

# BOSTON A. A. SEXTET DEFEATS ST. NICKS

**Wins Sixth Consecutive League  
Hockey Game at Iceland  
Rink by 4-0 Score.**

## STANDING OF TEAMS IN EASTERN GROUP OF U.S.A.H.A.

Boston A. A.....	6	0	1.000
New Haven .....	5	2	.714
St Nicholas .....	4	4	.500
Boston H. C. ....	4	4	.500
Victorias .....	2	6	.250
Canadian Club.....	1	6	.143

Although the members of the St. Nicholas Club hockey sextet put up a determined battle, the Boston Athletic Club team was victorious at the Iceland rink last night by 4 goals to 0. It was the sixth consecutive victory for Boston in the Eastern division of the United States Amateur Hockey Association and it practically clinched the title and the honor of meeting the team winning the title in the Western section for the national title at the end of the season. By winning two more games the B. A. A. team will be in a position where the best that the New Haven team can do is to secure a tie, even should the latter win all of its remaining games. The Boston club has four more games to play and the New Havens have three.

Incidentally, the Hub City representatives have established what is believed to be almost a record for consecutive victories on the ice, with sixteen straight games won, including practice and league games. During this period they have scored a total of 60 goals, while their opponents have counted only 14.

### Boston Defense Strong.

The story of the Boston A. A. victory, as has been the case in practically every game in which the Unicorn team has played this season, is in the superb defense which it has built up. It was this feature of the Bostonian's play that enabled them to defeat the New Havens recently. During the first quarter, the St. Nicholas forwards had possession of the puck almost as much as had the visitors but they were never able to break through the defense of Smith and Campbell and whenever the Boston goal was threatened, which was not often, McCarthy, Small and Geran came to the rescue. With few exceptions, the shots that the local players got at the Boston net were from considerable distance out on the ice, making easy work for Lacroix, the stubby little B. A. A. goal.

Jabez Holmes, the St. Nick goal, had an off-night, three of the goals scored by the Bostonians being shots that he ordinarily would have stopped. In all he checked thirty-two efforts directed his way, not a few of his stops bordering on the sensational order. For the St. Nicks, Buntin and Cushman gave a good account of themselves in the forward positions, while Henriques and Walker played well on the defensive.

The St. Nicks threatened in the opening period, and only a sensational stop on the part of Lacroix prevented Townsend from counting shortly after the initial face-off. Early in the period the St. Nicks gave a fine defensive exhibition, intercepting the puck time and again and not allowing the Bostonians to get in toward their net. After five minutes of play, however, Geran managed to pass Holmes while the latter was down on one knee. The shot was made on a rebound and went into the corner of the netting. Later on in the period Smith made a desperate bid for another goal, but his aim was a trifle wide.

### Geran Scores for Boston.

To start the second period Buntin made a neat interception, carrying the rubber down into the Boston territory, but he was unable to make the shot. A short time later Small took the puck down the side of the rink and finding himself out of position, passed to Geran, who was waiting in front of the St. Nick goal, and the B. A. A. centre pushed it in between Holmes's feet. The former Harvard goal tender shortly afterward made a beautiful stop on McCarthy, who received the puck directly in front of the goal with a clear shot ahead of him, and a little later he made a brilliant double stop on Small. The third Boston goal came after 9 minutes 40 seconds of play in the period, Rice making it on a pass from Small who intercepted the puck in the centre of the ice and then wriggled his way through the St. Nick defenses. Finding himself unable to shoot Small passed to Rice who was almost on top of Holmes.

Enright accounted for the last goal when, after 4 minutes 50 seconds of play in the final period he counted on a long shot which went past Holmes, shoulder high. The St. Nick players lost a great opportunity to score a few minutes later when Buntin passed to Cushman in front of the B. A. A. goal.

The line-up:

BOSTON A. A. (4). ST. NICHOLAS (0).  
Lacroix .....G..... Holmes  
Smith .....R.D..... Henriques  
Campbell .....L.D..... Walker  
McCarthy .....R.W..... Townsend  
Small .....L.W..... Bierwirth  
Geran .....C..... Buntin

Goals—First period: Geran, Boston A. A. (5 minutes). Second period: Geran, Boston A. A. (2 minutes 10 seconds); Rice, Boston A. A. (9 minutes 40 seconds). Third period: Enright, Boston A. A. (4 minutes 50 seconds). Stops—Lacroix, Boston A. A., 11; Holmes, St. Nicholas, 32. Fouls—Henriques, St. Nicholas (2 minutes for tripping); Enright, Boston A. A. (2 minutes for tripping).

Substitutions—Boston A. A.: Rice and Enright. St. Nicholas: Cushman and Baldwin.

Referee—J. Lewis Brown, New York. Timers—Bert White, N. Y. A. C., and R. P. Williams. Goal umpires—Ab Stinson, Canadian Club, and G. M. Moffatt, Iceland. Time of periods—Three of 15 minutes each.