

OT: Van: Adair 2 (Burgess, Spencer) 3:50
Shots on goal
 Wpg on Archambault 13 13 12 1 - 39
 Van on Wakely 9 14 12 5 - 40

October 13, 1973
**Gordie Howe Debuts with
 Three Assists in Win**

LOS ANGELES: Gordie Howe came out of retirement and assisted on three of the four Houston goals as the Aeros defeated the Sharks in Los Angeles in front of 10,000 fans at the Sports Arena. The Sharks had taken a 3-2 lead just eight seconds into the third period on a score by Gary Veneruzzo, but the Aeros scored twice, with Howe assisting on Gord Labossiere's late game-winning goal to secure the win.

Aeros 4, Sharks 3
 Houston 0 2 2 - 4
 Los Angeles 0 2 1 - 3
1st period: No Scoring.
2nd period: 1. Hou: Hinse 1 (Popiel, G. Howe) 2:55. 2. LA: Gordon 1 (Thomas, Odrowski) 13:26. 3. Hou: Hughes 1 (Hinse, G. Howe) 15:57. 4. LA: Speck 1 (Tardif) 16:35.
3rd period: 5. LA: Veneruzzo 1 0:08. 6. Hou: Hughes 2 (Lund, Hinse) 9:29. 7. Hou: Labossiere 1 (G. Howe) 17:34.
Shots on goal
 Hou on Gillow 12 6 6 - 24
 LA on Rutledge 8 7 9 - 24

October 16, 1973
**Binkley and Gratton
 Team to Shutout Sharks,
 Secure First Win for Toros**

LOS ANGELES: Tom Simpson, Dick Sentes and Jack Gibson scored goals, while Les Binkley and Gilles Gratton turned aside 27 shots as Toros won their first-ever game. Binkley stopped 9 shots he faced before being struck in the head by an errant stick of his own teammate, Rick Cunningham. Gratton was called on to complete the game. The third period was "highlighted" by a bench-clearing brawl at 18:19 as players already in the penalty box attempted to climb over the barriers to continue the melee.

Toros 3, Sharks 0
 Toronto 2 1 0 - 3
 Los Angeles 0 0 0 - 0
1st period: 1. Tor: Simpson 3 (Gibson) 7:35; 2. Tor: Sentes 2 (Trottier, Cuddie) 12:23
2nd period: 3. Tor: Gibson 2 (King, Gibbons) 9:32
3rd period: No scoring
Shots on goal
 Tor on Gillow 13 7 3 - 23
 LA on Binkley, Gratton 3 15 9 - 27

November 3, 1973
**Gordie Howe Scores
 First WHA Goal, Aeros
 Defeat Sharks**

HOUSTON: Gordie Howe's 787th major-league goal was his first as a member of the WHA. His goal came early in the second period, assisted by Larry Lund and Gord Labossiere. Frank Hughes scored a hat trick as the Aeros built a 6-1 lead before the Sharks made a game of it with three late third-period goals.

Aeros 6, Sharks 4
 Los Angeles 0 1 3 - 4
 Edmonton 2 2 2 - 6
1st period: 1. Hou: Hughes 10 (G. Howe, Hinse) 3:34; 2. Hou: Hall 5 (Taylor, Grierson) 10:14.
2nd period: 3. G. Howe 1 (Lund Labossiere) 2:55; 4. LA: Ward 2 (Gordon, Tardif) 14:49; 5. Hou: Lund 5 (Hinse, Hughes) 16:22.
3rd period: 6. Hou: Hughes 11 6:4; Hou: Hughes 12 (Hinse, Lund) 6:52; LA: McCaskill 2 (Serviss, Niekamp) 10:06; 9. LA: Serviss 2 (McCaskill) 17:04; 10. LA: Gordon 2 (Leblanc, Veneruzzo) 19:37.
Shots on goal
 LA on Rutledge 15 8 10 - 33
 Hou on Gillow, Hoganson 8 13 13 - 34

November 6, 1973
**Ron Climie Scores Five
 Goals, Oilers Rout Blades**

EDMONTON: Ron Climie became the second player to score five goals in a game when he performed the feat against the New York Golden Blades. Four of Climie's goals came in the third period. Jim Harrison assisted on four of Climie's goals, while Jack Norris turned aside 31 shots for the shutout.

Oilers 8, Golden Blades 0
 New York 0 0 0 - 0
 Edmonton 2 2 4 - 8
1st period: 1. Edm: McDonald 3 (Gilmore, Carlyle) 15:19. 2. Edm: Climie 7 (Harrison, Hamilton) 19:39.
2nd period: 3. Edm: Perkins 3 (Baird) 10:21. 4. Edm: Carlyle 1 (McDonald, Barrie) 13:38.
3rd period: 5. Edm: Climie 8 (Harrison, McKenzie) 3:28. 6. Edm: Climie 9 (McCrimmon, Harrison) 4:01. 7. Edm: Climie 10 (Patenaude, Perkins) 7:10. 8. Edm: Climie 11 (Harrison, McKenzie) 15:29.
Shots on goal
 NY on Norris 16 10 5 - 31
 Edm on Junkin 9 14 17 - 40



November 25, 1973
**Knights Win First Game,
 Defeating Quebec**

CHERRY HILL: The Jersey Knights won their first game since abandoning New York a week earlier. Andre Lacroix and Brian Morenz each had a goal and an assist as the two teams combined to do all their scoring in the third period.

Knights 3, Nordiques 1
 Quebec 0 0 1 - 1
 Jersey 0 0 3 - 3
1st period: No scoring
2nd period: No scoring
3rd period: 1. Jer: Reichmuth 2 (Peacosh, Morrison) 3:23; 2. Jer: Morenz 3 (Lacroix, Ferguson) 5:26; 3. Que: Bernier 14 (Houle) 6:51; 4. Jer: Lacroix 10 (Morenz, Ferguson) 19:58
Shots on goal:
 Que on Junkin 5 9 12 - 26
 Jer on Deguise 8 12 13 - 33

December 9, 1973
**Toros Erupt for 8 Goals in
 One Period, Destroy Saints**

TORONTO: Leading 2-1 going into the final period, the Toros broke open the close game with eight goals in the third period, a league record. Pat Hickey led the attack with three goals in the period, and four in the game. Tom Simpson and Dick Sentes added a pair of goals each.

Toros 10, Fighting Saints 1
 Minnesota 0 1 0 - 1
 Minnesota 1 1 8 - 10
1st period: 1. Tor: Hickey 3 (Trottier) 14:13
2nd period: 2. Min: McMahon 6 (Ball) 11:26; 3. Tor: Simpson 13 (Carleton) 16:15
3rd period: 4. Tor: Hickey 4 (Brewer, Kirk) 1:31; 5. Tor: Hickey 5 (Brewer, Kirk) 4:10; 6. Tor: Dillon 7 (Sentes, Carleton) 5:50; 7. Tor: Sentes 7 (Trottier, Dillon) 8:58; 8. Tor: Sentes 8 (Brewer) 12:10; 9. Tor: Nistico 1 (Carleton) 14:26; 10. Tor: Hickey 6 (Martin) 15:22; 11. Tor: Simpson 14 (Sentes, Kirk) 19:35
Shots on goal
 Min on Gratton 12 15 9 - 36
 Tor on Garrett 7 14 18 - 39

January 27, 1974
**Fighting Saints Set
 League Mark With
 12-Goal Outburst**

ST. PAUL: The Fighting Saints set a league record for goals in a single game, thrashing the Winnipeg Jets by a 12-2 score. Wayne Connelly had two goals while George Morrison had two goals and three assists as the Saints outshot the Jets 51-29 for the game.