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## BROCKVILLE INTERMEDIATES WON OPENING LOCAL GROUP GAME 5-3

### Renewed Vigorous Attack by Kingston Squad in Last Period Failed to Pull the Game Out of the Fire—Kingston Team Lacked Defensive Strength to Come Through Last Night—Higgins, Brockville Star, Given Lively Passage by Fans—Bellringer Suffered Slightly Broken Nose.

Despite the fact that they staged a burning attack for the major portion of the last period in an attempt to tie the score or win out, the Kingston intermediates were defeated in the opening local intermediate O.H.A. game at the Harty Arena on Friday night before a crowd of about 2,000 excited fans by the score of 5-3. It was a game on which there were many opinions, some favorable, some otherwise but it can be safely said that the last period of the game made up for many of the misplays that occurred all the way and the hopes of the local fans that their team would emerge victorious rose to great heights until the fifth and last Brockville goal was scored, when the castles tumbled down and the defeat of the locals was assured.

It was a splendid opportunity for the Kingston fans to size up their representatives and see what material there is to represent Kingston in the intermediate series this season, as the team stands, and it was generally conceded that the locals need much more defensive strength than they have at the present time if they hope to come through and win the championship of this section of No. 1 group. There is little fault to find with the attacking force of the game. "Joe" Smith, Bellringer and "Chummy" Lawlor form a strong trio and Eddie Watts, too, can take his place on the forward line but the local defence works will have to be jacked up some way or another.

Rooney is a good player but evidently needs somebody with him of the style of Roy Reynolds. The big fellow is missed this season and there are many fans who were wishing hard that the big fellow had been out there playing for the Kingston squad. Lough is a hard worker and willing but last night did not seem to have the speed that should be forthcoming. Johnston, who was used for relief duty, did not strike very impressively but may come along better. Taken all through, the Kingston team, with a little strengthening should be able to stand up with the best team in the group and it is to be hoped that something will be done to remedy the weaknesses that now exist.

As for the game itself, the play at the start was rather confused, owing to the fact that it was the first appearance of the players and they were perhaps a little nervous. The first period was certainly not productive of very much good hockey, but in the second period the players showed a little more confidence and improved as they went along and in the last period they really hit their stride.

### Brockville Team Strong.

Let it be here said that the Brockville team was under-rated. The Brockville intermediates, composed largely of veteran players, is no mean aggregation and they should be able to keep things humming in this section. The Brockville juniors may have the following in the Island City but the intermediate squad is a real one and by their play last night showed that they are a strong defensive team. Their goalie, Murray, saved their game many times. Especially was this true in the last period when Joe Smith, Bellringer, Lawlor and Rooney took healthy shots at him, to say nothing of the close in work of Watts and the occasional rushes of Lough. Murray is a real net guardian and stood out prominently on the Brockville lineup last night.

The Brockville team won, not so much of their superior attacking ability, for there is a great deal of doubt as to whether their attacks were more formidable than Kingston's, but largely through the weakness of the defensive of the locals. There is no intention to knock the players or criticize them for losing. That is far from the idea. Facts are facts and Kingston's defence must be tightened up. The Brockville team scored nearly all their goals by either drawing the defence away to the side and passing back or by skirting right around them to gain easy admission to the domain of the Kingston net guardian who was left to the mercy of the Brockville attackers many times.

Despite their loss, the Kingston players need not be ashamed. They put up a hard battle and gave their best and there is no one taking any credit away from them for the fight they put up. Had they started their attack a little earlier the result would no doubt have been different for it was plain to be seen in the last period that the visitors were beaten back. This was shown when they were forced to shoot the puck the length of the ice to keep the Kingston players at bay. Even at that, though, the play did not confuse the locals as was intended. The visitors played into the hands of the Kingston team, if anything, and gave them open field for their combination attacks which were as pretty to watch as they were exciting.

### Combination Broken Down.

The combination of the local

squad was not up to the mark as the first few minutes of play progressed but after the first few dashes, they settled into team work more and the fans were treated to some pretty backed down but there was always that hard man to pass, Murray, the Brockville goal-tender. He stopped them from all angles, got in the way of many shots that were labelled for goals and in general made himself the bulwark of the Brockville team. Time after time Lawlor, Bellringer and Smith combined prettily, only to be turned back to try again.

The Kingston forwards were not to be denied, however, and when their attacks were broken up, they back-checked the puck-carrier and repeatedly turned the tide in the opposite direction. This was particularly noticeable in Lawlor's play. He got back fast after he had been checked and some of his best work was in his back-checks which were sore touches to the visitors.

### Higgins, "In Dutch."

Higgins, the Brockville wing star, as far as hockey went, was outstanding but unfortunately he marred his play by unnecessary apparent rough tactics. Higgins did not control himself and made several trips to the bench. In justice to this player, however, he was not wholly responsible for the accident to Bellringer. It was Higgins' stick that broke Bellringer's nose all right but the visiting player certainly did not strike Bellringer intentionally. He received a two minute penalty though just why he did is something of a mystery. Either he should have received a five-minute penalty or none at all. If it was an accident and could not be avoided, then Higgins was not due for any penalty at all but if the official in charge ruled it as intentional or deserving of a penalty, then the penalty should have been much longer than two minutes. If the two minute penalty was given just to satisfy the crowd, who at the time thought it was intentional, the penalty was unjust for the crowd does not enter into the matter at all—at least should not.

Bellringer and Higgins kept up a continual fire all night and there was something doing every minute. The fans were death on the Brockville veteran and yelled for his scalp and booed and hissed him very strongly. While Higgins certainly did have the appearance of looking for trouble, the referee was there to handle matter and it was not up to people behind the penalty box to go after the player the way they did.

The first period was not productive of the best hockey for the reason that the players were perhaps a little high strung at the start and could not get their bearings but they gave indications of settling down towards the end of the period and they then began to play a better brand of the game. Kingston hit into hard luck right off the bat and raced in on Murray repeatedly but they were unable to get anything past him for about ten minutes. The locals then sent a whizzer past him but it was called back for being offside.

### Brockville Score First.

Brockville were the first to score, the first tally coming as a result of weak defensive work by the local team. Garand glided down the ice passing the Kingston players by a series of short pokes, right through the defence and then he beat Rogers to the far corner of the net. The Kingston team settled in a little harder and forced the Brockville team back into their own blue line where they held them and refused to let them out. The attacks were without finish on either side, however, and both teams took hands at rushes from end to end. The locals took command and in working the puck from a scramble near the nets, the puck went to Lough who slammed in the first Kingston goal.

A rather novel thing occurred in the first period when a Brockville player, rushing down towards the Kingston goal, took a healthy shot putting the puck high over the wire and smashing through a window at the top of the tiers in the rush end. Brockville again assumed the offensive and rushed repeatedly while they were bent on breaking up the attacks of the locals. Christopher and Lorraine went down together, getting in the local forwards rather easily. Christopher shot and Lorraine tore in after the puck and slammed in the rebound for the second Brockville goal.

Lawlor opened the count a little later on one of the prettiest plays of the night. After carrying the puck down the ice, Joe Smith let it get away from him and the puck glided ahead of him. As a Brockville defence man went to take the puck in charge, Lawlor lifted his stick and put a wrist shot into execution that resulted in the puck getting by Murray, who did not have a chance to see it coming. It was a bit of quick work and well handled.

Higgins, who had been carrying on more or less pugnaciously came

more into prominence in the second period. He was skating back to the Brockville defence and Bellringer was attempting to check him. Nobody seemed to be able to give an accurate account of the accident first-hand but apparently Bellringer was bearing down on Higgins' stick and when the former released his pressure, Higgins' stick came up and struck Bellringer on the nose, slightly fracturing the member. Higgins got two minutes. He was accorded a noisy reception by the fans and was booed and hissed without reserve. Behind the penalty box were some fans who caused a little excitement by passing their remarks to the penalized player and it required the interference of the referee and the Kingston coach to restore order.

Saunderook registered the next Brockville goal on a pretty rush to the defence but there he was forced to the corner. In the mixup there, Saunderook took a chance shot out to the front of the Kingston net. There wasn't a Brockville player there but the puck struck Lough's skate and glided into the net. Brockville 3, Kingston 2.

### Two on the Bench.

Rooney was benched when he body-checked an attacker behind his own forty foot line. The body-check was given with the hip by Rooney while standing almost still but he was ruled off. Joe Smith later joined Rooney on the sidelines. With two star players off, the lot of the local crew was harder and Brockville forged ahead in their attacks and kept the remainder of the Kingston team on a wild tear but there was no damage done before Rooney returned to the game. Christopher and Frego combined on a pretty piece of work the latter sending through the last Brockville goal of the second period.

Eddie Watts startled the fans by a neat rush from his own defence to Brockville defence where he shot. The puck was between Murray's pads and Watts went in and shoved the rubber into the net but the goal was disallowed and the puck faced off at the goal mouth. Murray again interferred and again the puck was faced off in the goal mouth but Brockville were able to get the rubber out of the danger zone before anything dangerous happened.

### Some Real Fast Work.

The last period was where the excitement name in. The Kingston crew were right in fine fettle and from the very first carried the attack to the Brockville end of the rink. They combined prettily and the individual work of Rooney, Smith, Bellringer and Lawlor was also outstanding. The crowd was thrown into high excitement and there was every indication that the visitors would yet be beaten out. Play hovered around the Brockville end of the rink and the local forwards back-checked like fends and had the Brockville team somewhat disorganized. Some wonderful

## LOCAL JUNIOR TEAM DEFEATED BROCKVILLE LAST NIGHT BY 3-2

### "Bud" MacPherson Scored Two Goals and Played a Star Game Tougher in Kingston Nets Gave Wonderful Exhibition and Held Brockville Attackers Back—Local Defence Turned in Great Work—Result a Big Surprise to Brockville Fans.

Brockville, Jan. 9.—In the hardest fought battle seen on a Brockville rink in many a year Kingston defeated Brockville 3 goals to 2 here Friday night in the local opening of the junior O.H.A. series. The defeat of the locals was due largely to the work of Taucher in the Kingston goal who gave the most finished performance imaginable and stopped six shots directed at him to one that came McMahon's way in the Brockville goal.

The local line outplayed Kingston throughout the greater part of the game but were unlucky in their shooting at the start, while Kingston flopped two goals in the first period off the pads of the local goalie who played against Lady Luck. MacPherson got the first goal for Kingston twelve minutes after the start when the puck dropped in off the side of McMahon's pads and seven minutes later, Reid broke through the Brockville defence for the visitors second counter, the score coming just before the period ended.

Kingston used their subs. to the best advantage in the second period and Brockville skated uselessly for chances for goals were lost either on weak shots or misplaced passes.

The locals were rewarded with a goal for their hard work on one of the best plays of the night. Smith secured the puck from Lawlor, who did some good work to get it over to Smith and the latter sent a long pass over to Bellringer who was camped in front of the open net. The Brockville goalie was taken completely by surprise. It was the nearest goal scored in the whole game and was well deserved.

With the score 4-3 against them, the Kingston players worked their hardest and put fear into the hearts of the Brockville warriors who hung out the "Safety First" sign and sent the puck down the ice in the hope of keeping the invaders at bay but they missed out on their judgment and were bombarded with attacks that came fast and often and were getting too dangerous to be comfortable.

Saunderook uncorked a sensational rush and carried the rubber from his own defence, down past the Kingston forwards and on through the defence to slip the puck by Rogers after a short hesitation. The Kingston players were grouped in front of Rogers when Saunderook shot and the Kingston goalie had little chance to save. The Kingston team kept up the attack but it was

the first ten minutes. Then Kennedy broke away on a solo flight which gave Brockville their first goal and the fans a chance to root their heads off. MacPherson landed another off his own rebound and the period ended with Kingston still two goals up. Brockville carried the attack time and time again to the Kingston defence only to have Taucher turn the puck aside until in the last half minute of play when Kennedy scored the last goal for Brockville. Harold Farlow, Toronto, was the referee and kept full control of the game which was cleanly fought out.

The teams were as follows:

BROCKVILLE.		KINGSTON.	
Taucher	Goal.	McMahon	Goal.
Smith	Defence.	Shorey	Defence.
McKelvey	Centre.	Woodcock	Centre.
Reid	Wings.	Walsh	Wings.
Harley	Subs.	Kennedy	Subs.
Patterson		McLarue	
MacPherson		Garand	
Gourlay		Levia	

The teams were as follows:

BROCKVILLE.		KINGSTON.	
Murray	Goal.	Rogers	Goal.
Saunderook	Defence.	Rooney	Defence.
Sheridan	Centre.	Lough	Centre.
Lorraine	Wings.	Lawlor	Wings.
Frego	Subs.	Smith	Subs.
Higgins		Bellringer	
Garand		Johnston	
Christopher		Watts	
Referee—Herb Mathews, Toronto.			

**BELLEVILLE WON.**

The Belleville Maroons took their first game from Trenton at Trenton last night by the score of 5-3. The Trenton team, though beaten, put up a stubborn defence and gave the Thomas team a great battle. Belleville meets Brockville at Belleville on Monday night while Kingston plays at Trenton.

## SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

Last night's turnout was a big one for the opening game. The fans were greatly interested to see what Kingston had to offer for the intermediate series and had their first chance to look the boys over.

Referee Herb Mathews of Toronto did not make any too big a hit with the local crowd. Many of them were of the opinion that he allowed too much offside work on both sides and did not check up the rough play closely enough.

The victory of the Kingston Juniors at Brockville last night was welcome news after the defeat here. The youngsters were travelling at a merry old pace to trim the speedy Brockville team right in their own rink.

"Bud" MacPherson and Howard Reid were the shining stars of the local junior team at Brockville last night, along with Taucher, the Kingston goal-tender.

Fans who attend the games should remember that they do not pay for the privilege of expressing their opinions of players sent to the penalty bench, to the penalized players. A demonstration of the kind that occurred last night when Higgins was ruled off after Bellringer was struck, might have caused serious trouble. No fan has any privilege to abuse players, no matter what the offence is. The referee is there to handle that part of the act.

The work of "Chummy" Lawlor was particularly outstanding on the local team last night. He worked better than he has shown thus far and bids fair to have a big season.

The British Whig answered many inquiries about the score of the game at Brockville last night. In passing it might be mentioned that the majority of those who called up for the score were women.

Evidently there is no love lost between the junior and intermediate factions down in Brockville. There is certainly no harmony between the two at the present time. The intermediates complain that the juniors are the whole thing in Brockville and the intermediates are looked upon as almost necessary evils.

The Brockville fans may be glad to get behind the intermediate team before the season is over. Kingston juniors should be able to push the Brockville juniors off the map after making such a good start. With two games to play in Kingston, the prospects of the local kids coming through look pretty bright right now.

The County Hockey League was scheduled to meet this afternoon for the purpose of drawing the schedule for the season. Indications are that the interest in County Hockey this year will surpass that of many previous years.

A little negro phrase that is worth while remembering. "You niver gits no hittin' till yo' head's above de line."

Sport is sport only and other things should be kept out of it. Very few want anything else but sport in sport. It would be well for those who pretend to be interested in sport to remember that.

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More About It.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—An echo of the Russell-Boucher case, when Ernie Russell, goal umpire at all professional hockey matches played at the Forum, was attacked by a player and spectator, when the latter thought a goal was scored, which was not allowed, was heard on Thursday, when Orville S. Tyndale of the law firm of Brown, Montgomery and McMichael was instructed to lay a charge of assault against Georges Monard, a spectator at the Montreal-Canadiens game, by Albert Villeneuve, usher at the Forum, the charge being laid by him on behalf of the Canadian Arena Company, which means the Forum people.

Mr. Tyndale announced that the charge had been laid and was returnable Tuesday next, when a summons probably would be issued.

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