Chicago gets washed up in Expos' April 'Raines'

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When Tim Raines leads the Montreal Expos in runs batted in, the National League East better beware.

Although Raines says the situation is only temporary, the speedy lead-off hitter collected his sixth and seventh RBIs of the season with a two-run triple in the sixth inning Thursday to lift Montreal to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"It was a big hit," said Raines, who moved ahead of Al Oliver for the team RBI lead after just seven games. "I don't think I'll lead the team in RBIs. I always do my best to get them, though."

While the Cubs fell to 1-7 with their third loss in four games to the Expos, 5-2, Montreal pitcher Scott Sanderson said Chicago is no patsy.

"The Cubs are not an easy team to pitch against," said Sanderson, who allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings to improve to 2-0. "They've got a lot of power in that lineup."

Chicago threatened in the eighth but scored only one run on a one-out, bases-loaded single by Keith Moreland. Reliever Jeff Reardon, who got himself in trouble after coming on for Dan Schatzeder, then struck out Jody Davis and got Larry Bowa on a fly ball to end the inning.

"Look, we could have won that ballgame. We had two shots with the bases loaded," said Chicago Manager Lee Elia. "But Jody Davis is young and he went for a bad pitch (in the eighth)."

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Trevino leads Heritage

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Lee Trevino says there comes a time when a professional golfer realizes he can't win again — but he's not there yet.

"I know that sooner or later comes the time you never win again and you know it, but that thought has never crossed my mind," said Trevino, 44 and winless in nearly two years.

He shot a 5-under-par 66 to share the lead with Jodie Mudd and Mark McNulty heading into today's second round of the Heritage Golf Classic.

"I will win again," added the winner of 26 PGA events and golf's third all-time leading money winner. "I'll win again this year. There's no question in my mind and it might be a biggie. I might jump up and burn somebody."

Trevino, whose back problems nearly forced him out of the game, wasn't making idle threats after the way he played in Monday's opening round of the $350,000 tournament. He played the back nine of one of the tour's most difficult courses at five-under-par 30, matching a course record, and had nine-hole scores of 36-30—66.

Trevino, along with Mudd and McNulty, was one shot ahead of Bob Eastwood, Fuzzy Zoeller, Larry Mize, and Donnie Hammond, who had 67s after the first round over the par-71, 6,650-yard Harbour Town Golf Links.

The Pete Dye-designed course, with its tight fairways and small greens, is ranked by the pros as one of the toughest tests on the tour, but Monday it yielded rounds of par or better to about half the field.

At 68 were Ben Crenshaw, who tied for second in the Masters, Scott Simpson, Morris Hatalsky, Steve Hart, Jim Nelford, Mac O'Grady, and first-year pro Dan Forsman. The first round's biggest casualty was defending champion Tom Watson, looking for his first victory this year, with a 3-over-par 74 that left him with a struggle to make the cut.

Trevino attributed his success to back surgery, ideal weather conditions, and some help with his swing from Frank Conner.

"For two years I've been physically hurt," said Trevino. "My back is completely healed."

For Mudd, Thursday's first round meant redemption after shooting a final-round 86 in the Masters when he began the day only two shots behind the lead.

"I didn't want to play here," said Mudd, who played his collegiate golf at nearby Georgia Southern. "I just went through a tragedy."

But, "I learned a heck of a lot," added Mudd, who finished tied for 42nd at Augusta. "I was really playing to win out there (the Masters) and after the way I started (two double bogeys) I had no rhythm. From there on I was just playing to get out of the way. I just went out there today and played my golf game."

NHL playoffs: Oilers win big

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If the shark doesn't get you, the barracuda will.

That's how the Calgary Flames must have felt Thursday night after containing superstar Wayne Gretzky, only to have Mark Messier strike for four goals.

"They've got so many offensive weapons you can't come off the ice and be happy that you've stopped one guy," Calgary Coach Bob Johnson said Thursday night after the Edmonton Oilers posted a 6-3 triumph over the Flames in the Smythe Division final opener.

Messier scored twice in the first period, then added another pair in the final period, including a short-handed effort. He tied the club playoff record of four goals in a single game set by Gretzky in their opening series this year against Winnipeg.

"I just seemed to be in the right position at the right time tonight. It was just one of those games that go like that," said Messier, who raised his total for the playoffs to six goals.

Messier's performance overshadowed that of Calgary defenseman Paul Reinhart, who notched a hat trick in a losing cause.

The Flames trailed only, 2-1, early in the final period, causing Johnson to remark, "In the second period, we did an excellent job of containing him (Gretkzy) and I thought we picked up some momentum."

Then the Oilers, paced by Messier, broke loose for four unanswered goals.

"The third goal hurt us but the fourth goal killed us," Johnson said.

After Edmonton defenseman Paul Coffey scored his third goal of the playoffs to increase the cushion to four, Messier capped his night with a short-handed goal at 8:58, intercepting a pass from Reinhart deep in the Calgary zone and flipping a short past Lemelin.

"The four goals were nice, but I would have been just as happy to score one goal — the winner," Messier said. "I'm just glad we won the game."

"Gretzky's line was the only line that wasn't clicking," said Edmonton Coach Glen Sather. "They work hard and they're trying all the time, but some time it's just not that smooth."

In other games, Buffalo hammered Boston, 7-4, the New York Islanders ripped the New York Rangers, 4-1, and Chicago topped Minnesota, 5-2.

At Boston, Lindy Ruff and Tony McKegney each scored twice in the second period to help Buffalo win its fourth straight playoff game and fourth straight overall over Boston. The Sabres twice battled back from two-goal deficits. "We showed a lot of character coming back the way we did," said Ruff. "It seemed like we just got stronger and they didn't."

At Uniondale, N.Y., Bob Bourne collected a record-tying three assists in the third period for the Islanders. Bourne assisted on goals by Denis Potvin, Brent Sutter and Duane Sutter, tying a club and league record for most assists in a period.

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