WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

October 15, 1963.

STANDINGS

After the first week of regular season play in the Western Hockey League, all six teams have played two games and no team remains undefeated. In fact, all six teams are tied for top spot in League play as no team was kept out of the win column either. Unlike other seasons when one team, or possibly two, start the season red-hot and stay that way for several games giving them the jump on the rest of the League, this season every team was set back in either their first or second start. Last season the Vancouver Canucks won the first six straight games, the first two with shutouts, and went on to finish first in the League's Northern Division. The Canucks started in the same fast fashion with an impressive 7-2 win over the Seattle Totems. In a return match the following night, however, the Totems turned the tables with an 8-3 reversal.

The Standings after the first week bear out the pre-season predictions by the Coaches. Every Coach stressed the competitiveness that would be evident in the League this season and the split of the first two games by all six teams indicates that every game will be a question mark until it is over if this pattern continues. In six games played the home team won three while the visitors also notched three wins. The upset victories in the first week would have to be those games won by the visiting teams -- Portland over Denver, 4-1, on Thursday, Los Angeles over San Francisco in the Cow Palace, 3-2, on Friday, and San Francisco over Portland in Portland, 3-1, on Sunday.

SCORING LEADERS

Two veteran centermen and long-time rivals of Western League play, Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY started the new season in their old familiar way -- fighting over the League Scoring Lead. Seattle and Vancouver started the new season with home-and-home games

on consecutive nights last week and MALONEY jumped to a fast lead by picking up two goals, including the winner, and three assists for five points in the first game while FIELDER picked up two assists on the Totems two goals. On the following night FIELDER'S two linemates picked up Hat Trick's and FIELDER picked up another four assists while MALONEY picked up one assist to leave the two centermen tied for the lead with six points each.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

After one week of play Seattle's JIM POWERS duplicated his fast start of last season and again leads the League in goals. Last season POWERS fired five goals in Seattle's home-opener to take the League lead in the red light department. This season again POWERS leads the League after the first week as he picked up one goal in the Seattle loss in Vancouver on Friday night and then added the three goal "Hat Trick" the following night in the Totems win over the same Canucks.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER has yet to score a goal in season play but he leads the League in assists as the crafty centerman has set up six goals in two games for a neat three-assist-per-game average after the first week.

GOALKEEPERS

Two goalkeepers are tied atop the Goalkeepers Standings. One is a familiar name in a familiar spot -- Portland's DON HEAD -- and one is a newcomer to the Western League. -- San Francisco's BOB PERREAULT. Both goalies have allowed two goals in four games for an even 2.00 goals per game average. The only rookie goalkeeper in League play this season, Los Angeles Blades JACK NORRIS was called into action unexpectedly in the first contest as Blade goalkeeper JIMMY McLEOD was injured after approximately five minutes of play in the Blades opening game. NORRIS, in his two games with the Blades, has stopped more shots, 67, than any other goalie in League play.

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PENALTIES

Perhaps the biggest surprise in League play after the first week comes in the penalty department. Leading the League in penalties after one week of play is Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER. The diminutive centerman picked up ten penalty minutes, all in one game, as he received a misconduct penalty for protesting too violently a penalty call to one of his team mates. Portland's PAT HANNIGAN follows with seven minutes as a result of a minor and a major penalty in the game against San Francisco on Sunday night.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Two players are tied for the League scoring lead after the first week of play and the same two players share Player of the Week honors. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY and Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER are awarded the honors after picking up six points in two games. Talk of improved goalkeeping in the League this season failed to impress either centerman as they both set up goals in two games over the weekend that left opposing goalies with little or no chance to make the save on more than one occasion.

HAT TRICKS

Two Seattle players, playing on either side of GUYLE FIELDER fired Hat Tricks in the same game over the weekend. BOB BARLOW, the League's goalscoring leader last season, and JIM POWERS both blinked the red light three times against Vancouver's MARCEL PAILLE iin Seattle on Saturday night.

MILESTONES --400th POINT

Two players reached the 400 point plateau in their first game of the new season. Los Angeles Blades winger BRUCE CARMICHAEL picked up two assists in the Blades first game against San Francisco, his 400th and 401st points of his Western League career coming in his 423rd game. Portland's ARNIE SCHMAUTZ scored a goal and assisted on another in the Bucks opener in Denver which brought his point total to an even 400 in his 526th W.H.L. game.

UPCOMING GAMES

Highlighting the action of the coming week will be the visit of the defending Champions, the San Francisco Seals, to Denver. The Seals play a two game series beginning tonight and again Wednesday night and the outcome of the set will decide first place in the League. The red-hot Invaders have put together three consecutive wins, two on the road, and now intend to continue that win streak at home so that they can tighten their grip on first place that they presently share with San Francisco and Seattle. On Friday next the Portland-Seattle feud will be renewed as the Buckaroos take to the road to get back into the win column. The Totems will return the visit to Portland on Sunday night. The Los Angeles Blades, continuing their extended road trip, will play in Vancouver on Friday night and in Seattle on Saturday night. Rounding out the action of the week will be the first Sunday afternoon contest of the season and will take place in Vancouver when the Canucks host the San Francisco Seals.

STANDINGS

Three teams were knocked out of the six-way tie for top spot that appeared in this column last week, but three still remain deadlocked for first place. The Seattle Totems, with three wins in four games and the Denver Invaders, with the same record, are tied for first place with six points. San Francisco is the third team with six points to its credit, but the Seals have played one more game than Seattle and Denver. Portland and Vancouver were the only two teams that failed to hit the win column in the past week. Both teams lost two games with Portland dropping the first two overtime decisions of the season -- and both at home. Last season the Buckaroos had difficulty coming out ahead in overtime sessions as they won only one overtime game while losing three and tying six. It appears that the same fate will continue to plague them this season as the Denver Invaders came from

behind to tie the score in the final minute of play and then win the game with a goal at 2:28 of the overtime session. Then last Sunday night the Los Angeles Blades repeated the performance with the winning goal coming at 3:23 of the sudden-death overtime session.

SCORING LEADERS

The scoring prowess of PHIL MALONEY, crafty Vancouver centerman, is the sole reason that three Seattle players, all members of Coach KEITH ALLEN'S number one line, do not hold down the top three scoring positions in the League scoring statistics. Centerman GUYLE FIELDER, off his fastest start in the past several years, has assisted on 12 of Seattle's 19 goals to lead the League in scoring. The Totems have won three games and FIELDER, naturally, has three game-winning assists. Following FIELDER is Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 11 points on 2 goals and 9 assists in 4 games. Tied for the number three scoring position are the rightand left wingers that play on either side of FIELDER. BOB BARLOW, who led the League in goals last season with 47 and who had scored no goals after four games last season, this season has 8 markers to his credit plus one assist in the same number of games. Rightwinger JIM POWERS is not far behind as he has scored five goals and assisted on 4 others for his nine point total and a tie for the third scoring position.

MOST GOALS --MOST ASSISTS -- TWO RECORDS TIED

Seattle leftwinger BOB BARLOW leads the League in goals scored with 8 and his centerman, GUYLE FIELDER, leads in assists with 12.

The 8 goals scored by BARLOW all came in the last three games as the high-flying winger was held scoreless in the Totems first game in Vancouver. In firing 8 markers in three consecutive games BARLOW tied two League records. The first was 'Most Hat Tricks In Consecutive Games' record as he tied the record held by five other players with two Hat Tricks in two

consecutive games. The second record is one that has been standing since the 1948-49 season. It is 'Most Goals In Three Consecutive Games' and the record was set by ALAN KUNTZ as he scored 8 goals for the Vancouver Canucks in the 1948-49 season. BARLOW equalled that mark with consecutive Hat Tricks against Vancouver and Los Angeles and an additional two goals against San Francisco on Sunday night past.

GOALKEEPERS

Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR moved to the head of the goalkeepers list as he chalked up the first shutout of the new season by blanking the Los Angeles Blades, 4-0, and, in so doing, streamlined his average to an even 3.00. The lanky netminder has allowed 12 goals in 4 games while stopping 93 shots and registering his shutout. Portland's DON HEAD was moved into second spot with a 3.50 average, having allowed 14 goals in 4 games while stopping 110 shots. San Francisco's BOB PERREAULT has stopped the most shots to date, -- 160 saves in 5 games.

PENALTIES

For the second straight week a forward holds the lead in penalty minutes in League play. San Francisco's DUKE EDMUNDSON has a total of four minors, a major and a misconduct in five games for a total of 23 minutes in the cooler. Led by EDMUNDSON the San Francisco Seals lead all other teams in total penalty minutes. The Seals have a total of 77 minutes in five games for an average of better than 15 penalty minutes per game.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For his record-tying performances of the past week Seattle's BOB BARLOW gains Player of the Week honors for the past week's action. As well as tying the above-mentioned records, BARLOW scored the game-winning goal in two of the Totems three victories to date and, in addition, scored the all-important first goal of the game in two of the four contests played.

UPCOMING GAMES

The Vancouver Canucks will try to rid themselves of their losing ways by following the example set by the Portland Buckaroos last week -- that is, "if you can't do it at home, take to the road to get back in the win column." The Canucks, after four straight home losses, will have to go about it the hard way, however, as the first two of four road games this week will be in the home Arean of the Denver Invaders who have not lost a game since the very first one of the season and who are presently sitting atop the standings in League play.. The Invaders will host the Canucks tonight and Wednesday night. Vancouver will then continue on to play Thursday and Saturday nights in Los Angeles against the Blades..The San Francisco Seals, defending Champions, will wind up a rugged ten game road trip this week with three games. The Seals will meet their old rivals, the Portland Buckaroos, on Wednesday and Sunday nights in the Portland Memorial Coliseum and will take on the Seattle Totems in Seattle on Friday night. Rounding out the week's action will be two games involving the Denver Invaders. The Invaders will make their second appearance in Portland next Saturday night and will skate onto Seattle ice for the first time in the 1963-64 season on Sunday night.

STANDINGS

Six teams were tied for first place two weeks ago, three last week and today only two remained deadlocked for the coveted top spot. Denver and San Francisco both have nine points but Denver is entitled to the top spot since the Invaders have accumulated their nine points in two less games than did the defending Champion San Francisco Seals. Denver presently has a five game undefeated streak going and will attempt to carry it further with four games in the coming week -- two at home and two on the road. The Seattle Totems are in third place with eight points. Vancouver was the only team to go winless in the week's action, losing both games at home, one in overtime.

The first tie game of the season took place in Denver last Wednesday night when the San Francisco Seals battled the Denver Invaders to a 4-4 draw in the ten minute sudden-death overtime session.

SCORING LEADERS

The same two names appear at the top of the individual scoring race this week, and in the same order. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER paves the way with 17 points in 7 games, made up entirely of assists. In second place is Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY who has 15 points in six contests, made up of 3 goals and 12 assists. After picking up a point or more in his first six games FIELDER was held pointless in his seventh outing in Portland last Sunday and MALONEY after scoring in five consecutive games was held off the scoresheet for the first time on the same day in a Sunday afternoon game against the San Francisco Seals.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's BOB BARLOW picked up one goal in the past week to maintain his League goalscoring lead over Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE. BARLOW has scored 9 goals in 7 games while BOONE has fired 8 markers in 6 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER maintains his assist lead as he manages to pick up nothing but. His 17 assists in 7 games is 5 more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY who has 12 helpers in 6 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Two goalkeepers brought their averages down to below the 3.00 point mark in League play this week. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR leads the League with a 2.57 average, having allowed only 18 goals in 7 games. Portland's DON HEAD, with 17 goals against in 6 games is in second place.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL moves to the front in the penalty parade as his efforts in a single contest brought him no less than six penalties,

one of which was a major for spearing. In seven games the Totem defenseman has been assessed 12 minor penalties and one major for a total of 29 minutes, an average of over 4 minutes per game. His total amounts to three minutes more than San Francisco's LEN HALEY, who is in second place with 26 minutes. ZEIDEL came within one penalty of tying the League markfor Most Penalties in One Game. This was set on November 22, 1961, by LARRY JEFFREY of Edmonton in the same Portland Memorial Coliseum. JEFFREY was assessed seven minor penalties in one period as a result of several skirmishes which began with a set-to between JEFFREY and Portland defenseman JACK BIONDA.

CHANGE IN UNIFORMS

Effective Monday, October 28, 1963, the Home Team will revert to wearing their "white" sweaters at home and "colored" jerseys on the road. If any of the teams desire to wear their "colored" sweaters at home they will be allowed to do so if the visiting team consents to wear their "white" jerseys for that particular game.

The only Club that will not adhere to this immediately will be San Francisco. The Seals are presently in the midst of a ten game road trip and will be unable to make the change until they return home to the Cow Palace after next Sunday night.

PLAY-BY-PLAY BROADCASTING STATIONS

TEAM	STATION	KILOCYCLES	BROADCASTER
Denver Invaders	K B T R	710	Bill Reed
Los Angeles Blades	(No Radio Coverage)		
Portland Buckaroos	K P O J	1320	Bill Anderson
San Francisco Seals	K F R C	610	Roy Storey
Seattle Totems	K V I	510	Bill Schonely
Vancouver Canucks	C K N W	980	Jim Cox

UPCOMING GAMES

Vancouver and Portland, two teams that have exemplified that wins may come easier on the road in the first month of the season, will be the "travelling teams" again this week. Vancouver continues the second week of an extended road trip with three more away-from-home games and MAX McNAB's crew will attempt to duplicate last week's feat of three road wins. The Canucks play two games against San Francisco, on Wednesday and Friday, before stopping off for a game in Seattle against the Totems on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon the Canucks will be back home for an afternoon contest against their perrenial rivals, the Seattle Totems. Portland take to the road and will open the action for the week with a game against Los Angeles tonight and a return match slated for Thursday night. Both games will take place in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The Buckaroos will then hop over to Denver to take on the Invaders on Friday and Saturday nights for three games in as many nights. Los Angeles and San Francisco will renew their California rivalry when the two teams meet in Los Angeles on Saturday night. Presently, each team has won one game on the other's home ice in two meetings so far.

STANDINGS

Only four points separate the top and bottom teams in the six team circuit as of action in the past week. Judging from the games and the scores the competition is becoming more keen with each passing game. Of nine games played last week only two contests were decided by more than one goal and in one of these games the clincher was scored into an empty net. On top of this four of the nine games played went into an extra sudden-death period in an effort to determine the outcome. As a result of it all, theSeattle Totems claim the right to first place as two wins last week upped the Totems total to 12 points after 9 games. The San Francisco Seals share first place in total points but have played two more games than Seattle. The Portland Buckaroos are beginning

to make their presence felt in the League as the Bucks moved into third place with a record that reads 4 wins, 4 losses and a tie for 9 points in 9 games. The Denver Invaders have as many points but have played one more game than the Bucks. Los Angeles and Vancouver are tied in fifth spot, each with 8 points but the Blades have played one less game than have the Canucks. Thus, at the end of the past week's action we have two teams tied for first, two tied for third and two tied for fifth place.

SCORING LEADERS

Once again, the top two point-producing centerman of League play have switched spots in the individual scoring race. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY came up with a big week, all on the road, as he scored 3 goals and assisted on 4 others for a total of seven points, enough to take over the League lead from Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER. MALONEY now has 22 points in 10 games made up of 6 goals and 16 assists. FIELDER, with one goal, his first of the season, and 1 assist in two games has a total of 19 points in 9 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

For the first time since regular season play got under way Seattle's BOB BARLOW is not the League goalscoring leader. Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE, with two goals in four games last week, upped his goal total to 10 in 10 games. His goal-a-game pace gives him one more than BARLOW, who has fired nine markers in nine contests.

GUYLE FIELDER still maintains his assist lead. He added one during the past week to bring his total to 18 in nine games -- an average of two a game for the season. MALONEY follows closely with 16 helpers in 10 games.

GOALKEEPERS

A newcomer to professional hockey, rookie DAVE KELLY stepped into the nets for the Portland Buckaroos and $2\frac{1}{2}$ games later leads all goalkeepers in League play. KELLY allowed only 3 goals in the $2\frac{1}{2}$ games played for a commend-

able 1.20 average. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR is in second place with a 2.44 average, having allowed 22 goals in nine games.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL, who took over the League lead in total penalty minutes last week, has added considerably to his total for this week. Still leading the penalty parade, ZEIDEL has a total of 37 minutes made up of 16 minors and one major in the nine games played by Seattle to date.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The leadership and scoring abilities of Vancouver centerman PHIL MALONEY rate the crafty centerman Player of the Week honors for action during the past week. MALONEY was the man most responsible for the sudden revival of the faltering Canucks who had lost four straight games at home before coming to life on the road. The seven points he picked up in the week's action were more than any other player in the League in the same period of time but, more than that, his points were the big ones. In three wins by the Canucks MALONEY scored the winning goal himself in one of them in overtime, set up the overtime winner in another game, and, in the third win, scored the "clinching" goal, the one that put the game out of reach of the opposition.

HALL OF FAME BOOK

The all-new Hockey Hall Of Fame Book for 1963-64 is now available and may be obtained for the price of One Dollar ($1.00) plus an additional Fifteen Cents ($0.15) for exchange by writing to R. W. HEWITSON, Hockey Hall Of Fame, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Canada.

The book not only contains a complete list of the Honored Members, 129 in all, but a picture and individual story on each. Also in the enlarged 60 page Book is a story on how the Hall was founded, rules and regulations for voting in new members, lists of Stanley Cup, Allan Cup, Memorial Cup, Olympic and World Championship teams and many excellent pictures and details.

UP-COMING GAMES

Wednesday next will present one of the few occasions when a full slate of games will be scheduled. Every team in the League will see action on the night of November 13th with the Los Angeles Blades hosting the Seattle Totems and the Portland Buckaroos will entertain the Vancouver Canucks for the first time this season in the Portland Coliseum while the Denver Invaders will again play host to the defending Champions, the San Francisco Seals. A lone contest is scheduled for Thursday night, November 14th, when the Blades of Los Angeles again battle the Seattle Totems on Sports Arena ice in Los Angeles, the second meeting of the two teams in as many nights. On Friday night the Portland Buckaroos will make their first appearance of the season in Vancouver for a return engagement with the Canucks. Also, on Friday night, the San Francisco Seals and Denver Invaders will again battle in Denver. On Saturday night the San Francisco Seals and the Portland Buckaroos will be the host teams for Seattle and Los Angeles respectively. Rounding out the week's action the Seattle Totems will play against the Portland Buckaroos in Portland while the Los Angeles Blades will go against the Vancouver Canucks in an afternoon contest in the Vancouver Forum.

STANDINGS

In statistics up to and including games of Sunday, November 10, only two points separated the first and second place teams, San Francisco and Seattle. The Seals had 16 points on 7 wins and two ties against 5 losses while Seattle had 14 points on 7 wins as against 4 losses. The remaining four teams were evenly stacked with only one point separating the third from the fourth, the fourth from the fifth and the fifth from the sixth. Denver is in third spot with 13 points made up of 6 wins and a tie, Los Angeles is in fourth place with 12 points made up of 6 wins, Portland is in fifth with 11 points on 5 wins and a tie and the Vancouver Canucks bring up the rear with 10 points on

5 wins. For the first week since the season began approximately one month ago no two teams are tied for any one of the six positions in the standings. Seattle , in second place, has played three less games than the front-running San Francisco Seals. The Totems will have the chance to make up these games this week, however, as they have five big games, all on the road.

SCORING LEADERS

Once again, the two top point-producers in Western League play to date have changed places in the individual scoring race. At the end of the first week of play Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY nailed down the top slot in the individual point race. By the second week, however, Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER had gained momentum and he overtook MALONEY to move into top spot. FIELDER held the number one position for two weeks running before MALONEY once again took over last week. This week it is again FIELDER'S turn as the little playmaker suddenly turned scorer to beat the Vancouver Canucks almost single-handedly last Sunday by scoring four goals and assisting on the fifth as Seattle edged Vancouver 5-3. The big game gave FIELDER a total of 26 points in 11 games, made up of six goals and 20 assists. MALONEY is still on his heels, though, with 25 points made up of 7 goals and 18 assists. FIELDER has played three less games than MALONEY at this point.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE missed the last game played by his team, the Vancouver Canucks, because of a pulled groin injury, but he still leads the League in goal production. The barrelling rightwinger has fired 12 goals in 13 games for the Canucks which is two more than his nearest rival, Seattle's BOB BARLOW, who has scored 10 goals in 11 games.

GUYLE FIELDER, despite his sudden goalscoring splurge, still holds the League assist lead. the clever playmaker has set up no less than 20 goals in 11 games to date which is two more set-ups than his nearest rival,

Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has assisted on 18 goals in 14 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Rookie DAVE KELLY of the Portland Buckaroos still boasts the best goals-against average in League play. The youngster has allowed only 6 goals in 3½ games for a 1.71 average. Among those goalkeepers who have played all the games in League play to date Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR maintains his League lead with a sparkling 2.64 average. The lanky Frenchman has allowed only29 goals in 11 games played, which includes one shutout game. The second shutout of the young season was chalked up in League play last week by rookie JACK NORRIS of the Los Angeles Blades. It was the first shutout in pro hockey for NORRIS and it couldn't have come at a more opportune time as he blanked the Blades State rivals as well as the defending Champions, the San Francisco Seals.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL has maintained a tight grip on his penalty lead as he added six more minutes in two games last week for a grand total of 43 minutes in 11 games. San Francisco's LEN HALEY is in second place with 32 minutes in 14 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week go to Seattle centerman GUYLE FIELDER. Though he only played in two games he picked up no less than 7 points on 5 goals and 2 assists to take over the scoring lead. Five of the points came in one game in which he turned in a 4 goal performance and added an assist. It was the only 'Hat Trick' scored in the week's play. The last time FIELDER scored a Hat Trick was in the opening game of the 1959-60 season in Seattle against Spokane. More than all of this, however, is the fact that FIELDER'S two assists give him a grand total of 799 assists in Western League play and number 800 will be next. In addition he has scored 269 goals for 1,068 point total in W.H.L. play in 755 games to date.

POSTPONED GAMES RE-SCHEDULED

Games numbering 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 in the Western Hockey League schedule, slated for last week, were postponed. They have now been re-scheduled as follows:

Game #55	DENVER	at	LOS ANGELES	Tuesday, December 3, 1963.
Game #56	PORTLAND	at	VANCOUVER	Tuesday, February 4, 1964.
Game #57	DENVER	at	SAN FRANCISCO	Wednesday, December 4, 1963.
Game #58	PORTLAND	at	SEATTLE	Wednesday, December 11, 1963.
Game #59	DENVER	at	PORTLAND	Sunday, January 5, 1964.
Game #60	LOS ANGELES	at	SEATTLE	Sunday, December 22, 1963.

The above games are all night games and usual starting times in each city will prevail.

LINE-UP CHANGE

Add to Denver: BOB TAYLOR....5'10"....190 pounds....Born Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire, England....23 year old rookie....Makes off-season home in Calgary, Alberta....Played briefly with Calgary last season.

AROUND THE LEAGUE.....

After 54 games had been played in the schedule up to and including the games that were played last week, six shutouts had been recorded. This total compares to 4 shutouts that were recorded after the same number of games last season. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR is the only goalie to record two shutouts to date with single whitewashes going to JACK NORRIS and JIMMY McLEOD both of Los Angeles, MARCEL PAILLE of Vancouver and AL MILLAR of Denver. The two California teams, Los Angeles and San Francisco are the only teams to have suffered double whitewashes...Los Angeles scored both shutouts against their arch-rivals the San Francisco Seals...AL MILLAR's shutout was particularly meaningful to him as he blanked his team mates of last season, the Seattle Totems. Likewise, JIMMY McLEOD's shutout came against his teammates of last season, the San Francisco Seals, who were shutout for 135 minutes and 50 seconds consecutively with back-to-back shutouts by the Blades plus odd minutes in the preceding and following games.

UPCOMING ACTION - RESCHEDULED GAMES

In what could possibly be the busiest week in the entire schedule what with two re-scheduled games tacked on to the regularly scheduled contests, all six teams will resume action tonight. Portland and San Francisco will go at it for the third time in San Francisco to decide the winner in a series in which both teams have won one game in high-scoring fashion. Seattle will visit Vancouver and game number 55 in the regular schedule, postponed because of the death of PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, will be played on the same night with the Los Angeles Blades hosting the Denver Invaders. On the following night, Wednesday, December 4, Portland will play at Los Angeles as scheduled while the Denver Invaders will go against the San Francisco Seals in San Francisco in postponed game number 57.

On Friday, December 6th, a full slate of games is again scheduled with San Francisco at Seattle, Vancouver at Denver and Portland again at Los Angeles. The Portland-Los Angeles game will be played in Long Beach, California -- the first Western League game ever scheduled in the all-new Long Beach Arena. On Saturday night the San Francisco Seals will battle the Seattle Totems for the second time in as many nights in Seattle while Vancouver will begin another extended road trip with a game against the Invaders in Denver. The week's schedule will round out with two Sunday games which will pit the California rivals, Los Angeles and San Francisco, in San Francisco and the Seattle Totems against the Portland Buckaroos in Portland. In an almost complete reversal from the past couple of seasons the Los Angeles Blades hold an impressive 4 wins against one loss record with the San Francisco Seals which is the best record the Blades hold over any opponent and the reason that they are presently battling Denver for top spot in the League.

STANDINGS

A full ten points, the widest spread in many weeks, separate

the top and bottom teams in Western League action this morning. The top four teams, however, are bunched within four points of one another or less. The Denver Invaders, in the midst of a lengthy road trip, lead the pack with 26 points after 20 games. The Los Angeles Blades are only two points back and could move into a first-place tie with the Invaders with a win tonight over the Invaders. A 4-4 deadlock with Denver in Seattle last Sunday night enabled the Totems to move into undisputed possession of third place in the League standings with 23 points after 21 games, one point ahead of the fourth place San Francisco Seals. The Seals have accumulated 22 points in 22 games. Portland and Vancouver trail the rest of the League as the Buckaroos hold down fifth spot with 17 points after 22 games while the Canucks have 14 points in their 21 games played.

SCORING LEADERS

Once again the League's two top scorers reversed positions in the League's individual scoring race. GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle picked up four assists in three games to up his total to 34 for the season, made up of 8 goals and 26 assists in 19 games. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY managed only 2 assists in three games for a 33 point total on 10 goals and 23 assists in 21 games. A noteworthy 7 point week in the span of 4 games by Denver centerman JOHN SLEAVER moved him from seventeenth to ninth in the individual scoring race -- the biggest single gain of the week by any player.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE still maintains the League goalscoring lead with 14 markers in 17 games played. He is, however, being hard-pressed for the honor as Denver centerman RUDY MIGAY has fired 13 goals and LEO LABINE and BOB BARLOW, wingers for Los Angeles and Seattle respectively, both have triggered 12 goals each.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER maintains the lead in assists that he

has held since the beginning of regular season play. He now has 26 assists in 19 contests, three more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY.

GOALKEEEPERS

Probably the biggest single reason that the Denver Invaders are sitting comfortably atop the League Standings is the sparkling goalkeeping of AL MILLAR. MILLAR's average has improved no less than 49 percentage points over a six game span to move into top spot among active goalkeepers with a 2.80 average, having allowed 56 goals in 20 games. Los Angeles Blades JIMMY McLEOD, the man who led the San Francisco Seals to the Lester Patrick Cup last Spring, is tied with MILLAR in average, but McLEOD has only played ten games thus far in the season.

PENALTIES

Ten minors and a game misconduct pushed LARRY ZEIDEL's penalty total to a towering 81 minutes in 21 games, more than enough to allow him to maintain a solid lead in this department. He now has 33 minors and a major and game misconduct in his 21 games played.

AROUND THE LEAGUE.....

Fastest winning goal of the current season and probably a League record is that scored by winger LOU JANKOWSKI of the Denver Invaders against the Seattle Totems. JANKOWSKI blinked the red light after 0:12 seconds of the first period and the Invaders went on to win by a 4-0 score.....The Denver Invaders scored the first goal of the game in 12 consecutive contests before the streak was broken in Seattle last Sunday night and they won 8 of the last 9 contests after scoring the all-important first one....The Invaders are presently on a six game unbeaten streak, having won 8 and tied one in their last ten outings....San Francisco utility man TOM THURLBY has played 195 Western League games and will soon reach the 200 game plateau....The Defenseman-Forward has scored 21 goals and 48 assists for 69 points in the Western League while picking up an even 100 minutes in penalties.

UPCOMING ACTION -- ONE RESCHEDULED GAME

The last time the San Francisco Seals played the Denver Invaders they won the game by a 3-1 score. Since that time the Seals have floundered, losing three straight contests, and will attempt to regain their winning ways against the same Invaders tonight in Denver in the first game scheduled for this week. A full slate of games is scheduled for Wednesday night with all six teams seeing action as a result of the re-scheduling of one of the postponed games. Game number 58, originally scheduled for Saturday, November 24th, will be played Wednesday night in Seattle as the Portland Buckaroos provide the competition for the Seattle Totems. On the same night the travelling Vancouver Canucks will face the Los Angeles Blades in the Los Angeles Sports Arena while the San Francisco Seals will go against the Denver Invaders in Denver for the second time in as many nights.

On Friday, December 13th (lookout for upsets) two games are scheduled. Vancouver will again face Los Angeles in the California City while the Portland Buckaroos will again face the Seattle Totems in Seattle. On Saturday night Vancouver will be in San Francisco for a clash with the Seals while Los Angeles will travel to Denver to face the leading Invaders in a game that could well topple the first place team into second place. Another full slate of games is on tap to round out the week's action. On Sunday the Vancouver Canucks will face the San Francisco Seals in an afternoon game beginning at 2:30 P.M. in the Cow Palace. Seattle will face Portland in the Portland Coliseum while Los Angeles will play it's second game of the week against the Invaders in Denver.

STANDINGS

The Denver Invaders won two of their four games played last week and it was enough to elevate them to sole possession of first place as action for this week began. The Invaders now have a record of 14 wins, 8 losses

and 2 ties in 24 games for a 30 point total. Los Angeles, determined to regain the top rung, is breathing right down the necks of the Invaders as the Blades now have 29 points made up of 13 wins and three ties against 8 losses in 24 contests. Seattle is in third place with 27 points after 25 games. The Totems record stands at 12 wins, 10 losses and 3 ties. The onrushing Portland Buckaroos seem to be the team to watch at this writing as they moved into a fourth place tie with the slumping San Francisco Seals. The Buckaroos took 7 of a possible 8 points in 4 games last week and are now showing signs of becoming the team that experts touted them to be during training camp. The Bucks record is now 10 wins, 12 losses and 4 ties for 24 points in 26 games. San Francisco, meanwhile, has lost its last three games leaving the Seals with 24 points on 11 wins, 14 losses and 2 ties in 27 games. Vancouver is in last place with 16 points in 24 games, having 7 wins, 15 losses and 2 ties.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER jumped out to the most commanding lead in the individual scoring race that anyone has held since the beginning of the season. FIELDER now has a total of 39 points, five more than that of his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY. FIELDER has played in 23 games to date and has fired 9 goals while assisting on no less than 30 others. MALONEY, meanwhile, has 10 goals and 24 assists for a 34 point total. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI moved into third place in the individual race with 32 points in 23 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The Vancouver Canucks are trailing the rest of the League in team points but Canuck winger BUDDY BOONE keeps sailing right along in top spot in the League goalscoring race. BOONE rifled two goals in three games last week to up his total to 16 markers in 20 games, a remarkable record to date and one that may take him to the 50 goal level for the season if the present pace is

continued. Two players are close behind BOONE in goals scored. Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI, a notable W.H.L. goalscorer who holds the record for most goals in one season with 57, and Portland centerman ART JONES have both fired 14 goals JANKOWSKI's coming in 23 games and JONES' in 26 games.

GOALKEEPERS

As one would expect the two goalkeepers with two of the "hottest" teams in the League are sitting atop the standings among all active goalkeepers. Los Angeles Blades JIM McLEOD boasts a commendable 2.57 average after 14 games as does Portland rookie DAVE KELLY after 10½ contests. McLEOD has allowed 36 goals while KELLY has watched 27 go by. Denver's AL MILLAR is tops among those goalies who have played all games fortheir teams as he has a 2.62 average after 24 contests. Portland's KELLY chalked up his first shutout in professional play last week when the Bucks edged Los Angeles, 1-0.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL picked up four minor penalties in four games last week to maintain a tight grip on his penalty lead, He now has 89 minutes in 25 games played.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are shared by two players with productive pasts in Western League play and who are suddenly regaining their scoring prowess. Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI fired 4 goals and assisted on three others in seven games last week to move into third place in the individual scoring race. His production includes 3 game-winning goals and 5 game-winning assists and is one very big reason why the Invaders are leading the League at this point. Centerman ART JONES, who led the League in individual scoring two seasons ago with an even 100 points, has again found the range. JONES scored five goals in four games last week while assisting on two others. He has now socred the first goal of the game six times for the Bucks and the last four times he has fired the first one, the Bucks went on to win. JONES moved the Bucks into a 4thplace tie and himself into 5th place in the scoring.

UPCOMING ACTION -- ONE RESCHEDULED GAME

Two well-matched teams open the action for this week as the Portland Buckaroos travel to Vancouver to battle the Canucks tonight at the Vancouver Forum. In three meetings between the two teams this season only one contest has been decided when Portland edged the Canucks, 5-4, in Portland. The other two games ended in overtime deadlocks, 4-4 and 1-1. Two games slated for Wednesday will find the rampaging Denver Invaders going against the San Francisco Seals in the Cow Palace in the Bay City while Vancouver will play Portland for the second time in as many nights, this time in Portland. A single Thursday encounter will find the Denver Invaders visiting the Los Angeles Sports Arena to battle the Blades. Two games are slated for Friday as Seattle visits Vancouver and Portland travel to Denver. A full slate of games is on tap for Saturday night this week. The Los Angeles Blades will attempt to make it six wins against one loss as they battle the San Francisco Seals in the Cow Palace, Vancouver will play a return engagement with Seattle in Seattle and Portland will go against the leading Denver Invaders for the second time in as many nights in Denver. Rounding out the action for the week will be a re-scheduled game. Game number 60, Los Angeles at Seattle, originally scheduled for November 24th, will be played in Seattle on Sunday, December 22, 1963.

STANDINGS

It's a good thing the Denver Invaders started slowly. In the first ten games they won only four. Since that time, however, RUDY PILOUS' well-conditioned charges have played 18 games and have been undefeated in 15 of them. The Invaders have 14 wins, one tie and 3 losses in their last 18 outings. This record, of course, places the League's newest entry well out in front of the pack in the League standings with 38 points on 18 wins, 8 losses and two ties in 28 games. The Seattle Totems are alone in second place, seven points behind the leaders, with 31 on 14 wins, 11 losses and 3 ties. The Los

Angeles Blades are in third with 29 points on a 13, 12 and 3 record. Portland and San Francisco, as they were last week, remain tied for fourth place as each won a game last week. The Seals have a 12, 17 and 2 record for 26 points and the Buckaroos have an 11, 14 and 4 record for a like 26 points. San Francisco has played two more games than Portland, however. Vancouver trails with 22 points based on 10 wins and 2 ties against 16 losses in 28 games.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER increased his lead in the individual scoring race to seven points as he picked up one goal and six assists in three games last week. He now boasts a 46 point total made up of 10 goals and 36 assists after 26 games. If the crafty centerman can keep up his present pace it appeaes that he will have no difficulty in passing the 100 mark in total points for the fourth time in his Western League career as he has almost reached 50 points with seven games yet to go before the Totems reach the half-way point in the schedule. For the first time since the opening game a new name takes over the second spot in the individual scoring race. From the first week either Seattle's FIELDER or Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY has been in first or second but this week the hottest scorer on the Denver Invaders has come up with another 8 point week and now is in secondplace, only seven points behind FIELDER. Winger LOU JANKOWSKI, the man who set the League goalscoring record by scoring 57 markers in the '60-61 season with Calgary, has upped his record to 40 points on 19 goals and 21 assists. MALONEY has been pushed into third place with 39 points.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER still leads in the assist department in League play. He has set up no less than 36 goals in 26 games to date which is eight more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 28 assists in 28 games.

For the first time in several weeks Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE has been relegated to second place in the goalscoring race. Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI scored five goals in four games last week to up his total for the season to 19 to take over the lead. BOONE, who picked up only one marker in 4 contests has been pushed into a second place tie with Seattle's BOB BARLOW,

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR moved into undisputed possession of first place in the goalkeeping standings by limiting the opposition to only 8 goals in four contests to improve his average by 8 percentage points. MILLAR now has allowed 71 goals in 28 games for a 2.54 average. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR with an average of 2.89 is in second place and the only other goalie to sport an average less than 3.00.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL went penaltyless in three games played last week but still maintains a tight grip on his League penalty lead. He has a total of 89 minutes in 28 games played. His closest rival for the dubious honor is Portland's MIKE DONALDSON, who has a total of 74 minutes with 27 minors, 2 majors and a misconduct.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For the second week running Player of the Week honors are shared by two players. This week, however, the honors are shared by players on the same team who play on the same line. Winger LOU JANKOWSKI and his centerman, LONG JOHN SLEAVER, both picked up 8 points in four games last week for a 2-point a-game average and more than any other players in the League. JANKOWSKI's five goals and 3 assists not only gave him the League goalscoring lead but vaulted him into second place in the scoring race. SLEAVER's 8 points moved him from 8th place to 6th in the scoring.

UPCOMING ACTION

The first action of this week will come on Christmas night at 7 P.M. in the Coliseum in Portland when the San Francisco Seals and the Buckaroos will be battling to vacate the basement. The following night a Boxing Day game is scheduled in Vancouver when the two old rivals, the Seattle Totems and the Vancouver Canucks will again go at it. Two games are scheduled for Friday, December 27th as the San Francisco Seals will play the Canucks at the Forum in Vancouver and the pursuing Los Angeles Blades will attempt to gain on the front-running Denver Invaders in a game at Denver. Two more games are scheduled for Saturday, December 28th -- Portland will visit Seattle and Los Angeles will face the Denver Invaders for the second time in as many nights in Denver. Rounding out the action for the week will be a full slate of games on Sunday night. Los Angeles and San Francisco will meet for the eighth time this season and the Seals will attempt to regain the form that brought them a win over the Blades in their second meeting of the season in Los Angeles, something they have been unable to accomplish in the other six games with the Blades this season. The game will be an afternoon affair beginning at 2:30 P.M. at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Vancouver will visit Portland where the Buckaroos will also try to break the jinx that MAX McNAB's Canucks hold over them. The Bucks edged the Canucks, 5-4, in their first meeting of the season but since then, in four more contests, have been unable to win as the two teams tied two games and the Canucks won two other close ones. Finally, the League-leading Denver Invaders will travel to Seattle to battle the third place Totems.

STANDINGS

The League-leading Denver Invaders completed an average week's play in the Western League last Saturday night. They played four games and won three and this, for the Invaders, is typical of their average week in the 1963-64 season. In winning three games the Invaders boosted their League lead to 12

points over the second place Los Angeles Blades. The Blades, along with the Vancouver Canucks, also had a successful winning week. Los Angeles edged Denver , 3-2, at home , up-ended San Francisco by the same score in the Bay City, and then padded their second place lead by knocking off the Seattle Totems, 4-3, in Seattle. Vancouver made the greatest gain of all, however, as the Canucks won three games and tied the fourth for an undefeated week. Their efforts moved MAX McNAB's hustling crew up two notches in the standings to fourth place above Portland and San Francisco. Seattle picked up only one point in three games and thus dropped to third place in the standings while Portland were unable to win in 4 starts and San Francisco was defeated in two games.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER increased his scoring lead to seven points in action during the past week. The diminutive centerman has now passed the 50 point mark in 29 games played and is on his way to another 100 plus point season. His record reads 11 goals and 41 assists for 52 points. In second place two players are deadlocked with 45 points. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI continues to blink the red light regularly and now has 21 goals and 24 assists for 45 points. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY scored five times and added one assist to increase his record to 16 goals and 29 assists in 32 games. JANKOWSKI's centerman JOHN SLEAVER continues to move up in the scoring as hisfive points in four games last week moves him into fourth place in the scoring with 38 points.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI maintained his goalscoring lead of last week as he fired two more markers to up his total for the season to 21 in 31 games. In hot pursuit is Seattle's BOBBY BARLOW who has fired an even 20 goals in the same number of games. Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE, who led in goalscoring in the first two months of the scheduled, has now slipped to third place with

19 goals in 28 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER continues to dominate in the assist department as he now boasts no less than 41 set-ups in 29 games as he carries the major portion of the Totems attack.

GOALKEEPERS

It took Denver goalkeeper AL MILLAR a little while to reach the top spot in the goalkeepers standings but, now that he has achieved this lofty position, he is showing in no uncertain terms that he intends to stay there. In four games last week MILLAR allowed only six goals and chalked up two shutouts to give him a commanding lead. He now boasts a 2.41 average, having allowed only 77 goals in 32 games while taking over the lead in shutouts with three for the season. His closest rival in Los Angeles Blades JIM McLEOD, who has an even 3.00 average with 57 goals against in 19 games.

PENALTIES

The League's penalty leader, Seattle defenseman LARRY ZEIDEL, went penalty-less for the full week one week ago, but this week he more than made up for any lull in his quest for the most penalized player title. ZEIDEL played three games this past week and was assessed seven minor penalties, one major penalty and one five-minute match penalty. It adds up to 24 minutes in three games and increases his League lead as he now has 113 minutes in penalties in 31 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For the first time this season Player of the Week honors are awarded to a goalkeeper. Denver's AL MILLAR, in chalking up two shutouts in four games last week proves a very worthy recipient. The veteran netminder now has a League-ledding 3 shutouts for the season as well as an enviable lead in the goalkeeping standings with a 2.41 average after 32 games.

LINE-UP CHANGE: Add to San Francisco JERRY ODROWSKI....Def....Number 5

Remove from San Francisco CLIFF PENNINGTON

UPCOMING ACTION -- ONE RE-SCHEDULED GAME

The first half of the 210 game schedule came to a close with the games of Sunday night last and the second half starts right along with the New Year. Two games are slated for New Year's Day. The high-flying Denver Invaders will travel to San Francisco to battle the resurgent San Francisco Seals and the floundering Los Angeles Blades will face the Portland Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum in a game beginning at 7:00 P.M. On Thursday, January 2nd, Denver will go against Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Sports Arena in the only scheduled game. Two games are slated for each of Friday and Saturday nights -- Seattle will visit Los Angeles on Friday and Portland will be in Vancouver while Saturday will find Seattle at San Francisco and Denver at Portland. Rounding out the action for the week will be a re-scheduled game on Sunday night. Game #59, originally scheduled for Sunday, November 24, 1963, but cancelled because of the death of PRESIDENT KENNEDY, will take place this coming Sunday in Portland when the Denver Invaders and Portland Buckaroos clash.

STANDINGS -- RECORD-BREAKING INVADERS

The Denver Invaders, who have been threatening to run away from the rest of the pack since the second week of season play, are not only taking giant strides in that direction in recent games, but are beginning to set records along the way. The front-running Invaders played three games last week against their two closest rivals in the League standings and walked away with three wins. Two of the three games were in Denver against the second-place Los Angeles Blades and the two wins by the Invaders set an impressive new record for the longest winning streak at home by any team in Western League history. Denver now has won 14 straight games at home, topping by three wins the record set by the 1953-54 Vancouver Canucks who won 11 straight at the Vancouver Forum before suffering defeat. The Denver streak has not yet been

broken and may reach even greater heights when the Invaders return home from the present road trip. The last time hard-working Invaders lost a game in Denver was on November 15th when San Francisco edged them by a 3-1 score. Denver's next record goal will be the longest unbeaten record at home which presently stands at 22 games. In the meantime there is a 15 point bulge between the Invaders and the next best team in the League standings. Denver has chalked up an even 50 points in the first half, 35 games, of its schedule and this, too, is a record-breaking pace. If the Invaders are able to duplicate this record in their second 35 games they would end the season with 100 points and this would be six more than the Western League record, presently held by Vancouver who finished with 94 points in the 1959-60 season.

The remaining five teams are still very much in the running for the remaining three play-off spots as only six points separate the second place team and the sixth place team. Los Angeles, despite three losses last week still hold down second place with 35 points, one more than the third place Seattle Totems. San Francisco is in fourth spot, two points behind Seattle and the Portland Buckaroos trail San Francisco by two points as they hold down fifth place. The Vancouver Canucks, who evacuated the cellar position for a brief spell last week, are back in that position with 29 points.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER still maintains a firm grip on the individual scoring lead as he added three points to his total to up it to 55 points after 32 games. As they were last week, Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY remain tied for second place, each with 48 points. The biggest gain among the top scorers in the week's action came about when Portland centerman ART JONES picked up six points in three games to move from eighth spot last week to fifth in the individual scoring this week. JONES now has 39 points in 34 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Two goals by Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI were enough to allow the hard-firing winger to maintain his goalscoring lead in League play. JANKOWSKI now has 23 goals in 34 games, one more than Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE, who has fired 22 markers in 31 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER added 2 more assists to his total and now has 43 helpers in 32 games played. This assist total is 12 more than his nearest rival's production of 31 accumulated by Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver goalkeeper AL MILLAR is moving away from the other goalkeepers in the League in the same "giant stride" fashion with which his team is moving away from the remaining five teams. In three games last week MILLAR allowed 2 goals for a week's average of 0.67 goals against per game. His over-all average for the season now stands at 2.26 as he has allowed only 79 goals against in 35 games. In addition he chalked up his fourth shutout of the season and his second against Seatttle as he blanked his former mates by a 1-0 score in Seattle last Sunday night. His nearest rival is Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR, who sports a 3.09 average, some 83 percentage points higher than MILLAR.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL sat out all three games this week due to a suspension but still maintains a firm grip on his penalty lead. ZEIDEL has 113 minutes in 31 games. His closest rival is Portland's MIKE DONALDSON, who added 2 minors and a major to his total last week and now has 89 minutes in 36 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week are divided between Portland's ART JONES and San Francisco's AL NICHOLSON, both of who came up with six points in three games. Each player scored a game-winning goal last week and NICHOLSON fired his first Hat Trick of the season against L.A.

UPCOMING ACTION

Seven games are on tap for this week, beginning with two contests tonight. The Seattle Totems will face the slumping Los Angeles Blades in Los Angeles tonight while the high-flying Denver Invaders, slowed temporarily by a 7-4 loss in Portland last Sunday, will go against the Vancouver Canucks in the Forum in Vancouver. Two more games slated for Wednesday night will find the touring Seattle Totems facing the defending Champion San Francisco Seals in the Cow Palace in San Francisco and the Vancouver Canucks will renew their rivalry with HAL LAYCOE's Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum. A single Thursday night contest will pit the California rivals against one another -- this time the Blades will be the host and will attempt to revive their early season mastery over the San Francisco Seals. On Friday night the Seattle Totems will close out a lengthy road trip when they go against the Vancouver Canucks in the Vancouver Forum in the only game scheduled. Rounding out the action for the week will be a single contest in Seattle when the Totems will play host to the record-breaking Denver Invaders.

STANDINGS -- ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER RECORD FOR DENVER

It didn't make much difference in the standings for the League's top team, but Portland's Sunday night win proved something for the rest of the teams in the League -- Denver CAN be beaten. Despite the loss to the Invaders in a game that saw the Buckaroos pump 7 goals past goalie AL MILLAR, which is two more goals than the previous high of 5 that have gone by MILLAR in a single contest this season, they still sit 20 points in front of the rest of the pack in the League standings and will have to pull a complete reversal if any team is going to catch up. Denver won three of four games last week and had a streak of eight straight wins going when Portland's win brought it to a halt. The night before when Denver edged the same Buckaroos 3-2 another record-breaking streak was broken. Denver had scored the first goal of the

game in 15 st ight games which is a new record in Western League play. The 27 wins by Denver is 11 more than the number chalked up by any other team in League play, but four of the remaining five teams have identical win records. Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco have all won 16 games and, in recent games, Portland has to be labelled the hottest team, outside of Denver, in League play. The Buckaroos were sitting in fifth place, one point out of the basement at this time last week and today the same Buckaroos are tied for second place with Seattle. Los Angeles, with six consecutive losses in their last six games in which the Blades have produced identical scoring outputs of one goal and two assists in each of the six games, have been pushed into third place, one point behind Seattle and Portland. San Francisco, with 34 points, is breathing down the necks of the Blades and may get the chance to pass their rivals when the two teams meet in Los Angeles this week. The Vancouver Canucks, with a loss in their only outing of the week, still hold down the basement position with 29 points, a mere 7 points out of second place.

SCORING LEADERS

A new name appears among the top three scorers this week. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER came up with 2 goals and 2 assists in two games last week to maintain a substantial lead in the League scoring race. FIELDER now has 14 goals and 45 assists for a 59 point total in 34 games, 8 points ahead of his nearest rival, Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who is in a third place tie with Portland's ART JONES, may find himself out of the top three in another game or two as a result of the play of JONES. MALONEY failed to add to his 48 point total in the one game that Vancouver played last week while JONES picked up 9 points in 4 games to move from fifth place to a tie for third in the individual scoring race. The productive Portland pivot is now only 3 points back of JANKOWSKI, whose goal lead may also be in

jeopardy as a result of the splurge by JONES.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

LOU JANKOWSKI, Denver winger with a proven reputation for goalscoring in Western League play, is being challenged for the lead by Portland's productive pivot, ART JONES, with a past reputation for setting up scoring plays more than for scoring goals. JANKOWSKI and JONES have both scored 25 goals in the same number of games, 38.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER picked up two more assists in two games last week to up his assist total to 45 in 34 games, which is 12 more than the League's second best set-up artist. For the first time since the start of the season a defenseman, Denver's FRED HUCUL, takes over second place in the League assist department. HUCUL has set up no less than 33 goals in the 38 games he has played and, added to his 3 goals, gives him a point total of 36 and 13th place in the individual scoring race.

GOALKEEPERS

Despite a seven goal outburst against him in one game last week, Denver's AL MILLAR still maintains a comfortable lead among the active goalies in Western League play with an outstanding 2.33 average in 39 games to date. He is the only goalie with a better-than-3.00-average in League play. Portland's DAVE KELLY, with a 3.02 average in 24½ games, is in second place.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL, who played only one game last week and did not receive a penalty, still leads the penalty parade with 113 minutes in 32 games. Portland's MIKE DONALDSON is in second place with 97 minutes.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Portland's ART JONES, who led his team to 3 wins in 4 games last week with a remarkable scoring outburst gains Player of the Week honors. JONES scored 9 points in the 4 games, including two Hat Tricks.

UPCOMING ACTION

A big, ten-game week is on tap with every game an important one. The action begins tonight when the Portland Buckaroos travel to California to meet the San Francisco Seals at the Cow Palace and the non-stop Denver Invaders meeting the last place Vancouver Canucks at the Forum in Vancouver. On Wednesday Portland will play at Los Angeles and the Denver Invaders will be looking for their third straight win on Seattle ice against the Totems. Denver was defeated in its first trip to Seattle but, since that time, has won two and tied one game. Two more games are on hand for Friday as Denver will visit BUD POILE's Seals in San Francisco and the Los Angeles Blades will do battle against the Canucks in Vancouver. Saturday night will find Denver going against the Seals in San Francisco for the second time in as many nights while the Los Angeles Blades will battle the Totems in Seattle. Rounding out the action for the week will be two Sunday encounters that will pit the California rivals, San Francisco and Los Angeles, against each other in Los Angeles and the Vancouver Canucks against the Seattle Totems in Seattle.

STANDINGS

The no-let-up Denver Invaders played another week of .500 hockey to maintain a remarkable 19 point lead over the nearest rival in League play. The Invaders dropped a close 3-1 decision to Vancouver but came roaring back to defeat Seattle 6-3 in two games played. The Invader record now stands at 28-11-2 in 41 games for 58 points. In second place are the Los Angeles Blades with 39 points as a result of two big wins in two games last week. The oncoming Portland Buckaroos are a point behind Los Angeles in third place, having won their only game scheduled game last week giving them 38 points after 41 games. San Francisco and Seattle are tied for fourth spot, each having 36 points and both having played 40 games. In sixth place are the Vancouver Canucks, three points behind Seattle and San Francisco, with 33 points in 39 games.

SCORING LEADERS

The top scorers in League play were held to a minimum number of points in action of the past week but they all picked up their shares so that very few changes are evident. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER still holds the number one spot with 62 points made up of 14 goals and 48 assists after 38 games. FIELDER picked up 3 assists in four games last week. In second place is Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI. JANKOWSKI moved into undisputed possession of the goalscoring lead as he scored once and added one assist to up his total to 53 points after 40 games. One point behind JANKOWSKI is Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who added four assists in three games last week, upping his total to 52 points after 39 games. Portland's ART JONES, who was tied for third place with MALONEY last week, slipped to fourth place as he picked up two assists in a single game, giving him a total of 50 points after 39 encounters.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI fired only one goal in two games last week, but it was enough to move him into undisputed possession of the League goalscoring lead. JANKOWSKI now has 26 goals after 40 games. He is being hotly pursued by Portland's ART JONES and Seattle's BOBBY BARLOW, both of whom have 25 goalsafter 39 and 40 games respectively.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER maintains a comfortable edge in the scoring race because of his ability to set up plays and gain assists. Last week he assisted on three goals in four games to up his assists total to 48 after 38 games. This total is 13 more than his nearest rival, PHIL MALONEY of Vancouver, who has 35 in 39 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR continues to hold an impressive lead over all goalkeepers in League play as he sports an average that is almost 70 per-

centage points better than his nearest rival for top spot. MILLAR allowed five goals in two games last week and his average went from 2.33 to 2.34 after 41 games. He has allowed a total of 96 goals. Portland's DAVE KELLY is in second place with a 3.02 average, having allowed 77 goals in 25½ games.

PENALTIES

In four games last week Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL added three minor penalties to his already impressive total to up his penalty total to 119 minutes after 36 games. Portland's MIKE DONALDSON is in second place with 99 minutes after 41 contests.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Seattle's BOB BARLOW gains Player of the Week honors for action during the past week. In a relatively light seven-game week in League play the Seattle Totems played four time and BARLOW picked up five points, four of which were goals. He is now one goal away from the League lead with 25 markers after 40 games.

LINE-UP CHANGES

BRUCE CARMICHAEL is wearing number nine for Vancouver.

WAYNE CONNELLY is wearing number twelve for San Francisco.

Remove PETE PANAGABKO from San Francisco line-up.

COACHES FINED.....

Two coaches donated handsomely to the Players Pension Fund through fines levied against them by the League President for their actions during games of the past week. Denver's RUDY PILOUS was fined $50.00 for directing abusive language at the Referee after the game in Vancouver last Tuesday night. San Francisco coach BUD POILE was assessed a total of $150.00 in fines in a game against Los Angeles last Thursday night. POILE was fined $25.00 for coming onto the playing surface while protesting a call by a Referee, another $25.00 for refusing to close the gate to the players bench so that play could continue and $100.00 for throwing a puck that struck the Referee.

UPCOMING ACTION

A second consecutive ten game week is on tap in Western League play as the circuit, by next Sunday evening, will pass the 140 game mark in the 210 game schedule. Two games are slated for tonight as the finalists of last season, the Seattle Totems and the San Francisco Seals, clash in the Cow Palace in San Francisco while the Vancouver Canucks play host to the Portland Buckaroos. A single contest on Wednesday evening will find the Denver Invaders going against the Portland Buckaroos in Portland. On Thursday the California rivalry resumes with San Francisco hosting the Los Angeles Blades. Two Friday night games will find the Portland Buckaroos at Seattle and the Denver Invaders at Vancouver. On Saturday night the trailing Vancouver Canucks will head south to take on the Los Angeles Blades in the Los Angeles Sports Arena while the League-leading Denver Invaders will wind up their extensive 14 game road trip against the Totems in Seattle. Two Sunday games will round out the action for the week as the Vancouver Canucks will battle the San Francisco Seals in the Bay City while the Los Angeles Blades will attempt to upset the Portland Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum.

STANDINGS

The League-leading Denver Invaders dropped four straight games last week and watched their lead dwindle to 13 points over the second-place Los Angeles Blades. The Invaders have now lost six of their last seven games and, after 45 games, have a record of 28 wins, 15 losses and 2 ties for 58 points. The Los Angeles Blades won three of four contests played to tighten their grip on second place in the standings. The Blades now have 21 wins, 19 losses and 3 ties for a 45 point total, three more than Seattle and San Francisco who are tied in third place with 42 points each. The Seals won three of four contests also last week, and now have 20 wins against 22 losses and 2 ties. The Seattle Totems broke out of a five game losing streak with an outstanding

offensive display in three games played. The Totems won all three games, scoring a total of 24 goals for an average of 8 goals per game. Seattle's record now stands at 19 wins, 20 losses and 4 ties. The Portland Buckaroos had two games scheduled last week and were decisioned in both contests to drop back into fifth place in the standings. The Bucks remain three points ahead of the last place Vancouver Canucks with 38 points on a record of 17 wins, 22 losses and 4 ties. In three games last week the Canucks won once while losing two games and now have a record that stands at 16 wins, 23 losses and 3 ties. The Canucks, incidentally, were shutout last Friday night in Vancouver for the first time in 100 games. In the ninth game of the 1962-63 season, on Friday night, November 2, 1962, the Canucks were shutout by a 3-0 score by the Los Angeles Blades. Vancouver played the next 100 games without being shutout and then last Friday night in Vancouver, in the Canucks 41st game of the 1963-64 season, they were shutout by a 3-0 score by the same Los Angeles Blades. This 100 game non-shutout streak is a new team record for the Canucks but it falls short of the League mark. New Westminster played 133 games without being shutout, beginning with the 1952-53 season and continuing through the 1954-55 season.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER added 8 points to his already impressive total in three games last week to increase his League leading total points to an even 70 for the season. FIELDER now has 15 goals (that 15th marker pushed him into 5th spot among the all-time goalscorers in W.H.L. play) and 55 assists in 41 games played. Five of the seven assists picked up last week came in a single contest against the Vancouver Canucks when the Totems blasted the Canucks, 10-2. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI is still in second place, 13 points back of FIELDER with 57 points including 27 goals. Vancouver's injured PHIL MALONEY remains in third spot with 52 points in 40 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

GUYLE FIELDER's leftwinger, BOBBY BARLOW, took over the League goalscoring lead when he scored his third Hat Trick of the season against Vancouver on Sunday night. BARLOW now has 28 goals in 43 games. FIELDER maintains his lead in the assist department with 55 helpers in 41 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR, even though he was bombarded with 25 goals against in 4 games last week, still holds a comfortable edge in the goalkeeping standings. His average stands at 2.69 after 45 games. Los Angeles Blades JIMMY McLEOD was the outstanding goalie of the week's action, however, as he chalked up two shutouts in three weekend games. McLEOD shutout Vancouver on Friday night and San Francisco Sunday night while losing to Seattle Saturday.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL added an even ten minutes to his penalty total in three games last week and maintains his lead with a total of 129 minutes in 39 games played.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Seattle centerman DEL TOPOLL gains player of the week honors for last week's efforts as he rifled 10 points in three games to top all other performers. TOPOLL scored six times himself which included a Hat Trick on Sunday against Vancouver and set up four other goals to move into ninth spot in the individual scoring race.

NEW REFEREE

During the last week of January the Western Hockey League will introduce a new Referee to the teams and fans for a limited number of games. HUGH McLEAN, who has officiated in every professional League except the Western League and also the top amateur circuits in Canada over the past ten years, will make a swing through the Western League in a three week period, visiting every city in the League at least once.

UPCOMING ACTION

A pair of games tonight and on each of the weekend nights make up the bulk of the scheduled ten game week. The defending Champions, the San Francisco Seals, take to the road playing their first game against the Canucks tonight in Vancouver. The Seals have had their greatest success against Vancouver, beating them in seven of eight contests, and the Canucks will be out to make restitution tonight. The Los Angeles Blades also take to the road as they meet the front-running Denver Invaders, who will be attempting to keep alive a record-shattering 14 straight victories at home. The Invaders will be looking for number 15 before the home fans tonight. A single contest is slated for Wednesday night, January 29th, as Vancouver travels to Portland to take on the Buckaroos. On Thursday, Denver plays host to the Los Angeles Blades for the second time in three nights. Two Friday games will find the Denver Invaders travelling to Los Angeles to go against the Blades while the San Francisco Seals will again take on the Vancouver Canucks in Vancouver. On Saturday Denver will again face the Los Angeles Blades in the L.A. Sports Arena to round out their home and home series, and Portland will travel to Seattle to battle the Totems. Winding up the action for the week will be two games -- San Francisco at Portland and Vancouver at Seattle.

STANDINGS

The Denver Invaders ended the longest single road trip of the season over the weekend in impressive fashion, to say the least. The Invaders chalked up three straight wins last week and, after 14 straight road games were able to come out well above the .500 mark in points earned as they won 8 games and tied one while losing 5. With the strong finish on the road last week the Invaders were able to up their League lead to 16 points over the second place teams, San Francisco and Los Angeles. In 48 games the Invaders now have 31 wins as against 15 losses and 2 ties for 64 points. To

break the record for most points in one season the Invaders must accumulate more than 30 in their remaining 22 games. Denver is now an even 30 points shy of the record 94 points, set by the Vancouver Canucks in the 1959-60 season. Thirteen more wins in the remaining 22 contests left to the Invaders would also allow them to tie the record for most wins in one season, 44, a record which is held jointly by several clubs. Three wins in three outings by the San Francisco Seals brought the defending Champions into a second place tie with the Los Angeles Blades. Both teams have 48 points, after 47 games for the Seals and 46 for the Blades. Four points behind the second place teams is Seattle with 44 points in 46 games. Portland, in fifth place, has 41 points in 47 games while the trailing Vancouver Canucks have 35 points in 46 contests.

SCORING LEADERS.

GUYLE FIELDER added four assists to his League-leading total in 3 games last week to up his over-all point total to 74 in 44 games. He is 11 points ahead of his nearest rival, Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI, who has 63 points in47 games, including 29 goals. Portland's ART JONES moved into third place in the individual scoring race as he picked up 8 points in four games. He now has 59 for the season after 45 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Three players are tied for the League lead in goals scored. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI has fired 29 goals in 47 games while Seattle's BOBBY BARLOW has fired the same number in 46 and Portland's ART JONES a like amount in 45 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER holds a commanding lead in the assist department as he added four more for a total of 59 in the 44 games he has played. He is presently 36 assists short of the League record of 95 assists set by FIELDER in the 1958-59 season. He has been averaging 1.34 assists per game

so far this season and, at that pace, would fall just short of the record mark with approximately 91 helpers for the season. One or two big nights, however, by the clever playmaker and he could, once again, be on a record-setting assist pace in League play.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR improved his average by four percentage points while maintaining a comfortable lead over rival goalkeepers last week. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR took over second place , allowing 10 goals in 3 games, upping his average to 3.15 after 46 games played. MILLAR's 127 goals against in 48 games leaves him with a 2.65 average, the only goalkeeper in the League to consistently remain below the 3.00 mark this season.

PENALTIES

Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL remains atop the list of Most Penalized Players, but he is being hard-pressed for the dubious honors by Portland defenseman MIKE DONALDSON. ZEIDEL picked up four minors in three games to up his total to 137 minutes after 42 games played. DONALDSON was assessed 12 minors in 4 games last week to up his total to 125 minutes after 47 games.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week go to Portland centerman ART JONES. JONES picked up 8 points in four games played by the Bucks last week for an average of 2 points per game, better than any other scorer in League play last week. In addition to moving into third place in the individual scoring race, JONES also moved into a tie for the goal-scoring leadership with Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI and Seattle's BOB BARLOW. All three players have scored 29 goals as of Sunday night in League play.

LINE-UP CHANGES

BILLY McNEILL, center-right winger, is wearing number 16 for Vancouver.

Remove TRENT BEATTY from the Vancouver line-up.

UPCOMING ACTION

Eleven big games are on tap this week, including two rescheduled games. The Seattle Totems will travel to Denver to go against the League leaders in the Denver Coliseum tonight while the Portland Buckaroos will travel to Vancouver to play the Canucks at the Forum in the last of the rescheduled games caused by the assassination of President KENNEDY. On Wednesday the San Francisco Seals will again take to the ice in the Portland Coliseum in an attempt to make amends for the 6-3 loss suffered at the hands of the Buckaroos on Sunday night past. Thursday will find the California rivals, San Francisco and Los Angeles, meeting in a contest in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Also on Thursday the Seattle Totems will play their second game of the week against the Denver Invaders in Denver. A single Friday contest will pit the Los Angeles Blades against the Vancouver Canucks in the Vancouver Forum. A full slate of games are on tap for Saturday night. The Los Angeles Blades will be at Portland and the Vancouver Canucks will visit Seattle in two regularly scheduled games. The third contest will see the San Francisco Seals battling the Denver Invaders in Denver in a game that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, and then moved back to Saturday. Rounding out the action for the week will be two Sunday night games. The Seattle Totems will play the Buckaroos in Portland while the San Francisco Seals will play against the Denver Invaders in Denver.

STANDINGS

The Los Angeles Blades ended the consecutive game win record of the Denver Invaders last Thursday night in Denver but paid the price for doing so. The Invaders turned around and defeated the Blades in two games in Los Angeles to give them three more wins in four games against the Blades. The Invaders now have an even 70 points after 52 games and are 24 points short of the record for most points in one season and ten wins short of the record for

most wins in a season. Despite winning only one of four games last week the Los Angeles Blades remain in second place in the standings with an even 50 points, 20 points back of the leading Invaders. San Francisco and Seattle, after having played 50 and 48 games respectively, are tied for third place with 48 points each. The Seals have 23 wins, 25 losses and 2 ties while Seattle has 22 wins, 22 losses and 4 ties. The Portland Buckaroos are three points back with 45 points made up of 20 wins, 25 losses and 5 ties. The Vancouver Canucks trail with 39 points on 18 wins, 29 losses and 3 ties.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER added four assists in two games last week to up his League leading point total to 78 for the season after 46 games. FIELDER now has 15 goals to go with his 63 assists. Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI is an even 10 points behind FIELDER in second place with 68 points which includes a League-leading 32 goals. JANKOWSKI's 32 goals and 36 assists came in the 51 games he has played with the Invaders this season. Two centermen, Portland's ART JONES and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, are in third and fourth place with 63 and 62 points respectively.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The two players who occupy the number one and two spots in the individual scoring race are also the leaders in most goals and most assists. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI picked up three goals in four games last week to up his total to 32 markers in 51 games.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER holds a commanding lead in the assist department as he has set up 63 goals in the 46 games that he has played to give him a 22 point bulge over his nearest rival in assists.

GOALKEEPERS

After playing four games last week Denver's AL MILLAR maintained his commendable 2.65 average. He allowed only 11 goals in the four

contests played last week while stopping 105 shots. Los Angeles Blades JIMMY McLEOD moved into second place after playing three games last week and improving his average by 28 percentage points. McLEOD allowed 11 goals in three games and presently sports an average of 3.06 after 32 games played.

PENALTIES

After several weeks of diligent pursuit, Portland's MIKE DONALDSON took over the League penalty lead from Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL. In three games played last week DONALDSON picked up seven minors and one misconduct for 24 minutes in the sin-bin. He now has a total of 151 minutes in the penalty box, as compared to 137 minutes to Seattle's ZEIDEL. In accumulating the 151 minute total DONALDSON has picked up at least one minor penalty or more in all but two of his last nineteen games. After 50 games played he is now averaging over 3 minutes per game and, at this rate, could approach and possible surpass the record of 210 minutes, set by FRANK ARNETT in the 1958-59 season when he was playing with Seattle.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

With high-scoring games last week several players picked up considerably in the point race and in the individual scoring race. The one player who topped all the rest in total points, however, is BILLY McNEILL of the Vancouver Canucks. McNEILL, who joined the Canucks only recently, fired two goals and assisted on 7 others for nine points in 4 games. To date the hard-skating centerman-winger has played only 7 games with the Canucks but has a total of 10 points due to last week's surge. Team mate RON MATTHEWS picked up one point less than McNEILL in the same number of games, four, and five of those points came in one game as the veteran defenseman fired one goal and assisted on four others against San Francisco. Portland's TOMMY McVIE fired four goals and assisted on four others in three games played last week. McVIE now has 52 points in 49 games played, including 7 game-winning goals.

UPCOMING GAMES

After a heavy 11 game week last week the Western Hockey League embarks upon a relatively light 6 game week beginning Wednesday night in San Francisco when the ever-battling San Francisco Seals and Portland Buckaroos clash at the San Francisco Cow Palace. Two games are slated for Friday evening -- San Francisco hosts the Portland Buckaroos for the second time in the week in the Cow Palace while the Seattle Totems travel to Vancouver to do battle against the resurgent Vancouver Canucks. Only one game is slated for Saturday night as the League-leading Denver Invaders will attempt to carry on their habitual winning ways in Seattle when they go against the Totems. Rounding out the action for the week will be two Sunday night encounters that will find the San Francisco Seals at Seattle and the Denver Invaders at Vancouver for an afternoon game against the Canucks that is scheduled to get under way at 2:30 P.M.

STANDINGS

The high-flying Denver Invaders did not deviate from their very successful season-long pattern in four games played last week as they won three while losing only one and increased their league lead to a commanding 24 points over the second place teams. The Invaders split a two game series with Seattle in Denver with the loss to the Totems marking the first time this season that the Denver team had been completely blanked in the scoring column. But, as they did against Los Angeles the week before when the Blades gained an upset victory in the Mile-High City, the Invaders came storming back to sweep two games against the San Francisco Seals. Adding to the joys of Denver Coach RUDY PILOUS is the fact that the remaining five teams in the League are all gaining their share of victories from each other so that advances toward first place are minimal. The Seattle Totems moved into a tie for second place with the Los Angeles Blades as a result of two wins in four games in the past week.

The Blades were able to win only one game in three last week, but the win was a big one against the San Francisco Seals and enabled the Blades to repossess the Commission Cup, awarded each season to the California team that has the better record over its State rival. Denver now has 76 points after 56 games while Seattle and Los Angeles are 24 points back with 52 each. Portland, with 2 wins in 4 starts in the Week's action, moved into sole possession of fourth place, one point ahead of the San Francisco Seals who failed to win in four road games. The winningest team last week along with Denver was the Vancouver Canucks who won all three games played. The last place Canucks are now only three points back of San Francisco and four points back of Portland and the fourth and last play-off berth.

SCORING LEADERS

The two top scorers in League play played four games each last week and both were shutout completely from the scoring columns in all but one game. The leader, Seattle centerman GUYLE FIELDER, after going point-less in three games, picked up two assists in the Totems 6-1 win over Portland in the Rose City on Sunday night. This output upped his total to an even 80 points in 50 games played made up of 15 goals and 65 assists. In the first of four games played last week Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI fired his first Hat Trick of the season and added an assist to up his season total total to 72 points, made up of 35 goals and 37 assists. JANKOWSKI has 15 games remaining in the schedule with Denver, while FIELDER and the Totems have 18 games yet to play.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

The players that stand one-two in the individual scoring race also hold down the top positions in the Most Goals and Most Assists departments. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI with a Hat Trick, his first of the season, last week upped his goalscoring lead to 35 markers for the season -- five ahead of his nearest rivals, Portland's ART JONES and Seattle's BOB BARLOW. FIELDER's 65

assists place him an even 20 helpers ahead of his nearest rival in assists. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY has accumulated 45 assists to hold down second place.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR and Vancouver's MARCEL PAILLE both led their teams to three victories last week and both improved their averages by 4 percentage points. MILLAR's league-leading average now stands at 2.61 after 56 games as he has allowed 146 goals. PAILLE, who is fifth in the goalkeeping standings, presently has a 3.58 average, having allowed 190 goals in 53 games. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR chalked up his third shutout of the season as he blanked the leading Denver Invaders in Denver by a 3-0 score. San Francisco's BOB PERREAULT becomes the first goalkeeper to pass the 200 mark in goals allowed as he has seen 201 goals scored against him this season.

PENALTIES

Two minor penalties to Portland's MIKE DONALDSON last week upped his season total to 155 minutes for the season and a 16 minute lead over his nearest rival. Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL picked up only one minor in 4 games played to up his total to 139 minutes. DONALDSON has played 54 games while ZEIDEL has played 48 contests.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors for action during the past week go to Vancouver centerman BOB KABEL. KABEL, centering Vancouver's hottest line that has BOB McCUSKER and DAVE DUKE on left and right wing, led the Canucks to three consecutive wins in the past week that moves MAX McNAB'S tail-enders back into contention for the fourth and last play-off berth. KABEL scored three goals, one in each game played, and assisted on six others for a nine point total -- an average of three a game which was better than any other scorer in League play last week. The sudden surge by the hard-skating centerman elevated him to 13th place in the individual scoring race with 48 points after 53 games.

UPCOMING GAMES

Eight games are on tap for the coming week as the schedule heads toward the final month of regular season play. A single contest tonight will get the action under way as the San Francisco Seals will do battle with the red-hot Vancouver Canucks. Another lone game on Wednesday will find the Los Angeles Blades hosting the Portland Buckaroos. On Thursday night the Seattle Totems will face the high-flying Denver Invaders in the Coliseum in Denver. Two games are slated for Friday. The Portland Buckaroos will face the Los Angeles Blades in Los Angeles for the second time in the week. The second Friday night clash will be the game that was originally scheduled between the Seattle Totems and the Denver Invaders in Denver for Tuesday of this week. The Totems will thus face the League leaders on successive nights, Thursday and Friday rather than Tuesday and Thursday. On Saturday the Los Angeles Blades will visit Vancouver and on Sunday Los Angeles will battle the Seattle Totems in Seattle while Vancouver will face the Invaders in Denver.

STANDINGS

The Denver Invaders, with a win and a loss in two outings last week, were able to maintain their 24 point lead over second place Seattle but the remaining five teams are separated by only five points from second place to the basement. The Seattle Totems, though losing two of three games played, moved into sole possession of second place ahead of the idle Los Angeles Blades. Denver has 78 points on 38 wins, 18 losses and 2 ties after 58 games. The Invaders have 12 games remaining, five at home and seven on the road, and need 16 points (8 wins) to tie the record for most points in a season. Seattle's 54 points are the result of 25 wins and 4 ties as against 26 losses in 55 games played. The Los Angeles Blades, who were idle all last week, hold down third place by one point over Portland. The Blades have 52 points on 24 wins, 25 losses and 4 ties in 53 games while the Buckaroos, in fourth place,

have 23 wins, 28 losses and 5 ties for 51 points in 56 games. A single points behind Portland are the San Francisco Seals with an even 50 points in 57 games played on 24 wins, 31 losses an 2 ties. Finally, the Vancouver Canucks are making the race more interesting than ever by closing in on the fifth place San Francisco Seals. The Canucks, in last place but only five points out of second, were undefeated for the second consecutive week last week and now have a winning streak of five straight games going. The Canucks have 49 points on 23 wins, 29 losses and 3 ties after 55 games played.

SCORING LEADERS

Six games played last week failed to alter the top six spots in the individual scoring race. Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER increased his lead by an impressive 13 points over Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI. FIELDER has 15 goals and 72 assists for a grand total of 87 points after 53 games played. JANKOWSKI added two assists in two games to up his total to 74 points, including 35 goals, after 57 games played. Portland's ART JONES is gaining on JANKOWSKI and second place as he fired four goals and assisted on one other for five points in 2 games and now has 73 points after 54 games.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI failed to score a goal in two games last week but still leads the League goal-getters with 35 markers after 57 games. He is being hard-pressed to maintain his lead, however, as Portland's ART JONES scored four goals in two games last week to up his individual total to 34 markers after 54 games. Seattle's BOB BARLOW is third with 32 goals.

GUYLE FIELDER has taken an almost insurmountable lead in the assists department. He now has assisted on 72 goals in the 53 games he has played. This total in 25 assists more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has picked up 47 assists in the 52 games he has played. In third place in the assist department is a defensman, Denver's FRED HUCUL, who has 43 assists in 57 games.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR still leads the goalkeepers in Western League play but his average suffered considerably last week. MILLAR allowed 12 goals in two games to up his average to 2.72 after 58 games. Last week his average stood at 2.61. The most improved showing last week was made by Vancouver's MARCEL PAILLE who led his team to two victories by allowing only 4 goals. PAILLE's average went from 3.58 to 3.53 as he has now allowed 194 goals against in 55 games.

PENALTIES

Portland's MIKE DONALDSON added two minors and a major to his total in two games played last week to up his penalty lead to 164 minutes after 56 games. Seattle's LARRY ZEIDEL, who went penalty-less again last week, is in second place with 139 minutes after 51 contests.

LINE-UP CHANGES

Add to Seattle.....BILL CARTER.....Center.....Number 14

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Seattle Totem Captain BILL MacFARLAND gained Player of the Week honors for action during the past week as he picked up seven points for himself and led his team to the one victory gained by the Totems in three outings last week. MacFARLAND, who was notified that he had passed the Washington State Bar Exams early last week and was sworn in as a lawyer yesterday, fired four goals including his first Hat Trick of the season against San Francisco on Sunday, and added three assists as he moved from tenth place to seventh in the individual scoring race. The Big Winger now has 28 goals and 30 assists for 58 points in 54 games played. A seven point week was also recorded by team mate GUYLE FIELDER, who assisted on seven more goals last week in the three games played. The clever playmaking centerman is now 23 assists short of the assist record for one season, 95, set by the same FIELDER in the 1958-59 season.

UPCOMING GAMES

With less than one month remaining in the 210 game schedule, another 8 game week is on tap. Opening the action for the week will be a game in Denver tonight when the tail-end Vancouver Canucks, who dropped a 4-2 Sunday night decision to Denver, will again go against the Invaders in the Denver Coliseum. The following night, February 26, the San Francisco Seals will host the League-leading Denver Invaders in the Cow Palace and the Los Angeles Blades will do battle with the Portland Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum. A full slate of games is on tap for Friday, February 28, as the Denver Invaders will battle the Blades in Los Angeles, the Seattle Totems will go against the Seals in San Francisco and the Portland Buckaroos will face the Vancouver Canucks in the Vancouver Forum. Two Sunday contests will round out the action for the week and carry the schedule into the month of March. The Seattle Totems will attempt to sidetrack the Los Angeles Blades in a Sunday afternoon contest that will begin at 1:30 P.M. in the Los Angeles Sports Arena while the Denver Invaders will battle the Buckaroos in Portland in a 7 P.M. contest.

STANDINGS

Two wins in three outings last week enabled the League-leading Denver Invaders to cinch a tie, at least, for a first place finish in the 1963-64 Western League season. The two wins upped the total of the Invaders to 82 points, stemming from 40 wins, 19 losses and 2 ties after 61 games of regular season play. There is only one team that can catch the Invaders, the second-place Seattle Totems who have 58 points on the even-up record of 27 wins, 27 losses and 4 ties after 58 games. In order to catch the high-flying Invaders, however, the Totems would have to win all of their remaining games and Denver would have to lose all of its nine remaining encounters, and this is not likely to happen. The next point picked up by

Denver guarantees a first place finish for the League's newest entry in it's first year of operation. Seattle picked up two wins in three games last week to tighten its grip on second place in the down-to-the-wire race for play-off positions. Seattle's 58 points are three more than third place Portland's 55. The Buckaroos won two big games, both on the road last week with their ace centerman, ART JONES, on the sidelines to up their record to 25 wins and 5 ties against 28 losses. One point behind Portland is the Los Angeles Blades with 54 points. The Blades, who have a game in hand over both Portland and Seattle at this point, have 25 wins, 28 losses and 4 ties. One win in one road game by the San Francisco Seals brought NICK MICKOSKI's big squad to within 2 points of Los Angeles and the last play-off berth. The Seals have 52 points after 58 games. Vancouver still trails with 49 points as a result of dropping three straight decisions in 3 games played last week.

SCORING LEADERS

Six assists in three games played last week has brought the League's scoring leader, GUYLE FIELDER, within striking distance of the 100 point mark. FIELDER now has 78 assists to go with his 15 goals for a total of 93 points after 56 games played. With 12 games remaining for the Totems it is likely that the diminutive centerman will hit the 100 point mark for the fourth time in his Western League career. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI remains in second place with 77 points while Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY by-passed an idle ART JONES to take over third spot. MALONEY, with three points in three games now has 75 while JONES has 73.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI added two more goals in three games last week to maintain his League goalscoring lead with 37 markers in 60 games. Portland centerman ART JONES is in second place with 34 while Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE has 33.

GUYLE FIELDER continues to widen the gap in the assist department as he added six more in three games to up his total to 78 in 56 games played. Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY is second with 49 assists, 29 fewer than FIELDER.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR continues to lead the goalkeepers with a 2.72 average after 61 games. MILLAR has allowed 166 goals while stopping 1525 shots. Seattle's CLAUDE DUFOUR is second with a 3.18 average.

PENALTIES

Penalty leader MIKE DONALDSON of Portland added only one minor penalty to his total in two games played and now has 166 minutes in 58 games played.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Two Los Angeles linemates, centerman NORM JOHNSON and LEO LABINE share Player of the Week honors as both players picked up nine points in four games last week to move into 5th and 8th spot respectively in the individual scoring race.

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Following are the games remaining for each team, where they will be played and against whom as the teams battle to join Denver in the post-season play-offs for the Lester Patrick Cup:

	AT DEN	AT L.A.	AT PORT	AT S.F.	AT SEA	AT VAN	POSS. ADD'L PTS
DEN	--	1	2	1	1	2	18
L.A.	1	--	2	2	--	--	26
PORT	--	----	--	1	1	2	24
S.F.	---	2	1	--	1	--	24
SEA	--	3	2	2	--	1	24
VAN	1	2	1	2	1	--	24
HOME GMS. LEFT	2	8	8	8	4	5	

UPCOMING ACTION

Nine games are on tap, every one of them of the utmost importance, as the Western Hockey League enters what might be referred to as the "Week of Decision". After the nine games are played this coming week, only a total of 18 games will be left before regular season play is completed for the 1963-64 season. Two games tonight open the activities for the week as the Portland Buckaroos do battle with the San Francisco Seals at the Cow Palace in San Francisco and the Vancouver Canucks will play host to the number one team, the Denver Invaders. A single Wednesday night contest will find the Seattle Totems going against the Los Angeles Blades at the beautiful new Long Beach Arena in Long Beach, California. The following night the Totems and Blades will again face each other, this time in the Sports Arena in Los Angeles. These two teams battled to a 0-0 draw on Sunday and the outcome of the next two games could make or break the play-off hopes of one or the other should one team sweep the series. Two Friday games will find Seattle at San Francisco and Portland at Vancouver. A lone Saturday night contest will see the Los Angeles Blades visiting the San Francisco Seals at the Cow Palace. On Sunday the same two teams, Los Angeles and San Francisco will complete their home and home weekend set with a game at Los Angeles while the Seattle Totems will attempt to upset the Portland Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum.

STANDINGS

After sewing up the League title last week, the Denver Invaders have relaxed somewhat as they won only one of four games played last week. The three consecutive losses on the road after winning one at home constitutes one of the longest losing streaks of the season for the Invaders. They are still way ahead of the pack, however, with 84 points made up of 41 wins 22 losses and 2 ties with but 5 games remaining in their schedule. A big win by Portland over the Invaders boosted the Bucks into sole possession of second

place in the race for play-off positions. The Bucks, with a record of 27 wins 28 losses and 6 ties for an even 60 points, stand a mere one point ahead of the Seattle Totems. The Totems gained only one point on a tie game last week and now stand at 27 wins, 28 losses and 5 ties for 59 points. The Los Angeles Blades are in 4th place, one point back of Seattle with 58 points. After an even 60 games the Blades have won 26, lost 28 and tied 6. Holding down the fifth spot is the San Francisco Seals. the Seals, showing signs of revival, have won four out of their last five games, and now have 56 points on a record of 27 wins, 31 losses and 2 ties in 60 games. In last place are the Vancouver Canucks, who failed to pick up a point in two outings last week. The Canucks have 49 points on 23 wins, 34 losses and 3 ties in 60 games.

SCORING LEADERS

Biggest gain in the individual scoring race last week was made by Los Angeles centerman NORM JOHNSON. JOHNSON scored one goal and assisted on 4 others in three games played and, in so doing, moved into third place from the number five spot he held last week. GUYLE FIELDER of Seattle, though picking up only one assist in two games last week, still holds a comfortable lead with 94 points, made up of 15 goals and 79 assists in 58 games played. In second place is Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI, who has 79 points on 37 goals and 42 assists in 64 games played.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI failed to score a goal in 4 games played last week but he still is the League's top goalscorer. LOU's 37 markers in 64 games played is three more than the number tallied by Portland centerman ART JONES, who is in second place with 34 goals after 58 games played..

GUYLE FIELDER is still in command in the assist department, as he has been since the start of the season. FIELDER has 79 helpers in58 games played, 30 more than his nearest rival, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 49.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR, though still leading in the goalkeepers department, lost ground last week. MILLAR's average jumped from 2.72 at this time last week to 2.85 at the present time as the agile backstop allowed 19 goals in 4 games played. Also, as a result of a rarity in Western League play -- a scoreless overtime game (the first in Western League play since the 1955-56 season and only the fifth in W.H.L. history), MILLAR finds himself in a three-way tie for the League shutout lead. Both Los Angeles Blades goalkeeper JIMMY McLEOD and Seattle goalkeeper CLAUDE DUFOUR racked up shutouts in the one scoreless contest to up their shutout total to four for the season to tie with MILLAR.

PENALTIES

Portland's MIKE DONALDSON added six minor penalties to his League-leading total last week and now his total penalty-box time for the season stands at 178 minutes. With nine games yet to play the robust defenseman stands a defininte chance of surpassing the League record of 210 minutes, set in 1959 by FRANK ARNETT.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For the second consecutive week Los Angeles centerman NORM JOHNSON shares Player of the Week honors with a team mate. Both JOHNSON and GORD HAWORTH picked up five points in 3 games to lead all other scorers.

Following are games remianing and possible points:

	AT DEN	AT L.A.	AT PORT	AT S.F.	AT SEA	AT VAN	PTS. NOW	POSSIBLE POINTS
DEN	--	--	1	--	1	2	84	94
L.A.	1	--	1	2	--	--	58	78
PORT	--	--	--	1	1	1	60	78
S.F.	--	2	1	--	1	--	56	76
SEA	--	2	2	1	--	1	59	79
VAN	--	2	1	2	1	--	49	69

UPCOMING ACTION

Ten BIG games are on tap for the second last week of regular season play in the 1963-64 schedule. At this writing, all teams still have a chance to make one of the three remaining play-off spots and this is the week that will make or break at least one of those teams -- the Vancouver Canucks. The Canucks play five games this week, all on the road, and every game is a "must". Beginning tonight, Vancouver plays at San Francisco and the Los Angeles Blades make their final swing to Denver for the Invaders final home game of the season. On Wednesday night Vancouver will battle the Los Angeles Blades in Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Seals will make their final regular season appearance at Portland in a game against the Buckaroos. Two Friday night contests will find Vancouver at Los Angeles for the second time in the week while the San Francisco Seals will close out their Seattle series with a game against the Totems in Seattle. A full slate of games is on tap for Saturday. Vancouver will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles will go against the Buckaroos in the Portland Coliseum, and the Denver Invaders will be the visitors in Seattle in their final game against the Totems. Rounding out the week's action will be a single Sunday night encounter which will find the Vancouver Canucks battling the Portland Buckaroos in Portland.

STANDINGS

Ever since the Denver Invaders cinched first place in the League standings, the Los Angeles Blades has been the team to watch. The Blades played four games last week and went undefeated, bringing their undefeated string to seven straight games in the most crucial point in the schedule. The Blades have won three and tied four in their last seven games and, as a result, are tied for second place in the ever-tightening play-off race with the Portland Buckaroos. Los Angeles is at the .500 mark with 28 wins

28 losses and 8 tie games for a total of 64 points. Portland, meanwhile, gained four points of a possible six as the Buckaroos won two of three games played. The Bucks, too, stand at the .500 mark with 29 wins, 29 losses and 6 ties for 64 points. The Seattle Totems struggled through a near-disastrous six game road trip, gaining but 2 points in the six games and now hold down fourth place, one point ahead of the fifth place San Francisco Seals. The Totem have 27 wins and 6 ties against 31 losses for 60 points while the Seals have 28 wins and 3 ties against 33 losses for 59 points. The last place Vancouver Canucks came to life with a big win over Portland and now have 51 points with 8 games remaining.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER picked up only two points in four games last week but still remains a virtual cinch for his seventh Western Hockey League individual scoring crown. FIELDER now has 16 goals and an even 80 assists for 96 points in 62 games played. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI and Los Angeles centerman NORM JOHNSON are tied in second place with 80 points each, while Portland's ART JONES is in third place with 79 points.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI still leads the League in goals although he hasn't added to his total in the past seven games he has played. Vancouver winger BUDDY BOONE is closing in fast. The hard-shooting BOONE now has 36 goals in 58 games played and has five games this week to overtake JANKOWSKI.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER remains far ahead in the assist department. His 80 assists in 62 games played is 29 more than the 51 garnered by his nearest rival, Vancouver centerman PHIL MALONEY.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver goalkeeper AL MILLAR allowed only one goal in the one

game played by the Invaders to improve his League-leading average to 2.82 goals against after 66 games played. The biggest improvement, however, came from both Los Angeles goalkeepers. JIMMY McLEOD allowed four goals in two games and improved his average from 3.32 to 3.26. Rookie Blades backstop JACK NORRIS allowed only 3 goals in two games to bring his average to 3.76 after 25 games played. Three goalkeepers racked up shutouts last week as Vancouver's MARCEL PAILLE blanked the Portland Buckaroos, rookie Los Angeles goalie JACK NORRIS blanked the San Francisco Seals, 2-0, and Portland rookie DAVE KELLY blanked the Seattle Totems, 5-0. It was the second shutout of the season for all three goalkeepers.

PENALTIES

Portland's MIKE DONALDSON added four minutes to his already impressive League penalty lead. DONALDSON now has 182 minutes in penalties after 64 games played.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Player of the Week honors are shared by thre players as a result of games played last week. Three centermen, Los Angeles Blades NORM JOHNSON, and Portland's ART JONES AND GERRY GOYER all picked up four points to top all players in individual scoring in a low-scoring week. GOYER and JONES picked up their four points in three games while JOHNSON picked up an average of a point a game in the four games played by the Blades.

Following are games remaining and possible points:

	AT DEN	AT L.A.	AT PORT	AT S.F.	AT SEAS	AT VAN	PTS. NOW	POSSIBLE POINTS
DEN	--	--	1	--	1	1	86	94
L.A.	1	--	1	1	--	--	64	76
PORT	--	--	--	--	1	--	64	76
S.F.	--	1	1	--	1	--	59	71
SEA	--	--	1	--	--	1	60	72
VAN	--	2	1	2	1	--	51	67

UPCOMING ACTION

The final week of play in the 1963-64 season is upon us and, even now, the fate of only two teams has been decided -- Denver is in the play-offs, having cinched top spot almost one month ago and Vancouver is eliminated from post-season play as the Canucks were unable to pick up a victory in 5 road games last week. The remaining four teams are still scrambling for positional finish and only Portland is assured of one of the play-off positions at this time. The Bucks could finish as high as second and can sink no lower than fourth, depending on the outcome of their 3 remaining games this week. The first game in the final week of play will find the League-leading Denver Invaders battling the last-place Vancouver Canucks in Vancouver tonight. If Denver wins this contest it will tie the mark for most victories in one season.-- it will be the Invaders 44th victory. Two games are on tap for Wednesday as the Los Angeles Blades visit the Cow Palace in San Francisco to take on the San Francisco Seals and the Seattle Totems travel to Portland to battle the red-hot Buckaroos. A single Friday contest will find Seattle playing Vancouver in the Forum in Vancouver. Two Saturday contests will complete home-and-home series for the week. San Francisco will play at Los Angeles and Portland will visit Seattle. Rounding out the week's action and schedule on Sunday night will be two games that will find Denver at Portland and Vancouver at Seattle.

STANDINGS

One win in two games last week brought the Denver Invaders to within one victory of tying the mark for most wins in one season. The Invaders now have a record of 43 wins, 23 losses and two ties for 88 points. The onrushing Portland Buckaroos took sole possession of second place with three wins in three games played. The Bucks now have 32 wins and 6 ties against 29 losses for an even 70 points. Following close behind is Los

Angeles with 68 points on the strength of a 30-30-8 record. San Francisco was the only team to win a game on the road in ten played last week and it was the biggest win of the season for the Seals as they upset Seattle, 6-2, in Seattle. The win put the Seals 3 points ahead of Seattle in fourth place with 31 wins and 3 ties against 34 losses for 65 points. The Totems have 62 points on 28 wins and 6 ties against 32 losses. Finally, Vancouver trails with 24 wins, 40 losses and 3 ties for 51 points.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER added three assists to his total last week and now is within one points of the century mark for total points this season. The clever playmaker has 16 goals and 83 assists for 99 points after 64 games played. Los Angeles centerman NORM JOHNSON moved into sole possession of second place in the individual point race. JOHNSON now has 32 goals and 52 assists for 84 points after 68 games. Portland's ART JONES is only one point back in third place with 83 points made up of 35 goals and 48 assists in 64 games played. Denver's LOU JANKOWSKI was moved back to fourth place after holding second spot almost all season long.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI lost ground in the individual scoring race but gained in the goalscoring department. The hard-shooting winger fired two goals in two games played last week to up his total to 39 for the season. This total in three more than the amount registered by Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE, who was blanked in five outings last week.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER added three more assists to his already impressive total last week to give the playmaker 83 helpers for the season. This total is an even 30 assists more than his nearest rival in this department, Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY, who has 53.

GOALKEEPERS One name, and it is the name of a rookie, dominates the goal-

keepers almost completely this week. Portland's brash rookie, DAVE KELLY, is the talk of the Western League today as he has given ample proof that he is one rookie who thrives on pressure and can come up "big" in the clutch games. KELLY put together three shutout games back to back and, in so doing, gained a place for himself in four different places in the Western League Record Book under individual records, and played a most important role in a fifth record, this one under team records. The team record was the Longest Shutout Sequence which was held by 8 different teams, all of which had strings of 2 shutout games. The Portland Buckaroos will now be entered into the records as holders of the longest shutout sequence with 3 consecutive shutout games. KELLY shattered the individual shutout sequence, a record that was previously held by 20 different goalkeepers, all of whom had 2 consecutive shutouts. The record is now 3 consecutive whitewashes. The rookie backstop also far surpassed the record for the Longest Shutout Time in Minutes that has been in existence since the 1950-51 season. The record previously held by Victoria's JERRY COTNOIR when he held the opposition scoreless for 183 minutes and 34 seconds. KELLY played 3 minutes and 44 seconds of scoreless hockey against Vancouver on March 6 when the Canucks whipped Portland, 6-0. Then he played three straight games without allowing a goal against Seattle (Sunday, March 8 - Seattle, 5-0) Wednesday, March 11 - San Francisco, 4-0) and Saturday, March 14 - Los Angeles, 3-0). He then played 51 minutes and 28 seconds of the Sunday game against Vancouver before being scored upon for a total of 235 minutes and 12 seconds of shutout hockey. Both of the above-mentioned records will also be entered in the record Book under "Rookie Records". For the above accomplishments KELLY is named Player of the Week in the Western League.

PENALTIES - Portland's MIKE DONALDSON still leads the League with 189 minutes in 67 games played.

REMAINING GAMES: DENVER, 2 games- 1 at Vanc, 1 at Port. for poss. 92 points, Portland, 3 gms - 2 at hm. agst. Den and Sea, one at Sea for poss. 76 points, Los Angeles, 2 gms- hm-and-hm with S.F. for poss 72 pts. S.F., 2 gms - Hm and hm with L.A. for poss. 69 pts. Sea, 4 gms - hm-and-hm Port and Van for poss. 70 pts. Vanc., 3 gms-2 at hm agst Den, Sea-one in Sea for poss. 57 pts.

STANDINGS

It's all over! The entire 210 game schedule for the 1963-64 season is now history. So is the fact that the positional finish for the post-season play-off play was not decided until after 207 of the 210 games had been played. The League-leading Denver Invaders, who cinched first place and set several records in their first season of operation, were thwarted in the final game of the season from setting the record that would have topped them all. The Invaders failed to set a new record for Most Games Won in One Season by one goal, it might be said, as they tied the Portland Buckaroos, 2-2, in the final game of the season in Portland and thus ended the season with a record of 44 wins, 23 losses and 3 ties for a total of 91 points. Denver will now be entered into the record book alongside five other teams that were able to win 44 games in one season, including the San Francisco Seals of last season who won 44 games and went on to win the LESTER PATRICK CUP in post-season play. The Portland Buckaroos finished in second place with 73 points made up of 33 wins, 30 losses and 7 ties. The Los Angeles Blades edged their State rivals, the San Francisco Seals, for the third spot by defeating the Seals, 7-2, in a game in Los Angeles on Saturday night. The Blades ended the season with an even 70 points made up of 31 wins, 31 losses and 8 ties. Finally, San Francisco gained the fourth and last play-off spot with 67 points made up of 32 wins, 35 losses and 3 ties. Seattle was in the running for play-off positions through the last week of regular season playbut faded in the last few games, ending the season with 64 points on 29 wins, 35 losses and 6 ties. Vancouver trailed with 55 points made up of 26 wins, 41 losses and 3 ties.

PLAY-OFF DATES SET

All seven games in both the semi-final series have been scheduled. Series A, which will pit the third place Los Angeles Blades against the first place Denver Invaders will open in Denver on Wednesday, March 25th

and will continue in Denver on Saturday, March 28th. The Series will then move to Los Angeles for three games, if necessary, on Monday, March 30th, Wednesday, April 1st and Friday, April 3rd. If sixth and seventh games are necessary in this series they will be played in Denver on Saturday, April 4th and Monday, April 6th. Series B will find the fourth place San Francisco Seals battling the second place Portland Buckaroos. The first two games of this series will take place in the Portland Coliseum tonight, March 24th, and Thursday, March 26th. The Series will then move to San Francisco for three games, if necessary, on Saturday, March28th, Monday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 1st. If sixth and seventh games are necessary they will be played in Portland on Friday, April 3rd and Saturday or Sunday, April 4th or 5th.

SCORING LEADERS

Seattle centerman GUYLE FIELDER coasted to his seventh individual Western League scoring crown as the crafty centerman ended the season with 102 points. It was his seventh individual scoring title in the Western League and the fourth time that he has accumulated more than 100 points in one season. He played in 66 games for the Totems this season and scored 17 goals while assisting on 85 others for his 102 point total. Second third and fourth spots in the scoring race were hotly contested. Portland's ART JONES, also a centerman, edged Los Angeles centerman NORM JOHNSON for second. JONES fired 87 points, including 36 goals, in 67 games played while JOHNSON garnered 86 points, including 33 goals in 70 games. LOU JANKOWSKI, Denver winger, took fourth place with 85 points in 69 games played.

MOST GOALS -- MOST ASSISTS

Denver winger LOU JANKOWSKI scored two goals in the last two games of the season for the Invaders to cinch the goalscoring title in League play for the '63-'64 season. JANKOWSKI ended the season with 41 goals, the only player to top the 40 mark, in 69 games played. HIs closest rival was

Vancouver's BUDDY BOONE who ended the season with 38 goals after 66 games played with the Canucks.

Seattle's GUYLE FIELDER ran away with the assist title in League play as the diminutive centerman set up no less than five times as many goals as he scored. He was the playmaker on 85 goals for the Totems this season, but scored only 17 himself. Two other centermen were his nearest rivals in this department as Los Angeles' NORM JOHNSON and Vancouver's PHIL MALONEY both assisted on 53 goals.

GOALKEEPERS

Denver's AL MILLAR, who held a comfortable lead among the goalkeepers all season long, ended the season as the League's top goalie with a 2.83 average after 70 games. He was the only goalkeeper to remain below the 3.00 mark in average and chalked up 4 shutouts while stopping 1,794 shots. Portland's rookie DAVE KELLY took over second place with a red-hot streak in the final weeks of play. KELLY ended the season with 3.10 average, having allowed 169 goals in 54½ games played while chalking up four shutouts and stopping 1,585 shots.

PENALTIES

Portland's MIKE DONALDSON, who has been leading the League in penalties for the second-half of the schedule, broke out in a rash of penalties in the final game of the season to set a new League record. DONALDSON picked up 3 minors, one major, one misconduct and a game misconduct in the final game to push his League total to 226 minutes in 70 games played. This surpasses the old record of 210 minutes in one season, set in the 1958-59 season by FRANK ARNETT, then with Seattle and now with Los Angeles. DONALDSON's total minutes were made up of 78 minors, 6 majors, 3 misconducts and one game misconduct.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK -- Player of the Week honors in the final week of play went to Vancouver's BOB KABEL, who picked up one goal and assisted on 6 others for a seven point total in 3 games played last week to top all other scorers.