

Montreal, Chicago Best Bets

By Ron Giancoli

East

1. Montreal
2. New York
3. Boston
4. Toronto
5. Detroit
6. Vancouver
7. Buffalo

EAST:

The Montreal Canadiens: The Canadiens are the defending Stanley Cup World Champions and will possibly repeat their performance this year. Montreal's only problem last year were inner ones concerning the coach, Al MacNeil, and the players. This year Scotty Bowman, the former coach of the successful St. Louis Blues, is taking over MacNeil's post. This should keep the players happy.

The players are probably the best skating and passing team in hockey. The goaltending is one of the Canadiens strongest points. Ken Dryden is in the nets with Rogatien Vachon on the bench, ready if needed.

With Jean Beliveau, one of the all-time greats, retired, the Canadiens quickly came up with a super rookie, Guy Lafleur.

The Eastern Division race should be tight with Montreal, New York and Boston battling it out. But with content players, the Habs should take it.

New York Rangers: The Rangers are a strong, well balanced team. Along with the Canadiens, the Rangers are excellent in the nets with Ed Giacomin and Gilles Villemure.

New York can also put the puck in the net with Jean Ratelle, Walt Tkaczuk, Vik Hadfield and Rod Gilbert providing the fire power.

If the Rangers can avert defeat in the big games, they could give Montreal a real run for the first place finish.

Boston Bruins: The Bruins are the highest scoring team in the NHL. The Bruins have the most talent with players like Bobby Orr, Phil Esposito, Ken Hodge, John Bucyk and Derek Sanderson.

But the Bruins' lack of discipline was evident in the playoffs last year, and that problem doesn't seem improved.

Discipline and lack of goaltending will keep the Bruins from the top spot in the East.

Toronto Maple Leafs: The Leafs are a young team which is rebuilding. Outstanding goalies such as Bernie Parent and Jacque Plante should allow the Leafs to make the playoffs.

Even though the Leafs have excellent players in winger Ron Ellis and centers Dave Keon and Norm Ullman, youngsters will keep the Leafs from going above fourth place.

Detroit Red Wings: The Red Wings' defense will have to improve this year if they hope to make the playoffs.

Trading during the season should help to make up for the loss of Gordie Howe. Yet, Detroit still lacks left wingers.

Goaltending and overall defense is the key to the Red Wings' season.

Vancouver Canucks: The Canucks' defense should allow Vancouver to escape the cellar.

West

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2. Minnesota
3. Flyers
4. Pittsburgh
5. St. Louis
6. Los Angeles
7. California

Pat Quinn, Rosey Paiement, and Orland Kurtenback must get help from the young players if the Canucks are to finish sixth.

Buffalo Sabres: Buffalo is strong at the center position with Gil Pereault, a superstar in his second year, Phil Goyette and Gerry Meehan.

The defense has been the Sabres' achilles heel in the past, and the future doesn't look any brighter.

The Sabres' defense should put the team at the bottom of the heap.

WEST:

Chicago Black Hawks: At the end of the season there will be one thing which is inevitable; Chicago will be on top in the Western Division.

Up front, the Black Hawks are probably the strongest in the league, with Bobby and Dennis Hull, Stan Mikita, Pit Martin, Jim Pappin and Cliff Koroll.

The defense is outstanding with Bill White, Keith Manguson and Pat Stapleton. If you are good enough to get by them, Tony Esposito is waiting in the goal.

Chicago, having been a strong team in the East, should, for the second straight year, dominate the Western Division.

Minnesota North Stars: The North Stars are coming off a great playoff series last year in which they knocked off the Blues and lost on a controversial goal to the Canadiens.

Everybody is back, plus the acquisition of Bob Nevin and Bryan Hextall should help.

Barring injuries, the North Stars should be near the top this season.

Philadelphia Flyers: Some new faces, along with some old, should allow the Flyers to beat out the Penguins for a third place finish.

The Flyers' strength is at center with Bobby Clarke, Serge Bernier and Jimmy Johnson, along with rookie Larry Wright.

Larry Brown, a new addition to the squad, as is Rick Foley, should help the defense.

The same problem still faces the Flyers: lack of scoring should keep the Flyers from finishing second.

Pittsburgh Penguins: With an excellent coach like Red Kelley guiding the team, Pittsburgh should make the playoffs.

A few trades should help the Penguins. One of the players coming over is Tim Horton, a defenseman from New York.

Pittsburgh is a fair team, good enough to beat St. Louis.

St. Louis Blues: Trades hurt the Blues, especially the loss of Red Berenson who was the team leader.

Also the retirement of Glenn Hall, along with coach Scotty Bowman going to the Canadiens, will keep the Blues out of the playoffs.

Los Angeles Kings: The Kings will put on the ice virtually the same team as last year's fifth place finishers.

The Kings scored more goals than any other expansion team. If the defense improves, possibly fifth place may belong to them.

California Golden Seals: The Seals have one player to offer, Carol Vadnais, who is a solid all around player. But a team can't win with a solo performer.

The Seals are young, and will improve, but not this year. The cellar will have to house Vadnais and the Seals this season.

PSU Harriers Run Over Wildcats

The Lions cross country team looks like one of the best in the nation.

They have already defeated last year's NCAA champs, Villanova.

In that meet, All-America Greg Fredricks broke Marty Liquori's Wildcat record.

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Mitchell Paces Lions, State Is Undefeated

By Jeff Watson

Penn State's Nittany Lions football team is undefeated (8-0). In the first game against Navy, at the Midshipmen's field, the

Lions romped to a 56-3 victory.

The win was led by senior running back Lydell Mitchell. Mitchell scored 30 of Penn State's 56 points. Three of his touchdowns were on the run.

The other two TD's scored by Mitchell were on passes from junior quarterback John Hufnagel.

Hufnagel also had an excellent day at Annapolis. He completed seven passes in the same number of attempts. He also ran for a 59-yard touchdown. Back-up quarterback Steve Joachim, a sophomore, only completed three of 11 passes, but the big one was an 85-yard touchdown throw to Jim Scott.

IOWA FALLS

In the second game of the season, Franco Harris and Mitchell led the team to victory.

Harris scored four TD's, as Mitchell ran up yardage and scored one touchdown. The team played a scoreless first quarter, and piled up 44 points to Iowa's 14.

AIR FORCE THREATENS

The game against Air Force has been the thriller so far this year. The Lions won a squeaker, as Alberto Vitiello kicked a field goal midway through the fourth quarter to pull the team ahead 16-14, after being behind, 14-13.

Vitiello had missed an extra point after Tom Donchez's first period TD. Air Force, at one time, held a 14-6 lead, but could not survive P.S.U.'s defense.

JOACHIM STARS

In the fourth game the Lions pulled away from a first half lead of 7-0, to a 42-0 final score.

Hufnagel couldn't move the team in the first half, so Coach Joe Paterno replaced him with Joachim. Joachim led the team to three touchdowns.

SYRACUSE SHUT OUT

On October 16 the Blue and White traveled to upstate New York, and faced the arch-rival Orangemen of Syracuse. The Lions came home with a 31-0 triumph.

The defense did an excellent job as they scored two TD's and set up another. They also scored their second shutout. The defensive backfield of John Cappelletti, Buddy Harris, and Ed O'Neil played a superior game.

MITCHELL WITH 14

The Horned Toads of Texas Christian University invaded Nittany country looking for an upset last week. They were sent home with a 66-14 shellacking. The Lions' defense and offense played an excellent game.

Once again Heisman Trophy candidate Mitchell was the star. He accounted for four TD's, to up his season total to 14.

Hufnagel had a good day, completing six of eight passes. Five of those passes went to tight end Bob Parsons. Hufnagel also ran for 93 yards.

Harris took a hand-off and ran 49 yards for P.S.U.'s second score. Hufnagel and Steve Stillely each had one-yard runs for TD's. Stillely also scored on a 19-yard pass from Joachim. Kicker Vitiello booted a 36-yard field goal and nine extra points, a P.S.U. record.

Vols, Mothers Top Intramural Football

by Jeff Watson

The Delaware County campus intramural football teams are halfway through the season. The Mothers are the only undefeated team with a 3-0 record. The Vols are 2-1; their only loss was to the Mothers. The Raiders are in third place and F.T.M. brings up the rear.

The first day of the season pitted the Vols against the Raiders and the Mothers vs. F.T.M. The Vols beat the Raiders 20-12, as the Mothers won 14-6 over F.T.M.

On October 19, the Vols clobbered F.T.M., 42-6. The same afternoon, the Raiders were defeated by the Mothers, 18-6.

MOTHERS RALLY

The afternoon of October 21 saw the Mothers face the Vols in a clash of the undefeated. The Mothers took the lead on a pass from quarterback John McGough to split end Paul Monaco. McGough gave the Mothers a 12-0 lead with a touchdown run. The TD was set up by a Lou Perry fumble recovery.

The Vols took the kickoff and drove 40 yards for a score before the half ended. Vols quarterback Bill DeMoss crossed the goal line from 11 yards out.

As the second half got under way, a Vol back was trapped in the end zone and the Mothers took a 14-6 lead with the safety.

The Vols then took the lead by scoring two straight touchdowns, to put the game at 18-14. DeMoss tossed a 45-yarder to tight end Ken Mikionis, and also flipped a seven-yarder to Mikionis for the lead. These scores were set up by the tough Vols defense, led by Ron Giancoli, Joe Contino, Bob Daniels, John DeVirgilis, and Tom McCarney, who twice stopped the Mothers inside the Vols 10 yard line.

McGough scored the winning touchdown on a 40-yard broken play run. This score put the Mothers ahead 20-18, and the defense held the Vols for the rest of the game to save the victory.

The Mothers' defense with John Hall, Bill Christopher, Chick Chiacinni, Charlie Lytle, Jerry Parsons, and Jack McKendrie, held the Vols on the Mothers five yard line with less than a minute to play, icing the game.

State Booters Upset Navy 2-1

The soccer team is having an excellent season with a 4-1 record.

Their only loss was an overtime defeat by Army, 3-2.

The highlight of the season has been the upset of fourth ranked Navy. The Lions pulled off a stunning upset in an exciting match, winning 2-1.

With 18 seconds left, Chris Bahr, a freshman, booted a direct kick into the Navy goal for the victory.