



Black hawks fall 9-1

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Twins win USHL again

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THUNDER BAY, Ont.—The Waterloo Black Hawks, suffering from a post-Southern Division playoff letdown, were eliminated from the United States Hockey League championship series by Thunder Bay 9-1 here Friday night.

"We just didn't have it tonight," said Black Hawk Coach Dave Swick after the Twins took the best-of-five series in three straight games and claimed their third USHL title in their four year history.

"We must have peaked for Madison (the team Waterloo defeated for the three-game Southern playoffs)," Swick maintained. "We just relaxed after the Madison series."

The Black Hawks, whose flight up here was a turbulent one, were able to hold the Twins scoreless through the first 19:20 of the game before

the potent Thunder Bay scoring attack got untracked.

GARY LINDQUIST notched a pair of markers from close in during the final 40 seconds of the opening stanza to give the Twins a 2-0 lead at first intermission.

Thunder Bay picked up where it left off in the start of the second, adding three goals in the initial 4:13 of that period. Those five unanswered goals in a 4:53 time span ended any hopes for the Black Hawks, who launched few offensives during the course of the game, getting just 23 shots on goal.

"If we could have gone out there in the first period and played the way we wanted to, we could have won," asserted Swick. "I thought Thunder Bay would be laying back in the first period and they were. They didn't start playing

hockey until the final 40 seconds of the first. If we would have had either of our two first periods from last weekend, we could have won.

"But we didn't want it, I guess. We only took four shots in the first," Swick pointed out. "And, Lindquist got four chances on that first goal he scored."

A crowd of 3,106 at the Fort William Gardens saw Chuck Kelner tally six points, on a three-goal hat trick and a trio of assists, to lead the Twins offense.

Defenseman John Ferguson, Dave Valliant and forwards Murray McLeod and Tom Deacon scored Thunder Bay's other four goals.

BLACK HAWK left-winger Cliff Hendrickson ruined goaltender Joe Bamford's shutout bid as he got Waterloo on the scoreboard with a 10-foot

backhander when both teams were a man short with 1:52 left in the second period. Hendrickson's marker cut the Twins' lead to 6-1.

Swick was able to look back at the season with some good memories. "I enjoyed it," said the former Black Hawk captain who finished his first year as Waterloo coach. "It was a successful season in most ways. We just peaked too early."

THUNDER BAY, which was presented the new Commissioner's Cup, emblematic of the USHL championship, by league commissioner Bob Kasubeck immediately after Friday night's game, begins battle for the prestigious Allan Cup next weekend. The Twins host St. John's of Newfoundland, the Maritime champions, in the first three games of the best-of-five Eastern semifinals.

If the Twins live up to the brand of hockey they exhibited in the USHL, they are in for a long season. The playoffs for the Allan Cup, the championship of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Assn., runs through the month of May. Assuming they can keep from being eliminated in the Allan Cups' three rounds, the Twins will have a nine-month season, which started with a September training camp.

Most observers rank the Allan Cup the third most

prestigious in Canadian hockey behind the Stanley Cup, for the National Hockey League titlist, and the Memorial Cup, which goes to the junior A winner.

An Allan Cup victory would not only be a boost to Thunder Bay, but would also be a big shot in the arm to the image of the United States Hockey League.

WATERLOO LINEUP

Goal: Coyle; defense: Pennock, Brown, Gospodar, McRae; forwards: Smith, Weinstein, Murphy, Lesysen, Barzee, Starkey, Lamoureux, Hendrickson, Houston, Selinger.

THUNDER BAY LINEUP

Goal: Bamford; defense: Rubenick, Ferguson, Valliant, Wilson; forwards: Hogan, Deacon, Mithrush, McDonald, Lindquist, Byerley, Kelner, McLeod, Bragnalo, Depiero.

SCORE BY PERIODS

WATERLOO	0	1	0-1
Thunder Bay	2	4	3-9

First period—1. Thunder Bay, Lindquist (Byerley, Kelner), 19:20; 2. Thunder Bay, Lindquist (Byerley, Kelner), 19:58. Penalties: Depiero (tripping), 1:46; Wilson (interference), 16:57.

Second period—3. Thunder Bay, Ferguson (Byerley, Kelner), 3:35; 4. Thunder Bay, Kelner (Ferguson), 3:44; 5. Thunder Bay, McLeod (Deacon), 4:13; 6. Thunder Bay, Kelner (Byerley, Wilson), 12:46; 7. Waterloo, Hendrickson (Selinger), 18:08. Penalties: Hogan (slashing), 9:44; Houston (slashing), 16:44; Ferguson (slashing), 16:44; Pennock (slashing), 19:11.

Third period—8. Thunder Bay, Valliant (Hogan), 6:45; 9. Thunder Bay, Kelner (McDonald), 9:42; 10. Thunder Bay, Deacon (McLeod), 11:55. Penalties: Lesysen (tripping), 13:08; Gospodar (tripping), 16:36.

SHOTS ON GOAL

WATERLOO	4	10	9-23
Thunder Bay	11	16	8-35

Officials—Terry Juliar, referee; Walter Steckey and Gary McLeod, linesmen.

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