

2015 News - Vernon 'Source for sports' Tigers

April 10, 2015 - Tigers, Shamrocks ready to roll by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The rookies will get a good shot to make a good impression.

So says Chris Scabar, the new head coach of the defending Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League champion, and provincial finalist, Vernon Tigers.

“I think we look really good,” said Scabar, 47, who served as a Tigers assistant under head coach and longtime friend Myles Brumpton the last two years. Brumpton stepped down to coach his son and Scabar’s boy in minor lacrosse.

“I’m confident with my experienced guys. We have a lot of midget guys that are looking really good. The rookies will play a lot in the early part of the season. I’m confident we’ll do well again.”

The Tigers, who fell to the Delta Islanders in the B.C. Junior B final at Kal Tire Place in August, have lost six players – Brett Hanna, Austin Lewarne, Bayne Bosquet, Connor Buick, Mack Leroux and Colton Harrish – from last year’s team that went 13-2-1 to finish second behind the Kamloops Venom in the TOJLL.

The Tigers, who beat the Venom in four games in the best-of-five final, welcome back their top four scorers from a year ago in Darrel Landels (32-28-60), Jordan Orr (23-36-59), Ryan Sarazin (23-18-41) and Quinton Harrish (25-11-36).

Vernon looks to be solid in net, as provincial all-star team goalie Aaron Jensen returns. Joining Jensen will be newcomer Jeremy Gray, a 6-foot-5 18-year-old from Coquitlam, and North Okanagan Minor Lacrosse alum Darnell Hauca.

Scabar, who has coached lacrosse at all levels, and won a 1998 Canadian Senior B title as a defender with his hometown Ladner Pioneers, expects the Tigers of 2015 to be like the Tigers of 2014.

“We’ll be a good transition team,” said Scabar, co-owner of a contracting company. “Lots of guys will play both forward and defence. We’ve always been known for a rock-hard solid defensive team. Our reputation stands by us. We like to pound, and we like to rock guys.”

Speaking of transition, there’s been changes for the Tigers’ nearest rival in the five-team TOJLL.

The Armstrong Shamrocks, who finished a distant third in 2014 at 6-10-0, have brought in some familiar names both with the coaching staff and on the floor.

Longtime senior Shamrock Ryan Nitchie is the team’s head coach, joined on the bench by current senior Irish MVP goalie Chad Pieper, and senior alumni Ryan Williamson and Jim Point.

“We are all passionate about developing players and are committed to winning,” said Nitchie, who works for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District in Salmon Arm.

“All of our coaching team bring a special set of skills to the table. We’re looking forward to working together to bring a championship attitude and results to the community.”

Returning to their hometown team are the dynamic duo of Owen Barker and Brett Hawrys.

The pair advanced from the junior program in 2012 to play with the Nanaimo Timbermen of the B.C. Junior A League, and both now bring a wealth of skill, leadership and knowledge back to Armstrong.

“Owen and Brett are game changers and they elevate the play of their teammates with their hard work and dynamic skill set,” said Nitchie.

Hawrys, an explosive lefthanded offensive talent, won a provincial title with the Coquitlam Adanacs last year after being conditionally traded by Nanaimo. The Adanacs lost the Minto Cup Canadian final at home to Ontario’s Six Nations Arrows.

Also returning to the Junior Shamrocks is Braden Hoggarth, who has spent the last few seasons playing Intermediate A with the Port Coquitlam Saints. Armstrong has also acquired former Victoria Junior Shamrock Tyson Fair, described by Nitchie as having “smooth stick skills and an outside shot that will complement the left-handed strength of the existing offensive unit.”

"We have a wealth of returning veterans who are 20-year-olds this season, which will be a huge advantage in a league that features players aged 17 to 21," said Nitchie.

Armstrong hosts the annual Archie Jack Memorial Ice Breaker tournament Saturday at the Hassen Memorial Arena.

The Tigers and Shamrocks kick things off with a meeting at 10 a.m. Armstrong hosts Kamloops at 1:30 p.m., and Vernon tangles with the South Okanagan Flames of Penticton at 3 p.m.

The Kelowna Raiders round out the five-team league. Each team plays twice on Saturday.

April 15, 2015 - Shamrocks tie up Tigers by Roger Knox [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

It's only pre-season but something about the Armstrong Shamrocks playing the Vernon Tigers in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action brings out the best in both teams.

Such was the case in the opener of the Archie Jack Memorial Ice Breaker tournament Saturday at Hassen Memorial Arena, where a large crowd packed the wooden bleachers to watch the Shamrocks and Tigers play to a thrilling 9-9 tie.

"I was really impressed by the way our team built confidence, momentum and intensity as the game progressed," said Shamrocks' head coach Ryan Nitchie.

"Our veteran leadership stepped up and helped our great group of younger players and that really is what we expect of them this season."

Vernon led 5-2 after the opening period but after some defensive corrections and settling down an excited offence, the Rocks rallied, trailing 6-4 after 40 minutes.

The third period was a classic Shamrocks versus Tigers affair with the home team gaining momentum as the period progressed.

With just over a minute remaining, trailing 9-8, the Shamrocks called a time out to set a play. The Rocks executed with some creative license and Brayden Hoggarth popped around the net to the left-side crease and buried a pin-point pass to equalize.

Owen Barker led Armstrong with 5+2, while Brett Hawrys added 2+2 and Hoggarth and Sam Hanley rounded out the scoring to support a solid Cole Macfarlane.

Darrell Landels and Steele Pelletier each had three goals for the Tigers, with singles going to Jordan Orr, Jay Seaton and Braden Barr in support of goalie Jeremy Gray, who made his Tiger debut.

"Jeremy was great, he did really well," said Tigers' rookie head coach Chris Scabar, of the 6-foot-5, 280-pounder out of Coquitlam.

"The team did really well. We held our own against Armstrong. I played a lot of younger guys and we're only going to get stronger."

Both teams won their second games of the one-day icebreaker.

Armstrong dominated the defending regular-season champion Kamloops 10-4 behind three goals from Hanley, two from Keith Minnis and singles from Joel Castle, Hoggarth, Colby Erikson, Austin Williamson and Barker, who chipped in three assists.

Hawrys, stymied all game by Kamloops netminder Dalan Etter on efforts to score, set up six goals.

Calvin Davyduke picked up the win in net for the Shamrocks.

"We tightened up our defensive system nicely that game, guys were staying at home and not chasing as much," said Armstrong assistant coach Chad Pieper.

"They are a very big physical team and we needed to adjust to handle that physicality and we did by limiting their sticks, and pressuring the ball to force turnovers.

The Tigers gave up five first-period goals, then rallied to beat the South Okanagan Flames 9-8 with Seaton pulling a hat trick. Landels scored twice and set up two others, and singles went to Pelletier, Jordan Orr, Brock Wagner and

Brett Olsen.

Midget rookie Darnell Hauca got the start in goal for Vernon.

"The guys never showed up to play for Darnell until the second and third period, then pulled out the win," said Scabar, who is helped on the bench by assistant coach Tyler Plante, benchmen Rob Seaton and Wes Landels, and off-floor by physiotherapist Leslie Landels and general manager Roxane Seaton.

Scabar praised the defensive efforts of Wagner and rookies Dominick Neilson and Chris Incho.

The Tigers and Shamrocks kick off the regular season Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nor-Val Sports Centre in Armstrong.

Vernon will play its first five league games on the road before its home opener Saturday, May 23, at Kal Tire Place, against South Okanagan.

April 26, 2015 - Tigers down Shamrocks in TOJLL opener by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

A six-goal second period explosion helped the Vernon Tigers subdue the hometown Armstrong Shamrocks 12-9 Friday night at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

It was the season-opening Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League game for both teams.

After taking a 3-2 lead after the opening period, the Tigers' offence kicked into gear in the middle frame, scoring six times to take a 9-5 advantage into the final period.

Darrell Landels led the Tigers, scoring twice and setting up five other goals. Braden Barr had 2+3 while brother Jordy Barr added a pair and Jordan Orr scored once in each period.

Logan Revell, Brett Olsen and Stephan Richard had the other Vernon goals to support Aaron Jensen in the Tigers net. Jensen made 35 saves as Vernon outshot the Shamrocks 60-44.

Cole Macfarlane played the first two periods in goal for Armstrong, replaced by Calvin Davyduke for the third period.

Owen Barker led the Shamrocks with 2+2 while Justin Backus fired in a pair of goals.

Single markers went to Brayden Hoggarth, Sam Hanley, Keith Minnis, Tyson Fair and Austin Williamson.

Daniel Peterson picked up a pair of helpers.

The Shamrocks took 48 minutes in penalties compared to 35 for the Tigers, who visit the South Okanagan Flames Monday in Penticton.

The Shamrocks return to action Thursday when they head to Kelowna to take on the Raiders.

April 29, 2015 - Tigers hold off Flames by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Chris Scabar is counting on his veterans to guide a younger Vernon Source For Sports Tigers squad through the early stages of the new Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League season.

So far, so good.

Darrell Landels scored twice and added three assists, and Steele Pelletier and Jordan Orr each added a pair to lead the Tigers to a 10-8 win over the hometown South Okanagan Flames Monday night in Penticton.

"It was a slow go," said Scabar, Tigers' head coach. "We had a short bench and South Okanagan is a really good team this year. We managed to pull out a win but it wasn't without a fight, that's for sure.

"The boys beared down and played very well in the last 10 minutes, but the first period or two, we struggled a bit with our defence. But we picked up the pace and came out with the win."

The teams were tied 2-2 after one and the Flames took a 7-6 lead into the third period before the Tigers rallied with goals from Darrell Landels, Pelletier, Orr and Jay Seaton, one of many Tigers playing injured.

"The guys who stood out were the guys that were hurt from the first game (in Armstrong Friday)," said Scabar. "We went to war in Armstrong, and the veterans really led us to the win in Penticton. Had guys playing with stitches,

twisted necks, lots of injuries, but they played through all that and helped us to a win.”

Liam MacPhee, Braden Barr and Thomas Landels had the other goals for Vernon, who outshot the Flames 64-51 with the Tigers receiving another fine effort in goal from veteran netminder Aaron Jensen.

“Aaron’s been our MVP in the first two games,” said Scabar. “He really stood out last night and kept us in the game.”

Jensen’s counterpart, Dean Grimm, made 54 saves for the Flames, who were led offensively by Mitch Brodt’s six goals, four of which came in the second period.

The Tigers, who play their first five games on the road, visit the Kamloops Rattlers Saturday. Vernon’s home opener is Saturday, May 23, against the Flames.

The Armstrong Shamrocks return to action Thursday when they visit the Kelowna Raiders.

Haden Hoover had 4+2 and Josh Boshier added 3+5 as host Kamloops outlasted Kelowna 14-12 Saturday night. Chase Bremner and Marcelo Bose had hat tricks for Kelowna

May 06, 2015 - Tigers topple Venom 7-4 by - Vernon Morning Star Staff - [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Darrell Landels supplied 2+1 and Aaron Jensen was fabulous in net as the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers toppled the host Kamloops Venom 7-4 Sunday night at Memorial Arena.

The Tigers improved to 3-0 in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League. The Venom dipped to 0-1-1.

Jordy Barr, with 1+2, Thomas Landels, Kyle Cuzzetto, Steele Pelletier and Brock Wagner completed the Vernon offence.

Jerome Thorne pulled the hat trick for the Venom, who got a single from Kienan Campbell.

The Tigers took seven minor penalties and the Venom were assessed 10.

May 13, 2015 - Tigers hold off Heat 14-8 by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The return of a sniper on offence, and continued stellar goaltending, resulted in a fourth consecutive win for the Vernon Tigers.

The Tigers improved to 4-0 in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League Monday with a 14-8 win over the South Okanagan Flames (2-3) in Penticton.

Ryan Sarazin, making his season debut after finishing his college field lacrosse stint in Pennsylvania, scored four times and added two assists for the Tigers, who led 5-3 and 11-5 by periods.

Sean Connors added 2+2, Thomas Landels had 2+1, Steele Pelletier chipped in 1+2 and singles went to Kyle Cuzzetto, Jordy Barr, Logan Revell, Brock Wagner and Darrell Landels.

Goalie Aaron Jensen chipped in with three assists while making 52 saves as the Tigers were outshot 60-53. The Tigers have allowed only 29 goals.

Connor Walton and Mitch Brodt each had three goals for the Flames.

The Tigers are off until Thursday, May 21, when they travel to Kelowna to meet the Raiders.

Vernon’s home opener is Saturday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place, against South Okanagan.

May 24, 2015 - Tigers brush back Raiders by Vernon Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The unbearable heat in the aging Kelowna Memorial Arena. The bad penalties. The dropped balls. The way he coached.

Everything Thursday was getting to Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers coach Chris Scabar in the Tigers’ fifth consecutive Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League road game.

The only things that didn’t get to Scabar was the play of goalie Aaron Jensen and the fact the Tigers won their fifth straight, 8-6 over the hometown Raiders.

“If it wasn’t for AJ standing on his head, being at the top of his game, giving another MVP performance, we would have lost,” said Scabar of Jensen, who finished with 46 saves as the Tigers outshot the Raiders 62-52.

“I would rather have lost the game to be honest with you. It’s one of those games I won, but I don’t feel right about taking the two points.”

Jordy Barr and Ryan Sarazin led the Tigers with two goals each while singles went to Sean Connors, Braden Barr, Jordan Orr (2A) and Liam MacPhee.

Chase Bremner had three goals for the Raiders (1-3-1), who spent a great deal of the game on the powerplay.

“I’m really disappointed we took a lot of penalties (44 minutes to 36 for the Raiders),” said Scabar, who also took some of the blame for the team’s lackluster performance.

“I don’t think I coached the best game. I could have done a lot better and ran a better bench. it wasn’t just the boys it was myself. The heat was unbearable in that arena, and the boys were fatigued going into the game. But we won.”

Scabar called a practice for Friday night to regroup as the Tigers prepared for its home opener Saturday at Kal Tire Place against the South Okanagan Flames (3-3-0).

“We’re happy to be 5-0 and that’s why my expectations are so high for this team,” said Scabar. “There’s still lots of room for improvement.”

May 27, 2015 - Tigers-Rocks looks like a beauty by Roger Knox [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

One team is coming off a .500 weekend. One remains perfect.

The Armstrong Shamrocks and Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers renew acquaintances as the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League rivals meet tonight at 7:30 at Kal Tire Place.

Vernon beat Armstrong 12-9 in the season opening game for both teams April 24 at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

“It’s definitely going to be a good game,” said Tigers forward Ryan Sarazin, who scored four times and was named the game’s first star in Vernon’s 11-7 win over the South Okanagan Flames in their home opener Saturday at Kal Tire Place.

A six-goal second period propelled the Tigers (6-0).

Jordan Orr scored twice, second star Darien Ottesen popped his first-ever junior lacrosse goal and chipped in two helpers and Sean Connors added 1+3 for the Tigers, who led 3-2 after one period and 9-3 after 40 minutes. They were coming off a sloppy 8-6 road win over the Kelowna Raiders.

“We definitely played a better game Saturday,” said Sarazin, who played field lacrosse for the Marquette Golden Eagles in Wisconsin this season. “We had a talk before the game and everybody came out and played great.”

Jay Seaton, Steele Pelletier and Brock Wagner, on a beautiful end-to-end solo effort, rounded out the Tiger scoring in support of goalies Aaron Jensen and Jeremy Gray. Vernon outshot South Okanagan 50-45.

Gray relieved Jensen with 10 minutes to go in the third period and made 12 saves on 14 shots.

Isaiah Kozak and Mitch Brodt had two goals each for the Flames (4-4), who received a solid goaltending performance from Dean Grimm. Chris Pond had four assists.

Flames’ captain Kaid McLeod scored once in the first period before leaving the game with an injury. Jake Macleod added 1+4.

Kaid McLeod is third in league scoring with 16-18-34, four points back of the Armstrong Shamrocks’ Owen Barker (17 goals).

There were just seven minor penalties assessed, four to the Tigers.

The Rocks snapped a three-game losing streak Friday with a 12-8 win Friday over the Kelowna Raiders at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Barker led the Shamrocks (2-5) with 4+2, giving new head coach Jim Point his first win. Nick Yadernuk and Brayden Hoggarth had two goals apiece, and singles went to Tyson Fair, Sam Hanley (2A), Kaden Sagh and Liam Drabiuk.

Goalies Cole Macfarlane of Armstrong and Tristan Parece of Kelowna each made 38 saves in the penalty-filled affair which saw the Shamrocks take 71 minutes in penalties, compared to 67 for Kelowna.

Liam Drabiuk of the Rocks and Garrett Mike of Kelowna had a scrap with seven minutes remaining.

The winning streak ended 24 hours later, as the Rocks fell 14-9 in Kamloops to the Venom (3-2-1). Barker was in on eight of the nine Armstrong goals, scoring twice and setting up six.

Keith Minnis had 2+2 for the Irish while Sagh, Fair, Yadernuk and Todd Hoggarth had the other goals. Macfarlane registered 37 saves.

Jerome Thorne led the Venom with six goals. Thorne is fifth in the points derby with 20 goals and 28 points.

The Flames stuffed Kamloops 16-9 Monday night in Penticton.

May 29, 2015 - Tigers brush back Shamrocks by [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

There was yelling, cross-checking, taunting, back-checking, monster hits and a brief post-game scuffle in the parking lot - it was simply the Vernon Sun Valley Source for Sports Tigers and Armstrong Shamrocks renewing acquaintances Wednesday night at Kal Tire Place.

It started rough and ended even rougher with the Tigers winning 17-12 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action.

“It was high-paced, lots of tension, very physical but a great time,” said Tigers’ forward Ryan Sarazin. “I’m pretty banged up after this one.”

Always a physical affair, this installment of the rivalry featured two of the league’s top offensive talents in Sarazin and Owen Barker of the Shamrocks (2-6).

Barker, who teamed up with fellow former Shamrock Brett Hawryst with the B.C. Junior A League Nanaimo Timbermen last season, entered Wednesday’s game third in league scoring. He was treated like he had a target stitched on his back where his number should be.

On opening shift, he was sprung on a breakaway, but Sarazin chased him down and slammed him into Tigers’ tender Aaron Jensen, drawing a double minor for back-checking.

“We are both out there playing hard and trying to do our jobs. I was just trying to make sure he didn’t get the first goal,” said Sarazin.

Barker assisted on the first powerplay marker and scored a solo effort on the back end of Sarazin’s double minor.

“Sarazin is a good player and you gotta answer for what he does out there and put the ball in the net,” said Barker, who finished with six goals and three assists as the second star.

After Barker’s three goals and Sarazin’s pair in the first, the one-on-one game tapered off the rest of the way.

“We didn’t want to play that type of game. We know he (Barker) is a great player but we had to make changes if we were going to come out on top,” said Tigers’ first-year head coach Chris Scabar.

With the Shamrocks up 7-6 after the first, the first-place Tigers (7-0) took control of the game while shorthanded.

With captain Braden Barr in the box for high sticking, the Tigers popped in two shorties from Quintin Harrish and Kyle Cuzzetto for the 10-9 lead nine minutes into the second.

The Cats outscored the Rocks 8-2 in the middle frame.

Jordan Orr poured in a monster second period for the Tigers with four goals. He finished with six goals and three assists as the first star.

Joel Castle scored one of his three goals in the second for the Shamrocks and credits his new stick for the big game.

“I worked on my twig at practice and the boys were giving me a hard time about it, so I had to come out and perform,” joked Castle.

Castle and Barker have been playing together longer than either can remember.

“He looks for me out there and I look for him,” said Castle. “We are comfortable and we know where each one is going to be.”

Shane Minnis, Keith Minnis and Sam Hanley added singles for the Irish.

Jordy Barr, assistant captain Jay Seaton and Thomas Landels each sniped one for the Cats, while Liam MacPhee and Sean Connors each registered six assists.

Jensen responded after a shaky opening frame, stopping 49 shots and earned four helpers.

Barker picked up a game misconduct with three minutes remaining after he got flattened from behind by Orr. Barker took a while to get to his feet and looked as if he wanted to stay in the game. With the score 17-12, players started yapping and the officials tossed Barker before anything unnecessary escalated.

“Emotions at that point take over and you say things you probably shouldn’t say. I didn’t think I deserved the penalty, but it is what it is,” said Barker.

The Shamrocks, who have lost three times by three goals or less, are looking to continue building as they host the South Okanagan Flames (4-4) tonight at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

The Tigers host the Kelowna Raiders (1-1-4) Saturday night at Kal Tire Place. The South Okanagan Flames are second at 4-4, while the Kamloops Venom are third at 3-2-1.

June 3, 2015 - Tigers hold off Raiders by Roger Knox [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Tyler Plante’s big smile after the Vernon Tigers’ 9-7 Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League win over the visiting Kelowna Raiders Saturday night was a combination of happiness and relief.

Plante picked up his first-ever junior lacrosse head coaching victory at Kal Tire Place with Tigers’ regular bench boss Chris Scabar away in Langley leading Team Interior at the Team B.C. midget division tryouts.

“Happy with the win, yes, but it was a battle and a struggle,” said Plante. “Kelowna had a short bench and they fought hard to the end. They made it a game.”

A goal by Jordy Barr gave Vernon an 8-5 lead with 12 minutes to go, but two of second star Nick Alcorn’s four goals on the game, 50 seconds apart, pulled Kelowna to within one with half a period remaining.

Kyle Cuzzetto restored the two-goal lead 42 seconds after Alcorn’s fourth, and the Tigers then killed off a pair of late minor penalties late in the game to preserve their 8-0 season.

“Our specialty teams were good tonight,” said Plante as the Tigers killed off all four Raiders’ powerplays, and went 3-for-3 with the man advantage.

First star Brock Wagner supplied two goals while third star Thomas Landels, Ryan Sarazin, Jordan Orr, Jay Seaton and Liam MacPhee had the other goals for Vernon, who led 2-0 after one and 6-4 after two periods.

Aaron Jensen made 47 saves in goal for the Tigers while Tristan Parece stopped 50 for the Raiders (1-5-1). Both teams were missing six regulars.

The game was the first of three consecutive meetings between the two teams, who face off Thursday in Kelowna and again Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place.

The Armstrong Shamrocks moved to within one point of third-place Kamloops Venom by downing the second-place South Okanagan Flames 16-12 Friday night at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Keith Minnis led the 3-6-0 Shamrocks with five goals while Owen Barker added 3+5 and Joel Castle chipped in 2+5 as Armstrong outshot the Flames 49-45.

Sam Hanley (2+2), Tyson Fair (1+4), Keegan Castle (1+2), Todd Hoggarth and Nich Yadernuk had the other goals for Armstrong, who outscored the Flames 4-1 in the middle frame after each team erupted for six goals in the opening period.

Chris Pond had three goals and six assists for the Flames (4-5-0).

Cole Macfarlane made 33 saves in goal for the Shamrocks, who host the Venom (3-2-1) Friday in Salmon Arm, 7:30

p.m. at the Shaw Centre. The Shamrocks lead the TOJLL in goals with 105 and goals allowed with 114.

June 7, 2015 - Tigers ambush Raiders by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers raided Kelowna Thursday.

After two sub-par efforts against the Kelowna Raiders in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action, the Tigers erupted for 10 first-period goals on their way to a 16-9 win over the Raiders Thursday at the Kelowna Memorial Arena.

The Tigers are a perfect 9-0. Kelowna drops to 0-7-1. The two teams met for a third straight game, and fourth and final time in the regular season, Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

“Everyone was working hard and we wanted to get ahead on Kelowna. Everything was clicking and everyone was playing great defence,” said Vernon forward Jordan Orr, who led the onslaught with seven goals and four assists.

“That was one of my better nights. I was getting open, they were leaving me alone, and everything just worked.”

Liam MacPhee and Ryan Sarazin each had 2+4 for the Tigers, Thomas Landels added 2+2 and singles went to Quintin Harrish, Jordy Barr and Jay Seaton.

Orr and Sarazin lead the Tigers with 15 goals each. Orr has a team-high 26 points, putting him ninth in the league.

Aaron Jensen played the first two periods in goal for Vernon while Darnell Hauca made his regular season debut, playing the final 20 minutes. Both Vernon goalies combined to make 37 saves, while Kelowna’s Tristan Parece and Gord Bowes combined for 49 stops.

Cam MacMillan led the Raiders’ offence with 3+3.

The Armstrong Shamrocks (3-6) hosted the Kamloops Venom (4-3-1) Friday night at the Shaw Centre in Salmon Arm.

June 10, 2015 - Tigers tackle Rocks tonight by Roger Knox [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Both teams are hot like the weather.

The Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers visit the Armstrong Shamrocks in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League action tonight. Game time is 7:30 at the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Vernon has won both regular season meetings thus far, and the arch-rivals are each coming off impressive weekend wins.

The Tigers thumped the visiting Kelowna Raiders 12-5 Saturday, while the Shamrocks got by the Kamloops Venom 8-6 in a neutral site game Friday in Salmon Arm. Vernon is 10-0.

With the Tigers playing the Raiders for a third straight time, and fourth time in five games, Saturday’s contest had a playoff feel.

Tempers flared near the final whistle.

“It gets really rowdy and rough against this team and it’s nice when the games are broken up,” said second star Quintin Harrish, Tigers forward, who had 4+1. “This was, essentially, a three-game series that just ended. We came out victorious but it was getting ugly by the end of it.”

Kelowna opened a 2-0 lead before Harrish got Vernon on the board and Sean Connors tied up the game at 11:27 of the opening period.

A fight between the Tigers’ Steele Pelletier and Kelowna’s Tristan Bright provided a spark for Vernon as Pelletier scored a knockout and Bright received a major and game misconduct for instigating the bout.

The Tigers scored the next four goals before Kelowna rallied with a deuce of its own as Vernon led 6-4 after one.

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First star Ryan Sarazin had 3+5 for the Tigers, Pelletier added a pair while singles went to Jay Seaton and midget call-up Stephane Richard.

Third star Aaron Jensen made 49 saves as the Tigers outshot Kelowna (0-8-1) 55-54 to keep their perfect season in tact.

“We’re taking things game-by-game,” said Harrish. “We’re not looking too far into the future. We’re going to come out every game playing our hardest.”

It was the Tigers’ third straight win with assistant coach Tyler Plante running the bench (head coach Chris Scabar was away with his son’s team at a tournament in the Lower Mainland).

The Shamrocks moved to within a point of the third-place Venom Friday, erasing a 3-1 first-period deficit in Salmon Arm with a five-goal explosion in the middle frame for a second-straight league win.

“It was not a bad game,” said Armstrong assistant coach Chad Pieper. “They (Kamloops) had a short bench and started running out of gas. Our guys calmed down. Half of our roster is from Salmon Arm so there were lots of family and friends in the stands.

“It was loud. Shuswap Minor Lacrosse did a great job getting the kids out. It was a good turnout.”

Joel Castle had 2+2 for Armstrong (4-6-0), who played without leading scorer Owen Barker (serving a one-game suspension). Keith Minnis also chipped in a deuce. Singles went to Brayden Hoggarth, Kaden Sagh, Liam Drabiuk and Sam Hanley.

Cole Macfarlane made 30 saves in goal for the Shamrocks.

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Keith Minnis also chipped in a deuce. Singles went to Brayden Hoggarth, Kaden Sagh, Liam Drabiuk and Sam Hanley. Cole Macfarlane made 30 saves in goal.

Jerome Thorne led Kamloops (4-4-1) with 3+2 while Riley Peterson had five helpers

June 12, 2015 - Tigers brush by Shamrocks by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Two bitter rivals, loud crowd, back-and-forth scoring, up-and-down action, one more regular season meeting.

And there’s always the chance the Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports and Armstrong Shamrocks could meet in the first round of the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoffs in less than a month.

The Tigers improved to 11-0 Wednesday with a hard-fought 9-8 win over the Shamrocks at Armstrong's Nor-Val Sports Centre in front of a boisterous pro-Irish crowd.

It was Vernon's third win in as many games with their arch-rivals this season, and snapped 4-7 Armstrong's modest two-game winning streak.

The final regular season meeting will be Saturday, June 27, at Kal Tire Place. Both teams have five games remaining.

"It was a great game, the boys really stepped up to play," said Tigers' head coach Chris Scabar, back after a three-game absence. "I'm proud of the whole team. They really showed up and everybody played great."

The Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead and held that edge through 20 minutes.

Armstrong woke up in the middle frame and scored four unanswered to take a 4-3 lead, three of them coming from leading scorer Owen Barker, who picked up a fifth minor penalty midway through the second period, resulting in an automatic game expulsion.

Vernon led 6-5 after two periods, but trailed 7-6 with eight minutes remaining before rattling off three consecutive goals for a 9-7 lead.

Armstrong scored late and could not get the equalizer.

"We were right there with them," said Shamrocks assistant coach Chad Pieper. "We scored a short-handed goal to get to within one, and had a great chance for the equalizer with 10 or 15 seconds left but it just didn't go in. We played well and we're getting better."

Steele Pelletier led the Tigers with 2+2, while Ryan Sarazin had two goals. Singles went to Jordy Barr, Jay Seaton, Quintin Harrish, Liam MacPhee and Jordan Orr.

Sam Hanley and Brayden Hoggart each had two goals for the Shamrocks while Marlon Forrest added one. Liam Drabiuk had three assists.

Aaron Jensen made 33 saves for Vernon while Cole Macfarlane stopped 41 shots for the Irish, who also lost forward Colby Erickson to a match penalty midway through the third period.

The Shamrocks took 48 minutes in penalties compared to 18 for Vernon.

"It's something we're working on and talking to the kids about," said Pieper of the penalty issues that have plagued the Shamrocks this season. "We played probably the last half of the third period shorthanded."

The Tigers host the third-place Kamloops Venom (4-4-1) Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place. A win would clinch the regular season title for Vernon.

The Shamrocks are one point back of the Venom although Kamloops has two games in hand. Armstrong visits the South Okanagan Flames Monday night.

June 17, 2015 - Tigers still perfect by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers and the Venom meet this evening for the second time in four nights at Kal Tire Place.

Face-off is at 7:30 p.m.

The Tigers improved to 12-0 Saturday, holding on to edge visiting Kamloops 7-6 in front of the largest crowd of the season.

Trailing 7-5, Kamloops was awarded a penalty shot with 34 seconds left in the contest after the Tigers' Jordy Barr was whistled for delay of game for shooting the ball into an empty Kamloops net after the 30-second shot clock expired.

Tyler Seabrooke took the penalty shot and made a great move to beat Tigers goalie Aaron Jensen, cutting the lead to one.

Kamloops (5-5-1) won the ensuing face-off and had the ball in Tigers territory but turned it over, ending any chance of earning a possible draw.

Ryan Sarazin had three goals for Vernon, who led 2-1 after one period and 5-3 after 40 minutes.

Quintin Harrish had two goals while singles went to Jordan Orr and Ethan Anderson.

Jensen finished with 36 saves while the Tigers peppered 55 shots at Kamloops netminder Dalan Etter.

June 19, 2015 - Tigers withstand Kamloops attack by Roger Knox - Morning Star [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Good to be lucky, lucky to be good.

Both applied to the unbeaten Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers Wednesday night at Kal Tire Place.

And having, arguably, the best goalie in the league on their roster doesn't hurt, either.

The Tigers improved to 13-0 in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse league, holding on to edge the Kamloops Venom 8-7.

Tigers' goalie Aaron Jensen made 58 saves as Kamloops (5-6-1) outshot Vernon 65-42, including 18-7 in the final period which saw the Venom score the only two goals – the first time all season the Tigers have failed to score in a period.

“AJ stood on his head again,” said Tigers' head coach Chris Scabar. “If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have won the game. We had a great first period, took some dumb penalties in the second and didn't show up in the third. AJ bailed us out and we pulled it out by the skin of our teeth.”

Trailing 8-7 and with goalie Dalan Etter pulled for an extra attacker with 42 seconds left, Kyle Pauwells – who already had three Venom goals on the evening – whipped a shot from outside that Jensen got a piece of.

The ball hit the goalpost behind the Tigers netminder and danced ever-so-close to the goal line, but did not go in.

The Tigers, who clinched first place last Saturday with a 7-6 win over Kamloops, were then able to run out the clock.

Vernon jumped out to a 5-1 lead 14 minutes into the game, but the Venom scored a deuce before the period ended for a 5-3 Tigers lead.

Vernon stretched the lead to 8-5 after 40 minutes.

Kamloops was 4-6 on the powerplay, Vernon 1-4.

Ryan Sarazin had three goals to lead the Tigers offence, while singles went to Quintin Harrish, Steele Pelletier, Ethan Anderson, Liam MacPhee and Jay Seaton.

Newly acquired Tre Mason had two assists for the Tigers, who picked up the left-handed scorer from the Kelowna Raiders for future considerations.

“He's fit in instantly,” said Tigers' general manager Roxane Seaton. “He wants to be here, he plays hard, we needed a lefty and we're really happy to have Tre.

“We have to give thanks to (Kelowna coach) Travis Wray, who was awesome about releasing Tre, one of his team's top scorers, and giving him a chance to extend his last season of junior lacrosse.”

Mason, who turns 21 in July, was third in Raiders scoring with 9-8-17. He is thrilled to be playing with the unbeaten Tigers.

“I love it, I'm so happy to be here,” said Mason.

“I got a text from my coach last Sunday asking if I was interested in joining the Tigers. I knew a couple of guys on the team and I'm just really excited to be playing here.”

The Tigers return to action Saturday, June 27, when they host Armstrong at Kal Tire Place.

The Shamrocks (4-8) host the Kelowna Raiders (0-10-1) at the Nor-Val Sports Center tonight. Game time is 7:30. Armstrong trails the third-place Venom by three points.

League playoffs are slated to begin July 7 with best-of-five series.

July 1, 2015 - Tigers gunning for 16-0 season by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

No team in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League's 15-year existence has ever had a perfect regular

season.

The Vernon Sun Valley Source for Sports Tigers are one win away from making history.

The Tigers improved to 15-0 on the weekend, beating the hometown Kamloops Venom 10-4 Sunday, and thumping the Armstrong Shamrocks 19-10 Saturday at Kal Tire Place.

Vernon can become the first-ever TOJLL team to run the table when they host the South Okanagan Flames (10-5) in their regular season finale Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Kal Tire Place.

“We are completely motivated to go 16-0,” said Tigers’ head coach Chris Scabar. “The boys stepped up this weekend as we completely dominated Kamloops and Armstrong.”

Steele Pelletier led the Tigers Sunday with three goals, Quintin Harrish and Darrell Landels, who returned to the lineup Saturday after missing all of the regular season with a leg injury, each added a pair. Singles went to Jordy Barr, Jordan Orr and midget call-up Stephane Richard.

Tre Mason had four assists. Vernon enjoyed period leads of 3-0 and 9-3.

Towering netminder Jeremy Gray played his first full game for the Tigers, and finished with 28 stops.

“Jeremy played like a veteran,” said Scabar. “He played like an up-and-coming MVP; everybody was impressed with his play. He was impressed with his play.

“And getting Darrell back is like getting two-to-three goals a game that we didn’t have before. He brings motivation and inspiration to our team.”

Gray played the final two periods against Armstrong Saturday in relief of starter Aaron Jensen. He allowed four goals on 33 shots.

The Tigers led 8-6 after 20 minutes Saturday, and upped the margin to 15-7 after two periods.

Sarazin had four goals for Vernon, Darrell Landels had 3+2 while Ethan Anderson, Jay Seaton and Orr each added 2+3. Harrish supplied two goals while singles went to Thomas Landels, Sean Connors, Pelletier and Jordy Barr.

Mason and Liam MacPhee each pocketed five assists.

Justin Backus led Armstrong with 4+1, Michael Drabiuk had 1+3 and singles went to Todd Hoggarth, Brayden Hoggarth, Liam Drabiuk and Joel Castle.

Kalvin Davyduke started in goal and gave up 15 goals and made 39 saves before being replaced by Cole Macfarlane with 1:33 left in the second period. Macfarlane started the game as a runner.

Armstrong (5-9) has two regular season games remaining – both on the road – and can still finish third as they trail the Venom (6-8-1) by one point with a game in hand. The Shamrocks visit winless Kelowna Thursday, then close out the regular season in Kamloops Saturday.

The top four teams make the playoffs with first playing fourth and second playing third in best-of-five semifinals.

The playoffs are slated to start Tuesday, July 7.

July 5, 2015 - Tigers open playoffs vs Shamrocks by Staff - Vernon Morning Star [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Fierce rivals will meet in the first round of the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoffs.

The regular season champion Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers will face the Armstrong Shamrocks in a best-of-five league semifinal starting Tuesday at Kal Tire Place (7:30 p.m.).

The matchup became official Thursday when the Shamrocks (5-10) fell 16-9 to the Raiders in Kelowna. Armstrong needed to win its final two games to finish third, which would have meant a date with the South Okanagan Flames in round one.

Vernon and Armstrong closed out the regular season Saturday with the Shamrocks in Kamloops to take on the Venom, and the Tigers looked to make league history by becoming the first team to go a perfect 16-0 as they entertained the Flames.

Cam McMillan and Quinn Johnson Plant each had seven-point games to lead the Raiders (1-14-1).

Joel Castle led a shorthanded Shamrocks squad with 5+1 with the other goals coming from Sam Hanley, Liam Drabiuk, Nich Yadernuck and Kaden Sagh. Ryan Martin had four assists.

Goalies Cole Macfarlane and Calvin Davyduke combined to make 51 saves as the Raiders outshot Armstrong 67-54.

Game 2 in the Tigers-Shamrocks series will be Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Nor-Val Sports Centre, and Game 3 returns to Kal Tire Place Saturday, July 11 (7:30 p.m.).

The Flames have home-floor advantage in their semifinal with Kamloops.

The league final is slated to start on Friday, July 17. The playoff champion will represent the TOJLL at the provincial Junior B championships July 31-Aug. 2 in Saanich.

July 8, 2015 - Perfect Tigers open playoff push by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The final buzzer sounded and the players rejoiced. The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers became the first team to finish the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League season 16-0 following their 14-9 victory over the South Okanagan Flames Saturday night.

They shared the moment by huddling together at centre ice and saluting the more than 300 fans in attendance at Kal Tire Place.

“It doesn’t get any better than this,” exclaimed Tigers’ coach Chris Scabar. “I’m really proud of these guys. They played strong defence and worked hard all year long and it has paid off.”

The Tigers received four goals from first star Quintin Harrish and a hatty from Ryan Sarazin.

The Cats jumped out to a 5-0 lead and led 5-2 after the first frame. The two teams combined for 13 goals in a fiesta of a second period.

Darrell Landels and Jay Seaton each supplied two goals, while Kyle Cuzzetto, Jordan Orr and Tre Mason added singles.

Jeremy Gray made 44 stops in his second start between the pipes for the Cats.

“We are over the history now. We had one night to enjoy it, and it was awesome, but we want to go out, bear down and win a championship,” said Scabar.

The Tigers’ locker room was filled with cheers, hugs and a great sense of accomplishment following their spotless regular season, according to their leading goal scorer Sarazin.

“It was awesome and a special feeling,” said Sarazin, who still has one more year of eligibility remaining with the Cats. “This is the closest group of guys we have had since I have been here and we want to keep going and keep pressing.”

Sarazin stated that no matter what happens in the playoffs and provincials– should the Tigers get there – nothing can take away their regular season accomplishment.

The Tigers and Armstrong Shamrocks (5-11) played Game 1 Tuesday night at Kal Tire Place in a rematch of last year’s opening round when the Tigers swept the Shamrocks 3-0.

“Players change all the time and there is no thinking back to last year for our guys. They will be ready to go,” said Shamrocks’ assistant coach Chad Pieper.

The Shamrocks will be without their leading scorer Owen Barker as he went to the Junior A New Westminster Salmonbellies.

“Joel (Castle) is going to have to carry the weight for us,” said Pieper.

Castle was second on the Rocks with 22 goals and 54 points.

The Shamrocks are satisfied with how they are positioned in the playoffs, believing that all the pressure is on the Tigers.

“I’d rather be the underdog than the favourite. We are going to pull out all the stops and see if we can surprise them,” said Pieper.

The Shamrocks played the Tigers tight all year. In their first three meetings, the Shamrocks lost by an average of three goals. The Tigers outlasted the Shamrocks 19-10 in their last outing.

Players better do up their chin straps and bring extra ice bags because this series is not going to be played in the library.

The two teams claim five of the top 10 penalized players. The Shamrocks’ Colby Erickson led the way with 85 penalty minutes in eight games.

“It is going to be hard-nosed lacrosse and we are going to play them very tough on defence,” said Scabar. “We’ve got guys like Thomas Landels, Ethan Anderson and Braden Barr who will make things difficult for their forwards out there.”

For the second straight year, Aaron Jensen of the Tigers finished as the top goaltender.

He finished with a 7.31 goals against average and a .855 save percentage in 14 games. Jensen has backed up Gray the past two games. Scabar planned to announce his starting netminder hours before the game.

The Shamrocks are likely to counter with Cole MacFarlane, who recorded a 12.06 GAA and a .754 save percentage in 15 games.

The Shamrocks lost 16-5 to the Kamloops Venom in their regular season finale Saturday night at Memorial Arena.

Nic Yadernuk sniped two goals and an assist, while Mykl Drabuik supplied 1+2 for the Rocks.

Yadernuk finished third in scoring with 16 goals and 28 points.

Marlon Forrest and Sam Hanley added singles.

The Tigers-Shamrocks Game 2 will be Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Nor-Val Sports Centre, and Game 3 returns to Kal Tire Place Saturday (7:30 p.m.).

The Flames (10-6) will take on the Venom (7-1-8) in the other semifinal. The Flames owned the league’s top offence with 196 goals.

Chris Pond (38+74), Mitch Brodt (44+39) and Kaid MacLeod (31+31) finished 1-2-3 in league scoring. The Flames will play their home games in Kelowna while the ice is getting installed at Memorial Arena in Penticton.

Game 1 went last night at Memorial Arena in Kelowna.

Game 2 will be Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Memorial Arena in Kamloops.

The league final is slated to start Friday, July 17. The playoff champion will represent the TOJLL at the provincial Junior B championships July 31-Aug. 2 in Saanich.

The Tigers lost 14-7 to the Delta Islanders in the provincial championship final last August in Vernon.

July 10, 2015 - Tigers thump Rocks in Game 1 by Staff - Vernon Morning Star [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers put their foot on the gas, moved into the fast lane and were never seen from again when Thomas Landels scored on a breakaway in the second period.

The Tigers ambushed the Armstrong Shamrocks 19-6 in Game 1 of the best-of-five opening round Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoffs Tuesday night at Kal Tire Place.

The Shamrocks scored 31 seconds into the first when Keith Minnis buried a powerplay marker.

“I was definitely a little nervous at the start,” said Tigers’ netminder Aaron Jensen. “The regular season is one thing, but the playoffs are another season.”

The Tigers’ offence had their goalie’s back, however, as they responded with five straight goals in a span of 8:56 for a 7-2 lead after the first frame.

“Not really the start to the playoffs we were looking for,” said Shamrocks’ assistant coach Chad Pieper. “It was a

tough one, we battled hard, but in order to beat these guys, you got to be perfect. And we were far from perfect.”

The shots were tied at 19 after the first, but the Tigers poured it on with 28 shots in the second.

“We did a great job moving the ball around and getting to loose balls,” said Landels. “We were able to control most of the game that way.”

The second period was highlighted by a spirited fight between the Tigers’ Quintin Harrish and the Shamrocks’ Todd Hoggarth. Both players were given game misconducts. Hoggarth took most of the damage as his helmet popped off during the fight.

“It’s a series and a tough battle. There is a lot of stuff going on between the benches and our guys had enough,” said Pieper.

Harrish recorded two goals and one assist before exiting with the Gordie Howe hat trick.

The Tigers dominated both sides of the floor. Cats’ captain Braden Barr recorded the defensive play of the game when he ran down Kaden Sagh on a breakaway and separated stick from man for the turnover.

Braden’s brother, Jordy Barr sniped four goals and was first star.

“Our defence played well, we moved the ball great and we’ve got a lot of key guys who can put the ball in the net,” said the seventeen-year old Jordy.

Jordy was ejected with 11 minutes remaining for sparring with a few Shamrock players, but remains very confident about the playoffs.

“I feel like we are going to take it all the way and play awesome,” said Barr, whose third goal of the night was the easiest he’ll ever score.

On the powerplay, in the Shamrocks’ zone, goalie Cole MacFarlane left his net to go pin Steele Pelletier against the boards and give him the business. Meanwhile, Barr had a yawning net in front of him.

The Tigers were feeling themselves in the third period with several behind-the-back shots and slam dunk attempts.

Nich Yadernuk had the shakes that will make you quake, as he was able to bust loose and score two goals and supplied two helpers for the Shamrocks.

“I did a great job on the fast break tonight. I pump-faked left and finished right,” said Yadernuk.

Jay Seaton, Ryan Sarazin, and Liam MacPhee each finished with a pair of goals, while Sean Connors, Darrell Landels, Pelletier, Tre Mason (who turned 21), Braden Barr and Brett Olsen added singles.

Minnis registered a pair and Keegan Castle supplied a single for the Rocks.

Neither starting goalie finished. Jensen was replaced by Jeremy Gray at 3:35 of the third period to save energy with the score 15-4. Jensen faced 31 shots. Gray gave up two powerplay goals on 12 shots.

MacFarlane was replaced by Calvin Davyduke with 15:35 remaining. Macfarlane surrendered 16 goals on 58 shots. Davyduke was beaten three times on 13 shots.

The Tigers outshot the Rocks 71-43, and coach Pieper knows they need to cut down their shots allowed .

“Our defence needs to step up, get to loose balls and get in their shooters’ faces,” said Pieper.

As for the Tigers’ adjustments, “We won’t change one stitch,” said coach Chris Scabar.

Game 2 went Thursday night in Armstrong with Game 3 Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place. The Kamloops Venom downed the South Okanagan Flames 13-6 in their opener Tuesday night at Kelowna Memorial Arena. Game 2 went Thursday night in Kamloops.

Game 3 goes Saturday in Kelowna.

July 12, 2015 - Tigers push Shamrocks into must-win territory by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers erupted for 10 first period goals to cruise past the Armstrong Shamrocks 20-7 in Game 2 of the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League opening round playoffs Thursday night at

the Nor-Val Sports Centre.

The Shamrocks are now on the brink of elimination down 2-0.

The Tigers have downed the Shamrocks by 13 goals in both games.

“We are playing with intensity and unity,” said Tigers’ bench boss Chris Scabar. “These guys are standing up for one another and I am very proud of them.”

Darrell Landels is the captain on the road for the Tigers. He suffered a lower body injury earlier in the year and missed a good chunk of the season. Fellow senior Braden Barr stepped in as the replacement captain and remains the captain for home games.

“They are both leaders and both have taken over this team as seniors. It is great to have guys like this on our team,” said Scabar.

Landels proved his leadership with five goals for the Cats. He scored 15 goals in seven regular season games.

With top offense threat Owen Barker removed from the scene, the Shamrocks have been relying on Joel Castle to run their offense.

Castle missed Game 1 because he was stuck working in Osoyoos, but he poured in a hat trick in Game 2.

“He adds a lot to our lineup when he is there,” said Shamrocks’ assistant coach Chad Pieper. “He creates a lot of nice shots and had a couple nice goals.”

Todd Hoggarth, Brody Berg, Kaden Sagh and Brayden Hoggarth registered singles for the Rocks.

Jordy Barr has exploded this post season for the Tigers. With three goals in Game 2, he now has seven goals in the playoffs. He scored 12 goals in 16 games this season.

“Jordy has a dynamite shot. It’s one of the hardest shots I’ve seen from a young player in a long time,” said Scabar.

Liam MacPhee supplied a hat trick while Kyle Cuzzetto, Steele Pelletier, Jay Seaton, Ryan Sarazin, Tre Mason, Thomas Landels, Quintin Harrish, Brett Olsen and Chase Wirth added singles.

Shamrocks’ tending Cole MacFarlane got yanked at the 10-minute mark after allowing seven goals. He was replaced by Calvin Davyduke.

Tigers’ netminder Aaron Jensen made 25 saves on 30 shots and was rewarded with the third period off. He was replaced by Darnell Hauca, who made nine saves on 11 shots.

Game 3 went Saturday night at Kal Tire Place. Game 4 goes 7:30 p.m. Monday night in Armstrong if necessary.

The South Okanagan Flames knotted their series up 1-1 in the other TOJLL semi after a 14-7 victory over the Kamloops Venom Thursday night at Memorial Arena in Kamloops.

Game 3 went Saturday afternoon at Memorial Arena in Kelowna. Game 4 returns to Kamloops 7:30 p.m. Monday night at Memorial Arena.

July 15, 2015 - Tigers win, now wait for finalist by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The undefeated Vernon Source for Sports Tigers are sitting on the couch or the beach and relaxing, while the Kamloops Venom and the South Okanagan Flames slug it out in the other Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League semifinal series.

The Tigers swept the Armstrong Shamrocks 3-0 with a 17-4 victory Saturday night at Kal Tire Place. They now wait for an opponent in the league finals.

“Everything is going as planned,” said Tigers’ head coach Chris Scabar. “We wanted to get through Armstrong and have the other series go five games so they can beat each other up a bit more.”

The Venom forced Game 5 with a 14-8 trimming of the Flames Monday night at Memorial Arena in Kamloops.

Kyle Pauwels carried the Snakes with five goals. Game 5 went Tuesday night at Memorial Arena in Kelowna.

The Tigers scored three times in the first 6:11. Darrell Landels scored his first of two at 2:38 while the Rocks were

trying to enjoy a five-on-three advantage. The Shamrocks went 0-for-5 on the man advantage.

The Tigers won each game by 13 goals, outscoring the Shamrocks 56-17. The Tigers commanded a 7-1 lead after the first.

Kyle Cuzzeto of the Tigers scored at 10:45 of the second to make it 10-2.

Following the goal, he and Kaden Sagh of the Shamrocks got into a lively scrap that saw both players land a number of haymakers. The fight ended with Cuzzetto wrestling Sagh to the ground.

Once the players dusted themselves off and picked up their equipment, the Tigers pulled starting goalie Aaron Jensen and replaced him with Darnell Hauca.

Jensen made 19 saves on 21 shots. Hauca finished the night with the exact same stats as Jensen. The Cats outshot the Rocks 69-42.

Ryan Sarazin sniped four goals, including a shorty in the second, and was selected first star. Hauca was named second star and their captain Braden Barr was held off the scoresheet but was the third star.

“Braden does so much for us. He is an extension of the coaching staff on the floor,” said Scabar. “He motivates the team and is great on defence. I’ve really enjoyed my time with him this year.”

Quintin Harrish poured in three goals for the Tigers, as Ethan Anderson and Thomas Landels sniped two goals. Singles came from Jay Seaton, Liam MacPhee and Tre Mason.

The Shamrocks yanked Cole MacFarlane after the second period. He made 33 saves on 47 shots.

Kalvin Dayvduke gave up three goals on 22 shots.

“I would have liked to see us do a little bit more, but all in all, we worked hard and went up against a strong opponent,” said Shamrocks’ assistant coach Chad Pieper.

Blake Luttmending scored his first two goals of the season for the Shamrocks and was matched by their sniper Joel Castle with a pair.

“We had a lot of rookies and guys who haven’t played box lacrosse in a while, but I saw steady improvement from our guys and they didn’t quit,” said Pieper.

Colton DeBoer, Todd Hoggarth, Austin Williamson, Tyson Fair, MacFarlane and Castle are graduating from the junior program and their assistant coach is looking forward to playing alongside them with the senior Shamrocks one day.

The Tigers will practise once leading up to the TOJLL final, as they want to refresh so they can attack a worn down team in the opening faceoff.

The Tigers will host Game 1 of the best-of-five final Friday, 7:15 p.m. at Kal Tire Place. The game time has been adjusted due to the Bantam A2 provincials at Kal Tire Place.

July 17, 2015 - Tigers take on Venom in lacrosse final by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

The waiting game is over. It’s time to dance.

The Vernon Source for Sports Tigers take on the Kamloops Venom in Game 1 of the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League finals tonight (7:30) at Kal Tire Place.

With 19 wins in the bank, the Tigers sit three wins away from the provincials.

“Our guys have ate and slept well all week and we are eager to get this thing going,” said Tigers’ coach Chris Scabar.

The Venom stopped the second-ranked South Okanagan Flames 13-7 in Game 5 at Memorial Arena in Kelowna. The Tigers swept their semifinal series with the Armstrong Shamrocks.

The Venom received reinforcements in the semis with the return of four players from the B.C. Junior A Lacrosse League.

Kyle Pauwels and Riley Peterson played for the New Westminster Salmonbellies. Pauwels recorded five assists in three games and Peterson sniped three goals in three games.

Blaine and Colton Boomer played for the Langley Thunder. Blaine registered one goal and nine assists in 13 games, and Colton supplied one goal in two games.

“I think it’s a political thing. It doesn’t matter to me. I just try and stay out of all that B.S.,” said Scabar.

Pauwels racked up eight goals in the deciding game, following up a five-goal performance in a 14-8 victory at Memorial Arena in Game 4 on Monday.

“We are just going to go out there and play hard lacrosse, that’s our motto,” said Scabar. “It’s easier to play dee when you only have two or three guys to key on instead of a deeper offence like ours.”

The Tigers were led offensively by Ryan Sarazin, who potted 35 goals and 60 points, and Jordan Orr, who supplied 28 goals and 54 points.

The Tigers are focused on the present and aren’t worried about keeping their flawless record intact.

“As long as we come out on top, that’s all that matters. I’ve told the guys that we are going to lose at one point and things aren’t going to go our way all the time. It’s about how we take it, move on and learn from it that matters to us,” said Scabar.

Memorial Arena is a sauna from May to September. The old barn has no air conditioning. It can be a stifling experience for the fans, let alone the players.

The Tigers have plenty of experience playing mid-summer games in the Snake Pit. They won the 2013 TOJLL title in Kamloops and played there before winning last year’s title at Kal Tire Place.

“Everyone is in the same boat when it comes to the heat. It’s going to be hot, so what. It’s not really a mind game,” said Scabar. “We like playing in the heat.”

The Venom entered the playoffs as the top-ranked team last year, and entered this year’s playoffs 7-1-8 and the third seed.

Jerome Thorne led the Snakes with 45 goals and 58 points in 12 games.

“We’ve had some close games,” said Pauwels, who fired 40 goals with the NCAA Division II Pfeiffer University Falcons last field season in North Carolina.

“With us getting some momentum going into the series, we’ve got a good chance, but we’ve got to play to our potential.”

The Tigers took the league title in 2009, 2013 and 2014. Kamloops ruled from 2010 to 2012. Game 2 goes 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Arena. Game 3 is slated for Tuesday night (7:30) in Vernon.

July 18, 2015 - Venom stop Tigers' streak at 21 by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

They finally lost a lacrosse game, but the Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers were hardly placing calls to the Boxla Crisis Line Friday night.

Instead, the Tigers spent 10 minutes mulling over what went wrong and headed to Boston Pizza for a post-game meal.

The Kamloops Venom dispatched the Tigers 16-12 at Kal Tire Place in Game 1 of the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League championship series.

Game 2 goes tonight(Sunday July 19th) in Kamloops with the third game back in Vernon Tuesday night.

Vernon’s winning streak dates back to losing the 2014 provincial Junior B final - also at Kal Tire Place - to the Delta Islanders.

“It’s almost like we needed a loss to wake up,” said Tigers’ veteran Ryan Sarazin, who pocketed 2+1. “Nobody was happy in the room after, but we talked about what we could have done better and now we’re focused on the next game.”

Sarazin won a split decision over Kamloops star defender Brady Georget in a spirited scrap in the final five minutes. Both players miss Game 2.

The Tigers led 6-4 after one period and the Venom moved in front 10-9 after 40 minutes.

“We took some penalties in the third that we probably shouldn’t have, but it really came down to we just didn’t bury our chances; we didn’t execute like we normally do.”

Perhaps a sign of things to come occurred when Liam McPhee hit the post on the Tigers’ first shot and Kamloops’ Rylan Van Uwen scored on the Venom’s first shot at 47 seconds.

The teams traded goals until Vernon scored two in a row to take 4-3 lead at 13:55 of the first. That lead lasted less than a minute before Kamloops levelled the score.

The Tigers got to within two goals twice in the third before the Venom scored three in a row for a 16-11 lead. Kamloops went 3-for-5 on the powerplay and scored once shorthanded. The Tigers were 1-for-5 with the man advantage and produced three shorthanded goals.

Quintin Harrish had 2+2, Jordy Barr bagged 2+1, Ethan Anderson had two goals and Thomas Landels one for the Cats.

First star Riley Peterson supplied 1+4 for the Venom, while second star Jerome Thorne had 4+1. Darrell Landels of the Tigers was third star with 3+2.

Kyle Pauwels added 4+2 for Kamloops. Colton Boomer and Mike Van Unen each earned deuces, while Blaine Boomer provided 1+6 for the Venom, who finished at 6-7-1.

The Venom started veteran goalie Mitch Horsman but he was given a quick hook after allowing two goals on seven shots. Dalan Etter went the rest of the way and was solid for Kamloops, giving up 10 goals on 50 shots. Aaron Jensen went the distance for Vernon, making 45 saves.

July 22, 2015 - Venom put stop to Tigers’ offence

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The van is still running, but the check engine light came on for the Vernon Source for Sports Tigers following a 17-10 loss to the Kamloops Venom Sunday night at Memorial Arena.

The Venom hold a 2-0 series stranglehold in the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League finals.

“Coming into the series, we thought we were going to walk all over them, so we are a bit on edge right now,” said Tigers’ road captain Darrell Landels.

Game 3 went 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night at Kal Tire Place.(EDIT: Tigers won game 3, 13-9)

The finals haven’t followed the same script as the regular season for the Cats. After rolling through the regular season and breezing past the Armstrong Shamrocks in the first round, the Tigers have hit a wall.

“We haven’t been playing the type of lacrosse that we were during the regular season,” said Tigers’ assistant coach Tyler Plante. “We haven’t been aggressive. We let Kamloops make all the moves and just react to them.”

The Tigers finished with the league’s second highest scoring offence, but has been held to 12 and 10 goals.

“It’s frustrating, but I still believe in them. If any team can do this, it’s these guys,” said Tigers’ head coach Chris Scabar.

Landels led the Tigers with four goals in Game 2 and added: “We just haven’t figured out how they are attacking us on defence. We are going to try and run some new plays and hopefully something works.”

Ethan Anderson supplied a hat trick, while Darrell’s brother, Thomas earned one goal, along with Quintin Harrish and Braden Barr.

The Venom’s regular season scoring leader Jerome Thorne was at it again with 5+4 in Game 2.

Snakes’ captain Blaine Boomer returned from the Langley Thunder in the B.C. Junior A Lacrosse League earlier in the year and supplied a hat trick.

“They’re a fiery team. They showed a lot of intensity and heart, but I think we’re just breaking them down mentally and physically,” said Boomer.

The Tigers cut the deficit to 10-7 in the third, but the Venom attack was too much to handle. They recorded a seven-

goal third period.

Former New Westminster Salmonbellies Riley Peterson and Kyle Pauwels each bagged a pair of goals for the Snakes. The Venom have revamped their roster with the return of four Junior A players in the postseason.

“It’s kind of irritating having these guys come back with three games left in the regular season and for the playoffs. It really has changed their chances in the series,” said Landels.

Tyler Schlaak scored a pair, while Mike Van Unen, Colton Boomer and Dallas Grismer-Voght added singles. Mitch Horsman was solid in net.

The Tigers cruised through the regular season without any hiccups. Sometimes, experiencing adversity is a good thing, so teams can learn from their mistakes and figure out how to get back on top.

“It might have been good to lose a game along the way before this series,” said Scabar. “But when you get on a roll, you don’t want to get off.”

There are question marks surrounding the Tigers’ goal heading into the decisive Game 3. Their starter, Aaron Jensen, is dealing with a lower body injury and was pulled halfway through the second period in Game 2 for health and rest issues. Jeremy Gray took his place. Scabar was going to wait until warm-up Tuesday to decide his starting net detective.

A team has not been swept in the finals since the Kamloops Rattlers defeated the Kelowna Warriors in 2008.

Game 4, will be played at Memorial Arena Thursday, with game time set for 7:30 p.m.

The provincials are July 31-Aug. 2 at the Q Centre in Victoria.

July 24, 2015 - Tigers tightrope through Game 3, stay alive

by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

With the grim reaper hovering above the Vernon end of Kal Tire Place, the Source for Sports Tigers stared him down and forced a Game 4.

The Tigers trimmed the Kamloops Venom 13-9 in Game 3 of the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League final Tuesday night.

“I feel a heck of a lot better now,” said Tigers’ head coach Chris Scabar. “This win gives us a spark and puts a bounce in our step.”

The Tigers tied the series 2-2 winning Game 4 13-6, played Thursday night at Memorial Arena in Kamloops. (edited)

The Venom have been dictating the pace all series, but they took a backseat to Ryan Sarazin in Game 3.

Sarazin was more focused than a university student cramming for final exams. He scored the first three goals and displayed how much the game meant to him with several fist pumps after each goal.

“We were a little nervous before the game, but we got a really close team with a lot of fifth-year guys in the room and we didn’t want this to be their last game,” said Sarazin, who was named the first star.

Scabar started six seniors in what could have been their final game. Darrell Landels, Jay Seaton, Tre Mason, Braden Barr, Sarazin and goaltender Aaron Jensen graduate the Tigers program this summer.

Close to 500 fans packed into KTP, including a boisterous contingent of Venom fans.

Riley Peterson opened the scoring 1:51 in from Riley Polacik and Haden Hoover. Peterson was the second star with 5+2, highlighted by an incredible flying goal, where he leaped in the air, pump faked in mid-flight, and fired it past Jensen 9:08 into the second.

Jerome Thorne, Blaine Boomer, Kyle Pauwels and Hoover added singles.

The Tigers took over with four goals in the second, including two by Darrell Landels, whose brother, Thomas, celebrated his 18th birthday.

In his third year with the Cats, Quintin Harrish is coming into his own in the playoffs.

Harrish bagged 20 goals and 28 points in 10 regular season games.

“I feel like I’m more of a part of this offence and not just a transition player anymore,” said Harrish, who finished with 1+2. “I’m working well with Sarazin out there and I’m seeing the net pretty good.”

Ethan Anderson chipped in a pair, while Jordy Barr, Steele Pelletier, Seaton, Darrien Ottesen and Braden Barr added singles for Vernon.

For a goaltender who was rumored to have a lower-body injury, Jensen was moving around with ease between the pipes. He was sliding post-to-post fluently, making second- and third-save opportunities and bouncing to his feet while making 55 stops. He was the third star.

Dalan Etter registered a 9.91 goals against average and .784 save percentage for the Snakes this season. At 8:34 into the second, Etter was sprinting to his bench during a delayed Tigers’ penalty when he collapsed. The game stopped while the Venom training staff attended to Etter, who was forced to leave the game with a lower-body injury. He made 23 stops on 30 shots and his status for Game 4 was unknown.

Fifth-year goaltender Mitch Horsman entered and was solid the rest of the way despite being late to the floor and missing all of the pre-game warmup.

“I’ve had to come off the bench before with Andrew Copeland. You just have to stay relaxed, step into the net and do what you can,” said Horsman, who made 18 saves on 24 shots.

Tigers force Game 5 with win in Game 4, 13-6. Game 5 will be played Monday (7:30 p.m.) at Kal Tire Place.(edited)

July 24, 2015 - Vernon Tigers force deciding game in TOJLL championship

by Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

One game, winner-take-all.

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers – once down two games to none – forced a fifth and deciding contest in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League championship Thursday in Kamloops.

The Tigers erupted for 10 third-period goals in a 13-6 win over the Kamloops Venom, who suffered more than losing a chance to clinch the title in Game 4 at Kamloops Memorial Arena.

The fifth and deciding game is set for Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Kal Tire Place and the Venom don’t know who will play between the pipes.

Veteran goalie Mitch Horsman – who took a hard shot to the head in the third period – collapsed in the arena hallway immediately after stepping off the floor Thursday.

Horsman was attended to by first responders present at the arena, and by fire and ambulance personnel who were called to the scene.

“It was a very scary situation,” said Venom general manager Jan Antons on Friday. “You know it’s scary when he’s in the treatment room and doesn’t recognize people close to him.”

Horsman, who is in his final year of junior eligibility, was taken to Royal Inland Hospital for treatment.

He was released in the early hours of Friday morning after being diagnosed with a severe concussion.

Antons said Horsman has been ruled out for Monday and fellow goalie Dalan Etter did not dress for the Venom Thursday after suffering a lower body injury running to the bench on a delayed Vernon penalty in Game 3 at Kal Tire Place.

Asked what his club’s goaltending situation is for Monday, Antons said, “it’s to be determined.”

Kamloops led 1-0 after one period and 4-3 after 40 minutes, setting the stage for the Tigers’ offensive explosion.

“The flood gates opened,” said Vernon head coach Chris Scabar. “We held our ground defensively, we scored a couple of big goals and then we were relentless.”

Quintin Harrish led the Tigers with five goals. Ryan Sarazin and Steele Pelletier had two apiece while singles went to Darrell Landels, Thomas Landels, Ethan Anderson and Jay Seaton.

Jerome Thorne had four of the six Venom markers.

Vernon goalie Aaron Jensen was outstanding, making 54 saves while Horsman stopped 38 shots.

“We know Kamloops is going to come with their A-game,” said Scabar of Monday’s series-deciding game.

Scabar was taken aback when told of the injury to Horsman.

“That’s terrible. But whoever they have in goal, we can’t underestimate them because they’ve beaten us twice in this series.”

Monday’s winner will represent the league at the B.C. Junior B championships in Saanich starting July 31.

July 29, 2015 - Venom bite Tigers in TOJLL clincher

by Morning Star Staff [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

Kamloops Venom netminder Dalan Etter joined the ranks of Kirk Gibson, Tiger Woods and Willis Reed of athletes that dominated a championship game with a massive leg injury.

The Venom edged the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers 15-14 in a thrilling fifth and deciding game Monday night to claim their fourth Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League title at Kal Tire Place.

Etter suffered a serious pull and a small tear to his left hamstring while running to the bench in Game 3. His backup, Mitch Horsman, suffered a concussion during Game 4 and was ruled out for Game 5.

“I owe a big thanks to our trainers Kevin (Christiansen) and Nicole (Brownjon). I was getting treatment and seeing doctors everyday,” said Etter.

Etter couldn’t even lace up his shoes before the game. “I was only able to put one on,” he joked after making 38 stops.

Playing deep in his net, Etter’s body refused him to make any butterfly saves and his cross-crease movement was slow at best.

“I was just trying to make myself as big as I possibly could and worry about my body later,” said Etter.

There were a few occasions when Venom defenders scooped balls out from behind Etter because he could not turn around fast enough.

Playing on the road in a championship game, in front of more than 1,000 rambunctious fans can be intimidating for some athletes. But not for Kyle Pauwels. He put the Venom on his back and took pressure off Etter by turning in a championship performance for the ages with eight goals.

“I think this was one of my best games,” said Pauwels, a fourth-year player. “We really bought in, played a hard 60 minutes and controlled the lead in the third period.”

Rylan Van Unen sniped a pair for the Venom, while their captain Blaine Boomer, Colton Boomer, Dallas Grismer-Voght and Riley Peterson added singles.

Tied 3-3 after the first period, it seemed like a defensive battle and whoever scored last, would win.

After a perfect regular season and opening playoff round, the Tigers’ season came unravelled in the second period Monday, allowing 11 goals.

The Tigers were forced to pull the league’s top goalie, Aaron Jensen, after he allowed 11 goals on 31 shots by the 10:24 mark of the second period. He was replaced by Jeremy Gray.

“I knew Aaron was fighting some injuries, so I was ready to come in,” said Gray. “I came to the rink two and a half hours before the game to get ready.”

Gray allowed three breakaway goals – one coming five seconds after he entered the game – as the Venom entered runaway train mode.

The trophy was slipping away from the Tigers after allowing a short-handed marker from Jerome Throne 12:56 into the second to give them a 13-8 lead.

The Tigers won Game 4 with a 10-goal third period and needed another big performance in the third to make it close.

“We were quiet in the room during the intermission. We won a lot of games this year and we knew what we had to do to get out of it,” said forward Tre Mason.

Mason was instrumental in the Tigers’ third period comeback with a goal and an assist to bring the Tigers within one at 14-13. He turned in four goals on the night.

Ethan Anderson poured in a hat trick and Darrell Landels scored a pair with a right leg that looked like it was held together by a MacGyver contraption. Steele Pelletier, Jay Seaton, Liam MacPhee, Ryan Sarazin and Quintin Harrish scored singles for the Tigers.

“It just wasn’t the outcome we were hoping for,” said Mason.

The Cats clawed back into it once Gray shut the door.

“I would say jitters and coming into a game cold were a pretty bad combination,” said Gray, who made 22 stops. “After I got over those three breakaway goals I was good. I proved something to myself tonight.”

This was the final game for six Tigers. Darrell Landels, Jay Seaton, Braden Barr, Ryan Sarazin, Mason and Jensen have graduated the Tigers’ program.

“I’m overwhelmed right now. I can’t even go into the room, I’m too emotional,” said Tigers’ captain Barr. “I couldn’t have asked for a better third period from these guys.”

The teams are set for the B.C. Junior B finals in Victoria this weekend. The Venom are joined by the Saanich Tigers and the Westshore Bears of the Pacific Northwest Junior Lacrosse League and the New Westminster Salmonbellies of the West Coast Junior Lacrosse League.

Aug 12, 2015 - Tigers deal out hardware

by Tyler Lowey [TheMorningStar - Sports](#)

With the sting of losing the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League championship diminishing, the Vernon Source for Sports Tigers handed out their team hardware Sunday night at the Landels' household.

Tigers' netminder Aaron Jensen was exceptional all season long. He was named MVP after leading the league with a .855 save percentage and a 7.50 goals against average.

"It's an awesome feeling and a special award to win in my last year," said Jensen. "This is a good way to go out."

Jensen was battling a Ben Bishop-like groin injury which he sustained with two games remaining in the regular season and it plagued him for the playoffs.

Playing with two pulled groins and a rolled ankle, Jensen was removed from Game 5 in the second period after allowing 11 goals.

"It's just one game. It doesn't take away from what we did this season. I wouldn't change a thing," said Jensen.

The awards marked the first time the entire organization got together since the finals. Jensen claims that it was a fun event and that the team has moved on.

Ryan Sarazin led the Tigers in scoring and finished sixth in the league with 35 goals and 60 points to be named Top Scorer.

A pair of Tigers split the Top Defensive Player award. Thomas Landels and Tre Mason did a great job all year with physical play and getting sticks in shooting lanes.

Logan Revell supplied two goals and one assist to be named the Most Improved Player.

Jordy Barr and Steele Pelletier split the Rookie of the Year award. Barr registered 12 goals and 24 points, while Pelletier recorded 13 goals and 25 points. They were both leaned on as offensive weapons down the stretch.

Jay Seaton was named Unsung Hero and Braden Barr won the Coaches Choice award.

Duane Barr received the Volunteer of the Year award.

The Tigers have five players graduating the program. Braden Barr, Darrell Landels, Seaton, Mason and Jensen

received plaques for all their hard work over the years.

Vernon Tigers take honours

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The Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse league officially wrapped its season with its recent awards ceremony in Kelowna.

The regular season champion Source For Sports Vernon Tigers – the first team in league history to record a perfect regular season at 16-0 – picked up several honours.

Chris Scabar was named coach of the year, an honour he shared with assistant Tyler Plante and team management, as the club finished 21-3 overall.

The Tigers lost the championship final to the Kamloops Venom in a fifth and deciding game at Kal Tire Place.

Thomas Landels was named the league's best defensive player.

Aaron Jensen shared goaltender of the year honours with Dean Grimm of the South Okanagan Flames.

Jensen had a 7.30 goals against average and a .855 save percentage.

Rookie of the year was Jake Macleod from the Flames, while teammate Chris Pond was selected as most valuable player and won the league scoring title.

Jan Anton of the Venom was named executive of the year while Kelowna's Lorne Craig was chosen as official of the year.