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Colgate overmatched by UW in all aspects

By Bill Brophy
Sports editor

DETROIT — For those that like the Cinderella story, Sunday was a downer. Colgate, the little school from the little town in upstate New York, got gobbled up by the big school from the Big Ten in the championship game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association hockey tournament.

It was a mismatch and after Wisconsin hammered Colgate, 7-3, at Joe Louis Arena, Red Raiders' Coach Terry Slater wasn't going to talk about penalty calls or tough breaks.

"We played with a lot of pride today, but Wisconsin deserves to be the No. 1 team in the nation after the way they played," said Slater, a former pro coach. "We have no excuses."

Colgate finished the season with the fewest losses in the country (31-4-1), but the last one was never close. The Red Raiders took five penalties in the first 14 minutes and watched the Badgers score two power-play goals and a shorthander

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in the first 7:33 to jump out to a 3-1 lead. The big start allowed the UW's 7,500 fans in the gathering of 15,034 to cheer for the rest of the afternoon.

"It was a big deal for our boys to come out here from little Colgate," Slater said, carrying out a theme he used the whole NCAA Tournament. "They were awestruck by all the red shirts in the stands, but they worked hard today."

"We took some penalties that we shouldn't have. I called a timeout in the first period to calm them down. We came back after a slow first period to outshoot them. I thought their goaltender (Duane Derksen) played an excellent game." John Byce, who scored the first two goals for the Badgers, thought

Wisconsin's big start demoralized the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference champions from Hamilton, N.Y.

"You could see they weren't as confident when we got the lead," said Byce, who ended up with three goals and a spot on the all-tournament team.

Their best chance to win was to jump ahead, play their defensive style and hope their goalie came up big.

Not only did the Red Raiders not take the lead, but their much ballyhooed goalie, Dave Gagnon, had a bad day. The Badgers scored on 7 of 20 shots.

The Badgers defense — led by Mark Osecki and Rob Andringa — blocked 20 shots. Osecki had nine blocks himself. And the Badgers scored four power-play goals.

"We knew they had a good power play and we figured out what they were doing," Slater said. "But they moved the puck well. They've got a good power play. They've got a good team. That's why they are No. 1."



Craig Woodcroft is checked by John Byce (11), while Rob Mendel (17) guards open net for fallen Duane Derksen.

Tancill credits team for MVP

By Andy Baggett
and Bill Brophy
Sports reporters

DETROIT — For all Chris Tancill knew, someone in the assembled press corps was being a smart aleck on April Fool's Day.

In the aftermath of the University of Wisconsin's 7-3 victory over Colgate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship game Sunday afternoon at Joe Louis Arena, Tancill and his victorious teammates met with the media.

Midway through the session, someone asked Tancill for his feelings about being voted the most valuable player.

"Who? Tancill asked, disbelieving. "I didn't know that. Nobody told me."

After the laughter died down, Tancill got serious. "I can't accept that award by myself," he said. "I think the MVP of any game this year is the team. Thirty different guys performing at all times. I was just happy I could help the team out."

The senior from nearby Livonia scored both goals in the Badgers' 2-1 semifinal victory over Boston College last Friday, then added a third, his 39th of the season, Sunday.

Tancill was also one of five UW players voted to the all-tournament team. John Byce, who registered a hat trick Sunday, and Colgate's Joel Gardner were the forwards. Mark Osecki and Rob Andringa the defensemen, and Duane Derksen the goaltender.

In year face. Late in the second period, Colgate's Craig Woodcroft took a swipe at Derksen's glove, circled around toward the boards and jabbed Sean Hill in the leg with the blade of his stick, knocking the defenseman's legs out from underneath him. During the obligatory scrum, captain Steve Roblik skated over toward the Red Raiders' bench.

"The guy speared Hill in the back of the leg, and (Roblik) just went over and said, 'Hey, you're not going to get away with that kind of garbage,'" Tancill said. "Then he just turned around and pointed to the scoreboard and we were up by four goals. It was a little in-your-

NCAA HOCKEY NOTES

MSU's Miller wins Hobey

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan State center Kip Miller was named the winner of the 1990 Hobey Baker Memorial Award as top player in college hockey.

Miller, a senior from Lansing, Mich., led the nation in scoring with 48 goals and 53 assists for 101 points.

He was named player of the year in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The health consulting major has been drafted by the Quebec Nordiques of the National Hockey League.

Miller was one of 10 finalists last year for the award and his brother, Kelly, was a finalist in 1985.

Coaches suspended: The NCAA announced Sunday it has imposed public reprimands and one-game suspensions against Maine Coach Shawn Walsh and Boston University Coach Jack Parker.

The actions against Walsh came as a result of his negative comments toward referee Harry Armitas following a 7-3 loss to Wisconsin in the NCAA quarterfinals March 23.

Parker was disciplined for his physical confrontation with referee John Gallagher following a 6-3 loss to Michigan State in the NCAA quarterfinals March 23.

The suspension will be imposed in the next NCAA tournament game in which either coach participates.

Hally taught: The Badgers will be honored at a formal celebration tonight at 7 at the UW Field House. The public is invited to attend.

See it again on ESPN: If you want to experience a case of deja vu, ESPN will replay the NCAA title game Saturday at 12:30 p.m. with Tom Mees and ex-Badgers Coach Bob Johnson doing the commentary.

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John Byce celebrates with Rob Mendel after giving the Badgers a 2-0 lead.

Pointers skaters happy for Badgers

By Rob Hernandez
Sports reporter

When Paul Caulfield ran into his old pal Rob Andringa at a hockey tournament in Milwaukee over the Christmas holiday, their conversation quickly turned to jewelry.

"Can I see your ring?" Andringa, a junior defenseman for the University of Wisconsin, asked his former Madison Capitals teammate.

The trinket in question was a splendid purple rock that Caulfield, a sophomore center for UW-Stevens Point, received last year when the Pointers won their first National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championship.

"Boy, that's nice," Andringa said as he marveled at how Caulfield's name, uniform number, and team record were engraved into the ring.

The recent part about the whole thing, Caulfield said, is that Andringa will soon have one of his own. That was made possible Sunday after the Badgers defeated Colgate, 7-3, to win the NCAA Division I championship in Detroit.

The victory gave the state of Wisconsin a sweep of college hockey's titles. UW-Stevens Point beat Plattsburgh (N.Y.) State a week earlier for its second straight title. Only the state of New York can claim such a sweep. Henselator Polytechnic Institute and Rochester Institute of Technology accomplished the feat in 1985.

Byce, Andringa renew title feeling

By Bill Brophy

DETROIT — In 1981, Rob Andringa was a stick boy on the University of Wisconsin hockey team that won a national championship in Duluth, Minn. In 1983, Andringa and John Byce were in Grand Forks, N.D., when the Badgers won their fourth national championship.

Two years later, they played on a Madison Memorial High School team that won the state title.

"We said then that it would be great if we could win a national championship together some day at Wisconsin," Byce said. "Now we have."

It was Byce who scored the first two goals, Andringa who capped the Badgers' four-goal first period and Byce who started the victory celebration with an empty-net goal in the final minute Sunday as Wisconsin beat Colgate, 7-3, in the National Collegiate Athletic Association final.

Half of the Badgers' starting

lineup in the title game was from Madison. Barry Ruttner was the third Madisonian to start.

And Andringa thought being a hometown kid made Sunday's festivities a little more special.

"When you grow up and watch all the players — guys like Mark Johnson, Marc Behrend and Steve Alley — come through here, it means a lot to say you've won a national championship too," said the junior defenseman. "You always want to be a part of it. To be a college player and play in your hometown and then to win it all is a great thrill."

Byce, a senior winger, said Jeff Andringa, a member of the 1981 and '83 UW national champs, always used to lease his brother that the team's from last decade were better than the current Badgers.

"Whenever they'd argue, Jeff would always say he has a ring so they had to be a better team," Byce said. "Now Rob can say it's a stand-off."

UW whips Colgate

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Badgers savor title

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deserve a lot of credit, too. It wasn't one guy doing it all himself. It was the five guys on the ice... actually it was all 20, because the 12 guys on the bench were helping along, hoping somebody does something good out there."

Most of the players appeared in a daze as they met with the media after the game. Andringa, who played the last month with a bum left knee, said the magnitude of achievement simply hadn't sunk in. But he knows it will come.

Winning a championship is the ultimate feeling," he said. "That's what you're driving for all season. Winning is probably the best feeling I'll ever have in my life."

During its emotional pregame

speech, junior defenseman Rob Andringa related how proud his older brother, Jeff was of the NCAA title rings he won in 1981 and 1983.

"If I never win another thing as long as I live, I can look at my hand and look at our ring and say, 'Hey, I was a champion with some of the best friends I've ever had in my life,'" Shuck said. "Whenever I feel alone, I can call up Sags and say, 'Hey, remember the time we won the national championship?'"

That will be good enough for me," Sagner said. "I don't want to go back to that time. I'd want to stop," he said. "I want to stay right here with these guys."

No doubt his teammates feel the same way.