



Ken Gigliotti photos
best-of-seven final. Second
game in the series is today at
8:30 p.m. at the Gardens.

CAMBRIDGE HORNETS
goalie Dave Tataryn
tries to keep the area of his
goal crease tidy here as he

shoves Thunder Bay Twins
Ron Busniuk (8) into Hornet
defenceman Bryan Crichton.
Busniuk played a standout

game on defence for Twins
as they squeaked past
Hornets 2-1 Tuesday night at

the Gardens to grab a one
game lead in the Canadian
International Hockey League

Twins hard pressed to win series opener over Hornets

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Nobody said it would be easy. Winning the Canadian International Hockey League final that is, and if Tuesday night's opener at the Gardens is any indication it could be a long and exhausting series for both teams.

Thunder Bay Twins spotted Cambridge Hornets the first goal then fought back to win the game 2-1. In winning Twins extended their current win streak to 13 games and their string of unbeaten games on home ice to 22.

The teams clash here again today at 8:30 p.m. and it will be a crucial game for Twins. They travel down to Cambridge for games Friday, Saturday and Sunday and going there without a 2-0 edge means Hornets could win it at home. Any games past that are back here at the Gardens.

Last night's game was a typical playoff fixture as checking was close throughout and good scoring chances limited. For the second time in the last three games for Twins their University of Toronto connection paid off with all their goals. Cary Farrell and Dan D'Alvise, who scored all four goals in a 4-2 win at Whitty last.

Farrell actually had a hand in all three goals. After a scoreless first period Twins enjoyed a man advantage when Hornets took the lead. Mark Thiel knocked the puck off Farrell's stick at the Twins' blue line and Bob Pearce was there to walk in alone on Johnny Adams and beat him with a high shot.

Farrell redeemed himself later in the period on another power play opportunity for Twins Russ Elliott did most of the work on the play. After taking a pass from Bill McDonald, Elliott stepped around one Cambridge defender, pass out into the slot to Farrell. Cary, left uncovered, gave goalie Dave Tataryn no chance on his shot.

D'Alvise scored the winner at the 6:18 mark of the third

period. Ron Busniuk started the play as he rushed to the Hornets blue line to jam a clearing shot back in to Russ Elliott. Elliott again made a fine set-up pass, hitting D'Alvise as he cruised into the slot area. His shot was in before Tataryn had a chance to move.

MISSSED CHANCES
Twins enjoyed the better scoring chances after that, including a breakthrough by Jack Byrley late in the period. Tataryn refused to budge and Byrley wound up in too close and fired the puck into his pads. At the 18:37 mark Hornets questioned the amount of hook in D'Alvise's stick. Ref Pat McCormack measured it, found out they were right, and Twins drew a minor penalty.

But Hornets never really threatened, despite yanking Tataryn for an extra attacker with a minute left. Elliott missed the net with a backhand from just over centre ice and Twins hung on handily for the win.

That the game featured tight checking was evidenced by the fact Twins outshot Hornets 24-23 as neither team had many shots on net. Penalties were split down the middle with each



RUSS ELLIOTT
Two assists

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team drawing three minors and a major. The majors came when Tataryn and Wally Presenger threw punches in the first period.

"I think most games in the series are going to be like that one," offered Twins coach Ab Cava. "Both teams checked well. The Hornets have come a long way since we saw them during the schedule. It was good playoff hockey. I figured whoever got the goal in the third period would sit on it and that's what happened."

"It's hard to pick out standouts in a game like that. I thought Adams played well for us. So did Busniuk. Dave Vaillant has been playing super in the playoffs. Bryan Crichton looked good for them. He lugged the puck a lot. Both defences played well."

"No matter which team wins out they're going to know they were in a series. I don't know about the teams in the Continental League but this series could be for the Allan Cup. We've stressed a playoff style of hockey all year and we'll continue to do so."

ICE CHIPS — The crowd was 2,850 and they should all be back tonight with more. Hornets' plane didn't land until 7:40 p.m. so the game didn't get under way until 9 o'clock. Cava will go with the same lineup tonight, depending on injuries. D'Alvise jammed a shoulder into the boards in a first-period fall and it's stiff but he should be ready. Defenceman Larry Natismith pulled shoulder muscles in another fall and if he can't play Rob Antoniazzi will take his

place. Twins came on in the third period and are hoping to carry that over into tonight's game. Molsen Three Star picks for Twins were Adams, Busniuk and D'Alvise. Both goalies had to make big saves on occasion although neither was too busy. Twins had problems hitting the net.

SUMMARY

FIRST PERIOD — No scoring. **PENALTIES:** Vaillant T 1:40, Wilson C 4:05, Bragnalo T 10:42, Presenger T and Tataryn C majors at 17:21.

SECOND PERIOD — 1. Cambridge: Pearce (Thiel) 4:17; 2. Twins: Farrell (Elliott, McDonald) 15:31. **PENALTIES:** Gattani C 2:21 and 13:37.

THIRD PERIOD — 3. Twins: D'Alvise (Elliott, Busniuk) 6:18. **PENALTIES:** Twins bench minor 18:37.

SAVES
Tataryn C 8 7 7 — 22
Adams T 7 9 6 — 22
ATTENDANCE: 2,950.