

Veterans spark Whalers

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Between John McKenzie and Dave Keon, there's 39 years of experience in the National Hockey League and the World Hockey Association.

New England Whalers reaped the benefits of that experience Tuesday night as the McKenzie-Keon duo dicked for the gamewinning goal in a 4-4 triumph over Edmonton Oilers to even the best-of-seven WHA semi-final series at two games apiece. The playoff resumes Thursday night with the fifth game in Edmonton.

New England jumped to a 4-2 lead in the second period as 21-year-old Jody Douglas scored a pair, with George Lyle and Andre Lacroix combining for the other two. But with the score tied, the Whalers looked to their veterans. 39-year-old Keon and 41-year-old McKenzie.

Dave made a great play around as long as they have, said Whalers coach Don Blackburn. "But when you've been around as long as they have, you have to figure they're going to make that play," McKenzie, who will retire at the end of the playoffs, credited Keon with making the goal easy for him.

"He waited until I got beside him and then passed me the puck," said McKenzie. "Everybody covered him and that left me open."

A disappointed Oilers' coach, Glen Sather, said neither team now has the advantage.

NOW BEST-OF-THREE

"Now it's just two-out-of-three," he said.

The Oilers were very confident when they came to Springfield, Mass., for the third and fourth games. They held a 2-0 edge and hadn't lost to the Whalers in four months.

"New England is a good hockey team," said Sather. "We knew that even when we left Edmonton ahead 2-0."

Edmonton took a 1-0 first-period lead on Wayne Gretzky's fourth goal of the series. Douglas tied it at the 39-second mark of the second, but Ron Chipperfield put Edmonton ahead less than a minute later.

Douglas tied it again and Lyle, with an assist from Lacroix and Warren Miller, put New England ahead to stay at 11:12. The same combination scored again at 17:22, with Lacroix driving the puck past Oilers goaltender Dave Dryden.

The Oilers then stormed back in the final period with

Bill Flett and Blair McDonald tying the score with little more than 6 1/2 minutes gone. That set the stage for Keon and McKenzie to combine for the winner with 2:12 left in the game.

Metros come back to edge Guelph

PRINCE ALBERT (CP) — McParland fired two goals for Guelph, with Jim Wilson, Tom Marquis and Bob Bailey adding single goals.

The score was tied 2-2 after the first period and the Platers led 5-3 after the second. The Metros outshot Guelph 44-32. Laurie Downie and Garth Vaughan split the netminding duties for the winners.

Guelph drew 18 of 32 minor penalties in the fast-paced game.

Sherwood Parkdale now has a 1-1 record in the double round-robin tournament, while Guelph is 0-2. Western Canada representative Prince Albert Raiders lead the tournament with two wins in two starts.

Tonight, Prince Albert meets Sherwood Parkdale.



HANKEN CHARGED

LONDON (Reuter) — The English Football Association has charged Leeds United striker Ray Hanken with bringing the game into disrepute after a Leeds-Ipswich First Division match last month in which he appeared to stand on a grounded opponent's head and make his studs down another player's back.

DART CHAMPS

high aggregate; Wendy Davis and Anita Krause, runners-up aggregate. Above, President Adam Peppers presents high score awards to Gary Bain, left, and John Hammond, right. Below, Cal Rose receives a trophy, for runner-up high score, from Peppers. Bottom photo, high score award winners were Brian Tillotson and Anita Krause. (M. Hodgson Photos)



SPORTS BRIEFS

SHARE AWARD

NEW YORK (AP) — Montreal Expos' Warren Cromartie and Gary Carter became the first team-mates Tuesday to share the National League Player of the Week Award. Cromartie, on a 10-game hitting streak, was 11-for-22 last week, scored eight runs, hit four doubles, one triple and had three runs batted in. Carter batted .871, hit four home runs, two doubles, drove in eight runs and threw all four runners out who tried to steal on him.

ADDS TO WINNERS

BREMEN, West Germany (Reuter) — Jockey Steve Caution celebrated his 18th birthday Tuesday by winning with three of the five horses he rode. Riding for the first time in West Germany, the Walton, Ky., jockey won on Aeson, Nestor and Sweet Kind.

CHARGE DISMISSED

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A disorderly conduct charge against Cincinnati Reds outfielder Champ Summers was dismissed Tuesday. Summers told a judge he was only protecting his sports car after a man jumped on it causing \$200 damage and didn't know a policeman grabbed him during a fight.

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UNDERLINES CLAIM

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Dave (Boy) Green of Britain, European welterweight champion, stopped Lawrence Hatoy of New Glasgow, N.S., at 7:30 of the fifth round Tuesday night

and underlined his claims for a crack at World Boxing Council titleholder Wilfredo Benitez. Green had Hatoy looking towards his corner just before the referee stepped in and brought a halt to the fight.



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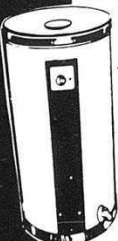
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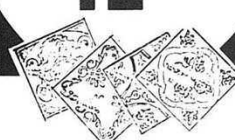
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