

Detroit struggles in second game

DETROIT (AP)—This wasn't how the Detroit Red Wings envisioned the Stanley Cup finals going, not at all.

They lost Game 1 to the underdog Carolina Hurricanes, then found themselves trapped in a Carolina-style game late in the third period of Game 2.

Their \$65 million cast of superstars and certifiable Hall of Famers was strangely quiet. Even as they went on power play after power play, they couldn't convert. In a series many predicted them to sweep, there was an ever-growing possibility they would lose the first two games at home.

Talk about being caught in the eye of a storm.

So, desperate to avoid going into an extra period against a team that rarely loses in overtime, the Red Wings generated goals by All-Star defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and Kris Draper 13 seconds apart to beat Carolina 3-1 Thursday night and even the best-of-seven finals.

In a series that so far has been played at Carolina's pace, with the low-scoring games the Hurricanes prefer and a much-greater emphasis on skill-neutralizing defense than creative offense, it was an explosive reminder of how good the Red Wings can be.

Remarkably, they don't have a goal from three of the game's all-time leading scorers — Brett Hull, Luc Robitaille and Steve Yzerman. Goalie Dominik Hasek was off his game in Game 1, and was barely challenged in Game 2. But they already have three

goals from their so-called Grind Lind, with Kirk Maltby scoring for the second straight game and Kris Draper ending an 18-game streak without a goal by scoring.

"When we're rolling all four lines, I'm sure they're concentrating on some of our top two-line players," said Maltby, who scored short-handed in the first period. "We try to take advantage of it when we can and we've been very fortunate to contribute a little bit offensively."

Most of all, the Red Wings are fortunate to be tied in a series the Hurricanes might be leading 2-0 if they had converted even one of their eight power plays in Game 2. Carolina's only goal also came short-handed, by Rod Brind'Amour in the first period.

"We'll leave this game here — and our power play, too," said Carolina coach Paul Maurice, whose team is 1-for-14 with the man advantage.

Game 3 will be Saturday night in Raleigh, N.C., where, for the first time, a region far more accustomed to watching the Winston Cup in June will get to see the Stanley Cup.

Now, the question is whether Carolina can recapture the momentum it has held for much of the series — or whether the Red Wings' brief but pivotal flurry allowed them to regain control of a series they were widely expected to dominate.

"I wouldn't say we're over any hump," Yzerman said. "We're pleased to get a win and get the series to 1-1."

Trying out his clubs



Ryan Taylor, 11, tested out his 5-iron Thursday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. He is part of a five-week junior golf class taught by Connie Livengood and Steve Raymer, Goodland High School golf coaches, every Tuesday and Thursday morning. It started this week.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Avs assistant coach to take over Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Colorado Avalanche assistant coach Bryan Trottier, one of the greatest New York Islander players ever, was hired Thursday to coach the archrival New York Rangers.

Trottier takes over for Ron Low, who was fired at the end of the regular season, a fifth straight year out of the playoffs for the Rangers.

General manager Glen Sather interviewed a number of candidates for the job including Ken Hitchcock, who was hired by Philadelphia, Dave Tippett, who took the job in Dallas, and U.S. Olympic coach Herb Brooks, who spurned the job, before turning to Trottier, a Hockey Hall of Famer.

"Since joining the coaching ranks in 1994, Bryan Trottier has demonstrated the same type of passion, determination and knowledge of the game that he displayed during his Hall of Fame playing career. I am confident that he is the ideal leader for the New York Rangers."

Trottier, who has been on seven Stanley Cup winners during his playing and coaching career, has been an assistant coach with the Avalanche

since 1998 and also spent three years as an assistant with the Pittsburgh Penguins. His only head coaching experience at any level was with Portland of the AHL in the 1997-98 season.

He acknowledged that he was not always a favorite at Madison Square Garden.

"This is somewhat familiar territory for me," Trottier said. "I wasn't always friendly territory but it was always respected territory."

Low was fired April 15 after a two-year stint as coach. Trottier will be the Rangers' 30th coach, the fifth since they last made the postseason in 1997, and the second hired by Sather, who took over two years ago.

The Avalanche granted the Rangers permission to speak to Trottier even before Colorado was eliminated by Detroit last Friday in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

Trottier, 45, won six Stanley Cups during an 18-year playing career that culminated in his induction to the Hall of Fame in 1997.

The forward won four championships with the Islanders from 1980-83 and has a total of seven rings.

Colorado State may add sport to meet division requirements

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Colorado State could be a step closer to adding a 16th sport in time for the 2004-05 school year.

The university has been discussing the possibility since the NCAA last year proposed new criteria that could make CSU eligible for Division I-A, the nation's top division of collegiate competition.

Among the proposed criteria is requiring all Division I-A schools to field at least 16 sports. CSU now offers 15 sports: nine for women, six for men. The NCAA Board of Directors is

scheduled to vote on the eligibility proposal in October. The Mountain West Conference, of which CSU is a member, endorsed the proposed criteria during its annual board meeting over the weekend.

Basketball tourney canceled

A basketball tournament which would have helped finance a Goodland High School graduation project has been canceled because not enough teams signed up to play.

The five-on-five tournament was to be held this weekend at Max Jones Fieldhouse, but there just wasn't

enough interest to keep it going, said Dana Murray, one of the event's organizers.

"This would have helped our project graduation for next year's sophomores, the class of 2005," she said. "Unfortunately, we had to give up on it."

hockey playoffs

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Stanley Cup Finals
Detroit vs. Carolina
Tuesday
Carolina 3, Detroit 2, OT
Thursday
Detroit 3, Carolina 1, series tied 1-1
Saturday

Detroit at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Monday

Detroit at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Carolina at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Detroit at Carolina, 6 p.m., if necessary

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