

**HOCKEY GLANCE**

**Saturday Results**  
**Ducks 3 Avalanche 0**  
 Corey Perry scored three goals and Curtis McChinney recorded the shutout for a win over struggling Colorado.  
**Anaheim** 1 0 2 —3  
**Colorado** 0 0 0 —0  
**First Period** 1. Anaheim, C Perry 26 (pp) (T Selanne, C Fowler) 13:51. **Penalties** — D Winkler Col (delay of game) 5:07; C McLeod Col (boarding) 13:02; R Sloa Col (hooking) 18:34; A Foote Col (high-sticking, unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:05.  
**Second Period** No Scoring. **Penalties** — K Cumiskey Col (tripping) 11:24; C Perry Ana (slashing) 19:25.  
**Third Period** 2. Anaheim, C Perry 27 (B Ryan, S McMillan) 1:53; 3. Anaheim, C Perry 28 (en) (T Marchant, S Kovalev) 19:42. **Penalties** — T Marchant Ana (hooking) 3:05; C Fowler Ana (cross-checking) 8:51.  
**Game Stats** — SOG—Anaheim 10-11-8-29; Colorado 9-12-10-25. Power plays (goals-chances) — Anaheim: 1-6, Colorado: 0-5. Goal (shots-saves) — Anaheim, C McChinney (25-25, W, 4-5-1); Colorado, P Bush (26-26, 12-8-3). **All. at Denver, Colo.** —16,785.

**Sharks 2 Bruins 0**  
 Antti Niemi recorded the shutout and Logan Couture had the game winner as San Jose edged Boston on the road.  
**San Jose** 1 0 1 —2  
**Boston** 0 0 0 —0  
**First Period** 1. San Jose, J. Thornton 9:33 (pp) (R Clowe, M Vlasic) 7:22. **Penalties** — Bench Bos (too many men served by S Thornton) 5:37; K Huskins San (delay of game) 14:00; B Eager San (roughing, major fighting) 17:53; A McQuaid Bos (major fighting) 17:53.  
**Second Period** No Scoring. **Penalties** — D Seloski San (unsportsmanlike conduct) 10:03; G Campbell Bos (tripping) 12:53.  
**Third Period** 2. San Jose, D Seloski 11 (en) (R Clowe, N Wallin) 19:57. **Penalties** — J Thornton, San (tripping), 10:10.  
**Game Stats** — SOG—San Jose 5-6-11-26; Boston 8-10-8-26. Power plays (goals-chances) — San Jose: 1-2, Boston: 0-4. Goal (shots-saves) — San Jose, A Niemi (26-26, 15-13-3); Boston, T Thomas (17-16, 2-6-6). **All. at Boston, Mass.** —17,665.

**Blue Jackets 4 Oilers 3**  
 Kristian Huselius scored the game-winning tally to lead Columbus to a win in Edmonton.  
**Columbus** 1 1 2 —4  
**Edmonton** 2 1 0 —3  
**First Period** 1. Edmonton, M Paajarvi 8 (L Omak, S Gagner) 2:14; 2. Edmonton, D Penner 17 (A Harkov, L Smid) 7:44; 3. Columbus, R Umberger 18 (A Vermeere, F Couture) 14:13. **Penalties** — J Vandermere, Edm (slashing) 5:12; D Dorsett, Cb (slashing) 5:14; J. Smid, Edm (high-sticking) 8:47; J Voracek, Cb (tripping) 10:11; D Dorsett, Cb (slashing) 12:09; J Vandermere, Edm (cross-checking) 12:09.  
**Second Period** 4. Columbus, K Huselius 10 (R Umberger, G Cilento) 14:35. **Penalties** — R Nash, Cb (goaltender interference) 3:18; D Brassard, Cb (unsportsmanlike conduct) 9:18; J Voracek, Cb (hooking) 9:54.  
**Third Period** 5. Edmonton, M Paajarvi 9 (L Omak, S Gagner) 5:31; 6. Columbus, R Umberger 19 (K Russell, A Vermeere) 13:44; 7. Columbus, K Huselius 11 (R Umberger, K Russell) 16:00. **Penalties** — A Cogliano, Edm (interference) 10:28.  
**Game Stats** — SOG—Edmonton 10-9-26; Columbus 10-9-15-34. Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-5, Columbus: 0-3. Goal (shots-saves) — Edmonton: N Khabibulin (34-30, L 8-24-2). Columbus: S Mason (28-23, W, 17-13-2). **All. at Columbus, Ohio.** —18,370.

**Flyers 3 Stars 1**  
 Andrej Meszaros and Darroll Fowe each scored to lead Philadelphia past Dallas.  
**Philadelphia** 1 1 1 —3  
**Dallas** 0 1 0 —1  
**First Period** 1. Philadelphia, A Meszaros 4 (V Lanoie) 18:40. **Penalties** — K Lettonen Dal (roughing) 3:12; M Carle Phi (tripping) 9:24; K Skrasivan Dal (hooking) 14:40; N Zherdev Phi (hooking) 19:48.  
**Second Period** 2. Philadelphia, D Power 4 (sh) (S Domrell, B Bettis) 01:19; 3. Dallas, B Morrow 21 (M Ribeiro) 12:47. **Penalties** — C Giroux Phi (hooking) 3:30.  
**Third Period** 4. Philadelphia, J Carter 25 (J van Riemsdijk, D Giroux) 10:57. **Penalties** — M Festic Dal (holding) 6:31.  
**Game Stats** — SOG—Dallas 9-14-8-31; Philadelphia 15-8-11-32. Power plays (goals-chances) — Dallas: 0-3, Philadelphia: 0-3. Goal (shots-saves) — Dallas, K Lettonen (32-29, L 22-14-5). Philadelphia, B Boucher (31-30, W, 12-8-2). **All. at Philadelphia, Pa.** —19,881.

**NHL Scoring Leaders**  
 (Through February 6)

Player, Team	GP	A	Pts
Stankovs, TB	54	40	72
D Sedin, Van	53	28	41
Crosby, Phi	41	32	34
H Sedin, Van	53	12	33
St Louis, TB	54	20	44
Richardson, Dal	53	21	38
Perry, Ana	54	28	28
Zetterberg, Det	52	16	40
Ovechkin, Wash	54	20	35

# Leafs fans show their loyalty at charity game in Amherstburg

## Alumni beat locals 16-8

BOB DUFF  
 The Windsor Star

How tough is it to cheer for the Toronto Maple Leafs these days?  
 Even the guys who wore the blue-and-white feel for those who are passionate about the blue-and-white.  
 “They’ve got that blue blood in them,” former Leafs forward Mike Krushelnyski said of the loyal Leafs fans who packed the United Communities Credit Union Centre Saturday for the grand opening of the new arena in Amherstburg, watching the Leafs Alumni defeat a team of Amherstburg local service personnel by a 16-8 count.



Former Leaf Dave McIlwain, left, battles Amherstburg All-Star Rick Murray during a charity hockey game Saturday at the United Communities Credit Union Complex in Amherstburg.

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“In one way, it’s very exciting, but I do feel badly for them.” Those who toiled for the Buds through the 43 years (and counting) since Toronto’s last Stanley Cup triumph in the spring of 1967 are still sometimes surprised by the passion of the Leafs supporters.  
 “It is the Leaf nation,” said Mike Pelyk, a Toronto defenceman in the 1960s and 1970s.  
 “Ontario and most of Canada have been Leafs fans all their lives. Not much has changed, except we’ve got more teams.” “I grew up following them,”

added Dave McIlwain, a Leafs forward from 1991-93.  
 “It’s crazy how diehard the fans are, and I never really realized it until probably after the fact. It’s been 17-18 years since I put the jersey on, but being around southwest Ontario, it’s amazing how much people love the Leafs.”  
 From Seaford, Ont., McIlwain believes that Leafs fans grow even more hardcore the closer they get to the border and the home of the Detroit Red Wings.  
 “There’s something about being a Leaf fan this close to Detroit,” McIlwain said.  
 “One side or the other side of that rivalry, you’re not going to

sway them.”  
 They also recognize how rapidly Leafs fans can ramp up from despair to optimism.  
 “Hopefully they’ve turned things around as of late,” Krushelnyski said.  
 “They’re playing better and the kid in net (James Reimer) seems to have given them a breath of life.”  
 “As bad as they are, when they play two good games back to back-to-back, hopes rise again and everybody’s talking about, ‘Maybe we can make the playoffs,’” said Pelyk, a regular at Leafs games at the Air Canada Centre.  
 “I think that’s a bit of a dream, but the fact is the team,

it’s got a history, good and bad. They love the Leafs.”  
 “You get down there an hour before the game and there’s a pile of people out front watching the video, watching the highlights. If they ever start to win and they get a really good team, there’s no telling what could happen.”  
 Still, the question all of the ex-Leafs hear from Leafs fans remains the same — when will the team win it all again?  
 “We get that a lot,” Pelyk said. “The reality is, when you look at the Stanley Cup since 1967, it’s hard to win.”  
 No one has to tell a Leaf fan that.



TYLER BROWNBIDGE/Windsor Star  
 Richard Peddie, right, watches a charity hockey game between the Toronto Maple Leafs alumni and the Amherstburg All-Stars Saturday in Amherstburg.

# Duff

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 “I’m very close to the University of Windsor,” Peddie said. “I help them a lot.”  
 “This feels like a different home. Amherstburg’s a new home. I came here as a kid to Boblo, like almost everybody did. “Amherstburg’s kind of a new, adopted home, but we just love it here. We think it’s a wonderful community. And when I do want to go to Windsor, it’s right there, too.”  
 Peddie grew up in South Windsor not far from Roseland Golf Course and maintains fond memories of the area.  
 “I played in the Essex-Kent and lost in the championship flight by accidentally hitting my golf ball,” he recalled. “I remember when Massey won the football championship and my brother made all-city.”  
 “It was just a great place to grow up. I got a great education. I’m still very close friends with many of my classmates.”  
 After graduating from the University of Windsor with a business degree, Peddie served for a time as president of Green Giant in Tecumseh.  
 “I did work in the plant one day,” Peddie remembered. “I packed corn for them. I was the slowest guy on the line.”  
 Opportunity eventually took him away from home.  
 “Once you graduate with a business degree, there really weren’t that many jobs,” he said. “I was a marketing specialist and the big jobs were in Toronto.”  
 “I started out with Colgate, then went to General Foods, then went to Pillsbury. After 19 years of that, I got into the sports business, which is where I wanted to go.”  
 Soon, he’ll hang up his hat as the man running MLSE, and take advantage of that opportunity to return to his roots.  
 It’s where Peddie wants to be.

# Jones angry over lack of effort

## Kassian, Ebert, Khokhlachev benched

### ERIE 8 WINDSOR 2

JIM PARKER  
 The Windsor Star

ERIE, PA. The frustration for Windsor Spitfires head coach Bob Jones has been building for the past few games.  
 Saturday, it all came boiling over in Windsor’s humbling 8-2 loss to the Erie Otters before 5,417 at Tullio Arena.  
 Before the club’s third straight loss had been finalized, Jones sent veteran Zack Kassian along with rookies Alex Khokhlachev and Nick Ebert off the bench and to the dressing room during the second period.  
 Goaltie Jack Campbell, who was pulled after allowing five goals on 21 shots, would have

joined them, but was kept on the bench in case something happened to backup Michael Nishi, who was subbing for a flu-stricken John Cullen.  
 “I’m trying to send a message,” Jones said. “Koko has had two off nights. Ebert and Kassian have been bad for some time. Jack’s the same. It’s unacceptable.”  
 After blowing back-to-back games after leading in the third period, Jones quickly watched the Otters turn a 1-1 game after 20 minutes into a 6-1 lead heading into the final period.  
 “You can’t wait until the playoffs to send a message and I think the message was sent loud and clear,” Jones said. “At some point, the bleeding has to stop.”  
 The 17-year-old Khokhlachev, who is second in rookie scoring, has been scoreless in three games since a four-goal effort against Kitchener.  
 The 16-year-old Ebert, who has played with the first power-play unit, has struggled at both ends of the ice in recent games.  
 Kassian, who was in the top

five in league scoring at one point this season, has been held pointless in six of his last seven games.  
 “It’s the first time that’s happened to me,” Kassian said of being sent.  
 “I was told the same thing happened last year (with Mark Cundari and Dale Mitchell).”  
 With Cullen out, along with regulars Stephen Johnston (bruised lung), Jake Carrick (leg injury) and Saverio Poso (concussion), Jones was looking for players to step up.  
 “You can’t compete when you have three regulars out and then you have Kassian, Koko, Ebert and Campbell not show up,” Jones said. “Now, you’re done.”  
 And while he was upset by his club’s performance, Jones was just as angry with the Otters, who decided to pile it on while playing their 1,000th OHL game.  
 Comfortably ahead of the Spitfires, who were now playing with a short bench, Otters head coach Robbie Florek continued to employ his first power-play

unit in the third period.  
 “I have nothing but respect for (general manager) Sherry Bassin and Robbie Florek, but I’ve lost all of it,” Jones said.  
 “It’s a 6-1 game and you’ve got your No. 1 unit out on the power play with a guy (Brett Thompson) that already has a hat trick.”  
 “It was classless and it will not be forgotten. It’s on from now on.”  
 Windsor saw its record against team’s in the Western Conference fall to 13-15-2-2.  
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# Kessel bumped down to 3rd line

## MAPLE LEAFS, WINGS NOTES

STAR NEWS SERVICES  
 After he was bumped down to the third line at practice Sunday afternoon, Toronto Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel was asked if he had received any encouragement, criticism or advice from head coach Ron Wilson during his 10-game scoring slump.  
 “No,” he said. “Me and Ron don’t really talk so that’s all I’ve got to say about that.”  
 The 23-year-old forward has not scored in a game since Jan. 11, his longest drought as a member of the Leafs.  
 He was benched for part of the second period of Saturday’s 6-2 loss on the road to the Buffalo Sabres.  
 “I don’t really know what to say about that anymore,” Kessel said of his slump. “I’m trying.

Obviously, it’s not going right.”  
 Heading into tonight’s game against the Atlanta Thrashers at Air Canada Centre (7 p.m., RSO), Wilson had Kessel on a line with Darryl Boyce and Joey Crabb.  
**Wings vs. Rangers**  
 Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said Pavel Datsyuk is expected to return to the lineup tonight at home against the New York Rangers (7:30 p.m., TSN2, VS).  
 Datsyuk has missed 19 games with a broken right hand.  
 Tomas Holmstrom, out since Jan. 14 with a broken hand, isn’t expected back until later in the week.  
 The Wings are coming off back-to-back shutout losses, the first time that’s happened since they dropped a pair of 3-0 games to Chicago last year.  
 Pekka Rinne made 35 saves in the Predators’ 3-0 win over Detroit Saturday in Nashville.

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