

Good guys win a pair



Just think, only another two weeks and hockey season will be over. But, not to worry, the Canada Cup Tournament starts in less than four months.

While the Memorial Cup and Stanley Cup playoffs ended last weekend, the World Hockey Association's Avco Cup finals get under way this week. If the series, between Houston and Winnipeg, goes the maximum seven games, they could still be playing hockey May 30.

The only season hockey doesn't bother now is summer, but we might not be able to say that in a few years.

For those of you who are among the thousands who detest violence in hockey, the good guys got two points last weekend.

Montreal Canadiens, otherwise known as the good guys, defeated Philadelphia Flyers, often called the Broad Street Bullies and other less-flattering names.

On the same day, New Westminster Bruins, junior A hockey's version of the Flyers, went down to defeat at the hands of the Hamilton Fincups. Bruins were appropriately dressed in black, just to let everyone watching the game on television know that they are the bad guys.

Both New Westminster and Philadelphia, besides having big, tough teams, also had their share of good players. And you can bet, they'll both be heard from next year.

CHIEFS MOVING

Rumors are becoming louder about the Kamloops Chiefs moving to Vancouver's Pacific Coliseum.

Chiefs have been a constant money loser since joining the Western Canada Hockey League four years ago. Although they enjoyed their best season on the ice during 1975-76, the bank balance didn't improve much.

With seating for only 2,500 fans, Kamloops has to have almost a full-house every game to break even. A lot of times last winter, the house was far from full.

Junior A hockey has failed in Vancouver before, but the feeling is that it is worth another try. Things don't seem to be getting much better in Kamloops and a move might be just what the doctor ordered.

With the WCHL team gone, Kamloops could again enter the B.C. Junior League and give the loop a much-needed kick in the pants. Kamloops was always one of the BCJHL's strongest members, and they would certainly be welcomed back with open arms.

COACHING SEARCH

While hockey is still on everyone's mind, we are told Vernon Minor Hockey Association's executive has already started work for the 1976-77 season.

First task for the executive is to find coaches. Anyone interested in coaching can pick-up application forms at Vernon Sports Centre or Sun Valley Sports.

Deadline for rep coach entries is July 2, and house league deadline is Aug. 2.

A new position, to be called coaching co-ordinator, must also be filled. Task of the co-ordinator will be to help all house league coaches.

Anyone interested in that post is asked to phone John Doyle at 545-4985 (evenings).

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Murdoch picked in second round

Former Vernon Vikings star Don Murdoch was selected by Cincinnati Stingers in the second round of the World Hockey Association draft held Monday.

Murdoch, who spent the last two seasons with Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League, was the third player chosen in the second round.

Murdoch's Medicine Hat linemates were also selected in the second round. Centre Greg Carroll also went to Cincinnati, which acquired an extra pick from New England Whalers.

Left wing Morris Lukowich was picked by the defending league champion Houston Aeros.

Blair Chapman, a high-scoring right winger with Saskatoon Blades of the WCHL, was the number one pick in the draft.

Chapman, 19, who scored 71 goals and 157 points last season, went to Edmonton Oilers in the draft conducted Monday in a league-wide

telephone hookup.

The first five rounds of the draft were completed Monday with another five rounds to be completed May 26 in Winnipeg, between the third and fourth games of the WHA finals.

Selections were based on the reverse order of finish in the final standings. Edmonton earned the No. 1 spot when Toronto Toros were penalized their first-round pick for signing an underage player.

Also losing their first-round selections for signing players still eligible for junior hockey were New England Whalers and Houston Aeros.

The players involved were WHA rookie-of-the-year Mark Napier of Toronto, Gordie Roberts of New England and John Tonelli of Houston.

Napier and Tonelli had eligibility left with Toronto Marlboros of the Ontario Hockey Association Major Junior A series, while Roberts was signed from Victoria Cougars of the Western Canada Hockey League.

The Oilers wasted little time selecting Chapman, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound native of Lloydminster, Sask., who finished three seasons at Saskatoon with 149 goals and 301 points.

STINGERS PICK MARSH

Cincinnati Stingers followed up with Peter Marsh, another right winger, from Sherbrooke Beavers. His 75 goals and 156 points in regular season play this season made him the highest scoring graduate in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

With Toronto forfeiting its first-round pick along with New England (No. 4) and Houston (No. 12), Cleveland Crusaders (No. 5) got into the act early and picked up another QMJHL grad, Hull Festivals centre Glen Sharpley.

Robert Simpson, a 56-goal scorer with Sherbrooke, was the fourth player selected—by Indianapolis Racers. Defenceman David Farrish of Sudbury Wolves became the first player from the Ontario Hockey Association Major Junior Hockey League to go in the draft when he was picked by San Diego Mariners.

Several Europeans were also included in the WHA's universal amateur draft. The Toros, who picked No. 10 in the first round as a result of an earlier deal worked out with Quebec Nordiques, announced as their choice Bjorn Johanson of Sweden.

Most players selected in Monday's draft were from the three major junior leagues in Canada—the OHA Major (20), QMJHL (10) and the WCHL (16). Other sources were U.S. colleges (5), the U.S. Olympic team (1), Sweden (4) and Finland (2).

Kelowna twosome captures tourney

A large turnout of golfers from numerous clubs took part in the Husband and Wife Open Tournament Sunday at Spallumcheen Golf Club.

Walter and Marion Moore of Kelowna carded the low gross score of 77. Just one stroke back was the duo of Vern and Gwen Miller, also of Kelowna.

Low net score was recorded by Don and Laurine Alken of Salmon Arm with a 62½. Runner-up for low net was the Spallumcheen duo of Talley

Spallumcheen 68, and Alex and Buella McMillan of Salmon Arm 69.

Lady closest to pin was Nancy Rebkowich of Vernon, while the closest man was Bob Livingstone of Chase.

Longest drives were recorded by Loretta Ellison of Kamloops and Bob Koch of Chase.

Hidden Hole winners were Basil and May Edwards of Spallumcheen.