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SCOUTING REPORT (FOR: 12-2-77) # 33 (3) DATE: 11-13-77

CLEVELAND BARONS

OFFENSIVE LINES: + SCORED (1) AT: Boston Bruins

1. L. WING: Hampton-MacAdam CENTER: Bob Murdoch R. WING: Ahern
2. MacAdam Maruk Chicco-Crombeen
3. Kris Manery-Fidlar Merrick Fidlar-Manery
4.

Pretty strong down the center with the two top scorers Maruk & Murdoch, and MacAdam 3rd, but only Maruk has a high goal output. (10) They are having trouble scoring recently after a fast start, Jack Evans told me at practice. They aren't very good at checking either way, and checking bothers their offense considerably.

DEFENSIVE PAIRINGS:

1. L. DEFENSE: Nielson-Regier R. DEFENSE: Christie-Nielson
2. Bob Stewart-Regier Greg Smith-Stewart
3.

Nielson is by far the best, and looks to have recovered completely from his past injuries. They aren't bad defensively, playing good positional hockey, but they have a lot of trouble coming out of their own end if forechecked aggressively. Evans did a lot of switching tonight to neutralize their weakness in match-ups.

POWER PLAY COMBINATIONS:

L. WING: Fidlar-MacAdam CENTER: Merrick-Maruk R. WING: Manery-Crombeen +
L. POINT: Hampton-Stewart R. POINT: Christie-Smith

Scored on 1 of 4 attempts tonight, mainly due to their weakness coming out of their own end. When they were aggressively forechecked, they weren't able to come out of the zone with any authority, which blunted the attack early on. Press Them.

PENALTY KILLING UNITS:

L. FORWARD: Hampton-MacAdam R. FORWARD: Girard
L. DEFENSE: Nielson-Stewart R. DEFENSE: Christie-Smith

Shorthanded two times and held both times, mainly due to a tight, well formed and disciplined box. They rely heavily on good positional play, rather than their forechecking, which is nothing to write home about. Try working the screen & shoot.

GOAL TENDING:	GOALIE:	SHOTS ON GOAL	SAVES	GOALS ALLOWED
1ST PERIOD:	Gary Edwards	7 (4)	6	1
2ND PERIOD:	"	12 (7)	11	1
3RD PERIOD:	"	6 (6)	5	1
TOTALS:		25 (17)	22	3

GOALS ALLOWED:	SHOT FROM	SHORT SIDE	LONG SIDE	LOW	HIGH	GLOVE HAND	STICK HAND
# 1	F.O. Circle	X		X			X
2	Cresse				X		
3	F.O. Circle	X	X			X	
4					X		
5						X	
6							
7							

Edwards had a pretty decent game tonight, making some very hard saves look routine, and giving up only one bad goal. He showed a tendency to go down too early on a fake in close, which left him vulnerable high. Weakness was SHORT HIGH on GLOVE are very young, inexperienced team, well coached, but lacking the discipline on ice it takes to be consistent winners. They were very vulnerable to aggressive Bruin forechecking, and the forwards are a little weak in positional play, but slow coming hard, and the forwards can skate well. Defense strong positionally, but slow coming out of zone. Physically they get pushed around too much. Goaltending is quite good. They can be tough if they get it all together on any given night.