

Canada in 8-0 Victory

Trail Smoke Eaters Trim Netherlands in First Round of Tourney

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BASLE, Switzerland, Feb. 4.—Canada defeated The Netherlands 8 to 0 Friday night as the 1939 world's amateur hockey championship got under way with 14 nations competing for the honors won for Canada last year by Sudbury Wolves and being defended by Trail Smoke Eaters, Allan Cup holders.

In other first round games United States defeated Italy 5 to 0; Czechoslovakia swamped Yugoslavia 24 to 0; Germany trounced Finland 12 to 1; Switzerland overpowered Latvia 12 to 0 and Hungary defeated Belgium 8 to 1. Great Britain and Poland were idle.

MORRIS LEADS ATTACK

Defenseman Jimmy Morris, with three goals, was high scorer for the Trail team that has just come through a 22-game exhibition tour of Europe without a loss or a tie. With "Duke" Scodellaro invincible in goal, the Canadians ran through The Netherlands' defense, scoring most of their goals on solo dashes. Only two were on combination attempts.

Dick Kowcinak scored two goals, "Bunny" Dame and Joe Benoit one each while one was credited to Ab Cronie when Gerritsen of The Netherlands deflected the puck into his own net and Cronie was nearest the play. Assists went to Kowcinak on Dame's goal, and to Johnny McCreedy on one of Kowcinak's successful shots.

The Canadians scored once in the first period, four times in the second and three times in the third, holding the whip hand over their opposition all the way.

Their team is: Goal, "Duke" Scodellaro, with "Buck" Buchanan as spare; defense, Tommy Johnston, Mel Snowden, Jimmy Haight and Jimmy Morris; centres, Ben Hayes and Mickey Brennan; left wings, Dick Kowcinak and "Bunny" Dame; right wings, Johnny McCreedy, Joe Benoit and Ab Cronie, with O. H. Nelson as manager.

The matches are being run off in Olympic Games fashion of dividing the contestants into pools from which leading teams will qualify for the second round pools.

In Canada's group, besides The Netherlands, is Poland; Great Britain is in a pool with Hungary and Belgium; the United States, Germany, Italy and Finland make up another group and a fourth has Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Latvia and Yugoslavia.

Play, lasting until February 12, is taking place in both Basle and Zurich. Friday night the Canada-Trail Smoke Eaters, Germany-Finland, and United States-Italy games were played here and the others at Zurich.

Smoke Eaters Score 4-0 Triumph in Tournament

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BASLE, Switzerland, Feb. 6.—Trail Smoke Eaters, Canadian entry in the world amateur hockey championships, Sunday scored their second victory of the tournament, a 4-0 conquest of Poland.

The Canadian Allan Cup holders, defending the world title won last year by Sudbury Wolves, were idle Saturday while Poland defeated Holland 9-0. The British Columbians scored their initial victory Friday over Netherlands 8-0.

OPEN FAST

With ice and weather conditions good, Canada opened a powerful attack. After nine minutes of play Ben Hayes passed to "Bunny" Dame, who scored. A minute later Johnny McCreedy received a pass from Mickey Brennan and scored.

Poland put on its crack forward line at the start of the second period and proved dangerous. But at 14 minutes a shot from Brennan rebounded to Dick Kowcinak who made the score 3-0. Kowcinak rushed up the ice and passed to McCreedy who tallied after a minute of play in the last period. Kowcinak was penalized twice in the final frame, once for fighting.

Maciejko, the Polish goalie, was the best of the continental players. Feature game Sunday was that between Germany and Italy, who

played a 4-4 tie that three extra periods did not break. The game may be replayed today.

The United States scored a 4-0 triumph over Finland for its third straight victory. England defeated Hungary 1-0, and Latvia won over Yugoslavia 6-0.

At Zurich, Switzerland beat Czechoslovakia 1-0.

At Zurich Saturday, Great Britain defeated Belgium 3-1; Switzerland mowed down Yugoslavia 23-0. At Basle yesterday, the United States won its second game from Germany 4-0, and Italy defeated Finland 5-2.

Smoke Eaters to Meet British Team In Semi-Final Today

Canadian Press-Reuters
ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 7.—Germany and Italy, who on Sunday battled to a 4-4 tie in the world amateur hockey tournament, met again Monday and neither team was able to score.

Representatives of the Rome-Berlin hockey axis and tournament officials conferred and awarded the decision to Germany because of her better goal average in previous games.

The Reich pucksters go into the semi-finals in one pool against Czechoslovakia. Trail Smoke Eaters, defending the title for Canada, are scheduled to meet Great Britain in the other semi-final in the same pool.

In the other pool, the semi-finalists are United States against Poland and Switzerland against Hungary. Semi-finals start today.

Britishers Blanked 4-0

Smoke Eaters Tally Four Times in Third Period Of Semi-Final Game

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ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 8.—Trail Smoke Eaters of Canada went on a last period scoring spree Tuesday and defeated Great Britain 4-0 in a pool semi-final game of the world amateur hockey championships.

The Canadian Allan Cup holders defending the world title won by Sudbury Wolves last year, tried to do their scoring on individual efforts the first two periods and were unsuccessful. In the third frame, they started combination play and had little difficulty.

BRENNEN OUTSTANDING

Mickey Brennan, centre, was outstanding for the Smoke Eaters. Among the Britons, a pair of former Canadian players did heavy duty in withstanding the Canadian attack.

Jimmy Foster, former Winnipeg and Moncton star, was unbeatable in goal for the English during the first two periods. Jimmy Kelley, one time Montreal and Maritime player, was the other standout in the losers' lineup.

Kelley netted the puck for Britain early in the first period but was ruled offside. Throughout the opening period Foster handled a bombardment of Canadian shots smoothly.

The Smoke Eaters missed several scoring chances in the second period. Brennan made a number of dangerous shots while Kelley pushed the offensive for Britain. Ab Cronie scored but the goal was disallowed as offside.

In the third period, Brennan took a pass from Johnny McCreedy and beat Foster from two yards out in the eighth minute. A minute later Jimmy Morris made a solo rush and scored from 10 yards as Foster, trying to clear, kicked the puck into the net.

The British defense weakened as Trail applied pressure. A combination play by Tommy Johnston, Cronie and "Bunny" Dame enabled Cronie to score on a pass from Dame in the 14th minute. The next minute Mel Snowden clicked for the final goal on a solo effort.

In other pool semi-final games, the United States beat Hungary 3-0; Switzerland won from Poland 4-0; Germany and Czechoslovakia played a 1-1 tie. This was Germany's third consecutive tie game, the Reichmen having played two draws with Italy, finally advancing into the semi-finals on the strength of a better goal average in other games.

Great Britain was a finalist in last year's tourney. Tuesday's defeat does not eliminate the team from possible victory since the tournament is conducted on a pool basis.

Canadians Score Win

Smoke Eaters Rally
Final Period to Trim
Czech Team 2-1

Canadian Press

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 9.—In a day which saw the highly regarded British and United States teams suffer upset defeats, Canada made a third period rally in the world amateur hockey tournament match with Czechoslovakia today and came out on top 2-1.

Trail Smoke Eaters, Canadian representatives, were behind 1-0 in two periods of the pool semi-final game. In the last frame, however, the Canadians overcame a stubborn defense with goals by Joe Benoit and "Bunny" Dame.

GAIN FINAL ROUND

O. Hurych scored for the Czechs and it was the first goal tallied in four games against the Smoke Eaters. The win clinched a place for Canada in the final round.

United States received its first setback 3-2 from Switzerland. A weird feature of the match was that two of the Swiss goals were kicked into the net by American players while the third was awarded to the victors by the referee because the cage had been moved.

Great Britain lost 1-0 to Germany. It was the second loss for the British, beaten by Canada yesterday 4-0. In a fourth game played today, Poland defeated Hungary 5-4.

The Smoke Eaters play Germany next in another semi-final round match.

But their victory today assures them of being one of the two teams from their group which will enter the final pool with the top two teams of the other pool.

So far, in the semi-final pool which includes Canada, Germany is in second position with one victory and one tie; Czechoslovakia is third with a tie and a loss; and Great Britain last with two defeats.

Switzerland is at the top of the other semi-final pool with two wins. United States and Poland are tied for second position with a win and a loss each; Hungary is in the cellar with two losses.

Each team plays three games in the semi-final pool.

A crowd of 5,000 saw the Czechs assume the lead in the second minute when Hurych snagged the puck in mid-ice, baffled the defense and scored from 12 yards out.

Smoke Eaters attacked vigorously, but their shooting was inaccurate and they lacked the necessary polish around the goal.

In the second period the Smoke Eaters continued pounding away at the Czech goalie, Jan Modry, who stopped 10 shots within two minutes.

In the 13th minute of the third frame, Benoit tied the count during a scrimmage in front of the goal. A minute later Dame took a pass from Mickey Brennen and put the Canadians in front. Brennen's skating and fine play delighted the crowd and was a feature of the game.

Canada in Final Round

Smoke Eaters Turn Back
German Sextet 9-0 in
Puck Tourney

Canadian Press-Reuters

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 10.—Canada, after trouncing Germany 9-0 in a semi-final pool game of the world amateur hockey championships on Thursday, was drawn to meet the high-flying Swiss team tomorrow in the first encounter of the final pool.

Tournament officials announced the schedule for the final pool on Thursday night after reaching a decision on the fourth team to be included in it.

Earlier Canada, United States and Switzerland were assured of places in the final series, but it was thought a playoff would be necessary between Germany and Czechoslovakia because each had a win, a tie and a loss in the semi-final pool. The Czechs were advanced to the finals, however, because of a better goal average than the Germans.

MEETS CZECHS

The Smoke Eaters from Trail, B.C., Canada's representatives in the tourney, will clash with the Czechs Saturday and the United States team Sunday in the final pool. Each of the other teams will play three games over the same period, from which two teams will be chosen to play for the title.

In games this afternoon besides the one in which Canada defeated the Reich, Switzerland eliminated Hungary 5-2 and the Czechs ousted Great Britain by a 2-0 score.

The puckchasers from the Third Reich were completely outclassed by the Canadian Allan Cup holders, defending the championship won by Sudbury Wolves last year and Kimberley Dynamiters the year before.

A crowd of 6,000 saw "Bunny" Dame open the scoring in the eighth minute of the first period on a pass from Joe Benoit. Mel Snowden added another goal two minutes later.

In the second period the Canadians scored five times. Ab Cronie started the parade with a solo effort in the first minute. He was followed by Dame in the seventh minute with another unassisted score. Mickey Brennen fed a pass to Johnny McCreedy for the third tally of the period, then McCreedy slipped one to Brennen for No. 4. Dame passed to Benoit for the seventh goal of the game in the 14th minute.

Trail kept laying it on in the last period. Dick Kowcinak scored on a pass from Brennen in the first minute. Two minutes later, Jimmy Morris crashed through for the final score.

ANTI-GERMAN OUTBREAKS

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The German team's participation in the world amateur ice hockey championship tournament now being held at Basle and Zurich, Switzerland, has occasioned anti-German demonstrations among the spectators, the official German news agency (D.N.B.) reported Thursday.

The crowd at the contests, D.N.B. said, has habitually made a show of enthusiasm toward players opposing Germans.

At Basle during the German-Finland match, D.N.B. said, a large number of spectators left the arena, uttering shouts of derision, when the German national hymn was played. D.N.B. also reported concerted whistling led by Swiss demonstrators during the German-British match.

Canadians Blank Swiss Team 7-0 in Tourney

Canadian Press

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—Canada and United States crashed safely through their opening games Friday in the final pool of the world amateur hockey championships.

Trail Smoke Eaters, gunning for the title won by Sudbury Wolves last year and Kimberley Dynamiters the year before, mowed down Switzerland 7-0. United States beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 in a battle decided after two overtime periods.

Smoke Eaters play the Czechs today, the Americans meet the Swiss. Sunday, Canada and United

States collide and the team with the best record among the four in the final pool will be declared champion.

Sixteen thousand watched the Canadian-Swiss encounter at Basle, while 3,000 attended the drawn-out American-Czech match at Zurich.

A solo rush by Joe Benoit in the fourth minute started the scoring for the Dominion. Ab Cronie added another on an individual play four minutes later, the first period ending with Canada ahead 2-0.

"Bunny" Dame bagged two, Cronie one, and Mel Snowden one to put Smoke Eaters six ahead in the second period. Mickey Brennen took a pass from Johnny McCreedy in the 10th minute of the third period to complete the scoring.

Smoke Eaters were in fine form. Their speed and brilliant team play were so impressive some spectators said they were the best team ever to represent Canada.

"Buck" Buchanan, the former North Battleford, Sask., player guarded the nets in place of "Duke" Scudallero, the Smoke Eaters regular goalkeeper.

In the other game, George (Pud) Quirk of Providence, R.I., scored the Americans' goal eight minutes after the start of the second extra stanza.

Trail Beats U.S. Sextet

Smoke Eaters Lift World Title With 4-0 Victory In Final of Tourney

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BASLE, Switzerland, Feb. 13.—Trail Smoke Eaters Sunday captured for Canada her third straight world amateur hockey championship by defeating the United States 4-0 in the final game of the tournament.

The Allan Cup champions from Trail, B.C., were defending the title won last year by Sudbury Wolves and by Kimberley Dynamiters the previous winter.

Joe Benoit scored two goals for the Canadians and "Bunny" Dame and Jimmy Morris added singletons.

Smoke Eaters were hot in the first period and, playing at a furious pace, collected three goals. After that the American defense tightened and the Canadians were able to tally only once more.

One of the smallest crowds of the tourney, about 1,000 watched the game.

In the seventh minute of the opening period, Dame and Benoit combined on a play which saw the latter whip a shot past Ed Maki of Marquette, Mich., the opposition goalie. The puck had hardly been faced off after the first score before Benoit was back again, plunging down centre ice. He fired a shot that didn't give Maki a chance.

HIGH PRESSURE HOCKEY

Canada was playing high pressure hockey, bombarding Maki from all angles. He made four great stops in rapid succession, but in the eighth minute Dame rapped in the period's third counter.

In the second period, play surged up and down the rink for almost 13 minutes before Morris scored on a combination play with Johnny McCreedy and Dick Kowcinak. Canada resumed its clever and aggressive combination play and repeatedly swarmed the United States goal. But the sorely pressed American defense battled magnificently and kept the score down to 1-0 for the period.

The strong United States defense and Maki, with his brilliant saves, prevailed in the third frame in which the Smoke Eaters were unable to score. The Canadians maintained a ceaseless attack, but could not find an opening.

Swiss critics watching the game said they had never seen a better team in Europe than the Smoke Eaters. The boys from Trail, B.C., displayed magnificent teamwork throughout the final match, and gave the United States no chance to assume the offensive.

The tournament was played on the pool system with 14 nations represented. They were Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, United States and Yugoslavia.

Canada, the United States, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia reached the final pool.

In the opening game of the final pool Friday, Canada beat Switzerland 7-0, while the United States defeated the Czechs 1-0 in two periods of overtime. Saturday, Smoke Eaters took the Czechs 4-0 and the Americans beat the Swiss 2-1.

Canada opened defense of the title with an 8-0 victory over The Netherlands. In their second game, the Canadians defeated Poland 4-0. Next victim was Great Britain, with the score 4-0. Then came Czechoslovakia, only team to score on the Smoke Eaters throughout the championships. Score was 2-1. Canada defeated Germany 9-0 to enter the final pool.

Before the tournament Trail played a 22-game exhibition series in The Netherlands, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Belgium. They won all games, scoring 147 goals to 17 by the opposition. In the world amateur championships, Canada scored 38 goals to one by the opposition.

The United States was runner-up in the tournament. Sunday Czechoslovakia and Switzerland played through a full game and an overtime period to a scoreless tie in a game for the European amateur title. The game will be replayed today.

Other teams finished in the following order, starting with fifth place: Germany, Poland, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy, Latvia, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Finland.

Lineups in the Canada-United States final:

Canada: Buchanan; Johnson, Snowden, Brennan, McCreedy, Kowcinak. Subs: Morris, Benoit, Cronie and Hayes.

United States: Maki; Van, Mag-nild; Soari, Bogue, Quirk. Subs: Malcy, Dandi and Nicholson.