

Allan Cup Holders Beaten by Forts on Home Ice, 2-1

Port Arthur Assumes 1-0 Lead in Second Period, But Fort William Scores Twice in Final Session to Win—Deciding Goal Scored While Ports Are Short-Handed.

(Special Despatch to the Free Press.)

Port Arthur, Ont., March 1 — Port Arthur's grip on the Allan cup, which has held tight for two years, was pried loose although not altogether removed by the Fort William team this evening in the first of a two-out-of-three-game series to decide which of the two should represent the Thunder Bay association in the Dominion play-downs.

A score of two goals to one was to the advantage of Fort William and Port Arthur is now faced with the necessity of winning on Fort William ice Thursday evening and also taking a third game in order to remain in the running.

The game was as close and as bitterly contested as any of the historical clashes between the two cities. It was a battle between two very evenly matched teams in which the break took place in the early part of the third period when Fort William scored its two goals, over a space of less than a minute, thereby overcoming a deficit of one to assume a lead, which they managed to maintain in the face of a resumed assault on the part of the Port Arthur team.

Ports Take Lead

The first period had gone along with the two teams on practically even terms and neither able to get a goal, so close was the checking and so stubborn the defence in each case. About midway in the second period Marty Burke, Port Arthur defence man, whose rushes were one of the features of the game, went down the left side and unloosed a terrific shot that nearly broke through the twine.

Port Arthur continued to hold a very slight edge and commenced the third period with what looked like a good chance to win. In about three minutes of play, McLeod, standing well out in front but uncovered, took a pass out from the corner and placed a nice shot past Bell. Then occurred

the break that spelled victory for Fort William and defeat for Port Arthur. Marty Burke, who had taken one previous penalty, again offended by sticking out his foot to trip a Fort William player. He had just nicely reached the penalty box when Pettinger went through to scoop Fort William's second goal past Bell.

Forts Play Defensive Game

From that time on Port Arthur fought like wild cats to regain their lost ground, but Fort William fought back just as hard and using all the artifices of a team skilled in killing time and keeping the puck out of the danger zone, weathered the storm till the final bell.

All parties to the game played good hockey, with the defence work in each case especially prominent. Burke had a chance to prove himself both the hero and the star of the game, but spoiled it all by his fatal penalty. Wilson and Chapman were also prominent for Port Arthur, with Pettinger and Ward in front of a very steady defence, featuring the Fort William team's work. The next game is to be played at Fort William Thursday.

The teams:

Port Arthur—Bell, Burke, Wilson, Gray, Chapman, L'Heureux, Traer, Whalen.

Fort William — Kearney, Tuckwell, Davis, McLeod, Pettinger, Ward, Cook, Hacquoil.

Referee—R. Hewitson, Toronto.

Goal Summary

First period—Nil.

Second period—Burke, 9.50.

Third period—McLeod, 3.35; Pettinger, 5.55 seconds.

Penalties

First period—L'Heureux, Burke.

Second period—Wilson, Cook, Wilson, McLeod.

Third period—Burke.

Shots On Goal

By Port Arthur	11	10	15—36
Fort William	10	12	13—35