

BLUE JACKETS NOTEBOOK

Dineen has his interview with Jackets

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Kevin Dineen became the second candidate to interview for the Blue Jackets coaching vacancy when he met with general manager Scott Howson on Tuesday in Nationwide Arena.

Dineen, a former Blue Jackets player and development coach, has been coach of Portland of the American Hockey League the past five seasons. He played for the Blue Jackets for parts of three seasons before retiring in 2002-03. He served as development coach the next two seasons.

Neither Howson nor Dineen would comment when reached by *The Dispatch*, though Dineen did confirm the meeting.

Scott Arnie, coach of Manitoba of the AHL, was granted the first interview Saturday.

There are at least three other candidates expected to get interviews: Blue Jackets interim coach Claude Noel, Detroit assistant Paul MacLean and Hamilton (AHL) coach Guy Boucher.

MacLean could be available soon. The Red Wings trail the San Jose Sharks 3-0 in their second-round playoff series and would be eliminated if they lose Game 4 tonight.

Howson has said he wants to have a coach hired by the end of May.

Wright's charity

Development coach Tyler Wright will compete

in an Ironman triathlon this summer to raise money for the Blue Jackets' Hats for Heroes program.

The event will commemorate the 10th season of the Blue Jackets Foundation and its primary focus: fighting pediatric cancer.

Wright, 37, must swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run a marathon (26.2 miles) in a 17-hour period. The Subaru Ironman Canada is Aug. 29 in Penticton, British Columbia.

The former Blue Jackets forward, who founded the Hats for Heroes program in 2000, began training two months ago.

"I just think about those kids in the J-5 (pediatric cancer) unit (at Nationwide Children's Hospital) and all the things they have gone through," Wright said. "If you ever think you are having a bad day, visit the J-5 unit and you will see what a bad day looks like."

Donations can be made at www.bluejacketsfoundation.org.

Slap shots

Right winger Jake Voracek has been named to the Czech Republic team for the world championships, which open Friday in Germany. ... The signing of Swedish goaltender Gustaf Wesslau was made official yesterday, five days after the two sides agreed to terms on a one-year entry-level contract. He's expected to play for the Blue Jackets' top minor-league club in Springfield, Mass.

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NHL update

Conference semifinals (BEST-OF-SEVEN)

Yesterday's results
Boston 4, Philadelphia 1 (Boston leads series 3-0)
Vancouver 5, Chicago 2 (Vancouver leads series 2-1)

Today's games
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m. (Pittsburgh leads series 2-1)
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. (San Jose leads series 3-0)

Tuesday's results
Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 0
San Jose 4, Detroit 3, OT

Bruins 4, Flyers 1

Boston	2	0	2	-	4
Philadelphia	1	0	0	-	1

FIRST PERIOD: Scoring — 1, Philadelphia, Asham 2 (Giroux, Betts), 2:32; 2, Boston, Wheeler 1 (Hunwick, Savaro), 4:11; 3, Boston, Satan 5 (Tucic, Krcich), 5:45.
SECOND: Penalties — Begin, Bos (tripping), 6:16; Timonen, Phi (holding), 15:16; Ferenc, Bos (cross-checking), 17:52.
THIRD: Scoring — 4, Boston, Recchi 4 (Wheeler, Chara), 2:50 (pp.); 5, Boston, Bergeron 4, 18:08 (en). Penalties — Asham, Phi (tripping), :50; Boychuk, Bos (delay of game), 4:51; Begin, Bos (delay of game), 14:10.

Shots on goal: Boston 9-9-3-20. Philadelphia 12-15-8-35. **Power plays:** Boston 1 of 2; Philadelphia 0 of 4. **Goalies:** Boston, Rask 7-2-0 (35 shots-34 saves). Philadelphia, Boucher 4-4-0 (19-16). **Backlund** (15:16 third, 0-0), **Boucher** 4-4-0 (16-40 third). A: 19,688. T: 2:21.

LATE TUESDAY

Sharks 4, Red Wings 3, OT

San Jose	1	0	2	1	-	4
Detroit	2	1	0	0	-	3

FIRST PERIOD: Scoring — 1, Detroit, Holmstrom 4 (Franzen, Lidstrom), 13:33; 2, Detroit, Cleary 2 (Miller, Zetterberg), 18:37; 3, San Jose, Setoguchi 5 (Pavelski, Clowe), 19:56. Penalties — McGillivray, SJ (high-sticking), 3:48; Holmstrom, Det (slashing), 5:55; Audekater, Det (roughing), 14:02.
SECOND: Scoring — 4, Detroit, Zetterberg 7 (Filippou, Rafalski), 1:42. Penalties — Bertuzzi, Det (hooking), 3:34; Ericsson, Det (holding), 10:28; Heskings, SJ (hooking), 13:36; Franzen, Det (tripping), 19:33.
THIRD: Scoring — 5, San Jose, Thornton 2, 6:42; 6, San Jose, Couture 3 (Mitchell, Vlasic), 13:17. **Penalty** — Holmstrom, Det (interference), 17:04.

OVERTIME: Scoring — 7, San Jose, Marleau 2 (Thornton), 7:07.
Shots on goal: San Jose 8-7-12-6-33. Detroit 14-7-9-5-35. **Mixed penalty shot:** Zetterberg, Det, 16:28 first. **Power plays:** San Jose 0 of 6; Detroit 0 of 2. **Goalies:** San Jose, Nabokov 7-2-0 (35 shots-32 saves). Detroit, Howard 4-6-0 (33-29). A: 20,066. T: 2:58.

TRANSACTION

Columbus Blue Jackets: Signed G Gustaf Wesslau to a one-year contract.

NBA update

Conference semifinals (BEST-OF-SEVEN)

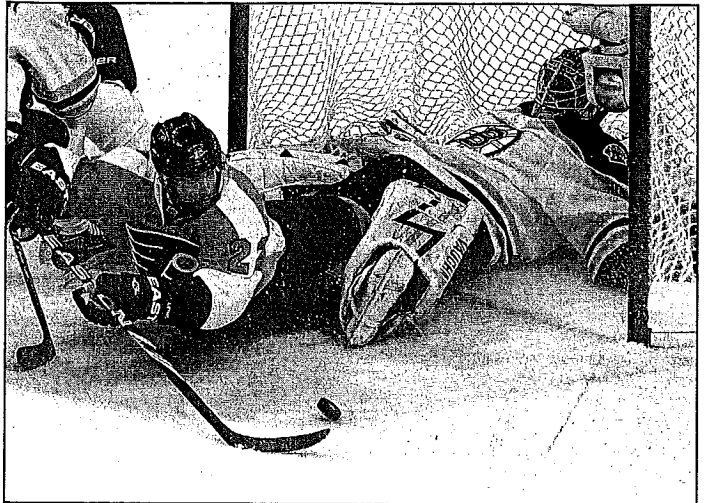
Yesterday's result
Phoenix 110, San Antonio 102 (Phoenix leads series 2-0)

Today's game
Atlanta at Orlando, 8 p.m. (Orlando leads series 1-0)

Friday's games
Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m. (Series tied 1-1)
Phoenix at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Suns 110, Spurs 102

SAN ANTONIO — Jefferson 8-13 2-4 18, Duncan 12-20 4-6 29, McDyess 3-5 0-0 6, Ge.Hill 5-11 2-2 14, Ginobili 2-8 5-11, Parker 8-14 2-4 20, Bonner 0-4 0-0 0, Blair 2-3 0-0 4, Temple 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals:** 40-79 15-22 102.
PHOENIX — Gilchrist 6-10 4-6 18, Stoudemire 6-15 11-13 23, Collins 0-3 0-0 0, Nash 7-13 5-6 19,



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Philadelphia's Ville Leino can't get a handle on the puck in front of Boston goaltender Tuukka Rask, who had 34 saves.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Bruins put Flyers' backs to the wall

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Bruins 4, Flyers 1 — The Boston Bruins are one win away from their first trip to the Eastern Conference finals in 18 years.

Blake Wheeler and Miroslav Satan scored 94 seconds apart to stun Philadelphia on its home ice and get Boston rolling. Tuukka Rask took over from there and made all the big saves.

Mark Recchi and Patrice Bergeron also scored for Boston, which took a 3-0 lead in the Eastern semifinal series last night.

"We are in good shape, but now we have to take care of business," said Rask, who finished with 34 saves after allowing a quick goal.

Game 4 is Friday in Philadelphia.

In their history, the Flyers are 0-6 in series in which they have lost the first three games.

"It was just one of those games when you see a lot of shots, you feel comfortable, you're not making any extra moves and you're standing there and everything seems to hit you," Rask said.

Wheeler and Satan scored in the first period to wipe out the Flyers' early lead, and the Bruins never looked back.

Arron Asham scored for the Flyers.

Blackhawks 5, Canucks 2 — Forward Dustin Byfuglien banged in a pair of power-play rebounds and added an assist to lift Chicago over host Vancouver and give it a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Kris Versteeg, Marian Hossa and Patrick Kane also scored, and Antti Niemi made 16 of his 31 saves in the first period.

Jannik Hansen and Alex Burrows scored and Rober-

to Luongo made 30 saves for the Canucks.

Red Wings sticking with Howard, Babcock says

With Detroit trailing San Jose 3-0 in its Western Conference semifinal series, rookie goaltender Jimmy Howard was faulted for giving up a couple of soft goals, but his coach rejected the idea of a goalie change for Game 4 tonight.

"We're only here because of Howie," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "When we let him down, we don't gas the team the next night, we just come and we play. When he isn't as good as we'd like him to be, we expect him to pick things up."

The Detroit coach added that "I've made lots of goalie changes over the years when I've been coaching. I always do it for a reason. I don't believe there's any reason."