

Merritt appeals hockey decision

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — The Merritt Centennials of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League are appealing a Canadian Amateur Hockey Association decision that ruled two Merritt players ineligible for further play this year.

The Centennials were to file the appeal today to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. They want spare goalie Tom Cassady and defenceman Joe Radvak returned to the lineup.

The CAHA rejected inter-branch transfers for the two,

both Alberta players.

Merritt coach Gordon McBeth said he hoped the two players would be allowed to take part in the remaining playoff games.

Playing here Tuesday, the Kelowna Buckaroos downed Merritt 7-0 to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-seven quarter final series. The second game is today.

Kelowna allowed Merritt to use a Kelowna midget goalie as their spare goaltender Tuesday.

Sports

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GAME HERE TONIGHT

Vikings bombed in playoff opener

Bellingham Blazers, Kelowna Buckaroos and Penticton Broncos won their opening games Tuesday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League quarter-finals.

Bellingham blanked Chilliwack Bruins 7-0 in the first game of their best-of-seven series. Penticton swept to a lopsided 8-1 victory over Vernon Vikings to take a 1-0 lead in their quarter-final series and Kelowna got off to a strong start with a 7-2 victory over Merritt Centennials.

The other quarter-final contestants, Nanaimo Clippers and Langley Lords, were idle Tuesday.

In the game at Bellingham, Vin Schamehorn led the Blazers with two goals. Brad Maxwell, Harold Phillipoff, Bruce Rowland, Wayne Jeske and Innes Mackie added the others. The Blazers rolled to a 3-0 first period lead and had extended that to 6-0 after two periods. Bellingham outshot Chilliwack 35-33.

At Kelowna, the score was deadlocked 1-1 after the first period but the Buckaroos were ahead 3-1 at the end of the second.

Linemates Dale Costanzo, Archie McKinnon and Murray Hanson each scored two goals to pace the Buckaroos. Duane Monteith added the other Kelowna goal. The Merritt markers were fired by Greg Agar and Don Festerling.

LOP-SIDED GAME

At Penticton, the Broncos were ahead 2-0 after 20 minutes and 4-0 after 40 minutes.

Mark Patterson counted a pair of goals for Penticton, while other scorers were Bryan James, Gord MacKay, Esko Siipolla, Doug Lawton,



KEN PRICE
... solo goal

Marc Severyn and Kirk Aulin. For Vernon, Ken Price counted to spoil the shutout bid of Penticton netminder Andy Mydlak.

Tonight all eight teams see action with Nanaimo at Langley, Bellingham at Chilliwack, Penticton at Vernon and Kelowna at Merritt.

Stock car meeting Thursday

The Okanagan Track Racing Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 7th at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Kalamalka Hotel.

Memberships, car registration and 1974 rule books will be available.

Anyone interested in the three classes of cars running this season are welcome.

Any information on stock car racing at Tillicum can be obtained by writing the O.T.R.A. c/o Box 725, Vernon, B.C.

Murdoch named BCJHL most valuable player

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Kelowna Buckaroos, first-place finishers in the Interior division of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, placed four players on league all-star teams announced Tuesday.

Right-winger Archie McKinnon is on the first team and goalie Jerry Nekrasoff, defenceman Dale Turner and centre Murray Hanson are on the second squad. Selections were based on voting by the BCJHL's eight coaches.

Also on the first team are netminder Mark Earp and defenceman Barry Beck of Langley Lords, top team in the coast division, and Langley coach Gill Lundihn. Other first-team allstars are defenceman Marcel Vandergraf and left-winger Vern Quaroni, both of Chilliwack Bruins, and centre Fred Berry of Merritt Centennials.

Other second-team members are Merritt left-winger Darrell Zelinsky, defenceman Mike Holmes of Penticton Broncos and right-winger Don



DON MURDOCH
... League MVP

Murdoch of Vernon Vikings. Named coach was Don Culley of Kelowna.

Murdoch was also named the league's most valuable player, Berry the rookie of the year and Zelinsky the most gentlemanly player.

Sports Briefs

SOVIET PAIR LEAD

MUNICH (Reuter) — Ludmilla Pakhomova and Alexander Gorschkov of the Soviet Union led the ice dance competition at the world figure skating championships here today after their two compulsory dances, unofficial results showed.

Hilary Green and Glyn Watts of Britain placed second and Soviet pair Natalya Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov finished third.

STRIKER QUITS SOCCER

LONDON (Reuter) — Peter Osgood, Chelsea's dissident international striker, announced Tuesday he is quitting soccer.

The 27-year-old centre forward, who was placed on the transfer list two months ago, said he had found retirement necessary for his peace of mind after "weeks of agony."

Osgood has been involved in a running dispute with the English First Division club, which last weekend sank to the edge of the relegation zone.

GERMANS OVER IRISH

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (Reuter) — West Germany's Borussia Moenchengladbach strode towards the semi-finals of the European Cup Winner's Cup when they beat Glentoran Belfast 2-0 Tuesday.

Borussia, beaten UEFA Cup finalists last season and favored to lift the Cup Winner's Cup this year, were hardly extended by Glentoran, the first Irish team to reach the quarter-finals of any European competition.

OFFER TO JACKSON

OTTAWA (CP) — Russ Jackson says he'll decide in a day or two whether to come out of retirement and play quarterback for Toronto Northmen of the World Football League.

"There'll be no future negotiations," Jackson said Tuesday. "I have their offer and it's up to me."

"I'm not going to drag on though ... I'll make up my mind in the next day or so and that'll be it."

Bowlers of the week