



Vernon blasts Armstrong

First-place Vernon Art's Gulf blasted Armstrong 89-68 and Winfield dumped Lumby 100-66 in Men's Commercial Basketball League action Monday at Vernon, Senior Secondary School.

Rick Inrig led Vernon's attack with 28 points while Larry Harvey added 20. Player-coach Dave Jackson, back from an arm injury, scored 12.

Tony Wolcott scored 16 while Ian Houchin added 14 for Armstrong.

Gulf led 22-8 after the first quarter and 46-30 at half-time. By the end of the third quarter, Vernon had a comfortable 68-46 lead

FOUR EX-VIKINGS, now members of the Medicine Hat Tigers, returned to Vernon Monday to do battle against their old club. From the left, defenceman Cliff Lane, winger Don Murdoch, defenceman Tim Sanche,

and goalie Ken Holland, kneeling, all spent at least one season in Vernon. Vikings came from behind Monday to tie the Tigers 7-7. (Daily News Photo by Don Kendall)

Lowly Scouts defeat struggling North Stars

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A hard-fought National Hockey League game between two struggling teams was enlivened by a third-period scrap Monday night.

Kansas City Scouts, roused midway through the second period by Ed Gilbert's short-handed goal, defeated Minnesota North Stars 5-2 before a crowd of 9,047.

After the game, Charley Burns said he will continue as

season.

O'BRIEN EJECTED

Dennis O'Brien of the North Stars was ejected from the game in the third period after tangling with the Scouts' Norm Dube.

Tonight Toronto Maple Leafs visit New York Islanders, Boston Bruins take on the Capitals in Washington, and St. Louis Blues are home to California Seals.

WITH TIGERS

Stein's late goal gives Vikings tie

VERNON 7, MEDICINE HAT 7

A goal by Marty Stein with less than four minutes remaining in the third period lifted Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, into a 7-7 tie with their parent club, Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Canada Hockey League, Monday before 1,450 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Stein's goal finished an impressive comeback for Vernon who trailed 7-4 early in the third period.

Tigers never trailed in the

game leading 2-0 after the first period and 6-4 after the second.

Fans got what they wanted to see, an exciting hockey game, and a look at four members of the Vernon alumni now wearing Medicine Hat uniforms.

Tiger goalie Ken Holland played the first period and shutout his old teammates. The WCHL's leading goal scorer Don Murdoch, a Viking last year, scored the first goal of the game on a power play and defencemen Cliff Lane and Tim Sanche played steady

games on the blue lines. **SCORED TWO**

Darrell Booth scored two goals for the Vikings with singles from Grant Sidnick, Dwight Bailey, Jeff Boychuk, and Harvey Teske.

Gary Vaughan scored three for the Tigers while Tom Blast added two and Morris Lukowich notched one.

Vernon netminders Jim Scammel and Darrell Furmanek combined to stop 35 shots while Holland and Don Light, who played the final two periods, stopped 32 shots.

Furmanek, who played the third period, was beat on a bad shot early in the period, but after that was brilliant. He made great saves of Murdoch and Lukowich when Vikings trailed 7-6.

Stein had probably his best game of the season for Vernon, as he also assisted on goals by his linemates, Bailey and Boychuk.

Medicine Hat coach Jack Shupe was very impressed with the Vikings.

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Three rookies flying for Seals

MONTREAL (CP) — Dave Hrechkosy, Larry Patey and Ron Huston still have not become household names in National Hockey League circles.

But the three rookies with California Seals are doing their best to change that situation as they have combined for exactly one-third of the club's goal output this season.

So far this season, the lowly Seals have scored 111 goals, with 37 of those coming from the three rookies. In addition, the trio's output has helped California overcome its deficit of other seasons on the road.

The Seals, in their 23 road games, have almost doubled their entire 1973-74 road point output. More precisely, the club in its last four road games equalled last season's total of four points garnered away from home.

While California's record still leaves much to be desired, when they pick up points they get most of them against the stronger clubs.

Their 10 victories—three

short of their 1973-74 total—have been gained as follows: Philadelphia Flyers (2), Atlanta Flames (2), Washington Capitals (2), and Los Angeles Kings, Boston Bruins, Chicago Black Hawks and Minnesota North Stars.

Hrechkosy, who joined the Seals in their sixth game this season, has scored 13 goals and added eight assists in the club's last 18 games.

	G	A	Pts	Pim
Esposito, B	38	39	77	29
Orr, B	23	51	74	52
Lefleur, Mtl	29	33	62	25
Perreault, Buf	29	33	59	22
Clarke, Pha	13	43	56	67
Mahovich, Mtl	17	38	54	22
Robert, Buf	24	28	523	49
Dionne, D	19	33	12	6
Vickers, NYR	18	29	47	28
Gilbert, NYR	20	26	46	12
Schock, Pgh	15	31	46	14
D. Polvin, NYI	12	34	46	61
Rafelle, NYR	14	31	43	12
Martin, Buf	21	23	44	77
Unger, STL	19	25	44	53
Mikita, C	17	27	44	30
Luca, Buf	21	22	43	22
Bucyk, B	17	26	43	6
Hodge, B	13	30	43	58
Lapointe, Mtl	16	26	42	37
Grant, D	22	19	41	16
Apps, Pgh	16	25	41	25
Lemaire, Mtl	17	24	41	10
Vadnais, B	8	33	41	78

GOOD CLUB

Shupe said, "Vernon has a good young hockey club here and there are a lot of players who will get a good, long look at our camp next year."

"I don't know if we will be bringing any players up this year before the rosters are frozen Jan. 10, but if we do, it will be Greg Walmsley."

Walmsley played a steady game against the Hat and Shupe feels he would fit in with his club because of his size and experience.

Shupe said, "A lot of Viking players looked good. Stein and Sidnick both played well. Youngsters like Ron Areshneko, Darrell Billsten, and Furmanek also impressed me."

Neither defence looked particularly adept Monday as the forwards were given lots of room to roam in the offensive zones. As a result, fans were treated to a wide-open game.

GOALPOSTS: Defenceman Peter Poeschek joined the Vikings Monday in time for the game and put Vernon five players over the roster limit. The roster must be trimmed by Friday . . . Vikings next league game is Wednesday in Merritt.