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Penguin Bashing

Rangers win one they should; Lindros hurt

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In theory, this was a game that could have caught the Rangers off-guard. But these Penguins, miserable to begin with and heaped with more misery having to play without star/owner Mario Lemieux, could only have caught Sleeping Beauty unawares.

The Rangers' six-year stretch of futility has been built on losing winnable games to inferior opponents, but coming off three straight without a win (0-2-0-1), they were mentally ready last night and followed through with a 6-2 win over the Penguins and their 18-year-old goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury, who was pelted with 42 Rangers shots.

The Rangers did pay a price. Eric Lindros left the game 6:38 into the first period with a scratched left cornea, suffered when Penguins defenseman Josef Melichar's stick grazed Lindros' eye. He saw **ophthalmologist Marc Fromer** last night.

"It's pretty unusual," Glen Sather said of the latest injury to befall Lindros, who was playing his third game after missing seven with a sprained ligament in his chest. "I've never seen it happen to anyone else." Without Lindros and the game tied 1-1, Sather mixed and matched the 11 other forwards to fine effect. Anson Carter, who jammed in the go-ahead goal during the four-minute power play that followed from Melichar's high stick on Lindros, was double-shifted on occasion.

Martin Rucinsky, who beat Fleury on a rebound 27 seconds in and chipped in two third-period assists, played with Petr Nedved and Alex Kovalev, forming a speedy first line.

"Obviously, it was a must-win," said Nedved, who scored a third-period power-play goal and added an assist. "They have not been playing very well and they tried to put us to sleep and take advantage of their chances on the power play, but we got the early goal and [Mike] Dunham made some big saves when he had to."

The Penguins, losers of four straight by a combined 25-7 score, were so desperate for defense that they stuck former Ranger Steve McKenna back on

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