

IN BCJHL ALL-STAR GAME

# Coastal crew outlast stubborn Interior club

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Colorful would be the best word to describe the B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game that more than 1800 fans took in at the Vernon Civic Arena Tuesday night.

After all, anytime you can watch a hockey game and see 12 different colored sweaters and get confused seeing four players on one team wearing the numeral nine on their sweaters you know the game's going to be interesting.

And interesting, exciting and surprising was the all-star classic in which the Coastal Division all-stars tripped up the Interior squad by an 8-6 count.

And as some local experts had predicted size did play a big part in the contest as Clayton Fehr of the Interior team explains.

"We didn't play the body enough. They took the body more and I think that made the difference," said the Kamloops forward, who added, "They might have shot more than us too... we got... it's fancy at times."

**NOT ENOUGH**  
When asked how the players adjusted to playing with one another Fehr replied, "The best we could do to compensate not knowing everybody was to holler, but it wasn't enough."

Scoring for the Interior were rookie Greg Wilson of the Pentonics Vees with a pair of goals, while singles came from Gary Strick, Terry Lowe, Jay Kosak and Fehr.

Lowe, the Vernon Canadians' fiery centreman opened the scoring with a high shot over Bellingham Blazer netminder Steve Abbott at the 52 mark of the first session.

Then some excellent forechecking by Merritt Centenars' Dale Ames set up the Cent's Gary Strick who blasted a slap shot from the slot past Abbott to make it 2-0 for the Interior.

Lloyd Goode of Chilliwack Colts then scored with just 56 seconds remaining in the first period to make it 3-0 for the Interior.

Even Williams of the Blazers, Anthony McMurchie of Abbotsford Flyers and Bob Taylor of Langley Lords fired second period markers for the West Coast crew who grabbed a 4-2 lead going into the final session.

The Coastal crew received third period goals from Brent Innot of Nanaimo Clippers, Darryl Leahy of the Colts, Dave Williams of Langley and Brian Law of the Blazers to counter markers by the Interior's Wilson,

with two, and Fehr and Kosak of the Rockets with one each.

Wilson and Kosak fired markers less than two minutes apart late in the period to make it an 8-6 game, only to have some fine puck control by the Coastal team keep them from getting chances to tie it.

Former Vernon Minor Hockey Association product George Cruikshank, now a defenceman with Abbotsford Flyers, thought his Coastal division team stunk to their game plan.

When asked if coach Don Berry had set up any type of pre-game strategy, Cruikshank replied, "He told us to take the body to them, do a lot of backchecking and have one man high in the slot as we would be even at three going back into our end."

"Once we got our momentum going we played alright. They kind of surprised us with those two quick goals, but I figured we had better goal scorers and that we would come back. Our defence was playing poor in the early stages, but then we finally got things going in our own end."

In goal for the Interior at the start was Darren Jensen of Pentonics Vees, a replacement for the injured Lawrence Dyck of Revelstoke Bruins.

Jensen was superb in blocking 20 shots in a period and in his 40 minutes.

**WAS SHAKY**  
Merritt's starry Rob Polmantun took over from Jensen and was very shaky in allowing five goals and making just 13 stops.

For the boys on the coast, Abbott played well in turning aside 22 drives and allowing just two goals, while "Frog" Hodges of the Flyers made 10 saves in allowing the other six markers.

Only three minor penalties were called in the game. Handy Larson, a pick-up player from the Blazers due to an injury to team mate Chris Tucker, was chosen the game's second star by former Vernon Esso coach Odie Lowe and he played a tremendous game at the defence position.

Usually a forward, Larsen said this about the all-star classic.

"We were shaky in the first part of the first period and the last part of the third, but I thought that they slowed down a bit after a fast start and we picked up. The combination of both allowed us to win. We also capitalized on more of our scoring chances... They must have had a lot of chances."

First star in the game was Brian Law of the Blazers, while Terry Lowe of Vernon was the third star.



Interior division all-star goalie Rob Polmantun makes one of 32 saves, while Dave Williams of the Delta Suns and Craig Williamson battle in the crease. (Daily News Photo)

# Kokanees swim-a-thon and meet in Kelowna touted successful

This weekend saw the wrap-up for the Vernon Kokanees Swim Club Swim-a-thon, 79 campaigns, and participation in Kelowna's inaugural Snowfest competition.

The public part of the Swim-a-thon was held Jan. 20 at the Rec Centre pool and was a joint event with 14 teams battling it out in a 100 metre freestyle relay race for celebrities.

The Vernon RCMP team won fastest time in the heats, then followed through by winning the finals with a strong time of 1:04.1 minutes.

Swimming on that team for the Lions club were RCMP members Ted Thurston, Jerry McKinlon, Ken Ackles and Bruce Stavograd. Kokanee president Brian Willows,

presented them with an annual trophy and first place ribbons. Second place in the race went to the Gyro's club.

Swimming for the Gyros were Ernie Crockett, Brad Gary, Gary Johnson and John Bossman. Third place went to the Black Eros Realty team of Brenda Wyford, Ron Kosko, Ralph Collins and Horst Knack.

The rest of the field finished in this order: The Medical Association, CKAL, Jaws, CJIB Double Flubbers, Vernon This Week, Downtown Vernon Association, Village Green Mall, Kwanias AM, Kwanias FM, Kimsen, Puzon Place Mall and the Vernon Daily News.

Earlier on several people swam their lengths for pledges. Marty Hurley, CKAL, non-announcer, did 50 lengths in his hour, raising more than \$400 for the club. Art's Muntz from Kwanias swam 2 more than Marty for a total of 52 lengths, while Kit Johnson from the Village Green's flagstaff swam 2 more than through the full 100 lengths.

Men's events during the weekend, the Kokanee swimmers were in Kelowna and Vernon placed third overall, behind the Kelowna Aqua-Jets and the visiting Calgary Cascades team. Also competing were the Surrey Knights, Summerland Otters, West Vancouver and the Spokane YMCA.

Marge Polyras and Jim Morden won individual aggregate trophies for their groups. Tami Kosman performed well with a second place in the 50 metre breaststroke, and third each in the 50 metre freestyle, and the 100 metre breaststroke.

Penny Wilkes won second in the 50 metre freestyle, third in the 50 metre breast stroke, third in the 25 metre freestyle and fourth in the 100 metre butterfly with first place time of 3:51 seconds.

Mike and Mark Polyras thalkee-up points for the team, while Jayson and Chris

**TEAM STANDINGS**

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# Local skier makes team

Jane Tassie of Vernon was one of 11 Zone Two cross country skiers that earned a berth on the B.C. Winter Games Cross Country Ski team.

A total of 41 competitors fought for a berth on the B.C. team at the trials at Jussis's Cross Country Ski Area Sunday.

And the 11 skiers earning a spot on the team will be competing in the B.C. Winter Games in Kamloops March 23rd and 24th.

Best time for the 10 km race was recorded by Stig Skeskinen Sr. whose time of 39 minutes and 28 seconds was good enough to be number one.

Stig Skeskinen Jr. recorded the best time over 5 km in a time of 21 minutes and two seconds.

# Lifeguards top valley event

A team of three lifeguards from the Vernon Swimming Pool took first place honors in the 1979 Okanagan Valley Life-guard Championships held in Kamloops Jan. 20, 1979.

The team took highest marks in both the on-land and on-water championships. Pool Rescue competition to place first in the over-all standings.

The championship involved teams from Summerland, Armstrong and Vernon teams.

Coincidentally, two lifeguards, Jacque Grypink and Trud MacNeil, who were on duty Saturday at the Vernon swimming pool, had to execute an emergency rescue when a boy of six, a non-swimmer, jumped off the diving board and was unable to swim to safety. Quick action on the part of these lifeguards resulted in the child being returned to the safety of shallow water.

The Vernon lifeguard team is preparing now for the Barons' Sabres two goals provincial lifeguard championship to be held in Vancouver this August.

# White Valley has two games

In Tuesday White Valley Hockey League action, Allison Smokies beat the Coldstream Sabres 9-1 and Louisa Gardens downed Rene's Barons 6-2.

In the first game, Allison Smokies ran up a 3-1 first period lead on two goals from Jeff Shirley and one from Tom Winkler. Chris of the Sabres got their lone goal in the first period.

In second period play, the only goal scored came off the stick of Graydon Brown, who

# Expansion changed goalies

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Expansion has changed the Lokos' National Hockey League teams where goaltending is concerned.

It used to be, in the days of the six-team league, that one goalie would carry the load for 60 or 90 games. Then came the two-goalie system, forced by hectic travel and almost exclusively of four games in five nights.

From that evolved the three-goalie system, which has done little but give severe headaches to the coaches and goalies involved.

Boston Bruins coach Don Cherry took the most innovative approach during the first four games of the 1977-78 season, starting one goalie and relieving him with another after two periods.

But that didn't work—nor it appears, has any attempt to fit three goalies into two spots on the roster.

"It's hard enough keeping two goalies happy and it's impossible to keep three happy," said Cherry, who has split his restraining between Gerry Cheevers and Jim Pettie, while Gilles Gilbert has remained on the sidelines since Dec. 9.

Gilbert is now the most valuable victim of the three-goalie shuffle that has afflicted a number of other clubs.

New York Hangers tried to divide the work between John Davidson, Wayne Thomas and Doug Soutar before every body's nerves became thoroughly frayed and the No. 1 spot was given to Davidson last week.

**VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS**

MONDAY HONEYMOONERS VOLLEYBALL

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pts	P.P.	P.A.
Up N Atoms	6	6	0	0	6	97
Crazy Elements	6	5	1	1	4	87
Lomons	6	2	2	2	4	79
Upstarts	6	2	2	2	4	78
Opposition	6	0	6	0	0	34
Solstice	6	0	6	0	0	36
INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN'S						
Shells Oil (11m Eves)	6	5	3	3	3	65
Silver Six	6	3	3	3	3	63
Honey Bunch	6	1	5	1	1	41
MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL						
Vernon	12	12	0	0	12	180
Ajax	12	7	5	7	7	143
Thornes	12	7	5	7	7	141
Highball Stuffers	12	6	6	6	6	126
Village Green Spikers	12	7	5	7	7	133
Lucky Lagers	12	5	7	5	5	156
Volleys	12	7	5	7	7	110
Naps	12	1	11	0	1	108
INTERMEDIATE "A" VOLLEYBALL						
RED DIVISION						
P.T.S.	6	4	2	4	4	31
Thornes Birds	6	5	1	0	5	32
Lively Set	6	3	3	0	3	26
Genoa Girls	6	3	3	0	3	28
Falwin	6	1	5	0	1	31
Multi Enterprises	6	1	5	0	1	46
BLUE DIVISION						
Jokers	6	5	1	0	5	83
Dry Doggers	6	4	2	0	4	82
Setters	6	4	2	0	4	87
Blue Devils	6	2	4	0	2	52
Kooperix	6	2	4	0	2	50
Multi Enterprises	6	0	6	0	0	85
INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN'S SILVER STAR SCHOOL						
Stickers	6	4	2	0	4	81
Shocks	6	4	2	0	4	78
Seven Up	6	3	3	0	3	86
Wander Women	6	2	4	0	2	92
P.V.A.'s	6	2	4	0	2	55
MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL						
Village Green Inn	12	9	3	0	9	168
Stickers	12	7	5	0	7	162
Coldstream Hotel	12	7	5	0	7	162
Justice	12	7	5	0	7	162
Holy Six	12	7	5	0	7	137
Bumper	12	7	5	0	7	149
Vernon Motor Products Ltd	12	1	11	0	1	178
Go Getters	12	1	11	0	1	78

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