

Junior goalie maimed in Centennial action

WINNIPEG (CP) — Selkirk Steelers goalie Dean Shaw accidentally had three fingers of his left hand severed Tuesday night in the first period of Centennial Cup western semifinal playoffs.

Shaw, 17, a native of Regina, was gathering in the puck when Weyburn captain Ron Amyotte's skate inadvertently cut Shaw's hand. As he was rushed to hospital, his team-mates put the pressure on and defeated the Red Wings 6-2.

Dwight McMillan, coach of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League club, said his team was unhinged by the accident.

"Shaw's accident was upsetting," McMillan said. "I just can't believe the kid was that unlucky. He still has the habit he had in Regina. While sprawling to gather in the puck, he throws away his stick and uses a wide sweeping action with his arms and hands."

"His glove came off this time and that's how the accident happened," McMillan said. He added: "Our guys were sick about it and we played terrible afterward. We were flat, didn't check and let Selkirk skate around us."

This is Shaw's first season with the Steelers. His goaltending duties

with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League team were assumed by backup Bob Unger. The best-of-seven series now is tied 2-2, with the fifth game to be played in Winnipeg tonight.

GETS TWO GOALS

"It was a sickening and unfortunate accident," said Glenn Pasichnyk, who got two goals for the Steelers.

"We tried to put Dean's accident out of our mind. It was difficult to do, but we knew we could count on our backup goalie to come through for us."

Centennial Cup

Pembroke 12 Halifax 2

(Pembroke leads best-of-seven Eastern
Canada semifinal 3-0)

Selkirk 6 Weyburn 2

(Best-of-seven Western Canada
semifinal tied 2-2)

Langley 3 Fort Saskatchewan 2

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semifinal tied 2-2)