Game 7 Recap, Chiefs vs. Unknowns, 4/28/05, 8:00 p.m., Wheaton Ice Rink

The following is a transcript of last night's Washington Chiefs' wrapup show.....

(Cue splashy music and cut in play-by-play footage).....

Fortin for the Unknowns, loops around at center ice.....skating in to pick him up is Cecil and OH MY! Maria Cecil just ran over Fortin with a steam roller!

Crosson "El Capitan" now at the blueline.....skates to the slot.....reaches back for the cannon and unloads a HUUUUUUUUUGE slapshot.....BIGGGGGG SAVE by the goalie, Rob Truhn! What a rocket from Crosson!

Good evening Washington and good evening hockey fans from around the world! On tonight's edition of "Tribe Trails", here on Washington's home for sitar WCHN AM 300, we've got complete coverage of this evening's game along with special in-studio guest, joining us all the way from Kingston, Ontario, the Canadian Broadcasting Company's well dressed and controversial color analyst and former coach of the NHL's Boston Bruins, Don Cherry! Angus "Bump" McCracken, WCHN's own color analyst, is also suited up and ready to go. I'm Gaston Clouseau. How 'bout these Chiefs, tonight Bumpy?

Well, Gaston, da' Chiefs continue to bring dare' work boots every night, but day' just came up a bit short, like my NHL career.

Um, Bump...you never PLAYED in the NHL.

And now da' folks at home know, too! Tank you VERY much fer DAT' painful memory...

Ok, joining us now, as promised, the often imitated seldom duplicated Don Cherry from CBC's "Hockey Night in Canada". Welcome Grapes, say, how did you like the game tonight?

Hey, nice to be here, Gaston. Hey there Bumpy, long time no see, haven't seen you since your days with the Florida Penal league. Alright now let's get to this game tonight, sheesh, these great fans pay all this good money to see this great hockey club and all we do is sit around and talk about the old days.

Right off the bat, I just wanna' say, these Chiefs played their guts out on that ice tonight. The game isn't scored on effort, but if it was, it's Chiefs 12, Unknowns 0. As it was they gave up three and bagged one of their own.

So Don, are you missing the NHL with the lock out situation?

Well, Gaston, I gotta' tell ya' and all these great fans of this great game of ours out there that, CBC pays me to comment on the game at the highest level. Right now, that level is Hockey North America. It is an absolute pleasure to watch 18 men and women banded together, lacin' 'em up to take on superior talent with stout hearts. You NHL fans out there that are sittin' around cryin' about these overpaid bozos not playin' this year need to get in your cars and drive on down to the next Chiefs game. I guarantee, ya' won't be disappointed.

Breaking it down from the opening draw, tell us what you saw tonight.....

You know, it was kind of a weird vibe in the arena tonight. The Chiefs were on a two game winning streak, but I don't know, you got people showing up late, traffic is just really not fun around that place, and it's hard for people to get focused on the task at hand. The Unknowns came loaded tonight, with their one man show, "Big Fish" Fortin in the lineup tonight, although #44 Price was a scratch again.

Our team just came out flat in the first period. They got whistled for a too many men penalty early, Tollander takes a shot on the high ankle off of

Fortin's big stick, and all night the Chiefs were just two steps behind. They were missing Robert Dewey which hurt as well. Dewey was busy lobbying the United States Congress regarding a bill which would permit oil drilling in Alaska, which for some reason, he deemed more important than the Chiefs' game. To each his own.....

And the Chiefs goal?

The Chiefs overall had their share of chances tonight, I gotta' tell ya'. Unfortunately, in a lot of cases, they passed one time too many and should have taken a shot, and other times shot when they should have made one more pass.

But, on the goal, just a great team effort all the way around. McCormick gets it goin' like he's been doin' all season long by playin' a nice keep in on the point. He looked for the shot which he's been doing more and more of, but saw he had no shooting lane and put it down the boards for Walker.

Walker's got all the tools. He skates, passes and shoots better than anyone, but he's got the worst luck when it comes to those crazy bounces. In the case of the goal though he feeds that shifty Kobernick, who also looks for a shot, but then, what's this? There's none other than Ann Hendrix-Jenkins' stick on the ice all alone on the left side of the ice. Kobernick puts it on her tape and it's in the back of the net, end of shutout for the Unknowns. Hendrix-Jenkins has been a real unsung hero for the Tribe this season, quietly logging minutes on both ends of the ice, sometimes during the same game. Tonight, she started out on defense, then switched to offense and there was her goal- a great effort tonight from a very classy hockey player.

And what about Ira Rabin and his ongoing shoulder problems?

I gotta' lot of mixed opinions there, Gaston. It's hard for me to like this kid, ever since his Canadiens beat my Bruins in the '79 Conference Finals on a cheap too many men call. But, I gotta' tell ya', this guy goes out there every night and gives everything he's got.

He tweaked the shoulder again in pre-game on a backhander, and played through it all night. He was probably at 50%, but he gutted out a

great game. He'll still be tender for Sunday's game at Columbia against the Ducks, but he's a guy you want in there whenever possible.

What else have you got, Don?

WHAT ELSE HAVE I GOT?!?!?!? I tell ya' what else I got, but first I want to wait for all of the Europeans to turn down their radios for this next part. See, we're gonna' talk about the rough stuff now, and I don't want any of those tee-totalers out there gettin' all worked up about it.

Are they gone yet? Yeah? Ok, you got Fortin skating one of his big dumb loops at center with his head down, not looking to be forechecked and BLAMMO! here comes Maria Cecil dropping Fortin like a ton of bricks. I mean, he gets up all dazed & confused, like did anyone get the number of that truck?

Don, the Chiefs seemed a bit disorganized in the third period. They're down 3-1, with about two minutes, thirty seconds to go, and looking to pull the goalie but he never came out.

You know, Gaston, I didn't understand it either. A lot of people forget in that 1980 Lake Placid game where Team USA also had a lead late and Viktor Tikhonov, the Soviet coach didn't bother pulling his goalie either. I think in their case it was because they had never been losing late in the game, so they didn't know what to do.

In tonight's game, the Chiefs were trying to get Bretschneider off the ice, but the opportunity just didn't present itself. And in the end, they held the Unknowns to 3 goals.

And then we heard something about the next chapter of the ongoing Rabin Glove Incident?

What a nut! So, with all of the hoopla surrounding the "I left my glove at home" business, after last night's game, Josh Schopf, his linemate, finds his current, mis-matched pair of gloves just lying around in the locker room after the game. It's like, "Well, I didn't score tonight, so I'll just leave these here, and get another pair before the next game." Schopf by the way is really coming along. He had a nice point blank shot on the net that nearly

fooled the Unknowns goalie and did a nice job covering the points which is key against a team with "Big Fish" Fortin..

And do you have any updates on the extracurricular incident following the game involving one of the Chiefs fans?

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?!?!?! What is this, the third grade? Sheesh! So, Joel Wood, Sue Wood's husband, has been a little frustrated that Fortin's been taking liberties with his wife all season.

Lemme try that again...take two...that Fortin's been running his wife over whenever possible. He politely gets Fortin's attention by yelling, "Fortin, you suck!" then kindly told him to stop picking on the beginners. "Big Fish" motioned to Joel to step on the ice, for a little high tea, then with 25 seconds left in the game, he shoots the puck into the glass in front of ole' Joel-ee boy. So he responds to Fortin by taunting him with, "BIG MAN! BIG MAN!"

Then it boils over to post-game. Fortin's coming out of the locker room and says, "Look, I haven't played in 13 years, I just keep in shape!" To which Joel said, "Sure doesn't look like it!" To which Fortin responds with a word that rhymes with trashbowl.

But Fortin shouldn't be the one Joel should be worrying about. Seeing her husband embarrassing the family name, Sue Wood was overheard saying, "JOEL! What did you do? Am I going to have to settle this out in the parking lot AGAIN!?!?!?" She's a sparkplug, that one. When you're from the mean streets of Detroit, that's how they roll up there. Then we find out Fortin's been tossing around profanities in everyone's direction on the ice all night!. I gotta' tell ya', if Joel's suitin' up for these guys next season, WATCH OUT! And then I'd say, get your Chiefs versus Unknowns tickets NOW!

In closing tonight, the Chiefs' game puck went to Ann Hendrix-Jenkins for her goal, her first MVP award of the season. Bretschneider also had one of his finer efforts of the season holding the potent Unknowns to 3 goals. Chiefs fans, next game is Sunday, Sunday, SUNDAY, May 1st, 9:45pm at the Columbia Ice Rink, in Columbia, MD! Sunday night is team calendar night. The first 10,000 fans in attendance, will receive an autographed 2006 calendar signed by all of the Chiefs.

That's gonna' do it for this edition of "Tribe Trails". For Don Cherry from CBC, Angus "Bump" McCracken and all of us here at the WCHN AM 300 studios in Adams Morgan, once again, I'm Gaston Clouseau, good night, Washington.

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Hello? Um, yeah, do you have "Rooster Warmer" by Serge Patel?

Let me see... "Rooster Warmer"...no, I'm sorry I only see that other classic hit in our library from Serge entitled, "13 Year Beginner"... WAIT A MINUTE! Fortin?

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