

Lacrosse

Winnipeg Kids Score in Wild Minto Cup Lacrosse Game

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In one of the saddest spectacles in the local history of what by act of parliament is Canada's national game, Winnipeg All-Stars scored the first interprovincial victory in the annals of the Minto cup and the Canadian junior lacrosse championship, Saturday. The 'Peg kids upset British Columbia All-Stars, 12-8. It was the first game of a best-of three series for the right to meet Ontario in the Dominion final.

Thirty-nine penalties infested the struggle, which took three hours to complete due to injuries and continual bickering between the participants and the two unhappy referees, Eric Abbott and Cliff Jamison.

On pain of being called a homer, the greater part of the poor sportsmanship was exhibited by the Coast squad, which took 25 penalties including a match penalty to Harold Fox

for pitching his stick into the officials' bench where it cammaged off scorer Jim Anderson's noggin. The visitors frequently showed their displeasure by throwing the ball into the seats and one lad can be charged with obscene gestures towards the spectators. Their coaches did not help any by running all over the premises to engage the officials in argument and on one occasion Bob Marsh of the visitors and President Ernie O'Dowda of the Greater Winnipeg lacrosse association had to be restrained from clashing in an argument on the penalty bench.

On the Winnipeg side, the lads usually went off when penalized. Coach Les Swaffer was guilty once of bouncing off the bench to harangue the officials, and goalie Clark Hicks took three penalties and also delayed the contest in the final period to come over and tell Swaffer "the referees were getting scared." The fiery Hicks had his

head gashed in the third period but came back, swathed in action. Goalie Morley Woods of the B.C. team also was laid low in the final session. In the only true stand-up fight, Cliff Hamilton of Winnipeg and Harold McLennan of B.C. drew majors in the second period.

As far as the game was concerned, the Winnipeg kids played brilliant ball, particular in the first half when they led, 7-1. Woods in the Coast net had a busy time and his mates were retreating through a heavy siege of penalties in the first 30 minutes. Glen Christianson whipped five shots in the B.C. net. Jim Palmer netted a pair, Don Letch, Merrill Woziak, Lorne Christianson, Lionel Merrick and Bill Welligan had the others.

Dave Bedline with four, George Krauchek, Dale Elmer, Fox, and Vern Anctil scored for B.C.

Jeep Woolley played an outstanding game on defence for the local

team. . . . The coast management was mumbling about protesting to C.L.A. president Tom O'Brien. . . . Honorary president H. T. Bird of the C.L.A. faced off the first ball. . . . Second game of the series will be played tonight at the Olympic rink at 8.30 o'clock and a third, if necessary, Tuesday. . . . It was the first time any Winnipeg team has defeated a coast squad since 1932 when Argonauts eliminated Squamish Indians in the Mann cup play-downs.

The Coast squad squawked that the third quarter ran two minutes too long, but O'Dowda said they had filed no official protest. . . . Sunday, the Elmwood Terrier Lacrosse club staged a dinner for the visitors, who failed to put in an appearance, although they had been invited Saturday, said O'Dowda. . . . One of the redeeming features of Saturday's debacle was the crowd's behavior. The odd fan who wandered too close to the penalty box or players' benches was promptly chased away by the police constables on duty.