

Michigan Sting 60s win Hockey World Cup in Quebec

Andre Van Opdenbosch scored the decisive goal and goaltender Bob Mudloff stopped five shooters as the Troy-based Michigan Sting 60s captured the CARHA Hockey World Cup with a 4-3 shootout win over the Edmonton T-Wrecks at Le Colisee on April 5 in Quebec City, Canada.

The Sting started its comeback from an early 2-0 deficit when Terry Boyette scored a power play goal set up by Van Opdenbosch at 18:39 of the first period. Boyette drew the Sting even at 2 when he scored again 2:52 into the final period after Sam Cupp and John DeBrincat combined to set up the tally. Mike Garrison scored on the power play to lift Michigan to a 3-2 lead with 5:50 to play in regulation time as Van Opdenbosch and Ken Schaeffler drew assists on the go-ahead goal.

Edmonton's Pat Hendricks stunned the Sting again by scoring a goal with 6.3 seconds remaining to force overtime. Hendricks opened the game with a goal just 35 seconds after the opening faceoff. Following a scoreless 5-minute sudden-death overtime period, the teams lined up for a 5-man shootout.

Van Opdenbosch was the only goal scorer in the shootout for either team. Other Sting shooters were Garrison, Boyette, Bill McCauley, and Glenn Hogan.

Michigan advanced to the division championship with 2-1 win over LeGeant Motorise (Quebec) in the semi-finals. Garrison punched the Sting into a 1-0 lead just 34 seconds into the game with Van Opdenbosch and Cal Cornelius providing helpers. Boyette scored the game winner from Garrison at 13:42 of the final period just 1:18 after Quebec had tied the score.

In pool play, the Sting opened with a 4-1 win over Stockholm VIP (Sweden). Garrison (from Van Opdenbosch), Sam Cupp (from John DeBrincat and Frank Migda), and Harold Straffner (from Cornelius and Hogan) catapulted the Sting to a 3-0 lead in the opening period and Migda (from Cupp and Boyette) added the final goal with 2:07 to play in the game.

In game 2, Michigan jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from Boyette (assisted by Straffner) and McCauley (from Garrison and VanOpdenbosch) before Le Geant Motorise rallied with four unanswered goals to seal the Quebec victory.

Team members are Terry Boyette (Harrison Township), Cal Cornelius (MN), Sam Cupp (Rochester Hills), John DeBrincat (Rochester), Mike Garrison, Glenn Hogan (Burlington, ON), Bill McCauley (Clinton Township), Frank Migda (Commerce Township), Bob Mudloff (Beverly Hills), Ken Schaeffler (Rochester Hills), Harold Straffner (MN), Andre Van Opdenbosch (Harrison Township), Tom Woolsey (Livonia), coach Terry Herbert (Harper Woods) and manager Phil Parrinello (Sterling Heights).

The following seven players were also members of the 50+ team that won the 2004 World Cup in Ottawa: Boyette, Garrison, Hogan, McCauley, Migda, Mudloff, and Schaeffler.

The quadrennial World Cup is sponsored by the Canadian Adult Recreation Hockey Association (CARHA) and this year's event boasted 170 teams—including 44 from Europe—representing 12 countries with teams playing in 30 divisions with age groups from 19 and over to 70 and over.

The CARHA Hockey World Cup is the largest adult hockey tournament in the world. Established in 1996, under its current format, the CARHA Hockey World Cup has been hosted by Quebec City and three other cities across Canada including Toronto (ON) in 1996 with 96 teams participating; Vancouver (BC) in 2000 with 135 teams; and Ottawa (ON) in 2004 with 126 teams.

60s Individual Scoring					
Player	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM	SOG
Andre Van Opdenbosch	0	5	5	0	1
Terry Boyette	4	1	5	0	0
Mike Garrison	3	2	5	2	0
Sam Cupp	1	2	3	0	
Frank Migda	1	1	2	2	
Harold Straffner	1	1	2	4	
Cal Cornelius	0	2	2	2	
John DeBrincat	0	2	2	4	
Bill McCauley	1	0	1	2	0
Glenn Hogan	0	1	1	2	0
Ken Schaeffler	0	1	1	0	
Tom Woolsey	0	0	0	2	
Goalkeeper	GP	GA	GAA	SO	SH Save
Bob Mudloff	4	9	2.25	0	5

50 Elite Falls to Russians in Semifinals

The Sting Elite reached the semifinals in the top division before falling, 4-2, at the hands of SCA St. Petersburg (Russia). The Russians also defeated the Sting, 7-2, earlier in pool play. The Sting Elite won their opener 3-1 against the Edmonton Stars (AB) and scored a 6-1 victory against the TJV Oldstars of Finland.

In Game 1 at PEPS arena, the Sting scored three first period goals and coasted to the victory over the Edmonton Stars, Randy Aimoe started the streak with a marker at 6:54 assisted by Marty McLaughlin added a helper along with Dave Hands as Skip Howey bumped the Sting lead to 2-0 at 11:14. Butch Williams added an unassisted goal at 18:14 to close the Sting scoring.

Edmonton rallied for a goal midway through the final period to spoil goalie Dennis Gagnon's shutout bid. The Sting rang up 14 minutes in penalties and lost Williams for Game 2 when he was tagged with a game misconduct.

Without Williams in Game 2 against the Russians, the Sting couldn't overcome another 14 minutes in the penalty box at the famed Le Colisee and SCA St. Petersburg racked up a hefty 7-2 win. The Sting fell behind 2-0 early before a Gary Cendrowski goal from Hands cut the lead in half at 8:54.

The Russians went up 3-1 with an early goal in the second period and Cendrowski responded with another tally from Craig Roehl and Rich Twigg at 5:17. Four unanswered goals by the Russians closed the door on any comeback hopes.

In Game 3 at Ste. Foy, the Elite jumped to a 3-0 lead by 9:56 of the opening period and coasted to a 6-1 win over the TJV Oldstars of Finland. Skip Howey scored the hattrick to pace the attack. Cendrowski opened the scoring from McLaughlin at 3:47 and then Howey and LaCrosse scored 53 seconds apart just before the midpoint of the first period for a 3-0 cushion.

Cendrowski and Werner drew assists on Howey's first goal and Hands and Twigg set up Lacrosse. After Finland got on the board, Howey struck for back-to-back goals and a 5-1 lead at 7:29 of the second period. Aimoe set up both scores and Roehl added a helper on the second tally.

Williams closed the scoring just 1:01 later and Cendrowski and McLaughlin earned helpers.

The Sting reached the semifinals but drew the Russians again and unfortunately couldn't stop their parade to the sin bin where they totaled another 16 minutes sitting. The Russians opened the scoring at 3:09 and held on for a 4-2 win.

Howey drew the Sting even less than three minutes later from Frank Werner and Williams. The Russians built a 4-1 cushion until Cendrowski hit the net with 18 ticks remaining off assists from Werner and McLaughlin. The 50 Elite earned a third place finish.

Members of the 50 Elite team were Randy Aimoe, Gary Cendrowski, Dennis Gagnon, Kurt Grubner, Dave Hands, Skip Howey, Dave Lacrosse, Marty McLaughlin, Craig Roehl, Steve Shannon, Rich Twigg, Frank Werner, and Butch Williams.

50 Elite Individual Scoring				
Player	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM
Gary Cendrowski	4	2	6	0
Skip Howey	5	0	5	2
Marty McLaughlin	0	5	5	6
Butch Williams	2	1	3	14
Randy Aimoe	1	2	3	18
Dave Hands	0	3	3	0
Frank Werner	0	3	3	4
Craig Roehl	0	2	2	2
Rich Twigg	0	2	2	0
Dave LaCrosse	1	0	1	2
Kurt Grubner	0	0	0	8
Steve Shannon	0	0	0	2
Goalkeeper	GP	GA	GAA	SO
Dennis Gagnon	4	13	3.25	0

50 Rec Can't Escape Pool Play

The Sting 50s Recreation squad (aka the Stingraes) competed in the 6-team third division and couldn't get out of pool play with a 1-2 record. The Stingraes lost to the Fort McMurray L. Robert Fallen Stars (AB), 3-2, in overtime and 6-1 to the Ottawa Rideau Ruins (ON). The Ruins blanked Fort McMurray, 5-0, in the championship game to win the World Cup division title.

In Game 1 at Ste. Foy, John (JP) Payotelis opened the scoring at 11:32 with a shot coming off the opposite wing assisted by Tom Bommarito. Fort McMurray (located 400 miles north of Edmonton) continued to pound the net in the first period and was rewarded with two goals at 14:45 and 16:28 for a slim lead at the intermission.

Dave Vorhes redirected a John Schroder pass to bring the Sting even at 7:42 of the final period and goalie Sean Joyce was stellar in keeping the Sting alive through regulation time. Maurice Nolan broke loose and ripped a backhander underneath the crossbar at 2:09 of the 5-minute overtime to shatter the Stingraes hopes of winning the opener.

In game 2 at PEPS arena, despite an overwhelming margin in shots on goal, Ottawa fell behind 1-0 as JP once again staked the Stingraes to a 1-0 lead with a power play goal set up by Joe Szydlowski and Len Gerbino at 17:40. However, the Ruins rallied for a goal with just 10 seconds left on the first period clock to tie the game and stun the 'Raes.

Ottawa scored quickly into the second period at the 40-seconds mark to take control of the game and secured the win with two goals 10 seconds apart in the fourth minute of play. The Ruins added two late goals and secured a trip to the semifinals with a 2-0 record in pool play.

In Game 3 at PEPS arena, the 'Raes closed out their World Cup experience with a 4-1 win and denied Veterans SCRQ (Quebec) a trip to the semifinals. The Stingraes finished fourth in the division. Using an unusual tactic, the Stingraes scored the first goal again this time Edgar Atnip banged in an unassisted goal for a 1-0 lead at 4:36.

SCRQ tied the game three minutes later, but Al Snyder hit the mark for a 2-1 Stingrae lead at 11:39. John Wirtanen and Bommarito earned assists. Snyder set up a Gerbino blast from the point and the Stingraes led 3-1 at 11:39 of the final period.

Vorhes closed the scoring at 16:49 as his line mates Schroder and Pat McGreevy set up the final tally.

Stingraes team members were Rich Anderson, Edgar Atnip, Tom Bommarito, Chuck Dexter, Len Gerbino, Sean Joyce, Pat McGreevy, John Payotelis, John Schroder, Al Snyder, Jim St. Amand, Joe Szydlowski, Dave Vorhes, and John Wirtanen.

50 Rec Individual Scoring				
Player	Goals	Assists	Points	PIM
John Payotelis	2	0	2	2
Dave Vorhes	2	0	2	4
Len Gerbino	1	1	2	0
Al Snyder	1	1	2	0
Tom Bommarito	0	2	2	2
John Schroder	0	2	2	0
Edgar Atnip	1	0	1	0
Pat McGreevy	0	1	1	0
Joe Szydlowski	0	1	1	2
John Wirtanen	0	1	1	0
Chuck Dexter	0	0	0	6
Rich Anderson	0	0	0	0
Jim St. Amand	0	0	0	0
Goalkeeper	GP	GA	GAA	SO
Sean Joyce	3	10	3.33	0