

Tigers work hard for 20th victory



TERRY MOSDELL
... scored five

Vernon Lodge Tigers had to work long and hard for their 20th consecutive victory Friday in Interior Lacrosse Association action in Armstrong.

Tigers overcame a 7-3 first period deficit and went on to defeat the Shamrocks 15-12 before a capacity crowd.

Armstrong, still riding high after a 20-5 win over Kelowna Thursday, came out flying in the opening 20 minutes and caught Tigers flat-footed. However, by the end of the second, Vernon held an 11-10 edge.

A bench-clearing brawl at 15:48 of the second period marred the game. It started with Tigers' Terry Mosdell was decked with a high stick, by Les Kineshanko, immediately after scoring a goal. Kineshanko was jumped by two Vernon players and the benches emptied.

HELPED OFF

Mosdell was helped from the floor and told not to play the third period by trainer Brent Holan. But, the speedy forward ignored the warning and went out to score three goals in the final period, giving him five for the night.

Jeff Shirley and Dale Rintoul scored three each for the winners while Jamie McKenzie, Don Kendall, Graydon Brown, and Bob Webber added singles.

Lance McGregor, Jim Maundrell, Kim Fulton, Doug Morrison, and Kelly O'Brien scored two apiece for Armstrong while Wayne Christian and Steve Husband notched singles.

Tigers started the game with only 13 players, and after Gary Gilchrist, Greg Walmsley, and Brown were ejected, had just 10. At one point, with three men in the penalty box, Vernon had just seven bodies.

and Shamrocks could manage only two late goals.

Roth had praise for his club after the comeback.

He said, "every guy dug down and gave 110 per cent when they looked up at the scoreboard and saw we were behind 7-3s. Armstrong was fired up and we had to work hard for this one."

Shamrocks received excellent netminding from Cliff Lockwood and Bird Henderson in the early stages, but it was Tigers' Rich Zecchel who shined in the final two periods.

STIFF FINES

As a result of the brawl, League Commissioner Fred Williamson fined both teams \$100 after the game.

In the penalty parade, Tigers were assessed 10 of 19 minors, three of five majors, three of five game misconducts, and the only 10-minute misconduct.

Williamson also announced that Kelowna's Doug Sperling, Mike Neid, and Ron Unser have all been suspended for three games as the result of incidents this week.

Tigers have only two games remaining, next Tuesday at home against Kelowna, and Thursday in the Regatta City.

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AT BCJHL MEETING

Franchise applications main topic on agenda

Several crucial decisions will be made this weekend as the B.C. Junior Hockey League meets in Vancouver.

Most important topic on the agenda is league expansion with applications from two cities to be heard.

Bids for franchises have been submitted by Abbotsford and Bellingham, Wash. The Abbotsford team would be nicknamed Flyers, while Bellingham would reinherit the name Blazers.

Blazers moved to Maple Ridge two seasons ago when financial problems closed the Bellingham Arena. However, if Bellingham does land a

franchise, Maple Ridge would keep its team and change the name to Haney Bruins.

The eight-team loop has already accepted an application for a new club in Kamloops for the 1976-77 season. However, according to league officials, if the two new groups have solid presentations, they should have no trouble getting admittance.

BCJHL Vice-president Ron Livingstone, of Langley Lords, said scheduling will also be handled this weekend.

Livingstone said, "From our point of view, the schedule should be reduced from 66 to 60 games, but I imagine that

will create a hot and heavy discussion."

Another change proposed by Livingstone could see the loop go back to a two-division system. Midway through the 1975-76 season, the BCJHL amalgamated the Coast and Interior Divisions into one larger grouping.

Livingstone said, "We would continue to play interlocking games, but there would be two division standings, Coast and Interior."

If Abbotsford and Bellingham are accepted, joining them in the Coast Division would be Nanaimo Clippers, Maple Ridge and Langley. Interior clubs are Penticton Vees, Merritt Centennials, Kelowna Buckaroos, Vernon Vikings, and Kamloops.

Canadian Amateur Hockey Association recently ruled that all Junior A leagues must compete in Centennial Cup competition. As a result, the BCJHL, which pulled out of cup play last season, will probably have to readjust its playoff format.

Representing Vernon at the meeting is shareholder Vera Dye.

Kal advances to final series

Kal Hotel advanced to the Vernon Men's Fastball League final series by thumping Lumby Royals 13-2 Friday at Alexis Park.

The victory gives Kal a 2-1 edge in their best-of-three semi-final series.

Tony Nelson was the winning pitcher while Gerald

Glen Kashuba hit a homer for Royals.

The lopsided win over first-place Lumby even surprised the hotelmen as they were missing third baseman Leo Gauthier. Gauthier, one of the club's leading hitters is playing for Vernon Lakers this weekend in the Quesnel Baseball Tournament.

