

***Game 4 Recap, Chiefs vs. Unknowns,
4/5/05, 8:15 p.m., Wheaton Indoor Ice Rink***

The following is a transcript of last night's Washington Chiefs' wrap-up show.....

Welcome back to AM 300, Washington's home of the sitar. That was John Hati, better known as "Colonel", with his 1978 chart topper, "If You Don't Stock My Cheese, I'm Going To A New Delhi". Up next, is the Chiefs' update followed by the newly released 1982 Punjab Freedom Festival live concert recording featuring Ravi Shankar, Neil Sharma, Radha Kuppali, and Bono.

Good evening and welcome to another edition of "Tribe Trails" your exclusive weekly Washington Chiefs post-game show, on AM 300 WCHN. Pierre MontSaintBlanc de Poisson is off tonight researching his documentary on the Northern Slovakian weaselhound entitled, "Sharp Teeth, Warm Heart." I'm your host, Gaston Clouseau and joining me in the studio tonight is legendary tough guy, Angus "Bump" McCracken. Quite a game by the Potomac warriors tonight, eh Bump?

I gotta' tell ya' dare Gaston, deeze guys are playin' dare hearts out. Da' goals will come, dey' just gotta' keep pluggin' away, like my old defense partner Pete Alsop used to say. It reminds me of da' time in my second year with da' Tallahassee Warthogs.....dat's Florida penal league, I'll have ya' know.....

Right Bump..... ahem, well the Chiefs put forth their best effort to date, but unfortunately, the Unknowns prevailed with a 4-0 shutout. Traffic into the arena was greatly improved from the last game as the revenue from the Chiefs' three previous sellouts funded several infrastructure improvement projects. Goals came early from the Unknowns as they went ahead with three tallies in the first period. The Chiefs came back with a strong second period, shutting down the Unknowns and controlling play, particularly on one series at the end of the period when, despite being short-handed, the Chiefs held the puck in the Unknowns' zone led by the play of Paul Kobernick. The Chiefs also played a solid third period giving up only one goal.

For the Chiefs, offensive pressure was put on spectacularly all night from winger Ira “the ice Doctor” Rabin. In the middle of the period, Rabin made a fine play down the wing and set up shop behind the goal. A wrap around stuff shot trickled off his stick. Forward Jeff Chan had his best game of the season, poke checking his way to two breakaways and utilizing his fine soccer skills leading to a third. Chiefs winger Brandon Bertsch also skated a very solid game tonight despite feeling under the weather. Bertsch provided his usual neutral zone pest presence utilizing his poke checking skills and enabling the Chiefs to work the dump and chase. Unknowns defenseman, Ed “Dr. Hook” Carey spoiled a particularly fine rush as he hauled down centerman Rob Fobian at the blue line. Carey was whistled for the 2 minute minor and the Chiefs went on the power play. Carey has been sent to the box in both games against the Chiefs.

Dat’ Carey dare, Gaston, dat’ guy is going to get his. Fobian makes a nice play at center and he’s got one guy to beat. Instead of playing him straight up, Carey stops movin’ his feet, and hooks him down. Da’ last guy dat’ hooked me down, was during the ’76 finals against Jessup and I tell ya’

Sure, sure, Bumpy..... The Chiefs defense played sound hockey tonight against a very talented team. Ann Hendrix-Jenkins was lined up on the blue line tonight due to the absence of Chiefs star defenseman John Walker. Hendrix-Jenkins was outstanding in her first game on defense and may see more time there in the future. Dave Leib lead the defensive charge, with Jerry Tollander, Robert Dewey, and Chiefs’ chief Brian Crosson all bearing the mighty offensive burden brought on by the Unknowns.

In the second period, things got a bit ugly. Unbeknownst to anyone, evidently it was “Put Your Whistles In Your Pocket Night” at the arena last night, as the referees refused to call numerous penalties and lost control of the game quickly. Although the calls were missed going both ways, rough play was allowed to escalate, with things coming to a head late in the period.

Rough play, Gaston? Are you kiddin' me? I haven't seen 'dat much hookin' since the last Canadian Fishermen's Conference in Thunder Bay! I haven't seen that much clutchin' and grabbin' since.....

Ok, well with the pressure on late in the second period, Chiefs goalie John Bretschneider made a clean save on the Unknowns #4 "Four eyes" Bowler. After the whistle, Bowler proceeded to hack away at Bretschneider's catching glove. Bretschneider returned the greeting with a slash of his own. Then, with JoLinda "the Hammer" Johnson out of the Chiefs line up, Fobian fit Bowler with some "concrete galoshes" and knocked him to the ice. A scrum ensued and then a tweeting noise could be heard, which sounded a lot like a whistle, but since it had been so long since anyone heard one, I couldn't be sure if the referee had actually found his whistle or if a train was passing by the rink. Of the incident Fobian said, "Look, it was a really dumb penalty. It's very frustrating watching someone take swings on your goalie after the whistle. I wasn't trying to injure anybody; I just wanted them to know that there is a price to pay for doing that. What I really didn't understand about the whole situation was that Unknowns defenseman "Big Fish" Fortin, upon seeing me take down Bowler, got up in my grill and said, "I'm right here.....pick on me!" The last time I checked, Bowler is an inch shorter than Fortin, so why Fortin thought I was picking on a "little guy" I'll never know."

When the dust cleared, Bretschneider and Bowler each received 2 minutes for slashing and Fobian got 2 minutes for roughing. Although the minutes will go on Bretschneider's records, the penalty was served by Crosson. In addition to Johnson and Walker, Curtis McCormick was a healthy scratch tonight for the Chiefs. Tonight's game puck was presented to Dave Leib for his stalwart play on the blue line, with honorable mentions going to Bretschneider, Hendrix-Jenkins, and Rabin. Anything to add, Bump?

All I wanna' say is.....

Ok, thank you for those words, Bump. Fans, gas up the Conestoga minivans, and come out to Inaugural Season's fifth game as your Chiefs go on the road, literally, to the Columbia Ice Rink, in Columbia, MD. The Chiefs will face the Baltimore Ducks on Wednesday, April 13th; face-off is at 9:15pm. As always, ticket agents are standing by to assist you with your away game ticket needs, lear jet and helicopter arrangements, and luxury

hotel reservations! When in Columbia, stay where we stay- at the Breezeway Motor Inn and Lodge. This first class, one star, roadside motel features “vintage original” 70s shag carpet and furnishings, vibrating beds, and even an outdoor swimming pool shaped like Dale Earnhardt’s #3! Ask for the commemorative Bee-Gees suite! Join the Chiefs post game in the “Rusty Nail”, the Breezeway’s lounge, for cocktails and mirth!

On behalf of Bump McCracken and everyone here at WCHN, good night. Tonight’s episode of “Tribe Trails” is brought to you by the United States Department of Justice and Providence Hospital.....and by the law offices of Blank Rome, “When you’re in the box serving time, don’t look blank, get Blank Rome!”

We now return you to our regularly scheduled program, “Deep Curry” a look back on the most famous sitar concerts of our time, on AM 300 WCHN, Washington’s home for all the best sitar...