Oldtimers want sweet revenge

Okanagan champion Vernon Coca Cola Juvenile Reps will have their work cut out for them on Sunday when they tangle with the Vernon Oldtimers at 8 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

Last time the teams met, about a month ago, the juveniles recorded an 8-4 victory. But, this time, the Oldtimers promise things will be different.

Oldtimers' Spokesman Chris Nelson said, "We took it easy on them last time. We were missing a few key players, but still gave them a tough game. On Sunday, we hope to be at full strength."

Members of the Oldtimers' squad include Jim Moro, Jack Howard, Walt Trentini, Odie Lowe, Ron Hutchison, Shelton Bloomer, and Tom Steczyk.

Juvenile Manager Art Fester told the Daily News it does a lot of good for his club to play the Oldtimers.

Fester said, "Under Oldtimer rules, there are no slapshots and no bodychecking. So, the kids have to skate, work the puck, and use wrist shots. It is a good experience for them."

Admission is by donation and proceeds go towards the juveniles' travel expenses.

DAVE MARSHALL, and Steve Golke, of the Silver Star boys' basketball team, play under the supervision of coach Sam Penner while Dean Sofiak trys to pick up some pointers from the sidelines.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

SKIING

B.C. Cup Slalom Races being held this weekend at Tillicum Valley. Racing starts Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

JUNIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

Okanagan junior boys' basketball championships at W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School. Games run all day today. Championship is scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

At Clarence Fulton: Senior 'B' Invitational Tournament. Games all day with consolation final at 5 p.m. and championship at 8:30 p.m.

At A. L. Fortune School (Enderby): Enderby Motor Inn Invitational Tournament. Six teams competing. Finals on Sunday.

LADIES' BASKETBALL

Third annual Falconette Native Women's Basketball Tournament at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Six teams competing. Consolation final Sunday at 11:45 a.m., with the championship game at 1 p.m.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

8:20 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Kelowna Buckaroos.

NORTH OKANAGAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Semi-finals: 8:30 p.m., Rutland Arena, Grindrod Elks vs. Kelowna.

8:30 p.m. (Sunday), Winfield Arena, Westside Packers vs. Winfield Raiders.

MINOR HOCKEY

7:30 a.m. (Sunday), Civic Arena, Vernon Pup Reps vs. Calalgar (exhibition game).

PUP TOURNAMENT

Enderby Pup all-star Hockey Tournament will be held on Sunday. First round games are: 8 a.m., Vernon vs. Salmon Arm; 9:15 a.m., Armstrong vs. Westside; 10:30 a.m., Revelstoke vs. Lumby; and 11:45 a.m., Kinnaird vs. Rutland 'B' final will be held at 3 p.m. with the 'A' final at 7:15 p.m.

JUVENILES-OLDTIMERS

Vernon Juvenile Reps vs. Vernon Oldtimers in an exhibition game on Sunday night, at 8 p.m., in the Civic Arena. Admission will be by donation.

MEET THE COACH

Silver Star hoopsters enjoy a perfect year

Vernon's top elementary boys' basketball team, from Silver Star School, are cooperative and enjoy playing the game according to coach Sam Penner.

The team, recording four wins and one tie in regular season play, went on to win tournaments in Armstrong and Vernon to wrap up the season. They were the only Vernon elementary boys' team to go undefeated this year and its their first league title.

Penner said as far as teaching the players is concerned, the team works on the basics of the game. As far as physical conditioning is involved, it isn't stressed too heavily, but simple plays, scrimmaging and other techniques are worked on. "The players are still developing both physically and mentally in the game so there is no use boggling them with a lot of facts."

DIFFICULT GAME

"Players of age have to be allowed a little bit of leeway where rules are involved and things like travelling isn't called strictly. Basketball is one of the most difficult games to teach a young person and it's hard to coordinate everything at once, so that's why we don't teach a lot of the difficult stuff.

"Defensive drills and learning to play for fun are the important fundamentals of the game."

Penner said given the opportunity, the players will invent their own games like pasing keep-away and shooting games to help their dexterity and quickness in the game. "We like to stress the fun aspect of the game and there is no real fun in going a log of pointless drills," he said. "If they want to become athletes or proficient in the sport, that is for later, we just try to give them a solid base."

SURPRISED

Penner said he was surprised at the tournament victories because there is some other good teams in the school district. "That's not to say our players are poor, because they are not, but there is some really good teams around," he said. "It is far better going into a game thinking that you are the underdog than going in with overconfidence."

This was the finest group of kids I have ever worked with in sports and I managed to play everyone in all of the games, regardless of their ability. "I think if kid comes out and works hard, he deserves a spot on the team. There is only one thing the kids missed this year and that was the experience of losing. It really helps you to appreciate the game more."

Auto ice racing a growing sport in the Okanagan

Ice racing is exciting for both spectator and driver alike and not an expensive sport to pursue, according to ice racing driver Murray Horsburgh.

"Our ice racing track is laid out just like a regular circuit track. Getting involved will only cost about $1,000 over the initial expense of buying a car," Horsburgh said. "All that is required is a roll cage, a helmet and a good set of tires in order to race."

Horsburgh drives a front wheel-drive Renault and maintains it is best to race a front-wheel-drive on ice. "Anything with the engine over the drive wheels is the best handling type of car," he said. "Consequently, you see lots of things like Volkswagens, Hondas, Renaults and some exotic American cars racing on ice."

A CONTENDER

Horsburgh feels his car is a contender and said it can go up to about 120 miles per hour on the straight stretches. "The speed on the corners is obviously less, but some of the bog unlimited cats really get moving," he said. "It is an incredible feeling to get moving at those speeds on ice."

This is Horsburgh's third year of ice racing and he commutes from Richmond every second weekend to race. "The Interior and the Okanagan are B.C.'s ice racing centres, so most of the drivers are from the area," he said. "The sport is really catching on."

Horsburgh maintains that ice racing is very safe and most of the damage done is body damage. "I have never heard of anyone going through the ice or being killed," he said. "The safety regulations of most other realms of auto racing apply to ice racing, so we really don't experience any complications."

GROWING SPORT

The sport is quickly growing across Canada and anywhere that has a lake that is solidly frozen during the winter, is a prospective site. "Ice Racing has been going on in B.C. for about six years now, and in other parts of Canada for longer than that. It is a fairly well established sport," he said. "In B.C. alone, over $20,000 in prizes are offered."

For anyone who wants to get involved in the sport, Horsburgh said any car club would have information on who to contact and get ideas for the construction of a car. "Both car clubs and dealers have the data on how to construct a car for ice racing and what to do with it," he said. "In my own case, I rely on Okanagan Small Car Specialists to keep my car in tune and owner-mechanic Phil Wright manages to keep my car in top shape," he said. "It is a great sport to be involved in and the enjoyment you get from making a car go fast is incredible."

ICE RACING DRIVER Murray Horsburgh of Richmond sits on the specially constructed bumper of his modified Renault. Horsburgh has been racing for the years on ice, on lakes, in the Interior and feels it is one of the most exciting auto sports.

(Daily News photo)

Seaton defeated by a single point

W. L. Seaton lost a heartbreaking 76-75 decision to Princess Margaret, of Penticton, during the opening day of the Okanagan junior boys' basketball championships on Friday at Seaton.

The loss drops Seaton to the consolation side of the eight-team tourney.

Princess Margaret led 32-28 at half-time and the lead changed hands on numerous occasions in the second-half.

At the end, it was Penticton's ability to break a full-court press which gave it the victory.

Seaton Coach Ray Kimoto said, "Our boys played a super offensive game but defensively, we couldn't stop them. They were breaking our press with no trouble."

Margaret's 6'5" centre Ken Brosseuc led the winners' attack with 23 points.

Greg DeLeenheer replied with 22 points for Sonics while Wilf Haak added 19.

Seaton was scheduled to take on McArthur Park, of Kamloops, in consolation play today.

McArthur Park also lost a squeaker, 37-36 to Kelowna. In other Friday games, Shuswap of Salmon Arm drubbed McNicholl Park of Penticton 49-36 and Dr. Knox of Kelowna aced Sahali of Kamloops 58-57.

Shuswap, which placed second in the north zone behind Seaton, looked awesome and could be the team to beat.

Play continues all day with the championship game slated for 8:30 p.m.

Vikings collapse again —Bucks here tonight

For the third consecutive game this week, Vernon Vikings Friday night took the lead, collapsed, and were beat in B.C. Junior Hockey League action in Penticton.

Vernon took a 2-0 lead, but ended up on the wrong end of a 10-4 decision against the second-place Penticton Vees. Earlier in the week, Vikings had blown leads against Kamloops and Merritt.

SET RECORD

Ron Vincent, of Penticton, shattered the BCJHL scoring record with one goal and four assists to give him 148 points. The old merk was held by team-mate Kevin Maxwell, with 145, in 1976-77.

Maxwell scored three times on Friday while Terry Olson and Carey Eades added two goals for the winners. Singles went to Dave Smith and Ross Fitzpatrick.

Gary Gassoff, Gary Edwards, Make Johnson, and Kevin Balfour countered for Vikings.

RON VINCENT ... sets record

Penticton held period leads of 6-3 and 8-4.

BAD GOALS

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dys said, "We took the two goals lead then, Penticton got a couple bad goals. That seemed to take the steam out of our guys."

Vernon netminder Darrell Morin, who had a shaky start, was replaced after the sixth goal by Rick Hugi.

Vikings can move to within two points of fifth-place Revelstoke Bruins tonight when they host the Kelowna Buckaroos, at 8:30 p.m.

Bucks will have to contend with the highest scoring juvenile line in the province. Vernon plans to use Tom Ouchi, Kelly Kaneda, and Gary Redman from the Okanagan champion juvenile reps.

OVERTIME WIN

In other action Friday, Kelowna edged Nanaimo Clippers 4-3, in overtime, and Bellingham Blazers dumped Langley Lords 7-5.

Ken Calder's goal capped comback for the Buckaroos.

The Clippers found Kelowna goalie Mike Desjardins easy pickings as they scored three goals in their first four shots during the first 6:29 of the game.

Randy Struch replaced Desjardins after the third goal and blanked the Vancouver Island club. Nanaimo held period leads of 3-1 and 3-2.

Darryl Carlbom, Brad Palmer, and Bill Audycki scored the other Kelowna goals. Barry Pederson, with two goals, and Brent Denat replied for the losers.

Local teams post victories

Vernon and Armstrong both recorded opening round victories in the second annual Vernon Senior 'B' Men's Invitational Basketball Tournament which got under way Friday.

Vernon Selects trounced Kamloops 86-69 while Armstrong bombed Edmonton 83-63.

In other first round games, Kelowna Molsons edged Shuswap Lakers 69-67 and Vancouver dumped Penticton Lakers 95-88.

Armstrong trailed 34-33 at half-time, took a 52-49 lead midway through the second-half, and then caught fire. The Cheese City boys reeled off 25 points, to Edmonton's four, within a five-minute span.

WOLCOTT GREAT

Tony Wolcott put on a one-man show for Armstrong. He was a standout on defence, dominated the boards, and managed to score 35 points. Frank Wasco added 10 points for the winners.

Vernon took a 4-0 lead over Kamloops and never trailed. By half-time, Selects held a 45-30 lead.

Mike Kormos scored 16 points for Vernon while Gary Pruden sunk 14 and Rick Wilson dropped in a dozen.

Selects were without 6'3" Rick Inrig, who is nursing a tendon injury. He was expected to try playing today.

Kelowna got 15 points each from Dave Bingham and Tim Reiger, to edge the Lakers.

George Jameson was top sniper for Shuswap with 18 points while Don Jameson added 14.

Molsons were without their top scorer, 6'7" Vince Jarvis, who had a prior commitment on Friday. However, he is also expected to play today.

41 POINTS

Pat Lee, last year's tournament Most Valuable Player, showed he hasn't lost his stuff. Lee scored 41 points to lead Vancouver past Penticton. Mike Dendys added 23 for the coast squad.

Bruce Johnson and Doug Cripps sunk 20 apiece for Lakers.

Play continues all day today at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. The consolation final is at 5 p.m., the game for third-place at 7 p.m., and the championship is scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1973

The North Okanagan Hockey League wrapped up its regular league schedule with Head of the Lake Stampeders winning the league pennant.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

INDOOR SOCCER

In Men's Indoor Soccer League play at Kal School, Barons tied Wanderers 4-4 and Roadrunners edged Hawks 4-3.

RETAINS TITLE

LEGN, Spain (AP) — Alfredo Evangelista retained his European heavyweight boxing title Friday night by outpointing Britain's Billy Aird. There were no knockdowns in the 15-round match.

JOIN TRAINING

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Steve Kemp and Jason Thompson reported to Detroit Tigers spring training camp Friday, ending their three-day holdouts. Kemp and Thompson, both beginning their second full seasons with the club, were the team's first holdouts since the 1960s.

EXPECTED BACK

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Red Wings expect to regain the services of two regulars this weekend—defenceman Perry Miller and forward Dale McCourt. Miller has been out with a twisted knee. McCourt is expected back Sunday.

SALARY TRIPLED

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (CP) — Montreal Expos have renewed the contract of outfielder Ellis Valentine and tripled his salary, the National League baseball club announced Friday. A team spokesman said the increase brings Valentine's salary to about $75,000.

Packers win series opener

Westside Packers scored four unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Winfield Raiders 6-2 in the first game of their best-of-three North Okanagan Hockey League semi-final series on Friday night in Westside.

The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after 40 minutes.

Bill Carignan scored twice for the winners while Tom Connally, Gary Hewko, Doug Child and Tom Maitman added singles.

Fred Parent and Gary Moore countered for Raiders.

The other semi-final series gets under way tonight when Grindrod Elks travel to Rutland to battle Kelowna Molsons at 8:30 p.m.

FIREWEEDS WIN

Fireweeds thumped Tropics 38-15 in Women's Commercial Basketball League action Thursday night at VSSS. Cathy Gottfriedson led the winners with 12 points. In another game, Enderby edged Blue Denims 25-23.

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