

*Playoff Game 1 Recap, Chiefs vs. Ducks,
5/05/05, 9:45 p.m., Rockville Blades Ice Rink*

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

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

Kobernick collects the loose puck outside the Chiefs' offensive zone.....checking his right shoulder and sees the Chiefs are onside.....crossing the blueline, HE WALKS IN.....SHOT!.....AND A GOAL! WITH LESS THAN 13 MINUTES TO GO IN THE GAME AND MAYBE THE CHIEFS' SEASON, PAUL KOBERNICK FINDS THE TWINE, AND THE DRUMS ALONG THE POTOMAC HAVE COME TO LIFE AS THE CROWD GOES NUTS!

Puck is loose after several shots and saves by the Ducks' goaltender! NOW THE PUCK IS UP IN THE AIR! LEIB CONNECTS! AND??!?!?!.....A GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! OH MY GOODNESS! HOLD ONTO YOUR SEATS! DAVE LEIB HAS MADE IT 3 TO 2 WITH JUST ABOUT 2:30 TO PLAY AND THE DUCKS ARE LOOKING BEWILDERED!

Closing minutes of the game now, with things looking very dire for the Washington Chiefs. They've come so far and yet, it looks like it's the Ducks that will be doing the scalping tonight. And now a whistle as the referee indicates a penalty, and it's Ryan Fayhee being called for interference. Well that should just about do it, what a great run by the Chiefs.

Crosson will call timeout now, and the teams skate to their respective benches. A lot of conversation now between the players, and Fayhee comes back to the penalty box as play will begin shortly.

The Chiefs have sent out Crosson and Leib on defense with Kobernick and Walker up front on the penalty kill. Puck is dropped now in the Chiefs' defensive zone and it's wrung around the boards by the Ducks. Gathered up by Crosson, he'll skate it to center ice and dump it in.

What's this? Goalie, John Bretschneider is skating to the bench and going out as a fifth attacker is Ira Rabin. He's had a shaky game tonight already missing one open goal opportunity so I'm not sure I agree with this call. Puck gathered up by Kobernick in the left wing corner as he looks for a bad angle shot, but holds onto the puck. The Ducks have no one covering the Chiefs' points so Kobernick dishes out to Walker. Walker winds.....fakes.....now moves to the slot area. HE SHOOTS! AND A SAVE! LEIB DIGS THE REBOUND! ANOTHER SAVE! THE PUCK BOUNCES INTO THE AIR. THE ACTION FURIOUS NOW IN FRONT OF THE DUCKS' NET AS THEY ARE UNABLE TO CLEAR! WAIT! PUCK IS LOOSE! RABIN SWOOPS IN! HE SHOOTS AND THE CHIEFS SCORE AGAIN! THE CHIEFS HAVE TIED THE GAME! THE CHIEFS HAVE TIED THE GAME! WITH 4.3 SECONDS ON THE CLOCK, THE CHIEFS HAVE TIED THE GAME! AND WE'RE GOING TO OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOVERTIME!

What an incredible game tonight from the Washington Chiefs. They get 3 goals in the final period of regulation and to in the last 3 minutes to force a tie. I was informed during the intermission that under Hockey North America league rules, a 10 minute overtime period was to be played, with a tie going to the higher playoff seed, meaning the Chiefs will advance to the finals as the final seconds tick off the clock and the Ducks couldn't elude Bretschneider in the overtime period.

5 seconds.....now 4 seconds on the clock now.....3.....2.....1.....AND IT'S OVER! THE CHIEFS TIE! THE CHIEFS TIE! THE CHIEFS ARE GOING TO THE FINALS! THE CHIEFS ARE GOING TO THE FINALS! I DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT I JUST SAW!

Good evening and welcome to WCHN, the Washington Chiefs Hockey Network, that's 300 on your AM dial! On tonight's edition of "Tribe Trails", your weekly radio feature on Washington's best hockey team, the Washington Chiefs, we'll breakdown the Chiefs improbable advance in their inaugural playoffs tonight out at Rockville Blades Arena! Angus "Bump" McCracken, and me, Gaston Clouseau will bring you a full wrap up on the Chiefs, including some recruiting news. Continuing in our fine tradition of special guests, we bring you the former 6 time Stanley Cup winning goaltender of the Montreal Canadiens, former ABC color analyst and best known for his historic work with Al Michaels on the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" game, former President of the Toronto Maple Leafs and

current Canadian politico, hockey legend, Ken Dryden. How about that hockey game tonight in Rockville?

Gaston, da' Chiefs came armed for Duck t'night. And it was PEKING Duck on the menu t'night. What an incredible win for our team.

Thanks as always for your critical, in-depth analysis, Bump. Folks you just don't get this kind of coverage anywhere else! We welcome to our studios now, the great Ken Dryden.

Good evening, Gaston and good evening, Angus. If you are going to introduce me as great, then the Chiefs were simply exceptional tonight. Hockey is the most demanding sport known to man. It exhausts one physically, wears you down mentally, and can be emotionally heart wrenching and exultant all at the same time. It takes smarts and passion to play this game when you are the Chiefs going against a superior roster that the Ducks brought.

And a roster they brought tonight, eh Ken?

Indeed, Gaston. For the first time in many weeks, the Ducks brought a full complement. They recognized that the only thing that mattered was winning tonight, because the regular season was over. And yet, even with their full roster, inclusive of Schultze, they could not hold off the tenacity of the Chiefs in the waning moments of the game.

In fact it was the Chiefs themselves with a short bench tonight, as Ann Hendrix-Jenkins and Brandon Bertsch were both scratches tonight, and they were indeed missed. Both players had really stepped it up towards the end of the regular season and were really rounding out the Chiefs lineup.

Ken, what can you tell us about the Chiefs' injuries, especially as it relates to the finals, coming up next week against the Unknowns?

The Chiefs are not just nicked up, they are truly banged up. And this time of the year, a team doesn't want to show any cards this early in the game as to how serious their injuries are. Having said that, I have been able to learn that Jeff Chan is nursing a hideous ankle injury. He's been sporting the 1970's era, lace up, ankle support, but it's clear he's hobbled and has been slowed. Fortunately, x-rays of Chan's head continue to show absolutely nothing and his hands are right as rain, so when he gets to the

slot with the puck on his tape, he will get that potent wrist shot off, without a hitch.

Ira Rabin's shoulder continues to be a concern, partly because he's still obviously battling some pain and partly because he's been rather guarded about it altogether. You know he'll be in the lineup, but since we don't know how serious this is, you don't know to what extent it will affect his game.

Lastly, I heard that centerman, Rob Fobian smashed his thumb on a hard forecheck deep in the corner. He caught his left thumb on the metal stanchion between the two pieces of glass along the boards. His x-ray also showed nothing, although it's swollen and bruised.

And these are just the injuries that we know about. Everyone is playing hurt right now, but they'll have a month off from games to get healthy for summer league play.

Ken, what about this story book finish to the game tonight? Have you ever seen such an incredible turn of events?

Gaston, in all my years, although the U.S.'s upset of the Soviets was indeed a miracle, tonight's win by the Chiefs was incredibly dramatic.

This was really a tale of two games. The Chiefs started the game flat and gave up 3 quick tallies to the Ducks, all before 8 minutes had expired in the first period. The Chiefs quickly shored up their defense and started the second period with a strong shift by the Fobian, Schopf, Rabin line. That seemed to breath life into the Chiefs who were still down 3-0 after two periods but playing with greater intensity. Kobernick got them started a few minutes into the third and then Leib popped one in on a pass from Walker with just under 2:45 to play. And then the Rabin goal with 4.3 seconds left that Chiefs fans will remember fondly for years.

Not only did they score with 4.3 seconds remaining on the clock in regulation, but Fayhee had been called for a questionable interference call meaning the Chiefs were skating a man down. With nothing to lose, they pulled Bretschneider to get Rabin out there, which I think was a dubious decision, so they had 5 skaters and no goalie to the Ducks' five skaters AND a goalie, and they found a way to tie the game. I have never seen a team, shorthanded, pull their goalie and score.

The Ducks were so upset that they gave up the late goal, that they complained bitterly to the officials that the Chiefs had too many men on the ice. But the referee simply smiled and said, "The Chiefs pulled their goalie, they had the requisite number of players on the ice at the time of the goal

and the goal stands.” And that’s what you want to see from an official. A definitive, concise, and clear response even if you’re the Ducks and it’s not what you want to hear. It’s very difficult as a referee when you have a mob of players yelling at you to remain cool, calm and collected, but if you don’t, you lose control of the game, and people could get hurt.

So Ken, what can we look for in next week’s Hockey North America Washington, DC Beginner League finals?

Gaston, quite simply we’re going to see a hockey game with two teams pitted against each other who don’t care for one another one bit. This is the matchup EVERYONE has wanted to see for the trophy, and it will be on for the ages I’m sure.

The Chiefs should be careful about shadowing Fortin too closely, because the Unknowns have several weapons, and although Fortin is their most potent, shutting him down does not a victory guarantee. They need to get as many shots as possible on the goaltender Truhn. Even if it seems like a bad angle, put the puck on the net, hope for a rebound or for him to cover the puck so you can either pound in the rebound or get the offensive zone draw and try to make something happen off the face off. The Chiefs need to think defense first, they aren’t going to beat a team like the Unknowns 9-8 or 8-7, take care of their own end of the ice, and make the most of their opportunities.

Ken, we’re hearing a few rumors about the Chiefs’ goalie situation. What can you tell us?

Well Gaston, for starters, John Bretschneider played very well tonight, as he has all season for the Chiefs. He got off to a slow start, but played his best when it mattered most and put the team in a position to go to the finals and for that, he earned his first, very deserved and long overdue Most Valuable Player game puck. Unfortunately, the finals will be his final game as a Chief as he will be taking the summer off and then announced he will not be rejoining the team in the fall.

So where are we for a goalie for the summer and into the fall?

Brian Meeks, a co-worker of Robert Dewey’s wife at Geico insurance, will be suiting up for a stick and puck session this Saturday, May 7th where some of the Chiefs will get their first look at him.

And what do we know about Meeks?

Nothing, other than he hasn't played goal or any hockey for about 20 years, but he has purchased his equipment and is ready to show the Chiefs what he has. I'm sure WCHN will have all the news as this developing situation unfolds. Also, the Chiefs will be losing John Walker, Ann-Hendrix-Jenkins and Brandon Bertsch for the summer season, though the Chiefs expect to see all three back during the fall, with Hendrix-Jenkins planning a return mid-way through the fall season after giving birth to the newest Chief fan. Superfan and husband of #75 Susan "bug" Wood, Joel Wood will be joining the team this summer.

Ok, Ken thanks again for joining us, and we look forward to welcoming you back as your schedule allows.

Thanks again, Gaston! It was my pleasure.

Alright, if you're just joining us, the Chiefs scored a moral victory of sorts tonight, as they skated the Ducks to a 3-3 tie in front of a standing room only crowd at Rockville Blades Ice Rink. A tie was enough for the Chiefs to advance to the finals, and we look forward to seeing you back here next Wednesday night, May 11th after the league finals. For Angus "Bump" McCracken, hockey legend Ken Dryden, and all of us here from the WCHN AM 300 studios in Anacostia, I'm Gaston Clouseau, good night and GO TRIBE!

We now return you to our regularly scheduled program, already in progress.....

"Raji After Hours" request line, this is Raji, tell us about that special someone in YOUR life, and what would you like for us to put on tonight?

Uhhhhhhhhhh, hi, this is Joel Wood.....Um, I was wondering if you had Ravi Shankar's "A Duck That Can't Hold A Lead Is A Choking Duck" in honor of the Chiefs tonight?

No problem, Joel.....we'll make it a double shot with Shankar's recent release, "4.3". GO CHIEFS!

Yeah, thanks, um.....so I'm going to play for the Chiefs next season, too and.....

Joel we're starting the record.....

Right, well I just wanna' say that I'm looking forward to...