



Edmonton scores into a crowded Bronco net

B.C.-Alberta finals

Penticton takes a two game edge

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Penticton Broncos opened their best of seven B.C.-Alberta Junior finals on home ice over the weekend with a pair of narrow victories, one of them in a second over-time period.

Playing before near capacity crowds both Saturday and Sunday, the Broncos showed why they were B.C. champions this past season, but left some doubt in a good many minds as to their true calibre on a national junior championship level.

There was no doubt in both games that they held an edge in play but even so both clubs seemed evenly matched and showed plenty of balance that would indicate a long tough series.

Saturday night, playing before more than 2,700 Okanagan Valley fans, the Broncos edged Alberta champions, Edmonton Movers 8-6 with key markers coming early in the second period when they scored four times in the space of three minutes and 47 seconds. This proved to make the difference as both teams fought to a 2-2 tie at the end of the first 20 minutes of play, while Movers outscored Penticton 4-1 in the final stanza.

The Broncos wasted little time at the beginning of

the second period to exert pressure and before six minutes were showing on the big clock, they had scored four times. Then later they added a fifth goal in the same period to take a 7-2 lead.

It should be noted that Vernon's own Tom Serviss scored the opening goal in the series when he drove a hard shot past the short side of Edmonton's goalie Loyal Kopp. This came at the 2:15 minute mark of the first period and was the highlight of several drives that the Vernon ace had made just prior to the marker.

Going into the third period and with their backs against the wall, the Movers exhibited a fine display of stick handling and skating that began to pay off near the mid-way mark of the period with the first of four goals that quickly narrowed Penticton's lead. However, time ran out to leave the Broncos with a big win.

In the Sunday afternoon encounter before approximately 2,400 fans, both clubs proceeded to wage a pitched battle in the first 20 minutes of play with referee Andy Gerva of Moose Jaw emerging the obvious winner as he handed out a total of nine penalties, six to the Movers and three to Penticton.

Although Edmonton's Greg Dolsky took advantage of a powerplay situation with Dale McBain sitting out a tripping penalty to score the initial goal of the game, subsequent goals by Wayne Schaab and Pat Laughton gave the Broncos a 2-1 lead going into the second period.

In the second period and just under the two-minute mark, Clint Coultsman tied the game at two apiece while it seemed the Penticton players stood around for the goal to be scored.

Just after the half-way mark of the third Randy Clark put the Movers ahead, and it looked like this would be the way the game would end. However, a penalty to the Movers' Ron Williams at 17:50 took away their advantage they had gained a minute previously when Watson of the Broncos had gone off with a tripping penalty. Then with only 35 seconds left in the game and the Broncos holding a one-man advantage Coach Jack Taggart pulled goalie Wally Denault in favor of a sixth attacker, this proved to be too much for the Alberta visitors who were snowed under by Penticton pressure.

With only 14 seconds left in the third period, it was Watson who proved to be the hero of the moment as he slammed in the tying goal. The predominantly partisan crowd went wild as they let forth a tremendous display of enthusiasm. As a matter of fact, the situation was so tense with excitement that even the minor officials forgot themselves and let the clock run nine seconds past the regulation 20 minutes.

Although nothing was said about this extra timing it could have created an explosive situation had there been any goals scored by either side. However,

this was not the case and the regulation 60 minutes of play ended in a tie forcing the first of two overtime periods.

In the first 10 minute overtime session, the deadlock could not be broken. Then going into the second overtime stanza that was announced as a 20 minute sudden-death period, it took only 55 seconds for Penticton's scoring ace Bob Mowat, to find the mark with a spectacular backhand shot to end the game in favor of the Broncos.

Puck Patter

The series resumes Tuesday night at Edmonton's Jasper Place arena then moves over to Edmonton Gardens, Thursday and Friday.

Results of the Edmonton Garden game should prove interesting as the extra large ice surface could make a difference in Penticton's play. Surface there is said to be 90 feet wide by 210 feet long and holds in the neighborhood of 6,000 spectators.

Official shots on goal for the Sunday game were listed as 60 for Penticton and only 25 for Edmonton. This seems like a little far out as Edmonton goalie Loyal Kopp seemed to be by far one of the better players on the ice as he came through with several key saves in the game. He was certainly the backbone of the club as was teammate Grant Wyton who showed a good deal of hockey ability and aggressiveness throughout both games.

Another much talked about topic that almost stole the show on the game at hand was the question of where the return game or games will be played in the event that the series goes to number six and seven.

Penticton, as of Sunday's game will have no ice due



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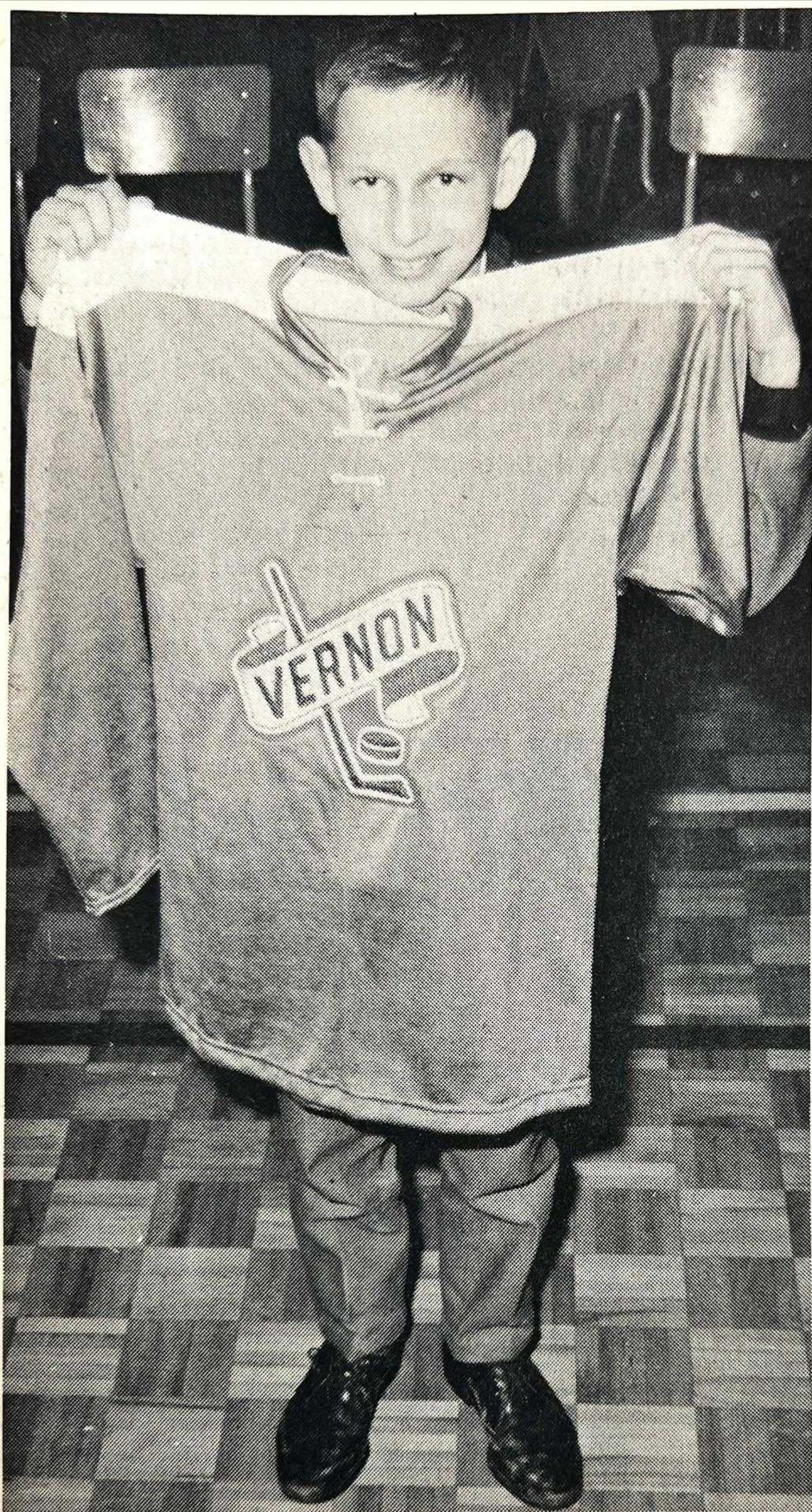
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KEN HOLLAND ... wins trip

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