

Red Wings take their revenge

By DOUG BULWER

Weyburn Sask., Vernon Essos 9-1 loss to the Weyburn Red Wings Tuesday night before 1480 fans in the Weyburn colosseum during the third game of the best of seven Western Canada Junior "A" semi-final series was like turning the calendar back four days.

As in the opening game in Vernon last Saturday, the home town club struck early and then never looked back, scoring three unanswered markers in the first period, adding four more in the mid-session to the lone Vernon goal of the game, and completing the rout in the final 20 minutes of play by adding two more goals for the lopsided win.

A feeling of what was to take place was indicated right from the early seconds of the games as the Red Wings moved quickly and efficiently into the fray with plenty of self-assurance given them by the solid fan support in the stands.

As was in the case in Vernon, the familiar surroundings made the big difference floundering on the much larger ice surface, finding it hard to get untracked and to swing into their offensive drives that had brought them the league pennant flag and subsequently the British Columbia Championship.

After the game the Vernon players were the first to admit they were not up for the game, although their intentions were good.

"As soon as I stepped onto the ice for our warmup, I felt

myself lost and no matter how hard our line tried we just couldn't seem to get together," said Esso's assistant captain Lawrence Quechuk after the game.

Several other players on the team also said they felt the same way, and as a result their play was ineffective particularly when deep in Weyburn territory.

Weyburn's first period goals came at 1:48 13:15 and 17:12 with the first goal being scored from what looked like an offside play that several spectators, including Weyburn fans, agreeing that a linesman had missed the play at the blueline.

The second goal was again not that good an effort as the play started from a goalmouth scramble with Gary Osborne momentarily losing possession as the puck slipped out of his reach. Bob Mayer was unable to untangle his stick to complete the clearing effort although the puck was at his feet a fraction of a second before it was finally shoved into the net.

This second goal by the way was a powerplay effort as Alex Dick had been sent off a minute earlier for a hooking infraction.

Goal three for Weyburn came four minutes later as again Vernon had trouble in taking over control of the puck in their own end. These initial markers by the Weyburn club came off the sticks of Eugene Sawchuk Bob Gerrard, and Scott Smith.

Moving into the second frame Weyburn again struck early with Calvin Booth scoring at 2:03 with a Red Wing player sitting out a penalty.

This play started after Vernon had worked deep into Weyburn territory but found themselves losing possession of the puck which Booth, as a defenseman, managed to get after a quick passing play from Sawchuk that put him into the clear.

John Price, Bob Mayer and Jack Marsh put the Esso's on the score sheet when they took advantage of a power play with Greg Hubick off for a holding penalty. Actually Hubick's penalty had expired but he was not able to get back into the play in time for a save against John Prices quick 20 foot shot that slipped through Weyburn goalie Jerome Mrazek's pads at 3:50.

It was Weyburn again at the halfway mark of the middle period on goal number five with Red Wing captain Wendell Bennett scooping in a rebound shot that Gary Osborne, had saved when Eugene Sawchuk drove a close inplay at Osborne's chest.

Weyburn then closed out the second period scoring on another slick effort, this time by

Rod Norrish, a pickup from the Regina Pats, who teamed with another Regina linemate, Scott Smith, for a similar rebound goal.

Faced with the 7-1 deficit going into the final period of action, Esso's came out strong and for at least the first 12 minutes of the period had Weyburn on the run although they themselves couldn't seem to capitalize on their goal mouth drives.

With 14:02 showing on the clock Weyburn struck again with Booth picking up his second goal of the night with help from Bob Miller.

Garnet Currie then added the final Red Wing goal with just over two minutes remaining for the one sided win.

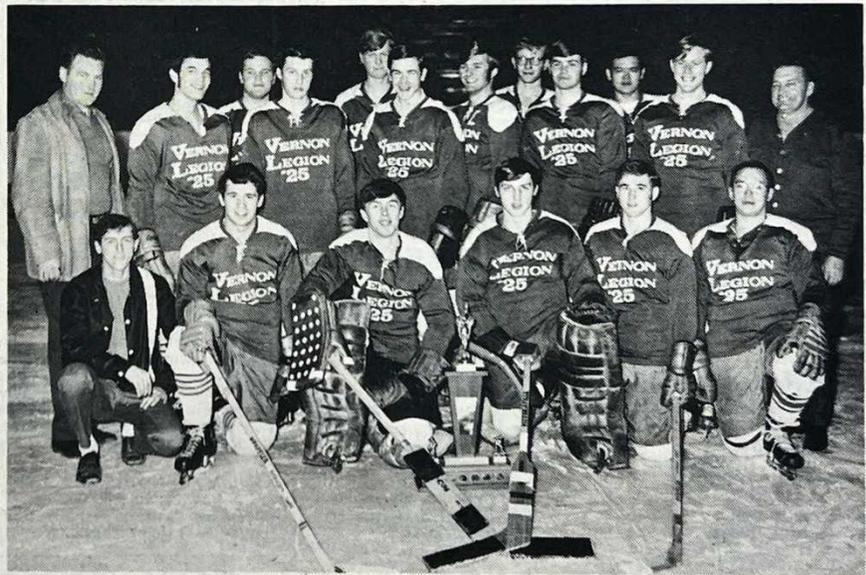
In penalties, Vernon and Weyburn were almost even with Vernon taking 11 minors to nine by Weyburn, with Dick of Vernon picking up a five minute major along with Sobchuk of Weyburn for a fighting incident at 11:59 of the final period. Then Bill Owens and Garry Leippi taking a strange call from

referee Pete Prosofski of Regina who gave them five minutes match penalties for what looked like an ordinary fighting episode with Leippi starting it all with an elbowing penalty at 14:14.

In the goalies saves department, Gary Osborne took 13 and 14 drives that came his way in the first two periods before being replaced by Lionel Trudel to start the final session in which he saved eight shots, allowing two to go past him.

Jerome Mrazek in the nets for Weyburn a pickup from the Moose Jaw junior a team, stopped nine, five and seven respectively for a total of 21 saves in the game.

Fourth game of the series goes in Weyburn Thursday with the fifth game Friday night, the Sixth game Sunday afternoon and the Seventh Game Monday night. The latter two depending on whether Vernon can wrap up the series tonight and Friday and of course it will take until Sunday afternoon to give Weyburn the series should they win tonight and Friday.



Playoff champions

The Vernon Legionnaires hockey team won the Okanagan Mainline Junior B Championship in a recent two out of three game series and won the Playoff Cup against Merritt. Photographed with the Playoff Cup (from left) are (front): stickboy Jerry White, forward Wayne Little, goalie Ted Adair, spare goalie Mike Smithson, forward Doug Wiffen, forward Lane Marchand; (centre row) coach George Bevan, defenceman Dave Ogasawara, defenceman Bernie Smithson, centre Stan Hunt, team captain Pat Murphy, forward Willie Bevan, defenceman Jim Inglis, manager Bernie Smithson, Sr.; (rear row) defenceman Wally Bevan, defenceman Bob Powell, defenceman Dave Jones and forward Graydon Brown. Missing are forward Craig Barr and forward Andrew Dagenais.

Sportsmen's NEWS

By NONIE FRISBY

The Lumby Wildlife association is getting their year off with a fish derby at Sugar Lake, April 12 and the hours are from six to six. Get your entry ticket early at Sigale Mill site or contact Roy Wilson at 547-6405.

You don't have to be a Lumby resident to enter this derby. Why not make it a Sunday outing for the whole family? This is a very successful annual event of the Lumby Wildlife

Registration for little leaguers

ARMSTRONG (Staff) — Registration meeting for Armstrong little league baseball will be held in Armstrong Centennial Hall, Friday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Registrations will be taken for little league players aged from 9 to 12, and for pony league players of 13-15 years of age.

This year's registration fee is \$3.50 a player, a 50-cent increase over last year which provides for affiliation dues to the B.C. Little League organization.