

Carlo and Pat Clean House in Peterborough Sid Kloosterman Has Career Day on Coleco



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The National Table Hockey League opened its 2018-19 season with a double-header tournament in Peterborough: PP2 on Saturday, and Coleco on Sunday. Organized by Sid Kloosterman and family and friends, all proceeds from both events went to the ILC Canadian Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Foundation.

PP2 Action

Power Play II (PP2) is the favored board in Ontario, but for the second straight year a Montrealer took home the trophy. Last year it was Sam Anoussis; this year "King" Carlo Bossio displayed his firepower, defeating Dennis Doherty in the PP2 final. Pat "Le Phenomen" Cote claimed third place.



**PP2 winners, Division A:
Pat Cote (3), Carlo Bossio (1), Dennis Doherty (2)**



**PP2 winners, Division B:
Heather Traxler (2), Maurice Viau (1), Bailey Walsh (3)**

In the PP2 B-division, Maurice Viau, another Quebecer, captured first place. Heather Traxler took second spot ahead of the remaining guys, while Bailey Walsh won third. Bailey would figure in next day's Coleco medals as well, in addition to playing a role in local table hockey history.

Coleco Action

Play resumed on Sunday, shifting to the NTHL's premier board, namely Coleco. "King Carlo" was looking to sweep both events and win an unprecedented 14th consecutive NTHL tournament. The last tournament he had lost was in Ste Sophie in April 2016, to Sam Anoussis, in a controversial 5th game. Since then, Carlo had played two full NTHL seasons, 2016-17 and 2017-18, winning 13 tournaments in a row, an unbelievable streak in this highly competitive league.

Twenty players stepped up to the tables, and after a brutal opening round-robin, the top four playoff seeds were Andre (1), Carlo (2), Pat (3), and Lou (4). En route to a strong 5th place seeding, Sid Kloosterman achieved a career milestone: his 1,000th tournament win (round-robin and playoff games combined). As Sid's win clock ticked upward, nobody volunteered to be his 1,000th victim, so Sid had to keep in the family, defeating his grandson Bailey Walsh for the memorable victory. But Sid's career day was only just beginning.

Three players were tied for 6th place—Vinny, Shawn, and John. Vinny (6) broke that tie on goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed). Shawn and John were still tied with equal goal differentials, but Shawn (7) earned the higher seeding with his head-to-head win over John (8) in the round-robin.



**Sid Kloosterman Scores 1,000th career goal against grandson Bailey Walsh
Carlo Bossio Presents Trophy**

Division A Playoffs

The top 4 seeds received byes to the quarter finals, while the next 8 seeds played off for their quarter final spots in the A division. The bottom eight seeds fought it out in the B division playoffs. There was one upset in the first A round, namely Gabriel (10) over Shawn (7) in a thrilling 5-game series. So the A Division quarter-final pairings were as follows: Andre (1) versus Gabriel (10), Carlo (2) versus John (8), Pat (3) versus Vinny (6) and Lou (4) versus Sid (5).

Carlo and Pat both swept their series, while Gabriel took a game off Andre before going down. Sid prevailed over Lou in game 5 of their hard-fought, see-saw series to earn a spot against Andre in the semi-finals. Sid's

"reward" was a sweep by Andre. In the other semi-final, 13 proved unlucky for Carlo as he went down to Pat in five games. Thus Pat denied the King any chance of a 14th consecutive Coleco tourney win.

In the final series, Pat swept Andre to capture the trophy, while Don Cherry looked on with approval. Las Vegas odds makers would have picked Carlo over Sid for bronze. But on this day, Vegas would have lost. An inspired Sid prevailed in 3 games (7-3, 2-7, 4-2) to grab 3rd spot on the podium, completing his 1,000-win "career day" with playoff victories over "The Legend" and "The King." Carlo had to settle for 4th place overall (not finishing on the podium, someone had to show him where to stand). Lou salvaged some redemption in the sudden-death elimination round, taking 5th place with nail-biting wins over Gabriel (1-0) and Vinny (2-1).



Coleco Winners, Division A:
Sid Kloosterman (3), Pat Cote (1), Andre Pigeon (2)



Coleco Winners, Division B:
Bailey Walsh (3), Derrick Doherty (1), Dennis Doherty (2)

Division B Playoffs

The B Division was hotly contested as well. The Dohertys fought out the finals, with Derrick defeating Dennis in five games, including two overtimes. The battle for B bronze also went the limit, with Bailey over Justin in game three overtime.

All the younger players were impressive on the day: they stood up gamely to the adults during the opening round robin, were very competitive amongst themselves, and displayed great sportsmanship throughout. They are commendable champions of the future. From all indications, table hockey is alive and well in Peterborough. Thanks to Sid and Maggie and family and friends for organizing a great double-header.

NTHL action shifts to Montreal on September 29. Will Carlo come back with a vengeance and start a new winning streak? Or will his defeats by Pat and Sid pry open chinks in his armor, and encourage others to dethrone the King? Join us at the tables, and find out soon enough.

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