

THE LONDON INTERMEDIATES DEFEAT GODERICH IN THE DECIDING GAME

Sailors Out-Generalled, Out-Skated and Out-Checked, Lose 5 to 2 at Stratford

Cockneys Now Go Into Finals for the Middle Class Championship of Ontario—Collingwood Comes Here Tomorrow Night—Return Match Friday—Will Be No Protest.

TWENTY PENALTIES WERE HANDED OUT BY REFEREE WALLY HERNE

Belcher Was Rough and Warmed the Bench Four Times—Jimmy Orr Also Came in for Rests Whether He Needed Them Or Not—Locals Led at Half 2 to 0.

There was some talk of a protest as a result of last night's game at Stratford, but it was learned today that the Sailors had decided to take their beating and be quiet.

"President McDonald, of Goderich, told me there would be no protest," said Manager Scott, of this city, today.

Bernhardt, Mallen and Carrothers were talked of by the losers, but all are qualified to play in the O. H. A., or any other amateur organization. Collingwood comes to London tomorrow night, and local fans and families will set an attendance record for this part of Ontario.

The return match will be played off at Collingwood Friday night. The O. H. A. has set the following dates for championship games:

SENIOR.

Saturday, March 5.—St. Michael's vs. winner Parkdale-Argonauts.

INTERMEDIATES.

Wednesday, March 2.—Collingwood at London.

Friday, March 4.—London at Collingwood.

JUNIOR.

Thursday, March 3.—Kingston at winner Barrie-Preston.

Monday, March 7.—Winner Barrie-Preston at Kingston.

[By Our Own Man.]

Stratford, March 1.—Outgeneralled, outskated, outchecked, the Goderich team were simply smothered by London for the greater part of the game at the Stratford rink last night, and from the initial face-off the result was hardly for a moment in doubt; and it was only a fine rally in the second half, which gave McLean and Walters a chance to shoot, that saved Goderich from a shut-out, and left the final result of the game, London 5, Goderich 2.

If ever a team was locally supported, London was last night.

A long train of eight coaches, piled almost two deep with vociferous humanity, carried the rooters, between six and seven hundred in all, and with a crowd that had the enthusiasm of all their own at the rink, which helped greatly.

GODERICH DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE.

On the large Stratford rink, which was crowded to its capacity, London simply ran away with Goderich, outskating them at every turn, while London's defence proved a stone wall that baffled every attempt of the speedy Goderich line.

Bernhardt was the life of the defence, and his playing last night was beyond praise, and in the last half, with his team beginning to lag with weariness, he showed a sudden reserve, speed that kept Chapman simply in a fever of excitement, for the diminutive cover would make rush after rush, through the whole team, and shoot time and again, and with a sure and accurate stop, that saved a much larger score.

LONDON STILL LACKS COMBINATION.

The London line was, as usual, singularly lacking in combination, a two-man rush being about the nearest approach to it that was achieved during the evening. Several times during the game Goderich got their combination going, and came down the ice in a perfect line. Then for a moment things began to look serious, and if it hadn't been for the great back-checking of the Londoners, these few excursions might have had a very disastrous result.

The ice, while heavy, was not as bad as might have been expected, though it made carrying the puck a rather difficult feat after the first few minutes of play, but it was solid enough to enable London to show some of the speed for which the team is noted, and on the large ice they simply ran away from the Sailors.

WALTERS AND MCLEAN DANGEROUS.

Walters and McLean seemed to be the only members of the Goderich team who could hold the puck, and these two men never for a moment ceased to be dangerous.

Walters is beyond all question, a star at his position, and the way he played last night gave everyone who saw him a fresh respect for him.

He might have been more dangerous, than he was except for the fact that Carrothers had a particularly good night, and until the last ten minutes, when he was evidently all in, he played the best game he has played this season, and stuck to his man with an unwavering persistency that must have been simply annoying to the gentleman in question.

LOSERS ARE THE BEST SHOTS.

McLean is a great skater, and an even better shot, and it is in this department that Goderich unquestionably has a little over London, as practically their whole

forward line are deadly shots, while London, with the point, is the team in the world, are inclined to be wild in their shooting, and missed some great chances to score.

Casselman was again a very decided feature of the game, and there was no doubt that he was the man that Goderich feared most, and with good cause, for, for simply dozens of times he sent down the ice through the whole team, and it was only Belcher's great defence work that saved the situation, though he certainly played the dirtiest game on the ice, also saved his team from a much more disastrous defeat.

McDONALD IS NOT A STAR AT POINT.

McDonald, at the point, was anything but a star in his position, and Belcher showed his wisdom in dropping back almost to prevent a rushing rush.

McDonald, however, he said, was a dangerous man on a rush, and showed that he was much more familiar with the forward line than the defence.

Too much could hardly be said of the game put up by Mallen last night.

He was the fastest skater on the ice, and from the time the first whistle blew till the game was over, hardly for a moment slackened his pace, and was in the play every moment of the time.

Producers, too, put up the game of his life, and having his man, who was systematically backchecking in a sensational manner.

JIMMY ORR VERY UNFORTUNATE.

Bernhardt was unfailingly unfortunate, as he stumbled on the ice, no matter where Jimmy happened to be, he was sent to rest quietly at the side.

To do him justice, on several occasions he amply deserved it, but on several occasions it was rather difficult for the spectators to see just how the unfortunate youth had offended.

Referee Wally Herne, of Stratford, held the game fairly, and with the exception of the playing of Belcher, who was systematically and deliberately cross-checked, roughed and tripping in a most reckless manner.

Herne, however, gathered in a majority of the offences, and Belcher shared with Jimmy Orr the honors of warning the bench most frequently.

Referee Herne gave the most perfect satisfaction to both teams, and there was not a single dispute during the game.

GAME STARTED LIKE WHIRLWIND.

It was twenty minutes of nine before the game started, but when it did start it was started with a vengeance.

Bernhardt opened out with a great rush and succeeded in passing to Mallen, who almost succeeded in scoring.

Three times in quick succession he shot, but Chapman was watchful, and succeeded in stopping every attempt.

Finally Orr captured the rubber, and with a nice shot put it just out of Chapman's reach, safe within the net for the first score of the game.

A minute later, in a mix-up around goal, Orr shot again, the puck striking Chapman's pads and bouncing into the net.

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