

SPORTING NEWS

Portland Team Won First Of Stanley Cup Matches

Score at Montreal Was 2 to 0--Canadiens Failed To Get Going--Portland Rosebuds Are the Old Westminister Team--Composed of Canadian Professional Hockey Players.

Montreal, March 20--By a score of two to nothing, the Portland, winners of the Pacific Coast hockey championship, defeated the Canadiens, winners of the N.H.A. championship in the first of a series of games for the Canadian championship tonight at the Montreal Arena.

The Portland team is the old Westminister team of New Westminister, B.C., transferred to Portland, Ore., on account of financial trouble. Sketches of the players follow:

Eddie Oatman.

Eddie Oatman, captain of the team, is twenty-six years of age, and was born at Hallsburg, Ontario. He has played all of the forward positions on the team and is known as one of the steadiest, brainiest and best all-around players in the game today. Eddie is not spectacular, but never has an off night and isn't given as much recognition as some of the other men by the fans because he is always striving for team play rather than individual work, which is more flashy, but often doesn't get results.

Tommy Murray.

Tommy Murray, goal tender, is the youngest man on the team. He is twenty-one and was born in Michigan. This is his first year in professional hockey, he having learned the game at Winnipeg, where he played amateur hockey before joining the Monarchs, who won the amateur world's championship last season. Murray gives promise of becoming a star, with a little more experience. He is now rated as the second best goal tender in the league, and has improved a great deal since he came to Portland. Nothing rattles the youngster and Manager Savage believes he will be a wonder next year.

Del Irvine.

Del Irvine, left defence, came from the Monarchs also, and is playing

his first year in professional hockey. He is twenty-four years of age, was born in Manitoba and played there with the amateurs, having been with the Monarchs for two years. Last season he hurt his hip and was out of the game, but is all right now. Irvine has a wonderful poke check, has the longest reach of any defence player in the league and always backs up his goal tender, never leaving him unprotected, a fault, quite common with other defence men.

"Moose" Johnson

Ernie ("Moose") Johnson, favorite with the fans, is the largest man on the team. Ernie plays right defence. He is thirty-one years of age and was born at Montreal, where he played with the Wanderers, which won the Stanley Cup two years in succession. He came to the coast in 1911 and was with Westminister until the team was transferred to Portland last season. Johnson is one of the greatest defence players in the country. He is always picked on every coast all-star team. Johnson is a wonder at carrying the puck down the ice and while handicapped in his stick handling by the loss of two fingers, he is regarded as better than the average shot.

"Smoky" Harris

Fred ("Smoky") Harris is looked on as one of the best left wings in major league hockey. Fred is twenty-six years old and was born in Kenora, Ontario. He broke in with the Kenora Thistles, who played and won the Stanley Cup before it was put up for competition between East and West. In 1912 Harris came to Vancouver and remained here until last year, when he was traded to Portland for Mallen. Portland has the choice of Neighbor or Harris and chose the latter. Harris has the reputation of being one of the roughest players in the league. He is aggressive,

a hard checker and is always in the game to win. At least part of his reputation is unjustified, as he plays the game for all he is worth, entirely disregarding the risk of personal injury.

Charlie Tobin

Charlie Tobin, right wing on the team, is twenty-six years of age and was born at Winnipeg, where he played with the Monarchs for two years. He was with Westminister team for two years before coming here when the team was transferred. Although he broke in as a forward, lack of a good defence man forced him to play this position for three years and it was only when Irvine was secured that he could go back to the forward line. Speedy as a streak of lightning, Tobin has proved one of the sensations of the season. He is one of the leading scorers of the league and is looked on as one of the main stays of the team.

Tommy Dunderdale.

Tommy Dunderdale was born in Australia twenty-seven years ago. He moved to Winnipeg when only a child and learned to play hockey there. After one year in the National Association, Dunderdale came to Victoria three years ago. The first two years he was there he led the Coast players in scoring. This fall he was traded to Portland for Ran McDonald, and Manager Savage has had no regrets to make over the deal. Dunderdale is a fast skater, a fine stick handler and is a veritable ace on the ice, wriggling and dodging past opponents and knowing where to shoot when he is close in on the ice of the opponents.

Charlie Uksila

Charlie Uksila, one of the spares, is twenty-four years old and was born in Calumet, Mich. He played with the Copper League there until he went to Portland, and was with the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club last season when it won the championship. Uksila, although small, is fast and a hard worker, although he hasn't had many chances to show what he could do this year.

Al Barbour

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twenty-three years old and has lived all his life in the Alberta country and this is his first year of professional hockey. He is tall and rangy and looks as if he would make an ideal defence man with a little more experience.

Team's Record.

The Westminister team, now the Portland Rosebuds, made an excellent record during its three years under Manager Savage. The first year, 1911-12, it finished first; the second year, 1912-13, it finished second; the third year, 1913-14, it finished third; last year as the Portland team it finished second again, and this year it is again the champion.

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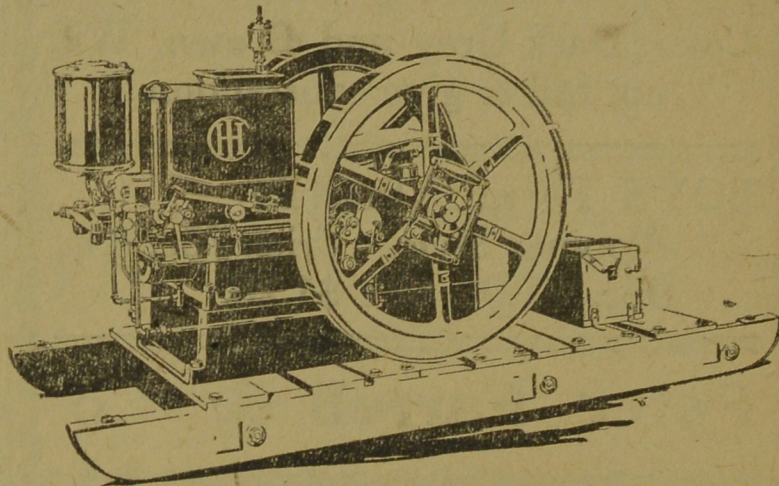
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