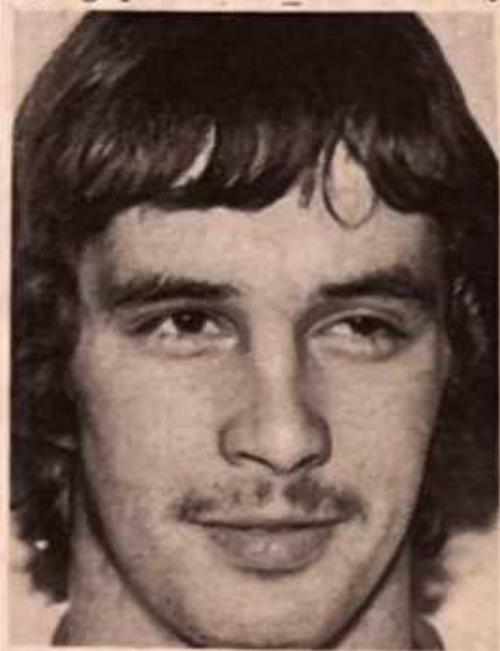


## NOHL action

# Merchants drub Winfield —Cougars mash Totems

By DOUG BULWER

Two important victories were racked up in North Okanagan hockey league play Boxing Day as Armstrong Cougars widened the gap between themselves



JEFF SHIRLEY

... second hat trick

and Westside Totems and Vernon Merchants blanked Winfield Raiders to take over sole possession of second place in the five team standings.

In the opener, Cougars scored three unanswered goals in the first period then battled through a scoreless second frame before coming on strong with four goals to Westside Totems' three in the final 20 minute session for the one sided 7-3 win.

It meant a four point night as far as the Cougars were concerned as the victory vaulted them six points ahead of last place Totems who could have narrowed the gap had they won to a mere two points back of the fourth place Cougars.

In game number two of the night, Vernon Merchants made

no mistake where they were going as their 8-0 shutout over Winfield Raiders placed them one point ahead of the same Raider crew and only two back of league leaders Head of the Lake Stampede.

Merchants, backed by solid goal tending on the part of Ed Forslund were by far the masters of all they surveyed as they scored three goals in both the first and second periods then coasted to the easy win with two more insurance markers in the final period.



ED FORSLUND

... big shutout

Six players featured in the goal scoring for Armstrong, headed by the two goal effort on the part of Guy Davison with singles coming from Steve White, Meryl Ransom, Rick Misener, Ken Haller and Wilf Jaeger.

At the other end of the rink, Jeff Shirley seemingly did all the work as he scored all three markers for the Totems to bring

his three games played total so far to six and record his second hat trick of the year.

In the Merchant white-wash over Winfield, Mike Perepolkin also had a big night as he scored a hat trick and by so doing, joined the elite near the top of the point race as he now has eight goals and eight assists for 16 points, the same as Jim Moro of the Stampede who has a league leading 11 goals.

Both men share second place just two points back of Jack Howard also of the Stamps who has seven goals and 11 assists for 18 points.

Along with the tremendous effort on the part of Mike Perepolkin, brother Freddy also was hot as he scored a pair of goals to bring the brothers total to five of the eight goals scored in the game.

Others in on the Winfield drubbing were single efforts from George Fargher, John Madden and Stan Hunt.

With junior A hockey action set for Vernon civic arena this Sunday as the Vikings take on Langley Lords, NOHL action will take a weeks holiday and resume their regular Sunday night action on Jan. 6 with Merchants and Totems meeting in game one, and Stampede clashing with Winfield in the second match of the night.

NOHL point leaders to and including Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1973.

PLAYER	G	A	PTS.
1. Jack Howard (HL) ...	7	11	18
2. Jim Moro (HL) .....	11	5	16
3. M. Perepolkin (VM) .	8	8	16
4. Bernie Marchand (WT)	9	5	14
5. G. Fargher (VM) ....	7	5	12
6. Clay Anderson (HL) .	5	6	11
7. Rick Rielley (VM) ...	4	6	10
8. Don Jakes (HL) .....	2	8	10
9. Chris Swain (W) .....	7	2	9
10. F. Perepolkin (VM) ...	5	5	9
11. Steve Reynolds (W) ..	4	5	9

North Okanagan Hockey League standings to and including Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1973.

TEAM	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts
Head of Lake .....	8	6	1	1	43	27	13
Vernon Merchants .....	9	5	3	1	47	27	11
Winfield Raiders .....	10	5	5	0	31	46	10
Armstrong Cougars .....	8	4	4	0	31	33	8
Westside Totems .....	9	1	8	0	34	53	2

## Edm. Bantams off on bad road trip

PRAGUE CP-AP) — The Lynwood bantam hockey team from Edmonton got off to a bad start in a series of games this week with Czech teams.

The Bantams arrived here four days late because of bad flying weather. Their luggage was left behind in Copenhagen and they had to play the first game with borrowed sticks.

The 13-year-old Canadians tied 2-2 in their first game against Prague Slavia but lost 7-2 to Sparta Juniors.

The games had to be rescheduled due to the Lynwood's travel problems.

The Edmonton team is to play two matches in Brno and two in Bratislava before flying home by way of Copenhagen.

## Gare sets torrid pace

Christmas festivities didn't dull Danny Gare's scoring touch.

Gare scored two goals Wednesday to lead Calgary Centennials to a 6-1 victory over Medicine Hat Tigers, the third straight Western Canada Hockey League game in which he has had two goals.

The 19-year-old right winger from Nelson, B.C., now has scored at least one goal in each of his last 13 games and has a season total of 30 in 29 games.

"They just keep going in and I hope they don't stop," Gare said after Calgary maintained its home-ice unbeaten streak. The Centennials, leaders in the Western Division by eight points over New Westminster Bruins, have 13 victories and one tie at home this season.

Gare's outstanding play also



DANNY GARE

... so far 30 goals

extended recently to two games against the touring Moscow Selects. The team captain, in his last year of junior play, had four assists in two games against the Russians.