

# Western Canada **FINALS**



PATTON CUP AT STAKE

***Vernon Canadians***

B.C. CHAMPIONS

VS.

***Winnipeg Maroons***

THUNDER BAY CHAMPIONS

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**1956**

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LINEUP

WINNIPEG MAROONS

|                            |    |   |           |
|----------------------------|----|---|-----------|
| 1. Don Collins, g          | G  | A | P         |
| 2. Gordon Simpson, d       |    |   |           |
| 3. Sheldon Bloomer, d      |    | ✓ | ✓ miscand |
| 4. Bill Juzda, d           |    |   | ✓✓        |
| 5. Ron Heindle, d          |    |   |           |
| 7. Lorne Benson, d         |    | ✓ |           |
| 8. Fred Dunsmore           |    |   |           |
| 9. Murray Balagus, f       |    |   |           |
| 10. Jim McKenzie, f        |    | ✓ |           |
| 11. Ian McIntosh, f        | ✓✓ |   | ✓         |
| 12. Ron Castelane, f       |    |   | ✓         |
| 14. Al Johnson, f          |    |   |           |
| 15. Lou Joyal, f           |    |   |           |
| 16. Jeff Burman, f         |    |   | ✓ miscand |
| 18. Ben Cherski, f         |    |   |           |
| 19. <del>McGregor, f</del> |    |   |           |

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# A SMATTER OF FACT

By HARRY TYRELL

The Canadians go into tonight's game leading the Western Canada finals two games to nil, with Thursday's game showing that the Maroons can play hockey when they put their minds to it.

On more than one occasion the referees just about let the game get out of hand, but by good fortune it got back on the right track. Both McCracken and Lumsden sat the game out with injuries picked up in Tuesday night's brawl.

The new Vernon line of McDonald, Bidoski and Roche is rapidly becoming a fast wheeling unit, and before long will be one that is going to pick up a lot of points on the score sheet.

The next game is set for Kamloops on Monday evening, and after that who knows. The CAHA are trying their best to spread games around so that no one town is carrying the load at the ticket wicket, which is a very sound idea.

The one thing that will speed up play on the ice is for the refs to stop the players from yattering after every whistle that is blown. During our regular league season, if players had tried the same thing they would have been serving a ten-minute misconduct in the sin-bin. Could be that this is allowed in prairie hockey.

#### VERNON'S PLAYOFF RECORD—

Vernon 4, Kamloops 1; Vernon 3, Kelowna 0; Vernon 4, Spokane 2; Vernon 2, Winnipeg 0.

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LINEUP

VERNON CANADIANS

|                      | G | A | P |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. Hal Gordon, g     |   |   |   |
| 2. Tommy Stecyk, d   |   |   | ✓ |
| 3. Don McLeod, d     |   |   | ✓ |
| 4. Willie Schmidt, d |   |   |   |
| 5. Orval Lavell, d   |   |   |   |
| 6. Odie Lowe, f      |   |   |   |
| 7. Johnny Harms, f   |   |   | ✓ |
| 8. Walt Trentini, f  |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| 9. Sherman Blair, f  |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| 10. Frank King, f    |   |   |   |
| 11. Merv Bidoski, f  |   |   |   |
| 12. Art Hart, f      |   |   |   |
| 13. George Agar, f   | ✓ | ✓ |   |
| 14. Jack McDonald, f |   |   |   |
| 15. Brian Roche, f   |   |   | ✓ |

Playing Coach: George Agar  
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# WINNIPEG MAROONS

## Thumb Nail Sketch

Goalie Don Collins, Lou Joyal, played for the Maroons against the Vees a couple of years ago. Chuck Lumsden, burly defenseman, and who has played in the NHL, is a real star on defense.

With McCracken sidelined with a charley horse, and Lumsden nursing an injured wrist, Ron Heindl and Fred Dunsmore will take over their spots. Heindl is the same player that was with the Canadians for a spell at the start of this season.

Jeff Burman has been around hockey quite a while, having played for San Francisco in the coast pro circuit and with Denver in the old US league. Lorne Benson, in the fall season is quite a star with the Winnipeg Bombers of the western football loop, and knows how to use his weight.

McGregor is a graduate of junior hockey in the Windy City, and knows his way around the ice surface. Jim McKenzie has played senior hockey in the Ontario senior league.

With all this wealth of experience the Maroons could be hard to beat, provided of course they abide by the rules and play hockey.

The last time the Maroons were in the Valley was in April 1954, when they came west to try and take the Patton Trophy back to the 'Peg.

Many of the team from that year are missing this season. Bill Robinson is playing with the Seattle Americans, Gary Aldcorn is with the Winnipeg Warriors, and of course their coach at that time, Odie Lowe, is currently one of the big guns on the Canadian team.

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# WINNIPEG MAROONS

## Thumb Nail Sketch

Big Bill Juzda has taken over the coaching duties of the club, and has welded together a very strong aggregation, comprised of a sprinkling of former pros, seniors and a few just out of junior ranks. Juzda has played and started for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL and also with the New York club. He weighs in at about 220 and knows how to use his weight. He is the bulwark of the Maroons' defense.

Gordon Simpson is another holdover from 1954, and plays defense. He is small for a defenseman but is very rugged, is a smooth stickhandler, and a fast skater. He was formerly with a team in the Maritimes.

The Wreckers from Manitoba feature a famous "Mac" line, that has been the high scoring string of the club.

There is left winger Ian Mackintosh, right winger Bill McCracken, and center Jim McKenzie.

In the last game against Fort William this Mac line picked up no less than 12 points to pace the attack. Ian Mackintosh scored three goals and assisted on two others.

McCracken scored twice and helped on three others, while Jim McKenzie scored once and assisted on two others. So that shows you how much dynamite that line possesses.

Three of the new faces on the team are Fred Dunsmore, Murray Balagus, and Al Johnson.

The Winnipeg club feature a very neat passing attack, and are very dangerous whenever inside that blue line. The large score that they have been posting every game they played shows that each man in the club is able to dent the twine.

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