

INTERIOR OUTPLAYED 7-1

Coast takes BCJHL all-star match

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Kim Hilkewich scored four goals to lead the Coast division to a 7-1 victory over the Interior division in the sixth annual B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game before 1,795 fans Wednesday in Nanaimo.

For his heroics, the speedy Nanaimo Clippers winger was selected as the game's most valuable player.

Coast took the lead at the 12 second mark of the opening period when Maple Ridge Blazers Randy Betty beat Vernon netminder Keith Ferner. For the remainder of that period, the Interior went to body checking and the

two clubs played exciting end-to-end hockey.

Only some exceptional goaltending by Ferner and Nanaimo's Steve Amiss kept the score 1-0.

In the second period, the Interior stopped hitting, and the fleet Coast forwards buzzed around the Interior net at will.

Amiss retired midway through the second period with a shutout, while Ferner was beaten four times before being replaced at the same time by Penticton's Dennis Ewanchuk.

Langley's Al Weibe allowed the only Interior goal at 8:11 of the third period, when Kelowna's Perry Schnarr beat

him from close in.

Other coast marksmen were Nanaimo's Gary Lupul, and Blazers' Roy Wheaton.

Amiss and Weibe combined for 26 saves, while Ewanchuk and Ferner made 28 stops.

Of the eight Vikings playing for the Interior, none could be singled out for their play.

All-Star coach Joe Tennant, of Vernon, was upset with the loss, and disappointed with the play of the Vikings.

He said: "I'm ashamed of the way our boys played tonight. If we'd got a goal early on Amiss, it might have been a different story, but the Coast completely humiliated us."

Gord MacKay of Penticton

was the Interior's best player, but one man was not enough.

Nanaimo's eight players shined for the Coast division, picking up a total of five goals and six assists.

Vernon's players hit the road, early this morning for Merritt, where they will play the Centennials tonight.

GOALPOSTS: NHL Hall of Famer Fred "Cyclone" Taylor was on hand for the game to watch his grandson, Mark, of Langley Lords, take part in his first all-star game.

... Another Hall of Famer, Walter "Babe" Pratt, was the guest speaker at the all-star banquet Tuesday night. . . . Vikings next home game is Saturday against Penticton Veas.

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