

Bisons Crowned Provincial Juvenile Champs

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East Kildonan Bisons won their second consecutive provincial juvenile hockey championship, Saturday night at the Olympic rink, as they trounced Brandon Elks, 8-2.

Bisons had won the first game of the total goals series, 5-4 Thursday night, thus taking the round, 13-4. It was a fitting finish to an outstanding season for the Bisons, who have won 21 games, tied two, and lost none in schedule and play-offs since the season opened early last December.

The East Kildonan power, unhampered by the heavy ice conditions which made the first game of the Manitoba title series a drab affair, showed to impressive advantage against the efforts of a Brandon club lacking only polish. The Elks checked closely and blocked vigorously, but lost through occasional defensive lapses, together with inability to penetrate Bisons' tight defences.

Bisons play their final game of the season tonight, when they attempt to show the superiority of a fine juvenile team over a top-ranking high school team, and play Gordon Bell in exhibition at the Olympic. Win or lose, the result will not affect materially the record that placed Bisons at the top of the Winnipeg Juvenile league's "B" division at the end of the schedule, gave them two straight victories over West End Salisbury in the group final, two straight over Falcon-Rangers in the league final, and successive series triumphed against Sturgeon Creek and Brandon en route to the Manitoba crown.

In the first period Doug Lewis

scored from George Ballance at 1.35 and Art Kendall sniped one on play with Ballance and Allan McMurdy at 17.30. Sammy Lavitt bagged the third at 6.20 in the second period. Ballance the fourth from Lewis at 9.15. Then Flyer Brown scored the first of his two goals for Brandon at 17.00 before Kendall counted from McMurdy at 17.30.

Goals from Kendall and Lewis came early in the third. Brown blasted in his second for the Elks at 4.26, and Lewis tallied the first goal for Bisons late in the period.

East Kildonan Bisons. — Hughes, goal; Branigan and McMurdy, defence; Ballance, centre; Kendall and Lewis, wings; Nosworthy, Kenny, Russell, Lavitt, McKechnie, alternate.

Brandon Elks — Smith, goal; Lazar and McNeill, defence; Kornick, centre; Deneka and Brown, wings; Gordon, Domán, Carey, Nowazek, alternates.

First period—1, Bisons, Lewis (Ballance), 1.35; 2, Bisons, Kendall (Ballance, McMurdy), 17.30. Penalties—Branigan, Lewis.

Second period—3, Bisons, Lavitt, 6.20; 4, Bisons, Ballance (Lewis), 9.15; 5, Brandon, Brown, 17.00; 6, Bisons, Kendall (McMurdy), 17.30. Penalties—Nosworthy, Lavitt (2), Deneka (2), Kornick.

Third period—7, Bisons, Kendall, 17.00; 8, Bisons, Lewis, 2.38; 9, Brandon, 17.00; 10, Bisons, Lewis, 14.10. Penalties—Cancilla, Branigan, Brown.

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**Take Brandon Series in Two Straight Games---
Opening Game Won by Locals by Close Score
of 3-2---Bisons Take Second Game in Con-
vincing Fashion to Win Prov. Midget Title**



Following closely on their conquest of the Stonewall team, which yielded them the championship of the Winnipeg and District Midget hockey league, with which goes the W. J. Holmes trophy, East Kildonan Bisons Saturday took the second game of the provincial finals with Brandon to gain the Manitoba title. The local midget team thus climaxed one of the most successful seasons in the history of the club. The honors won are the highest attainable by a midget hockey team in Manitoba, and the officials of the club and players alike have received many congratulatory messages.

The first game of the provincial series was won by Bisons by a 3-2 score.

The teams clashed in the second game of the series Saturday. Walter Deheka, the Brandon forward, scored the first goal after only 31 seconds in the first period, punching the puck from between Vic Lofvendahl's legs into the net after a scramble. The lead was short-lived, however. Doug Lewis took a pass from Alex Cunningham to tie the score about the five minute mark. There was no further scoring in this period.

Early in the second Walter Deneka again placed Brandon in the lead when he picked up Fred Johnston's rebound to score. Alex Cunningham took a pass from Earl Fast for the equalizer a few minutes later, and before the end of the period Doug Lewis stick-handled in alone to place the Bisons in a lead they never relinquished. It was a fine individual effort.

In the closing period, East Kildonan dominated, adding three more counters to pack away the series. At the four minute mark George Ballance took a pass from Eddie Law to score, and two minutes later Alex Cunningham passed to Earl Fast for another. Alex Cunningham wound up the scoring with a fine solo effort, making the final score 6-2.

The East Kildonan second line of forwards was Coach Joe Mathewson's most effective unit Saturday. Alex Cunningham scored twice and assisted in two other counters. Doug Lewis scored two goals, and Earl Fast counted once and passed for another. But the most outstanding player on view for Bisons was Vic Lofvendahl

in goal. Playing his third full game in goal, he rose to great heights, and the form he uncovered in the first period in particular, when the Brandon players held a slight edge, was no small contribution to the team's victory.

THREE GAMES WITH STONEWALL

The first game of the Winnipeg and District league series went to Stonewall by a 1-0 score, but Bisons came back strong in the second to even up the series with a 4-2 win.

In the deciding game, played at the Olympic rink Tuesday, 23rd ult., young Vic Lofvendahl, in the East Kildonan nets, was outstanding in a team every member of which, down to the last alternate, played splendidly. Harmon, by reason of his strong defensive tactics, impressed, as did Cunningham, the star of the local's second line.

The first goal of the game came early in the first period to Kildonan, when Lewis picked Harmon's rebound from the back boards to lash a hard shot across the goal into the corner of the net. Bisons enjoyed an edge on play through the period, and the one-goal margin which they held until the close of the stanza was merited.

The second period was even, with neither team holding an appreciable edge. Lou Medynski tied the score about the half-way mark on a fine solo rush, skating across the defence to drive in a fast shot. Later in the period the same player was penalized, and while he was off, Ed Law skated in fast to dent the net with a low shot, giving the locals a 2-1 lead.

In the third period Bisons resolutely defended their lines, successfully thwarting every attempt on the part of the Stonewall team to tie up matters. There was, of course, the occasional incursion into Stonewall territory, and these were always dangerous. Time was called, however, without further score.

The local line-up — Lofvendahl, goal; Koster and Harmon, defence; Law, centre; Ballance and Kendall, wings; Cunningham, Lewis, Fast and Smith, alternates.

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