

Cougars edge Tigers to win playoff series

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Victoria Cougars picked up a 5-4 win over Medicine Hat Tigers Tuesday night to emerge victorious in their second round six-point Western Canada Hockey League playoff series with a 7-1 record.

The win moves the Cougars into an eight-point series against league champion New Westminster Bruins, beginning Thursday in New Westminster and continuing with games in Victoria Friday and Saturday.

In the other game played Tuesday, Kamloops Chiefs held the lead throughout the entire game to take a 5-3 win over Saskatoon Blades in the opening game of their second round best-of-seven, eight-point playoff series.

VICTORIA 5 MEDICINE HAT 4

Jeff McDill led the Cougars with two goals, including the winner with only 45 seconds left in the third period, snapping a 4-4 tie. Jim Gustafson, Gregg Anderson and Rick Burston also tallied for the Cougars.

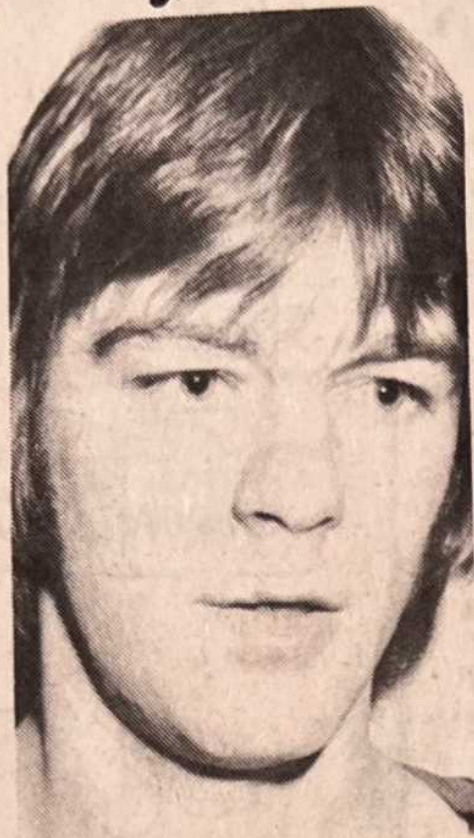
For the Tigers, Jim Bertram picked up two goals and Darrell Durrand and Morris Lukowich added singles.

Medicine Hat outshot

Caps hammer Spruce Grove

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — Robin Sadler scored three goals to lead Nor-Wes Caps to an 8-1 win Tuesday over Spruce Grove, Alta. in their best-of-seven tier two Centennial Cup junior hockey quarter-final. Spruce Grove leads the series 2-1.

Tom Blaney, Dino Sita, Ted Cotter and Craig Berezowsky, with two, completed Caps' scoring. Tony Lecuyer scored the Spruce Grove goal in the game played before about 800 fans.



DARRYL FERNER
... scored two

Victoria 39-35 and scored the only power play goal of the game late in the third period.

KAMLOOPS 5 SASKATOON 3

Chiefs' captain Darryl Ferner scored two goals for the team while Alan Young, Larry Lestander and Dave Hatheway contributed singles.

Retaliating for Saskatoon were Blair Chapman, with two, and Bill MacNaught.

Kamloops scored the first goal and kept the advantage, holding period leads of 2-1 and 3-2.

Goaltender Mark Earp of Kamloops stopped 24 shots, one less than Saskatoon's Randy Ireland.

The Blades will have a chance to make amends tonight when they host Kamloops again in the second game of the series. The third and fourth games will be Saturday and Sunday in Kamloops.

Slaton chalks up another shutout

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Slaton of Milwaukee Brewers is proving to be one of baseball's best pitchers and in the current American League baseball season he's stripping opposing hitters of any imposing batting averages.

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American League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
East				
New York	3	1	.750	
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	1/2
Boston	2	2	.500	1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Baltimore	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2
West				
Chicago	2	0	1.000	1/2
Texas	4	1	.800	
Oakland	3	2	.600	1
Kansas City	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2 1/2
California	0	4	.000	3 1/2

A six-game winning streak helped Slaton to an 11-10 record last Aug. 3, then he dropped his last eight

decisions to finish 11-18.

But in the 1976 opener he shut out New York Yankees on four hits and Tuesday he fired a two-hitter as the Brewers edged Detroit Tigers 1-0 on an unearned run in the ninth inning.

"Our problem was a fella by the name of Slaton," Detroit manager Ralph Houk conceded after watching the Tigers manage only a single by lead-off hitter Ben Oglivie in the first inning and a one-out double by Aurelio Rodriguez in the second before Slaton retired the last 23 hitters.

In other American League games, Boston Red Sox beat Cleveland Indians 7-4, New York Yankees whipped Baltimore Orioles 7-1, Chicago White Sox defeated Minnesota Twins 4-1, Texas Rangers edged Oakland A's 3-1 and Kansas City Royals beat California Angels 7-4.