35 for the season.

The Seattle Totems, leaders in the Northern Division, also have played four more games than the second place club, the Vancouver Canucks, and are enjoying a four point lead in first place with 29 points.

SCORING LEADERS

Though his lead is dwindling with each passing week, Vancouver Silver Fox, centerman PHIL MALONEY, still leads the individual scoring parade with 35 points in 20 games made up of 12 goals and 23 assists. Moving up two notches into second place is Portland's TOMMY McVIE who, having played five more games than MALONEY, came up with a 5 point week in three games to up his total to 14 goals and 18 assists for 32 points and second place in the scoring race. The ever-tightening race then shows no less than five players tied for third place with 29

points apiece.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Two Seattle players take over the League lead in the goals and assists department. Big rightwinger JIM POWERS picked up two more markers in four games in the past week to up his League-leading total to 18 goals in 24 games, three more than his closest rival, San Francisco's DUKE EDMUNDSON, who has fifteen.

Centerman GUYLE FIELDER, in setting up the scoring opportunities for POWERS, has taken over sole possession of the League assist lead with 24 set-ups. This is one more than Vancouver's MALONEY, who has 23 and with whom FIELDER was tied last week for the League assist lead.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past seven days go to Portland's clever centerman ART JONES. JONES, in three games played by the Buckaroos, two of which were away from home, picked up seven points to lead his team to two victories in three outings in the past week. His three goals and four assists ups his over-all total to fourteen goals and 15 assists for 29 points in 25 games and has elevated the smooth playmaker into a five way tie for third place in the individual scoring race. JONES hasn't been wasting any of his key passes as four of the goals set up by him have proven to be game winning goals. His four game winning assists are only one short of the League lead of five held by three other players in League play to date.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland goalkeeper DON HEAD allowed 13 goals in three contests last week and dropped into second place in the goalkeeping department in League play. Big JACK McCARTAN takes over the top spot with a 2.57 average, having allowed 54 goals in 21 games. HEAD, in second

place, has now allowed 65 goals in 25 games for a 2.60 average, only 3 percentage points behind McCARTAN. Spokane's CLAUDE DUFOUR still leads in shutouts with four.

PENALTIES

San Francisco defenseman LARRY McNABB, though suspended indefinitely, still holds his League lead in the penalty parade with 72 minutes in 21 games. Spokane's CONNIE MADIGAN is in second place with 65 minutes in 22 games and Seattle's DON WARD holds down third spot with 63 minutes in 23 contests.

LINE-UP CHANGES

EDMONTON: NEIL FORTH is wearing number 10

Remove: FORBES KENNEDY

CALGARY: Add: MILAN MARCETTA.....center.....#8

Remove: BOB SABOURIN.....

Add: ERIC SUTCLIFFE.....Left Wing.....# 17

Seattle: Add: BOB SABOURIN.....Right Wing....# 17

MILESTONES

200th GOAL

Winger LOU JANKOWSKI of the Calgary STampeders scored his ninth goal of regular season play in a game against Seattle last week and now has 200 goals in Western League play.

100th ASSIST

Veteran Los Angeles playmaker BOB SOLINGER has presently scored 99 assists in Western League play and will reach the century mark with his next helper.

300 POINTS

Winger RON LEOPOLD of the Calgary Stampeders has presently a total of 295 Western League points made up of 144 goals and 151 assists.

UPCOMING ACTION

The Northern Division leading Seattle Totems take to the road this week for four straight games against the oncoming San Francisco Seals and the Los Angeles Blades. The Totems take a three point lead in the Northern Division standings with them and will attempt to hold on as the Vancouver Canucks play two of their three scheduled games in the friendly confines of their own Forum in Vancouver. In the Southern Division the Los Angeles Blades, fighting for the top spot just a few games back, will have a chance to draw closer as they meet the leading Buckaroos in two contests this weekend. PLEASE NOTE that the Calgary-Edmonton game, originally scheduled for Christmas Day in Edmonton has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 27.

STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos, despite having lost both games played during the past week, still remain a comfortable five points ahead of the now tied Los Angeles Blades and San Francisco Seals in the Southern Division standings. The Bucks have 35 points while the Seals and Blades share second place with 30 points each.

In the Northern, Seattle won one game and dropped two others and saw their four point Divisional lead of last week cut one point to three. The Vancouver Canucks won one, tied one and lost two -- all on the road -- to narrow the gap. The Edmonton Flyers, in the midst of vast player shuffles, won three straight games last week and, though still nine points back of Vancouver, are starting to move in the Northern Division.

SCORING LEADERS

The Vancouver Canucks lost two games last week on the prairies but it wasn't the fault of League scoring leader PHIL MALONEY. Just as the threatening scorers of other teams were drawing near to PHIL,

the agile centerman came up with a sudden scoring spurt of nine points to again take a commanding lead in the individual race. MALONEY'S two goals and seven assists ups his total to 14 goals and 30 assists for 44 points in 24 games. This is a full ten points better than his closest rival, San Francisco's EDDIE PANAGABKO, in second place with 34 points made up of 12 goals and 22 assists in 29 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

JUMBO JIM POWERS, Seattle's barrelling rightwinger, becomes the first 20 goal scorer in the 1962-63 season. POWERS fired two goals in three games played by Seattle last week to reach the twenty goal mark, four better than San Francisco's DUKE EDMUNDSON in second place.

PHIL MALONEY'S seven assists in four games regained for him the League lead in the assist department from Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER. MALONEY now has 30 assists in 24 games to FIELDER'S 27 helpers in 27 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are awarded to Gentleman PHIL MALONEY on the basis of his nine point performance in four games played. His output for the week betters that of any other player and was mainly responsible for his team picking up the three points with a win and a tie as the Canucks played on the road against surprisingly tough Calgary and Edmonton teams. The nine points placed him well in front of the pack in the individual scoring race and also regained him the League assist lead as the Canucks continue their hot pursuit of the leading Seattle Totems. Of the thirty assists chalked up by MALONEY no less than six have been game-winning assists, also tops in the League.

GOALKEEPERS

Though Portland's DON HEAD still holds the League's leading

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average among goalkeepers and played spectacularly last week even in defeat, San Francisco's JIMMY McLEOD stole the spotlight in the past week's action as he led his mates to three straight victories and into a second place tie with the Los Angeles Blades in the Southern Division standings. McLEOD stopped forty shots in two of the 3 games played, upping his total shots stopped to an even 800, allowing a total of 76 goals in 26 games for an average of 2.92, an improvement of 8 percentage points over last week. He still rates third spot in the standings, though, behind HEAD and the Blades JACK McCARTAN who have averages of 2.56 and 2.63 respectively.

PENALTIES

San Francisco's LARRY McNABB returned to action for one game last week and picked up one minor penalty to maintain his hold on the League penalty lead with 74 minutes in 22 games.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Edmonton: JOHN MISZUK.....#4.....Def.
 JACK PRICE.....Def.
 RAY ROSS.....Gen.
 NORM CORCORAN.....R.W.

Remove from Edmonton: KEITH WALSH, WARREN HYNES, CHUCK HOLMES, and
 LOU MARCON.

MILESTONE

Vancouver's GEORGE FORD has presently scored 199 assists in Western League play and will be looking for his 200th helper with each outing. His nine assists to date this season along with 6 goals gives him a career total of 164 goals and 199 assists for 363 points.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM THE W.H.L.

UPCOMING ACTION

The Spokane Comets take a four game winning streak with them on a tour of the prairies in action this week in an effort to catch one of the California teams and second place in the Southern Division standings. Los Angeles and San Francisco have been trading the coveted second spot for the past two weeks and will get the chance to settle the issue temporarily on Friday next as they meet head on in San Francisco.

In the Northern Division Vancouver presently holds the top spot over the Seattle Totems. The Canucks will have the opportunity to increase their Divisional lead this week as they meet the Totems in a home and home series on Friday and Saturday nights in Vancouver and Seattle respectively.

The week's action will then culminate in a clash between the Divisional leaders, whether Vancouver or Seattle hold the lead in the North. The Canucks meet Portland next Sunday in Portland and on the following Tuesday Seattle will face the high-flying Buckaroos.

STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos maintained their five point lead in the League's Southern Division as they won two of the three games scheduled in the past week, one of which was a decisive victory against the second place Los Angeles Blades. Los Angeles and San Francisco both won two games to remain tied in second place and the last place team in the Division, the Spokane Comets are in the midst of a four game winning streak which has brought them to within six points of the California teams. Portland has 39 points, Los Angeles and San Francisco 34 points and Spokane 29.

In the Northern Division the Vancouver Canucks won two of three contests played while the Seattle Totems lost all four games in a rugged road trip. The Canucks now lead the Northern Division standings with 32 points to 31 for the Totems. Edmonton is in third place with 24 points while

Calgary trails with 15 points.

SCORING LEADERS

Fabulous PHIL MALONEY continues to sail along in the individual scoring race as he picked up another six points in three games last week to up his League-leading total to 50 points in 27 games. He has now opened an 11 point gap between himself and his nearest rival, Los Angeles Blades BOB SOLINGER who is in second place with 39 points. MALONEY'S torrid scoring pace now sets him slightly ahead of the record pace set by Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER at 122 points. FIELDER scored his 50th point after 28 games and MALONEY has reached the same total after 27 contests. BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles and NICK MICKOSKI of San Francisco are tied in third place with 37 points each.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's JIM POWERS, though picking up only one marker in four games during the past week, still leads the League in goals scored. Big JIM has 21 markers in 31 games, which is four better than his closest rivals, DUKE EDMUNDSON of San Francisco and BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles.

PHIL MALONEY has taken a commanding lead in the assist department as he picked up four more to up his total to 34 in 27 games. This total is four more than the man in the number two spot, Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER with 30 assists in 31 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week go to San Francisco centerman ORLAND KURTENBACH for his seven point scoring splurge in two games against the Seattle Totems, more than any other player in League play last week. The rangy centerman is finally beginning to live up to the All-Star ratings given him by many of the coaches in the League as he scored one goal and assisted on six others in leading his team to two

decisive 6-3 and 7-3 victories over Seattle. It has been the sudden revival of KURTENBACH's leadership qualities that has set the Seals off on a five game winning streak that has yet to be broken while, at the same time, has lifted the lanky playmaker to 13 th spot in the individual scoring race.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland goalkeeper DON HEAD still leads the active goalkeepers in League play as he allowed only 8 goals in 3 games for an over-all total of 77 goals allowed in 30 games and an average of 2.57. Los Angeles Blades JACK McCARTAN, despite having had six goals rapped by him on Sunday night in Portland, is still in second place with a 2.63 average, having allowed 71 goals in 27 contests. Vancouver's rookie sensation, GILLES VILLEMURE, once again came up with the best week among goalies, however, as he allowed only 6 goals in 3 games including his 4th shutout of the season to tie for lead, to move into a third place tie with San Francisco's JIM McLEOD. Both goalies have 2.93 averages.

PENALITIES

Defenseman CONNIE MADIGAN of the Spokane Comets, who has been running a close second to San Francisco's LARRY McNABB for several weeks, has finally overtaken McNABB and the top spot in the penalty parade in League play to date. MADIGAN has sat out 77 minutes in 28 games, three more minutes than has McNABB in 24 games.

LONGEST OVERTIME WIN

The Edmonton Flyers became only the second visiting team to win an overtime contest in League play this season and, at the same time, established what will probably stand as the longest overtime win of the season when SID FINNEY popped the winner behind Calgary goalie ROY EDWARDS with only ten seconds remaining in the extra session. The Spokane Comets were the only other visiting team to win an overtime contest in 12 played this season when they upset Edmonton in Edmonton by a 5-4 score on November 16.

UPCOMING ACTION

The pet rivalries in League play will be resumed this week in League play as teams attempt to advance their positions in the New Year. New Year's Night Seattle will travel to Portland for an important contest if they intend to stay close to the high-flying Vancouver Canucks. Wednesday night in Vancouver Seattle will have one more chance to narrow the gap and possibly take over top spot. On Friday Portland will travel to Vancouver to battle the Canucks and will have a big victory in mind to absolve themselves of the 3-0 shutout suffered at the hands of the Canucks last Sunday in Portland. On Thursday the two California teams tangle again, the game scheduled once again for San Francisco. The Seals presently hold the upper hand in this rivalry, having won three of the four contests with Los Angeles to date. The Calgary Stampeders will have two opportunities to gain ground as they engage the Edmonton Flyers in Edmonton on Wednesday and Friday nights.

STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos maintained their five point lead over the two California teams with a split of two games played last week. The Bucks now have 41 points made up of 20 wins, 11 losses and one tie. On Sunday night past the Bucks suffered a 3-0 setback at the hands of rookie goalie GILLES VILLEMURE and the Vancouver Canucks. It was only the second time the Buckaroos have been shut out at home since returning to Western Hockey League play in the 1960-61 season. The first shutout occurred on April 1, 1961, by the same score, 3-0, and by the same opponent, the Vancouver Canucks. The Bucks now have lost three games at home this season, leaving the Los Angeles Blades with the best home record of 11 wins as against 2 losses. The Blades are tied with San Francisco for second spot, both teams having 36 points.

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In the Northern Division the Vancouver Canucks split four games last week to move 3 points ahead of the Seattle Totems who also split their two games played. In addition to their 3 point lead over Seattle the Canucks still have 2 games in hand over the Totems with which they will attempt to increase their hold on the top spot. The Canucks now have 36 points on 17 wins, 12 losses and 2 ties while Seattle has a 16, 16 and 1 record for 33 points. Edmonton follows with 26 points and Calgary trails with 17.

SCORING LEADERS

PHIL MALONEY'S eleven game scoring streak was brought to an abrupt halt in Seattle on Saturday night and he was again kept off the scoresheet in the Sunday win against Portland. Yet the smooth centerman still holds a very comfortable 9 point lead in the individual scoring race. MALONEY now has 52 points, made up of 17 goals and 35 assists in 31 games. Though his pace slowed slightly during the four games played last week, he still has an excellent opportunity to set a new scoring record IF he can continue to score in the second half as he has done up to the present time. Los Angeles Blades BOB SOLINGER remains in second place with 43 points, 17 goals and 26 assists in 30 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's JIM POWERS added two more goals in two more games to continue with his outstanding scoring pace. He now has 23 goals in 33 games. If he continues at the present pace of scoring in the second half of the season POWERS could very well reach the fifty goal mark and come within striking distance of LOU JANKOWSKI'S goal-scoring record of 57 in one season.

Leading scorer PHIL MALONEY still leads in the assist department with 30 helpers, 5 more than Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Although five players were tied in total leading output in action during the past week with five points, Player of the Week honors are awarded to Edmonton's JACK McINTYRE, newly appointed Captain of the Edmonton Flyers, for his five point outburst against the Calgary Stampers which included four goals. The Flyers played only two games last week and McINTYRE picked up his five points all in one game with an assist added to his four goals, one of which was the game-winner. His four goals in one contest is only one short of the record of five held by many and equalled earlier in the season by Seattle's JIM POWERS. McINTYRE has been the leader the Flyers so badly needed ever since he joined the team and, if coach CHARLIE RAYNER can come up with a set line-up, the McINTYRE-led Flyers will be heard from in the second half.

GOALKEEPERS

Vancouver goalie continues to gain rave notices around the League as he bounced back from a 7-goal bombardment on Saturday to shutout the Portland Buckaroos on Sunday, chalking up his fifth whitewash of the season to take over the lead in this department. Portland's DON HEAD still leads the League with a 2.53 average after 32 games, followed by JACK McCARTAN of L.A. and JIM McLEOD of S.F. with 2.80 and 2.90 averages.

PENALTIES

Spokane's bashing defenseman, CONNIE MADIGAN, is building up a substantial lead in the penalty department as he now has a total of 91 minutes in 31 games.

WINNING STREAKS

The San Francisco Seals are showing no signs of letting up in their drive for the Southern Division crown as they now have a six game winning streak going. The Spokane Comets are also coming to life as they have won 6 of the last 7 games played and boast the best road record, 8-8-0.

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UPCOMING ACTION

Highlighting the action of the coming week will be the Southern swing of the Southern Division leaders, the Portland Buckaroos to do battle with the second and third place Los Angeles Blades and the San Francisco Seals. Although the Buckaroos lead the Blades by nine points, the Blades have five games in hand over the Bucks and may close the gap this week. San Francisco, with three games in hand over the Bucks, will also have the opportunity to draw closer with two games against the Divisional leaders. In the Northern Division, the Edmonton Flyers, presently only three points back of the fading Seattle Totems in second place, will have the opportunity of moving ahead of the Totems as Seattle make a three game prairie swing with two games slated for Edmonton.

STANDINGS

Although 12 points separate the first and last teams in the League's Southern Division at the present time, by week's end the margin could be reduced considerably. The Spokane Comets, in the midst of a home stand, are only one point behind the San Francisco Seals, 35 to 36, and are climbing fast. A couple of home wins by the Comets, coupled with a loss or two by either of the California teams who are going against the Divisional leaders, could place Spokane in the thick of the battle for the Southern Division crown. By the end of the week the Southern Division could possibly have a new 2nd place team and a new last place team. In the Northern Division there is a 23 point gap between the first place Vancouver Canucks and the last place Calgary Stampeders who have 40 and 17 points respectively, but the top three teams are separated by only 10 points. With two home games against Seattle this week and sitting only 3 points behind the Totems who are in the midst of a disastrous 11 game losing streak on the road, Edmonton will have an excellent opportunity of

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moving ahead of the Totems, presently in second with 33 points, 7 back of the Vancouver Canucks.

SCORING LEADERS

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY came up with another one of his standard five-point-minimum weeks in three games played to increase his League lead in the individual scoring race to a whopping 14 points with a 57 point total. His 18 goals place him among the leading goalscorers in League play while his 39 assists leads all others in League play by 7. Portland's TOMMY McVIE made the most significant move in the scoring race as he moved from sixth to fourth place by adding 3 goals and an assist for four points and a 41 point total in 36 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Despite the fact that the Seattle Totems are on a lengthy losing streak in road play, winger JIM POWERS still continues to find the range as he maintains his League goalscoring lead with 24 goals in 36 games. Two more wingers, BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles and TOMMY McVIE of Portland, are narrowing the gap with each passing week, however, each of them presently at the 20 goal mark in 31 and 36 games respectively.

PHIL MALONEY'S 39 assists in 34 games, seven of which have been game-winning assists (tops in the League), gives him the League lead in the assist department, seven more than his nearest rival, GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle with 32 in 36 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are shared by two teammates, both centermen with the Portland Buckaroos, GERRY GOYER and rookie KEN LAUFMAN. Both players picked up six points in four games played last week by the Bucks to lead the way to three victories in four starts for the Southern Division leaders. For GOYER one of the

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three goals scored were game-winners and placed him in a tie with BOB SOLINGER of Los Angeles for most game-winning goal with five for the season. LAUFMAN'S six point output in the four games marks the first time this season that a rookie has been named Player Of The Week. The clever centerman seems to be coming into his own with the Buckaroos as the six-point week ups his over-all total to 8 goals and 25 assists for 33 points in 34 games played to lead all rookies in total points for the season.

GOALKEEPERS

There was no change in the goalkeepers standings during the past week except for improved averages on the part of the leaders. Portland's DON HEAD led the way in the past week as he allowed only 8 goals in 4 games to improve his League-leading average a full six percentage points to 2.47 in 36 games. In addition to this the robust backstop chalked up his second shutout in League play this season, both of the blankings coming against the Spokane Comets. The two California goalies, Jack McCARTAN of Los Angeles and JIM McLEOD of San Francisco, follow with averages of 2.74 and 2.90 respectively. Though his average was pushed to 3.06 in the three games played last week by Vancouver, rookie goalie GILLES VILLEMURE became the first goalie to stop more than 1,000 shots, as his total rose to 1,004 after 34 games.

PENALTIES

Spokane's rugged defenseman, CONNIE MADIGAN, maintained his hold on the League penalty lead as he picked up a two minute penalty in each of the two games played by the Comets to up his total to 95 minutes in 33 games played.

MILESTONE: Vancouver's RON HUTCHINSON, with 17 points in 33 games thus far this season, has an over-all WHL point total of 196 made up of 83 goals and 113 assists and will reach the 200 point total in the next few games.

STANDINGS

The much-talked about attacking units of the Portland Buckaroos came into clear focus last week as the Bucks waited until they were on the road to prove to one and all that they possess the power in the League's Southern Division. Sweeping three of four games in last week's swing through the California cities, the Bucks have now amassed a total of 53 points made up of 26 wins, 13 losses and 1 tie. The Bucks now have won 5 of their last 6 road games, one of which produced the highest goal output of the season as they walloped the Los Angeles Blades 10-3 right in Los Angeles. Portland is now the only team in the League that can boast a winning road record as Laycoe's charges now have 11 wins as against 9 losses and 1 tie in 21 games on the road. In addition, the Bucks have been involved in four overtime games, all on the road, and have yet to win one of them, gaining only one point in a stand-off effort against Spokane. Los Angeles and San Francisco are tied in second place, 13 points back of the Bucks, with 38 points each, although San Francisco has played two more games than Los Angeles.

In the Northern Division, the Seattle Totems are losing on the road in approximately the same proportion as Portland has been winning, and remain in contention for the top spot in the Northern Division only because the Vancouver Canucks, in sudden reversal, dropped three straight games in the past week. The Totems now have lost 13 of their last 14 road games, winning only one of four contests last week despite having scored 20 goals in the four games. Seattle has 35 points to remain in second place 5 points behind the leading Vancouver Canucks. The most noteworthy happening in Northern Division play is the sudden revival of the Calgary Stampeders who have won 4 straight games, 2 of which were on the road, and now have 25 points, only 7 behind the third place Edmonton Flyers and 15 behind the leading Vancouver Canucks.

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SCORING LEADERS

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY maintained his 14 point lead in the individual scoring race even though his team lost 3 straight games last week, but some outstanding changes took place among the remaining scoring leaders. Portland's TOMMY McVIE moves from fourth spot last week into second place this week as he picked up 3 goals and 1 assist in 4 games for 45 points, 23 goals and 22 assists. Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL drops one notch into a third place tie with the surprising Portland centerman, GERRY GOYER, and Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, all three players having 44 points. GOYER, who was in 14th spot in the scoring race last week, moved up 11 notches to his present 3rd place position, picking up 11 points in four games on the road.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The Seattle Totems continue to have problems on the road but one of them isn't JUMBO JIM POWERS. Big JIM continues to set the League scoring pace as he picked up another three markers in four games last week to up his total to 27 goals in 39 games, four more than his nearest rival, Portland's TOMMY McVIE, who has 23.

PHIL MALONEY's 40 assists in 37 games continues to set the pace in the assist department. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, centerman for the leading scorer JIM POWERS, is in second place with 36 set-ups.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are awarded to centerman GERRY GOYER of the Portland Buckaroos. The lanky playmaker picked up 11 scoring points in four games, an average of 2.8 scoring points a game, to move from 14 th place to a tie for third in the individual scoring race. His two goals and nine assists led the way for the Bucks as they moved well ahead of Los Angeles and San Francisco in the

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race for top spot in the League's Southern Division, by winning three of the four games on last week's California swing.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD continues his amazing pace atop the goalkeeping statistics in Western League play as he allowed only ten goals in four games on the road for a week's average of 2.50. His over-all average for the season is even better as it stands at 2.48 as 99 goals have passed the robust backstop in 40 contests. San Francisco rookie JIMMY McLEOD moves into second place ahead of Los Angeles Blades JACK McCARTAN, who suffered a 10 goal bombardment at the hands of Portland last week. McLEOD has a 2.94 average after 32 games while McCARTAN has a 2.97 average after 32 contests.

PENALTIES

The Spokane Comets played only one game last week and the League's penalty leader, defenseman CONNIE MADIGAN, aimed for the goal instead of the penalty box as he scored one marker and picked up no penalties. However, he still leads the League with 97 minutes in 34 games.

JINXED GOAL

The Calgary Stampeders walloped the Seattle Totems 8-4 in Calgary on Saturday night past and all 12 goals were scored in the same net. The Stampeders scored three goals in the first period and five in the third while the Totems fired all four of their goals in the middle frame.

MILESTONES

Popular rightwinger of the Portland Buckaroos, ARNIE SCHMAUTZ, has presently played in 495 Western League games and will soon reach the 500 game plateau. In the 495 games to date SCHMAUTZ has scored 150 goals and 218 assists for a total of 368 points in games up to and including last Sunday night.

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STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos, as a result of having played only one game last week, had their Southern Division lead whittled to a still-comfortable nine points over the second place Los Angeles Blades. The Bucks, with a record of 27 wins, 13 losses and 1 tie for 55 points in 41 games, could conceivably break the record for most points by a team in one season, but it would take some doing. They would have to win 20 of their remaining 29 games to reach the 95 point mark which would be one more than the record amount chalked up by the '59-'60 Vancouver Canucks. The second place Los Angeles Blades, with four wins, have 46 points on a 23 - 13 - 0 record while the third place San Francisco Seals continue their hot pursuit, chalking up four wins in the week also for a 22 - 16 - 0 record and 44 points. Spokane trails with 18 wins, 20 losses and a tie for 37 points.

In the Northern Division the Seattle Totems moved to within one point of the leading Vancouver Canucks as they came up with three big wins last week while the Canucks split in their two engagements. The Canucks have 3 games in hand over the Totems with a 20 - 17 - 2 record for 42 points while the Totems possess a 20 - 21 - 1 record for 41 points. Third place Edmonton is 9 points back of Seattle with 32 points on 16 wins and 29 losses while Calgary trails with a 13 - 28 - 1 record and 27 points in 42 games.

SCORING LEADERS

Coach MAX McNAB and the Vancouver Canucks suffered the 'toughest break' of the season from an injury standpoint as they lost the League's scoring and inspirational leader, PHIL MALONEY, for an estimated four weeks with a shoulder dislocation. Though the injury is not real serious to MALONEY, it could prove very serious to the Canucks as

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no individual player in the League could possibly be missed more by his team. Before sustaining the injury MALONEY^{scored} another goal and an assist to up his League-leading total to 20 goals and 41 assists for 61 points in 39 games. Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL moved into second place as he picked up 3 goals and 6 assists in four games to up his total to 23 goals and 30 assists for 53 points. Team mate BOB SOLINGER and Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER are tied in third spot with 50 points apiece.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's JIM POWERS still holds the League lead in total goals for the season but his lead is not as commanding this week. He failed to notch one marker in three games to remain at the 27 goal mark in 42 games while Portland's TOMMY McVIE scored 2 goals in the one game played by his team to up his total to 25 for the season, just 2 behind POWERS, in 41 games played.

JIM POWERS' Seattle centerman, GUYLE FIELDER, moved into a tie in the assist department with Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, as he picked 5 helpers in 3 games last week to up his assist total to 41 in 42 games. MALONEY also has 41 assists in 39 contests.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Two Los Angeles Blades players share Player of the Week honors in action during the past week as they both picked up nine points in four games in leading their team to four straight victories. BRUCE CARMICHAEL and team mate LEO LABINE were the Blade sparkplugs chalking up nine point weeks and both moved up in the individual scoring race. CARMICHAEL took over sole possession of second place with 53 points and LABINE moved from sixteenth last week to seventh spot in the scoring this week. The sudden surge by the Blades and these two players managed to keep the Blades within striking distance of the first place Portland Buckaroos and

one jump ahead of the third place San Francisco Seals.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD still maintains a comfortable lead in the goalkeeping department with a 2:51 average, having allowed only 103 goals in 41 games to date. JACK MCCARTAN of the Los Angeles Blades moves into second place as he allowed only 7 goals in four games last week, less than 2 per game, to improve his average to 2.84 after 37 games. In addition, the lanky Minnesotan chalked up his third shutout of the season against the Edmonton Flyers to rate second place in the shutout race, two behind Vancouver rookie GILLES VILLEMURE. San Francisco's JIMMY McLEOD is the only other goalie under the 3.00 average as he boasts a 2.91 mark, allowing 102 goals in 35 contests.

PENALTIES

Spokane's CONNIE MADIGAN still holds his League lead in the Penalty parade with 99 minutes in 38 games, though Edmonton's DOUG MESSIER is in hot pursuit as he chalked up 22 minutes in one game last week to up his total to 93 in 32 games, to take over second spot. FRANK ARNETT of Los Angeles follows closely with 92 minutes as he picked up 7 minors and a misconduct last week. His over-all Western League total now stands at 1,001 minutes and he rates the dubious honor of becoming the first player ever to pass the 1,000 penalty minute mark in WHL play.

MILESTONES

Three Calgary players are all aiming at the 400 point plateau and should reach that mark within the next few games. Defenseman FREDDIE HUCUL has presently 392 WHL points made up of 110 goals and 382 assists in 489 games. He could hit his 400th point in his 500th game. LOU JANKOWSKI has 391 WHL points in 308 games on 204 goals and 187 assists and NORM JOHNSON is also at the 391 mark on 132 goals and 260 assists in 352 Western League contests.

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STANDINGS

The Portland Buckaroos continued their winning ways with two victories in as many games last week to remain a full eight points ahead of the new second place dwellers, the San Francisco Seals. The Bucks now have 59 points on 29 wins, 13 losses and 1 tie for the season. The San Francisco Seals took over sole possession of second place by battling the Blades of Los Angeles to a 6-6 overtime draw in Los Angeles and then returning home to shutout their state rivals, 4-0, in a home and home weekend series. The Seals now have 51 points as they won their 20th home game of the season for a record of 25 wins, 16 losses and a tie. The Blades, two points back in third place, have played two less games than San Francisco.

In the Northern Division the Seattle Totems moved into a first-place tie with the Vancouver Canucks as they won the only game played last week while the Canucks could manage but a tie in their only encounter. The two teams now have 43 points apiece, Vancouver with a 20-17-3 record in 40 contests and Seattle with a 21-21-1 record in 43 outings. The Canucks will have an opportunity to move ahead once again with a home game against the Totems tonight.

The Edmonton Flyers have been victims, in the past week, of record-breaking onslaughts by a couple of teams on a scoring rampage. The Portland Buckaroos tied their own team record for most goals in one game as they drubbed the Flyers 11-1 last Wednesday in Portland. Three nights later the Spokane Comets took out all their aggression on the hapless Flyers with a 12-1 lacing to set a new team record for goals in one game by the Comets. Two Spokane players picked up Hat Tricks in the game.

NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Los Angeles Blades set a new attendance record for a

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single contest in League play as 13,942 persons watched the Blades and Seals battle to a 6-6 draw in Los Angeles on Saturday night. This surpasses the former record set last season by the same Blades when 13,702 jammed the Los Angeles Sports Arena on the identical night one year ago when the Blades walloped the Calgary Stampeders, 7-1. The following night in San Francisco the same two teams, the Blades and Seals, again faced each other before 10,209 San Franciscans with the Seals coming out ahead, 4-0, while, at the same time, the Portland Buckaroos were edging the Calgary Stampeders, 5-3, before 8,649 Buckaroo followers. The three crowds totalled 32,800 over the past weekend for a noteworthy 10,000 plus average.

SCORING LEADERS

A sudden scoring splurge by Southern Division sharpshooters tightens up the individual scoring race as they begin to close in on the injured PHIL MALONEY. MALONEY still leads the pace with 61 points on 20 goals and 41 assists in 39 games. BRUCE CARMICHAEL moved to within 3 points of MALONEY as he picked up 3 goals and 2 assists in 3 games last week for a total of 26 goals and 32 assists for 58 points in 40 games. Two San Francisco players, NICK MICKOSKI and EDDIE PANAGABKO, moved into contention with high scoring weeks to take over second and third place with 55 and 54 points respectively.

MOST GOALS — MOST ASSISTS

Portland's TOMMY McVIE moved into a tie with Seattle's JIM POWERS for the League goalscoring lead as he fired two goals in two games while POWERS was blanked. CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles is close behind with 26 markers. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, meanwhile, moved into the assist lead with 44 in 43 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors go to San Francisco's EDDIE PANAGABKO for his efforts in leading the Seals to 7 of 8 points in four games

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played last week. The diminutive Captain of the Seals fired seven goals in the four games, one of which was the true Hat Trick -- three consecutive goals -- as he led his mates to a 6-2 triumph over Calgary. Portland's GERRY GOYER deserves honorable mention for a tremendous 8 point output in only two games played last week by the Bucks. PANAGABKO moved from 10th to 4th in the individual scoring race while GOYER went from 11th to 6th.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD continues to lead the goalkeepers with a 2.49 average, allowing 107 goals in 43 games. San Francisco's JIM MCLEOD moves into second place ahead of JACK McCARTAN of Los Angeles. Both have 2.95 averages but MCLEOD has allowed 3 less goals, 115, as opposed to 118 for McCARTAN.

PENALTIES

Spokane's CONNIE MADIGAN still holds his penalty lead in League play as he became the first player to pass the 100 mark in Penalty minutes this season. MADIGAN has 101 minutes in 41 games and is followed closely by FRANK ARNETT of Los Angeles, who has 98 minutes in 40 games.

HAT TRICKS

All of a sudden League forwards seem to have found the chinks in the defensive armour of rival teams as four Hat Tricks were chalked up last week in the most productive scoring week of the season. The four Hat Tricks were divided between only two teams in the League, however, as two came in one game. Spokane players DEL TOPOLL and STEVE WITIUK fired three goals each in the Comets big win over Edmonton and big AL NICHOLSON along with Captain EDDIE PANAGABKO had 3 goal nights against Los Angeles and Calgary respectively.

LINE-UP CHANGES VANCOUVER: Add JIMMY BAIRD...Left Wing...Number 10. Change DAVE DUKE from Number 19 to Number 11. DON BAMBURAK wearing Number 19.

STANDINGS

Home teams in Western Hockey League play suffered the most disastrous week of the season in action during the past week as invading visitors chalked up nine victories on foreign ice, tied one and lost only once in eleven games played. The sole home victory in the entire week came on Friday night in Seattle as the Totems swept past the Los Angeles Blades, 5-1. Leading the way in the onslaught by the visitors were the San Francisco Seals as they charged to a clean sweep, four games, over the prairie teams, Calgary and Edmonton. The red-hot Seals have not lost a game in their last eleven, having won ten and tied one. They narrowed the gap between first and second place by moving to within five points of the Portland Buckaroos who managed two wins, both on the road, and a tie and a loss at home to up their season total to a healthy 64 points. The Seals, with an impressive home record of 20 wins against 5 losses, are now moving rapidly on the road as well with a record of 9 wins, 11 losses and a tie, for a total of 59 points. Los Angeles, with a win, a tie and a loss for the week remain in contention with 52 points and 3 games in hand over San Francisco .

Three wins by the Seattle Totems in four outings increased their Divisional lead over the Vancouver Canucks, who lost two games, to 6 points. The Totems now have 49 points on 24 wins, 22 losses and a tie while the Canucks, with 5 games in hand have 43 points on 20 wins, 19 losses and 3 ties. Third place Edmonton trail Vancouver by ten points and are 5 ahead of the cellar-dwelling Calgary Stampeders.

Highlighting the action of the coming week will be the head-on clash between the leading Portland Buckaroos and the surging San Francisco Seals in Portland on Wednesday night. The Seals have one game in hand over the Bucks, and could, with a Tuesday night win, be within 3 points of Portland when the two teams face-off on Wednesday night.

SCORING LEADERS

For the first time since the third week of the schedule, which was late October, the Western Hockey League has a new scoring leader. Veteran winger NICK MICKOSKI of the San Francisco Seals, who has been on a very impressive scoring binge in the past three weeks as he has picked up a point or more in 12 consecutive games and nine points in four games last week, moves to the front with 64 scoring points, three more than the injured PHIL MALONEY and Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER. In the past 12 games MICKOSKI has picked up 11 goals and 15 assists for 26 points, better than two a game, and now has 28 goals and 36 assists in 44 games. FIELDER moved into a second place tie with MALONEY by picking up 2 goals and 6 more assists in four games for a season total of 11 goals and 50 assists in 47 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's fast-firing winger, JIM POWERS, rifled two more goals in four games last week to maintain a slight edge in the goal-scoring department. His 29 markers for the season in 47 games leads the League, but scoring leader NICK MICKOSKI, San Francisco, follows close behind with 28 goals in 44 games.

Centerman GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle moved into a commanding nine point lead in the assist department. Six helpers in the past week gives GUYLE 50 assists in 47 games. The idled PHIL MALONEY, with 41 assists in 39 games rates second place.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are shared by two high-scoring wingers, NICK MICKOSKI OF the San Francisco Seals and BOB BARLOW of the Seattle Totems. Both players picked up nine points in four games last week, for a better-than-two-a-game average. In addition to boosting MICKOSKI into the League scoring lead, the nine points

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enabled him to keep alive a consecutive game scoring streak that presently stands at 12 games. BARLOW'S six goals in four games last week, along with three assists, led the Totems to three victories in four outings as they solidified their hold on top spot in the League's Northern Division. The MICKOSKI-led Seals are now posing a serious challenge for first place in the Southern Division as they have gone 11 straight games without a defeat.

GOALKEEPERS

Though undergoing a seven goal bombardment on Sunday night in Portland, Buckaroo goalkeeper DON HEAD allowed only four goals in three other games, including his third shutout of the season, to maintain his League leading average of 2.51. HEAD has now allowed 118 goals in 47 games. Los Angeles Blades JACK MCCARTAN also chalked up a shutout, his fourth of the season and only one short of the lead held by Vancouver's GILLES VILLEMURE of Vancouver. Both shutouts last week came on foreign ice as HEAD blanked Seattle 1-0 in Seattle on Saturday night and MCCARTAN performed the same feat by the identical score in Spokane. The two shutouts last week brings to eighteen the total of whitewashes for the season after 184 games.

PENALTIES

A new name appears at the head of the penalty list for the first time this week. Calgary's GEORGE McAVOY picked up two minor penalties in each of four games played last week, a total of 16 minutes for the week, to up his over-all total to 105 minutes and the League lead. His position atop the penalty parade is precarious, however, as four players have passed the century mark in penalty minutes. San Francisco's LARRY McNABB and Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT pose the most erious threat to takeover the League lead as both players have 104 minutes, McNABB in 39 games and ARNETT in 43 contests. Spokane's CON MADIGAN has 101 minutes.

STANDINGS

The onrushing San Francisco Seals returned home today after one of the most successful road swings in the history of the League. Though the Seals are still three points behind the Divisional leading Portland Buckaroos with 63 points on 31 wins, 19 losses and a tie in 51 games, they now hold the new record for the longest undefeated streak away from home -- 10 straight games -- breaking the old record of seven held by Calgary and New Westminster. The Seals won three of their five games last week but lost the big one to Portland in Portland, 5-4. The leading Bucks now have 66 points on 32 wins, 15 losses and 2 ties in 49 games. The Los Angeles Blades, not quite as successful as the Seals on the road, nevertheless won their BIG game of the week in trouncing the Spokane Comets, 5-2, move to an 11 point lead over the Comets and to within 7 points of the third place Seals with 3 games in hand. If the Blades can capitalize on their three games in hand they will be right back in the thick of the battle for top spot. This week they get their chance to do just that as another crucial home-and-home series with San Francisco is slated, along with two home games against the leading Buckaroos.

In the Northern Division, the leading Seattle Totems split their two games last week, losing to Spokane in Spokane and edging San Francisco in Seattle to remain 6 points in front of the second place Vancouver Canucks. The Totems have 51 points on 25 wins, 23 losses and a tie in 49 games. The Canucks, meanwhile, came up with a convincing win in Portland, their first since scoring star PHIL MALONEY was injured, to boost their total to 45 points on 21 wins, 21 losses and 3 ties. The Portland win broke a six game losing streak for the Canucks dating from the game in Seattle on January 19 in which MALONEY was injured. The Calgary Stampeders moved to within four points of the third place Edmonton Flyers

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with two straight wins in last week's action as the HUCUL-led Cowboys beat the Los Angeles Blades in both contests in Calgary. The Stampeders are now only 4 points behind Edmonton, who split two games with Los Angeles last week, and have 4 games in hand.

SCORING LEADERS

Veteran San Francisco winger NICK MICKOSKI fired 3 goals and added an assist in five games last week to hold a slim two point lead in the individual scoring race. MICKOSKI now has 31 goals and 37 assists for 68 points in 49 games. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER is in hot pursuit of the coveted top spot in the scoring race, however, as he counted one marker and assisted on 4 others in two games last week to up his total to 66 for the season on 12 goals and 54 assists in 49 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Leading scorer NICK MICKOSKI took over the League goal-scoring lead from Seattle's JIM POWERS last week as his three markers pushed him over the 30 mark to 31 for the season in 49 games. Seattle's POWERS and BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles are tied in second spot with 30 markers each in 49 and 48 games respectively.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER picked up 4 more assists in two games last week to up his total to a League-leading 54 in 49 games. If the diminutive centerman can pick up two assists a game, 42 in his remaining 21 games, he will break his own League record of 95 which he set in the 1958-59 season.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are shared between two team mates of the Los Angeles Blades. WILLIE O'REE and STAN MAXWELL both picked up seven points in the week's action to top all other scorers in League play. The Blades played five games and the

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sudden scoring revival of WILLIE O'REE after a slow start will make the Blades tough in the stretch drive. O'REE fired four goals and assisted on three others to up his season total to 42 in 44 games. MAXWELL, still recovering from the effects of injury, is quickly regaining his early season form. His goal and six assists in five games ups his season total to 39 in 44 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD maintains his lead despite the fact that he added 10 percentage points to his average. His leading 2.61 average is the result of allowing 128 goals in 49 games and he is now the only goalie with a 2 point average. JACK McCARTAN of Los Angeles was pushed to a 3.02 average, having allowed 10 goals in two games before being injured. Spokane's CLAUDE DUFOUR moves into a tie for the League shutout lead as he chalked up his fifth of the season against San Francisco Saturday night. The five shutouts place the lanky backstop in a tie with Vancouver's GILLES VILLEMURE, who had chalked up five blankings earlier in the season.

PENALTIES

Badman FRANK ARNETT of the Los Angeles Blades, the only player to pass the 1,000 mark in total penalty minutes in League play, took over the lead in the penalty parade from Calgary's GEORGE MCAVOY. ARNETT, with seven minors in five games, ups his season total to 118 minutes in 48 games. San Francisco's LARRY McNABB is a close second as his six minors in five games last week ups his total to 116 in 44 games.

FLAWLESS RECORD

The San Francisco Seals have completed season play against both Calgary and Edmonton and the Seals chalked up a perfect 8 wins against no losses in the Calgary series and 7 wins as against 1 loss with Edmonton. Los Angeles, in completed season play against the two prairie teams, ended with a 5-3-0 record against Calgary and a 6-2-0 record against Edmonton.

STANDINGS

With only six weeks remaining in regular season play the races in both Divisions of Western League play are tightening considerably. In the League's Southern Division only six points separate the top three teams as Portland continue to lead the pack with 67 points. The Bucks have 32 wins, 16 losses and 3 ties in 51 games while the second-place San Francisco Seals are biting at their heels with 65 points made up of 32 wins, 20 losses and a tie in 53 outings. The Los Angeles Blades, taking 3 of a possible 4 points from Portland over the weekend, have reached the 61 point mark on 29 wins 19 losses and 3 ties in 52 games. Spokane trails with 47 points.

In the Northern Division the resurgent Vancouver Canucks presently sit a mere two points behind the leading Seattle Totems after moving into a tie with the Totems earlier in the week on the strength of 3 victories in 4 starts on the road. The Canucks took both games with Calgary and split with Edmonton to up their season total to 51 points on 24 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties in 49 games and still have two games in hand on the leading Totems. Seattle, meanwhile, failed to break the jinx on Spokane ice as they dropped their fifth straight to the Comets Saturday night in Spokane. A 4-3 overtime squeaker by the Totems over the Comets in Seattle on Sunday night enabled the Totems to remain a scant 2 points in front of the Vancouver Canucks. Edmonton increased its third place lead over the trailing Calgary Stampeders to 6 points as a result of the split with Vancouver combined with the two Calgary losses to the Canucks.

Vancouver, after winning four of their last five on the road, stop briefly for a home game against Spokane tonight and then head on to California for four more road games in an effort to overtake Seattle. Portland Buckaroos take a mere 2 point Southern Division lead with them

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on their final visit to the prairies this season.

SCORING LEADERS

San Francisco Seals veteran winger NICK MICKOSKI added two goals to his impressive record last week to become the first player to hit the 70 mark in individual scoring. MICKOSKI'S 70 point total is made up of 33 goals and 37 assists in 51 contests, four more than his nearest rivals, BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles and GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle, both of whom are tied in second place with 66 points each. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is back in the running and is not too far off the pace as he picked up 2 assists in four games last week to up his total to 63 points and fourth place in the scoring race, 7 behind the leader.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Scoring leader NICK MICKOSKI of San Francisco also holds the League goal-scoring leadership as he has fired 33 goals in 51 games. This is one more than Los Angeles Blades winger BRUCE CARMICHAEL, who added his 31st and 32nd of the season in last weeks play after 52 contests.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER did not add to his assist total in action during the past week but still holds a comfortable lead with 54 helpers in 50 games, 11 more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 43 in 43 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Smiling winger of the Vancouver Canucks, DAVE DUKE, rates Player of the Week honors during the past week as his sudden scoring outburst led the Canucks to three victories in four starts, all on the road, as his team drives to take over top spot in the Northern Division. DUKE scored four goals in four games, three of which were game-winners, and added four assists for a total of 8 points. His two-point-a-game clip on MAX McNAB'S latest red-hot scoring combination of DUKE-KABEL-McCUSKER was

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more, in the four games played by the fleet rightwinger, than any other player in action of the past week.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland goalkeeper DON HEAD, despite the fact that his team only salvaged one of a possible four points in two games last week, improved his average by a couple of percentage points to return to his very commendable 2.59 mark. His lead has not been seriously threatened since he took over the top spot early in the season and presently, he is the only goalie in League play who is under the 3.00 in average, having allowed 132 goals in 51 games. San Francisco's rookie goalie, JIM McLEOD chalked up his third shutout of the season last week blanking the Los Angeles Blades for the second consecutive time. The rookie blanked the Blades for a total of 136 consecutive minutes and one second, some 25 minutes short of the League record set by BRUCE GAMBLE with Vancouver in the '58-'59 season.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades defenseman FRANK ARNETT maintains his lead in the League penalty parade as he picked up a major and a minor in four games to up his total to 125 minutes in 52 games. San Francisco's LARRY McNABB received two minors in two games to reach the 120 mark and second place among the penalty leaders.

UNBLEMISHED RECORD

The Southern Division's first place Portland Buckaroos will have the odds against them as they travel to the Prairies for four games in the coming week. The Bucks have an unblemished record against both Calgary and Edmonton as they have nine wins in nine games with the two teams. Portland has whipped Edmonton five straight times in five meetings and has taken Calgary in four straight meetings so far in season play. The prairie teams look to change things this week.

STANDINGS

Road teams continued their upsetting ways in action of the past week to make the races in both Divisions still tighter as teams battle for strategic play-off positions. In the Southern Division only 9 points separate the top three teams while the fourth place team, with games in hand, is only ten points off the pace. Portland still leads the Division with 72 points on 34 wins, 18 losses and 4 ties, maintaining their lead the hard way with two wins and a tie in four games against prairie teams last week. San Francisco continues to roll right along as the Seals picked up three more victories in three games played for 71 points on 35 wins, one more than Portland, 20 losses and a tie. The Seals have now won 17 of their last 21 games in their determined bid to overtake Portland. Los Angeles are 7 points behind San Francisco with 63 points and Spokane trails with 53.

In the Northern Division the Vancouver Canucks, with the return of their inspirational leader, PHIL MALONEY, have shown tremendous scoring power and are returning to the form that catapulted them to such a fast start in the Northern Division. Seattle still leads with 55 points on 27 wins, 26 losses and a tie, but the Canucks are right behind with 53 points on 25 wins, 26 losses and 3 ties. The Canucks have scored three more goals than the Totems, 188, and have had eight less scored against them, 180, in the same number of games, 54. These two teams may settle any argument for first place in the coming week as they meet Tuesday in Vancouver and next Sunday in Seattle in a home-and-home series. Third place Edmonton is still 13 points behind Vancouver and only 7 points ahead of Calgary. The Prairie rivals will face each other in Calgary on Saturday night in the first of five remaining meetings between the two clubs that will settle the third and last play-off spot in the Northern Division.

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SCORING LEADERS

Long-striding NICK MICKOSKI of the San Francisco Seals picked up two goals and two assists to remain atop the individual scoring race in League play with 74 points, but his lead was cut to three points and three players in second place have their guns levelled with intent to knock the leader from his lofty perch. BRUCE CARMICHAEL of the Los Angeles Blades, and GUYLE FIELDER of the Seattle Totems are tied in second place with 71 points along with a resurgent PHIL MALONEY who came on strong with an 8 point week to reach the 71 point mark. It could be that a photo-finish is evolving in the individual scoring race, and a new scoring leader could very well head the list for each of the remaining five weeks of regular season play.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

MICKOSKI still holds the lead in the goalscoring department as his two markers during the past week upped his total to 35 for the season in 54 games. He is followed closely by BRUCE CARMICHAEL of Los Angeles who has fired 33 markers in 55 games and Seattle's BOB BARLOW, who has notched 32 goals in 54 games. Leader NICK MICKOSKI makes the most of his goalscoring ability as 10 of the 35 goals he has scored have been game-winners.

Seattle's clever centerman, GUYLE FIELDER, has taken a commanding lead in the assist department as he now has 58 assists in 53 games. His closest rival, PHIL MALONEY of Vancouver, has 49 helpers in 48 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week go to the man who almost dominated this award in the first half of the season, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY. MALONEY, back in harness after suffering

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suffering a shoulder injury that kept him sidelined for approximately a month, scored two goals and assisted on six others for a total of 8 points in the five games played last week by the Canucks, more than any other player. His eight point outburst lifted him into a tie for second place in the individual scoring race. The inspired play of this veteran has had much to do with the return to form of the Vancouver attacking units.

GOALKEEPERS

Goalkeeper DON HEAD of the Portland Buckaroos continues to lead the goalkeeping averages as he boasts a 2.61 average, having allowed 146 goals in 56 games. He is the only active goalie in the League who has a 2 point average. San Francisco's JIM McLEOD is second with an average of 3.04.

PENALTIES

FRANK ARNETT, Los Angeles Blades defenseman, again leads the League in penalties with 133 minutes. ARNETT added four minors to his record this week to keep ahead of Calgary's GEORGE MCAVOY who has 121 minutes in penalties.

OVERTIMES

The Portland Buckaroos won their first overtime game of the season last Tuesday, February 19th, in Calgary winning 3-2. Their overtime games record for the season now stands at 1 win, 3 losses and 4 ties.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Edmonton Hockey Club line-up:

Chuck Holmes # 8.....right wing

Gilles Boisvert # 1..goal

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STANDINGS

At this point in the season any changes that take place have to be looked upon as highly important, and last week some very significant changes took place.

The fantastic San Francisco Seals brought about the greatest change as they vaulted over the Portland Buckaroos and into first place for a short time, by as much as three points, before the Bucks put together a win and a tie to regain a share of the lead. The Seals, however, have played two less games than Portland, 58 to the Bucks 60, and still have two more wins as part of their 75 points. with a record of 37-20-1. The Bucks 75 points come from 35 wins, 20 losses and 5 ties in 60 games. The Seals and Buckaroos meet this coming Saturday in Portland in the game that could very well determine the Southern Division crown. It's the second last meeting of the season between the two teams in a series which Portland leads handsomely, having won 7 games while losing only 3 to the Seals. The Los Angeles Blades, who only a short week or two ago were battling for the top spot in the Southern Division, now , as a result of successive losses to San Francisco, are watching closely the oncoming Spokane Comets. Spokane, with 56 points, has two games in hand over Los Angeles who presently stand a distant third in the Division with 63 points after 57 games.

In the Northern Division the standings are every bit as tight. The revived Vancouver Canucks pushed the Seattle Totems back into second place with two impressive victories over the Totems, one in Vancouver and one in Seattle. The Canucks have a record of 28-27-3 for 59 points while the Totems, after the same number of games have a record of 28-29-1 for 57 points. The Calgary Stampeders have suddenly discovered the form predicted for them early in the season and have put together a four game

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winning streak, three of which wins came on the road. Of the four wins two were "musts" over the third place Edmonton Flyers and, as a result, the Stampeders are only one point out of third place with 39 after 58 games and still have two games in hand over the Flyers.

SCORING LEADERS

Veteran San Francisco winger NICK MICKOSKI failed to pick up any goals in the two games played by the Seals but he added five assists to his impressive record to maintain a 4 point edge in the individual scoring race. His 79 points, made up of 35 goals and 44 assists, are four more than the 75 accumulated by Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER who holds down second place with 13 goals and 62 assists. Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY are tied in third spot with 74 points each.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

For the first time in several weeks a brand new goal-scoring leader emerges in Western League action. Robust BUDDY BOONE of the Vancouver Canucks has presently fired 37 goals by opposition goalkeepers in 57 games and may very well become the League's first 40 goal scorer in the '62-'63 season. San Francisco's NICK MICKOSKI, who led in goals last week, is now in second place with 35 for the season in 56 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER maintains a solid ten point cushion in the League assists lead. FIELDER has set up 62 goals in 57 games and is followed by Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY who is ten back with 52 assists in 52 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Four players on two teams are tied for Player of The Week honors this week as all four picked up six points in leading their respective teams to important victories. Two Calgary Stampeders, one notable because he is a defenseman who picked up six points in three games and the other

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because he triggered the only Hat Trick in the week's action. FRED HUCUL, playing coach of the Stamps is the defenseman and centerman MILAN MARCETTA is the other six point performer who fired a Hat Trick against Edmonton in Calgary's 7-5 win over the Flyers last Saturday. Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE and JIMMY BAIRD both picked up six points in four contests last week, both players firing three goals and three assists.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD saw his average shoot up four percentage points to 2.65 in four games last week but he still holds a comfortable lead in the goalkeeping department. HEAD has allowed 159 goals in 60 games. The next best average belongs to Spokane's CLAUDE DUFOUR, who has allowed 164 goals in 54 games as he tries to lower his average to the 2 point category from the present 3.02.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT picked up only one minor penalty in two contests last week to maintain a slight edge in the League penalty parade. ARNETT has 135 minutes in 57 games and is followed by San Francisco's LARRY McNABB who is four minutes behind with 131 in 51 games.

GOALS AGAINST EMPTY NETS

Evidence of the close races and close games in both Divisions as the teams fight hard for positional finishes was the fact that in four of the 12 games played last week, goals were scored into an empty net as a result of coaches pulling their goalies in favor of an extra attacker in an effort to tie the game in the dying seconds. San Francisco, Vancouver in two games, and Calgary were fortunate enough to score the empty-net goals against Los Angeles, Spokane and Seattle, and Edmonton respectively as the number of empty-net goals increased to 33 for the season after 232 games.

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STANDINGS

An issue that has been building up for the past several weeks was emphatically decided, at least temporarily, in the League's Southern Division last week, but in the Northern sector the race is tighter than ever as teams battle for top spot and play-off positions.

The Portland Buckaroos soundly defeated the San Francisco Seals in the game that was to decide top spot last Saturday in Portland, 8-1, to move into a three point lead in the Southern Division. The Seals, however, came right back and defeated the Spokane Comets the next night to again move within one point of the Bucks. The game that may very well decide the top spot in the Southern Division could be the next meeting between these same rivals, once again in Portland and the last meeting of the season between the two teams on Sunday, March 24.

The Seattle Totems could manage but a tie at home in the past week, a 1-1 affair with the Portland Buckaroos, but came on strong on the road to move back into a deadlock with Vancouver for first place in the Northern Division. The Totems trounced the Los Angeles Blades in Los Angeles in successive games in a span of 22 hours by scores of 7-3 and 6-1. Both teams have 62 points but Vancouver has a game in hand with ten left for the season, while the Totems have only nine contests remaining. Fighting for the last play-off spot in the Northern Division, the Calgary Stampers have 44 points to Edmonton's 42 but the Flyers have a game in hand and could tie it all up in their next outing.

A unique situation has developed in one of the closest races in years in the Western Hockey League. The fight for positional finishes in each of the top three spots in both Divisions is so close that each of the positions may be decided only when the two teams fighting for the particular position meet for the last time in regularly scheduled play. The top spot in the Southern Division may^{be} decided when Portland hosts San

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Francisco March 24 in Portland. The third and final play-off position in the South may be decided when Spokane meets Los Angeles for the last time on March 27 in Los Angeles. Top spot in the Northern Division may not be decided until Vancouver meets the Totems in Seattle on the last day of season play, March 31. And Calgary and Edmonton may decide the third and last play-off spot on the second last day of the schedule, Saturday, March 30, when the two teams meet in Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

A new scoring leader comes to the fore this week as Seattle's diminutive centerman, GUYLE FIELDER, came up with a big 7 point week to slip past the leader of the past two months, San Francisco's NICK MICKOSKI. FIELDER fired two goals and assisted on five others to up his total to 15 goals and 67 assists for 82 points in 60 games. MICKOSKI'S one goal last week brought his total to 80 points for the season with 36 goals. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is in third place with 79 points.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's BOB BARLOW fired five goals in two games last week, including his third Hat Trick of the season to give him the League lead in this department, and is now tied with Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE for the League goalscoring lead with 39 goals.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER remains well ahead in assists for the season as the five he set up last week brings his total to 67 for the season, 12 more than his closest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER rates Player of the Week honors for action during the past week as he picked up seven points in three games to lead all players in scoring for the week and also to move into top spot in the individual scoring race. The sparkling play of the little centerman is keeping the Totems in the running for first place in the

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League's Northern Division as they moved into a first place tie with Vancouver over the weekend. In addition, FIELDER set up winger BOB BARLOW three times for enabling the hustling winger to garner his third Hat Trick of the season and the League lead in goalscoring. It could be that, as has happened so often in the past, FIELDER could be responsible for his wingers hitting the 40 goal mark for the seventy game season.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland goalie DON HEAD had another average week, for him that is, as the Buckaroos played only two games last week and HEAD allowed only two goals. His average, as a result of the two games, improved by five percentage points to 2.60 as he has allowed only 161 goals in 62 games. Calgary's ROY EDWARDS showed the greatest improvement in the week's action as his average improved from 4.02 last week to 3.93 this week after 4 games.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT managed to add 13 minutes to his League leading total of last week to maintain his dubious honor as the League's penalty leader with 148 minutes in 60 games.

POSSIBILITIES --- With less than three weeks remaining in League play, following are the positions of the teams, points they have at present, games to play, possible points should they win all their games both home and away, and opponents they will face:

TEAM	GP	PTS.	GMS. TO POSS.		HOME	AWAY	AT HOME	AWAY
			PLAY	PTS.				
PORTLAND	62	78	8	16	6	2	Edm, LA, Sea SF, Cal, Spo	Spo, Van
SAN FRAN.	61	77	9	18	5	4	Sea 2, Spo 2, LA	LA 2, Sea, Por Spo, Van, Sea
LOS ANG.	60	65	10	20	5	5	Spo 3, SF 2	Port, SF
SPOKANE	59	56	11	22	4	7	LA, Port, Cal, Van	LA 3, SF 2, Sea, Port
VANCOUVER	60	62	10	20	4	6	Edm 2, LA Port	Edm 2, Cal 2 Sea, Spok.
SEATTLE	61	62	9	18	6	3	LA, Sp, SF Edm, Cal, Van	SF 2, Port
CALGARY	62	44	8	16	4	4	EDM 2, Van 2	Edm, Spo, Por, Sea
EDMONTON	61	42	9	18	3	6	Van 2, Cal	Van 2, Cal 2, Sea, Port

STANDINGS

The Southern Division leading Portland Buckaroos are today enjoying their most comfortable lead in several weeks as they sit on the lofty perch, a full five points ahead of the second place San Francisco Seals. The lead may be shortlived, however, as the Seals now have two games in hand over the Bucks and, with a couple of wins early this week, they could be within striking distance of the top spot when the two teams meet next Sunday in Portland for the last time in regular season play. Portland now has 84 points after 65 games and San Francisco has 79 points after 63 games. This week may also decide third place in the Southern Division as Los Angeles, with 65 points and a 7 point lead over the Spokane Comets, host the Comets on Saturday and Sunday in the Sports Arena.

In the Northern Division the Seattle Totems picked up 3 wins in 4 outings last week to move into top spot alone on 68 points after 65 games. Second place Vancouver, however, has three games in hand over the Totems and, with 66 points after 62 games, still has a very good chance of overtaking the Divisional leaders. Calgary and Edmonton are still battling tooth and nail for the third and last play-off spot. In a home and home series over the weekend the two teams split, each winning at home, so that Calgary still holds the upper hand with 46 points to Edmonton's 44 and the Stamps still have a game in hand. The two teams still have one remaining game against each other, in Calgary on Saturday, March 30.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle centerman GUYLE FIELDER added 13 points to his League-leading total of last week to move out to a commanding 14 point lead in the individual scoring race with only a week and a half left to play in the season. In four games played last week the agile playmaker fired two

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goals himself and set up 11 other markers for the 13 point total, an average of better than 3 points per game. In his last six games, FIELDER has picked up 20 points in 4 goals and 16 assists and, at his present hectic pace, will break the 100 point mark for the fourth time in his professional career. Portland's ART JONES, with 8 points in three games, had the next most productive week in individual scoring. San Francisco's NICK MICKOSKI and Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL are tied in second place with 81 points each.

MOST GOALS --- MOST ASSISTS

The unbeatable combination of Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER and BOB BARLOW in the past couple of weeks has been responsible for both players taking over commanding leads in the goals and assists departments. BARLOW fired his fourth Hat Trick of the season and his second in as many weeks, a deluxe four goal performance, to take over the goal lead with 45 goals in 65 games -- pushing him to his most productive season in his pro career. He has five remaining games in which to break the Seattle record of 49 goals in one season, set by WAYNE BROWN in the 1953-54 season when he played alongside GUYLE FIELDER.

FIELDER'S 78 assists push him 22 points ahead of his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 56 in 56 games. An outstanding playmaker, FIELDER has only surpassed his present assist total on three occasions, one of them being in the 1958-59 season when his 95 assists set a new League record. Although Seattle has only five games left to play, FIELDER'S pace of the last six games could very well take him to within striking range of his own assist record.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week unquestionably go to Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER for his 13 point performance

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in a four game span. Without the play of FIELDER and his linemates, BOB BARLOW AND JIM POWERS, who have 45 and 36 goals respectively, Seattle would be a long way from the lofty perch they now hold atop the Northern Division standings. Since the output of both BARLOW and POWERS has already surpassed by far their production in any other season in goals, most of the credit has to go to the League-leading centerman, GUYLE FIELDER.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD improved his League-leading average by a percentage point after three games last week and now, once again, boasts a 2.59 average after 65 games. He is the only goalkeeper with a less than three point average and, at this stage of the season, seems a shoo-in as the top goalkeeper in the circuit.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT, taking no chances of losing his League penalty lead, received four minor penalties, one misconduct penalty and one game misconduct for a total of 28 minutes in four games. This boosts his total for the season to 176 minutes in 64 games and, at this pace and with six remaining games for the Blades, he could very well come close to topping his own League penalty record of 210 minutes in one season.

FOLLOWING ARE TEAM RECORDS AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR THE SEASON: (NUMBERS IN BRACKETS FOLLOWING WIN, LOSS AND TIE RECORDS OF TEAMS ARE GMS. REMAINING)

	AGST. CAL	AGST. EDM	AGST. LA	AGST. PORT	AGST. SF	AGST. SEA	AGST. SPO	AGST. VAN
CAL	--	6-9-0(1)	3-5-0	1-6-0(1)	0-8-0	4-5-0(1)	5-2-0(1)	3-5-2(2)
EDM	9-6-0(1)	---	2-6-0	1-6-1	1-7-0	3-6-0(1)	2-6-0	3-5-1(1)
L.A.	5-3-0	6-2-0	---	3-7-2	4-8-1(3)	3-5-0	6-1-0(3)	4-4-0
PORT	6-1-0(1)	6-1-1	7-3-2	---	8-3-0(1)	4-4-1(1)	5-4-2(1)	3-4-0(1)
S.F.	8-0-0	7-1-0	8-4-1(3)	3-8-0(1)	---	3-4-0(1)	5-3-0(2)	5-3-0
SEA	5-4-0(1)	6-3-0(1)	5-3-0	4-4-1(1)	4-3-0(1)	---	5-7-0	4-6-1(1)
SPO	2-5-0(1)	6-2-0	1-6-0(3)	4-5-2(1)	3-5-0	7-5-0	---	5-4-0(1)
VAN	5-3-2(2)	5-3-1(1)	4-4-0	4-3-0(1)	3-5-0	6-4-1(1)	4-5-0(1)	---

STANDINGS

In the tightest race in Western League history seven of the eight teams in the League are still in contention for play-off berths in both Division. The Spokane Comets, with three successive losses, one to San Francisco and two to Los Angeles, were finally eliminated from post-season play on Sunday past. The Portland Buckaroos virtually cinched first place in the Southern Division by winning two games last week, the big one coming Sunday night over San Francisco, 4-1, before a jammed Portland Coliseum. The Bucks now have 88 points and, with three games left, can still tie the record for most points in one season, 94, set by the Vancouver Canucks in the 1959-60 season. San Francisco has cinched second with 83 points and can only gain first if they win their 3 remaining games and Portland lose all three. Los Angeles, with 71 points and third place, can reach the 77 point level with straight wins in 3 games left.

In the Northern Division the Vancouver Canucks and Seattle Totems are determined to settle the first place issue only when they meet head-on in the last game of the season next Sunday in Seattle. Seattle dropped two of three games last week to move into top spot with 70 points and two remaining games. Vancouver, with three losses in four outings, are in second with 68 points and 4 remaining games. Calgary and Edmonton remain deadlocked in the battle for third, each with 48 points. Calgary has three remaining games and Edmonton two. The Calgary-Edmonton clash in Calgary on Saturday next will probably decide the issue.

SCORING LEADERS

In three games last week Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER was able to pick up only one assist to increase his total to 96 points, a full 10 points ahead of second place NICK MICKOSKI of San Francisco.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Leading goalscorer ROB BARLOW of Seattle was able to hit for

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one marker in three games last week to increase his League lead to 46 goals in 68 games. His 46 goal total equals the top^{goal}/output of last season by one player as team mate BILL MacFARLAND last season led the way.

GUYLE FIELDER's 22 point lead in the assist department is enough to guarantee him top spot in assists for the season but not enough to set a new record. His old record of 95 assists set in the '58-'59 season is out of reach as Seattle has only two remaining games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors are shared by a defenseman and 2 forwards as each had 7 point weeks. Edmonton's JOHN MISZUK and Blade's LEO LABINE each picked up seven points in three games played by their teams. BOB McCUSKER of Vancouver gained seven points in four contests. MISZUK came up with the most notable week as he set a new League record for defense-men by scoring six points in one game. In the same game he tied another record by assisting on five goals. His point total for the game was six as he added a goal in the Flyers 11-4 waxing of the Vancouver Canucks. This is the second record set by MISZUK in his two seasons in the League. Last season he set a new record for assists in one season by a rookie as he had 30. LABINE's 7 point week was made up of 2 goals and 5 assists while McCUSKER also fired two markers and helped on five more.

GOALKEEPERS

In one of the strongest weeks for goalkeepers in the season, where all but two of the goalies improved their averages considerably, DON HEAD of Portland moved way out in front by improving his average to 2.52 after 67 games. His nearest rival is San Francisco's JIMMY McLEOD with a 3.05 average after 64 games.

PENALTIES

Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT added another two minutes to his penalty total to bring it to 178 after 67 games to still lead the League.

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POSITIONAL FINISH IN CASES OF TIES

As predicted earlier, the closest race in several seasons in Western League play rages on and shows no signs of letting up, despite the fact that the schedule will grind to a halt this coming weekend with the last two games slated for Sunday, March 31.

Although two teams in each Division have assured themselves play-off positions, no team has yet guaranteed for itself a first, second or third place finish as a sudden collapse or a clean sweep by any of the teams in the coming weekend action could result in positional changes.

All this leads to the fact that there is a distinct possibility that teams in both Divisions could end up tied for positional finish. If this should happen the final standings in both Divisions shall be decided in the following manner as set forth in the Western Hockey League's Rules and By-Laws:

"In the event that two or more clubs are tied with the same number of points then the higher position shall be awarded to the club having won the greater number of games. Should the clubs have won the same number of games then the higher position shall be awarded to the club having the best goals for and against average. Should the clubs be tied in all of the foregoing departments then the higher position shall be awarded to the club with the best season record against the other".

"In the event two teams are tied in points for the last play-off position then these teams will play a sudden-death game in the home arena of the team having won the greater number of games. Should both clubs have won the same number of games the location of the game will be decided as outlined in the preceding paragraph".

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suddenly turned scorers and playmakers last week as Edmonton's big JOHN MISZUK led the way, setting a new scoring record. MISZUK fired a goal and assisted on 5 others as the Flyers walloped the Vancouver Canucks, 11-4, to top the old record of most points in one game by a defenseman, held jointly by WILLIE SCHMIDT, New Westminster, BILL DAVIDSON, Seattle, and RON MATTHEWS, Portland, by one point. MISZUK also tied the record for most assists in one game by a defenseman, 5, sharing the honor with Vancouver's RON MATTHEWS, who assisted on five goals last season while playing with Portland in a game against Los Angeles.

San Francisco's MAURICE MANTHA fired the second Hat Trick of the season by a defenseman last week as he led his mates to a 7-0 win over the Spokane Comets. The three goal outburst upped MANTHA'S total goals to 19 for the season and is only the fifth Hat Trick on record in the Western League by a defenseman, two of which were scored last season by LLOYD HADDON, then with Edmonton and now with Los Angeles, and DOUG BARKLEY, then with Calgary and now with Detroit. The remaining Hat Tricks were scored by Calgary's FRED HUCUL in 1955-56 and LLOYD HADDON this season.

Los Angeles Blades LLOYD HADDON came within a whisker of tying the record for assists in one game for defensemen when he set up four goals in the Blades 8-2 victory over Spokane on Sunday past.

Calgary defenseman AL WILLIS, who scored only one goal in 70 games of his rookie season a year ago, and had yet to dent the twine in 59 games this season, fired two goals against Vancouver last Saturday, one of which was the winner in the Stampeders 5-1 win over the Canucks.

MILESTONES

400th POINT

Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL, with 85 points to his credit already this season, is fast approaching the 400 point plateau in

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Western League play. In 419 games in the League to date, CARMICHAEL has scored 176 goals and assisted on 220 others for a grand total of 396 points. Ath his present season scoring clip which approaches a point-and-a-half per game, BRUCE should just make the 400 mark as the Blades end their season Saturday next at San Francisco.

400th POINT

Larrupin! LEN HALEY, the San Francisco fireball who never stops skating, is just two points away from joining the select 400 point circle. HALEY, with 32 goals and 23 assists for 55 points at this point this season, now has 179 goals and 219 assists in his Western League career for a total of 398 points in 582 games. He has three remaining games to reach the 400 point mark.

400th POINT

Edmonton's CHUCK HOLMES is another player that will soon hit the 400 point mark in Western League play. In 471 games as of Sunday past CHUCK had scored 152 goals and assisted on 242 others and now boasts a grand total of 394 points in League play.

400th GAME

Two Vancouver players, LARRY POPEIN and LES HUNT, are fast approaching the 400game mark in Western League action. POPEIN has participated in 399 Western League games as of today and will hit his 400th on Friday next at home against Portland. HUNT has presently played in 397 games and will hit the 400 mark in the last game of the season in Seattle.

300 POINTS

Spokane's DEL TOPOLL has presently chalked up 296 points in Western League play on 75 goals and 191 assists in 341 games and will soon hit the 300 point mark.

Portland's TOM MCCARTHY, with 194 Western League points to his credit could reach the 200 point mark in the Bucks 3 remaining games.

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STANDINGS

It took until the last game of the 1962-63 season to do it, but a Northern Division Champion was finally crowned as the Vancouver Canucks, doing things the hard way all season long, snatched the title from the Seattle Totems in Seattle on Sunday night past.

The Canucks, along with the Southern Division Champion Portland Buckaroos, now are rewarded a full week's rest while they await the winners of the Division semi-finals. Portland ended the season with the most points, 92, two short of the record and were followed by the San Francisco Seals with 89 points which included 44 wins to tie the record in Western League play. Vancouver's Sunday win gave the Canucks 74 points for the season, two more than second place Seattle. The Edmonton Flyers, setting the precedent for the Canucks on Saturday night, plucked the third and last play-off spot from Calgary as they defeated the Stampeders, 4-1, in Calgary on Saturday night to end the season with 50 points, two more than the Stamps.

SCORING LEADERS

The new 1962-63 Western Hockey League individual scoring Champion is Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER. FIELDER finished the season with 97 points made up of 17 goals and 80 assists in 69 games which gave him a two point edge over his nearest rival, San Francisco's NICK MICKOSKI. MICKOSKI ended with 95 points in 68 games, made up of 41 goals and 54 assists.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The season ended with only four 40 goal scorers and Seattle's BOB BARLOW led the way with 47 goals in 70 games. He was followed closely by Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE, who tied the Vancouver record for most goals in one season which was set by JACKIE McLEOD in

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the 1957-58 season when he played alongside PHIL MALONEY, the same MALONEY who acted as BOONE's centerman in the present season. San Francisco's NICK MICKOSKI fired 41 goals in 68 games, 11 of which were game-winners, and Los Angeles Blades BRUCE CARMICHAEL sniped 40 goals in the full 70 games.

Scoring leader GUYLE FIELDER led the League in assists by a wide margin as he set up 80 goals in his 69 games. This total was 19 points better than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for the last week of action in the 1962-63 season go to the big San Francisco winger, NICK MICKOSKI, who made a determined bid to take the individual League Scoring Championship away from Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER, but fell short by a mere two points. MICKOSKI, in the last three scheduled games last week, fired four goals and assisted on five others for a grand total of nine points for the week, an average of three points a game. The strong finish by the veteran MICKOSKI shows that he has no intention of letting up and will be a driving force as the Seals attempt to capture their first LESTER PATRICK CUP in the post-season classic.

GOALKEEPERS

Portland's DON HEAD walked off with the leading goalkeeper award for the 1962-63 season by posting an outstanding 2.53 average as he allowed 177 goals in the full 70 games in the Portland nets. San Francisco's JIMMY McLEOD finished second and was the only other goalie to come close to breaking the 2.00 average, as he ended with a 3.01 mark after allowing 202 goals in 67 contests.

PENALTIES Los Angeles Blades FRANK ARNETT wrapped up his third Western League penalty crown in his seven seasons in the League as he chalked up 182 minutes in 70 games to lead all other individuals in League play.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

HOW TEAMS FARED AGAINST EACH OTHER

	CAL			EDM			L.A.			PORT			S.F.			SEA			SPO			VAN					
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CAL AGST	-----			6	10	0	3	5	0	1	7	0	0	8	0	4	6	0	5	3	0	4	6	2			
EDM AGST	10	6	0	-----			2	6	0	1	6	1	1	7	0	3	7	0	2	6	0	5	6	1			
L.A. AGST	5	3	0	6	2	0	-----			3	7	2	5	10	1	3	5	0	9	1	0	4	4	0			
PORT AGST	7	1	0	6	1	1	7	3	2	-----			9	3	0	5	4	1	6	4	2	3	5	0			
S.F. AGST	8	0	0	7	1	0	10	5	1	3	9	0	-----			4	4	0	7	3	0	5	3	0			
SEA AGST	6	4	0	7	3	0	5	3	0	4	5	1	4	4	0	-----			5	7	0	4	7	1			
SPO AGST	3	5	0	6	2	0	1	9	0	4	6	2	3	7	0	7	5	0	-----			6	4	0			
VAN AGST	6	4	2	6	5	1	4	4	0	5	3	0	3	5	0	7	4	1	4	6	0	-----					

The two teams in both Divisions that won more games than any others ended up in second place. In the Southern Division the San Francisco Seals ended the season with 44 wins, more than any other team in the League, and in so doing tied the record for most wins in a season in Western League play. Brandon, Calgary and Vancouver twice, were the only other teams to win 44 games in one campaign. There has been only 11 ties in the 280 game schedule and Portland and Vancouver, leaders in both Divisions, made the most of them. Portland had the most ties, six, which were enough to give the Bucks first place with 92 points even though they won one less game, 43, than did San Francisco. Vancouver, with 4 ties, gained top spot in the Northern Division even though they won less games than the second place Seattle Totems. The only perfect record in League play was chalked up by the San Francisco Seals as they whipped Calgary in eight straight meetings.

PLEASE NOTE ! ! ! ALL PLAY-OFF GAMES WILL BE PLAYED UNTIL A WINNER IS DECLARED WITH ALL OVERTIME PERIODS BEING REGULATION 20 MINUTE PERIODS WITH 10 MINUTE REST PERIODS BETWEEN EACH EXTRA SESSION.

SPOKANE COMET GOALKEEPER CLAUDE DUFOUR WILL ACT AS SPARE GOALKEEPER FOR THE PLAY-OFFS TO FILL IN AS EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT.