

Porkies Within Three Quarters Point of Leadership

Esseltine is Hero of Porkies' 3-2 Victory Over Tekimas

Goalie Staves off Kirkland Sharpshooters as Team Short-handed in Final Period.

Kirkland Lake, Feb. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—"Hobe" Esseltine, who has played a lot of hockey, has the high spot of his goal-tending career to look back to from Saturday night when he scrambled, stabbed, kicked and kept out the three goals, at least, which Tekimas had on his club in the last period of play as South Porcupine Porkies won 3-2 with Tekimas to make the Gold Belt League a "horse race" once more.

The tender with the red pants was the bulwark on which a blazing Tek attack firing from close quarters foundered in the final frame. How he staved off the shots rained on him, particularly when his club was penalty-shortened, is something he can dream about.

In that last period when Porkies went in with a 1-0 lead, Esseltine, who has goalied for the late Gene Fraser's best Niagara Falls Cataracts, and played in that "international league" which included Buffalo, Syracuse and Hamilton, was deliverance for Porkies.

Sharing the honours with the custodian for the win which puts Porkies three-quarters of a point back of the leaders, was speeding Frank Huggins, who assisted on the first goal and banged in the third which proved the winner the way play went, and Horne who scored two.

Each Team Short

Both teams had to make last-minute switches in their line-ups. South End losing Haneberry, first-line winger, because of the death of his mother in South Porcupine and Tekimas going without Roy Fritz, smart right-wing side of their second line, when he was attacked on his way home early Saturday morning by three drunks who were waylaying those who took the short cut over Hudson Bay Park here, not with robbery as a motive, but just to fight.

"Buck" Thomas, the baseballer, was A' Huggin' choice for Haneberry's place and Hank Hill went on for Fritz. Rule infractions were rigidly checked by Gerry LaGrave and Jack Wilder who refereed the best game of the season, calling everything.

Cattarello did the first serious offensive act of the game when he slipped in on Freemark at the minute mark and was turned back. Porky power was put on full when two hunched penalties, to Coulter and Matte within 20 seconds of each other around the three-minute mark gave them the chance to do.

Woon's corner snipe was taken by Freemark for the most serious threat of the gang act and it was when both teams were full that Horne and Frank Huggins shuffled off to the goal scoring stand, the pass slipping out to side of a defence standing fast and giving Horne his opportunity to walk in for the goal.

Culliton kicked away a golden opportunity at the three-quarter mark of the period when he took Coulter's pass just after getting off the penalty bench. He went in and tried to slip it by Esseltine himself with Coulter all set for a sure goal back of him and Esseltine dragged out of position.

The game's minor casualties came in the opener when Doug Fritz's knee was skate-cut in a fall and Maki's cheek was laid open a bit. Both came back for the second frame.

Teks Gang Plenty

Teks ganged plenty with no result when Frank Huggins drew his first of three rests in the period. Then the Matte-Coulter double ride to the prison was repeated, with Coulter's rest coming for hooking Frank Huggins, a call on which Coach Freddy Penstone walked to the ice to dispute with Gerry LaGrave.

Porkies were sent back goalless from the penalty period and Tekis roared into full power when Huggins was waved again. Esseltine did the first of his remarkable work with stops on Campbell from a play made by Ronald. Flyers were living up to their name at this juncture with Campbell in super-speed once crashing the end of the rink when he couldn't turn.

"Knotted" Shoelace Helps

It was Porkies' turn when Swayze was waved for tripping Frank Huggins, who falls by habit when wood even kisses his steel, and Horne's close-in drive was the most dangerous product of the gang play. The heat was helped in cooling by Eddie Coulter's shoe lace which became knotted frightfully, knotted badly enough to take a moment for re-tying.

Frank Huggins started the third period in the penalty box and Esseltine rose to the heights as the period scoring read even for both teams, two apiece, and but for him would have been at least three goals to Tekis' advantage.

Hobe Gets a Hand

Even a partisan Kirkland Lake crowd had to give the "Hobe" a hand at the first of the period when he saved ticketed shots from Campbell and Swayze on Ronald's manoeuvre. When he turned back that gang attack the crowd clapped for a good minute.

Both teams were short, Doug Fritz for tripping, F. Huggins and Woon for bumping Matte, when Porkies went two up with blocky McKay, a defence laddy who imparts a certain grim intensity into his play, set sail with

chopping strokes and had a wingman flanking him on both sides. He elected to flip it to Horne as they coasted in on a defence which was on its own with wings far behind.

A minute later McKay rushed again and hit the post on his drive.

Tekimas got back in the game when they were down in numbers with Coulter penalized. Duffield took Campbell's pass for a drifter which found a chink in the Esseltine armor.

Frank Huggins Scores

Frank Huggins' stickwork was snaky, his wand almost bending with the magic he put to it as he handed the puck by Freemark with both teams at full strength and Ronalds just stepping off and Campbell coming on as they changed on the fly for Tekimas.

"Duffy" Duffield, who has been at his best in the northern meets Tekis have had so far this season, assisted on the goal which cut the gap as Swayze rammed it home.

At this stage Tekimas had four forwards and Coulter on in a desperate drive for pointers.

Tekimas Blaze Away

It didn't seem possible that Esseltine could keep up his work at 17 minutes when Cattarello was waved. Twice before in the period he'd turned back a sustained power drive that left him gasping and made it necessary for a wait till he gulped water at the Porky bench but he rose to the occasion again.

Notes of the game show that he saved from Ronald, Swayze, Ronald, Doug Fritz and Fritz all in the amount of time it takes to tell about them. Tekimas were fairly blazing. Even "Butts" Dunn's repeat of Eddie Coulter's lacing act didn't cool them out. It had to be Esseltine rising to the impossible or a loss for Porkies and the veteran tender was there to save it off till the bell.

The game might well be recorded in the "little red book" of hockey as: Esseltine 3, Tekimas 2. It was a heart-breaker to lose but it brought out the most phenomenal stopping of the year. South Porcupine—Goal, Esseltine; defence, McKay, Dunn; centre, F. Huggins; wings, Cattarello, Thomas; alternates, Nevins, Maki, Woon, Horne, L. Huggins.

Tekimas—Goal, Freemark; defence, Coulter, Matte; centre, D. Fritz; wings, Swayze, Campbell; alternates, Ronald, Hill, Duffield, Coquehoum, Culliton.

Referees: Gerry LaGrave, Kirkland Lake, and Jack Wilder, New Liskeard.

First Period

1. South Porcupine, Horne (F. Huggins) 9:00

Penalties: Coulter, Matte, F. Huggins, Culliton.

Second Period

2. S. Porcupine, Horne (McKay) 4:00

3. Tekimas, Duffield (Campbell) 7:00

4. S. Porcupine, F. Huggins 12:00

5. Tekimas, Swayze (Duffield) 12:29

Penalties: D. Fritz, Woon, Coulter, Cattarello.

Paid attendance: 600.

Best of Three Games to Decide Champions

N. O. H. A. Officials Try New System for Gold Belt-Nickel Belt Final Series.

Kirkland Lake, Feb. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—Final play for the N.O.H.A. senior championship between Gold Belt and Nickel Belt winners will be on a best-of-three basis, it was announced here Saturday by Bill Thompson, of North Bay, secretary of the association, as he confirmed reports from North Bay and Sudbury that the old two games, goals to count basis of bringing out a champion would be discarded this season.

There had been criticism from Sudbury. Mr. Thompson admitted, criticism in which he was charged with attempting to swing a third game for North Bay's new rink, but the N.O.H.A. executive is satisfied that games is the fairest way to decide a winner and this year for the first time the opportunity presents itself because there are only two leagues operating in senior.

"Other years," Mr. Thompson said, "there have been separate entries, bye teams, from the Haileybury-Liskeard-Cobalt section, from Kapuskasing or from the Soo, in addition to the two groups."

"We didn't have time to play anything more than regulation group finals and a two-game championship series."

The new method will give a team which has a bad night a chance to recover, was the explanation of Lorne Miller, of Noranda, president of the N.O.H.A. who pointed to examples of recent years where a one-sided round score stands in the records on the meet of two evenly-matched teams because one of them has a poor night.

In the Gold Belt final series, both officials said, the old system of a goals-to-count series will be the basis of decision.

Leading Teams Lose in Bankers League

Commerce and Montreal-Dominion Win Thursday Night Bowling Games.

Both leading teams in the Bankers bowling league lost on Thursday night by the same margin, giving the two others a better chance to climb into play-off positions. Commerce is now only two points behind Nova Scotia, while Imperial still leads Nova Scotia by three points. Montreal-Dominion still needs two big wins to replace any other team in the standing.

| Nova Scotia | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Haynes | 89 | 109 | 203 461 |
| McLean | 173 | 205 | 134 514 |
| Shepherd | 193 | 144 | 234 571 |
| Johnston | 145 | 211 | 160 516 |
| Grant | 192 | 248 | 215 655 |
| Totals | 794 | 977 | 946 2717 |

| Commerce | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| Robinson | 142 | 174 | 239 555 |
| Bird | 148 | 204 | 140 492 |
| King | 160 | 146 | 141 447 |
| Brown | 156 | 205 | 158 519 |
| Bruce | 244 | 256 | 221 721 |
| Totals | 850 | 985 | 899 2734 |

| Imperial | | | |
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| McGuire | 147 | 152 | 196 495 |
| Burgess | 144 | 216 | 104 464 |
| Ritzel | 184 | 200 | 203 587 |
| Clark | 187 | 205 | 240 633 |
| Houle | 238 | 264 | 150 653 |
| Totals | 900 | 1037 | 893 2830 |

| Montreal-Dominion | | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|----------|
| White | 167 | 209 | 253 629 |
| Ramsay | 121 | 191 | 178 490 |
| Watson | 273 | 246 | 186 705 |
| Langs | 146 | 179 | 187 512 |
| Brien | 121 | 242 | 186 599 |
| Totals | 878 | 1067 | 990 2935 |

Imperial 1—Mont-Dom. 3
Six Highest Averages: D. Houle 219.1; T. Bruce 218.6; W. Clark 207; H. Shepherd 206; G. Johnston 197; G. Robertson 189.

Weekly Prizes: T. Bruce 721; J. Watson 705.

Standing of Teams

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| Imperials | 17 |
| Nova Scotia | 14 |
| Commerce | 12 |
| Montreal-Dominion | 5 |

Strong Endorsation of the T. P. A. A.

Executive Director of Community Welfare Council Gives High Praise to Timmins Police.

"Nothing finer that I have seen has occurred in any community," says Gilbert Agar, executive director of the Community Welfare Council, writing to Constable John Downey about the Timmins Police Amateur Athletic Association. The Council he represents is an affiliation of 26 province-wide service clubs and other organizations.

The eyes of the whole continent have been turned on Timmins in the past few weeks as service clubs and police forces of other communities watch with amazement the progress being made here with the town-wide T.P.A.A.A. Looked upon by many as the solution to the juvenile delinquency problem, the Timmins experiment will likely be emulated not only in other Canadian cities but in the United States as well.

Known From Coast to Coast

Recent publication of the plan of organization and the aims of the T.P.A.A.A. in the Canadian police magazine, quoting articles from The Porcupine Advance, focused the attention of Canadian police from coast to coast on the movement. The effect of throwing the association open for membership to every boy and girl in Timmins so that they may have the opportunity of taking part in all kinds of organized sport, and at the same time encourage a co-operation between the young people of the town and the police, is being carefully watched.

"Boys Inherently Good"

One of the finest tributes from Ontario people is Mr. Agar's letter. He also remarks: "You are to be congratulated, not only because of the success the story indicates but because of the spirit that was shown in approaching the boys in that way."

"Boys are inherently good. Someone has said there is no such thing as a 'bad' boy. You have helped to prove the truth of that statement."

"For the boys to feel that you and your associates on the police force are their friends is a great achievement. Wishing you continued success and with every good wish."

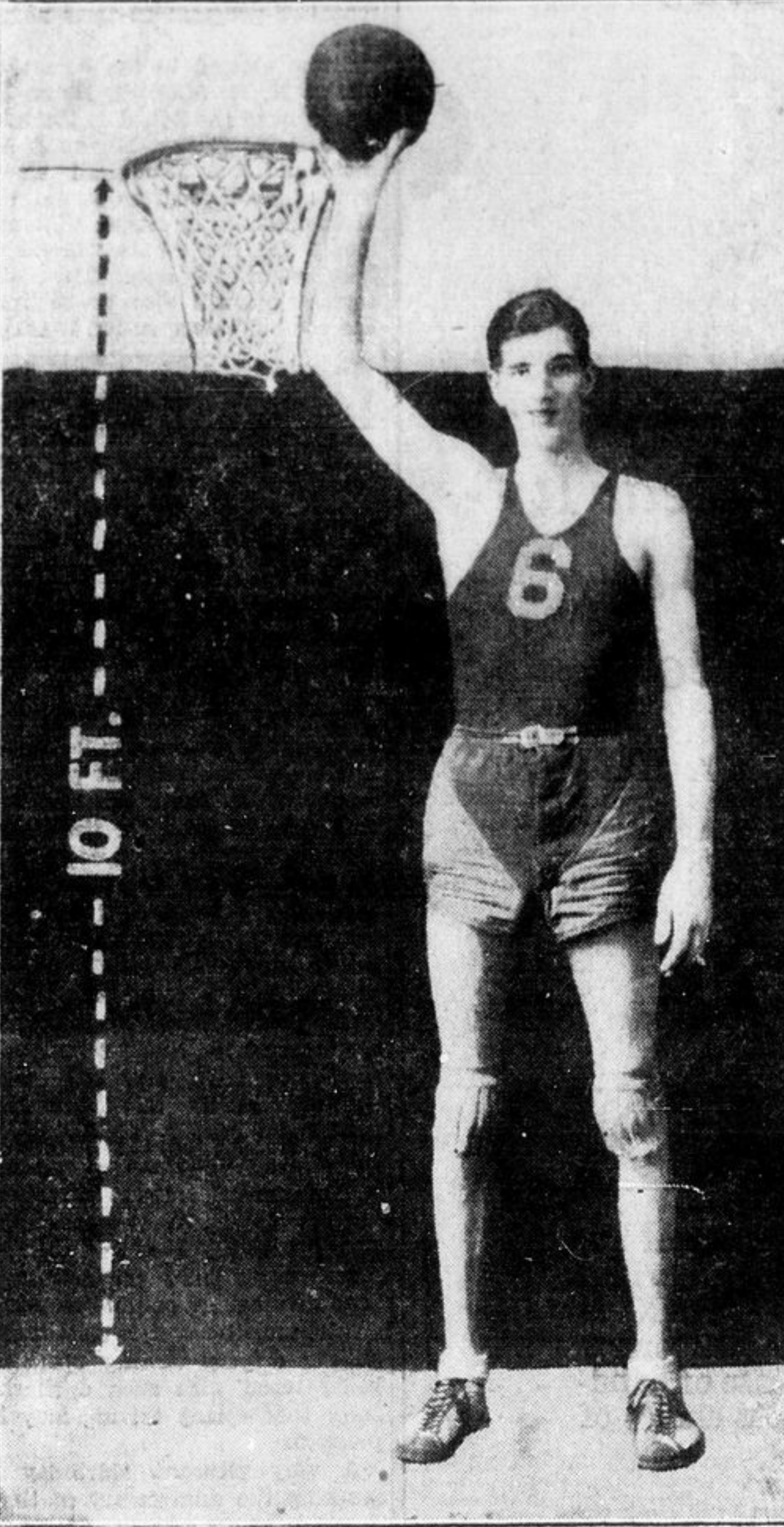
Very truly yours,

GILBERT AGAR,
Executive Director.

Compliments Timmins on Way Bonspiel was Handled

In the course of its very complete report last week of the recent T. & N. O. Curling Bonspiel held at Timmins, The New Liskeard Speaker says: "The bonspiel was very well managed by the Timmins committees, special credit being due the men who so carefully looked after the bus service which carried the various rinks to and from the curling rinks at South Porcupine and Dome Mines. Indeed, the Timmins boys made perfect hosts, the result being a most enjoyable spiel, carried through without a hitch."

NO ON STILTS: HE'S CANADA'S TALLEST



No, he's not on stilts. He is Canada's tallest basketball player who stands seven feet three inches in height. His name might be "Skeleton" but in reality it is Harry Shelton. He plays for the Kelly A. C. of Hamilton, Ont. Most players have to jump for the basket, but not so with him. He practically has to stoop over to reach it.

Porcupine Red Wings Win 5-2 Over Timmins High School

Friday Night Game Shows Plenty of Future Junior N. O. H. A. Material for Two District Teams.

Porcupine Red Wings juvenile team showed their ability to keep in the win column despite soft ice when they held the lead all the way through in Friday night's exhibition game with Timmins High School.

Not until the third period were the Timmins boys able to break through the Porcupine defence consistently enough to score and when they did start to score, they had a disadvantage of four goals. They were able to tally twice before the game ended, leaving the result 5-2 for the visitors.

Up until the Friday game, neither team had been defeated. Red Wings playing in the district juvenile league, and High School in the Timmins Kiwanis senior league.

Good Combination

One of the forward lines tried out by Red Wings during the evening—Andrews, Pecore and Doran—will probably be heard from on a Porcupine junior team a year or so hence. They made by far the best combination on the ice.

During the first period, the teams appeared to be well matched. Not until more than half the period had passed was Andrews able to get through the Timmins defence to score. In the second period, despite power

Dunn Loosens Up



JACKIE DUNN of England, world's free style figure skating champion, steps it up as he practises his jumps and whisls for winter competitions in United States and Canada. Dunn recently made his debut in motion pictures.

Grivel, Lake Shore, Scores in Final Minute to Beat Porkies

"Standing Room Only" in Penalty Box During Wild Third Period of Friday Game at Kirkland Lake.

Kirkland Lake, Feb. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—Shifty, side-stepping Ken Grivel, the "Gravel" of Blue Devils "Toronto line," did the deliverance act here Friday night to practically assure Lake Shore of final first place in the standing when his goal in the last minute of play made the difference in a 3-2 win over South Porcupine Porkies who had monopolized the second period of play.

Porkies, led by Frank Huggins, their centre-spot speedball, made a gallant bid to take a contender's position for the playoffs for their game the next night with Tekimas and it was one of those "close as that" games, great to win, tough to lose.

A close clutch of leech-like propensities had rail seaters pop-eyed in the third period when Teddy Olliver and "Butts" Dunn clinched after Dunn cracked down on Olliver's neck with his stick following a bumping passage at both ends in which Dunn took the worst of it.

Referees had their hands full separating others in combative mood. John Crawford, who moves twice as fast to a good fight and Carlo Cattarello were the others. Olliver and Dunn got in some serious close work before city police came on the ice and helped quieten the savage passions, a taming which was helped when Olliver and Dunn were waved off for majors and Cattarello and Crawford drew ordinary rests.

S.R.O. in Penalty Box

It was even worse than "standing room only" in the penalty box a moment later when Nevins was waved for tripping and to make room for the latest penitent, his rest saw the delayed penalty rule go into effect. Crawford and Cattarello sat on the roof of the box.

There was another mix-up when Cattarello hopped back on the ice before Horne, the substitution allowed while Nevins cooled his heels in the box waiting his penalty time's start, got out of the play. Roof-sitting became the mode again when McKay drew a delayed penalty while both Dunn and Nevins of his team were serving time.

The Dunn-Olliver fistcuffs followed a hotly-disputed goal try by Lake Shore on which the South Porcupine goal judge refused to flash the crimson light. It was Crawford's shot Esseltine caught. He did not flop out it seemed, but back into the net, carrying the puck with him. It looked like a goal but it wasn't called. Armstrong laid the pass in there for Crawford and Milton took a try-over rap at the puck when no light went on, a procedure which irked the red-panted Esseltine into threatening posture but nothing came of it.

There was a cessation of play in the first frame as "Red" Glover and Assistant Amesbury went out with ice-bits to re-set the Porky net to the accomplishment of such helpful advice as: "get a plumber... don't mind drilling, just blast."

Snapped at Chances

The pattern the game was to follow was laid down at two minutes when a Blue bulwark moved into the Porky defensive zone for a net face-off resulting from a jam against the boards after Olliver swept in. The all-up manoeuvre didn't gain anything but it set the style.

Cattarello missed a glorious chance at four minutes when he went on bended knee it seemed by the net on the tag end of a nice play started by Frank Huggins, whose unerring checking broke him loose for a lot of attacks. Cattarello couldn't get his stick around for a backhand on Durnan as he coasted by.

Dunn made Durnan kick quickly to save from close in and Esseltine matched the goalling gilt-edge when he came away out to beat Olliver to the long pass through the defence.

Maki was penalized and bumped his head going into the box, a rap which affected his play the rest of the period.

Olliver started the first goal when he accepted Mitchell's tap outside the blue line, laced one back of the net and stood by the crease as Grivel got it out. Olliver shoved it by Esseltine's elbow and the Porky goal tend who was just about down then gently slid to bottom-down on the ice.

"Red" Wright made a smart play to Lamoureux but the shot was wide as was Chipman's drive on Armstrong's service. Durnan took Lyn Huggins' rising shot from close in safely and Wright went right through on a weaving rush and went by still carrying.

Chipman dented the net side on Milton's pass and Cattarello got his stick to a pass before Mitchell on the firing step. Frank Huggins was doing double duty for Porkies, centring his own line and playing rearguard when the others came on in the visitors' desperate goal hunt.

Johnny Crawford did the magnificent, although it went goalless, when he went straight as a string on the season's nicest rush right to the goal and hit the post.

Porkies Change Often

Al Huggins was master-minding at white heat in the middle session as he switched his lines almost on the bells with brother Frank staying on, a manoeuvre which bore first goal fruit. The power play roared full when Grivel drew a rest but Durnan clear-

ed and his mates protected him with leech-like checking as Porkies snap-shot, golfed and kicked the puck in tries.

"Red" Wright was off for bumping down Frank Huggins with a hop, skip and jump to the blue line where Huggins last had the puck when Porkies first goal came.

An attempt at a clear came out to Huggins about five feet inside Lake Shore's blue line as the power was on again and Durnan's view was blocked by shuffling players on the shot although it's doubtful if he could have taken it anyhow. It smoked in its course to the off corner, well up.

Durnan lost his stick in the shuffle a moment later when Haneberry missed a grand chance with the short-handed condition prevailing.

Porkies reverted to normal defence-forward alignment when teams were at tops again. It was about then Crawford really banged the incoming forwards with body blocks which punished but were fair.

F. Huggins' weak shot spoiled a great chance. Wilkes just went by the side at about three-quarter time as Lake Shore seconds outplayed the visiting top line.

Nevins, the lad with the hair, put Porkies in the lead with a nice finish which was helped when Olliver and Dunn were waved off for majors and Cattarello and Crawford drew ordinary rests.

Hard Cross Checks

Til for tat in cross checking drew the same medicine for Dunn and Chipman to start the final frame. Armstrong got lots of up on his shot to hit the rafters and barely missed the puck on the head as he skidded into the defensive zone for downbound, so to speak.

Grivel and Olliver showed hockey at its highest when they hustled in with three passes inside the blue line so fast that the puck-following Esseltine must have felt the need of a new neck swivel. He had no chance on Grivel's drive.

It wasn't so long after that they had the disputed goal and the mob scene.

Overtime seemed sure when both teams got back at full strength, then Nevins missed the net on a nice chance at 17 minutes and the clock hands wavered on the final minute. It was the sign for Grivel and he took ar. Olliver pass outside the blue line, went in, shifted to sprawl Esseltine and rap home the puck that paid in points.

The play after that was distinguished by Frank Huggins' manoeuvre of whistling speed to carry muck over the blue line just back of a puck shot from a centre-ice face-off. It was fairly quick, but it didn't work.

Gaps in the rush end cut down the gate from the sell-out expected. All the side reservations were filled but the standees in "the gods" were only at half strength.

Lake Shore: goal, Durnan; defence, Crawford, Milton; centre, Olliver; wings, Grivel, Mitchell; alternates, Wright, Lamoureux, Wilkes, Chipman, Armstrong.

South Porcupine: goal, Esseltine; defence, McKay, Dunn; centre, F. Huggins; wings, Cattarello, Haneberry; alternates, Woon, Nevins, Maki, Horne, L. Huggins.

Referees: George LaGrave, Kirkland Lake, and Jack Wilder, New Liskeard.

First Period

1. L. Shore: Olliver (Grivel), 11:00

Penalties: Grivel, Maki.

Second Period

2. S. Porcupine: F. Huggins, 10:00.

3. S. Porcupine: Nevins (Maki), 18:00.

Penalties: F. Huggins, Grivel, Wright.

Third Period

4. L. Shore: Grivel (Olliver) 8:00.

5. L. Shore: Grivel, 19:00.

Penalties: Chipman, Dunn, Cattarello, Crawford, Olliver (major), Dunn (major), Nevins, McKay, Grivel.

Paid attendance: 858.

Fitchett Wins Grand Aggregate at Sudbury

E. A. Fitchett, Sudbury curling skip, won the grand aggregate at the Northern Ontario Curling Association bonspiel held at Sudbury last week, it is reported from there.

He, with A. T. Grieve, A. H. Cooper and A. S. Cooper as the other members of the rink, will meet Emmett Smith's Haileybury rink at North Bay