

NHL: Penguins Go 4 For 4 On Power Play, Beat Canadiens 6-3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Defensemen Kris Letang and Alex Goligoski each had a goal and an assist and the Pittsburgh Penguins shredded Montreal's penalty-killing unit that Washington never solved in the opening round, beating the Canadiens 6-3 Friday night in the first game of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Sidney Crosby set up two goals, and Jordan Staal and Sergei Gonchar also scored as the Penguins' improved power play went 4 for 4. That is three more goals than the Capitals scored with the man advantage during Montreal's stunning first-round upset, when the Canadiens killed 32 of 33 Capitals power plays.

Bill Guerin added an empty-net goal and had an assist as the Penguins won Game 1 for only the second time in five playoff series.

The Stanley Cup champion Penguins, winners of eight of 10 series since 2007, are in position to take a 2-0 lead in Game 2 on Sunday at home.

The Canadiens repeatedly turned aside rush after Capitals rush while becoming the first No. 8-seeded team to rally from a 3-1 series deficit to beat a top-seeded team, but the Penguins employed a much-different strategy. They screened goalie Jaroslav Halak in front and, rather than carrying the puck through traffic and into Montreal's collapsing defense, they instructed their undefended point men to keep pumping one-timers at the net.

The Penguins' first three goals — by Gonchar and Staal in the first period and Letang early in the second — all came from center point and couldn't be stopped by Halak, who turned aside 131 of the Capitals'

final 134 shots in the first round. He let in five goals on 20 shots.

Halak was pulled early in the third for Carey Price, several minutes after Goligoski made it 5-2 by scoring off Crosby's setup.

The Canadiens, playing two days after finishing off one of the biggest first-round upsets in NHL history, didn't look to be off their game or fatigued despite the quick turnaround. They held Pittsburgh to 16 shots in the first two periods and 24 overall and kept Crosby and Evgeni Malkin from scoring, something Ottawa rarely did. Crosby had five goals, and Malkin added four in the Penguins' six-game, opening-round series win over the Senators.

The rested and patient Penguins simply looked better — and, unlike the Capitals, better prepared. Playing for the first time in six days, the Penguins didn't remain sta-

tionary on offense and throw puck after puck at Halak the way the increasingly frustrated Capitals did.

Brian Gionta had a goal and an assist, but the Canadiens never led after P.K. Subban scored unassisted on a shot from the right point with 4:30 gone. Gonchar tied it about four minutes later after Gionta's tripping penalty. Staal put the Penguins ahead to stay by cutting across the middle and beating Halak with a wrist shot at 13:27 of the first.

Staal, who has never missed a game to injury in his four NHL seasons, hurt his right leg after being undercut by Subban behind the net near the midpoint of the second period and didn't return.

The Canadiens played the final 2 1/2 periods without defenseman Andrei Markov, who sustained an unspecified

lower body injury while being upended by Penguins forward Matt Cooke while trying to control the puck in a corner.

Markov's injury inadvertently set up the Penguins' go-ahead goal. As Markov was being attended to by trainers, two Canadiens players drew roughing penalties — only one Penguins player did — and Staal scored near the end of that power play.

Crosby stayed off for a few shifts after sustaining a facial injury in the second, but he returned later in the period.

Mike Cammalleri scored his sixth for Montreal, briefly cutting it to 3-2 in the second period, but Craig Adams answered late in the period to restore Pittsburgh's two-goal advantage. Adams has two goals in seven playoff games after going without a goal all season.

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made it to third on Zach Lambrechts' double.

Then a throwing error Morningside's third baseman Bill Meachem allowed Josh Damewood to reach first, which scored Schmidt to make it 1-0 Mount Marty.

The Lancers took advantage of another Morrison walk in the third inning, this one to lead-off batter Josh Wenande, who later came around to score on Damewood's RBI single into left field for a 2-0 Mount Marty lead.

The two runs would be all the Lancers needed as Trey Krier just missed his second no-hitter of the year — the first being a perfect game against Briar Cliff.

Krier gave up a hit with one out in the seventh inning, the only one he gave up all game.

"Coming out and getting a good start in the first game was key, and for me personally, I have been struggling the last couple of outings locating pitches and stuff," said Krier of his performance. "I felt like I did a better job of that today, and we made plays, had some timely hitting and we took advantage of some timely situations. Morrison pitched well; he just had some walks that came back to bite him." Bernatow said first game was a battle between the two pitchers.

"We were able to find a way to push some runs across and we kind of rode Trey's shoulders," he said. "We had some key at bats and nipped and clawed and found some runs."

The Lancers scored two more insurance runs in the fourth inning on Wenande's two-RBI single to deep left field which scored Logan Kortan and Ross Heine, whose grandfather passed away earlier in the week.

"I thought Ross had a pretty good game today after having a tough week after losing his grandpa," said a choked up Bernatow. "That shows a lot of character to provide for the team and that's exactly what it takes right there."

The one hit Krier did give up in the game ended up being an RBI single in the seventh inning, but he closed the door after that to seal the 4-1 win.

Krier struck out eight batters for his eighth win of the year.

Damewood went 1-3 with two RBIs and Wenande went 1-2 with two RBIs.

Nick Huston took the mound for the Lancers in the second game.

Huston had a 7.11 ERA coming into the game and was facing a Morningside team which had



CLAY STODDARD/P&D

Mount Marty's Zach Lambrechts watches an outside pitch sail by during the first game of Friday's GPAC doubleheader against Morningside at Riverside Stadium. MMC earned the sweep.

scored the second most runs in the GPAC this year, with Mount Marty scoring the most runs.

Huston got off to a rough start for the Lancers by giving up three runs in the first two innings, but Jason Livermont gave Huston a new lease on the game in the second inning.

With the bases loaded and no one out, Livermont lined an 0-1 pitch down the left field line and the ball went into the corner, allowing three runs to score to tie the game up at 3-3.

Huston gave up an unearned run in the third inning, but Mount Marty got the run right back in the bottom half of the inning.

Krier walked to lead off and later scored on Damewood's RBI double to tie the game again at 4-4.

Huston held the Mustangs in check in the fourth inning and watched as Schmidt hit a sacrifice fly and back-to-back RBI singles by Zach Lambrechts and Damewood gave the Lancers a 7-4 lead.

Huston gave up another unearned run in the fifth inning, but held the Mustangs in check before handing the ball over to Josh Homme, who got the last out in the game.

"Huston did a good job of settling down, and Josh (Wenande) does a good job of helping him on the mound as well," Bernatow said.

"When you get into these weekends, it's no different than the rest of the year when you want to get quality starts, and we got that out of

Huston. He definitely provided for us and grinded."

Krier said Huston did a great job of staying with it throughout the game.

"Huston came out and did a great job of battling through it and we finally found a way to put some more runs on the board," Krier said.

Huston went six and two-thirds innings for the win, allowing nine hits, five runs, three earned, walking three and striking out four.

At the plate, Damewood went 4-4 with two RBIs and a run.

"I'm just seeing the ball pretty well, and the team did a good job of getting guys on as well," Damewood said.

Livermont went 1-3 with three RBIs, and Schmidt and Lambrechts both had an RBI as well.

Krier was 0-2, but drew two walks which led to two runs.

The Lancers will go for the GPAC championship tomorrow against Dakota Wesleyan, who the Lancers lost to last year in the GPAC conference championship game.

"With what happened last year, it's not greater motivation than to sweep Dakota Wesleyan for the championship this year," Krier said. Damewood added how great it would be to win the championship against the Tigers.

"We are looking to take it to them, especially at our park, to become the champions," he said.

The first pitch against Dakota Wesleyan will be at 4 p.m. at Riverside Stadium.

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ing to Hofer.

"We knew it was going to be good competition, so we got our game faces on," she said. "We thought we could do well if we all ran our best."

The Freeman Academy girls placed second in the Class B 3200 relay, clocking a 10:24.14. Menno was seventh in that race, clocking a 10:35.08.

Yankton's Emily Anderson posted a season-best mark of 5-4 to place third in the high jump.

Scotland's April Winne and Yankton's Kelsey Fitzgerald were in a tie for eighth, clearing 5-0.

"We had some nice performances in the field events, especially in the high jump," Youmans noted. "The competed well against a really good field. Anderson jumped really well. She cleared 5-4 and had some good attempts at 5-6."

Angie Dvorak of Yankton and Jessica Koupal of Wagner each qualified for the finals in the 100-meter hurdles. Dvorak in sixth and Koupal in eighth.

"She didn't need to set records in the prelims or semifinals, but she still ran some quality, consistent times," Youmans noted. Dvorak ran a 15.69 in prelims and a 15.89 in semifinals. "She did what she needed to do. Now she can go for broke in finals."

Koupal also earned a seventh place finish in the pole vault, clearing a season-best 10-6.

Also for Yankton, Christine Broders finished sixth in the shot put with a toss of 37-9 1/4.

The Yankton boys placed third in the Class AA 3200 relay with a clocking of 7:57.62. Bismarck, N.D., set the meet record in winning in 7:46.08, breaking a record that had stood since 1970. Sioux Falls Washington was second (7:56.01).

"The boys ran really hard, but they didn't run as well as they were capable," Youmans said. "We know we can shave quite a few seconds off."

The Wagner boys placed fourth in the Class A 3200 relay (8:36.75), while Freeman Academy was sixth in the Class B event (8:53.10).

South Dakota State's Luke Leischner, a Parkston native, held off a hard-charging Kevin Jackson of North Dakota State to win the college men's Feature 400-meter-dash. His clocking of 47.06 seconds was a career best.

"A couple of weeks ago I ran my first race under 48 (seconds)," Leischner said after the race. "Hopefully I can just keep knock-



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Gayville-Volin's Parker Erickson competes in the Special Event 200-meter dash at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays Friday. Erickson finished eighth in 23.23 seconds.

ing down my time race by race, meet by meet."

The Jackrabbit standout got off to a fast start, then heard the crowd rise up as Jackson made his surge.

"Once I heard the crowd, I knew Jackson was coming on," Leischner said. "I had to give it my all."

Leischner is hoping to continue his surge into the Summit League Championships later this month.

"It's a pretty strong field," he noted. "There are some good freshmen in the conference. It should be a good meet."

Dominic Artis was the lone winner for the University of South Dakota men Friday, clocking a 21.37 cruise to victory in the 200-meter dash. Bethel's Eric Rhode was second, nearly a second behind Artis' pace.

Kate Wellensiek claimed victory in the javelin for the USD women with a toss of 136-1. Also for the USD women, Tia Haines scored an easy win in the triple jump, posting a mark of 37-6 1/2 to win by over a foot; and Ramsey Fitzsimmons clocked a 9:56.94 to win the 3,000-meter run, winning by nearly eight seconds.

USD's Emma Erickson finished

second in the 800, clocking a 2:07.98.

The meet continues today (Saturday), with events beginning at 8 a.m. For Youmans and YHS, it will be a big day of competition.

"We'll have a lot of kids running, starting off with the distance races in the morning," he said. "The big areas for improvement will be the sprint relays, the 4x100, 4x200. We want to continue to run well in those relays."

Yankton will also have three runners each in the Feature 1600-meter runs. The Bucks' Travis Brenner, Jeff Grossenburg and Mitch Yaggie are among the top contenders in the field, with Brenner ranked first, Grossenburg second and Yaggie fourth.

"We hope that we have three boys in contention," Youmans noted.

Hilson, Larson and Jenna Grossenburg will compete in a field that includes Roessler and Houlihan, as well as 2009 Class AA cross country champion Madeleine Takahashi.

"We look for some more good competition tomorrow," Hilson said. "It's a chance for us to get out and run fast against some fast competition. We'll see what we can expect at state."

Golf: Gazelles Fourth At Mitchell Invite

MITCHELL — Led by McKenzie Fitzgerald's fifth-place finish, the Yankton Gazelles tied for fourth place at the Mitchell Girls' Golf Invitational, held Friday at Lakeview Golf Course in Mitchell.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman, with three top-10 finishers, won the team title with a score of 335. Defending state champion Brookings and Huron tied for second at 345, with Sioux Falls Washington and Yankton tied for fourth at 368.

Individually, Brookings' Dani Selberg was first with a round of 77, one stroke ahead of O'Gorman's Michaela Kouri. Ashley Hendricks of Brookings was third at 80, followed by Huron's Brittany Rotert (81) and Fitzgerald (82).

Also for the Gazelles, Megan Mingo finished 15th at 87, while Taylor Specht was 38th (97). Kaitlyn Erickson 50th (102) and Whitney Specht 61st (109).

Up next for Yankton is the Sioux Falls Invitational next Monday at 9 a.m.

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls O'Gorman 335, Brookings 345, Huron 345, Sioux Falls Washington 368, Yankton 368, Rapid City Stevens 370, Mitchell 371, Aberdeen Central 374, Sioux Falls Lincoln 377, Sturgis 382, Pierre 387, Watertown 387, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 408, Brandon Valley 414
TOP 15: Dani Selberg, Brookings 77; Michaela Kouri, SF O'Gorman 78; Ashley Hendricks, Brookings 80; Brittany Rotert, Huron 81; McKenzie Fitzgerald, Yankton 82; Molly Reizich, RC Stevens 84; Megan Wheeler, SF O'Gorman 84; Sami Smith, SF Washington 85; Nadia Bakka, SF O'Gorman 86; Sydney James, RC Stevens 86; Alex Merry, SF Washington 86; Mae Meierhenry, SF Lincoln 87; Lauren Pitts, Brookings 87; Kenzie Klein, Huron 87; Megan Mingo, Yankton 87

Platte-Picktown Inv.

PICKTOWN — Propelled by top-five finishes from a pair of Wincklers, the Andes



LEAH RADO/MITCHELL DAILY REPUBLIC

Yankton's Megan Mingo watches her chip shot during Friday's Mitchell Invitational, held at Lakeview Golf Course in Mitchell. Mingo finished 15th individually at 87 and the Yankton Gazelles tied for fourth place.

Central Eagles claimed the team title at the Platte-Picktown Girls' Invitational, held Friday in Pickstown.

Andes Central was first with a team score of 280, three strokes ahead of South Central. Wagner was third at 290.

Individually, Jenna Winckler won the title with a score of 82. Rounding out the top five were South Central's Davee Johnson (84), Wagner's Talia Peters (86) and Kellie Winckler (91).

TEAM SCORES: Andes Central 280, South

Central 283, Wagner 290, Platte-Geddes 303, Freeman 311, Bon Homme 339, Gregory 347, Scotland 369

TOP 15: Jenna Winckler, Andes Central 82; Davee Johnson, South Central 84; Talia Peters, Wagner 86; Kellie Winckler, Andes Central 91; Katie Thompson, Kimball 93; Jordan Dvorak, Wagner 93; Courtney Lickteig, Freeman 93; Mindi Arizmendis, Gregory 95; Maggie Foxley, Platte-Geddes 95; Sydney Bentler, South Central 96; Caitlyn Roth, Tripp-Delmont 97; Courtney Hanson, Wagner 97; Joslin Nelson, Platte-Geddes 102; Tereisa Ostroski, South Central 103; Taylor Anshutz, Gregory 104

Baseball: Roosevelt Rallies Past Bucks

SIoux FALLS — Sioux Falls Roosevelt came from five runs down late in the game to beat Yankton 8-6 on Friday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton had a 6-1 lead with two outs in the fifth inning before Roosevelt scored seven unanswered runs in the last inning and a third to win the game.

The loss drops Yankton to 6-6 on the year and Roosevelt has now won two straight games.

Josh Teichrow went four and two-thirds innings for Yankton and gave up five earned runs on seven hits while walking two and striking two.

Blake Carda came on in relief and faced five batters and gave up three runs. Cameron Schiltz pitched the other inning and a third in the loss.

Yankton scored two runs in the third inning and four runs in the fifth to take the 6-1 lead.

Derrick Nelson went 3-4 with a two-run home run and three RBI.

Sioux Falls Roosevelt also won the junior varsity game 10-5. Brady Schaefer took the loss

after giving up seven runs in the second inning.

Tanner Termanen went 2-3 with a double and three RBIs and Ryan Berry scored three runs.

Yankton's next game will be today (Saturday) at Sioux Falls Lincoln.

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