



**DEFLECTED PASS**— Ron Schmantz of the Boston Bruins eyes this deflected pass in front of Barons goalie Gary Edwards and Al MacAdam in the first period of yesterday's game, won by Cleveland, 3-2. (AP Wirephoto).

## Barons end jinx at Boston

**BOSTON (UPI)** — The Cleveland Barons are a team in the midst of change, the biggest of which has to be from loser to winner, both in attitude and reputation.

Sunday night's 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins was a big step in that direction.

The most evident change was the end of a six-year, 16-game losing streak at Boston Garden, a flow of futility that ranged back to when the Barons were the California Golden Seals.

Another major change has been in the roster. With seven new faces, coach Jack Evans has been able to put together an experienced team of people who've been winners, along with enough young players to keep the spirit fresh and alive. The changes appear to be taking a positive shape.

**NOT LONG AGO** the thought of the Barons making the NHL playoffs was

Cleveland	3	1	2-2
Boston	2	1	1-2

First period — No scoring. Penalties — Sheppard, Bos. 1:30; Hampton, Cle. 4:15; Deak, Bos. 4:42; O'Brien, Cle. 8:20; Milbury, Bos. 17:05; Perin, Cle. 19:46.

Second period — 1, Boston, Marcotte 14 (Sheppard, Schmantz) 1:36. 2, Cleveland, Arneson 8 (Gardner), 10:55. Penalties — Foster, Bos. 3:37; Wenzel, Bos. 7:09; MacAdam, Cle. 15:32.

Third Period — 3, Fidler, Cle. 15 (Unassisted), 0:58. 4, Murdoch, Cle. 10 from McKechnie and MacAdam, 6:47. 5, McNab, Bos. 19 (Cushman, Smith), 19:51. Penalties: O'Reilly, Bos. 10:43, Marsh, Cle. 13:59. Schmantz, Bos. double minor, 17-minute misconduct and game misconduct at 15:38. O'Reilly, Bos. 10-minute misconduct at 15:38. McKechnie, Cle. 17:31. Goalies — Cleveland, Edwards; Boston, Cheevers. A — 1) 427.

considered a bad joke. Now, no one is laughing.

"I still think we have a good chance of making the playoffs," said Evans. "We have to concede a few of the spots, but I think it's very possible for us to beat out either Detroit or Pittsburgh for a spot.

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We don't think it's out of sight at all," he said.

There was one major drawback to the game — the penalties. Although for different reasons, both Evans and Bruins coach Don Cherry were in complete accord.

"When Kris Manery was cut by a John Wensink high stick, referee Alf Lejeune didn't see any blood so he didn't call the automatic five-minute penalty," said Evans.

"Then, later on in the game, Manery gets it again from Bobby Schmautz. They had two high sticks before we got any justice. What do we have to have, a severed artery before there's a five-minute penalty called?" he asked.

Cherry would like to have forgotten the whole thing, but his feisty spirit wouldn't allow it.

"I'm not going to cry about the officiating. I accept it. They win. I'm putting up the white flag," he said.

**THEN HE ADDED,** "I feel the refs have orders. If they don't they sit together for a few beers or something. Some of the calls were ridiculous. The refs control the league. They control the scores," Cherry said.

Officiating aside, Cherry saw only one reason why the Barons won.

"They never outskated anybody all night. They had one thing going for them, their goaltender. They should all get on their knees and thank him very much. They just dumped the puck out of their

end, sat back and waited for the breaks. They certainly didn't outskate anybody," explained Cherry.

The beneficiary of Cherry's praise was Cleveland goalie Gary Edwards.

Edwards felt he was just doing his job.

"When we lost here in Boston in the past, I never thought we'd played that badly. We played the way we had to beat the Bruins. We put the load on them. It was my job to help stop them and by me doing my job we were able to win," he smiled.

Edwards then reflected the new way of thinking on the Barons squad.

"Now, we have to play a stretch of games against teams that are weaker than the Bruins. But, we can't play them any differently. We can't let one game mean anymore to us than any other. We have to play everyone the same," Edwards said.

**NEWCOMER J.P. PARISE,** fresh from the contending New York Islanders, added the crowning touch to the Barons new philosophy.

"You ask if we'll have trouble adjusting to all the new faces here. Well, if you have a negative attitude, you're going to fail. You have to work together as a group rather than individuals. We'll get a couple of things organized as a group and we'll win our share. We just might sneak into the playoffs after all," he smiled.

The new Cleveland Baron spirit gets its next test Thursday in Chicago against the Blackhawks.