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NEW WESTMINSTER SALMONBELLIES



PAUL PARNELL

Over the years, Paul Parnell's relatives on his wife's side have visited New Westminster and naturally have been dragged off to a lacrosse game. When they write, and some haven't been back to the Royal City for 10 years, they ask: "Is Paul still playing THAT GAME?"

Yes he is and he may play forever. In March Paul Parnell celebrated his 36th birthday. He stood on the scales that day and weighed in at 175 pounds.

Because he was involved in training for the Canada Field Lacrosse team, Paul started run-

ning in January. Before long he was running three miles in 21 minutes, faster than most of the kids who were trying for a spot on the team.

There have been rumours that Paul may try to surpass Gordie Howe as the grand old man of sport. After 14 years as a senior in the west, 13 with Salmonbellies, Parnell has to be the iron man of lacrosse. Last year, at age 35, he had 32 goals and 64 assists.

The records he keeps setting may last forever. He has played more games than anybody else, 533, has scored

more points (as of the end of last year), 1,562, has more goals, 816 and has more assists to his credit than any other player, 746.

The previous record for games played was held by Stan Joseph, 522, goals scored was held by Cliff Sepka, 746 and assists by Whitey Severson of Victoria, 612.

He has been on 12 allstar teams, seven first, three second and two third teams. In 1973 Paul was the only New Westminster player to be named to an allstar team. He has a career 117 hattricks.

WALT WEAVER

Walter Weaver is probably the best known lacrosse player never to perform in the WLA.

That's a sneaky way to start a story on one of the most fabled goal scorers in the history of western junior lacrosse. For five years Walt played with the Salmonbellies juniors and then in 1973 was chosen first by Victoria Shamrocks in the WLA draft of junior players.

Walt chose not to play in Victoria, specifying he would rather stay with his pals in New Westminster. That was contrary to the rules of the WLA.



So Walt was traded to Vancouver and later to Coquitlam who finally granted Walt his wish and he was sent last winter to the Salmonbellies as part of a six player trade.

In five years with NW and Surrey Fishmen, Walt set two career marks and just missed a third. His goal total of 203 in 112 games is six short of the league mark but his assist total of 216 is a record and his point total of 419 is also a record.

Weaver first played junior in 1968 but remained in the shadows of Ed Goss, Ray Bennie and Tracy Wright. In 1969

Weaver scored 56 goals for 107 points. Such a total would normally win a league scoring total but Ray Bennie had 157 points that season.

The next year Weaver won the scoring crown with 52 goals and 70 assists. The following year was a bad one for juniors in the point department but Walt won the scoring title with 44-44-88. He won second place honors in his last year with 41-53.

Weaver's most memorable season was 1971 when he was picked by Richmond for the Minto Cup. He scored six goals in the final game.

WAYNE GOSS

The 1973 Salmonbellies finished in last place, mainly because the team was so injury riddled that it was impossible to field a team of senior A players.

One of the biggest losses, right when the team could least afford to lose as much as a stick boy, was Wayne Goss who missed more than a month of play due to a broken jaw.

It was just one of those things. It was a game against Victoria and a stray pass struck Wayne in the mouth. Still, in only 16 games Wayne scored 36 goals and had 23 assists. Only the league's top

five scorers had better points-per-game averages.

Wayne Goss ranks over an impressive list as one of the premiere athletes in New Westminster. In his youth he played just about every sport, was one of the top hockey players with the old New Westminster Jr. Royals and was a good soccer player in high school.

Lacrosse was his biggest love and he starred with the New Westminster Jr. Salmonbellies under coach Keith Jackson until he joined the senior team in 1968, still of junior age.

In six years Wayne has total-



ed 849 points. He is within 100 points of moving into the top 10 alltime scorers in western lacrosse, truly a fantastic record for a man only 26.

Working out with the field lacrosse team has given Wayne an extra boost although he is always in top shape.

Wayne's rookie year saw him score 53 goals. The total went up to 61 in 1969 and 71 in 1970, 59 the following year before dropping off to 46 in 1972, the year he took a new job and found it difficult to devote as much time to the game as he would have liked.

AL LEWTHWAITE

It is entirely possible that this giant will someday re-write scoring records in the Western Lacrosse Association.

At 6-3 and 240 pounds Al Lewthwaite is the policeman of the New Westminster Salmonbellies. Most teams have policemen. They are big brutes who go around chopping people down. Seldom can they play the game.

Lewthwaite has talent.

Last year Al scored 31 goals and assisted 55 times despite playing in only 26 games in 1972. Only Wayne Goss scored

more points. Last year Al picked up 27 goals and 29 assists second high NW scorer.

The 1973 season was one that big Al and the rest of the Salmonbellies would rather forget. Although he wasn't injured, Lewthwaite saw so much floor time because of a lack of healthy players that he was often tired and unproductive.

There was one memorable fight that Al lost in Vancouver when, after completing a four minute shift, he was engaged by a fresh opponent who had come off the bench. A big picture appeared in the papers the next

day showing Al looking like a loser. It wasn't fair. But then, that was last year.

Perhaps the biggest problem facing Lewthwaite in the past has been his size. Al has always been called upon to fight for the honor of the Fishmen; sometimes he'd rather not because some of his foes have been awfully small.

In junior Al was legislated out of the league because of his size. When he hit people they collapsed. At the age of 18 he embarked on his first full season of senior lacrosse in 1969, three years before his time.



KEN WINZOSKI

A new era was introduced to lacrosse in 1968, the year the Western Lacrosse Association was formed. The rule change which brought about a new look in the game was the "30 second" innovation. It totally transformed lacrosse from the murderously hard hitting game we once knew to a speedy, run and gun game which seems to be more appealing to the fans.

Without players such as Ken Winzoski the rule wouldn't have worked. If the 10 fastest players in the league were listed, Ken would be among them. He is a defensive specialist par ex-

cellence, a better than average goal scorer and a good playmaker.

If the 10 most unselfish players in the league were listed, Ken would probably head the list. A former junior scoring champion when he was with the New Westminster junior Salmonbellies as a forward, Ken was quite content to join the defensive corps in '68 and forget about scoring championships.

Winzoski as a point getter should not be written off. Back in '72 Ken scored 31 goals and assisted 55 times and finished in a tie for 10th in the scoring with Al Lewthwaite. His offensive

record is quite commendable but yet people still think of defence when they think of Ken Winzoski.

Last year Winzoski did not play a full season with the Fishmen. With the team floundering in last place, rudderless, Ken took an opportunity to sail to Hawaii. Now that he is back and employed on a regular basis with a distillery, Ken is looking forward to the return of the Salmonbellies as a power in western lacrosse.

Ken would also like to see those halcyon days of 1972 return. That year his personal point total was 86 points.



JIM GILES

Possibly the fastest man in lacrosse, Jim Giles has been a fixture on the New Westminster Salmonbellies first line since his rookie year in 1970. Since that time it has usually been peaches and cream for this all round athlete who chose lacrosse over hockey and baseball.

Giles entered senior lacrosse with Ray Bennie after a surprising junior career in New Westminster. Everybody knew Jim was a good athlete after winning acclaim as a hockey player with the Jr. Royals and a top Connie Mack baseball star.

But they didn't know he could play lacrosse so well.

When Jim joined the 1968 New Westminster Jr. Salmonbellies it was after four years away from the game. And at that he had only played two years of minor lacrosse.

His speed and amazing stickhandling ability won him a starting spot with the juniors and in 1970 when he first tried senior company Jim found he was able to play at least part time on the power play as right-handed shooter.

After scoring 44 goals as a senior rookie, Jim slipped to 19



in 25 games in 1972. He played only sporadically on the power play and was used mainly to snag loose balls for his high scoring linemates, Paul Parnell and Wayne Goss. Last year he moved to 28 goals and 22 assists.

Jim says he is for improving his game this year by any and all means because it is difficult to come down after such a great start.

Coach Ron Hemmerling says that right hand shots such as Jim have no worries about catching a spot on the team.

LARRY HENRY

One of the few players last year who did not suffer a major hurt, Larry had a good season with 25 goals and 20 assists. He had several hat tricks including a four goal game in Victoria.

When looking at championship teams, one expects to find hard working, unsung heroes.

That description fits Larry Henry to a 'T'. Larry joined the Fishmen in 1965 after being one of the better players on the 1964 Minto Cup finalist New Westminster Jr. Salmonbellies.

His first year could best be described as nondescript. His final point total was 10 goals and



two assists which wasn't bad for a rookie who road the bench most of the time but it was his time on the bench that bothered Larry.

At-that-time coach Doug McRory probably would have used Larry more had he been able to check better. His size was against him as he was barely 155 pounds as a rookie.

Henry steadily moved up the scoring ladder as he picked up experience. His goal total increased by 16 percent in his second year and he then ballooned to 23 goals in 1967, a year that saw the Salmonbellies finish last for the first time in 10 years. In

1968 Henry, like most of the 'Bellies, enjoyed a big year as new rules opened up the game and more lenient scorekeepers allowed assists to almost every player on the floor (and a few on the bench).

But the scorekeepers didn't hand Larry his 45 goals. The following year saw that total dip to 30 goals but the team played fewer games. Then came seasons of 22 and 26 goals.

The 1972 campaign was a painful one for Larry but not because of his goal total. He had a hernia operation and missed half of the season.

BILL ROBINSON

When Bill Robinson walks into an arena you'd swear it was King Kong with a duffle bag. Bill is so big that when they want the walls of the Deas Tunnel cleaned they just drag Bill through. And for that the New Westminster Salmonbellies are eternally grateful.

Last year was Bill's first in New Westminster after years in Vancouver and Coquitlam. And like most on last year's Fishmen, Bill was injured. He missed four games because of a sprained ankle and although he came back and scored 27 goals and 26 assists, the bad ankle hurt his play.

Robinson is no stranger to New Westminster fans. Bill was a junior star in Vancouver and toiled with the Salmonbellies junior team in the 1964 Minto Cup.

Bill turned senior with Vancouver and played with the Burrards, known then as the Carlings, until 1970 when he switched allegiance and went to Coquitlam.

Robinson, a jack of all trades player, spent some time on defence with Vancouver and played forward with Coquitlam. In eight years of senior he never scored less than 20 goals.

It was in Coquitlam four years ago that Bill came into his own as a scorer. Coach Bobby Marsh let

Bill spend some time on the power play and Robinson responded with 32 goals and 52 assists. The following year the 6-2, 230 pounder scored 43 goals and assisted on 47 more. He was on his way to a 50 goal season but he fell into a late season slump which lasted through the playoffs.

Robinson, 31, sat out the 1972 season but was lured out of retirement by Keith Jackson who started last year as coach of the 'Bellies. New coach Ron Hemmerling and Robinson are far from strangers. Both were players in Vancouver until Hemmerling's last active season in 1968.





ED GOSS

Every sport has its color guys and Ed Goss is a veritable rainbow as far as his fans and the New Westminster Salmonbellies are concerned. His teammates call him 'Derek' and Ed doesn't mind because hockey star Derek Sanderson of the Boston Bruins is his idol.

A bachelor, Ed joined the Salmonbellies on a full time basis in 1969 at the same time as Al Lewthwaite. The junior league's loss was the senior league's gain.

Ed, while playing junior, set an alltime junior record for goals as he scored 11 in one game. He also tied the league record for points before Ray Bennie came along and set marks that may never be bettered.

"Fast Eddie" has been hit by unfortunate injuries during his senior career. Last year a recurring shoulder injury forced him to the sidelines during the middle of the season. Still, he managed 16 goals and 25 assists over 18 games.

The previous season a variety of ailments held Ed down to 14 goals and 31 assists. Such statistics might be O.K. for some but Ed has tested 50 goal seasons and missing the boat due to injuries has been bothersome to him.

Goss is more than just a good offensive player — he is a good fighter. Because Al Lewthwaite has always been the muscle of the Salmonbellies Ed has battled in Al's shadow. But make no mistake, Ed can fight. His most memorable scraps came in the 1970 Mann Cup when Peterborough Lakers came to town. Peterborough had won in the east the previous year and were favored to win again but Goss and Lewthwaite won a few unanimous decisions and New Westminster won the Cup.

Ed's main ambition is to win a berth on the first allstar team with his brother Wayne. If he stays healthy he can make it.



JOE COMEAU

The big guy is back with the New Westminster Salmonbellies. Joe Comeau, a 33 year old netminder with a history of coming up big in the playoffs, has returned to senior lacrosse after a year out to look after matters that he couldn't take care of in previous summers of playing lacrosse.

And the Salmonbellies suffered because of his absence.

A gift from the Coquitlam Adanacs in 1969, Joe has been a tremendous help to the NW team over the years.

Joe played his first game of senior lacrosse for New Westminster back in 1961. He was an inspiring youngster looking for a senior job but there wasn't much hope at that time as Fred Fulla was king in Nanaimo, Vancouver had Don Hamilton and Merv Schweitzer, Victoria had Georgie Johnston and Barry Forbes while New Westminster had Les Norman and Skip Chapman.

Comeau spent some time with Sr. B teams until 1964 when he joined the New Westminster seniors in a backup role.

The following year was the first in the league for Coquitlam Adanacs and Joe had to make a choice. He could stay in New Westminster as a backup or go to Coquitlam and share duties with Merv Schweitzer. Joe chose Coquitlam because Schweitzer could play only part time due to work commitments.

An allstar once, Joe remained there until '69 when he transferred to the Salmonbellies. Coquitlam was flying high that year but they were grounded by Joe in the finals.

In 1972 Comeau stopped shots at a .772 clip, about three to four percentage points better than last year's New Westminster goalies. That can make the difference between winning and losing as the Salmonbellies found out. For certain, if the 'Bellies give Joe some support, Joe will return the favour with championship netminding.



BOB TASKER

It is always nice to be number one. Bob Tasker happens to fit that description well earned. He was the number one draft choice of the New Westminster Salmonbellies for 1974 and the number one player taken in the junior draft.

It seems almost ancient history, now, looking back to Bob's first years in the junior loop when he came up with Vancouver Legion back in 1968.

He and his brothers Dave, Al and eventually Brian led the Legion team, which was eventually to become the Richmond Roadrunners in 1971.

Everybody knew how good the Taskers were but it wasn't until 1971 that New Westminster area fans really had a good look. Oh, the stands at Queen's Park Arena were reasonably full for that memorable seventh game in the 1969 western junior finals in which the Taskers led Vancouver to a comeback victory over the Jr. Salmonbellies but it was the Minto Cup in '71 against Peterborough that made the Tasker name famous.

Last year, of course, Bob went it alone. Oldest brother Al was long gone to the senior ranks and Dave moved up in 1972 and was a rookie sensation with the Burrards. When brother Brian was suspended for the bulk of the '73 season for an altercation with a referee, Bob had to lead Richmond virtually alone.

It took a while but Richmond came on, caught the last playoff spot and won the west. They couldn't have done it without Bob's 40 goals and 72 assists.

Tasker is what you would call a floor general. He isn't interested in chippy play as evidenced by his two minutes in penalties in a rough and tumble junior league.

To ask a rookie to play a major role in a team's quest for a championship is something not often done but the Salmonbellies will ask this rookie.



DAVE MATHESON

One thing the New Westminster Salmonbellies have in abundance is heady ball players and Dave Matheson can step to the head of the class.

On a team with such stars as Wayne Goss, Ken Winzowski and Paul Parnell, Dave Matheson need not take a back seat.

With the Salmonbellies well stocked with defencemen this year there is a good chance Dave will see some time as a forward. His desire to play should enable him to fit in at any position.

A typical Salmonbellies player, Dave is not the hit-them-on-the-head type. He is good on loose balls, passes well and shoots well. He is what you would call a classy player. A Jean Ratelle, a Garry Unger or if you'll pardon another hockey parallel, a Phil Maloney when he played with the old WHL Canucks.

Last year Dave was among the many walking wounded of the Salmonbellies. At one time the Fishmen were down to seven regular players from the previous season. The first week of the season saw Dave sidelined with a bad knee and then he injured his back.

You have to go to previous seasons to look at records that show what Dave Matheson can do. Dave in 1972, despite a few but less serious injuries, scored 18 goals and averaged one per game.

Perhaps the greatest game played by Matheson was in the final game of the 1972 playoffs against Vancouver.

It was left to Dave to score two third period goals to bring the NW team back from a one goal deficit and put them ahead by one. Paul Parnell got the winner and was judged the game's first star but had it not been for Dave the first star in that game would have gone to the winning Vancouver team. He was the difference.



BILL MOSDELL

The New Westminster Salmonbellies have been keeping an eye on Bill Mosdell for a long time.

The 21-year-old South Burnaby boy has played junior lacrosse in the shadows of others for a long time but when it came to the junior draft, Bill was chosen fourth in the west, the second choice of the Fishmen.

Last season with Surrey Bill scored 22 goals and assisted on 32 others. There were those who scored more, etc. but none who combined point getting with hustle and defensive play in the manner of Bill Mosdell.

The senior team had Bill along for a few games last year as he was called on to fill in.



IAN KENNEDY

Another former Burnaby player, Ian was the first draft choice of the Salmonbellies in 1973. Not a big guy, Ian is a "basketball 5-9" which means he is 5-6. While playing hoop with SFU Ian was listed in the Clansmen program as being 5-9.

Last year, while combining studies at SFU with lacrosse, Ian scored 10 goals and had 12 assists in 17 games. Like many of the Salmonbellies, Ian had a few minor hurts which kept his scoring down. He does hustle, though, and a team with as many goal scorers as the Salmonbellies can use somebody to go into the corners and dig out the ball.



RON KULCHESKI

The big guy could turn out to be an important factor for the New Westminster Salmonbellies as a team steeped in heritage hopes to bounce back into the limelight.

As a junior player in Burnaby Ron showed great promise. He is big, very adept in scoring goals and doesn't back down.

He was the fourth player chosen in the junior draft prior to the 1972 season. He had been approached by the Victoria Shamrocks and for a while Ron thought he wouldn't mind all the travel. But alas, it didn't work out and he was released to the Coquitlam Adanacs.

As a defenceman in Burnaby, Kulcheski scored 70 goals.



HARVEY OLSEN

Harvey first became famous back in the 1971 Minto Cup series with Richmond Roadrunners. Just 18 then, Harvey had long, make that very long, flowing blond hair which hung beneath his helmet.

The Archie Bunkers in the crowd laughed and chortled until Harvey silenced his critics with his offensive prowess.

The Salmonbellies drafted Harvey because he is yet another ball hawking ace who is good around the net. Lacrosse is becoming more and more offensive—crowd pleasing is one translation that comes to mind. Thus, Harvey Olsen should become an instant success in the Western Lacrosse Association.



JIM GRADY

For some reason Jim Grady apparently didn't enjoy his stay in Coquitlam last season. He arrived in the midst of much publicity announcing goal scoring feats while a player in Peterborough.

Grady showed flashes of greatness, scoring five goals in one game with the Adanacs. When he was traded to New Westminster he was glad for a new start. Getting married last year in the middle of the season didn't help his lacrosse but then, what is more important.

Grady has played senior lacrosse since 1968 when at the

age of 20 he split the season between the Peterborough professional team and the Peterborough juniors.

One year with Hastings juniors in the tough Ontario Junior Lacrosse League Jim scored 75 goals. The record here for a junior is 77, set two years ago by Tracy Wright of New Westminster.

In his first year of senior (full time) Jim scored 69 goals. He then scored 55 and 54 goals in his next two years.

Jim played the right side of the crease on the power play in Peterborough. With so many

high scorers in New Westminster it is hard to say where he will spend his time. Jim, however, proved last year he can score from anywhere.

Grady is proud of his first year in Peterborough when he and his linemates combined for 403 goals. Not bad for five guys. Jim first came west in 1969 looking to play here but there were no takers. Now he's had two in two years and hopes to make the Salmonbellies his team. After all he doesn't have to worry about getting married again this summer and that should take some of the pressure off.



STEVE d'EASUM

This valuable defenceman is to the New Westminster Salmonbellies what Bobby Lalonde is to the Canucks in Vancouver — a little guy with guts and more desire than any 10 big men.

Steve d'Easum, 26, is entering his sixth year with the Fishmen. At 5-5 and 180 pounds he is much more formidable than Lalonde who is 30 pounds lighter but people like to draw a comparison because of their height similarity.

Steve is often the butt of jokes because of his lack of height. Somebody once said the d'Easum family tree was a shrub.

Another said Steve's arms were so short he has to jump up to comb his hair.

But it is no joke in the corners when there is a loose ball to be had. And the opposition doesn't run around unchecked in front of the New Westminster net when Steve is out there.

The rugged d'Easum specializes in defence which is why he spends a great deal of time on the New Westminster man-short play. Goal scoring is not something Steve does a lot of. Last year because of a foot injury which caused him to miss almost half of the season, Steve scored only three goals and

assisted on 16 others. Even when he is healthy d'Easum is not much of a threat to crack the 20 goal plateau.

Steve was a member of that powerful Canadian champion Jr. B team of 1966 and a standout Jr. A player with the Salmonbellies. Not a fighter, Steve has done reasonably well in the few fights he has had. His most memorable was against Harry Woolley, the golden Gloves boxer who once played with Coquitlam. A much bigger man, Woolley should have won easily but Steve got him with a sneak punch that blackened Woolley's eye.

COQUITLAM ADANACS



DAN PIOTROWSKI

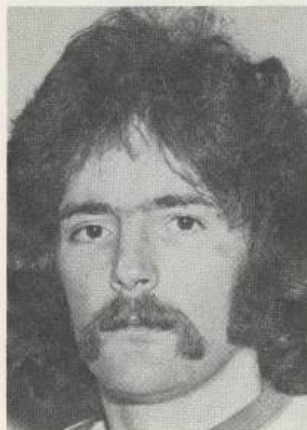
To meet transplanted Easterner Dan Piotrowski is to never forget him.

Powerful Pio, born in Toronto 24 years ago, has the uncanny knack of doing — or saying — the unsuspected. Give him an audience and his feet, fists or mouth go into action.

For example, Dan turned up unannounced at a Coquitlam practise last year and informed club officials that he was the policeman they needed. Inserted into the lineup, he immediately backed up his statement by taking on the likes of Ward Sanderson, Sandy Lynch and Brian Thompson in battle. On another occasion, Wayne Goss was injured on the boards and, when he was finally able to get up, received a loud ovation. Pio wasn't about to let a visiting player hog the limelight. Still clutching his stick, Pio dropped to the floor in front of his players' bench and began doing quick pushups. The laughter changed to howls of joy when Steve d'Easum walked by and kicked Pio's arms from under him. Instead of losing his temper, Pio merely shrugged and good-naturedly exclaimed: "Dammit, I was trying for 40."

Piotrowski played his minor and junior lacrosse in Oshawa, Whitby and Ajax before lining up with Windsor Warlocks in 1972. But soon he was sidelined with a broken hand. He picked Coquitlam for his comeback last season, picking up 13 goals and 17 assists in 22 games.

Pio is also a hockey player of some note. During his junior hockey days in Ontario, Dan played against such NHL stars as Rick Dudley, Steve Vickers and Steve Shutt. He also played with the 1972-73 Bellville, Ont., Senior "A" club which beat a visiting Russian team 2-1 — the only victorious Canadian squad.



MIKE MITZEL

When Mike Mitzel first picked up a lacrosse stick at the ripe old age of 23, no one — including himself — thought he could catch a spot on any organized team. But Mike is a natural athlete and, to everyone's surprise, he defied the odds.

With old buddy Wayne Bellwood, Mike tried out with the New Westminster Blues' Senior "B" team in 1970. His driving determination on the playing floor won him the Senior "B" rookie-of-the-year honors and helped the Blues to the Canadian finals in Windsor, Ont.

The following year, Mike began the season with the Blues, moved to the Adanacs and then finished the year with New Westminster Salmonbellies. Two years in lacrosse and twice in a national final. Mike returned to the Adanac garb in 1972 and picked up 34 points on 14 goals and 20 assists in 32 games. Last season, he played seven games fewer but his point total increased by two.

Sports occupy a large portion of Mike's life — but not all. Lacrosse in summer, hockey in winter and family man, teacher and artist throughout the year. A father of two, Mike graduated from Simon Fraser University with First Class Honors in English and is now teaching at Charles Best Junior Secondary School in Coquitlam. His spare time — whenever he can find a minute — finds him with such hobbies as painting, sculpture, graphics and drama.

When Mike began playing lacrosse, observers described him as a diamond in the rough. Each year he becomes more valuable as the playing experience polishes the edges.



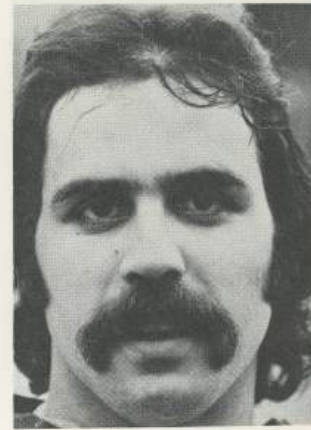
ART DICKINSON

Art Dickinson wasn't a very happy individual while toiling with the Vancouver Burrards but, when he found himself in a Coquitlam Adanac uniform last season, his whole future became much sunnier. He more than tripled his goal production while cutting his penalty time in half.

Twenty-seven-year-old Dickinson came through the North Burnaby minor boxla system but, when he turned Junior "A" in 1963, it was with Chilliwack. Only 16 years old at the time, Art found the going tough but still managed 11 goals in 14 games. He returned to Burnaby the following year and spent the next four seasons under the Norburn Junior "A" banner. During his 92-game junior career, Art earned a reputation as a punishing checker (302 minutes in penalties) while still gathering a respectable 89 goals and 63 assists.

Art, son of Hall-of-Fame Bill Dickinson, joined the Vancouver Burrards in 1968 and added to his reputation as a "defensive defenceman." He scored 39 points in 1969 and was on his way to bettering this the following season when he was sidelined with a broken jaw. After sitting out 1971, Art returned to the Vancouver squad in 1972. His unhappiness that year was reflected in his production total—five goals and nine assists in 30 games while picking up 113 minutes in penalties.

But then came the trade to Coquitlam last year for rookie Steve Matheson. Immediately, his checking improved and his penalty total dropped to only 58 minutes. At the same time, Art chipped in 18 goals and 20 assists.



DAVE DURANTE

When Dave Durante was a youngster, he was content to restrict his lacrosse activities to watching father Joe or uncle John Cervi play senior ball. Oh, he played catch in his back yard but baseball, for him, had more appeal. Then, at the age of 18, Dave tried out for the Vancouver Junior "B" team. He was an instant success.

That first season—1970—saw the handsome, darkhaired Durante take regular shifts and put in charge of killing penalties (soccer gave him the speed and stamina while those backyard sessions taught him the art of stickhandling). It may have been his first season of lacrosse but he, nevertheless, managed 22 goals and 20 assists in 18 games. He moved to the Junior "A" Richmond Roadrunners in 1971 and gathered 30 goals and 23 assists in 23 games. Richmond capped the year with a series victory over Peterborough for the Minto Cup. Dave was a standout, scoring eight goals and 11 assists in the seven-game series. The following season, Richmond dropped the national title but, with his 36 goals and 31 assists during regular league play, Dave won First All-Star Team ratings.

Senior lacrosse clubs were suitably impressed. He became the most sought after player in the 1973 over-age junior draft. Coquitlam had first pick and, naturally, selected Dave.

Dave lived up to his advance billing. Despite a painful ankle injury that, at times, cut his speed in half, Durante picked up 26 goals and 23 assists in 23 games. Six of those goals came while he was killing penalties—best in the league. For his work, Dave won the rookie-of-the-year award.



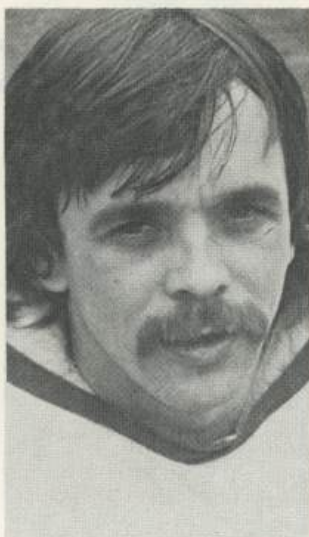
JOHN ALLEN

John Allen is a perfectionist. Scoring goals in Allen's job on the lacrosse floor and there is no one in Western Senior boxla more prolific at the task. His lowest production total in the last six years was 43 goals, his highest 63. He led the entire league in goal scoring in the 1972 and 1973 seasons. He's one of only 29 players ever to score in excess of 400 career goals in lacrosse on the West Coast.

"There is no doubt that Coquitlam will be relying heavily on John this season," observed coach Keith McEachren. "I really believe he'll surpass the 50-goal mark again this year."

Thirty-year-old Allen began his lacrosse playing in the Victoria minor setup. But, instead of taking up with the senior Shamrocks in 1964, John moved to the East and joined Ville St. Pierre of the Quebec Semi-Pro Senior League, winning all-star ratings in each of the two seasons there. His final year saw John win the scoring title with 68 goals and 44 assists.

The shifty scorer returned West and joined Coquitlam in 1967. Although he managed only 18 goals in his initial Adanac season, he was named the league's rookie-of-the-year. The following year, with Adanacs playing out of Portland, John picked up 61 goals and his first of three First All-Star Team ratings. Back in Coquitlam in 1969, injuries restricted John to just 20 games but he still racked up 43 goals. Then came season production totals of 63, 48, 62 and 55 goals. Between 1970 and 1972, his point total exceeded 100. Last year, in 24 games, he gathered 94 points — almost a four-point-a-game average.



KEITH SCOTT

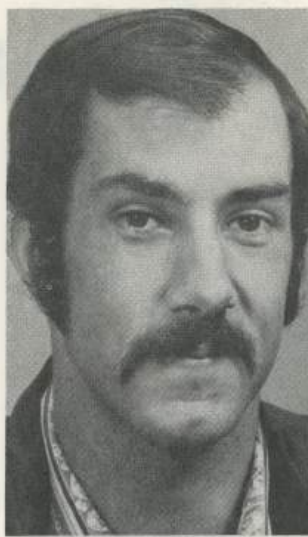
One of the genuine pleasures of watching Coquitlam Adanacs in action is to witness the cocky, strutting antics of faceoff master Keith Scott.

It begins the moment he steps onto the floor — the rocking gait characteristic of a boxer bobbing and weaving, not unlike the stride of a sailor after many weeks at sea. It makes Scotty immediately recognizable. The fans love it but, of course, it does have a grating effect on the opposition. Keith rubs salt into the chafe. He slowly approaches the faceoff circle, making certain the enemy centreman is there first, impatiently waiting. As the opponent bends over to face off, Scott turns his back on him and barks out instructions to a comrade as to where he should stand to receive the ball. Only now is he ready — all in his own sweet time. Just a little psychological warfare but it works.

And the show continues: Keith charges into a corner, sneaks around some hulking defenceman and steals the ball. The he pops the ball behind an irate netminder. With glee, Keith throws his arms high in the air and punches an imaginary enemy — another habit of his championship years in the boxing ring.

Scotty began lacrosse in New Westminster but, for his junior career, moved to Coquitlam in 1965. In the three years before turning senior in 1968, Keith picked up 131 points in 60 games. The going was tougher in senior but Keith's enthusiasm never faltered. He kept plugging away and last year reached a personal, one-season high of 61 points. In 193 senior games, he has amassed 268 points.

As a youth, Keith captured the Canadian 115-pound boxing championship in 1963 and the Golden Gloves title the following year.



JIM AITCHISON

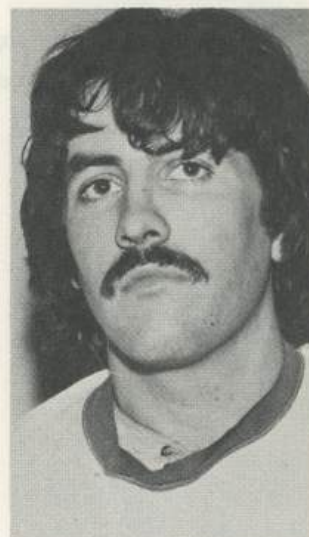
The Jim Aitchison style of play is what Coquitlam Adanacs had in mind when the club introduced the run-and-shoot brand of lacrosse to the West Coast last season. Basically, the brand sees all five players — and often the goalie — take to the offence once the team gains possession of the ball. This means defencemen take part in the attack but must be swift enough to return to his own zone to ward off breakaways. Big Jim fills the bill.

Twenty-four-year-old Aitchison is destined for stardom in the game of lacrosse and, according to Coquitlam coach Keith McEachren, he'll achieve it this year.

"Jim is one of those players who started playing lacrosse very late in his teens so each time he takes a stick in his hands he is learning something new," pointed out McEachren. "Despite the present great abilities he already has, he strives to better himself. He's the kind of player every coach would love to have."

Royal City-born Aitchison's interest in sports centred around hockey and basketball until 1968 when he decided to give lacrosse a try. The following year found him in a Coquitlam Junior J-Hawk uniform but it was a season he would forget — 80 minutes in penalties with only seven goals and five assists. His 33 goals and 18 assists the next year earned him a shot with the 1971 Adanacs.

The six-foot, 180-pound Burnaby fireman checked in with 30 goals and a similar number of assists that first season and was named a co-winner—with Vancouver's Dave Litzenberger — of the rookie-of-the-year award. He picked up 63 points in his sophomore season and, despite injuries in 1973, he still managed 48 points in 21 games.



DON CAMERON

Don Cameron sent coaches running out to Senior "B" games last year when his scoring antics with Coquitlam Adanacs presented an excellent argument for an organized operation just under the "A" calibre.

For years, experts stated many graduating junior players needed just one or more years in the game to enable them to catch a spot with one of the four "A" clubs. Don was such a player.

Cameron, 25 years of age in July, was a product of the minor boxla organization in South Vancouver. After a five-game tryout in which he scored a goal-a-game the previous year, he joined the Vancouver Junior "A" team in 1967. His production was unimpressive but his ability came through the following season when he scored 30 goals. During his 80-game junior career which ended in 1970, Don picked up 85 goals and 56 assists.

During his final junior year, Don squeezed in 14 games with the Vancouver Burrards, scoring 16 points, but failed to catch a regular job with the team the following season.

Undaunted, he turned out with the South Vancouver Senior "B" team and won himself the scoring title with 52 goals and 42 assists in just 20 games. In 1972, he repeated as scoring champion, gathering 54 goals and 29 assists in 20 games for Killarney.

Time for another crack in "A" company! Don turned out with Coquitlam and, using his whipping lefthanded shot, proved the "B" league is an excellent training ground. In 25 Adanac games, he picked up 31 goals and 43 assists for 74 points and ran a close second to teammate Dave Durante in the voting for the rookie-of-the-year honors.



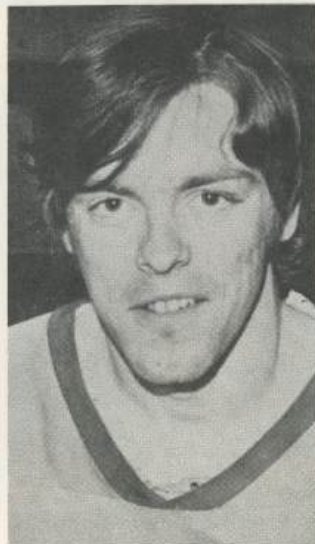
GREG THOMAS

Greg Thomas, as far as Coquitlam Adanac executive is concerned, was the key figure in this year's six-player swap with New Westminster — the biggest trade in Western senior lacrosse history. Coquitlam's new "run-and-shoot" style of offence needed a goalie willing to run down the floor. Thomas fit the bill.

Twenty-two-year-old Thomas got his start in goal in hometown Peterborough because of an injury. At the tender age of five, Greg played forward for half a game, was hurt and then went into goal. He's been there since, working through the Peterborough minor ranks and a year in Junior "B" before starting a three-year Junior "A" career in 1970. His name became well-known to Western fans in 1972 when, as the most valuable goaltender in the East, he led Peterborough against Richmond in the Minto Cup. PCOs not only won the national title but Thomas also captured the series' MVP honors.

Unable to gain employment in the East, Greg obtained his release from Peterborough and moved West to take up netminding duties in New Westminster. With the last place club, Thomas earned a 72.2 per cent shot-saved average over 15 games and picked up 22 assists.

Coquitlam wanted him. The local club obtained the playing rights to Walt Weaver — a commodity wanted by Salmonbellies — from Vancouver for trade bait, added shooter Jim Grady and hefty Ron Kulcheski to sweeten the pot. New Westminster accepted, handing over Thomas and the playing rights to Easterner Sandy Lynch and former J-Hawk Ric Bossley.



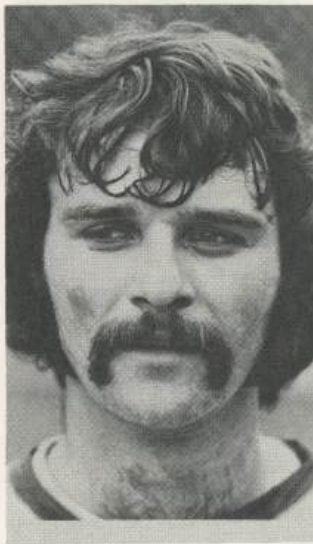
RHYS PARSONS

The number of brother combinations that have made it into senior lacrosse is many. If wiry Rhys Parsons has anything to say about it, he'll add to that number. Brother Kevin is gone from the local scene this year but Rhys is determined to carry on the family name.

The initial comparison of the brothers shows a striking difference. Kevin is tall, muscular, bull-like. Rhys is shorter, slighter, relying on speed rather than strength. But a closer examination of the two reveals more than facial similarities. Both are scrappers with an ability to lift a downhearted team, both are excellent playmakers and both are winners.

Twenty-three-year-old Rhys began playing lacrosse in South Burnaby at the tender age of seven. Later, he played in Port Coquitlam before joining the Coquitlam Intermediate club in 1968. He captured the scoring title with an incredible 114 points in 16 games while leading the team to the B.C. title. Rhys transferred to Surrey the following season but returned to Coquitlam in 1970, lining up with the Junior "B" club. While with the Coquitlam J-Hawks in 1971 and 1972, the younger member of the Parsons family picked up 50 goals and 48 assists in 38 games.

Vancouver Burrards selected Rhys in the second round of the 1973 overage junior draft but he decided to play in Vernon. Vancouver left him unprotected, allowing Rhys to try out with Adanacs.



JIM RICKBEIL

If the lacrosse path Jim Rickbeil has been following continues unimpeded, 1974 will see the good-natured bachelor pass the 50-goal mark.

There's no secret to his boxla success. Hard work and determination gave Jim star-status. But he's a perfectionist so there is no limit to his future potential.

Until he was 17 years old, Jim hadn't thought of — let alone play — the game of lacrosse. But his high school physical education teacher, Pat Roberts, gathered together a group of young athletes and formed a team. Despite a youthful and inexperienced lineup, the club participated in the rugged Interior Senior "B" league.

After weathering the rough going for three years, Jim came to the attention of the Coquitlam J-Hawks. He joined the junior club in 1970 and, picking up 29 goals and 28 assists, signed with the Adanacs for the following season. But employment locally was scarce for the University of B.C. student and he was forced to return to Prince George. However, before the season ended, Jim was awarded a \$1,500 federal government scholarship and he was able to return to the Lower Mainland.

Hard work improved his talent. In his three seasons with Coquitlam, Jim — now a high school teacher in Vancouver — improved his point total from 11, to 52 and then to 81 last year.

It's bound to pass 100 — at least half of them goals — in the very near future.



ART TALSON

Art Talson is a young man of few words. He prefers to let his 100 per cent style of play do the talking. On the odd occasion when he does speak, his voice is barely audible — as if he wants you to hear, but he doesn't want to awaken you. Despite his quiet manner, though, Art is a leader — teammates take heart in his desire and heed his whispered word.

Art is truly a case of a local boy doing well. Born and raised in the municipality, Art participated in all sports while attending Millside, Montgomery and Centennial Schools but specialized in lacrosse and soccer.

The five-foot-eleven-inch, 165-pound Talson was tutored in lacrosse by Rich Goulet in Midget and Junior "B" company before graduating to Coquitlam J-Hawks in 1969. Playing under coaches Keith Jackson and Charlie Saunders, Art developed into a dangerous scoring threat, piling up 130 points in 68 games over three years.

But Art learned more than scoring. Playing both forward and defence with equal efficiency, Art became a top-rated checker. His excellent two-way play did not go unnoticed. In 1970, voters placed Art on the junior league's First All-Star Team and on the Second squad the following year.

His dexterity was put to good use in his first senior year. Coquitlam, its ranks decimated by retirements, transfers and injuries, used Art at wing and defence and had him taking the occasional faceoff as well as killing penalties. Now paired with Dave Durante, Coquitlam has one of the league's best penalty killing units.

Talson, 24 years of age in July, has 141 points in 100 senior games.



DAN FOSTER

A few years ago, redheaded Pat Roberts—a former Vancouver junior teammate of Sid Warick, Ed Nelson and Joe Comeau—moved to Prince George to teach high school. But the love of lacrosse was too great—he had to get a team together. He recruited a number of kids from his basketball team, gathered a sprinkling of football players and set out to make lacrosse players. Roberts' work was rewarded last year when Prince George captured the provincial Senior "B" championship.

But Roberts is equally proud of those players who came south to the Lower Mainland—players such as Jim Rickbell and Bob Ormond. Another one of those Prince George graduates is husky Dan Foster.

"Just look at his size," Coquitlam coach Keith McEachren pointed out when asked to assess Foster. "When he hits, opponents are going to feel it."

And big he is. Twenty-five-year-old Foster packs a 200 pounds of muscle over his six-foot-two-inch frame. In 1971, Foster was second in scoring in the Interior Senior league and was runner-up in the Most Valuable Player voting. After another year up north, Foster signed last season with the Burnaby Columbians in the Senior "B" league. He got into two Coquitlam games, scoring a goal.



FRED SAPACH

It seems that each netminder in demanding athletics such as lacrosse and hockey have some unusual story as to how they first went between the pipes. Some started there as a wee tyke, others wanted to play but an affliction prevented them from running, while still others were just the only kid available when a team was formed.

But Fred Sapach — with his explanation — is in a class of his own.

Twenty - seven - year - old Sapach got started in lacrosse at the age of 12, playing either forward or defence on a succession of North Burnaby clubs. Then, in 1965, he moved up to the Norburn junior team only to find the squad was in danger of folding because of a need for a goalie. On came Fred.

"Why?" said Sapach, raising his eyebrows as he pondered the question. "Well, the junior team didn't have a goalie. I volunteered because I always wanted to try goal in hockey."

He wanted to play goal in hockey so he played it in lacrosse! Perhaps there is some logic there. No, he never played hockey.

But, whatever the reason, Fred went between the pipes in 1965 and, two years later, was proclaimed the league's outstanding netminder with a 76.8 per cent shots-saved average.

GERRY PINDER

Gerry Pinder goes with Dave Durante the way ham goes with eggs.

And that is why the Coquitlam Adanacs made Gerry their number one draft pick in the 1974 overage junior draft.

Durante was the first player chosen in the 1973 draft. Dave was a hard hitting, hustling star with Richmond Roadrunners. One of his teammates was



DENNIS NAGY

Twenty-eight-year-old Dennis Nagy is making a comeback this year although, in fact, he's never been away. Sound confusing? It isn't really!

Rangy Dennis was touted as a future superstar of the game when he turned senior with Vancouver in 1967 but his dexterity cost him this high status. He was so proficient in all phases of the game that he never remained at one position long enough to stand out. He became the Vancouver utilityman, filling in wherever a hole needed plugging. After five seasons, the role wore thin and Dennis decided to leave Vancouver in favor of the Burnaby Senior "B" club to regain his perspective.

Ready for "A" company again, Dennis turned out with Coquitlam last year but was immediately sidelined with a broken leg. Over the injury, Dennis worked his way into shape with Burnaby and then donned Coquitlam strip for the playoffs.

Dennis entered Junior "A" company in 1963 with Chilliwack then switched to the Norburn colors for the following three years. His powerful overhand shot from the right side earned him 103 goals and 52 assists in 76 junior games before graduating to the seniors in 1967. Five years with Vancouver, the last year and a half in Senior "B" and now with Coquitlam.

Gerry Pinder who helped the Roadrunners to three appearances in the Minto Cup.

The scrappy forward-defenceman picked up 179 points in his three years with Richmond but points alone don't tell the story of Gerry Pinder. Oh, there is no doubt the 5-10 and 175-pounder can score goals. However, the A's need an agitator and Gerry fills the bill.

Pinder is not a Ward Sander-son. He is not guaranteed of a



DOUG MAY

Muscular Doug May cherishes two ambitions—the first to complete his education and the second to make it big in senior lacrosse.

Twenty-one-year-old May is well on his way to experiencing success with the first ambition, now completing his third year as a physical education major at the University of B.C. And, if Coquitlam coach Keith McEachren is any judge of talent, Doug will have little trouble making the second come true.

McEachren can see May as another Doug Hayes, an average scoring defenceman in junior company who was converted to the forward position in senior and became a 40-goal scorer.

"Like Hayes, Doug May has the size, both in height and weight, to stand on the opponents' crease and menace goalies," said McEachren. "It's not easy to move someone of his size off the crease. Another plus for May is his ability of check—he can rock them."

May began playing boxla in the Richmond minor organization nine years ago and graduated to the Roadrunners in 1971. In 63 games over three junior seasons, Doug picked up 40 goals. He was drafted third by Coquitlam.

win every time he fights—he is just a hard hitter who will check first and think about scoring goals second. That's what the A's need.

Being of that type, Gerry plays the same kind of game as Durante. For that reason coach Keith McEachren will put the two on a line with Jim Rickbell. Not only should the A's get scoring from this trio, they'll get defence and that is what the doctor ordered in Coquitlam.





DON BROWN

New Westminster-born-and-bred Don Brown is a valuable commodity to the future success of the Coquitlam Adanacs. In him, Coquitlam has speed, strength, a port-side shot and the potential to become a top scorer in senior boxla.

Don was only 10 when he picked up his first lacrosse stick and entered the Royal City minor system. It wasn't long before his abilities emerged to the front. As a Peewee at the age of 12, Don captured the league's scoring title.

Brown, 22 years of age in May, played two games with the New

Westminster Junior Salmonbellies in 1969, picking up an impressive three goals. The following season, he joined the junior team permanently. In the next four years with the 'Bellies of New Westminster and Surrey, Don scored 97 goals and 108 assists for 205 points in just 80 games. In 1972, he won the 'Bellies' most inspirational player award — a tribute to his desire to win.

Coquitlam gave Don a four-game tryout last season and was so impressed with his play — five goals and two assists — that it picked Don in the second round of the Junior draft.

his teenage years. As an Intermediate player with Coquitlam in 1971, Holte was second for the league scoring title with 73 goals and 64 assists. His performance earned him the Most Valuable Player award.

The following year, Dan graduated to the Coquitlam J-Hawks and topped his club in scoring with 22 goals and 37 assists in 24 games. For personal reasons, Dan sat out most of the 1973 junior season. But he did take in four games, picking up four goals and 10 assists, before taking his leave. His potential did not go unnoticed—Coquitlam drafted him in the fourth round.

George along with Jim Rickbeil and Bob Ormond.

Rick was then bitten by the travelling bug and spent the next four summers on the road. Last year, he returned to the game with Vancouver Totems of the Senior "B" league.

"I'm not great with the stick but I'm aggressive," Rick assessed of his own abilities.

Chatwell, 27 years of age in May, is a recreational consultant at the Haney Correctional Institute in private life.



MIKE MUSHINS



WAYNE FINCK

Newcomers Mike Mushins (top) from Prince George and Wayne Finck (bottom) from Halifax, Nova Scotia are expected to add something to the new look Adanacs this year.



DAN HOLTE

Twenty-one-year-old Dan Holte is unique. He began playing lacrosse in Coquitlam 14 years ago and he is still here. No other member of the Adanacs can make the claim.

Holte is small in stature but big in ability.

"Don't let size fool you," cautioned Coquitlam coach Keith McEachren. "Dan has the equipment to become a star in this league. Wayne Goss did it, Steve d'Easum, Keith Scott. So can Dan."

Although only five-feet-seven-inches-tall, Dan played lacrosse, basketball and football through



RICK CHATWELL

Rick Chatwell's name may be unknown to lacrosse fans on the Lower Mainland but around the Prince George area he had a reputation as an all round athlete.

The six-feet-one-inch, 195-pound Chatwell was deeply involved in such activities as hockey, softball, badminton, squash, rugby and golf when someone thrust a lacrosse stick into his hands. For the next two years, Rick played for Prince

VANCOUVER BURRARDS

TAKI VOHALIS

Taki Vohalis was determined to play lacrosse for the Vancouver Burrards. He wasn't about to let a little thing like the junior draft stand in his way.

Fortunately, both Coquitlam Adanacs and the New Westminster Salmonbellies had other players in mind when they went to the drafting table last March 4 and both the Burrards and Taki got their wish.

Vohalis had been playing "up" games with the Burrards for three years before the draft made it official. A junior all-star with Burnaby, Vohalis is one of those players who could have

made the jump to senior ranks at least two years ago.

In fact, as a 20-year-old Taki threatened to quit the game unless he got his wish and was able to move up. Fortunately Taki didn't quit when he didn't succeed in moving up a year early. However, it was most obvious, in Vancouver's first exhibition game last year that Vohalis was ready. He scored three goals.

Because Vancouver had such a star-studded team, packed with eastern players, there wasn't much room for the juniors last season. But in four games the galloping Greek scored three

times. He was brought up for the playoffs in a defensive role and added three points.

Last year with Burnaby, Vohalis had a good season. The 25 goals and 32 assists in 21 games don't really tell the whole story. You have to remember that Taki's main value to a team is his hitting. The goals he scores are merely a bonus.

Fortunately for the Burrards, Taki was overlooked by the eastern professional venture — not that they didn't want him but because he is married and employed locally, he wasn't about to chase a pie in the sky.





DAVE EVANS

For a while this year it appeared as if Dave Evans might be making the big move east to the professional ranks. Then came a good job with the B.C.L.A. and Dave changed his mind. The large grin being worn these days by Peter Black is because Evans did so.

Last year Dave won just about every award there was to win in senior lacrosse. He was by far the best goalie in the west and if stopping balls is what makes a goalie good, then Dave is head and shoulders better than any other in Canada.

Dave could get some competition this year now that Joe Comeau is back in New Westminster and from his pal and fellow teammate, rookie Ted Gernaey.

The best when he played junior lacrosse, Dave saw two games of action with Coquitlam in 1969 and split four games between Vancouver and Coquitlam in 1970.

His first season as a regular with Burrards was 1972. Dave played 21 games, shared much of the workload with Don Hamilton.

Evans is wide like New Westminster's Joe Comeau, taller than his teammate Don Hamilton and plays the reflex game the way Merv Schweitzer did for Coquitlam. He is big enough that if the reflexes are off, he can still get in the way.

Veteran lacrosse fans are reminded of former Victoria goalie Gordie Johnston when they see Evans in action. Dave isn't beyond using spectacular methods to stop little white pills from crossing the goal line.

If he has a fault it is his short side on power plays. Right-handed shooters have had good success against Evans although compared with the limited success of southpaws, anything would look good.

Evans is one of those selfless lacrosse players. He has always shared netminding limelight with another.



WARD SANDERSON

Ward Sanderson is not noted as a skillful lacrosse player but that doesn't mean Vancouver Burrards would ever let him play for another team. He is not available for trade.

In New Westminster the faithful Salmonbellies followers don't like Ward at all. There is a reason. The battler from Quesnel has done a good job getting the Salmonbellies off balance with his attacks on their person.

Early last season Ward did a job on the Fishmen's big Al Lewthwaite. Coach Black sent him out after a double shift by Lewthwaite and the result was much blood. Also, New Westminster players were so intimidated that over the season they went 0-8 against the powerful Burrards.

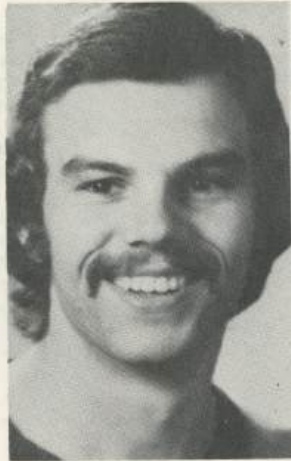
A check of the stat sheet shows Ward in an improved light. Two years ago he picked up 206 minutes in penalties and last year he was good for 209.

There is more to Ward than penalty minutes. Because he didn't get the necessary minor lacrosse training, he doesn't shoot like Paul Parnell or handle a stick the way Mike Gates did when he played in Coquitlam.

Still, Sanderson has improved his goal scoring totals each year. Last year he managed 13, 12 the year before and 11 the year before that.

Many a time he came through with big goals in close games, possibly because he was the player least expected to score for Vancouver. Coach Peter Black likes that. He knows Ward will come up with his share if left alone.

Sanderson is a noted fighter. He lost his first one in senior lacrosse to Ed Goss of the Salmonbellies but that was the last time. His brother Eric plays and fights well for the New Westminster Bruins of hockey fame.



RICK ORNAR

If the provincial government ever decides to put a super royalty tax on the Vancouver Burrards for taking players out of Burnaby, the team will have to fold its tent or stake claims in the Yukon or south of the border.

Rick Ornar is yet another player from Burnaby who has come along and made the Burrards a successful blend of age and youth.

Rick is entering his third year with Vancouver and is taking a positive look at his future.

Ornar came into the league, not exactly unknown but then hardly a household word offensively. Coach Peter Black, a genius at recognizing raw talent (although he abhors streakers), put Rick on the power play and the rookie responded with 23 goals and 52 assists in the 1972 season.

Last year Rick sank in what is commonly known as the sophomore slump. It was a combination of things, the most important being the appearance of eastern players on the scene.

So Rick lost his spot on the power play and his point total dipped to 10-22. Coach Black might have given up on other players but in the playoffs, Rick was still given plenty of floor time and he responded with four goals and seven assists in four games. Not bad for a guy who had to give up playing time to easterners during the regular season.

Black likes Rick, not necessarily because he picks up points but because he is scrappy; he hits hard and doesn't back down.

In junior with Burnaby Ornar was what you would call better than average but not a prolific scorer. His average was 15 to 20 each season but then he didn't get to set up the power play. Perhaps he should have. He certainly has impressed at that position with the Burrards when he has had the chance.



DOUG HAYES

In 1971 Vancouver Burrards were just another lacrosse team. They were a third place team in a four team league and considered shark bait for the Salmonbellies and the Adanacs.

Naturally coach Peter Black was irked. When the Burrards did a complete turn-around in 1972 Black was pleased and said "I told you so." He was referring to a rookie named Doug Hayes who turned out to be a diamond in the rough with polish.

When the Burrards roster was named at the beginning of that year Hayes name appeared inconspicuously. He was just another big kid to everybody but Black. Peter said he was a comer but he came sooner than most expected.

A big bruiser at 6-3 and 210 pounds, Hayes played his junior lacrosse with Burnaby Cablevision of the Pacific Jr. A League. Doug as a 21 year old saw some service with Vancouver when the team played out of Kerrisdale Arena. He was lightly regarded offensively and because of his lack of experience, he wasn't overly effective defensively. But that was 1971.

In 1972 Hayes scored 49 goals and assisted eight times. And that was locally. When the Burrards went east for a four game swing Hayes seemed to be scoring five goals in every game. However, stats for those games went the way of the wild goose and Hayes histrionics have not been recorded for posterity. Had they been big Doug would have been the top WLA scorer by far. Last season, playing less games Doug picked up 42 goals.

Being a big bruiser, most people expect Doug to be a tough guy on a team of enforcers. But such is not the case although nobody is anxious to stir the temper of Vancouver's prize find.

Hayes never was a big scorer in junior. He scored only eight goals in 1970 and 20 in 1971.



BOB SALT

There can be little doubt that Bob Salt ranks among the top two or three lacrosse players in western Canada. The reason he isn't the very best is that he is a nice guy. There is something in his personal makeup that allows players from other teams to go home to their families after a game.

For that other WLA teams are eternally grateful. They say Bob lacks the killer instinct. Thank God because there would be nothing left of anybody. As the WLA's hardest hitting defenceman, he had 23 goals in '73. Others may have had more

but if you ask any WLA coach, they'll take Bob Salt's 23 goals and his hard hits above all.

Bob joined Vancouver as a full time senior player in 1967.

Salt's first year as a senior saw him score 27 goals in 29 games. He wasn't assist conscious. He had only seven that year. His pattern has changed drastically since that time.

In 1968 Bob made the second allstar team with 44 goals and 37 assists. He hasn't matched that total since but only because of bad knees that caused an operation in 1970.

In 1969 Bob matched the point total of the previous year but on

10 less goals. He played only five games in 1970, a year the Burrards would rather forget — probably because they lacked seasoning (Salt). Too many rookies and not enough experience.

Salt returned in 1971 and scored 24 goals and added 50 assists in 24 games. He tended to favor his bad knee on occasion. The year '72 his total hit 78 points including 43 goals. He was a big help to Vancouver as they almost subdued (and surprised) New Westminster in the western playoffs. Bob was chosen to help New Westminster in the Mann Cup.

ROSS McDONALD

A team with championship aspirations needs a Ross McDonald. In fact, a dozen McDonalds would be nice.

McDonald, one of the unsung heroes of the game of lacrosse, broke into senior company in 1965 with the likes of Bill Robinson and Gord Frederickson.

To say that the small but rugged McDonald was a welcome addition to the Burrards (then known as the Carlings) would be an under-statement. Vancouver had just lost several players to the new Coquitlam franchise including an entire line. Ross fit in well.



Last season McDonald missed one quarter of the season due to injuries and his point total slipped to 36 (13-23). Since sitting out the 1969 season, Ross has played like gangbusters, both offensively and defensively.

In 1970 McDonald was one of the better players in the league and certainly a star for Vancouver with 43 goals. He followed up with 31 goals in 1971 and added 27 in 1972. He was named to the third allstar team three years in a row before missing out last season.

In his first year Ross scored 24 goals. He was not a big playmaker (six assists) but those

picking up most of the assists in those days were players lucky enough to get a spot on the power play.

The year 1966 saw McDonald continue his effective but unspectacular pace with 22 goals. He managed 23 in 1967, the year Vancouver won that infamous Mann Cup victory over Brooklin at Kerrisdale Arena.

McDonald played 50 percent more games in 1968 but his goal production remained almost the same (24).

Ross was as disillusioned as most after that financially disastrous '68 season.

GORD FREDERICKSON

For years Gord Frederickson toiled in relative obscurity until the 1972 season when he won the Western Lacrosse Association scoring title.

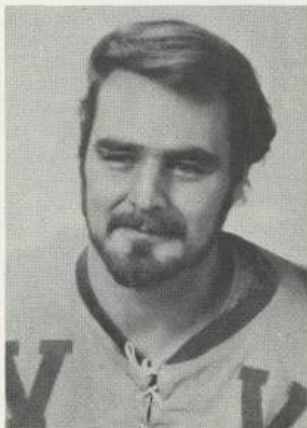
The talented centre of the Vancouver Burrards has always been a threat on the power play and has been the best faceoff man on the team. Even last year when hobbled by injuries, he dominated the faceoff circle and in just 17 games contributed 23 goals and 39 assists.

Vancouver had some bad years between 1969 and 1972 when the Gastown gang almost whipped New Westminster in the

western finals. In '72 Gord popped in 39 goals and added a whopping 96 assists to top all scorers and his efforts put him on the first allstar team for the third year in a row.

Gord broke in with the Burrards back in 1965 when a promising crop of rookies appeared. There was little to choose between Frederickson, Ross McDonald and Bill Robinson.

In his first year Gord scored 27 goals in 27 games. And that was on a team filled with super stars. The following year wasn't as productive but in 1967, with the Burrards flying high (under



the name of Carlings) Frederickson topped the league in goals with 46.

There were those who expected more of Gord in 1968, the year of the ill-fated professional attempt.

Gordie started to move scoring wise in 1969. That year he had 39 goals and 33 assists while playing 11 less games than the previous season.

The Burrards had a bad team in 1970 with Frederickson one of the few shining lights. That was Gord's first year over the 100 point plateau as he had a 43-58 mark. He was 52-73 the next year.

BOB BABCOCK

Bob Babcock returned to lacrosse in 1972 after a year off and has been instrumental in the success of the Burrards ever since. Last year he had 53 assists to go with his 12 goals, not bad over 19 games.

Babcock, 35, first appeared on the senior lacrosse scene in '59 when he scored 14 goals in 19 games.

With young players like Babcock improving steadily (he had 27 goals in 28 games the following year) Vancouver made noises like champions. In 1961 Bob scored 35 goals as Vancouver won the Mann Cup.

It should be noted here that

goals were harder to come by in those days as lacrosse was a one on one situation with the best shooters and the fastest runners your top scorers. Bob was good at both.

It was New Westminster's turn to win the Mann Cup in 1962; Bob slipped in scoring with 27 goals and dipped further the next year with 17 in only 19 games. Babcock scored 27 goals in 1964.

When many of the Vancouver players departed for Coquitlam in 1965 Babcock teamed with Syd Warick and Whitey Nelson to form Vancouver's first line. Warick scored 53 goals that season and Babcock notched 51

— his best to that time and since.

Vancouver won the west again in 1966 although Babcock found his normally accurate shot had slipped somewhat and he scored only 25 goals. That total dipped even further to 22 in 1967.

Babcock was good for 14 goals in 1968 over 35 games. In 1969 Bob played in only two games in league play. The following year he came back briefly at the end of the season and played in nine games.

In 1972 Babcock returned and had 14 goals and 17 assists in 19 games. He returned to 1965 form in the playoffs with 12 goals and 28 assists in 10 games.





BILL RAWSON

Wiry Bill Rawson could score 10 goals a year with Vancouver and still be one of the most important players on the team.

When the Stranahan family made the mold for their 'Champion' Sparkplug, they used a copy of Bill. The kid never stops running or hitting even though he is hardly the kind of physical specimen one would expect to see performing heroically.

Rawson knows what it is like to be a loser. He was one of the few bright lights with Vancouver Legion in the mid sixties when New Westminster Salmonbellies used to narrowly nip the Legion by scores of 32-4 and 36-6. Rawson was usually good for half of the Legion goal totals in those games.

In 1968, playing with a bunch of veterans, Bill scored 20 goals and added 24 assists. Nobody noticed him that year as all eyes were on Vancouver's veterans, playing their final year.

The following season was even better for Rawson as he played nine less games and scored 26 times. 1971 was about the same as he continued to stand out on a Vancouver team that didn't score a lot of goals. He had 27-35 that year.

Then came Bill's biggest year and a spot on the WLA's third allstar team. In 32 games Bill scored 36 goals and added 48 assists. Coach Peter Black was named coach of the year in 1971 because of his ability to turn promising players such as Bill Rawson into stars.

Putting Bill on the power play crease full time didn't hurt the boy and gave him confidence. A construction foreman, Bill is considered a smart lacrosse player and easy to coach.

Two years ago was Bill's first season for recognition as he was named to the WLA third allstar team.



DENNIS QUIGLEY

There was much discussion last year over the prospects of the Burrards. One newspaper prognosticator even went so far as to pick Vancouver first in the WLA.

But that was because Vancouver had acquired several top notch eastern offensive stars. It was a mistake, the Burrards would have finished first without the eastern help because local boys came through like champions.

One of the unsung heroes of the Burrards was Dennis Quigley. No, Dennis did not lead the league in scoring. His 10 goals and 32 assists seem pale to the histrionics of others. But when it came to the double H, hustle and harassment, Dennis Quigley won undisputed honors for his 1973 efforts.

But then everybody should have known about Dennis. It was he who bopped Paul Parnell in the eye in the 1972 western final and it was he who took violent exception to the mouth of Wayne Goss with his stick.

In the words of the former Vancouver Burrards president Colin Cruickshank who is now above such things: "We knew we had to stop Parnell and Goss if we were to win. That Parnell played as well as he did in that final game (three goals and three assists) is a tribute to his greatness."

It wasn't that Dennis didn't do his job. He did. In fact, there isn't a team in the league that wouldn't love to have this former Vancouver Legion junior. Dennis played his junior career in the shadow of Al Tasker, Dave Litzenberger and others but it takes more than goal scorers to win championships. Obviously, overlooking Quigley as part of that 1969 western champion Legion team was a mistake.



ALAN TASKER

If the Vancouver Burrards are to win the Mann Cup this time around they'll need to see a great deal more of Al Tasker.

Tasker, you see, has the potential to become the next Paul Parnell.

One of the guiding lights in that memorable 1969 Vancouver Legion western final come-from-behind win over New Westminster, Al was also part of that Vancouver team that went east to play in the Minto Cup against a powerful Lakeshore, Ont. team.

Also in 1970 Tasker played eight games with a Burrard team that could have used his services all season. To say that Vancouver was weak offensively would be an understatement. Al scored 18 goals and added 11 assists in those eight games.

In his first full senior year Tasker played in only one league game. He had two goals and two assists. During the playoffs Al played in 10 games and had nine goals and 11 assists. He was one of several players who came up big in the final against New Westminster. Last year he had 28 points (13 goals) in just 13 games.

Al's absence during the league schedule was brought on by his employment with the Vancouver City Police. Tasker works nights and afternoons two of the three months league games are played. He was on day shift during playoffs.

As much as the Burrard management would like to get Al on a steady day shift, there is not much chance of that happening. Crime doesn't stop for lacrosse.

A big guy, Al has a tremendous overhand shot which catches the top corner more often than not. He looks a bit like Paul Parnell of the Salmonbellies and scores like him.



TED GERNAEY

The best prospects to come out of junior lacrosse in the west insofar as goaltending is concerned have gone to the Burrards over the past few years.

Vancouver picked off Dave Evans who is starting his third year with the team because of allegiances to Burnaby but the Burrards were lucky to grab Ted Gernaey in the third round last March.

Gernaey was the most important factor in Richmond winning the Minto Cup in 1971 when, as a pickup from Burnaby, Gernaey stood the east on its ear.

Last year Gernaey played a few games with New Westminster Salmonbellies who needed help when Joe Comeau retired. His average shots stopped per game was .771, one of the best in the league.

There had been some talk of both Coquitlam and New Westminster opting for Gernaey but when word leaked out that Ted had signed a letter of intent with the eastern pro venture, both New Westminster and Coquitlam backed off.

But Gernaey changed his mind after being drafted by Vancouver and chose to stay at home and help his buddy Dave Evans tend the Burrards nets.

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NICK DELMONICO

Chosen second in the draft by the Burrards for the 1974 season, Nick is not what would normally be described as your average Vancouver player. Nick is a goal scoring specialist and something the Burrards have needed since Syd Warick retired after the 1968 season.

Most of the Burrards do many things. Gord Frederickson scores goals but he is also the best faceoff man in the game and is known more for his faceoff work than his goal scoring.

Taki Vohalis scored goals as a junior but was noted more for his defensive play.

Delmonico, then, is what the doctor ordered for the Burrards. The Burnaby grad can score from anywhere. Vancouver management thought so much of the boy they first brought him up as a 17-year-old and he proved he could score in senior company.

There are those who say Nick should have moved up to senior company a long time ago. They say he wasn't interested in junior. But then anybody who scores 42 goals and totals 79 points (like Nick did last year in Burnaby) has to have his heart in the game.

DON HAMILTON

At press time the future of Don Hamilton was clouded. The 37 year old veteran can still play lacrosse but being an unselfish man, told coach Peter Black that he did not wish to stand in the way of youth on the way up.

"Hammy" has a spot on the Vancouver executive if he wants it and of course he is still available in case of injuries. The youngsters now looking after the Vancouver goal, Dave Evans and Ted Gernaey, both have a history of knee problems. Hamilton has been an iron man. He can still help.

MIKE SMITH

Mike is starting his third year with the Burrards and some day he'll get the recognition he deserves. Smith is not a big goal scorer although there is nothing wrong with the 11-12 mark he recorded last year.

Like most of the Burrards, Mike thinks defensively. He learned to play that way when with Richmond in junior ranks. When the west won a Minto Cup back in 1971 for the first time in nine years it was because there were defencemen like Smith to slow down those fast eastern forwards.

Coach Peter Black has the same thing in mind this year for Mike. Just keep on truckin' defensively.

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IVAN THOMPSON

Three years ago a lanky, bespectacled lacrosse player with excellent credentials checked into New Westminster's Russell Hotel. He placed a call to executive members of the Salmonbellies and announced that he would like to play in the Royal City.

Being magnanimous, the Salmonbellies sent Ivan a note of regret and suggested he contact the Victoria Shamrocks. Ivan did and last year, as the Shamrocks climbed over the 1972 Mann Cup champions into the WLA playoffs, the Fishmen may have regretted that move.

All Ivan Thompson did was score 48 goals and add 44 assists to finish fifth in the scoring race. That was to be expected of course because Ivan totalled 49 goals and 117 points the previous season.

In his first year in Victoria Thompson came down with a knee problem and played only nine games. There was no doubt that the Huntsville, Ont. native could take the hard hitting western game as he scored 14 goals in those nine games.

During his stay in Victoria Ivan has become noted as a player who can take it as well as hand it out. He has been the subject of considerable punishment. Never has he complained.

Needless to say much pressure was put on Ivan to head east this year and try his hand with the pro venture of messers Jim Bishop and Morley Kells but he prefers Victoria.

His brother Brian, fourth in the scoring last year with Victoria, succumbed. His 43 goals and 51 assists will be missed although any team with a MVP like Ivan Thompson on board can't be in too much trouble.

No player in western lacrosse can take a pass and let it fly faster



RANJIT DILLON

Victoria is noted for producing good lacrosse players. One of them is Ranjit Dillon who could have led Victoria to many Minto Cup performances in the middle 1960s had New Westminster not come up with a team that included the likes of Wayne Goss, Ken Winzoski, etc.

Still, the veteran Victoria floor general played in his share of Minto Cup games and that is why, with his experience, the Victoria Shamrocks still look to the little scooter for leadership.

In fact, while others may score more goals (Ranjit had a 24-49 season last year), it is said that when the Dillons (including his brother Nirmal) are hot, there is no stopping the Islanders.

There was a time (ah, the joys of youth) back in 1966 when Ranjit took keen personal delight in destroying the New Westminster Salmonbellies. When New Westminster had that strong mid-sixties junior team, they had to beat out Victoria for the western title. And to do that, the player they had to stop was Ranjit. They did so by checking him mercilessly, even when he didn't have the ball.

So when Victoria welcomed Ranjit to senior company and saw what he could do while killing penalties, he was used to his full potential. He can still do it, perhaps not quite as effectively, and when he does, nobody can catch him or get the ball away from him.

As well as being a great ball hawk, Ranjit has been known to pile up the points. He had 44 goals for 116 points in 1968. In 1970 it was 34-35. In 1971 he had 41-53 and in 1972 Ranjit picked up over 100 points, 39-67.

WLA teams played only 25 games last year so hitting the 100 point plateau was difficult indeed.



SKIP CHAPMAN

Skip Chapman, the veteran goalie, is in love with the city of Victoria and guess what, he isn't a retired Englishman.

And on both counts the Victoria Shamrocks are grateful.

Chapman is a New Westminster product who spent three years in the Royal City before first venturing "overseas" to Victoria in 1964. After three years as a backup to highly regarded Les Norman, Skipper was ready.

The Shamrocks were competing in a league with all powerful teams in Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster with a team that needed a good goalie. Skip filled the bill as he stopped shots at a .772 clip and won the Commission Trophy as the league MVP and also grabbed a spot on the first allstar team.

Chapman was working on the mainland at the time and now it can be told that he once climbed a wire fence to escape his boss and catch the plane at 6 p.m. for a Wednesday night outing.

After two years of harrowing escapes (and one ripped pair of pants) Skip returned to the mainland and three years of toil with Vancouver Burrards.

With Skip in the nets Vancouver made it to the Mann Cup in 1966 and 1967. He was named the league's best goalie in 1968.

Then Skip sat out three years of lacrosse for personal reasons. When life became a bowl of cherries again he accepted a position of employment in Victoria with Pepsi Cola. He made the second allstar team in his first year back at Memorial Arena which was not bad considering that 1972 Shamrocks team ended up in last place dogfight with Coquitlam, a team that went through that season without many of its first line players.



NIRMAL DILLON

There was great joy in Victoria this year when Nirmal Dillon made it plain he would be playing lacrosse on a full time basis.

Last year Nirmal had to be coaxed out of retirement — and a premature one at that — to return to the Shamrocks for what had to be one of the better Victoria seasons.

When you look at point totals, Nirmal's name is seldom at the top. His 11 goals and 28 assists last year hardly tell a story. Quite often it depends on how much time one spends on the power play how many points one amasses.

Nirmal first played senior as a 17-year-old and he was living proof that you don't have to be 21 to play senior lacrosse.

You have to wonder how successful the Victoria Shamrocks over the last eight years would have been without the splendid splinter (with apologies to Ted Williams). Nirmal and his brother Ranjit have been the backbone of the Shamrocks man-short play since they joined the team.

Mainland fans probably don't appreciate the Dillons and the speed of Nirmal in particular as they don't see them as often as do the Victoria following.

Back in 1966 when the Dillons first appeared in senior lacrosse it was easy to see that mainland teams were in for a much tougher battle from the 'Rocks.

Then, in 1967, with a man-short play that was second to none, Victoria reached the western final.

No player in lacrosse takes as much punishment as the 120 pound Nirmal. He was once, and repeat once, was caught from behind by New Westminster's big Al Lewthwaite who propelled Nirmal through the air a full 20 feet with a thunderous crosscheck.



GEORGE GROVER

Poor George Grover. The lad must wonder what he has to do to show the world he is a first string goaltender. He may never get his big chance, either.

After playing behind Doug Thompson for three years, George was ready to step into the breach two years ago when Skip Chapman made his triumphant return.

George doesn't seem to mind, though, just as long as his team does well.

Back in 1965 as a 17-year-old, Grover entered his first game of senior lacrosse. It was in New Westminster and the Salmonbellies, winners of the Mann Cup that year, were winning by an uncommon margin that night. George was sent in half way through the third period and New Westminster shooters rubbed their hands. More goals they thought.

It wasn't to be, however, as George allowed only one goal to Cliff Sepka, the first shot he faced, and went on to blank the Salmonbellies until the final buzzer.

As a junior George was a backup until 1969 when he more or less shared duties with Doug Thompson — that being Grover's first senior season. In 22 games he had a respectable .724 average. That may be pale along side the likes of Joe Comeau, Merv Schweitzer and Don Hamilton who were first string goalies of the time but George drew most of his assignments away from home.

There was really no hope of a good average during that season. Coquitlam was winning 26 of 30 games and New Westminster was good.

A model of consistency, Grover has averaged in the neighbourhood of 72.5 throughout his senior career. He'll probably get his chance when Skip Chapman retires but Skip is only 32 and the way goalies have been lasting in hockey... well, Skip is a curly-haired Johnny Bower.



MIKE BEULAC

Another fine Victoria produced player, Mike Beaulac is one of those players the Shamrocks are looking to for a productive year on their way to playoff success.

A big man, Mike was slowed down last year by the shorter schedule and his job. Still, he finished in the top 20 scorers with 19 goals and 35 assists but the Shamrocks are looking for a 40 goal campaign from Mike this year. If he and a few other key players can come through, Victoria will be there at the final bell.

Also, Mike can point to a lack of floor time on the power play for last year's drop in points. Brian Thompson took over his spot as shooter on the right side.

Beaulac has always been steady. He first came up in 1969 and scored 19 goals. He slipped one to 18 in 1970 but his assist total moved from 11 to 36. He continued to improve his point total the next year with 22 goals and 45 assists and then in 1972 he averaged one goal per game and two assists per game as he played in 31 outings.

Mike has one big plus in his favour offensively. Unlike many players who like to get set before they shoot, Mike can let it fly on the dead run. Also, he can pick the top corner more often than not. He is dynamite for short goalies who have trouble protecting the upper corners.

When it comes to the power play, Mike can score with shots to all four corners. Most shooters have a favorite spot but big Mike isn't fussy about when he scores.

Coach Ed Kowalyk has confidence in Mike. Over the years Beaulac has had his best games in Coquitlam where time after time he has come up with hat-tricks. If Beaulac is allowed to roam free, he'll cause a lot of trouble.



ROGER DUBYNA

This Nanaimo native figures prominently in the plans of the Victoria Shamrocks. There can be little doubt that Roger Dubyna is one of the most promising defencemen in the WLA.

A first round draft choice of the Vancouver Burrards in the 1973 Western Lacrosse Association draft of graduating junior players, Roger was traded to Victoria for Walt Weaver.

It was a good trade for Victoria because Weaver chose to stay on the mainland and Roger, being an Island boy to begin with, had no intention of commuting to Vancouver for games.

Last year Roger scored seven goals and added 18 assists, not bad for a rookie defenceman. But it wasn't the goal total that impressed veteran WLA observers.

When information for the 1974 WLA yearbook was being prepared, writers were told that the player to watch in Victoria in the coming years was young Dubyna.

Perhaps it was the tremendous four goal performance he had in New Westminster last year that so enthused veteran Victoria observers. Goalie Skip Chapman thinks so; he is one of the strongest Dubyna supporters. But also consider the defensive play. True, lacrosse is becoming a game of run and gun but there has to be the hard knockers, the guy who lays back and hits some of those speedsters to slow them down. And of course there is the hustle that goes into making a man-short play successful. There is a lot to making Roger Dubyna a hot prospect for future stardom in Victoria.

Dubyna played most of his junior lacrosse in Coquitlam with the J-Hawks, not noted for producing junior talent in the past, looked to Nanaimo for much of its talent in 1970-71-72.



CHARN DHILLON

For years the boys at the wire service have been driven wild over the spelling of 'Dhillon'. With most Western Lacrosse Association teams having brother combinations, particularly Victoria, the desk types at Canadian Press were always fighting with whoever was calling in the box scores.

After Ranjit and Nirmal Dillon (wearing sweaters 5 and 6) came Charn Dhillon. And last season, with a good 22 goals and 38 assists in 25 games, it was imperative that his name be spelled correctly.

Charn has been around lacrosse on a steady basis since 1969 when he scored 17 goals and assisted on 27 in 25 games. The following year that total blossomed to 28-36 in 24 games. He improved steadily and went up to 29-42 in 1971.

However, in 1972 Dhillon slipped to 19-32 in 25 games. Of course there was a reason. With Victoria sailing merrily along, challenging for second place, Charn suffered a broken wrist and missed three weeks of play.

He came back but was not effective as the broken wrist caused him mental as well as physical anguish.

Charn is the only Victoria-raised player that comes to mind who has ever played in a Mann Cup game. That was in 1968 when, as a junior, he was picked up by Nanaimo. He was used sporadically. In 1968, for those who may have forgotten, the WLA was in its infancy and fighting with the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The CLA dipped into Sr. B ranks and called it senior A and held its own national championship.

Further on Charn: This slightly built lefthanded shot often is found as shooter on the power play where his low bounce shot is extremely deadly. Those wishing to imitate it should attend 'Charn' school.



DENNIS SOMNER

One of the better players with the Victoria team is Dennis Somner, a product of Victoria minor lacrosse and brother of Tom Somner.

Dennis has earned the respect of mainland teams for his constant irritation of star players. When the Shamrocks want a player of the calibre of New Westminster's Paul Parnell or Coquitlam's John Allen checked, they call upon Dennis.

Dennis isn't big, he is just plain sensational with his stick. Paul Parnell of New Westminster has commented frequently in the past about the work of Somner who is sneaky quick with that stick.

Dennis' penalty totals suggest that league officials are getting wise to his efforts because they mount at an alarming rate as his senior experience (and exposure) add up.

An instant success in his first year, Dennis scored 29 goals and 27 assists in 1969. It wasn't as if he spent an uncommon amount of time on the power play, on the contrary, he scored most of his goals while in a defensive role. When it came to breakaways, Dennis had more chances than New Westminster's Wayne Goss whose name is equated with the word breakaway.

The following year Somner scored 31 goals in 24 games and added 33 assists. His penalty total went from 31 minutes to 83 minutes, quite a jump.

In 1971 Dennis scored 26 goals and added 36 assists. His penalty total dropped to 68 minutes but that was just the lull before the storm.

In 1972 Dennis had 27 goals and 20 assists. His total fell last season as he played considerably less games due to the shorter schedule but this year should be a different matter for the scrappy Shamrock.



PETE RUSHTON

Only a part time performer last year with Victoria, The 'Rocks are looking for production from Pete this year. Noted for his hard shot (goalie Skip Chapman says nobody in the game can shoot harder from a set position), Pete should be able to improve on his two goals and two assists of last year.

Rushton is one of many bright prospects that have been languishing in Sr. B lacrosse on the Island over the past few years. A good checker, Pete is tough and is noted as a hard worker. He has three years of Sr. B experience behind him.



DAVE THOMSON

Spell that name without a 'p' in the middle says Dave. A big guy who likes the rough going, Dave has two years of senior lacrosse under his belt now. A fighter who would be right at home in junior hockey, Thomson had nine goals and 23 assists last year; 10 goals and 13 assists the year before.

His penalty totals average 75 minutes per year which is what the coaches like — a guy who won't back down. Not a candidate for the power play, Dave nevertheless is an asset to the 'Rocks.



TOM LEVASSEUR

A former New Westminster minor lacrosse product, Tom moved to the Island two years ago and in 1972 had a good season thanks to some time on the power play. His rookie year was good for 17 goals and 25 assists after a great start.

Last year, with the likes of Brian Thompson along for power play duty, Tom saw less offensive chances and slipped to 18 points. Still, the slightly built youngster is a hustler and an asset to the Shamrocks.



TOM SOMNER

What do Tom Somner and Al Lewthwaite have in common? Somner, pesky forward with Victoria Shamrocks and Lewthwaite, bruising defenceman with the New Westminster Salmonbellies, both started their senior careers in 1969, four years before their time.

And that is the only parallel you could draw between the pair because Lewthwaite comes in the giant, economy size while Somner is on the small size.

Tom is the younger brother of Dennis, also with the Shamrocks and a player the 'Rocks hope will stick around this summer. As a 17 year old Tom played in 17

games and scored 17 goals and then moved that total up to 27 the following year.

His work played havoc with lacrosse and in 1971 Tom participated in only 17 games, scoring eight goals and adding 10 assists.

Last year Tom went back to junior lacrosse but still found time to play nine games of senior. Those games were good for six goals and seven assists.

Pre-season workouts in Victoria this spring found Tom a regular. In the past he has always had work commitments — last year he missed eight games due to work out of town but in 1974 he plans to be around on a full time basis.

RON McNEIL

Ron McNeil is the only Victoria player this year who has ever played in what we all know as the Mann Cup. He has been a star over the past three years in eastern lacrosse with Brantford.

A big goal scorer (he once scored 115 goals in one season as a junior — a mark that still stands in the OLA), Ron is also rugged in that he can take care

of himself when the going gets tough.

McNeil is not highly regarded in Coquitlam. Two years ago when Bill Bradley, the coach of the A's last year, was playing in Windsor, he had an altercation with McNeil and came away with a broken jaw.

Lacrosse fans in New Westminster have had several looks at Ron including the 1972 Mann

Cup when he was an integral part of the Brantford Warriors run and gun offence.

And one thing about signing Ron McNeil. If Ron plays in Victoria, can his brothers Milt and Earl be far behind? The Shamrocks can only hope that the beauty of the B.C. capital city attracts more players like Ron.

