

Canadiens blast Kings without top defenders

MONTREAL (CP) — Neither injury nor internal strife appear capable of stalling the late-season surge of Montreal Canadiens toward second place in the National Hockey League.

The Canadiens moved into a third-place tie with Boston Bruins in the over-all standings Monday night, and lost four points behind second-place Buffalo Sabres, with a 6-3 triumph over Los Angeles Kings. The victory extended Montreal's unbeaten streak to nine games, in spite of the absence of defencemen Guy Lapointe, who failed to appear for practice Monday, and Serge Savard, who learned before the game that his tender ankle is broken and that he will be sidelined for the balance of the season.

OFFENSE SHINES
The Canadiens, reduced to four defencemen because of Lapointe's absence and injuries to Savard and Larry Robinson, relied on an offense, highlighted by the two-

goal performances of Mario Tremblay and Pierre Larouche.

The goals boosted Larouche's season-total to 46, one shy of a club record for a centre set by Jean Beliveau in 1986. The output is also a far cry from the polky nine goals notched by Larouche last season.

"I definitely think the change in coaches has helped me," said Larouche of Scotty Bowman's departure for Buffalo last summer and the eventual arrival of Claude Ruel behind the Montreal bench. "I'm playing every day, but I still wasn't coaching here. Playing every day has helped my attitude and confidence, but Scotty never gave me the chance to prove myself."

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Sockeyes take lead in series

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The win, plus a ruling which reversed a loss last Saturday, gives Richmond a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-final series.

The league ruled earlier Monday that the Blazers used an ineligible goal in their win Saturday night, so the game was awarded to Richmond, making the series tied 2-2 instead of Bellingham leading 3-1 going into Monday night's game.

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Canucks gain revenge by hammering Atlanta

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British Columbia, stinging from a first-round loss Sunday to New Brunswick, set about proving it in the last round by defeating previously-unbeaten Saskatchewan and Ontario in back-to-back games.

New Brunswick, a late starter with two byes in the first three draws, made its record three straight as they moved into second place.

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FEB. 15
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FEB. 17
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FEB. 18
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FEB. 19
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FEB. 20
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FEB. 21
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FEB. 22
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FEB. 23
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FEB. 24
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FEB. 25
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FEB. 26
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FEB. 27
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FEB. 28
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FEB. 29
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FEB. 34
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FEB. 35
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FEB. 36
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FEB. 37
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FEB. 38
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FEB. 39
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FEB. 40
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