

BYU shooting for WAC title

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PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young has won the last six Western Athletic Conference football crowns, and during that string the Cougars have never lost to Colorado State — BYU's next opponent in its drive for consecutive title No. 7.

Beginning in 1976, BYU has totally dominated the series. The Cougars have not allowed CSU to score more than 18 points during the six-year period, while they've put anywhere from 30 to 63 points on the scoreboard against the Rams.

But, Brigham Young coach LaVell Edwards says this Saturday's game against Colorado State won't be as easy as those last six.

"The Rams have improved dramatically with each game this year, and they have a chance to determine the winner of this year's WAC crown," Edwards says.

Edwards said CSU proved last week its rebuilding program is producing results when the Rams beat Air Force 21-11 to knock the Falcons out of the title race.

"We've come back and won

our last three WAC games, and now the 1982 title is in our hands," Edwards said. "All we have to do is win our final four conference games, and the crown is ours."

"We're in a position to make a run at the championship, and we're getting the kind of play we need on defense to do it."

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Power-play goal gives Islanders 4-3 victory

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New York Islander right winger Mike Bossy said he couldn't do anything about the Vancouver Canucks' rugged bumping and holding style of hockey.

But he did know he could do something about Vancouver's overcoming a three-goal deficit on New York's home ice.

Bossy rectified that situation Tuesday night by scoring the game-winning goal on a power play with 74 seconds remaining, giving the Islanders a 4-3 victory at Uniondale, N.Y., extending their unbeaten home-ice streak to 29 games.

The victory was New York's second this season over the Canucks, who fell to the Islanders in the 1981-82 Stanley Cup finals. It also upped the Islanders' winning streak to six games and was the Canucks' sixth straight loss.

"We realized we let them back in the game," Bossy said after scoring his second goal of the night and eighth of the season. "First of all, we shouldn't have blown a 4-1 lead. We were lucky to win tonight and I'll tell you, if you blow a three-goal lead in your own building, you're not going to feel good about it."

Bossy's second goal followed a controversial ruling call by referee Denis Morel, who sent Harold Snepets off the ice with 1:22 left. According to Canuck Coach Roger Neilson, the call

shouldn't have been made at that point in the game.

"No other official would have made that call," Neilson said. "We had four men back, it's no breakaway, they didn't lose a scoring opportunity. It's a crime. We worked so hard for that point, then to lose it on a call like that. He may have tripped him (John Tonelli), but it wasn't the call you make at that point in the game."

In the first period, Morel dealt another blow to Vancouver when he tagged Dave (Tiger) Williams with a match misconduct after Williams engaged in a stick-swinging duel with Islander goalie Billy Smith. Smith drew a five-minute major penalty on the play.

Williams, who will miss tonight's Canucks game at New York against the Rangers, will be unable to play until a hearing is held on his match penalty.

At Calgary, Alberta, Steve Kasper scored the winning goal and set up another to lead the Boston Bruins to a 3-1 victory over the Calgary Flames. The Bruins opened the scoring at 7:06 of the first period when Tom Fergus took a rebound from rookie Gord Kluzak and fired a 25-foot slapshot past Calgary goalie Tim Bernhardt.

Kasper scored his first goal of the season to give the Bruins a 2-0 lead 73 seconds into the second period.

No progress being made as strike enters 30th day

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HUNT VALLEY, Md. — As the NFL players' strike goes into its 30th day today, and another weekend of the season has been canceled, it appears league owners and the players' union are no closer in resolving their differences.

The eighth day of negotiations under mediator Sam Kagel ended Tuesday night with a pair of new developments that did nothing to assure the nation's pro football fans the 1982 season would be resumed.

Jack Donlan, chief negotiator for the NFL Management Council, confirmed a published report that the owners' offer of \$1.6 billion in salary increases cannot be guaranteed because of losses incurred by postponement of five weekends of games.

The two sides had been at odds over how the money would be distributed since the proposal was first made last month. The players want the money spread over four years instead of the five favored by management, and they want it tied to a central fund instead of with the individual team.

Donlan's announcement, coupled with the continuing deadlock on the issue as it stood, was not good news in the fragile negotiations.

"I guess you could call it a new development," a union source said. "But we certainly didn't expect to take a step backwards."

Meanwhile, the NFL Players Association issued a statement rejecting a recommendation re-

portedly made by management that the players return to work without a contract.

"We have canvassed our player reps and they are unalterably opposed to suggestions we return to work without a contract," the statement said.

In New York, NFL spokesman Jim Heffernan announced Tuesday a fifth weekend of games had been scrubbed.

"Because of the players' strike, no NFL games will be played this weekend, Oct. 24-

25," Heffernan said.

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle had said earlier in the players' walkout, at least 12 or 13 games needed to be played to constitute a "credible" season. Under that criterion, the NFL season must resume by the weekend of Nov. 7-8.

Kagel made his only appearance before reporters in mid-afternoon Tuesday and reported the two sides had begun discussing the sensitive issue of economics "in great depth."

Leonard to retire

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NEW YORK — World welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard, who underwent surgery in May to repair a detached retina in his left eye, will retire Nov. 9, the New York Daily News reported Monday.

The paper said "Boxing Illustrated" will carry a story in its next issue saying Leonard will make the announcement at Baltimore Center, the arena in which he began his pro career in 1977.

Leonard is the champion of both the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association.

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