



Front Row: Kyle McIntosh, Derek Pereboom

Second Row: Jacob Brewer, Eric Reid, Brett Olsen 'A', Steele Pelletier "C", Reed Cashato 'A', Kaden Doughty, Caden Colmorgen, Jake Pelletier, Kael Black, Drayden Harchenin, Zack Gares, Chase Wirth,

Third Row: Conor Webb, Jordie Scherck (G), Tyler Langtry, Kyle Cuzzetto, Jordy Barr, Tanner Gilbert, Mason Salway, Thomas Landels, Jarod Reid, Nick Mann, Quinn Stanhope, Thomas Mackiewich

Back Row: Casey Sheriff (Asst Coach), Ryan Minchenko (Head Coach), Braden Barr (Asst Coach), Duane Barr (GM), Lesley Landels (Trainer), Harlod Mann (Governor)

2018

Sun Valley Source for Sports VERNON TIGERS JUNIOR LACROSSE CLUB

Roster: 00 Kyle McIntosh (G), 2 Kyle Cuzzetto, 3 Tyler Langtry, 4 Tanner Frange-Gilbert, 5 Conor Webb, 6 Drayden Harshenin, 7 Jordy Barr, 8 Steele Pelletier 'C', 9 Kaden Doughty, 10 Kael Black, 11 Brett Olsen 'A', 12 Nick Mann, 14 Zack Gares, 15 Eric Reid, 16 Thomas Mackiewich, 22 Jake Pelletier, 34 Jacob Brewer, 35 Jordie Schrek (G), 44 Thomas Landels, 45 Caden Colmorgen, 55 Jarod Ried, 67 Chase Wirth, 68 Mason Salway, 79 Mackenzie Moore, 80 Reed Cashato 'A'

Call-ups: Derek Pereboom (G)

Staff: General Manager: Duane Barr, Head Coach: Ryan Minchenko, Assistant Coaches: Casey Sheriff & Braden Barr, Trainers: Leslie Landels & Derek Geldrich, Assistant Trainers: Quintin Harrish & Ryan Sarazin, Admissions: Teresa Mackiewich, Marketing: Duane Barr, Treasurer: Belinda Harrish, Govenor: Harold Mann

Pre-Season

13th Annual Archie Jack Memorial Ice Breaker Tournament Saturday, April 14, Nor-Val Sports Centre, Armstrong

- 1.8:20 am - 9:20 am: Vernon vs Armstrong, 7-5 W
- 2.12:10 pm - 1:10 pm: Vernon vs South Ok., 8-5 W
- 3.A-Final 3:55 pm - 5:10 pm: Vernon vs Kamloops, 9-3 W

Regular Season (All 730pm starts)

- 1.Saturday, April 21, Kamloops vs Vernon @ Kamloops Memorial, 13-7 W
- 2.Monday, April 30, South Okanagan vs Vernon @ Penticton Memorial, 12-12 T
- 3.Friday, May 4, Armstrong vs Vernon @ NOR-VAL Sports Centre, 11-4 W
- 4.**Saturday, May 5, Vernon vs Armstrong @ Kal-Tire Place 16-5 W**
- 5.**Saturday, May 12, Vernon vs South Okanagan @ Kal-Tire Place 16-4 W**
- 6.Wednesday, May 16, Armstrong vs Vernon @ NOR-VAL Sports Centre 14-6 W
- 7.**Saturday, May 26, Vernon vs Kamloops @ Kal-Tire Place 8-8 FT, 9-9 OT**
- 8.**Saturday, June 2, Vernon vs South Okanagan @ Kal-Tire Place 16-4 W**
- 9.**Saturday, June 9, Vernon vs Kamloops @ Kal Tire Place 14-1 W**
- 10.**Saturday, June 16, Vernon vs Armstrong @ Kal-Tire Place 18-11 W**
- 11.Monday, June 18, South Okanagan vs Vernon @ Penticton Memorial 19-11 W
- 12.Saturday, June 23, Kamloops vs Vernon @ Kamloops Memorial 10-8 L

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYERS STATS

Name	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PPGA	PIM	S%
Jordy Barr	R	12	35	17	52	4.3	11	1
Jake Pelletier	R	12	23	22	45	3.8	34	1
Kaden Doughty	R	12	22	21	43	3.6	24	1
Conor Webb	R	12	14	14	28	2.3	29	1
Brett Olsen	R	11	12	14	26	2.4	25	1
Caden Colmorgen	R	12	7	15	22	1.8	20	1
Chase Wirth	R	12	6	11	17	1.4	8	1
Eric Reid	R	10	5	10	15	1.5	19	1
Quinn Stanhope	R	4	11	4	15	3.8	4	1
Steele Pelletier	R	7	6	7	13	1.9	49	1
Thomas Mackiewicz	R	11	3	7	10	0.9	19	1
Drayden Harshenin	R	8	3	6	9	1.1	6	1
Kyle Cuzzetto	R	12	3	6	9	0.8	4	1
Reed Cashato	R	12	3	5	8	0.7	12	1
Kael Black	R	9	7	0	7	0.8	19	1
Thomas Landels	R	3	3	2	5	1.7	2	1
Zack Gares	R	8	1	4	5	0.6	16	1
Tanner Gilbert	R	9	1	2	3	0.3	8	1
Jacob Brewer	R	8	1	1	2	0.3	10	1
Mason Salway	R	10	0	2	2	0.2	52	0
Nick Mann	R	8	0	1	1	0.1	17	0
Tyler Langtry	R	5	0	1	1	0.2	8	0
Jarod Reid	R	6	0	0	0	0	42	0
Mackenzie Moore	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOALIES STATS

#	Name	GP	W	L	T	OTL	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	MP	PIM	G	A
35	Jordie Scherck	6	1	0	1	0	93	23	11.5	70	0.753	0	120	2	0	0
0	Kyle McIntosh	11	8	1	1	0	442	58	6	384	0.869	0	580	4	0	3
35	Derek Pereboom	7	0	0	0	0	10	2	4	8	0.8	0	30	0	0	0

All, Best of Five, Series
1st vs 4th – TOJLL Semi-Final 'A'

Date	Gm	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Notes
Jul 05	1	Vernon Tigers	12	South Okanagan Flames	6	
Jul 07	2	South Okanagan Flames	7	Vernon Tigers	14	@ Oliver
Jul 09	3	Vernon Tigers	12	South Okanagan Flames	4	
Jul 11	4*	South Okanagan Flames		Vernon Tigers		@ Oliver
Jul 13	5*	Vernon Tigers		South Okanagan Flames		
		Vernon Tigers	Winner Series 'A'			

THOMPSON-OKANAGAN JUNIOR LACROSSE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS FINAL

Date	Gm	Home	Goals	Away	Goals
Jul 15	1	Vernon Tigers	13	Kamloops Venom	12
Jul 17	2	Kamloops Venom	7	Vernon Tigers	20
Jul 19	3	Vernon Tigers	12	Kamloops Venom	9
Jul 21	4*	Kamloops Venom		Vernon Tigers	
Jul 23	5*	Vernon Tigers		Kamloops Venom	
		Vernon Tigers	TOJLL Champions		

PLAYOFFS PLAYERS STATS

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PPGA	PIM	S%
9	Kaden Doughty	R	6	15	19	34	5.7	2	1.000
22	Jake Pelletier	R	5	13	14	27	5.4	4	1.000
7	Jordy Barr	R	6	18	6	24	4.0	4	1.000
79	Quinn Stanhope	R	6	10	8	18	3.0	4	1.000
11	Brett Olsen	R	6	6	12	18	3.0	4	1.000
44	Thomas Landels	R	6	2	13	15	2.5	2	1.000
67	Chase Wirth	R	6	3	6	9	1.5	0	1.000
2	Kyle Cuzzetto	R	6	3	6	9	1.5	0	1.000
5	Conor Webb	R	3	1	6	7	2.3	2	1.000
45	Caden Colmorgen	R	3	2	3	5	1.7	0	1.000

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PPGA	PIM	S%
15	Eric Reid	R	5	2	2	4	0.8	8	1.000
10	Kael Black	R	2	2	1	3	1.5	2	1.000
4	Tanner Gilbert	R	4	2	1	3	0.8	2	1.000
16	Thomas Mackiewich	R	6	2	1	3	0.5	17	1.000
8	Steele Pelletier	R	6	1	2	3	0.5	28	1.000
6	Drayden Harshenin	R	4	0	3	3	0.8	0	.000
14	Zack Gares	R	4	1	0	1	0.3	2	1.000
68	Mason Salway	R	5	1	0	1	0.2	4	1.000
3	Tyler Langtry	R	1	0	1	1	1.0	0	.000
78	Mackenzie Moore	R	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	.000
55	Jarod Reid	R	3	0	0	0	0.0	4	.000
12	Nick Mann	R	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	.000
34	Jacob Brewer	R	6	0	0	0	0.0	2	.000
80	Reed Cashato	R	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	.000

PLAYOFFS GOALIES STATS

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35	Derek Pereboom	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0
35	Jordie Scherck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0
00	Kyle McIntosh	6	6	0	0	0	243	44	7.33	199	.819	0	360:00	0	0	1

Vernon Tigers Awards :

Rookie of the Year- #9 Kaden Doughty, **Most Improved-** #67 Chase Wirth

Defensive Player#80 Reed Cashato, **Unsung Hero-** #2 Kyle Cuzzetto,

Coachs Choice- #44 Thomas Landels, **Top Scorer-** #7 Jordy Barr, **Most Valuable-** #00 Kyle McIntosh

Graduating Tigers 2018

#2 Kyle Cuzzetto, #44 Thomas Landels, #55 Jarod Reid

TOJLL AWARDS:

Goaltender of the Year- #00 Kyle McIntosh, **Most Valuable Player-** #00 Kyle McIntosh, **Rookie of the Year-** #9 Kaden Doughty, **Coach of the Year-** Ryan Minchenko

VERNON TIGERS NEWS

Junior shakeup to improve lacrosse

By:Mario Bartel / Tri-City News October 26, 2017 02:37 PM

A new structure for junior lacrosse in B.C. will create better opportunities for young players to develop their game, but it won't make it any more likely for the province's Junior A teams to win a Minto Cup national championship.

That's the assessment by the president of the Coquitlam Jr. Adanacs, James Abbott, after the directors of the B.C. Lacrosse Association recently voted to replace intermediate divisions with a five-year tiered junior B program that can keep players together from when they're 17 years-old until they're 21.

Abbott said the new system of three tiers of Junior B lacrosse will give players graduating from local midget programs more options to develop according to their aspirations and level of commitment. A top tier Junior B division will replace the current intermediate model, while a second tier replaces the previous Junior B division. Depth players would play in the third tier.

"They'll be able to go at their own pace," said Abbott.

That means young players graduating from midget lacrosse will be more likely to stay in the game, said the president of the BC Junior A Lacrosse League, Karl Christiansen.

"Many people haven't realized that on the Island and Mainland, 17 and 18 year olds would graduate from midget and either play or quit after 18 because they had nowhere to go, teams weren't competitive, or they had no connection to their Junior B team," Christiansen said. "Players graduating out of midget can play Junior A all the way to Junior B tier three."

The change also aligns the structure of junior lacrosse across B.C. with the rest of the country, which should make the province's top Junior B teams competitive again for the Founder's Cup national championship. No team from B.C. has ever won that trophy, and it's been 10 years since one reached the final, when the Coquitlam Adanacs lost to Six Nations in Kamloops.

Reg Thompson, the president of the Port Coquitlam Saints Junior A team, said keeping players together for five years will improve the level of lacrosse throughout the junior ranks.

“It gives all these kids a chance to fit in,” Thompson said. “They are together all the time, they play together, practice together, they just get to know what the other guy is doing. You learn more if you’re together longer.”

Abbott said while the new structure may polish some diamonds in the rough for promotion to Junior A teams, its main benefit will be to bring much-needed depth to Junior B programs.

“In the Junior B league there was some good players but there wasn’t any depth, there’s no development happening,” Abbott said. “This will make a much stronger league.”

Harold Corbett, the senior directorate chair for the BC Lacrosse Association, agrees.

“This should help all of our tiers get stronger, evening out competitions throughout the five-year program,” Corbett said in an open letter to all junior lacrosse leagues in the province.

Christiansen said there’s already been interest expressed by two organizations to create new tier three teams, adding “it will be new clubs formed and not attrition or just taking a team’s place.”

Thompson said the change has been percolating for years, but it was never implemented because it was perceived as a top-down initiative dictated by the Junior A leagues. This time the impetus came from the Junior B level.

“We’re trying to make the game better,” he said.

A sentiment shared by the Adanacs’ Abbott.

“It’s going to be a really awesome thing for lacrosse, I think.”

Corbett said the timing is right, “I am sure if we had stayed status quo, we would still be discussing these same problems 10 years from now.”

Instead, he foresees the possible eventual formation of a fourth tier as more players stay in the game.

“Hopefully we will be able to grow out system down,” he said.

How the new structure will look:

- BCJALL - Junior A
- BC Junior B Tier 1 League (previously teams from Intermediate A)
- BC Junior B Tier 2 Leagues (West Coast Junior B; Thompson Okanagan Junior B; Pacific Northwest Junior B)
- BC Junior B Tier 3 Leagues (Lower Mainland Tier 3; Vancouver Island Tier 3)

TOJLL has new commissioner;

Marty Hastings / Kamloops This Week APRIL 12, 2018 03:03 PM

Former Kamloops Blazers’ head coach Guy Charron has taken over as commissioner for the tier 1 junior B Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL).

The league has never been short on fiery personalities and hot-button issues — and this year is no different.

Last October, the B.C. Lacrosse Association voted to dissolve the province’s intermediate A and B leagues and create a three-tier junior B system, with all leagues being composed of players ages 17 to 21. The decision passed by a vote of 63-6.

The BCLA directorate members who voted in favour of the move envisioned a system in which former intermediate A squads would become tier 1 teams, junior B teams from 2017 would become tier 2 squads and intermediate B outfits would become tier 3 teams.

Ontario runs a five-year junior program and the BCLA is aiming to build a similar system.

“It’s a long time coming and a great idea,” New West junior A president Walt Weaver told the Burnaby Now in October. “The junior B program will be a true feeder program for the junior A team and players have an opportunity to spend five years together, as they do in Ontario.”

The West Coast Junior Lacrosse League (WCJLL) and Pacific Northwest Lacrosse League (PNWLL) have hopped on board, but the third B.C. Junior B Lacrosse League, the TOJLL, is having none of it.

Governors of the Kamloops Venom, Vernon Tigers, Armstrong Shamrocks and South Okanagan Flames of Penticton declared the TOJLL a tier 1 league.

“They wanted to take all of our top players from all of the Interior and they would have had to play down on the Coast,” Venom governor Carol Pittman said. “The [Okanagan] Wild was fine as a two-year program. Our younger players would come back to us when they get older.”

The Okanagan Wild were granted a 16- to 18-year-old B.C. Intermediate A Lacrosse League franchise last season and governor/general manager Martin Gardner was looking forward to jumping into the tier 1 junior B ranks this season.

He was forced to fold the team when the TOJLL declared tier 1.

“We needed co-operation from the junior Bs from last year and for them to become more of a development league, but they are not willing to do that,” Gardner said. “It was a battle we couldn’t win. We would need to call up tier 2 players to play at this level.

“The Wild is simply on hold. Hopefully, when their eyes open, we can come back. A lot of players are going to go play at the Lower Mainland again.”

GUY CHARRON

[Guy Charron](#), formerly head coach of the WHL's Kamloops Blazers, is the commissioner of the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League.

“At this point, I’m supporting our governors,” said Charron, who replaced former TOJLL commissioner Dan Wray.

“I felt I’ll support what you guys want, but I don’t know if we should be tier 1 or tier 2. For me, with no experience, I’ll support what our governors want, but it brought a conflict with BCLA.”

It is unclear if the TOJLL champion will advance to a provincial championship, as the league seems marooned in the Okanagan, operating at arm’s length from the WCJLL and PNWLL.

The TOJLL became a four-team league when the Kelowna Raiders announced they cannot find enough players to floor a competitive team in 2018.

“We’re hoping we can help Kelowna somehow,” Pittman said. “We really want Kelowna back. They have like double our population.”

In 2017, the Raiders were outscored 206-52, forfeited three games and finished 0-16.

“It was a tough loss to lose Kelowna, but you don’t want teams that are so inferior,” Charron said, noting he would like to see the Raiders return to the league in the future.

“You want a league to attract fans and be competitive.”

Tigers show depth in Ice Breaker

KEVIN MITCHELL Apr. 17, 2018 3:45

They got most of their rookies some floor time and used both goaltenders while winning three times in the 13th Archie Jack Memorial Junior B Lacrosse Ice Breaker Saturday in Armstrong.

First-year head coach Ryan Minchenko liked most of what he witnessed from the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

“We’re a pretty deep team,” said Minchenko, a 31-year-old carpenter and father of two. “We only lost three players from last year. We have some rookies like Kaden Doughty and Jacob Brewer pushing the veterans for sure. We’ve got lots of athleticism. The biggest takeaway (from the Ice Breaker) is that we need to move the ball more effectively. We had lots of dropped balls. We need to clean that up and that’s our (coaches) job.”

Minchenko, a 2004 Fulton grad, played five years with the Tigers before joining the Senior Vernon Royals. He helped head coach Chris Scabar last year and will be assisted by Casey Sherriff and Braden Barr.

The Tigers grounded the Armstrong Shamrocks 7-5 Saturday morning before dispatching the South Okanagan Flames 8-5 in a matinee tilt. Vernon toppled the defending Thompson Okanagan league champion Kamloops Venom 8-5 in the final of the four-team affair.

Armstrong doused the Flames 6-3 in the consolation final. The teams played three 15-minute running periods in each game.

Jordy Barr, who was injured much of last season, supplied four goals as the Tigers defeated the Venom. Eric Reid, with 1+2, and fellow vets Thomas Landels, Steele Pelletier and Thomas Mackiewich also converted.

Conor Webb and Reid also pocketed a deuce as the Tigers stopped the Irish, while Jake Pelletier fired two goals against Armstrong. The Shamrocks got 1+2 from Brayden Hoggarth.

Doughty and Barr each rang up 1+2 versus South Okanagan. Kyle McIntosh and Jordie Scherck split the Vernon netminding in all three tilts.

The Tigers open the regular season Saturday night in Kamloops, while the Shamrocks visit the Flames Monday night.

Pelletier pushes Tigers

By: MORNING STAR STAFF Apr. 24, 2018 4:22 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

Veteran Jake Pelletier scored three times and set up four others as the Vernon Sun Valley Source For Sports Tigers kicked off the 2018 Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League season by going into Kamloops and thumping the reigning champion Venom 13-7 Saturday.

Vernon held period leads of 4-3 and 7-6 before outscoring the champs 6-1 in the final 20 minutes to make Ryan Minchenko a winner in his debut as Tigers’ head coach.

Tigers rookie Kaden Doughty scored twice and added an assist while veteran snipers Jordy Barr and reigning league MVP Brett Olson also chipped in two goals. Singles went to Eric Reid, Steele Pelletier, Kael Black and Thomas Landels. Caden Colmorgen produced two assists.

Vernon outshot Kamloops 50-44 with Kyle McIntosh getting the win in net.

The Shamrocks play their home opener Friday against Kamloops, 7:30 p.m., at the Nor-Val Sports Centre. The Tigers visit South Okanagan Monday.

In Thompson Okanagan Bantam B action at the Nor-Val Sports Centre, Bradley Scabar scored his third unassisted goal with 1:22 remaining to lift the North Okanagan Legends to a 5-4 win over Kamloops.

Ethan Lucin and Chayton Marchand had the other goals for the Legends while Kal-Lee Bonneau registered an assist.

Tigers tie Flames 12-12

By: MORNING STAR STAFF May. 1, 2018 2:04 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

Walk away from the cheap shots and play at even strength. Those are strategies head coach Ryan Minchenko wants from the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers in their upcoming games.

The Tigers struggled with discipline Monday night in Penticton as they tied the South Okanagan Flames 12-12. The Tigers are 1-0-1, the Flames 0-0-2 in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League. The Tigers visit the 0-1-1 Armstrong Shamrocks Friday at Nor-Val Sports Centre before facing the Irish in their home opener Saturday at Kal Tire Place.

"There were lots of goals; it was sloppy," said Minchenko. "We definitely played down to their level. We played to their game-plan and spent too much time in the (penalty) box. We scored nine goals in the second period; they hardly touched the ball. I don't know how many powerplay goals they got in the third, but it was too many."

Jordy Barr collected 4+1 for the Tigers, while Conor Webb earned 3+2 and Thomas Landels pocketed 2+1 before leaving with an ankle injury. Kaden Doughty added 1+2, while Kyle Cuzzetto and Jake Pelletier also provided singles in front of Jordie Scherck.

Ben Olsen paced the Flames with 3+5. South Okanagan levelled the score with three minutes remaining. Louis Shortreed of the Flames was assessed a match penalty for spearing, while Vernon's Zach Gares took a match for a backcheck. Both players face possible suspensions.

Tigers HOME OPENER vs Shamrocks May 5

By: Vernon Tigers Junior Lacrosse Club

What a great show for our home opener last night at Kal Tire Place.

This rivalry re ignites with another night of discipline issues as the parade of veterans to the penalty box was like watching a game of follow the leader. Thirty seven minutes from the home team and 42 for the away team. Fortunately special teams both ways was on fire but we better tame that beast soon, You can't continue these types of numbers when you get deep in the season. 6-2 Tigers after 1st period of play, 13-3 Tigers after the 2nd and a final of 16-5 for your Vernon Tigers who sit with a 3-0-1 record.

Shout out to #80 Reed Cashato with 1G2A including his 1st goal as a Tiger, to #22 Jake Pelletier with 2G3A, to #8 Steele Pelletier 2G1A, #7 Jordy Barr and #5 Conor Webb each with 2G. We gotta throw #16 defensive tough guy Thomas Mackiewich in there with 1G1A as well.

Hot rod of the night you ask? Ya no question goes to rookie sensation #9 Kaden Doughty with an impressive 5 point night with 4g1A. This kid is one to watch. :)

Welcome to Jr moment goes to #67 Chase Wirth with that huge hit late in the 3rd which in the end netted him a charging penalty

Should recognize the defensive play again of #68 Mason Salway and Mackiewich whom were strong in front of a stellar performance from our starter #00 Kyle Mcintosh who let in 3 on 28 shots and to our back up goalie midget call up Derek Pereboom who saw his 1st net minding action playing all of the 3rd stopping 8 of 10 shots.

Now at the beginning of the write up I mentioned a great show.

Let me take time to recognize the other hot rods of the night in all of the parents, volunteers and support staff who helped put on and organize this great show we call the "Home Opener", which you all know is my favorite night of the year. Can't do it without you.

Well done :) The #questforthecup continues next Saturday, May 12, vs South Okanagan Flames, 7:30 pm, Kal Tire Place.

Doughty directs Tigers by Shamrocks

By: KEVIN MITCHELL May. 8, 2018 2:00 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

A lopsided sweep of the Armstrong Shamrocks has the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers ready for a Saturday night showdown with the South Okanagan Flames.

The Tigers and Flames tied 12-12 two weeks ago in Penticton. Face-off is 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place. The Flames lost to 15-14 to the defending champion Kamloops Venom Monday night.

Vernon improved to 3-0-1 atop the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League by shelling the Shamrocks 16-5 Saturday at home after winning 11-5 Friday at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Rookie sensation Kaden Doughty pocketed 4+1 as the Tigers took their home opener. Doughty, a buzzsaw with great skills, played for Team B.C. at the 2017 national box lacrosse championships in Whitby, Ont.

Jake Pelletier rang up 2+3, while his brother and captain, Steele, produced 2+1. Conor Webb and Jordy Barr also supplied deuces, while Reed Cashato fired his first Junior goal and garnered two helpers. Thomas Mackewich, Kael Black and Kyle Cuzzetto also scored.

Mykl Drabiuk posted 3+1 for the Shamrocks, who trailed 3-2 and 13-3 by period scores. Braydon Hoggarth and Dakota Grismer-Voght had singles.

Kyle McIntosh minded the net for 40 minutes with Midget call-up Derek Pereboom playing the third period. Regular Jordie Scherck is on injured reserve.

Barr provided 3+2 and Doughty added 2+1 as the Tigers stopped the Irish in Armstrong.

Black bagged a pair, while Caden Colmorgen had 1+3 and Webb, Brett Olsen and Chase Wirth also converted. Cashato and Steele Pelletier each collected three assists.

Grismer-Voght, with 2+1, Hoggarth, Tyler Chartier and Dakota Campen countered for 0-3-1 Armstrong, who visit the Venom Saturday night.

Vernon Tigers torch Flames 16-4

By: KEVIN MITCHELL May. 15, 2018 10:18 a.m.

The Vernon Sun For Valley Source Tigers are lights out offensively through five games in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League.

The Cats torched the South Okanagan Flames 16-4 Saturday night at Kal Tire Place, improving to 4-0-1 atop the four-team circuit. Vernon has averaged 13.6 goals a game.

Veteran Jordy Barr rang up 3+3 for the Tigers and leads the league with 14 snipes and 21 points.

Jake Pelletier also pulled the hat trick as Vernon raced to period leads of 5-0 and 8-3. Pelletier is third in the points derby with nine goals and 18 points.

Tiger rookie Kadey Doughty is tied for third spot with 11 goals and 18 points after collecting 2+2 against the Flames.

Conor Webb pocketed 2+1, while Caden Colmorgen and Chase Wirth each compiled 1+3. Eric Reid, Brett Olsen, captain Steel Pelletier and Tanner Gilbert also tallied for Vernon. Goalie Kyle McIntosh had one assist.

Chace Moog, with a deuce, Ben Olsen and Liam McLaren answered for the Flames (0-2-2).

The Tigers get the Victoria Day long weekend off before entertaining the Kamloops Venom (3-1) Saturday, May 26.

Nathan Fraser and Tanner Koroluk each counted 2+3 as Kamloops stuffed the visiting Armstrong Shamrocks 14-5 Saturday night at Memorial Arena.

Fraser is second in league scoring with 10 goals and 19 points.

Dakota Campen supplied a deuce for the 0-4-1 Shamrocks, who got singles from Mykl Drabiuk, Dominick Young and Drew Bannister.

It was 3-3 after one period and 10-5 Venom after 40 minutes.

Tigers smother Shamrocks

By: KEVIN MITCHELL May. 18, 2018 11:27 a.m.

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers and Kamloops Venom have pretty much made the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League a two-team circuit.

The Cats and Venom have taken turns picking apart the South Okanagan Flames and Armstrong Shamrocks as the league hits the midway juncture.

Vernon ambushed the Shamrocks 14-6 Wednesday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre, while the Venom brushed off the visiting Flames 12-6 Thursday night at Memorial Arena.

The Tigers (5-0-1) and Venom (4-1) get the Victoria Day long weekend off before meeting the following Saturday at Kal Tire Place in Vernon.

Jake Pelletier pocketed 4+2 as the Tigers tamed the Shamrocks. Jordy Barr added 2+3, while Brett Olsen delivered 2+2.

Rookies Jacob Brewer and Drayden Harshenin each recorded their first career Junior goals with Harshenin collecting four helpers.

Kaden Doughty, with 1+3, Kael Black, Chase Wirth and Eric Reid completed the Tiger attack. Vernon held period leads of 5-1 and 10-2.

Brayden Hoggarth supplied 2+1 for the 0-5-1 Shamrocks, while Drew Bannister bagged 1+2 and other snipes came from Dom Young, Mykl Drabiuk and Tyler Chartier.

Armstrong took 32 penalty minutes and Vernon 26.

Tigers gain drama-jammed tie

By: KEVIN MITCHELL May. 28, 2018 1:57 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

It would appear teams in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League received a late memo regarding a new overtime rule.

Both the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers and Kamloops Venom were somewhat confused after they battled to a 9-9 tie Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

Referee Ted Yadernuch brought out his cell phone and confirmed with a B.C. Lacrosse Association official that a 10-minute, non-sudden death OT period was now a rule.

Kordell Primus scored first in OT to put Venom up 9-8 but Caden Colmorgen scored on a cross-crease pass to tie it. The Tigers top the table at 5-0-2, while the Venom are second at 4-1-1. The teams appear headed to a seventh-straight championship playoff series.

Earlier in the season, the Tigers and South Okanagan Flames played to a tie, as did the Armstrong Shamrocks and South Okanagan, and there was no overtime.

"After some discussion between the teams for clarification, the new rule from BCLA states that games ending in a tie will play a 10-minute, non-sudden death period," said Vernon GM Duane Barr. "It was a tense one out there."

Vernon led 2-1 after one period and went ahead 4-2 at 13:31 of the second when Kaden Doughty scored shorthanded. The Venom then rattled off four straight goals in the last 3:57 of the period, the final tally coming after Kamloops called timeout with ball possession in the Tigers' end and 14 seconds left, and pulled goalie Ethan Milobar for an extra attacker.

Primus, who finished with four snipes, ripped a shot over Kyle McIntosh's shoulder with three seconds remaining in the frame to give the Venom a 6-4 advantage at the intermission.

Kamloops upped the lead 1:58 into the third on a goal by Colton Boomer. Two goals from Jake Pelletier and Doughty's third of the game, in a 4:32 span, early in the frame, tied the game.

Primus gave the Rattlers an 8-7 lead at 15:37, only to see Tigers' defender Thomas Mackiewich pick up a loose ball in his own end, outrace two defenders and beat Milobar between the legs to level the score 67 seconds later.

Mackiewich earlier in the period was on the floor for several minutes after getting rocked by a Kamloops player on a solid hit in the Tigers' end. He walked off the floor under his own power.

Vernon's Mason Salway took a cross-checking penalty with 44 seconds left in regulation time, which carried over into overtime, but Kamloops could not beat McIntosh, who was sensational all night.

After the Tigers were whistled for too many men on the floor, Primus wired his fourth goal of the night, an absolute laser from the top left side of the floor, to give the Venom a 9-8 advantage with 4:45 left in OT.

Colmorgen salvaged the single point when he took a beautiful backdoor feed from Jordy Barr and slipped a one-timer past Milobar with 1:29 left to go. Kamloops outshot Vernon 63-52.

Kael Black and Zach Gares supplied singles for the Tigers. Kyle Cuzzetto and Brett Olsen each rang up two assists.

Tylor Seabrooke posted 2+3 for Kamloops, while Anthony Matusiak also scored a deuce. Ryan Dergousoff delivered four assists, while Boomer chipped in with two.

South Okangan brushed back the host Shamrocks 15-10 in Friday night play at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Mykl Drabiuk collected 3+1, while Drew Bannister bagged 2+3 for the Shamrocks in a wild tilt which featured 146 penalty minutes.

Jorge Sam. Dakota Grismer-Voght and Ethan Dodge also scored twice for Armstrong (0-6-1).

The Shamrocks visit the Flames (1-3-2) tonight in Penticton. Vernon entertains the Flames Saturday night.

Stanhope brings superb stick to Tigers

By: KEVIN MITCHELL June. 4, 2018 3:13 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

Already blessed with the most dynamic offence in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League, the first-place Vernon Source For Sports Tigers are now a touch deeper.

Quinn Stanhope, a 20-year-old, left-handed sharpshooter who played NCAA Division 1 field lacrosse with the Canisius College Griffs in Buffalo last year, pocketed four goals in his Vernon debut Saturday night as the Tigers torched the South Okanagan Flames 16-4 at Kal Tire Place.

Stanhope, a New Westminster Secondary School grad, compiled 66 points in two Junior B seasons with the New West Salmonbellies before shuffling off to Buffalo. He's now living in Kelowna, where he played minor lacrosse. He got his release from the Bellies and made a call to the Tigers, who have 107 goals in eight games.

"He kind of just fell in our lap," said Tiger head coach Ryan Minchenko. "He brings experience for one thing; it's nice to have another older player. He's a good shot and he's got good hands. He's another offensive weapon. He opens up the other side of the floor. He covers the floor pretty quick."

Stanhope, a 6-foot-1, 175-pounder, saw lots of floor time with Jordy Barr and Kaden Doughty, who share the league's points derby with 30. Jake Pelletier, who has 29 points, and Conor Webb (8-6-14) also went out with Stanhope.

"He's a nice addition," said Barr, of Stanhope, who wore No. 79 as the Tigers unveiled their snazzy new home white jerseys and shorts. "He battles hard for loose balls and he sees a lot of the floor and knows where everybody is."

Barr hit the 19-goal mark with a hat trick, while Doughty fired his 16th and 17th snipes of the season along with two helpers. Caden Colmorgen supplied 1+4, while Chase Wirth counted 1+3. Pelletier, Eric Reid and Thomas Mackewich each produced 1+2 with Zach Gares and Kyle Cuzzetto also converting.

Barr, who used to connect from the perimeter, is scoring plenty from the crease area this season. He says the 6-0-2 Tigers often play down to a weaker team's level, something they want to correct for the showdowns with second-place Kamloops Venom.

The 5-1-1 Venom, who ransacked the Armstrong Shamrocks 15-6 Friday night, visit the Tigers Saturday night.

"We do tend to pick up bad habits in these games where we win by more than 10 goals," said Minchenko. "We had a good week of practice last week and we'll push the guys again this week. Our biggest fear is not being ready to go against Kamloops."

The Tigers welcomed back veteran captain Steele Pelletier against the Flames, while Thomas Landels remains on IR but is practising.

Adam Canada (2), Louis Shortreed and Jake McLeod countered for the 1-5-2 Flames. Kyle McIntosh earned the win with Jordie Scherck coming off IR and playing the final 11:05, stopping all seven shots he faced.

There was a spirited third-period scrap with tons of punches thrown between Webb and Liam McLaren. Fans called it a draw.

Kordell Primus pulled the hatty as the Venom iced the 1-7-1 Shamrocks in Armstrong.

Austin Dounais netted three goals for the Irish, who got singles from Ethan Dodge, Brayden Hoggarth and Jorge Sam. Drew Bannister and Mykl Drabiuk each collected two assists.

Jake Coles of the Venom was assessed a match penalty for checking from behind in the third period.

The Shamrocks entertain the Flames Friday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Tigers topple shortstaffed Venom 14-1

By: KEVIN MITCHELL Jun. 11, 2018 4:48 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS SPORTS

It was supposed to be a showdown but turned into a hoedown for the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

Kyle McIntosh recorded 40 saves and Jordy Barr, Quinn Stanhope and Conor Webb each scored twice as the Tigers toppled the Kamloops Venom 14-1 in Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League play.

The Tigers improved to 7-0-2, while the Venom dipped to 7-2-1. The Venom, who shaded the Armstrong Shamrocks 13-12 Sunday night at Memorial Arena, were without key cogs Kordell Primus, Anthony Matusiak, Marcelo Bose, Erik Bunce, Ryan Dergousoff and Adam Gardner all weekend.

Vernon unleashed 62 shots while holding period leads of 5-0 and 8-1 after two. McIntosh was marvellous, while North Okanagan Legends alumnus Troy Cuzzetto took over the Kamloops goaltending duties from

Ethan Milobar at the start of the second period, and played 23:50, giving up six goals on 20 shots. He was replaced at 3:50 of the third by Milobar after the Tigers scored three goals in those first 3:50, including two shorthanded on the same penalty by Kael Black and Kaden Doughty. Cuzzetto did not give up a goal to older brother Kyle of the Tigers.

Tiger captain Steele Pelletier, his brother, Jake, and Doughty each produced 1+2, while Brett Olsen and Reid Cashato earned singles. Barr also bagged two helpers and is second in the league points derby with 21 goals and 34 points, two back of Jake McLeods of the South Okanagan Flames.

There was a spirited third-period scrap, helmets off, between Steele Pelletier and Jordan Bunce. Both players landed punches with Pelletier delivering the takedown.

Chace Jones, who replied for the Venom, received a gross misconduct at the buzzer. High-scoring Colton Boomer was assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct minor and a triple misconduct midway through the third period.

Vernon is 2-0-1 vs Kamloops and the two longtime rivals finish the regular season Saturday, June 23 in Kamloops. The Tigers close out their home schedule Saturday against Armstrong.

Trey Dergousoff, one of four Midget call-ups Kamloops used Sunday night, rang up five goals and Tylor Seabrooke added three as the Venom shaded the Shamrocks.

Mykl Drabiuk and Jorge Sam produced overtime tallies as Armstrong clipped the Flames 13-12 Friday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Drabiuk finished with 6+1, while Sam provided four goals. Drew Bannister and Dakota Campen each garnered 1+2, while Dakota Grismer Voght also converted in support of Connor Senn (49 saves).

McLeod scored the overtime goal for the Flames and finished with 3+2, while Louis Shortreed pocketed 3+1 and Billy Milligan and Adam Canada each scored twice.

The Shamrocks are 2-8-1, while the Flames are 1-6-2.

Tigers clinch first place

By: KEVIN MITCHELL Jun. 18, 2018 2:46 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

Tigers clinch first place The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers clinched first place in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League by torching the South Okanagan Flames 19-9 Monday night at Penticton Memorial Arena.

The Tigers had to battle through a heated tilt which saw the Flames assessed 123 penalty minutes. The Tigers received 63 minutes. Vernon held period leads of 8-2 and 15-6.

Jarrod Reid of the Tigers fought Cairo Rogers in the second frame, while Vernon's Nick Mann took on Louis Shortreed of the Flames in the third period. Reid was also given a match penalty.

Jordy Barr earned 5+2, while Jake Pelletier pocketed 3+3 and Kaden Doughty and Brett Olsen each bagged 3+2 for the unbeaten Tigers (9-0-2). Nick Stanhope rolled a deuce, while Conor Webb, with 1+2, Caden Colmorgen and Draydon Harshenin completed the offence. Kyle Cuzzetto and Chase Wirth each produced a pair of helpers in support of Kyle McIntosh.

Jake Macleod compiled 5+2 for the Flames, who have one win, two ties and an overtime loss, leaving them tied for last place with Armstrong (2-9-1).

Vernon finishes the regular season Saturday night in Kamloops against the second-place Venom.

Barr rang up six goals and set up another as the Tigers grounded the Armstrong Shamrocks 18-11 Saturday night at Kal Tire Place.

The Flames have one win, two ties and an overtime loss, leaving them tied for last place with Armstrong (2-9-1).

The Tigers were missing McIntosh, Jarrod Reid, Eric Reid and Thomas Mackiewich due to high school graduation ceremonies, while captain Steele Pelletier and Thomas Landels are on Injured Reserve.

Jordie Scherck was fabulous in net for the Tigers, who enjoyed period leads of 7-3 and 13-9.

Stanhope compiled 3+2 for Vernon, while Jake Pelletier pocketed 2+4 and Webb counted 2+3. Olsen also scored twice with singles going to Colmorgen, Wirth and Harshenin. Doughty earned three assists.

Mykl Drabiuk registered 3+1 for the Irish, while Dakota Campen produced 2+2 and Jorge Sam garnered 2+1. Drew Bannister bagged 1+7, while Dom Young, Ethan Dodge and Dakota Grismer-Voght contributed singles.

Vernon's Mason Salway and Drabiuk engaged in a scrap at 4:24 of the third period. Salway was also assessed a match penalty for crosschecking. The Tigers took 52 penalty minutes and Armstrong received 27.

Venom slither past Tigers

By: KEVIN MITCHELL June 25, 2018 5:00 p.m.LOCAL SPORTS

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers had their undefeated regular season thrown out the window Saturday night in Kamloops.

The Tigers will still finish first in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League despite the 10-8 loss. They open the best-of-five semifinal playoff series Thursday, July 5 (Kal Tire Place) against the last-place South Okanagan Flames.

All the Tigers are waiting for now is to see if veteran Jordy Barr can hold on to the points derby title. Barr rang up 3+1 Saturday to end up with 35 goals and 52 points.

Jake Mcleod of the Flames has 22 goals and 43 points going into tonight's final regular-season tilt in Kamloops against the second-place Venom.

Vernon captain Jake Pelletier scored once at Memorial Arena and is second in league scoring with 23 snipes and 45 points.

The 9-1-2 Tigers got 1+2 from Conor Webb and other goals from Kaden Doughty, Caden Colmorgen and Reed Cashato (shorthanded). Brett Olsen pocketed three assists. The Tigers welcomed back veteran Thomas Landels from nine games on Injured Reserve.

"We had a short bench; we were missing eight guys," said Tigers GM Duane Barr. "We had four at grad and two (Mason Salway and Nick Mann) serving suspensions and two on IR. Kyle McIntosh played well in net and will maintain his league-leading save percentage."

Kordell Primus counted 2+2 for the Venom (8-2-1), who will finish one point back of Vernon with a victory tonight. Anthony Matusiak earned 2+4, while Colton Boomer and Midget call-up Nolan Virgo each collected 2+2.

Captain Tylor Seabrooke and Derek Rockvam added singles for Kamloops, who held period leads of 4-3 and 8-6. The Venom will take on the Armstrong Shamrocks in first-round playoff action.

Eric Reid of the Tigers was assessed a match penalty for backchecking and faces a suspension.

Okanagan junior lacrosse playoffs begin with emergency referees

By: KEVIN MITCHELL Jul. 6, 2018 5:30 a.m.SPORTS

No officials? No problem.

The Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League kicked off its 2018 post-season Thursday with best-of-five semifinal games in Vernon and Kamloops. The teams were there, volunteers were there, fans were there.

The only people missing in both cities were the scheduled on-floor officials. They simply never showed up at either venue.

Black Press has reached out to the B.C. Lacrosse Association, which schedules the referees, for an explanation.

Emergency fill-in referees had to be found in each city. In Kamloops, it took an hour before two approved officials were located and the game could begin.

In Vernon, longtime league official Jeff Connauton was in the stands, on vacation, and was pressed into duty along with former Armstrong Shamrocks head coach Jim Point, who also happened to be at the contest. The start of the game was delayed 24 minutes.

The regular season champion Vernon Tigers and second place Kamloops Venom both needed time to get going before rolling to opening game victories.

The Tigers fell behind 3-0 after 20 minutes and 38 seconds, led 6-5 after 40 minutes and went on to a 12-6 win over the fourth-place South Okanagan Flames at Kal Tire Place.

Rookie Kaden Doughty supplied 2+5 for the Tigers, while Brett Olsen bagged 2+3. League scoring champion Jordy Barr and Kael Black each pocketed deuces, while Tanner Gilbert, Eric Reid, Jake Pelletier and Chase Wirth added singles. Quinn Stanhope produced four assists.

Aiden Canada (2), Louis Shortreed, Logan Cote, Ben Olsen and Trenton Henson answered for the Flames, who host Game 2 Saturday night in Oliver. Game 3 is Monday night at Kal Tire Place.

Kyle McIntosh delivered 33 saves and one assist for Vernon, while Shaun Agostinho recorded 40 stops for the Flames.

The Flames lost Fred Harbinson with a rare change-bench game misconduct in the second period and Shortreed for a backcheck game misconduct in the third. Vernon took four minor penalties.

The Venom rallied from 3-0 and 5-1 first-period deficit to blitz the Armstrong Shamrocks 22-8.

Game 2 in that series goes Saturday in Armstrong.

Tigers, Venom hold 2-0 series leads

By: KEVIN MITCHELL Jul. 9, 2018 12:25 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

Another super series appears a slam dunk in the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoffs.

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers and Kamloops Venom go into play tonight looking to sweep their respective best-of-five, first-round series.

Jake Pelletier pocketed 5+2 as the Tigers torched the South Okanagan Flames 14-7 Saturday night in Oliver, taking a 2-0 series stranglehold. Game 3 is tonight (7:30) at Kal Tire Place.

Colton Boomer bagged four goals as Kamloops grounded the host Armstrong Shamrocks 9-5 Saturday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre. The Venom lead the series 2-0 going into tonight's tilt at Memorial Arena.

Pelletier, who was third in the league points derby with 23 goals and 45 points, was marvellous on both sides of the ball for Vernon.

"Jake is an athlete," said Tigers' head coach Ryan Minchenko. "He's a plug-in-and-play type player. He's a force on the floor. There are not too many guys who are going to beat him to a loose ball."

Minchenko says the Tigers are confident but realize closing a series is never easy.

"We're moving the ball well and we're more importantly moving the legs well," said Minchenko. "We're riding the hot hand of (goalie McIntosh) Kyle in net right now."

Quinn Stanhope and Kaden Doughty each pulled hat tricks for the Tigers, who got 2+1 from Kyle Cuzzetto. Liam McLaren and Carson Shortreed each scored twice for the Flames.

Nolan Virgo earned 2+1, while captain Tylor Seabrooke supplied 1+3 as Kamloops stopped the Shamrocks. Austin Dunais rang up a deuce for the Shamrocks, while Drew Bannister had 1+2 and other snipes came from Mykl Drabiuk and Dakota Campen.

There were four fighting majors as Drabiuk took on Nate Fraser in the second period, while Colton Greeno of the Shamrocks battled Jordan Bonce in the third period.

Vernon and Kamloops have met in the final every year since 2012, with the Venom winning the championship in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and the Tigers claiming the title in 2013 and 2014. Should they meet again, the series will likely start Sunday, July 15 in Vernon.

Tigers open finals Sunday vs Venom

By: KEVIN MITCHELL Jul. 11, 2018 12:25 p.m. LOCAL SPORTS

The Vernon Source For Sports Tigers and Kamloops Venom don't communicate via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, but they know one another like first cousins.

The Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League heavyweights will meet in the best-of-five playoff final series for the seventh-straight year. The Venom have prevailed in the past three finals and have won four of the last six.

Vernon dispatched the South Okanagan Flames 12-4 at Kal Tire Place, while Kamloops ambushed the visiting Armstrong Shamrocks 17-4 Monday night to sweep their respective best-of-three semifinal series.

Game 1 in the championship series goes Sunday night (7:30) in Vernon with the Venom hosting the second game Tuesday and Game 3 Thursday night at Kal Tire Place.

"We match up good," said Vernon head coach Ryan Minchenko. "They're like us in that they get scoring by committee. They have a bunch of guys who can put the ball in the net. They have a little more experience than us."

Vernon and Kamloops have met in the final every year since 2012, with the Venom winning the championship in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and the Tigers claiming the title in 2013 and 2014.

The Tigers enter the 2018 showdown fixated on vengeance, boasting a roster that is capable of knocking off Kamloops.

"More than anything, it's the continuity in their club," Venom coach Doug Clark said of the Tigers. "They lost maybe two guys (to graduation after the 2017 campaign). We lost nine. "And they have a young goaltender, a kid from Castlegar, (Kyle) McIntosh, who's had an outstanding season."

No. 1-seed Vernon (9-1-2-0), which edged Kamloops by one point to finish atop regular-season standings, met the No. 4 Flames (1-8-2-1) of Penticton in the semifinals.

"We're glad they got Penticton," said Clark. "They're better than their record showed."

No. 2-seed Kamloops (9-2-1-0) cruised past the No. 3 Shamrocks (2-9-1-0).

"Their roster was pretty depleted with injury," said Clark. "It wasn't a big challenge."

Officials and team representatives agreed on 20 minutes of running time for the second period and 10 minutes of running time for the third frame on Monday.

Vernon won the season series versus Kamloops. The Cats earned a 13-7 win at Memorial Arena on April 21; the teams tied 9-9 at Kal Tire Place on May 26; the Tigers hammered the Venom 14-1 in Vernon on June 9, and the Venom edged the Tigers 10-8 at Memorial on June 23.

“The biggest key is we have to stay out of the penalty box,” added Minchenko. “They move the ball up the floor pretty quick and get chances off that.”

The series winner is scheduled to face the West Coast Junior B champion in a one-game series Aug. 11 at a venue to be announced.

Rookie sensation Kaden Doughty dialled 3+3 for the Tigers Monday night, while league scoring champion Jordy Barr pocketed a hat trick and Brett Olsen compiled a deuce. Thomas Landels supplied 1+5, while Quinn Stanhope earned 1+2 and Chase Wirth and Zach Gares provided singles.

Aiden Canada counted 2+1 for the Flames, while Logan Cote and Carson Shortreed fired singles. The Flames lost top scoring Jake Mcleod with a misconduct in the second period, Matt Carson for a butt-ending major in the third and head coach Kevin Thompson for verbal abuse of an official, with 5:36 remaining. The Tigers took a pair of minor penalties.

“We put rookie Tyler Langtree in the lineup and he and rookie Zach Gares both had strong games,” said Minchenko. “Every time they were out there, they were effective.”

Jake Pelletier pocketed 5+2 as the Tigers torched the Flames 14-7 Saturday night.

Pelletier, who was third in the league points derby with 23 goals and 45 points, was marvellous on both sides of the ball.

“Jake is an athlete,” said Minchenko. “He’s a plug-in-and-play type player. He’s a force on the floor. There are not too many guys who are going to beat him to a loose ball.”

Stanhope and Doughty each pulled hat tricks for the Tigers, who got 2+1 from Kyle Cuzzetto. Liam McLaren and Shortreed each scored twice for the Flames.

“We’re moving the ball well and we’re more importantly moving the legs well,” said Minchenko. “We’re riding the hot hand of (goalie McIntosh) Kyle in net right now.”

Captain Tylor Seabrooke and Nolan Virgo each registered three goals for the Venom Monday night. Trey Dergousoff, Zach Hebden and Kordell Primus filed two goals apiece and Brady Georget, Kolby Pauwels, Ryan Wightman, Adam Gardner and Spencer Vaughan each had singles. Ethan Milobar earned the victory.

Primus posted 18 goals and 28 points in just six games. Seabrook topped the Venom with 34 points, while Colton Boomer had 33.

Boomer bagged four goals as Kamloops grounded the host Shamrocks 9-5 Saturday night at Nor-Val Sports Centre.

Virgo earned 2+1, while Seabrooke supplied 1+3. Austin Dunais rang up a deuce for the Shamrocks, while Drew Bannister had 1+2 and other snipes came from Mykl Drabiuk and Dakota Campen.

Vernon Tigers pounce on Kamloops Venom to swipe series lead

By: MORNING STAR STAFF Jul. 16, 2018 6:30 a.m. LOCAL SPORTS SPORTS

League scoring champion Jordy Barr and the Vernon Source For Sports Tigers are out to cancel the Kamloops Venom’s two-year title reign.

Barr supplied seven goals as the Tigers trimmed the Venom 13-12 in Game 1 of the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League playoff final Sunday night at Kal Tire Place.

The two teams have met in TOJLL finals action for seven straight years, with Kamloops claiming four victories, including top honours the past two years.

Goals in the third period by Kaden Doughty, at 17:10, and by Barr – his seventh goal of the game – 30 seconds later snapped an 11-11 tie for the Tigers. Both goals came with the teams playing four runners aside due to penalties. It was the only time the Tigers led by more than one goal in the whole game. Kamloops pulled to within a goal at 18:44 with goalie Ethan Milobar on the bench for an extra attacker but could not get the equalizer.

Kamloops jumped out to 2-0 lead on their first two shots 2:09 into the game. The Venom led 4-2 after one period and stretched their lead to 5-2 just 92 seconds into the period only to watch the Tigers score four unanswered goals to take a 6-5 lead.

With the score level at 4-4, the game's next six goals were scored by specialty teams. Vernon scored three powerplay goals while Kamloops scored twice with the man advantage and once shorthanded. Vernon finished with four powerplay goals and one shorthanded marker. Kamloops scored four times with the man advantage and added two shorthanded markers.

It was an even 9-9 after two periods before Vernon got a shorthanded goal by Steele Pelletier at 12:26 of the third to jump ahead 10-9. Pelletier picked up a five-minute backcheck penalty and game misconduct 59 seconds later with Vernon already a man short.

Kamloops answered back with two powerplay goals and snagged an 11-10 lead. Caden Colmorgen tied the game for Vernon with a delayed penalty coming to the Venom and Vernon goalie Kyle McIntosh on the bench for an extra attacker at 14:24.

Quinn Stanhope added two goals for first-place Vernon, while Thomas Landels added a single. Doughty pocketed four assists, Brett Olsen earned three and Jake Pelletier bagged a pair. Kordel Primus and Colton Boomer each had three goals for the second-place Venom, who outshot Vernon 43-37. Trey Dergousoff rang up 3+2 for Kamloops, while Derek Rockvan, Anthony Matusiak and Ryan Dergousoff contributed singles. The Venom lost Kayden Dempsey with a double minor for backchecking and a change box violation, which carries a game misconduct, at 12:51 of the second period.

Vernon Tigers hand indisciplined Kamloops Venom demoralizing defeat in TOJLL final

By: Marty Hastings / Kamloops This Week JULY 17, 2018 11:57 PM

Not since Raiders of the Lost Ark has a snake pit been conquered like the Kamloops Venom's was on Tuesday night.

The Vernon Tigers shredded the Venom 20-7 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League final, using a potent power play to penalize the home team for a grossly indisciplined performance at Memorial Arena.

The Venom took penalties when the game was close in the first period. The Venom took penalties when the Tigers began to pull away in the second period. The Venom took penalties when an embarrassing, demoralizing home defeat in front of about 550 fans was assured in the third period.

There are 22 slots on each side of the scoresheet in which penalty offences can be recorded. The Venom's half was full by night's end.

If the scorekeeper's hand was not sore from tracking serpents slithering into the sin bin, tallying Tigers' points likely maimed his mitt.

"That's the key to this game," Tigers' head coach Ryan Minchenko said in a post-game interview. "We knew coming into this series they're all about trying to intimidate the other team.

"As far as I'm concerned, we probably have the toughest team in the league and we don't need to get into it with them. We let our ball movement do the work."

Leading the Tigers were Kaden Doughty, who racked up 10 points, including five goals; Jake Pelletier, who notched four goals and nine points; and Jordy Barr, who had two goals and seven points.

Also tallying goals for the Tigers were Quinn Stanhope (3), Brett Olsen (2), Thomas Mackiewich (1), Mason Salway (1), Caden Colmorgen (1) and Kyle Cuzzetto (1).

Vernon goaltender Kyle McIntosh stopped 37 shots to pick up the victory.

“We were completely undisciplined,” Venom head coach Doug Clark said. “It’s probably the ugliest loss I’ve had coaching junior here in Kamloops. They have a very good power play and they make you pay every time.”

Kordell Primus (2), Anthony Matusiak (2), Trey Dergousoff, Colton Boomer and Tanner Koroluk had goals from the Venom.

Troy Cuzzetto started between Kamloops' pipes and was pulled after the Tigers' 11th goal, a power-play marker at about the halfway point of the second period.

Ethan Milobar took over in net, but got the hook and was replaced by Cuzzetto with 14:22 left in the third period, when Vernon scored its 16th goal.

Milobar re-entered the game with 8:55 to play in the third frame after the Tigers' 19th goal.

“None of us like coming into a packed barn like that and losing that badly,” Venom captain Brady Georget said. “That’s for sure.

“We definitely showed a lack of discipline. All the boys are focused on the next game.”

The Tigers have lost three straight TOJLL finals to the Venom, perhaps none more gut wrenching than last year’s defeat, with the final blow coming in overtime in Game 5 at Memorial Arena.

Pelletier remembers well how terrible that felt and would love nothing more than to sweep the Venom and score the coup de grace in Vernon on Thursday. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Kal Tire Place.

“It seemed like they kind of lost their composure out there and took a lot of penalties,” Pelletier said. “As long as we stay out of the box, we should be fine.

“It was a tough loss last year, but it made us hungrier this year.”

Clark and the Venom had a lengthy meeting in the dressing room after the game. The message centred on discipline and moving on from the lopsided defeat.

The 2018 TOJLL banner will hang in Vernon if the message didn’t resonate.

“There’s a bunch of competitors in that room,” Clark said. “You’ll see a different team come Thursday.

“It ain’t over. It takes three to win and we’ve been here before.”

Vernon sweeps Kamloops to win junior B lacrosse title

By: Roger Knox / Kamloops This Week JULY 20, 2018 10:31 AM

The Vernon Tigers beat the Kamloops Venom 12-9 in front of 500 fans at Kal Tire Place Thursday to win their first Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League championship since 2014.

The loss snapped the Venom's three-year hold on the league trophy.

Vernon jumped out to 5-0 first period lead, was up 7-2 after 20 minutes and extended the lead to 9-2 at the 6:25 mark of the second period.

Kamloops scored five of the next seven goals and trailed 11-7 heading into the third and final period. The Venom got as close as 11-8 just 30 seconds into the third period, only to have the Tigers restore their four-goal budge 24 seconds later.

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Vernon sweeps Kamloops to win junior B lacrosse title

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The loss snapped the Venom's three-year hold on the league trophy.

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Tigers decline provincial final trip

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The Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League champion Vernon Tigers have declined to play a one-game, winner-take-all B.C. Junior B Tier 1 provincial final, citing finances and other reasons.

The Tigers, who completed a three-game sweep of the Kamloops Venom for the TOJLL playoff crown July 19, were of the belief they were to have played the B.C. League winner on Saturday in Coquitlam, regardless of who won the playoffs featuring teams from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

The Victoria Shamrocks and Coquitlam Adanacs were the top two teams in the season, and the favourites to advance to the league final. Victoria beat Coquitlam two games to one to win the playoff championship.

“I started looking around and seeing what was available for hotels and busing with the belief the game was going to be played in Coquitlam,” said Tigers general manager Duane Barr. “My understanding was the game was going to be Coquitlam no matter who won. I was then told by the commissioner of the league down there that we would play the winner of the league, so if it was Coquitlam, it would be in Coquitlam. If it was Victoria, it would be in Victoria.

“I said, ‘there’s no way I can go to Victoria on short notice (Victoria wrapped up playoffs Monday).”

If Coquitlam had won, said Barr, the provincial final would be scheduled to be played one day before the Adanacs head east to Akwesasne, Ont. for the Founders Cup Canadian Junior B championship.

“I’m way more financially responsible to my team than to go (to provincial final) for one game,” said Barr. “We were looking at \$5,000 to go to Coquitlam. It would have been more with the ferries to go to Victoria.

“I would have loved to have gone down there to see how we stacked up against those guys. We had a pretty good team this year (only one loss in regular season and playoffs) and I think we’ll have a good team next year.”

The TOJLL decided at last year’s annual general meeting to go up to Tier 1 (Vernon hosted four-team Tier 2 provincial championship tournament in 2017) with an understanding there would be no provincial championship in 2018.

Barr said midway through the season, TOJLL governors wanted to see how the league would fare and proposed a one-game, winner-take-all provincial final.

The 2018 BC Lacrosse Association AGM will be held in Whistler.

“Our league needs to put forward a proposal with the senior directorate to get a true Tier 1 provincial championship, whether it’s a three-game series or similar to the Tier 2 provincials like last weekend in Westshore (Victoria),” said Barr. “That way you can plan for it better and be ready.”

The Tigers lose three players — Jarod Reid, Thomas Landels and Kyle Cuzzetto — to graduation, meaning the trio misses out on a provincial championship bid in their final year.