FOR SECOND TIME

BY BEATING ONTARIO

Tigers capture Canadian boxla title

VERNON LODGE TIGERS captain Jamie McKenzie accepts his gold medal and the President's Cup from Canadian Lacrosse Association official Bill McBain after Vernon edged Ontario in the final game of the national senior B championships. In the background is captain of the second-place Ontario team, Kim Patterson. Quebec won the bronze medal. (Photo by H. Watkins)

Vernon Lodge Tigers captured their second consecutive Canadian Senior B lacrosse championship Monday by edging Six Nations of Ontario 12-11 at the Jasper Place Arena in Edmonton.

The victory made Vernon the first B.C. team to win the President's Cup in back-to-back years.

Goaltender Rich Zecchel best summed up the national tournament by saying, "The four day war is over." Tigers played six games in four days against the best teams in the country. During this time, virtually every player was injured — some to the extent they couldn't finish the tourney.

Graydon Brown suffered a broken wrist, Terry McDonald had to fly to Vancouver Sunday to see a specialist after being hit in the eye with a ball, and Danny Holte missed two games with a cracked collarbone. In addition, another six players had to go to physiotherapy so they could play.

Tigers' President Art Horsley said, "I didn't believe it could be better the second time around, but it is. We've got a tremendous group of athletes on this team."

There was individual stars in every game, but in the final, it was Bill Kirkland. Kirkland scored five times, including the winner with only 30 seconds left on the clock. It was a storybook finish to a tremendous game.

Vernon led throughout until 12:36 of the third period when Ontario took a 10-9 lead. Twenty-two seconds later things looked gloomy for Tigers when Greg Walmsley took a high sticking penalty. But, Kirkland scored a short-handed goal to tie the game.

Gary Gilchrist, with a long subshot, put Tigers back in front at 16:20. Ontario came back to tie the contest again just 22 seconds later — setting the stage for Kirkland's breakaway goal, on a pass from Gary Holte.

Jeff Shirley scored twice for the winners while Danny Holte, Marty Stein, Terry Mosdell, and Dale Rintoul added singles.

Vic Generoux scored four goals for Six Nations, a team that played senior A all season.

About 1500 fans were at the final game, including more than 300 from Vernon. On the first day of the tourney (last Friday), there was about 200 Vernonites on hand. Every day more kept appearing and gave the Tigers a tremendous lift.

Coach Bill Roth said, "Our team played super lacrosse, but those fans deserve a lot of credit. I don't know if we could have done it without them. I guarantee, Edmonton has never seen lacrosse fans like that before."

If there was a hero throughout the tournament for Vernon, it had to be Danny Holte. Holte injured his collarbone in the third game against Quebec. He missed the next two games and doctors told him not to do anything strenuous for 30 days. However, he returned for the final and the 5'7" forward checked Ontario's big gun, 6'6" Kevin Patterson, into the ground.

After winning its first two games over Edmonton and Six Nations, Tigers were edged 10-8 by Akwesasne Warriors of Quebec. Vernon got back on the winning track by drilling St. Boniface, Man. 23-7 and then reached the final by thumping Halifax 14-2.

Quebec, which at one time led Tigers 10-2, was knocked out of the medal race by losing 9-7 to Ontario and 14-7 to Edmonton. In the consolation final, Warriors edged Halifax 14-13.

Quebec was led by one of the game's all-time greats, John Davis. Davis, who has led the Ontario Senior A League in scoring on numerous occasions, picked up 39 points in six games — including 28 assists.

Top scorer for Vernon was Greg Walmsley. Walmsley, who turned in a solid, two-way performance, totalled 27 points, including 10 goals. Shirley was Tigers' top goal scorer with 15 goals. He finished with 24 points while Kirkland compiled 22.

Roth said, "What made winning even sweeter is that everyone counted us out. No matter who you talked to, whether they were from Ontario, Quebec, or anywhere — they didn't think we could do it again. I guess they believe in Vernon now."

Tigers picked up two Armstrong Shamrocks and they fit in perfectly with the squad. Goalie Dan Buchanan played the second-half of the game against Quebec and allowed only two goals. Forward Jack Prokopetz took Brown's place on the first line and was brilliant on faceoffs.

After the final game, President Horsley said, with tears in his eyes, "This is the greatest group of young men I've ever been associated with. I don't know what we can do now for an encore."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FIELD HOCKEY

Vernon ladies' field hockey team will be holding its first practice of the season on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., at Vernon Senior Secondary School. Anyone interested is welcome at practice. For further information phone Zoe Wakelin at 542-7333.

HOCKEY MEETING

White Valley Hockey League will be holding a meeting Thursday, at 8 p.m., in the Lumby Hotel meeting room. All league and team officials are urged to attend.

VETERAN SIGNED

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins, apparently worried by quarterback Bob Griese's vision problems, signed 10-year veteran Steve Spurrier to the National football League team Monday. Spurrier immediately joined Labor Day workouts for the Dolphins NFL pre-season finale against New York Giants at East Rutherford, N.J., on Sunday.

BOXER DIES

FLORENCE, Colo. (AP) — Former professional boxer John Petry, once ranked as the 10th heavyweight contender for the world title by Ring Magazine, died Satruday at the age of 60. Petry's professional boxing career extended from 1939 to 1942. Before that, he held the title of AAU Golden Gloves five-state heavyweight champion.

WINS CYCLING RACE

SAN CRISTOBAL, Venezuela (Reuter) — Joslane Bost of France made a solo break to win the women's road race title at the world cycling championships Saturday. Bost covered the 30.7 miles in one hour 22 minutes 41 seconds. Karen Strong of St. Catharines, Ont., placed fourth.

BELL DISMISSED

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Willie Bell, manager of the First Division soccer team Birmingham City for the last two years, has been dismissed from his job "by mutual agreement," the club said Monday. Birmingham City has lost its first five matches of the season and has scored only one goal.

SIGN FOR TITLE

TOKYO (AP) — Champion Eddie Gazo of Nicaragua and challenger Kenji Shibata of Japan signed contracts Monday for their World Boxing Association junior middleweight title bout in Tokyo on Sept. 18.

JOCKEY TOPS RECORD

LIVONIA, Mich. (AP) — Jockey Wayne Catalano topped the all-time national thoroughbred riding record held by young Steve Cauthen, as he extended his winning days to 35 in a row at Detroit race course Sunday. Catalano's two winning rides Sunday kept alive a daily victory streak that started July 27. Cauthen, the young jockey sensation, had set the old mark of 34 consecutive winning days last spring at Aqueduct Raceway.

SHORTSTOP JOINS EXPOS

MONTREAL (CP) — Shortstop Stan Papi was purchased Saturday night by Montreal Expos of baseball's National League from Denver Bears, their affiliate in the Class AAA American Association. Papi will report to the Expos after the American Association playoffs, which are under way.

CAPS SIGN GARY SMITH

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — An eight-man delegation of hockey coaches and players from the People's Republic of China will visit Canada Sept. 12 to Oct. 9 for what the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association has described as a learning period. The eight—five players and three coaches—will spend time with Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, Ottawa 67s of the Ontario Major Junior Hockey League, Guelph of the Provincial Junior A League and University of Toronto Blues, the CAHA said.

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ENDERBY LOSES HEARTBREAKER

Enderby Legionnaires came within a passed ball of winning their own baseball tournament over the weekend.

Legionnaires were defeated 4-1 by Vancouver Puccinis, in the championship game before about 1,000 fans on Monday.

Catcher Eddie Johnstone gave Enderby a 1-0 lead in the first inning with a home run.

In the sixth, Puccinis tied the game with an unearned run. With two out and a runner on third base, a third strike got away from Johnstone. The batter went to first base and the tying run came home from third.

John Harr clouted a three-run homer in the 12th inning to give Vancouver the victory.

For their efforts, Puccinis picked up $600 and Legionnaires won $400. Third-place Calgary Odeons were awarded $200.

Odeons were edged 2-1 by Puccinis in the semi-finals.

Eight teams took part in the annual three-day tournament.

Vernon player added to Vancouver line-up

Vancouver Burrards, trailing 2-0 in the Canadian senior A lacrosse championships, have added a member of the Vernon Lodge Tigers to their line-up for the third game of the best-of-seven series tonight in Vancouver.

Defenceman Greg Walmsley, Vernon's top scorer in the Canadian senior B championships, will be wearing a Burrards uniform tonight. He played one game earlier in the season for Vancouver.

Brampton Excelsiors defeated Burrards 18-0 Sunday and 11-9 Saturday.

Brampton went ahead 7-4 in the first period and led 13-6 after the second period on their way to Sunday's victory. Along the way, Excelsiors tallied six power-play goals to Vancouver's two.

Third game of the series is set for tonight.

Pat Differ paced Brampton with three goals and eight assists. Top Excelsior scorer was Bob Burke with four. Steve Mastine added three, Mike French and Art Webster scored twice and singles came from John Campbell, Bob Noble, Tom Patrick and Paul Warden.

Dave Tasker led Burrards with three goals and one assist. Doug Hayes and Rico Bellusci added two each, while Dave Litzenberger and Ward Sanderson added singles.

Gary Powless turned aside 45 shots in the Excelsior nets, while Dave Evans and Brad Berrow combined for 29 saves.

SCORES WINNER

In Saturday's game, Brampton led 5-5 after one period, but the Burrards came back in the second to tie the score at 8-8.

Captain Bill Rawson put Vancouver ahead 9-8 at 8:58 of the final period but goals by Bram Wilfong, former Burrard Differ and Steve White clinched the win for the Ontario club.

Differ's goal at 11:26 was the winner. White added the insurance marker, scoring into an empty net at 19:57.

Powless stopped 44 shots for Brampton while Vancouver's Evans, most valuable player in the Western Lacrosse Association finals, turned back 43.

Brampton picked up 21 minutes in penalties while Vancouver took 27. The only major penalties went to Bob Holmes of Vancouver and Mike O'Brien of Brampton after a first-period fight.

Wilfong led Brampton with four goals while Differ picked up two. Singles went to French, Warden, Gord Lyons, Brian Robinson and White.

Bellusci and Dale Mackenzie each scored twice for Vancouver while Rawson, Steve Matheson, Dave Tasker, Litzenberger and Hayes rounded out the scoring.

Burnaby hoping to end long jinx

WHITBY, Ont. (CP) — Burnaby Cablevision heads into tonight's first game of the Minto Cup junior lacrosse finals against Whitby Builders with one major goal in mind—to become the first western club in over 20 years to win the title in the east.

"Looking back in the records, New Westminster in 1963 appears to have been the last western team to win the cup in the east," says Burnaby coach Dan Mattinson. "And our chances are probably the best in that span."

Burnaby dominated the Western Canada Junior Lacrosse League this season, winning 27 games and losing only one. In the playoffs, Burnaby eliminated Coquitlam Hawks in four straight games and defeated New Westminster Junior Salmonbellies four games to one in a closely-fought final.

Whitby defeated Peterborough Gray-Munros four games to one to win the Ontario Junior Lacrosse Association championship.

"This is the best team we've put together," said Mattinson. "We've got 10 players who have been in Minto Cup play before and that experience is going to make a big difference.

"Our guys have matured a lot over the season. It's going to be a real tough series ... there's going to be a lot of pressure on both teams."

TOP SCORER

Dan Wilson, who scored 78 goals and added 118 assists over the regular season to walk away with the league scoring title, leads the Burnaby attack.

The 20-year-old forward has accepted a field lacrosse scholarship to play at North Carolina State University next fall and says he believes he's the first box lacrosse player from Western Canada to do so.

"Wilson's just a great, great player, just a super athlete," says Mattinson.

Wilson plays on the club's top line with Dan Perrault (145 points) and Ken Sim (120).

Mattinson says a second line of John Krgovich, Mark Shnarr and Ray Mattinson, the coach's brother, have accomplished a dual purpose—goal-scoring and checking.

Rookies John Purdon, Mike O'Reilly, Brad Parker and Loyd Symons along with Paul DalMonte alternate on the third line, while Matt Aitken, Terry Bingley, Derek Dickson, Eric Cowieson and John Swan anchor the defence.

Bartkowski leads Falcons

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Steve Bartkowski, playing with his injured right knee in a brace, converted three Kansas City turnovers into third-quarter scoring drives and sparked Atlanta Falcons to a 24-16 National Football League exhibition victory over the Chiefs on Monday night.

Bartkowski, who was hurt in Atlanta's victory over Tampa Bay last week, sat out the first half while reserve quarterback Kim McQuilken managed just one touchdown as the Chiefs built a 16-7 lead.

Great games in tournament

Competitive was the word to describe the high calibre of play in the Okanagan Open Tennis Championship held during the weekend.

Held at the Kalamaika Country Club, competitors in five events including those in 56 men's singles and 28 ladies singles matches vied for winning trophies in single knockout play.

The depth of the field was evident with eight seeded men's singles players entered and challengers from eight to 50 years old.

Chairman of the four-day event, George Calvely said, "The calibre of play was excellent. Many of the players made it look so easy."

One of those, was George Lea, seeded number one and men's single winner who said, "I was really impressed with some Vernon players. Bob Corbett gave me one of the toughest matches. I also had a good game with Ray Kimoto, this is a good tournament."

Lea earned the top place trophy by crushing number two seed Denny Lewis of Vancouver 6-1, 6-2.

The men's double title went to the pair of Doug Smith and Lea for their 6-1, 6-2 victory over Ernie Hurd and Fred Shura.

Mandy Parson was crowned queen of the ladies singles play defeating Barb Webster 6-1, 6-3 in the finals Monday.

A small crowd of 50 watched the mixed doubles team of Bob Wright and Giselle Lajoie fight their way to victory over the twosome of Steve Coutts and Barb Webster.

Barb Webster and Brenda Small emerged victorious from a marathon ladies doubles match 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 against Lesley Cole and Anne Spelchan.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1972

Alton Louis and Pearl Tonasket were the winners in the annual 900-foot Suicide Race at the second Indian Days' celebration at Six-Mile reserve.

Spallumcheen ladies' draw

SEPT. 7

TEE NO. 1
8 a.m., G. Maundrell, E. Zamis, M. Howard.
8:06 a.m., P. Phare, M. Burgess, R. Guidi.
8:12 a.m., B. Griffin, D. Banera, D. Baker.
8:18 a.m., M. Sheare, E. Thompson, F. DeWilde.
8:24 a.m., C. Schaller, F. Leng, S. McDonald.
8:30 a.m., H. Fogtmann, P. O'Keefe, S. Embleu.
8:06 a.m., P. Kaulback, S. French, R. Banner.
8:12 a.m., K. Wise, K. Coleman, L. Owen.
8:18 a.m., D. Elliott, P. DeWolf, V. Senger.
8:24 a.m., V. Nelson, M. Good, G. Myhill.
Competition: Pin Round No. 9. Low net back 9. Least Putts Front 9. Least putts overall.

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