

Clippers advance to BCJHL finals

VICTORIA (CP) — Brian Day scored four goals and set up three by linemate Rod Guimont Saturday night to lift Nanaimo Clippers to a 9-3 win over Merritt Centennials and

a berth in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoff final.

Clippers won the eight-point semi-final 8-6 and meet Penticton Vees in the eight point final.

Day scored two of his goals on the power play and his shorthanded goal midway through the first period tied the score at 1-1 and the Clippers never trailed again.

Geordie Robertson and Mike Shields closed the scoring for the Clippers, who held a 54-34 edge in shots on goal.

Danny Rota scored two goals and Neil Robinson added the other for the Centennials.

Merritt drew seven of 11 minor penalties and each team took one fighting major after the only serious incident, a second-period tussle between Gary Lupul of Nanaimo and Merritt's Bob Wasson.

Steve Amiss played the entire game in the Clipper net while Randy Struch and Brad Earp shared Merritt goalkeeping duties.

The game was played here because problems closed civic rinks in Nanaimo.

United blanks Rutland

Vernon United blanked Rutland Teamsters 3-0 in Okanagan Senior Soccer League action Sunday in Kelowna.

The teams played through a scoreless first-half, but Jim Arthur scored at 10 minutes of the second-half, to put United in the lead.

Martin Ware and Glen MacDonald later added insurance goals for the Vernon squad.

A strong effort by United's defence gave Teamsters few scoring opportunities.

In other games Sunday, Kelowna Kickers thumped Vernon Lodge Blues 5-1, Vernon Rovers shutout

Spokane evens series with lopsided victory

SPOKANE, Wash. (CP) — Spokane Flyers tied their best-of-seven Western International Hockey League final 3-3 as they doubled the score on the Cranbrook Royals 8-4 before 3,786 fans Monday.

Bob Trembecky and Jim Montgomery led the Spokane attack with two goals each. Singles came from Don Dirk, Gary Vaughan, Ernie Gare and Bob Stoyko.

Scoring for the Royals were Ray Goss, Chris Becker, Jim Miller and Felix Lavallee.

Spokane led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 5-1 at the end of the second.

Frank Turnbull was outstanding in the Spokane nets as he stopped 41 shots, while Leo Karchie made 29 saves for Cranbrook.

Seventh and deciding game will be played Saturday in Cranbrook.

Winner of the series will meet Brandon, the Manitoba champion, in the Western Canada finals for the Patton Cup to be played on the WIHL champion's home ice.



JIM SCAMMEL
... busy night

Mets win two over Caps

SPRUCE GROVE, Alta. (CP) — Paul Messier scored three goals and assisted on three others to lead Spruce Grove Mets to a 10-4 victory over Nor'Wes Caps of Vancouver in Centennial Cup play Sunday.

Mets fired 54 shots at Nor'West goaltender James Scammell to dominate the game and take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven quarter-final series.

Spruce Grove held period leads of 4-0 and 7-3 as they outshot the Caps 54-38.

Kelly Bunn, Tom Biko and Vince Magnan added two goals each for the winners with a single scored by Tony Lecuyer. Craig Berezowski scored twice for the Caps while singles went to, Sam Bowman and Brad Grunberg.

Mets took 10 of 17 minor penalties and two of three misconducts and the teams shared two majors.

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The remainder of the series will be played in Vancouver.

Mets' coach Doug Messier said after the game he was confident his team could win in Vancouver—unless they ran into refereeing problems.

Nor'Wes coach Brian Crowe said his team would play much better on home ice.

"We didn't play here nearly the way we can," Crowe said.

"I tried every possible combination out there and nothing worked. We were getting beat to the puck and we weren't skating. I don't think we were sharp at all, but it will be much, much different at home."

Tigers face elimination after loss in Victoria

VICTORIA (CP) — Centre Al Hill scored a break-away goal midway through the final period to spark Victoria Cougars to a 5-4 victory over Medicine Hat Tigers and a commanding 5-1 lead in their six-point Western Canada Hockey League quarterfinal series Sunday night.

Hill, who stole the puck from Medicine Hat defenceman Cliff Lane, broke a 3-3 tie with his second goal of the night. Cougars came back a few minutes later with Jim Gustafson scoring, and Victoria held on for the win before 9,991 fans.

Defenceman Tim Williams and Greg Tebbutt scored Victoria's other goals, while Don

Murdoch, with two, Tom Bast and Lane replied for the Tigers.

Victoria led 2-1 after the first period, but Medicine Hat tied it 3-3 going into the final frame.

Both goaltenders were outstanding. Medicine Hat's Ken Holland made 43 saves, while Victoria's Murray Bannerman stopped 33 shots.

It was a tame, but hard-checking game, with both teams taking one major and Cougars taking eight of 15 minor penalties.

The Cougars, who won and tied the first two games in Medicine Hat, will have home advantage for the fourth game here Tuesday.