

## 2014 News - Vernon 'Source for sports' Tigers

**August 6, 2014 - Tigers savour B.C. silver medal** (Provincials – Gold/Silver Medal Game)

*by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Aug 6, 2014 at 1:00 AM*

The Delta Islanders scored eight unanswered goals in the second period to capture their first B.C. Junior B Lacrosse championship.

The Islanders doubled the Vernon Source for Sports Tigers 14-7 in the gold medal final before 500 fans Monday afternoon at Kal Tire Place.

“It feels so great. We put lots of work into this team and now there is no doubt that we are the best team in the province,” said Islanders’ coach Dave Haller. “Our guys played phenomenal this weekend. I’m super proud of our guys.”

The Islanders downed the Tigers 15-7 earlier in round-robin play.

The Tigers led 4-3 after the first frame before the train came off the tracks in the second.

“I could tell our guys were a little nervous in the first. They were playing not to lose instead of trying to win. But we got back to how we normally play, came out in the second and got our mojo back,” said Haller.

The Tigers feel like they played a strong game but got slighted in the second.

“I thought we won two out of three periods today,” said Tigers’ coach Myles Brumpton. “I thought the referees were the difference in the second. The penalties were six to one against us in the period. They dictated the game too much.”

Later, after cooling down from an emotional game, Brumpton was more congenial.

“I would like to congratulate Delta. They are a good team and a formidable opponent,” said Brumpton.

Tournament MVP Ray Calderwood led the second-period surge with a pair of snipes.

“This is a great way to end my junior career. In the past I’ve won silver and bronze, so this is perfect,” said Calderwood, who finished with 11 goals and 18 points. Calderwood finished third in the West Coast Junior Lacrosse League scoring with 23 goals and 67 points.

Sam Clare supplied five goals and Jordan Thauli pulled a hat trick for Delta, while singles came from Brandon Moroz, Dallas Chriptyk, Tyler Wickett and Stephen Alexander.

The six-foot-one, 205 pound Clare attends Simon Fraser University where he bunks with Tigers d-man Bayne Bosquet. Clare, who will be entering his senior year, scored 44 goals and 54 points for the field lacrosse Clan last season.

For one Islander, it was the perfect way to cap off a homecoming weekend. Mason Limb was a member of the Tigers last year and was excited at the chance to square off with his old mates.

“It was fun going against those guys. We both knew that the games were going to be rough, and they were, but I wouldn’t want it any other way,” said Limb.

Prior to the medal games, the tournament all-stars were announced with a pair of Islanders and Tigers cracking the roster.

Aaron Jensen was named top goaltender and joined his teammate, Tigers’ captain Brett Hanna, on the all-star squad. Clare and Islanders’ captain Calderwood were named to the team along with Derek McLeod of the Saanich Tigers and Kyle Pauwels of the Kamloops Venom.

Ryan Sarazin and Darrell Landels each bagged a pair of goals for the Tigers, who got singles from Mitchell Anderson, Austin Lewarne and Sean Connors.

This was Hanna’s curtain call with the Cats and he is satisfied with the way his career ended.

“It was a hell of a ride. I’d do anything for these guys. This was the best experience,” said Hanna. “To be second-best in the province with these group of guys is all I can ask for right now.”

Other graduating Tigers are Bayne Bosquet, Lewarne, Mack Leroux and Connor Buick, who missed the final after taking a ball in the face against Saanich.

The Tigers are still searching for their first provincial crown. This was their third runner-up finish.

Following the championship, the Tigers held their team awards night at the Landels household to celebrate a successful season.

Darrell Landels won the top scorer and his brother Thomas won the rookie of the year award. Buick won the most improved player award, while Bosquet and Jensen shared the top defender award. Liam Macphee and Braden Barr split the unsung hero award and the team shared the MVP award with Hanna and Darrell Landels. Hanna also collected the coaches choice award.

“I’m very proud of what this team accomplished. Gold would have been nice, but silver is still a great accomplishment,” said Brumpton. “The boys deserved it.”

Earlier in the day, the Venom clipped the Saanich Tigers 15-14 in overtime.

The Tigers iced the Kamloops Venom 14-9 Sunday morning and edged the defending champion Saanich Tigers 5-4 Sunday night.

The Islanders doubled Saanich 12-6 Sunday afternoon and ambushed the Venom 18-6 Sunday night.

### **August 3, 2014 - Tigers win, now wait and see** (Provincials - Vernon vs Saanich)

*[by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Aug 3, 2014 at 8:00 PM](#)*

There will be a new provincial champion this year, but that is all we know at this point.

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers edged the Saanich Tigers 5-4 in the B.C. Junior B Provincial tournament Sunday night at Kal Tire Place.

The defending champion Saanich Tigers (0-3) will play in the consolation game 9:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Vernon (2-1) awaits the outcome of the Delta Islanders (2-0) and Kamloops Venom (1-1) game which begins at 9 p.m. tonight at Kal Tire Place. An Islanders win sends Vernon into the gold medal game at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow. A Venom win and it’s time to bust out the abacus’s and put the tournaments tie-breaking formula to use.

Vernon put themselves in position to medal with their best defensive game of the weekend. Keeper Aaron Jensen made 28 saves and was Game MVP.

“Our dee is playing well right now, we are staying out of the box and we are getting lots of shots on net,” said Tigers’ assistant coach Chris Scabar.

Scabar, a Delta product, will be rooting hard for the Islanders.

“I grew up playing with most of these kid’s dads. I would really like to see them win so we can face them again in the finals,” said Scabar.

Tigers’ sniper Ryan Sarazin has elevated his game to the penthouse in provincials. He added another goal tonight to give him eight goals in three games.

“I think I learned a lot at school this year. I see the floor better and I’m not forcing the issue as much anymore,” said Sarazin, who plays for the Marquette Golden Eagles in the fall.

Vernon Tigers’ assistant captain Darrell Landels but on a great display of tenacity when he mowed over four Saanich defenders and slipped home his second and the winner with 12 minutes remaining. Mitchell Anderson added two goals.

Vernon will rest up and refuel at Boston Pizza as they wait to see what medal they will be playing for.

Trevor Hansen sniped a pair for Saanich as Quinton Hamilton and Derek Jackson added singles.

### **August 3, 2014 - Tigers turn it around** (Provincials - Vernon vs Kamloops)

*by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Aug 3, 2014 at 12:00 PM*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers cooked the Kamloops Venom 14-9 in Game 2 of the B.C. Junior B Lacrosse tournament Sunday afternoon at Kal Tire Place.

In a must win game, the Tigers answered the call.

“Complete 180 from yesterday. Today we took time and space away from their shooters and that was the difference,” said Tigers’ coach Myles Brumpton.

The Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League champion Tigers (1-1) got on the board in the first when Jordan Orr grabbed an errand pass off the boards and sniped near side. He added three more goals as Ryan Sarazin continues to sizzle with two goals and four helpers. Connor Buick had a pair of snipes and three helpers, assistant captain Darrell Landels added a pair of goals, as singles came from Quintin Harrish, Jay Seaton and Bayne Bosquet.

The Venom (1-1) only recorded three shots in the first period, but came out in the second and gave the Tigers all that they could handle.

“I thought we were ready for the Tigers push today. We knew they weren’t going to get embarrassed twice on their home floor,” said Venom coach Gord Hardman.

One third of the Venom super line had a huge night. Kyle Pauwels bagged four goals and three helpers as Kamloops’s top-scorer Brady Jorgensen was held in check with two goals. Blaine Boomer, Riley Peterson and Marc DuMont added singles.

It’s an all Tiger match-up tonight as the Vernon Tigers host the Saanich Tigers (0-1) tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Kal Tire Place with a trip to the gold medal game on the line.

The consolation game goes tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. with the gold medal game following it at 12:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place.

### **August 3, 2014 - Islanders sink Tigers in opener** (Provincials – Vernon vs Delta)

*by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Aug 3, 2014 at 1:00 AM*

The Delta Islanders tamed the Vernon Source for Sports Tigers 15-7 in the opening game of the B.C. Junior B Lacrosse tournament Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

The Islanders were unrelenting all night. The outshot the Tigers 55-25.

The Islanders received hat tricks from Dallas Chriptyk and Tanner Taylor.

“Top to bottom it was a good game by us,” said Islanders’ head coach Dave Haller. “We got good goal tending, good defence, good scoring chances, great transition and we worked hard all night long.”

Ray Calderwood, Mason Limb and Same Clare each scored a pair for the Islanders, as Nigel Van Doorne, Geordy Haller and Zack Smith recorded singles.

Ryan Sarazin was the only Tiger to figure out the Delta defence. Sarazin sniped four goals and finished with five points.

“Not sure what happened tonight,” said Tigers coach Myles Brumpton. “I’m speechless.”

Connor Buick sniped a pair for the Tigers as Darrell Landels added a single.

The Kamloops Venom downed the Saanich Tigers 11-9 in the other provincial match-up Saturday night at Hassen Memorial Arena.

The Vernon Tigers will battle the Venom 9:00 a.m. Sunday and the Saanich Tigers will square off with the Islanders at noon at Kal Tire Place.

### **August 1, 2014 - Tigers take on familiar face at provincials** (Provincials Preview)

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One more sleep for four teams as they dream about lifting the B.C. Junior B Lacrosse Championship trophy.

The host and Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League champion Vernon Source for Sports Tigers battle the Delta Islanders in the tourney's first game Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

"Nobody is gonna have a free ride through our house this weekend," said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna. "We got our game-plan down and we are ready to get on with it."

The Tigers are vying for their first provincial championship. They won silver in 2003 and 2009.

Reinforcements are on the way with the return of Sean Connors. Connors missed the entire TOJLL playoffs while travelling through Europe.

"Sean is a good kid and we're looking forward to his return on offence," said Hanna.

The Islanders breezed through their regular season at 15-1. They knocked off the Coquitlam Adanacs 2-1 in the West Coast Junior Lacrosse League final series.

"We are feeling good about ourselves. We like our team here but we are very respectful of the calibre of teams we will face this weekend," said Islanders' head coach Dave Haller.

Expect to see a similar style to the Tigers from the Islanders. They are a balanced team that has a solid system that takes care of business in the offensive zone.

"We are peaking at the right time. We had a good regular season and a strong playoffs and we are healthy," said Haller.

With so much unfamiliarity with all the teams, the Islanders might have a secret weapon in Mason Limb. Limb makes his return to Vernon as a member of the Islanders. He was a member of the Tigers last season and had 12 goals and 28 points in 14 games.

Limb moved to Vernon when he was 13 and played with most of the Tigers growing up. He now lives on the coast getting his hours as an electrician.

"It's going to be a fun weekend, I got a lot of family and friends that are coming out," said Limb.

He scored five goals and eight points in seven playoff games with the Islanders.

"I have been staying in touch with the guys for sure. I'm good friends with Bayne, A.J., Darrell and Austin," said Limb. "I'm gonna be bringing the heat on them."

The Islanders placed third in last year's provincials with the Tigers finishing fourth.

The Saanich Tigers begin their title defence when they battle the Okanagan representatives, the Kamloops Venom Saturday night at Hassen Memorial Arena in Armstrong.

"We are fired up to try and repeat this weekend," said Saanich Tigers' head coach Chris Jackson.

The Tigers have 12 returnees from last year's squad. Assistant captain Trevor Hansen is back along with the Tigers' MVP Derek Jackson, who sniped 19 goals and 39 points in eight games this season.

"We are a little younger this year, but we got lots of speed and hustle and we are a team that likes to play together," said Chris Jackson.

Kamloops went ballistic on the interior league in the regular season with one of the most potent offences in years, but dropped the final to Vernon in four games.

When you see how many points three Venom players racked up this year, you might need a double take.

Brady Jorgensen imposed his will with 66 goals and 103 points, Riley Peterson sniped 26 goals and 73 points and Kyle Pauwels amassed 32 goals and 64 points.

Kamloops' netminder Mitch Horsman will be unavailable for provincials as he sustained an off-floor injury to his right hand during the TOJLL finals.

The round-robin goes Saturday and Sunday with the consolation game on Monday at 9 a.m. with the championship

immediately following at 12:30 p.m.

### **July 30, 2014 - Tigers target Isles (Provincials Preview)**

[\*theMorningStar posted Jul 30, 2014 at 1:00 AM\*](#)

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers are beginning to gear up for the B.C. Junior B Lacrosse Championships at Kal Tire Place.

“I gave them a few days off to rest up their bumps and bruises,” said Tigers’ coach Myles Brumpton. “It is good to get away from lacrosse for a few days.”

The Tigers got back into the swing of things tonight and will practise once more before the tourney opens.

“We are going to work on our special teams and throw in some different scenarios. The teams we will see play a more hybrid game than what we saw in our league this year. It is more of a mix between field and box lacrosse,” said Brumpton.

The Thompson Okanagan champion Tigers host the West Coast Junior Lacrosse League champion Delta Islanders (15-0-1) Saturday night.

“We can look up their games and ask people about the teams, but until you go up against them, you really don’t know what you are up against,” said Brumpton.

The Tigers battle the Kamloops Venom (14-1-1) in an all TOJLL meeting Sunday. The Tigers downed the Venom 3-1 in a dramatic final. The Venom are the only team this year who were absent from last year’s provincials in Burnaby.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better series to get us ready for provincials,” said Brumpton.

The opening ceremonies take place 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Following the ceremonies, the Tigers will take on the defending provincial champion Saanich Tigers at 6 p.m.

Former Tiger Mason Limb makes his return to Vernon this weekend. Limb was a member of the 2013 Tigers and now plays for the Delta Islanders.

The holiday Monday features the consolation game at 9 a.m. and the championship at 12:30 p.m. both at Kal Tire Place.

### **July 27, 2014 - Tigers take playoff title (TOJLL Playoffs Round 2 Game 4)**

[\*theMorningStar posted Jul 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM\*](#)

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers are the Thompson Okanagan Lacrosse League playoff champions.

The Tigers brushed back the first-place Kamloops Venom 9-7 in overtime before 400 fans Friday night at Kal Tire Place, taking the best-of-five final series in four games.

Vernon forced the extra 10-minute period by levelling the score at 7-7 with 16.8 seconds remaining in regulation and goalie Aaron Jensen on the bench for a sixth attacker.

“We pulled AJ and ran a play right out of the book and the boys executed,” said a joyous head coach Myles Brumpton. “Braden Barr pumped it in with a quick stick over the goalie’s (Dalan Etter) left shoulder.

“The boys were so poised on the bench and didn’t panic. They listen to us.”

Captain Brett Hanna carried the ball into Kamloops territory and dished off to Ryan Sarazin, who in turn fed Barr.

In overtime, Darrell Landels pocketed his fourth of the game and Jordan Orr added insurance with a one-handed offering through a screen.

Landels connected when he got Etter moving the wrong way with a deke on a two-on-one with Bayne Bosquet.

The Tigers ragged the ball for two full minutes when Hanna was called for high sticking in OT.

“We came out a little more controlled and stayed really focussed,” said Jensen. “Losing the last game kind of opened our eyes that it wasn’t going to be easy.”

Landels also had one helper, while Orr earned 2+1 and other goals came from Bosquet and Sarazin. Hanna collected three assists.

Brady Jorgensen supplied 2+1 for the Venom, while Colton Boomer, Kyle Pauwels, Haden Hoover, Kyle McLellan and Riley Peterson had singles.

Brumpton noted that Jensen rang up an impressive 8.5 goals against average against the league's most potent offence. "We've got the team to do better than fourth we got last year," said Jensen. "The guys are ready to get back to the rink for practice. Like coach said, the season's not over yet, just midway."

Vernon hosts the four-team provincials, starting with a Saturday night tilt versus the West Coast champions – either the Delta Islanders (15-0-1) or the Coquitlam Adanacs (14-2). Vernon plays Kamloops Sunday morning.

### **July 25, 2014 - Tigers look to close out Venom (TOJLL Playoffs Round 2 Game 3)**

[\*theMorningStar posted Jul 25, 2014 at 1:00 AM\*](#)

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers hope to win the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League on their home floor tonight.

The first-place Kamloops Venom avoided elimination with a 13-11 win Wednesday night at Memorial Arena.

Vernon leads the best-of-five championship series 2-1 heading into tonight's 7:30 start. A fifth game, if required, will go Sunday, 6 p.m., in Kamloops.

The powerful Venom grabbed a 6-1 first-period lead and hung on in Game 3. Riley Peterson pocketed 3+4 and Brady Jorgensen supplied 3+1 for the Venom, whose only regular-season loss came against the Cats. Peterson has a field lacrosse scholarship to the Pfeiffer University Falcons in Misenheimer, N.C. for next year.

"It was a combination of things," said Vernon head coach Myles Brumpton. "We got caught on our heels, had too many breakdowns on defence and on offence, we were only shooting from the perimeter.

"They were a desperate team; they had to win that game and they came out determined. As sweet as it would have been, we didn't expect to sweep them. They are too good a team."

Blaine Boomer, with 2+4 and Kyle Pauwells, with 2+3, completed the Venom offence in front of Dalan Etter. Kamloops lost all-star 6-foot, 290-pound goalie Mitch Horsman for the rest of the series and possibly the August long weekend provincials here after he cut his left hand badly after punching a fire extinguisher case at Kal Tire Place following a loss Monday night.

Quinton Harrish, Connor Buick and Darrell Landels each counted 2+1 for the second-place Tigers. Ryan Sarazin also scored twice, while Jordan Orr produced 1+3, Braden Barr bagged 1+2 and Mitchell Anderson had a single.

Kamloops outshot Vernon 43-28 with Aaron Jensen taking the loss.

"We came back and made a game of it," said Brumpton. "We made a few tweaks and tightened up defensively and got inside the dots on offence."

### **July 23, 2014 - Tigers take 2-0 series lead (TOJLL Playoffs Round 2 Games 1 & 2)**

[\*theMorningStar posted Jul 23, 2014 at 1:00 PM\*](#)

One team with the most powerful offence in the league. The other tops on defence. On paper, a fan-friendly championship final.

The defensive-leading Vernon Source For Sports Tigers stopped the first-place Kamloops Venom 11-9 before 350 fans Monday night at Kal Tire Place.

Vernon took the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League final series opener 10-7 Saturday night at Memorial Arena. Game 3 goes tonight in Kamloops. A fourth game, if required, will go Friday night in Vernon.

"We put in systems and processes that we've been running and tweaking the last three years and these guys just know it and they execute it very well," said Vernon head coach Myles Johnson.

“Our short man were just lights out. Our ball ragers on special teams ragged three penalties right out and when we do that, we run their guys into the ground.”

The Tigers (13-1-2) and Venom (14-1-1) earn automatic spots in the provincials, here, August long week and Vernon wants to win the league playoff crown before hosting the big tournament.

“That’s been the mind-set from the coaching staff,” said Brumpton. “The coaches have done an excellent job getting these guys ready. We do want to earn our right to get in there (provincials).”

Brady Jorgensen, who has more moves than Jagger, put Kamloops up just a dozen seconds in Monday night. The 66-goal man finished with 2+3, including a late goal which made it 10-9 Vernon.

Ryan Sarazin buried insurance into an empty net with 16 seconds left after Jorgensen was forced to hold Sarazin on a breakaway with no goalie in the crease.

Blaine Boomer blasted a shot off the crossbar behind Vernon goalie Aaron Jensen with 37 seconds remaining.

The Venom were fuming when officials didn’t rule a penalty after the Tigers had six players and the Venom seven on the floor in the late going.

Darrell Landels and Sarazin each pulled the hat trick and one helper for the Tigers, who chased starter Mitch Horsemen art 3:35 of the third period.

Jordan Orr pocketed 2+2, while Connor Buick also supplied two goals and captain Brett Hanna produced 1+4.

First star Kyle Pauwels pocketed 6+3 for Kamloops, while Riley Peterson provided 1+4. Jorgensen, Peterson and Pauwels accounted for 124 regular-season goals.

“It’s nice to be up 2-0 in the series,” said Tigers’ defensive specialist Bayne Bosquet. “I thought we just came out and gave it our all and came out with the W. I just think we’re a deeper team. We use all our lines and that’s what’s working for us.

“I’d love to win my way into the provincials and not just have a bye in there. It’s a battle out there and I think there’s a good rivalry between the two teams. We’ve played against most of the same kids in minor so you develop battles growing up.”

Added Landels, who says both teams are chirping and playing hard: “It’s awesome to win the first two games of the series. It puts us in a really good position for our next couple of games in case we come up short in our next game. We came out and we knew what we had to do against these guys and we definitely picked it up in this series.”

Jerome Thorne of the Venom was assessed a misconduct for verbal abuse with seconds remaining. The Kamloops coaching staff rudely refused The Morning Star access to player interviews.

In Kamloops, Landels counted all four of his goals in the third period, and set up another. Mitchell Anderson contributed 2+2, while Bosquet bagged 1+2 and other goals came from Jay Seaton, Sarazin and call-up Steele Pelletier.

The Venom got two goals from Jorgensen, 1+3 from Boomer, 1+2 from Peterson and a single from Pauwels.

## **July 20, 2014 - League championship on line for Tigers, Venom**

[\*theMorningStar posted Jul 20, 2014 at 1:00 PM\*](#)

The league’s top offence will duke it out with the league’s top defence in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League best-of-five finals.

The Vernon Tigers battled the Kamloops Venom in Game 1 Saturday night at Memorial Arena.

“We’ve known for a long time that this was going to be the series. Just because we are both through to provincials, doesn’t mean it is going to be a light series,” said Tigers’ captain Brett Hanna.

With Kal Tire Place hosting provincials, both teams have punched their ticket to the dance regardless of the outcome of this series. Kamloops will represent the Okanagan.

The Tigers went 1-2-1 against the Venom this year and were the only team to knock them off.

The Venom trio of snipers Brady Jorgensen, Riley Peterson and Kyle Pauwels dominated the league. Jorgensen scored an incomprehensible 66 goals and 103 points. Peterson was no slouch either, with 26 goals and 73 points and Pauwels sniped 32 goals and 64 points.

Jorgensen has a natural ability to find the back of the net. In the four games versus the Cats this spring, Jorgensen had 14 goals.

The Tigers are up to the challenge of cooling off the Venom. Their 85 goals against was a league-best. They are led by a veteran defensive core and a goaltender who is having a remarkable year.

“We have an understanding that we are playing for each other. It isn’t about who scores more points, it is all about winning,” said Hanna.

The Tigers’ defensive unit led by Bayne Bosquet and Hanna have been physical all year, forcing people away from the middle of the rink.

“They are gonna have to earn it against us. We are going to identify our checks early and not let them choose the match ups,” said Hanna. “It is just one more mind game we can use.”

Aaron Jensen was the top goalie with a .833 save percentage and a 4.525 goals against average.

“I’ll always keep an eye out for them on the floor and communicate with our defence lots so we know where they are,” said Jensen.

Added Hanna, “A.J. has a great mental game. He’s not the type that gets bothered when a few goals go in. It’s easy to play in front of him.”

The Cats captain is feeling confident about the series.

“I think we will take it in four at home next Friday night,” said Hanna.

Game two goes 7:30 p.m. Monday night at Kal Tire Place.

### **July 16, 2014 - Tigers overcome gritty Shamrocks effort (TOJLL Playoffs Round 1 Game 3))**

*[theMorningStar - by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Jul 16, 2014 at 4:00 PM](#)*

Down to eight men, having lost the first two games by a combined 23 goals and facing elimination, the Armstrong Shamrocks could have mailed it in for Game 3 of their best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League semifinal.

Instead, the Shamrocks gutted out Saturday’s match with arch-rival Vernon Source For Sports Tigers, falling 7-5 at Kal Tire Place.

The win advances the Tigers to the league final against the Kamloops Venom.

“It feels good. It’s been a long season and a good process. We are really looking forward to the series with Kamloops and then provincials,” said Tigers’ coach Keith Hanna.

Ryan Sarazin continued his hot playoffs with a hat trick for the Tigers. Bayne Bosquet has scored a goal in each game, and Darrell Landels, Brett Hanna and Braden Barr also added singles.

The Shamrocks battled injuries all season but put up a strong fight against Vernon in the playoffs.

“I would like to wish the Vernon Tigers good luck in provincials. They are a very strong team and they play hard,” said Shamrocks’ head coach Brett Logan.

Pat Nelson was behind the bench for the Rocks and had a front row seat to watch his son Cam score four goals. Josh Point chipped in with a single.

“We played with a ton of heart and we left it all on the floor. That’s all I can ask from those guys,” said Pat Nelson. “I would say we finished the season on a high note, battling to the end like that.”

Game 1 of the final is slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday night at Memorial Arena in Kamloops.

Vernon hosts Game 2 Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place.

Both teams are through to provincials. Vernon is hosting the tournament on the August long weekend, and Kamloops will represent the Okanagan division.

“We didn’t throw a huge celebration. We went to Boston Pizza after the game like we normally do. We know there is hard work ahead,” said Hanna.

The Tigers finished two points behind the Venom in the regular season and were the only team to beat them. The Tigers went 2-1-1 against the Venom this season.

It is the classic offence versus defence scenario. The Tigers allowed a league-low 85 goals and were led by their goaltender Aaron Jensen, who carried a .883 save percentage and a 4.525 goals against average this season.

“They got great goal scoring, but I think our goaltending and defence is better,” said Hanna.

The Venom trio of Brady Jorgensen, Riley Peterson and Kyle Pauwels put the league on blast notice this year. Jorgensen scored an unfathomable 66 goals and 103 points. Peterson was no slouch either, with 26 goals and 73 points and Pauwels sniped 32 goals and 64 points.

“We gotta make sure our match ups are correct against them. It is going to be hard to shut them down,” said Hanna. “They’re going to score, we just can’t let them get five or six goals.”

Curtis Forrest won a mini fridge in a raffle during the game. The fridge was donated by Home Depot with the designs by Graphics Enterprises.

### **July 13, 2014 – Tigers one win from finals (TOJLL Playoffs Round 1 Game 2)**

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers mauled the Armstrong Shamrocks 18-5 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoff action Thursday night at Hassen Arena.

The Tigers lead 2-0 in the best-of-five first round series. Game 3 was scheduled for Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

“We came to play like we do every game. We started well and attended to our business,” said Tigers’ coach Keith Hanna.

The Shamrocks chose to play Game 2 at Hassen for the atmosphere.

“I thought the fans were pretty good. They kept cheering us on all night,” said Shamrocks’ head coach Brett Logan.

Tigers’ coach Wes Landels thought the cramped feel to the arena was a little homecoming-ish.

“Most of our kids grew up playing in this arena, so it wasn’t anything new to us,” said Landels.

His son, Darrell Landels, led the Tigers with five goals and two assists. He was the third star in Game 1 with two goals and two assists.

“I’m working well with my teammates right now. Connor Buick and Jay Seaton are setting me up good,” said Landels.

Ryan Sarazin pulled the hat trick while Mitchell Anderson and Buick each scored a pair. Mack Leroux scored his first goal of the season in the second period, and Bayne Bosquet, Seaton, Quintin Harrish and Steele Pelletier added singles.

“In some regards it’s good having our scorers carry us, but we need to make sure we are playing as a team and doing things right,” said Wes Landels.

The Tigers’ captain of four years, Brett Hanna, was sidelined with the flu. It was the first game he has missed in five years with the Cats.

Cole MacFarlane started between the pipes in Game 1 for the Shamrocks, but played out in Game 2 and scored four goals.

“Cole played great. We needed a guy and he has done it in the past. He scored a hat trick against the Tigers earlier in the year,” said Logan.

Joel Castle also sniped a goal for the green and white.

Shamrocks' netminder Calvin Davyduke made his first start since returning from a concussion, and finished with 33 saves. He was the fifth best goaltender in the regular season with a .807 save percentage and a 8.018 goals against average.

Tigers rubber-stopper Aaron Jensen played the first two periods and made 19 saves. Thomas Bella made his first appearance in the playoffs in the third and stopped six shots.

The Kamloops Venom lead the South Okanagan Flames 2-0 in the other series

## **July 11, 2014 - Vernon Tigers hot in opener (TOJLL Playoffs Round 1 Game 1)**

*[theMorningStar - by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star posted Jul 10, 2014 at 4:00 PM](#)*

The Armstrong Shamrocks couldn't escape the heat inside the air-conditioned Kal Tire Place.

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers blasted the Shamrocks 11-1 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoff action Tuesday night.

Game 2 went Thursday night in Armstrong at Hassen Arena. Game 3 in the best-of-five goes 7:30 p.m. Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

"It was a good start. Our guys played a hard 60 minutes, we stuck to our game plan and were disciplined," said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna.

The Tigers pounced on the Rocks early when Ryan Sarazin scored 15 seconds in, and extended the lead to 5-0 in the first 10 minutes on goals from Darrell Landels, Jordan Orr, Liam MacPhee and Quintin Harrish.

"Vernon is a bit intimidating. When you are the underdogs and you're down five after the first 10, you get a bit tentative," said Shamrocks' coach Brett Logan.

The Irish got on the board with 1:15 remaining in the first when assistant captain Drew Hassard picked out the bottom right corner, from Cole MacFarlane.

"I told them to forget about the score and focus on the smaller things, like winning battles. I thought we came out better in the second," said Logan.

Landels and Orr recorded their second on the night, and Connor Buick and Braden Barr added singles in the second.

"We tried to dominate in all aspects of the game," said Hanna. "This game is hard and you're going to take punishment, but we need to work through it and be onside with a team game."

The Shamrocks swapped goalies seven minutes into the second. MacFarlane has been battling a hip issue lately, and was relieved by Calvin Davyduke, who was cleared for the series after missing the last month with concussion-like symptoms. He was tested early when Sarazin rang one off the bar. Davyduke looked sharp the rest of the night with several big saves.

The Rocks are without their second and third leading scorers for the series. Sam Hanley and Marlon Forrest are in Cuba. The pair combined for 32 goals on the years.

Tigers' defender Brock Wagner sniped his first career goal in the third period. Hanna pocketed the ball and presented it to Wagner after the game. He has played two seasons for the Tigers.

Bayne Bosquet added another midway through the third.

The Shamrocks organization came to the conclusion that they wanted to experience a playoff atmosphere in Hassen Arena, hence the move for Game 2 from the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

"Armstrong is a close-knit community and hopefully that benefits us. We need to take the energy from the fans and put it on the floor and give Vernon a run for their money," said Logan.

Added Hanna: "We are fine with playing in Hassen. We practised there for the beginning of our year so we are used to it."

The Kamloops Venom doused the South Okanagan Flames 22-6 in Game 1 of the other series.

## **July 9, 2014 - Vernon Tigers draw Armstrong Shamrocks for boxla semifinal (July 5<sup>th</sup> Game)**

*[theMorningStar - posted Jul 9, 2014 at 1:00 AM by Tyler Lowey - Vernon Morning Star](#)*

The Highway 97A rivalry got dusted off as the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoffs began Tuesday night at Kal Tire Place.

The second-ranked Vernon Source for Sports Tigers battled the third-seeded Armstrong Shamrocks (6-10) in Game 1 of the best-of-five semifinal.

Game two is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Armstrong's Nor-Val Sports Centre.

"It is always fun playing our main rivals. I think the short travel will be beneficial for us," said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna.

The Tigers (13-1-2) went 4-0 against the Irish this season and outscored them by 24 goals in their regular season tilts.

"We would have liked to play Kamloops in the first round," said Shamrocks' coach Brett Logan. "With Vernon hosting provincials all we needed to do was get past Kamloops and we would have got in. No big deal though, we have something to prove now."

The Tigers enter the postseason with a nine-game unbeaten streak and are looking to keep things the same in the second season.

"We need to come out and play our game and be willing to work hard," said Hanna.

The Tigers finished the season with a 7-7 draw against the Kamloops Venom Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

Vernon needed to win by three or more goals to finish ahead of first-place Kamloops.

"We played a great game, it was a good last game before playoffs," said Hanna.

Prior to Saturday's opening faceoff, there was a moment of silence in memory of Miles Wohlford, the 14-year-old boy who died Friday night. His Bantam A Legends lacrosse team was on hand to honour him as well, and the Tigers hung Wohlford's No. 6 jersey at their bench.

Both teams had already clinched home floor in the first round, but still entertained the 200 fans with a highpaced, hard-hitting affair.

Quintin Harrish led Vernon with two goals. Darrell Landels, Jay Seaton, Ryan Sarazin, Brett Hanna and Braden Barr added singles.

The Tigers contained the league's leading scorer, Brady Jorgensen, to a hat trick. Avalanches have been easier to stop than Jorgensen this season. The Venom sniper recorded 66 goals and 103 points in 16 games.

Kamloops takes on the South Okanagan Flames in the other best-of-five league semi.

## **July 4, 2014 - Tigers fan Flames (July 2<sup>nd</sup> Game)**

*[theMorningStar - posted Jul 4, 2014 at 1:00 AM](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers extinguished the South Okanagan Flames 16-6 in a Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League rumble Wednesday night at Kal Tire Place.

Jordan Orr's game-high six assists led the way for the Tigers (13-2). Orr is the Tigers' top point producer with 20 goals and 52 points.

"He was great for us last night. He has a natural ability to find open guys through a mess of sticks," said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna.

Ryan Sarazin pocketed four goals and two assists, but his most impressive shift was when he ran a marathon, killing a five-minute major in the third period.

Captain Brett Hanna, Connor Buick, Darrell Landels and Jay Seaton all scored a pair. Quintin Harrish and Austin Lewarne supplied singles and Steele Pelletier recorded a goal and an assist after being called up from the midget

Legends.

Colton DeBoer also played his first game with the Tigers. He was recently acquired from the Armstrong Shamrocks (4-10) and will return to the Irish next season.

It was just another day for goalie Aaron Jensen. The Cats' most consistent player recorded 48 saves and two helpers.

The Flames (4-11) have made a late-season push and have jumped into third over the Shamrocks.

"They are a much improved team now from the beginning of the year," said Hanna.

The Flames received a hat trick from assistant captain Chris Pond, a pair of snipes from captain Kaid McLeod and a single from their other assistant Tanner Thompson.

The Tigers have rattled off nine straight wins and have crawled within one game of first-place Kamloops Venom (14-1).

The Tigers and the Venom battle Saturday night at Kal Tire Place in the season finale.

"It's not the end all, but we would definitely like to finish first. It would complete the season nicely for us," said Hanna. "The Kamloops game will be a good playoff warm up."

Playoffs begin Tuesday night at Kal Tire Place. The first round is a best-of-five with the series alternating home and away games each night.

### **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Tigers torch Flames (June 24<sup>th</sup> Game)**

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers are rolling like a big shot as they burned the South Okanagan Flames 11-5 for their eighth straight Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League Tuesday night in Penticton.

This was the tea and crumpets match of the season, as the two teams combined for six penalty minutes. The Flames (3-10) and Tigers (12-2) are the least penalized teams.

"We're playing a nice game right now. We are improving every time we hit the floor," said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna.

Ryan Sarazin has been a lightning rod for productivity since returning from Marquette. Sarazin was involved in an early dust up with Kelowna Raiders (2-13) Saturday, but responded with another hatty against the Flames. Quintin Harrish, Jordan Orr and Darrell Landels supplied a pair of snipes each and Jay Seaton added a single.

Orr is fourth in league scoring with 20 goals and 48 points with Landels is right behind him with 27 goals and 47 points.

"Our guys understand that hard work wins games and they aren't getting complacent," said Hanna.

Aaron Jensen was back between the woodwork for the Tigers, and made 27 saves adding to his league-best 0.895 save percentage. Jensen leads all goalies with eight assists after picking up two more against the Flames.

The Flames received a pair of goals from Liam Kircher, while Chris Pond, Connor Walton and Mitch Brodt added singles.

The Tigers clinched a playoff spot weeks ago, but remain focused on grabbing the top spot for playoffs.

"We are already in provincials, but we want to win our way in," said Hanna.

Things could get interesting for the final playoff spot. The Armstrong Shamrocks (4-9) sit in third and need one win in their remaining three games to clinch. They will battle the Flames twice and the Kelowna Raiders.

Playoffs run July 7-27 with provincials to follow at Kal Tire Place.

### **June 25, 2014 - Tigers rattle Raiders (June 21<sup>th</sup> Game)**

*[theMorningStar - posted Jun 25, 2014 at 1:00 AM AM](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers flattened the Kelowna Raiders 17-3 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League play Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

The Raiders (2-13) were shortstaffed due to players attending graduation, so the North Okanagan Minor Lacrosse A2 midget Legends loaned them five players.

League rule states that there needs to be a 48-hour window given for a team to forfeit. Any forfeit after the 48-hour time frame results in a fine.

Legends' players Chase Wirth and Steele Pelletier each sniped a goal, while Jordy Barr and Stephane Richard played big minutes for the red and black.

"It was really nice of these kids to come play on such short notice. I'm sure it was a great experience for them all," said Tigers' GM Roxane Seaton.

Tigers' sniper Ryan Sarazin was being harassed by Quinn Johnson-Plant and was forced into a fight in the first period. Sarazin served a fighting major and a 10-minute misconduct penalty, but will not receive suspension.

The Tigers (11-2) received scoring from 14 players with Quintin Harrish erupting for five goals, Darrell Landels pulled a hat trick and two assists, while Bayne Bosquet, Jordan Orr and Liam MacPhee each sniped a pair. Thomas Landels, Connor Buick and Austin Lewarne added singles.

Vernon native and Tigers' rookie Dylan Hiemstra started his second game of the year and made 14 saves. He was relieved by Thomas Bella to start the third.

### **June 20, 2014 - Jensen jumpstarts Tigers comeback (June 18<sup>th</sup> Game)**

*[by Tyler Lowey - theMorningStar - posted Jun 20, 2014 at 1:00 AM](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers mounted a huge third period comeback and became the first team to knock off the Kamloops Venom.

The Tigers mauled the Venom 10-7 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Wednesday night before more than 250 patrons at Kal Tire Place.

"That was a huge win for us. Everyone is so pumped, we needed that," said Tigers' sniper Braden Barr.

Bayne Bosquet and Darrell Landels took over on the penalty kill midway through the third. Bosquet stole the ball, fighting off several Venom attackers before finding Landels in alone for the winner at 12:55.

The Tigers (10-2) outscored the Venom 6-1 in the final frame. Mack Leroux set the tone in the third when he wall-papered Venom runner Kyle McLellan one minute in.

"Poise. It is something these guys have developed over my four years here. They never panicked," said Tigers' coach Myles Brumpton.

Mitchell Anderson and Connor Buick each earned 2+1 for the Tigers, while Quintin Harrish sniped a pair, including one shorthanded. Darrell Landels and Barr each added 1+3 and Ryan Sarazin and Bosquet, into an empty net in the final minute, also scored.

"These things happen. To go undefeated through a season is tough. It has been close between Kamloops and Vernon all year," said Venom head coach Gord Hardman.

The Venom (12-1) were without their leading scorer and captain Brady Jorgensen for most of the third period.

A Tigers' defender accidentally fell onto the back of Jorgensen's right leg. Jorgensen hobbled off to the bench and went straight to the dressing room for 10 minutes.

"Not sure what the injury is right now, but he was unable to finish the game for us," said Hardman.

Jorgensen still managed a hat trick to add to his staggering 53 goals. Riley Peterson with 1+2, Jerome Thorne, Quinn Williamson-Solecki and McLellan also scored for Kamloops.

Aaron Jensen bailed out the Tigers after a slow start. The Venom outshot the Tigers 20-8 in the opening frame but only took a 2-0 lead into recess.

"A.J. was lights out tonight and that's what we require out of him," said Brumpton.

Jensen was spectacular in the first period with kick-save after kick-save. He calmly turned away Riley Polacik on a

breakaway in the first few minutes of the game.

“He steps up when we need him to and he is playing huge for us right now; it’s awesome,” said Barr.

Jensen recorded 39 saves, but the statement of the night came with seconds remaining when Kamloops lobbed a rink-long shot at Jensen, who dropped kicked the ball as if he was down in Brazil.

The Tigers host the Kelowna Raiders (2-9) Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

### **June 18, 2014 - Tigers-Venom showdown set** (June 14<sup>th</sup> Game & June 18<sup>th</sup> Game Preview)

*[TheMorningStar - posted Jun 18, 2014 at 1:00 AM Morning Star Staff](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers battle the first place Kamloops Venom in a Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League heavyweight bout tonight at Kal Tire Place.

The Tigers derailed the Kelowna Raiders 21-4 Saturday night at Kal Tire Place, while the Venom bounced the South Okanagan Flames 15-5. Dylan Hiemstra got his first start of the season in net and turned away 22 shots for the Cats.

Quinton Harrish sniped four goals, Darrell Landels pulled the hatty and added three helpers and Braden Barr bagged 2+3 for Vernon. Mitchell Anderson recorded 2+2, Thomas Landels and Ryan Sarazin each netted 2+1, Jordan Orr earned 1+4 and singles came from Bayne Bosquet, Connor Buick, Brett Hanna and Kyle Cuzzetto.

Marshall Kazmir, who played his minor lacrosse with the North Okanagan Legends and has been on the practice squad all year, made his Tiger debut and played a great game.

The Venom (12-0) have demolished everything in sight this year, where the Tigers (9-2) enter the game on a five-game win streak.

“They are a really good team with an incredible offence,” said Tigers’ coach Keith Hanna. “We need to be better on defence and more discipline. If we give them too many powerplays we will be in trouble.”

The Venom stuffed the Tigers 9-6 back in May and 12-10 in the season opener.

The Tigers sit six points behind the Venom with two match-ups remaining.

The Venom boast the TOJLL’s top offence with 183 goals. Brady Jorgensen has haunted goalies this year with a ridiculous 50 goals and 83 points. Riley Peterson is second on the team with 20 goals and 53 points and Kyle Pauwels has 27 goals and 48 points.

Vernon’s Aaron Jensen will try to shut down the Venom’s scorching offence. Jensen leads the league with a 0.905 save percentage and a 3.40 goals against average.

“I need to key on their shooters. I need to know where they are on the floor,” said Jensen. “I’m gonna try and keep my head clear. I know they are going to score; I just can’t allow myself to get rattled after a few goals go in.”

The Tigers have a different look from the last time these teams squared off. Super sniper Sarazin has returned from field lacrosse in Wisconsin and has pocketed 14 goals and 21 points in five games.

“We are a better unit since the last time we played them. Everyone is back now and we are playing our system of lacrosse,” said Hanna.

### **June 13, 2014 - Tigers pepper Rocks** (June 11<sup>th</sup> Game)

*[TheMorningStar - posted Jun 13, 2014 at 1:00 AM Morning Star Staff](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers downed the Armstrong Shamrocks 7-4 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Wednesday night at Kal Tire Place.

Cole MacFarlane probably slept in an ice bath following the battle with the Tigers. The Rocks’ net detective turned away 60 shots.

“It was the best game Cam has played all year,” said Shamrocks’ assistant coach Jeff Hanley.

Said Tigers' coach Keith Hanna: "We threw everything we could at him. They finally started to fall in the third. We probably hit 10 or 11 posts."

MacFarlane played minor lacrosse with the North Okanagan Legends and is a former teammate of several Tigers.

The Shamrocks fell to 0-4 against the Tigers this season and have been outscored 39-15.

"We are always in the mix when we play Vernon and Kamloops. We're getting better each time as we try and mould a plan for playoffs," said Hanley.

The Tigers (8-2) won their fourth straight and trail the division-leading Kamloops Venom (10-0) by four points.

The Shamrocks (3-7) saw the return of Colby Erickson from a three-game suspension.

"Colby is a good player for us. He is new to the game but he is picking it up well. He is a big strong guy that moves around pretty good," said Hanley.

Jordan Orr pulled the hat trick for the Cats and sits fifth in league scoring with 13 goals and 33 points.

"Jordan is playing with a lot more confidence. His shot selection is a lot better this year," said Hanna.

Connor Buick sniped a pair and Ryan Sarazin and Darrel Landels each recorded 1+2 as the Tigers scored three goals on the powerplay and three shorthanded.

Aaron Jensen made 27 saves in his return after missing the previous game against the South Okanagan Flames to rest an injury.

Drew Hassard buried a pair and leads the Rocks with 10 snipes. The Rocks got singles from Joel Castle and Sam Hanley.

The Tigers host the Kelowna Raiders (1-9) Saturday night at Kal Tire Place and the Shamrocks entertain the South Okanagan Flames (2-6) tonight in Armstrong.

## **June 11, 2014 - Buick big wheel as Tigers scorch Flames (June 7<sup>th</sup> Game)**

*[TheMorningStar - posted Jun 11, 2014 at 1:00 AM Morning Star Staff](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers scorched the South Okanagan Flames 20-9 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

"We were very pleased with our performance. That was our best game from start to finish this year," said Tigers' coach Myles Brumpton.

It was the 7-2 Tigers' largest offensive outburst as Connor Buick sniped five goals, Ryan Sarazin bagged four and Darryl Landels and Mitchell Anderson pulled hat tricks. Sarazin has 11 goals and 15 points in three games since returning from Marquette University. The production was spread throughout the lineup as 15 different Tigers found their way onto the scoresheet.

Quinton Harrish added a pair, Bayne Bosquet had a goal and three helpers, Jordan Orr supplied 1+2 and Kyle Dennis also scored single. Jay Seaton and Brett Hanna recorded three helpers each.

"It all starts with our great defensive play which turns into our transition game, which led to a great offensive game. Everything was working the way it was supposed to," said Brumpton.

The Tigers have allowed a league low 49 goals, 27 fewer than the first-place Kamloops Venom.

Thomas Bella made his first start of the season for the Cats and made 24 saves, he was relieved by Dylan Hiemstra five minutes into the third period.

"I was very proud of our team, they showed great class on the bench. We didn't get involved with talking trash and we didn't over-celebrate on goals. We have developed into a classy group," said Brumpton.

The Flames (2-6) were led by Chris Pond's four goals and three assists. Liam Kircher added a pair and singles came from Tanner Thompson, Connor Walton and Kaid McLeod.

The Tigers battle the Armstrong Shamrocks (3-6) tonight at Kal Tire Place.

Vernon trails Kamloops (10-0) by six points. The Venom will face off with the Kelowna Raiders (1-9) Thursday night.

### **June 4, 2014 - New-look Tigers rattle Rocks (May 31<sup>st</sup> Game)**

*[TheMorningStar - posted Jun 4, 2014 at 1:00 AM](#)*

Fans tailgated and the Vernon Source for Sports Tigers donned savvy new jerseys in front of more than 450 fans as Junior B lacrosse finally arrived in Vernon Saturday night.

The Tigers sent the crowd home happy as they stopped the Armstrong Shamrocks 12-3 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action at Kal Tire Place.

It was Vernon's home opener. The Tigers (6-2) took a backseat this spring as the Royal Bank Cup used Kal Tire Place.

The Tigers came out in a new retro-styled jersey. Tigers is proudly written in cursive across the front over a cream background, while blue and orange stripes go over the arms and stomach.

Despite all the hoopla surrounding the home opener, the Tigers only led 4-3 heading into the third period.

"It took a while for the guys to get used to the bigger arena. It is a lot cooler in there with the climate control. It's a nice change," said Hanna.

"We talked in the second intermission that we needed to stick to our game-plan and stay focused. There was some stuff going on out there that was distracting us; we just needed to stick with our game," said Hanna.

The Tigers outscored the Rocks 8-0 in the final frame. Ryan Sarazin pulled the hat trick, while Sean Connors, Jordan Orr and Connor Buick sniped two goals each for the Cats. Brett Hanna, Braden Barr and Darryl Landels added singles.

This was Connors' last game for a while as he travels to Europe on a backpacking trip. He is expected back for playoffs.

Scoring for the Shamrocks (3-6) were Joel Castle, Cole MacFarlane and Cam Nelson.

The Tigers' defence has held their opponents under five goals in five out of eight games this season.

"Our guys are playing as a unit. Colton Harrish, Mack Leroux and Brock Wagner are doing a great job. Guys are sliding off their checks and passing them along without letting anyone get loose," said Hanna.

Aaron Jensen got the start for the Tigers. He leads the league with a suffocating 3.29 goals against average and .911 save percentage. Jensen was relieved by local boy Dylan Hiemstra with seven minutes to play.

"It felt amazing to play in front of that crowd. That was really nice of Keith to do that for me," said Hiemstra.

Hiemstra played his minor lacrosse for the North Okanagan Legends.

During the second intermission, former Tigers' coach and GM of 13 years, Rich Zecchel, was presented an award from current captain Brett Hanna and governor Rob Seaton in recognition of everything he has done for the franchise.

These days you can still find Zecchel in arenas coaching minor lacrosse.

The Tigers host the South Okanagan Flames (1-5) this Saturday at Kal Tire Place and the Shamrocks will battle with the Tigers again next Wednesday in Vernon.

The Tigers sit six points behind the Kamloops Venom (9-0) who host the Kelowna Raiders (1-7) Saturday night.

The Tigers will host the Junior B provincials, Aug. 2-4, at Kal Tire Place.

### **June 1, 2014 Rich's Award**

The Vernon Tigers honor Rich Zecchel, who has been instrumental in putting the Vernon Tigers team together from the start.

Rich's hard work and dedication for the past 13 years has made this team what it is today.

Rich has retired from the Tigers but not from lacrosse. Rich is now coaching in minor and developing our future lacrosse players.

The Vernon Tigers executive, bench staff and players would like to thank Rich for his years of dedication and leadership.

### **Zeke rates big props ....**



Longtime Vernon Source For Sports Tiger Rich Zecchel, middle, receives a thank-you plaque from captain Brett Hanna and team governor Rob Seaton.— *image credit: Photo Submitted*

by [Kevin Mitchell - Vernon Morning Star](#) posted Jun 13, 2014 at 1:00 AM

Rich Zecchel's longtime buddy and lacrosse teammate Gary Holte asked him for help in running the Vernon Tigers back in 2001.

Zecchel literally took the ball and ran with it for 13 years, serving as president, GM and even coach until retiring this year. The Junior B Tigers honoured the man they call Zeke with a thank-you plaque at a recent home game.

After the Tigers lost the 2004 provincial bronze-medal on a late goal by Alex Turner of Kamloops, the Holte (Danny was the other one involved) brothers and Bill Kirkland all turned to other things.

"I grabbed bags of equipment, medical supplies, coolers, jerseys and water bottles and went, 'Now, what am I gonna do?,'"said Zecchel.

Zecchel has always surrounded himself with quality people, bringing the likes of Kirkland, Jim Point, Rob Johnson, Bryan Klein, Keith Hanna and Myles Brumpton in as head coaches.

After three or four years of struggling for wins, Zecchel was forced into going behind the bench alongside Klein in

2009.

“I hadn’t had much coaching experience, but we had a pretty good selection of athletes in that 2009 group and won silver at the provincials in Esquimalt. I think we finished third and then got hot in the playoffs. Brodie MacDonald was a big help in goal for a few years.”

Zecchel is now coaching Pee Wee lacrosse.

“The kids don’t talk back to you and they do what you ask them,” he laughed. “It’s a lot of fun.”

Tigers’ governor Rob Seaton says a committee now shares all the jobs Zecchel used to operate so well.

Said Seaton: “What I don’t think has ever been noticed is Rich’s contribution to minor lacrosse: he has worked very hard to promote lacrosse in the local schools by organizing lunchtime lacrosse demonstrations and games for regular gym classes. He put a lot of his time into this and is a strong advocate for our national summer sport.

“I also know he secretly bought good arm pads for every Pee Wee player (three teams) a couple of years ago when he noticed many players did not have proper bicep pads. He has also bought good quality goalie equipment for minor players. The game is a lot more fun for the little ones when you have the right equipment. I suspect this giving has been going on for some time now, without any fanfare.”

Zecchel graduated from New Westminster Secondary and played minor lacrosse at Queens Park Arena, moving to Junior A for four seasons – two with the Salmonbellies and two with Burnaby Cablevision (26 assists in 1974 for Burnaby, playing every second game). He and Kirkland played for Burnaby in two Minto Cup national tournaments.

Zecchel moved to Vernon in 1976 and was a standout goalie with the Tigers, who claimed three straight President’s Cups as national senior B champions from ‘76-’78. The speedy Zecchel could sail accurate passes the length of the floor and often moved up as a sixth man on the powerplay, scoring several goals.

“It is such a benefit to the minor players to have a former Canadian champion as their coach,” added Seaton. “It’s really rare to find that kind of experience outside of the Lower Mainland, and even more rare to have a guy with that experience who is passionate and giving enough to share it with other people’s kids.”

Zeke, a 50-something businessman, and other former senior Tigers and Armstrong Shamrocks will be part of the North Okanagan Senior Alumni night Saturday when the Shamrocks host the Kelowna Raiders at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

“We want to honour and recognize the contribution that all of the alumni from the ‘50s through to present have made to lacrosse in the North Okanagan” said Shamrock GM Chad Pieper, “These players helped to build and rebuild lacrosse in the North Okanagan and we really want to recognize their efforts and create an event to bring them together. It should be a fun night for everyone involved.”

## **June 1, 2014 - Tigers trounce Raiders in Ryan’s return (May 29<sup>th</sup> Game)**

*[TheMorningStar - posted Jun 1, 2014 at 1:00 AM](#)*

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers thumped the Kelowna Raiders 16-4 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League play Thursday night at Memorial Arena.

The Tigers (5-2) welcomed back Ryan Sarazin from Marquette. The Golden Eagles field lacrosse freshman sniped four goals in his debut.

“Sarazin gets the ball in the net, he knows how to score. The kid is a competitor and a huge asset for our team,” said Tigers’ assistant coach Chris Scabar.

Tigers’ coach Myles Brumpton wasn’t able to make the game, but he wasn’t shocked by Sarazin’s impact. “It was the perfect game for him to come back in. We’ve been anticipating his arrival for a while now,” said Brumpton.

The Tigers’ struggling powerplay was the benefactor of Sarazin’s return, as they went 4-for-8.

“He helps out our powerplay a lot. He is a shooter with the velocity that others don’t have,” said Tigers’ coach Keith Hanna.

Fifteen different Cats found their way on to the scoresheet.

The Tigers received great games from Mitchell Anderson, Jordan Orr and Quinton Harrish. Both players entered the tilt in the top 15 in league scoring. Anderson bagged a hat trick, Orr recorded two goals and three assists, and Harrish registered three points. Singles came from Sean Connors, Bayne Bosquet, Liam MacPhee, Thomas Landels and Braden Barr.

“Everybody contributed last night. It makes it tough for teams to guard us when everyone is scoring,” said Scabar.

Tigers’ net detective Thomas Bella seems to be finding his form.

Bella joined the team late and has been eased into action by the Tigers’ coaching staff. He replaced the starter Aaron Jensen in the second period and turned away all 19 shots.

“Thomas came in and made some nice stops on the penalty kill in the third,” said Hanna.

Although the Tigers got burned for a slow start against Kamloops in their last game, they led front to back in Kelowna.

“We played a lot better 60 minutes last night. Our leaders Thomas Landels and Brett Hanna did a great job last night. They really pick this team up and get them back into the game,” said Scabar.

“Brett was relentless last night. He was running all over the place and probably stripped the ball from 10 guys last night,” said Hanna.

The defensive tandem aren’t really known for their offensive prowess, but they managed to bring a goal and two assists to the party.

Nick Alcorn had a pair of snipes for the Raiders (1-7), while captain Kevin Hogan and Cam McMillan added singles.

“The Raiders are a young squad, but despite the score, they played a lot better. They are an improving team with a good upside,” said Hanna.

The highly anticipated Tigers’ home game went Saturday night as they battled the Armstrong Shamrocks (3-4) at Kal Tire Place.

The Tigers continue their six-game homestand as they take on the South Okanagan Flames (1-4) June 7.

### **May 28, 2014 - Venom down Tigers (May 24<sup>th</sup> Game)**

[\*TheMorningStar - posted May 28, 2014 at 1:00 AM\*](#)

The Kamloops Venom held off the surging Vernon Tigers for a 9-6 victory in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Saturday night at Memorial Arena in Kamloops.

A normally air-tight defensive team, the Tigers trailed 6-1 after the first period.

“It showed that we needed to come out with our heads screwed on properly. We played more like ourselves the rest of the way,” said Tigers’ captain Brett Hanna.

Brady Jorgensen exploded with four goals in the opening frame for the Venom (7-0).

He added another in the third.

Jerome Thorne and Kyle Pawwels each sniped a pair for Kamloops.

“It was more of a system breakdown more than anything. We weren’t doing enough on their transition and fast-break game,” said Tigers’ coach Myles Brumpton. “We made adjustments after the 10-minute mark in the first and I thought we outplayed them the rest of the way.”

“We also aren’t getting enough out of our powerplay unit. We aren’t executing on a lot of chances out there.”

Jorgensen is light years ahead of everyone in scoring with 25 goals and 43 points.

The Tigers (4-2) saw the return of Simon Fraser University defenceman Bayne Bosquet, who had an immediate impact as he recorded a hatty.

“He is our leader on the floor and a vocal leader. He is one of the best defencemen in the league; it is great to get him back,” said Hanna.

Colorado State edged SFU 5-3 in the men's Collegiate Field Lacrosse Association first-round playoff game, May 12, in Irvine, Calif.

Darryl Landels, Hanna and Jordan Orr added singles for the Tigers.

The Tigers will battle the Kelowna Raiders (1-6) Thursday night at Memorial Arena and will play their first home game against the Armstrong Shamrocks (3-4) Saturday night.

### **May 16, 2014 - Barr boosts Cats by Irish (May 14th Game)**

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Braden Barr scored late in the third period as the Vernon Tigers clipped the Armstrong Shamrocks 7-6 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League Wednesday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

"It was an ugly win, but at the end of the day we will take it," said Tigers' coach Myles Brumpton.

"We came out flatfooted. We had unusual play from our key guys. They had a few drops on scoring chances," said Brumpton.

The Tigers (4-0-1) clawed back with two goals in the second and the third. Darryl Landels had a pair and Jay Seaton sniped a goal and two assists.

It wasn't the cakewalk that the Tigers have been used to; they have won their past three games 13-2.

"Our composure on the bench was impressive last night. Things weren't going our way, but the guys put their head down and got after it," said Brumpton.

The Rocks held a one-goal lead in the third on goals by Drew Hassard and Minnis, who both finished with 2+1.

"We wanted to prove to Vernon that we weren't the same team they saw last time," said Shamrocks' head coach Brett Logan.

Armstrong's Marlon Forrest went down awkwardly in the Tigers' end, which sprung a rush the other way. Barr got his second of the night and the winner with three minutes remaining.

Tigers' netminder Aaron Jensen showed that he was human after all, allowing more than two goals for the first time this season.

"A.J. played well enough to keep us in it. I'll take six goals against from a goalie any day," said Brumpton.

The Tigers should have goaltender Thomas Bella back for their May 24 game against Kamloops.

"Aaron is our guy right now and Dylan is the future for this team. We are going to do our best to work Thomas in," said Brumpton.

Meanwhile, the Armstrong Shamrocks are atop the Thompson Okanagan Senior Lacrosse League after they downed the Kelowna Raiders 6-1 Wednesday night at Memorial Arena.

Brennan Plante jumpstarted the Rocks (3-1) with a natural hat trick over the first two periods.

Rocks' netminder Chad Pieper was incredible with 31 saves. Armstrong's defence held the potent Raider attack scoreless through one.

Victor Weins scored on a shorthanded breakaway for Kelowna (2-2) in the second. Kyle Versteeg added a powerplay goal to give the Shamrocks a 4-1 lead after two periods.

After some Raider pressure, Armstrong responded with a breakaway goal from Kas Boudreau.

Former Raider Travis Lee scored for the Irish on a penalty shot.

### **May 11, 2014 - Tigers torch Rocks 13-2 (May 9th Game)**

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The Vernon Tigers make it an official win streak with a 13-2 trouncing of the Armstrong Shamrocks in Thompson

Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Friday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

The Tigers (3-1)) are steam rolling everything in sight as the Cats have won three straight games 13-2.

“We’re going pretty good right now. It is real nice to be a part of,” said Tigers’ coach Keith Hanna.

The Shamrocks (2-0-2) came out flat and it cost them. The Tigers pounced on them with 12 goals in the first two frames.

“We were on our heels most of the night. Guys finally settled down in the third and it showed. It was our only productive period,” said Shamrocks’ head coach Brett Logan.

The Tigers are led by two runners that are hotter than a bottle rocket in July

Jordan Orr registered a hat trick and four assists and he sits comfortably atop league scoring with seven goals and 21 points.

Right behind him is Darryl Landels, who supplied with a hat trick and an assist in Armstrong. He sits second in TOJLL scoring with 12 goals and 18 points.

“Our offence is taking care of business right now. We got some guys who can flat out snipe,” said Hanna.

Aaron Jensen continues to be a stone-cold killer in net for the Tigers; he even recorded three assists. His 2.18 goals against average is a league best.

“Our defence has continued their fantastic play. They only allow shots to come from the outside, making it easier on Aaron,” said Hanna.

The Shamrocks were struggling with numbers at the beginning of the year, but have since had a few players return from college.

“We are still having guys return and learn the system, whereas the Vernon team, they have been playing together for a while. They are a good, fast team that knows how to play together,” said Logan.

Shamrocks’ goal scorers were Joel Castle and Marlon Forrest.

The Tigers brought up two midget players. Steel Pelletier got his first goal, while Brett Olsen was rewarded with some good minutes.

Other goal scorers for the Tigers were Braden Barr, Jay Seaton, Logan Revell and Mitchell Anderson.

Up next for the Tigers is a rematch against the Rocks Wednesday night in Armstrong.

The Shamrocks battle the South Okanagan Flames (1-0-1) this afternoon in Penticton. Kamloops Venom (3-0) is in first place.

### **May 7, 2014 - Tigers douse Flames (May 4<sup>th</sup> Game)**

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The Vernon Tigers continued their road warrior show by knocking off the South Okanagan Flames 13-2 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action Sunday afternoon at Memorial Arena.

“We played our best 60 minutes this season. We are scoring by committee, our defence is playing great and we are getting consistent goaltending,” said Tigers’ assistant coach Keith Hanna.

The Tigers were led by Aaron Jensen in net. It was the second straight game he carried a shutout into the third period. Jensen has a microscopic goals against average of 2.00.

“He was tested early in this one; he looked a lot more polished than last game,” said Hanna.

Once Jensen allowed his first goal in the third, Hanna subbed in rookie backup Dylan Hiemstra for some action.

“Dylan looked good. He made a big save on a breakaway right off the bat,” said Hanna.

Tigers’ assistant captain Darryl Landels pulled a hat trick in the first period. He later added another goal and an assist. He has a team-high nine goals.

Vernon killed all six Flames' powerplays, including a five-minute slashing penalty in the second.

The Tigers have received scoring from everyone as they have sniped 26 goals in the past two games.

Sean Connors completed his hat trick in the third period. Other scoring for the Tigers came from Quinton Harrish with 2+2, Jordan Orr with 1+2 and Jay Seaton with a pair.

The Flames recieved a goal and an assist from Trevor Demody and a goal from Jacob Hollenbeck.

The Tigers continue their road trip as they head to Armstrong Friday night to battle the Shamrocks.

## **May 2, 2014 - Tigers brush back Raiders**

*TheMorningStar*

The Vernon Tigers bounced back after a season-opening loss with a defensive clinic against the Kelowna Raiders.

The Tigers shut down the Raiders 13-2 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League play Thursday night at Memorial Arena.

The Tigers received reinforcements as goaltender Aaron Jensen finished exams Tuesday afternoon at the University of Saskatchewan and made it back Wednesday.

"You could tell it was his first game back. It took him a few shots and some early plays to settle in," said Tigers' assistant coach Keith Hanna.

Jensen carried a shutout deep into the third period, something that is a rarity in lacrosse.

"I felt pretty comfortable, there were a lot of the same guys from last year. They made it easy for me, cutting off most lanes, only allowing perimeter shots," said Jensen.

Maybe Jensen should write exams and drive across the country before games more often.

"I haven't played too much lacrosse lately. I got back Wednesday afternoon and I practised a few weeks ago before exams started," said Jensen.

The Tigers didn't give any space to the Raiders.

"Our defence was incredible last night. Guys like Brett Hanna, Liam MacPhee and Dominick Neilson did a great job not letting anyone near our net," said assistant coach Chris Scabar.

The Tigers (1-1) had a 6-0 lead after two frames when the dam busted open, allowing Keith Hanna to rest his veteran guys and give younger players some burn.

Thomas Landels got his first goal of the season in the third. The rookie added another in the period to go with an assist.

Thomas's brother, Darrell, one-upped him with two goals and three assists.

The Landels' family has been good to the Tigers. The oldest, Ryan Landels, was a former captain.

Mitchell Anderson, a young lefty, had a strong game with two goals and three assists, catching the eye of his coach.

"Mitch was our player of the game, he was every where for us," said Hanna.

Vernon visits the South Okanagan Flames (1-0) this afternoon in Penticton.

Things didn't get any easier for the 0-4 Raiders when they lost 12-4 to the Armstrong Shamrocks Friday night at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Captain Cam Nelson supplied 1+5 for the 2-1 Rocks while Marlon Forrest had a hat trick and a helper. Colby Erickson had 2+1, Joel Castle added 1+3 and Cole Seidel had 1+2. Calvin Davyduke made 31 saves for the win.

Armstrong hosts Vernon Friday night.

## **April 30, 2014 - Venom brush back Tigers**

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The Vernon Tigers opened the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League season Saturday night with a rematch of last year's championship game.

The Kamloops Venom redeemed themselves as they tamed the Tigers 12-10 at Memorial Arena.

The Tigers came undone in the third period, spending the final 11 minutes shorthanded and giving up seven unanswered goals.

"We just got tired in the third. Our tired legs led to a bunch of penalties," said Tigers' assistant coach Keith Hanna.

"We had no business losing that game," said Tigers' head coach Myles Brumpton.

Daryl Landels opened the scoring in the first with his first of three on the night, while Jordan Orr added a goal and five assists.

Liam Drabiik added a pair of goals in the first to give the Tigers a lead 4-3 after one.

Kyle Dennis scored his first junior goal in his first game for the Tigers, who headed into the second intermission up 9-5.

"We told our guys that Kamloops does not stop working. We cannot quit on this team," said Brumpton.

The 2-0 Venom got four goals from alternate captain Jerome Thorne, a hat trick from Brady Jorgensen and a deuce from Kyle McLellan.

Kamloops outshot Vernon 39-30 with Matt Hans going the distance and adding one assist.

The Tigers were without their regular veteran goaltenders. Dylan Heimstra, 16, was between the pipes for the Tigers. He was backed up by Francois Leroux, a 15-year-old-call up from Midget B.

Vernon's regular netminders, Thomas Bella and Aaron Jensen, will return from university later this week. The Tigers visit Kelowna to take on the 0-2 Raiders Thursday night at Memorial Arena.

Vernon's schedule is road-heavy to start the year as they vacate Kal Tire Place for the Royal Bank Cup national Junior A hockey championships, hosted by the Vipers.

The Tigers visit the new and improved South Okanagan Flames Sunday in Penticton

Kevin Thompson took over the Flames' coaching duties from Alex Gerk.

Thompson's sons Levi and Tanner are returning, while assistant coach Mark Holick's son Cooper, who played Junior B hockey for the Summerland Sting, is also in the Flames' lineup.

Thompson said his son set up a Facebook page to put the word out for players. Within five days they had 18 or 19 player commitments.

"We're trying to resurrect the whole feeling on the Flames," he said. "Great sport to come out and watch. It's called the fastest game on two feet for a reason. It's a fantastic game."

### **April 16, 2014 - Shamrocks sizzle ...**

In the junior ranks, the Vernon Tigers also had a successful weekend at the Archie Jack Memorial Ice Breaker tournament in Armstrong.

The Tigers went 2-0 with a 7-4 win against the host Armstrong Shamrocks and a 8-5 victory against the South Okanagan Flames.

Mitchell Anderson and Quintin Harrish both had a pair of goals against Armstrong.

Daryl Landels scored three goals with one assist against the South Okanagan Flames. Braden Barr chipped in with a goal and two assists.

"It was a good tournament. The pace was fast enough we could knock some rust off," said Tigers' head coach Myles Brumpton. "I don't really emphasize wins and losses at these things, mostly just how guys look in our system. I

thought it looked pretty good.”

The Tigers open their Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League season April 26 on the road against the Kamloops Venom. Their home opener goes Saturday, May 31, versus the Shamrocks.

The junior Shamrocks dropped their only other match this weekend, 3-2, to the Kelowna Raiders.