

Barons' Bussie Bungled Badly

THE Cleveland Barons, known last year as the Bankrupt Cleveland Barons, tried to start changing their image with a "Meet the Cleveland Barons" luncheon Tuesday.

Six hundred showed up. Unfortunately, not one was a Baron.

Munch, munch. The appetizers disappeared without a hockey player in sight. Chomp, chomp, the main course was consumed and still there were no Barons to meet. Slurp, slurp, there went dessert and the room was still Baronless.

Sweat, sweat. The Barons' new president, Peter Larson, got more panicky with each passing minute. "I have a sign at the office that says, 'The Puck Stops Here,' so I may be saying goodbye to you today," Larson told the crowd.

Finally, the Barons arrived more than an hour late.

"We had a bad bussie," center Wayne Merrick explained. "He took us through every plant and steel mill in town. We couldn't believe it. He didn't even know where the freeway was."