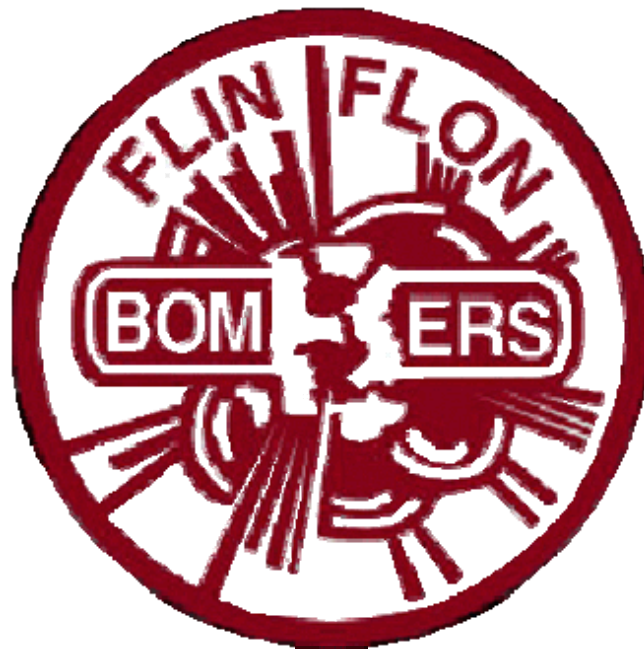


1957 Flin Flon Bombers
Memorial Cup Photos



Richard Billy's Collection

From Richard Billy, May 2013

Newspaper photos from my scrapbook of the Bombers Memorial Cup victory in 1957.

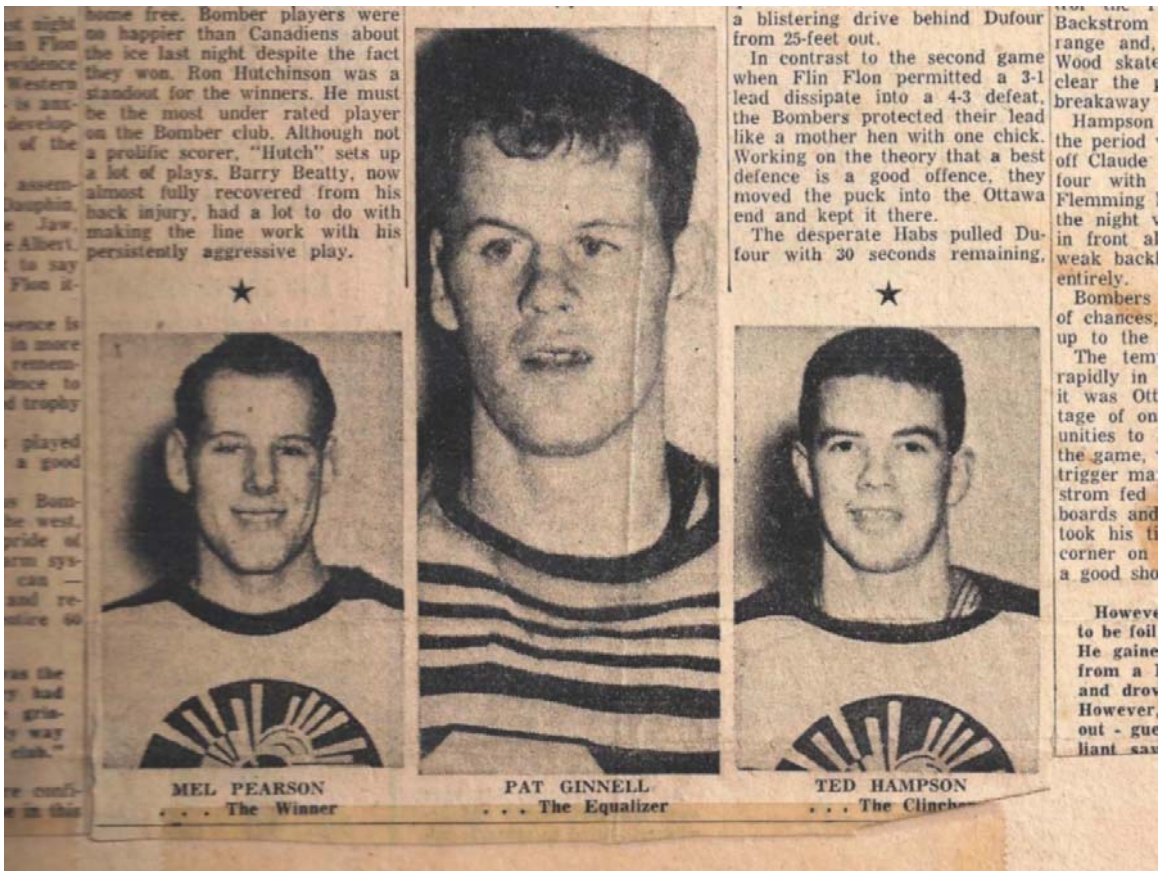
The Bombers, with eight homegrown players, beat the highly favoured hand-picked Ottawa-Hull Junior Canadiens in seven games..



0037 - Captain Ted Hampson scoring the Bombers first goal of the Memorial Cup finals at the 13 minute mark of the second period. Hampson was hooked down on a breakaway by Canadiens' Jean Marc Picard but still managed to steer the puck by netminder Claude Dufour to tie the game at one. Bomber defenseman George Konik would put the Bombers ahead later in the period and then score an empty net goal to ice it late in the third as the Bombers upset the heavily favoured Ottawa/Hull Canadiens 3-1 in the first game at the Whitney Forum.



#0038 - Canadiens' netminder Claude Dufour makes a spectacular toe save off the stick of Harvey Fleming in the second period of game five in Regina. Linemates Ron Hutchinson and Barry Beatty, seen entering the photo at right, and Fleming would combine early in the third period to score the winning goal with Beatty pulling the trigger in a 3-2 Bomber win and 3-2 edge in the series in Regina.



#0039 - Three Bomber stars, Mel "Boom Boom" Pearson, Patty Ginnell and Ted Hampson would lead the Bomber attack scoring eleven of the nineteen goals the Bombers scored in the series and racking up twenty-one points between them. Ginnell would tally six goals and two assists. Hampson had three goals and five helpers while Pearson added two goals and three assists. George Konik would add four goals and an assist. Bombers also got great contributions from their second line of Harvey Fleming, Ron Hutchinson and Barry Beatty who along with Orland Kurtenbach provided three goals and added thirteen assists for sixteen points. Defenseman Jean Gauthier, picked up from the Fort William Canadiens, was a standout defensively and added three assists. Defenseman Ken Willey added the last Bomber goal.



#0040 -Canadiens' Murray Balfour (19) throws an elbow to the face of Bomber Captain Ted Hampson during a Bomber powerplay as the puck skips away from the front of the net. Patty Ginnell (behind goaltender Dufour) and Ralph Backstrom (behind Hampson) look for the puck while Orland Kurtenbach (12) is jousts with the much shorter Claude Ruel in front of the crease.



#0041 - Bomber defenseman George Konik jams home his fourth goal of the series past Ottawa netminder Claude Dufour to give the Bombers a 1-0 lead in game six but the Habs came back to score three third period goals to win 4-2 and force the seventh and deciding game.



#0042 -Patty Ginnell (top) beats netminder Claude Dufour to stick side to give the Bombers a second period lead in game six as Mel Pearson (7) arrives looking for a rebound.



#0043 - Bomber captain Ted Hampson (10) tries to slide the puck past Canadien defenseman Jean Picard to a waiting Patty Ginnell in front of the Ottawa net. Mel Pearson (at top) races in for any rebound.



#0044 -Bomber Patty Ginnell looks for the rebound as Ottawa's Claude Dufour makes stop on a shot by Ted Hampson (10) as Claude Ruel and Jean Picard (on the ice) try to cover up.



#0046 - Bomber netminder George Woods and defenseman Jean Gauthier (on ice) scramble to cover up a loose puck as Ralph Backstrom (checked by Hampson) and Bobby Rousseau look for a rebound. Ted Hampson comes in from the left to help out.

CANADA'S

Our Flin Flon Bombers

The
Champs
Arrive
Home
Saturday
Morning



CANADA'S BEST

Shown above are the All-Canada champion Flin Flon Bombers shown "whooping it up" in their dressing room

Back row left to right are Ken Willey, Wayne Sproxtton and Cliff Lennartz. Immediately below them are Rod Lee, Duane Rupp

and "The Stopper" George Wood. Next line down shows George Konik, Carl Forster, Harvey Fleming, Paddy Ginnell, Mel Pearson, Manager Doug Dawson and Coach Bobby Kirk beaming benevolently at his boys.

Front and centre are

BEST

#0047 - Canada's Best. The Bombers celebrate in the dressing room in Regina after their thrilling 3-2 win in game seven of the Memorial Cup.

EST'S FIRST SINCE '48

Flin Flon Captures Junior Hockey Title

By HAL SIGURDSON
Free Press Staff Writer

REGINA (Special) — It was like the 24th of May, the Mardi Gras and coming home for Christmas all rolled into one here last night at Regina's Exhibition Stadium as the fabulous Flin Flon Bombers brought Western Canada its first Memorial Cup triumph since 1948.

Flin Flon, with Patty Ginnell, Mel Pearson and Teddy Hampson netting the goals, defeated Ottawa's hand-picked Canadiens, 3-2, in the biggest win for the little guy since David took out Goliath in the first round.

Mike Lagace, the tall, lean student who has played such a prominent roll in this series, scored both the Ottawa goals — the second a fraction of an instant before the game-ending buzzer signalled the start of a bedlam that may not finish until the next hockey season.

Lagace started out Wednesday morning in Montreal. By 10:30 p.m. he had scored two goals in Regina. If that doesn't set a record, it must certainly tie an old one.

The game itself was a nerve-jangling affair as first one team and then the other pressed to the attack. There was sustained action in every minute and not a deep breath for the fans until it was over.

PENALTIES COSTLY

Two first period penalties — a minor to Giles Tremblay and a five-minute major for deliberate injury to Ralph Backstrom — played havoc with Ottawa. Flin Flon tallied once with the two-man advantage and again while Backstrom was off to walk into a 2-0 first-period lead.

Other reports and commentaries on the game will be found on sports pages. An action shot is on page 10.

Ottawa rallied in the second and their efforts were finally rewarded seconds before the end to cut the westerners' lead to 2-1. However, in the third, Hampson barreled in on goal with one of his patented rushes to raise the count to 3-1 and virtually eliminate Ottawa's last hope of survival. Lagace's goal too, was a great effort, but too late.

Penalties proved disastrous to Ottawa in the opening period as Flin Flon took over to assume a 2-0 margin with Ginnell and Pearson blinking the red light.

First Giles Tremblay took a two-minute tripping penalty. Six seconds later Backstrom took a



...ude Dufour, a series' standout for Ottawa, found Flin Flon's Patty Ginnell ... all evening Friday. Ginnell is parked on Dufour's doorstep here. Canadian ... se Ruel and Jean Picard (21). Other Bomber is Ted Hampson (10).



Leads Scoring



CAPTAIN TEDDY HAMPSON

The Stopper

