

Tigers stretch streak with win over Kelowna

Vernon Lodge Tigers won their ninth consecutive game Tuesday when they hammered Kelowna Bruins 18-8 in Interior Lacrosse Association action before 340 fans at the Civic Arena.

The loss, Kelowna's first in five games, drops them eight points behind the first-place Tigers.

Teams were tied 3-3 after a lucklustre first period, but Vernon held a commanding 10-5 lead after the second.

At the start of the second period, Tigers scored five goals in five minutes, before a rash of penalties forced them to play more defensively.

Jeff Shirley, Danny Holte, Gilles Bezeau, and Graydon Brown scored two each for the winners while Don Kendall, Neil Tyerman, John Kuly, Marty Stein, Jamie McKenzie, Donny Bruce, Gary Holte, Gary Gilchrist, Dale Rintoul, and goalie Rich Zecchel added singles.

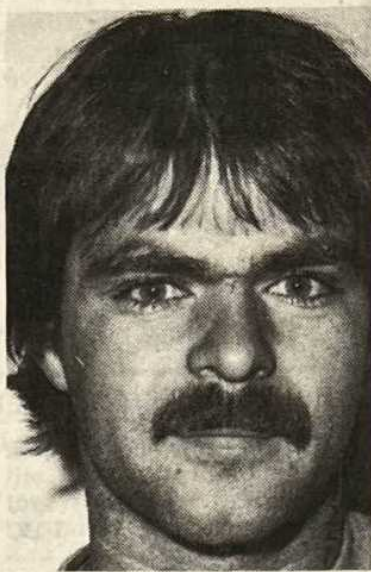
MISSED CHANCE

Zecchel missed a glorious scoring opportunity early in the third period when he hit Kelowna goalie Mike Neid in the mask with a shot. But, he made up for that when he took a perfect pass from Shirley and drilled home his third goal of the season in the dying minutes.

Dave Newman scored three goals for Bruins while Keith Maguire added a pair. Singles went to Bert Parrent, Greg Graggett, and Garland Chase.

TOUCH DEFENCE

Tigers' defenders kept



GILLES BEZEAU ... scored two

while Neid made 37 stops, and got a lot of help from the goalposts. Vernon hit between 12 and 15 goalposts.

Tigers' President Art Horsley said he could see Bruins run out of gas in the second period, when his club just found their legs.

Horsley said, "We kept running all night while Kelowna ran for just one period. That is where it is crucial to have three strong lines, that play evenly. They just don't get tired."

In ILA action tonight, Kamloops Warriors have a chance to move into a tie for third-place with Armstrong Shamrocks when they host the 'Rocks at 8:30 p.m. Thursday night, Bruins host the Tigers.

VERNON SCORING

Player	G	A	Pts.
Shirley	23	30	53
D. Holte	27	24	51
G. Holte	18	28	46
Rintoul	17	13	30
Brown	14	16	30
Mosdell	16	13	29
Bezeau	17	11	28
Kendall	3	24	27
Zecchel	3	22	25
Walmsley	10	9	19
McKenzie	9	8	17
Canuel	6	11	17
Horsley	5	12	17
Townsend	5	10	15
Stein	4	10	14
Gilchrist	3	9	12
Kuly	6	5	11
Tyerman	4	7	11
Webber	1	10	11

Maguire in check all night, allowing him just four shots on goal and no assists. Going into the game, he had 25 points in four games.

In fact, at even strength, Vernon was almost unbeatable. Five of Bruins' eight goals came on the powerplay, including three while Tigers were two-men short. And one of Newman's goals came while killing a penalty. Vernon was assessed 15 of 22 minor penalties.

Zecchel blocked 26 shots



THREE'S THE USUAL CROWD at home plate, but in this case it's six — representing two baseball eras. With modern-day counterparts also getting into the act, players and umpire in period uniforms re-enact at Pittsfield, Mass., the first intercollegiate baseball game — 1859, in which Amherst defeated Williams College 72-32.

Annual league meeting to discuss franchises

British Columbia Junior Hockey has tentatively scheduled its annual meeting for June 26 and 27.

League President Bryan Couling told the Daily News it could be one of the most important meetings in the league's history.

Couling said, "Main topic on the agenda will be franchises for next season."

At least one of the loop's eight teams has indicated it won't be back for the 1976-77 season. Chilliwack Bruins have applied to join the Pacific Coast Junior League. However, Couling feels there will be no trouble picking up an eighth franchise.

THREE APPLICANTS

He said, "We have three firm applications from Kamloops groups, and I hear through the grapevine, Bellingham may be making an application to return."

The league's other teams are located in Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Merritt, Langley, Nanaimo, and Maple Ridge.

Two moves, which were rumored, apparently will not be made. One report had Langley applying for entry in the PCJHL, however, that has now been ruled out according to Couling.

Another report had Nanaimo Owner Pat Ginnell moving his club to Victoria, and selling the Nanaimo franchise. But, that move too is apparently no more than a rumor.

Couling also had some good news for the Vernon Vikings. Canadian Amateur Hockey Association recently approved inter-provincial affiliations, and the BCJHL president said he has heard the Western Canada Hockey League will

also approve that ruling at its annual meeting next week.

What that means is Medicine Hat Tigers, of the WCHL, will be able to call up players from the Vikings at any time, strengthening the tie between the two clubs.

Royals shutout hotelmen

Lumby Royals blanked Kal Hotel 6-0 in Vernon Men's Commercial Fastball League action Tuesday at Alexis Park.

For the first-place Royals, it was their ninth victory in 10 starts.

Russ Headington threw a two-hitter to record the win, while Tony Nelson got tagged with the loss.

Jack Yamoaka led Lumby's attack with a home run while Rick Howkins slugged a double and two singles.

Meanwhile, in ladies' fastpitch action, Geniers TV thumped Commerce Aces 15-5, Goodtimers bombed Sneakers 27-8, and Coldstream Royals defeated O.D.'s 16-5.

In senior slowpitch play Monday, Vernon A's outlasted Twin Elves Shell 39-33.

John Robinson was the winning pitcher and Bruce Secord got stuck with the loss.

A strong wind helped each team slug four home runs.

B.C. basketball player selected in NBA draft

VANCOUVER (CP) — Lars Hansen, selected by Chicago in the third round of the National Basketball Association draft, said Tuesday night the Bulls "are the perfect club for me because I'm sure I can make them."

"As far as I know the only good big man they have is Tom Boerwinkle."

Hansen, a high school star from nearby Coquitlam who played with University of Washington Huskies last season, led the Pacific-8 Conference in field goal shooting with 59 per cent.

"I would say my biggest drawback is my rebounding right now," said Hansen, a member of Canada's Olympic team. "I think I'm a pretty good rebounder but unless I produce with them/Chicago I'll be in trouble."

Highwaymen suffer loss

Sigalet Brothers outlasted Department of Highways 20-17 in Over-the-hill Softball League action Tuesday.

The game was a see-saw battle with the highwaymen leading for much of the night.

Jack Olsen was the winning pitcher while Gordon Pickles was assessed the loss.

In action tonight at the Hilltop Diamond, at 6:30 p.m., Star Auto Body tangles with Monashee Auto Body.

