

GORDON HACQUOIL SHINES AS WESTERNERS TRIUMPH

Veteran Goalie Staves Off Attacks of Defending Champions in Initial Game of Dominion Final

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TORONTO, April 1.—Honors in the first inter-sectional battle for possession of the Allan Cup, emblematic of the senior hockey championship of the dominion, were vested tonight on the shoulders of a hawk-eyed veteran of the cup competition, Gordon Hacquoil, captain and goalie of Fort William Blues, representatives of the west.

In the first of the three-game series here last night, Blues defeated Moncton Hawks, defending cup holders, 3-2 and standing out in the victory was the agile veteran, who scales only 140 pounds.

Hawks outshot the Lakeheaders and outskated them throughout but flopped in a scoring sense.

The Fort William team led by 2-0 at the end of the first period.

At the start of the second session Hawks again set the pace and peppered the Lakehead goalie with rubber. Again the Blues gave the spectators cause for wonderment when shortly after two minutes had elapsed they made the count 3-0.

CHAMPIONS BECOME FRANTIC

Hawks, puzzled and becoming frantic at their inability to score, put in everything they had and were rewarded with a pair of goals before the period ended.

But try as they could in the final 20 minutes, they were unable to net another counter. In this period Fort William left no doubt as to their intentions to protect their goal-lead

and the systematic way in which they accomplished this had their opponents bewildered. Every Moncton man that entered the Lakeheaders' goal area found an opponent dogging his every stride.

Gordie Houston, chunky right-winger of the Blues' second line, led the scorers with a pair of goals, both in the first period, the initial one on a pass from "Porky" McLeod.

The third Fort William goal was registered by Bill Hogarth, one of the youngest players on the team and regular right winger. Ossie Hacquoil, the smallest player on the ice, made the play for Hogarth's marker.

"Dud" James notched the first goal for Moncton on a pass from Bill Miller after the half-way mark had been reached in the second period, and 18 seconds from the end of the session "Big Bill" Gill, six-foot defenseman, backhanded in the last goal of the game.

The Forts drew more penalties than their opponents, Bobby McCranor, bulky rearguardsman, and his relief, Jack McArthur, each being benched twice while Hogarth was caught boarding "Nucker" Irvine in the final period and was sent off.

Gill and James served the two Moncton penalties.

The second game will be played here Monday night and the third, if necessary, on Wednesday. The ultimate winner will engage Detroit White Stars in a series for the North American amateur championship.

SUMMARY

First Period

1—Fort William, Houston
(McLeod) 9.00
2—Fort William, Houston ... 19.20
Penalties: James, McCranor, McArthur.

Second Period

3—Fort William, Hogarth
(Hacquoil) 2.59
4—Moncton, James (Miller) . 13.57
5—Moncton, Gill 19.42
Penalties: Gill, McArthur, McCranor.

Third Period

No score.
Penalties: Hogarth.

LINEUPS

Fort William: Goal, Hacquoil; defense, Knowles, McCranor; centre, O. Hacquoil; wings, O'Leary, Hogarth; subs, Houston, Manahan, McLeod, McArthur.

Moncton: Goal, Foster; defense, Gill, Burrage; centre, Miller; wings, Connolly, Irvine; subs, James, McDonald, Webster, McManus.

Officials: George Foster, Ottawa; Clarence Campbell, Edmonton.

