FALCONS DEFEAT PORT ARTHUR FOR MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE TITLE AFTER 20 MINUTES' EXTRA PLAY

McCallum Saves Locals From Defeat 3 Secs. Before First Overtime Session Ended

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FALCONS triumphed over Port Arthur 6 to 5 Wednesday night at the Amphitheatre rink, in the most thrilling hockey game that has been staged here in many years. It was a great struggle, and 20 minutes of overtime was required before the winner was decided. The victory gives the Falcons the Manitoba Hockey league play-off championship series by two games to one, they having won on Monday night, while Ports won at home last Saturday.

It was a mighty tough game for Ports to lose, but a great one for Falcons to win. The Thunder Bay puck chasers had the title practically tucked away in the first overtime session, and then to have it nipped from them was a hard blow. It was Sammy McCallum, the diminutive defence player, who did the hero act for the locals and kept them in the running for the honors. Victory had been conceded to the visitors, as there was only three seconds to play when Sam tied the score, beating Chabot with a high shot that was deflected into the cage. The crowd could hardly realize what had happened, but they soon cut loose with wild demonstrations of joy. After getting this timely "break," it was generally expected that Falcons would win in the next overtime series, and they did. Frank Woodall tallied the winning counter, getting in fast on the net to take a rebound from Somers' shot, and slammed the puck into the cage after two attempts, his first having been stopped by Chabot.

Winning Goal Earned

A pleasing feature of the hard tussle was the fact that the winning goal was a good one, as it is common to have important games decided by a lucky shot. It appeared certain that last night's game would be won in lucky fashion, as Ports' goal in overtime was from a high lob shot by Wilson, the puck dropping in past Byron without Wally seeing it coming. Considering this fortunate goal, it was exceptionally pleasing to most fans that McCallum tied the score, even though his shot was a lucky one, as it just evened up matters.

Ports Start Strong

Ports started off in whirlwind fashion and earned a two-goal lead in the first period. Harold McMunn cut loose right from the start of the second session and tied the score in less than two minutes. Falcons finally forged ahead, but Ports came back with two goals before the interval and skated off the ice leading 4 to 3. There was only five minutes of the third period to play when and full time came with the count Connie Johanneson tied up the game, reading 4-4. Two five-minute extra periods were then staged, and in the first spasm Port Arthur tallied. Falcons fought hard in the second session and managed to net the equalizing goal just three seconds before play ended. The score was now 5-5, so two more five-minute periods were ordered. Falcons succeeded in tallying three minutes after play was resumed, and managed to hold this advantage to the finish.

Falcons Merit Victory

Falcons merited their victory, as they had just a slight edge on the play. The locals had more "pep" to their play and stood the grind better; it was these factors that really decided the game. Port Arthur had considerably the best of it in the first period, but Falcons repeated their performance of Monday and came back strong in the middle stanza. Falcons also had a little the better of the play in the third period. Both teams fought gallantly in the overtime play, but the locals had just a trifle more effectiveness to their play and checked back like fiends after they once gained the upper hand.

Play Is Clean

The clean play that featured the series was again the order last night. Although the athletes were keyed up over the importance of the game, the exciting play and performing before a packed house of more than 5,000, they played cleanly. Both teams played the puck and not the man. Seven penalties were meted out, but they were only for minor offences. Dan Cox was injured midway through the first overtime period and had to retire for repairs; this was a pure accident, Connie Johanneson having collided with him and falling on top of him with such force as to hurt his hip.

It was a great three-game series. While the games were very close and there is not much to choose between them, Falcons' greater staying powers makes them look like the best team of the two to enter the Allen cup playdowns.

McMunn and Byron Star

Wally Byron and Harold McMunn were the shining lights of the Falcon team. It was Byron's fine work that kept Ports to two goals in the first frame. McMunn was dangerous all evening with his fine rushes along the right boards and his accurate shooting, he tallied twice just at a time when goals were greatly needed. Connie Johanneson played his usual hard game on the defence and was well supported by Sammy McCallum. Frank Woodall showed to better advantage than he has in several games, particularly in the second 10 minutes of overtime play. Art Somers worked like a Trojan, but was not very dangerous around the opposition's net. "Huck" Woodman did a lot of useful work but passed up several fine chances of scoring by holding onto the puck too long after getting in position to shoot. Wally Fridfinnson played hard all the time he was on the ice.

L'Heureux in Form

Wilf. L'Heureux, the steady defence player, was again the star of the Port Arthur team. He was checking well and continuously leading dangerous attacks on the Falcon citadel. L'Heureux made the openings for the two Port goals in the second period. Wilson also played a strong game on the defence. Chabot had a busy night of it and turned in a good game, although he let two shots beat him that looked rather easy, he displayed plenty of nerve in going full length on the ice several times to save. Port forwards travelled in streaks, going liked a well-oiled machine for a time and then resorting to individual efforts. Dan Cox was the most effective of the lot and he was real good, but his injury slowed him up considerably for the extra play. Pudas also went nicely. The visitors looked to have made a mistake in not using their substitute Ritchie more, as he was very dangerous whenever on the ice, but was not given much chance to play.

Ports Take Lead

With the ice in good shape and more than 5,000 fans entering into the game with plenty of "pep," play opened very fast. During the first period Falcons were roaming out of their positions too much and the team did not show much system. Ports, however, travelled awfully good. McMunn had the first good chance of the game when he dodged in past the Ports' defence and then shot wide with only L'Heureux to beat. Ports got the first tally in seven minutes when Cox shot a fast one and followed in to get the rebound off Byron's pads and score. Ports boosted their lead to 2-0 six minutes later when Pudas and Cox combined, the former beating Byron, who went flat on the ice trying to save. Chabot made a great save from McMunn after he had gotten right in. Cox pulled a pretty play when he rounded the defence and skated right in on top of Byron, but Wally saved.

McMunn Evens Score

It was 2-0 for Ports beginning the second session, but it was 2-2 in less than two minutes. McMunn tickled Falcon supporters by beating Chabot with a shot that did not leave the ice, in 45 seconds. It was exactly 55 seconds later that McMunn got the puck in his own territory and raced up the ice, stick-handled past Wilson and scored with a fast, high shot. Falcons took the lead in eight minutes when Woodman and McMunn teamed up together for a fine rush, the former taking the final pass right in front of the net and scoring. During the latter part of this session Ports got going again and scored twice. Gray and L'Heureux combined for one of the finest goals of the game, the two boring right in on the net and then Wilf. flipped the puck over to Gray, who tapped it into the cage. Seven minutes later Ports again assumed the lead, L'Heureaux made the opening after a fine rush and passed to Traer, who went right on goal and scored. It was 4-3 for Ports when the period ended.

Falcons Again Tie Score

Ports started off strong in the final frame and looked as if they would increase their lead. Falcons gradually assumed the attack and fought stubbornly to win. Within five minutes of full time Connie Johanneson obtained the puck and dodged up the full length of the ice to beat Chabot with a flip shot that did not leave the ice. It was 4-4 when the period ended.

Both teams were on edge for the overtime play. Woodall got clean through and shot wide. Cox was injured and had to retire, but came on for the second extra session. Wilson gave Ports the lead in three minutes with a high "floater" that beat Byron, who did not see the rubber. As the second five minutes were drawing to an end Falcons spoiled their hard work by getting over-anxious. Finally McCallum got in his fortunate goal with a long shot that was deflected into the net, this goal came just three seconds from the finish of the game.

Woodall Scores Winner

Falcons had more "pep" to their play when the second 10 minutes of overtime started. They scored in the first half, Somers rushing well and shooting, Chabot stopped the puck, but Woodall went in on the net very fast and scored. Every one of the Falcons checked back like fiends in the last five minutes and did not allow the Ports to get very dangerous, the game ending 6 to 5 for the local team.

It was rather a hard game to handle, owing to its importance, but the referees, Wes Wellington, of Port Arthur, and Jack Hughes, of Winnipeg, did excellent work.

PERSONNEL OF TEAMS AND GOAL SUMMARY

Falcons—		Port Arthur
Byron	goal	Chabot
Johanneson	right defense	L'Heureux
McCallum	left defense	Wilson
Somers	forward	Gray
McMunn	forward	Pudas
Woodall	forward	Cox
Woodman	forward	Ritchie
Fridfinnson	forward	Traer
	forward	Healey

Officials—Jack Hughes and "Wes" Wellington.

Goal Summary

First period—1, Port Arthur, Cox, 7.10; 2, Port Arthur, Pudas from Cox, 6.55.

Second period—3, Falcons, McMunn, :45; 4, Falcons, McMunn, :55; 5, Falcons, Woodman from McMunn, 8.20; 6, Port Arthur, Traer from L'Heureux, 1.00; 7, Port Arthur, Traer from L'Heureux, 7.10.

Third period — 8, Falcons, Johanneson, 16.00.

Overtime

First period—9, Port Arthur, Wilson, 3.30; 10, Falcons, McCallum, 4.57.

Second period — 11, Falcons, Woodall from Somers, 3.45.

Penalties

First period—Nil.

Second period—Healey and Woodall.

Third period—Johanneson (2), Wilson (2) and Cox.

Overtime—No penalties.

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