



DALE SLOUS and CHUCK BAKER TANGLE

VSSS come close, but Packers win

By KEVIN MITCHELL, Daily News Writer

Vernon Panthers won the consolation final in the Stevenson Packers Invitational Basketball Tournament in Vancouver Saturday, but that wasn't the biggest news for the local high school squad.

The big news is that they suffered a 92-91 loss to fifth ranked Stevenson in the championship semi-finals.

And they lost the game when the Packers scored with just three seconds showing on the clock.

Panthers trounced Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs 100-84 to win the consolation final Saturday night.

HELD LEAD

Against the Packers, Vernon held a 46-43 half-time lead and then upped their lead to 56-48 before guard Will Haak fouled out which Panthers' coach Rick Inrig felt "triggers the heart-breaking final basket."

He added, "Our strategy was to slow them down because they have tremendous speed and we managed to do this for most of the game," said Inrig, whose club hit the century mark for the first time this season when Haak sunk their final basket.

Leading all Panther scorers in the semi-final was Kelly Olson who fired 27 points, while Greg Deisenheer fashioned 21 points.

Olsen contributed 13 rebounds, while Deisenheer picked up 11.

Panthers had 38 turnovers in a game Inrig felt they would lose if they caused more than 22 turnovers, while the



RICK BEATON ... an all-star



LARRY FISHER ... 10 points

Canadians walk over Vees

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Darren Jensen will not be playing in the B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game Tuesday night in Vernon, but the Penitence Veez netminder put on a one-man all-star show of his own Saturday night, only to have his club drop a 6-3 overtime decision to the hometown Vernon Canadians.

Jensen was simply formidable between the pipes as he faced 57 Vernon drives, including an incredible 21 shots in the second period.

Penitence only managed 17 shots at Canadians' goalie Vern Hanson, including just four in the opening session.

OUTSHOTLED

Canadians completely dominated the game as they outshotted and outscored the Vees, who hold down eighth and last place in the Interior Division.

The win for Vernon came after a humiliating 12-2 loss suffered at the hands of the first place Merritt Centennials in Merritt Saturday night.

Tom Ouchi was the hero for the Canadians Sunday night as his second goal of the evening in the extra session sent the 400 fans home with a smile on their face.

FIVE POINTS

Ouchi also collected two assists and "aid this about the game."

"We had to go out and play good tonight or it would be demerit for us," he said.

"We had to play the man more and I figure we did that tonight. We had a lot of shots but it's just a matter of capitalizing on the chances we had ... Last night in Merritt we came out looking good and then everything just fell apart and we quit and started skating around in circles."

SKATED BETTER

Rookie left-winger Craig Demetrick played a solid checking game on a makeshift line with John Meereer and Keith Ostendorf and the Vernon Minor Hockey Association product felt the Canadians played well.

"I thought we forechecked better than we did against Merritt. We also skated better passed the puck a lot sharper and did much more back-checking. It was extremely frustrating that we couldn't put more pucks in the net in the early stages ... Our power-play and shorthanded units played excellent tonight."

LEAGUE SCORING LEADER

Terry Lowe scored once and fashioned four assists for the Vees, who also got goals from Dave Schneider, Dale Slous and John Need.

For the Vees it was Gerry Skuta, Greg Egan, Denis Labbe, Dave Coburn and Harry Huber firing single markers.

Skated races a success despite bad weather

By SMOKEY TRUMBLY

The West Coast Can Dog Sled Races are now history.

On Saturday afternoon the weather caused some race officials for reason of drifting snow that erased course trails and led dogs had difficulty finding the groomed course. Sunday a "present problem arose when the temperature warmed considerably and soft snow made going tough for racing teams in all classes."

The racing committee reduced distance in all class events, the unlimited course was reduced to 10 miles from 13 miles. The seven dog class course was reduced to approximately eight miles from 10 miles. The five dog class reduced to slightly over six miles from eight miles.

Three dog class route was cut to just over two miles from Saturday's three mile trail.

Both days of racing and sleds over the more than 72 entries in this year's Can Am races, thrilled spectators who numbered in the hundreds especially Sunday. The race organizers deserve a well earned congratulations for a job well done, especially when the entries increased by 75 per cent compared to last year's figures.

RACE RESULTS

The following results are based on two heats of racing, one heat each day.

Unlimited Class (any number of dogs over seven and all classes of winners were based on two-heat elapsed time both days and are listed in the order they finished - First: Eddy Streep, Fort Nelson; B.C. Second: John Raud, Waterville, Washington; Third: Don Johnson, Fort St. John, B.C.; Fourth: Jim Harvey, Camrose, Alberta; Fifth: Duane Palmer, Fort St. John, B.C.; Sixth: Doug Willett, Park City Utah; Seventh: Paul Sheridan, White Horse, Yukon; Eighth: Terry Streep, Fort Nelson, B.C.; Ninth: Terry Quenel, Vernon, B.C.; Tenth: Harvid Foster, Taylor, B.C.

Seven Dog Class - First: Eddy Streep, Fort Nelson, B.C.; Second: Paul Curney, Newport, Wash.; Third: George Chambers, Sultan, Wash.; Fourth: Chester Mitchell, Oregon; Fifth: Ruid, Waterville, Oregon; Sixth: Don Hummer, Fort St. John, B.C.; Seventh: Clark Reddick, Gig Harbor, Wash.; Eighth: Paul Merritt, Merritt, B.C.; Ninth: Joe Hawley, Nordman, Idaho.

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IN NOHL PLAY

Cougars dumped, Molsons upset

Grindrod Elks all but clinched first place in the North Okanagan Hockey League when they skated to a 9-1 victory over the Vernon Sport Cougars at the Emberley Sports Centre.

Elks' leading scorer Gary Pearson played a superb game as he scored a pair of goals and fashioned two assists for the winners.

Vernon's George Fargher also played well as he hustled his way to two goals, while singles came from the sticks of Rick Harris, Guy Davison, Birk Lundman, Gene Anderson, and Ken Halter.

For the Sport Cougars it was defenceman Lyle Brewer and forward Gary Gilchrist triggering two goals apiece, while Les Salo fired one marker.

TWO ASSISTS

League scoring leader Dave Caldwell picked up a couple of assists for the losers. Grindrod held period leads of 3-2 and 6-3 and they were given eight of ten minor penalties handed out.

Vernon's Gilchrist was given the game's only misconduct penalty.

In the nets for the victory was Ed Forslund, who blocked 29 shots, while Charlie Brasham turned aside 29 drives for the Cougars.

The win gives the Elks 16 points more than the Cougars.

In the other game played in the NOHL over the weekend, the Revelstoke Selkirk upset the Rutland Nelson 7-5 in the Alpine city.

Tim Lollar pumped in three goals for the winners, while Steve Allison fired a pair.

For Rutland Don Ostrovik and Jim Dickson scored twice each.

The game between Westside Packers and Windfield Raiders was postponed because of the Kelowna Snowfest.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1974

Vernon senior high school coaches had nothing but tremendous praise for their respective teams following Thursday night's twin bill played before well over 300 homebound fans.

JANUARY, 1974

Almost \$400 in prizes will be offered in the first annual six mile Winter Carnival footage which is set to go on the last week-end of the gala 10-day festival.

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