

# Generals bid to pull even with Perani tending goal

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DES MOINES — It will be up to goalie Bob Perani to restrict the Des Moines Capitals to three goals or less tonight if the Flint Generals are to square their Turner Cup playoff series in the International Hockey League.

The Generals have won only two of 10 games against the Caps this season, one by a 5-4 score in overtime and the other by a 5-3 margin.

Neither came in Des Moines' arena where the Generals' 0-5 record includes

losses by scores of 4-3, 5-2, 7-1, 9-1 and 5-1. The last was in Sunday night's opener in the best-of-seven playoff series.

"**WE KNOW** what we're up against," said Flint Coach Doug Carpenter.

He added, "We knew what kind of a series we'd be in before we came here. We know we're playing the best team in the league."

Carpenter's switch to Perani wasn't dictated by disappointment in Merlin Jenner's performance on Sunday. He said, "Maybe there was a bad goal or two but the defeat wasn't his fault. We had chances to score and didn't get the goals."

**CARPENTER** said he decided to start Jenner before the Generals came here. "Perani was tired after those two important games at Toledo," he said.

Before getting into the playoffs, Carpenter said he needed two goalies if the Generals were to advance very far.

"We haven't scored more than one goal in our last three games here, so we'll have to get excellent goaltending. We'll probably have to keep them to three goals or less and that's some job because they have ten or twelve guys who can put the puck into the net," Carpenter said.

**THE FLINT** coach indicated no lineup changes, feeling that the Generals' Sunday performance was adequate except for the lack of goal scoring.

That means Jim Koleff will center Doug Manchak and Ernie Moser, Capt. Wayne Zuk will center Dave Gorman and Jack Kell and Dick Mortenson will center Frank Beation and Jim Johnston. Bill Flynn is the extra forward.

Carpenter said injuries probably will keep center Dave Bonter idle for at least another week.

After tonight, the Generals come home for the third game of the series on Thursday and the fourth game on Sunday.

**THE FIFTH** and seventh games, if necessary, are scheduled in Des Moines and the sixth, if necessary, is slated for Flint.

The Generals' box office reported a brisk business Monday. Season ticket holders have until 6 p.m. today to claim seats or make other arrangements with the box office.

Unclaimed tickets will go on sale at noon Thursday. Another 200 tickets in the blue sections go on sale one hour before Thursday's 7:30 o'clock game-time.