

Imperials finish with *Feb/78* 12-3 win over Stingers

Norwich Imperials were in a scoring mood at Simcoe Friday evening, trouncing Simcoe Stingers 12-3, in their final game of the regular 30-game schedule. The decisive victory, in a contest that had to be replayed due to the recently lodged protest by Simcoe, left Norwich in fourth position, their first shot in the playoffs since entering Intermediate B hockey.

The Imperials gave notice they were out to get this one, jumping into a 3-0 lead in the opening period, carrying a scoring edge of 4-1 in the second 20 and then skating away with a 5-2 margin in the final. Turning in scoring duties for Norwich, when practically every man on the line-up collected points, had Dale Kaufman coming with his biggest game of the season, scoring four goals. Terry Warboys and line-mate Terry Fitzgerald were close behind, each with three, backed up by singles off the sticks of Art Cattryse and Joe Marsh.

Warboys

named MVP

Terry Warboys, right winger on the Norwich Imperials, has been named most valuable player of the Int. B Hockey Southern division. When all game sheets have been handed into the hands of scoring statistician Eddie O'Donnell of Simcoe, Warboys is the likely choice to be also leading scorer in his division and has been named on the second all-star team.

Pat Sprague, another right winger on the Imperials line-up and playing his initial season in Int. B hockey, has been named one of the forwards on the first all-star team. Art Cattryse, also of Norwich, has been named one of the defencemen on the second all-star team in the south division.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Imperials will now enter a best-of-five semi-final series with Delhi Leafs. This round should be a top attraction, as these clubs have been close all season.

Earning assists on the 12 markers, were Warboys, having a healthy night of point gathering, earning five, Steve Martin, also turning in a top performance of puck passing, collecting three; Marsh, Lambert, Schaafsma each had two, Bob Hall, Neil Palmer, Kaufman and Fitzgerald moved in for one.

The Simcoe snipers were Ross Misener, Bob Foster and Merv Minty. The latter collected two assists, Brian Clarke one.

There were 16 penalties served during the evening, 12 going to the Stingers. Their parade included a five-minute major to Bob Foster for fighting and a ten-minute misconduct to John Rodgers. The Norwich list included a five-minute major to Neil Palmer for fighting. Shots on goal, Imperials 46, Simcoe 42.

The winners brought both their net minders into action, Gord Reeves working the first two periods and Jim Palmer the final. Both looked sharp, Reeves allowing one in the second and Palmer two in the third, one of these a breakaway goal, giving him very little chance to make the save.

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Norwich Imperials

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The Norwich Imperials hockey club are into the final stretch of the hockey season, the playoffs. Back row L to R - Rick Talbot (Trainer), Lambert Schaafsma, Doug Zimmer, Colin Hutchinson, Pat Sprague, Bill Hall, Terry Warboys, Bob Hall, Terry Fitzgerald. Front row L to R - Noel Marreel (Manager), Gord Reeves, Steve Blakely, Neil Palmer, Art Cattryse, Dale Kaufman, Steve Martin, Joe Marsh, Jim Palmer, Ken Blackman (Coach). Absent are Paul Kookla, Stan Millard, Bert Stubbs, Dave Pick (Trainer).