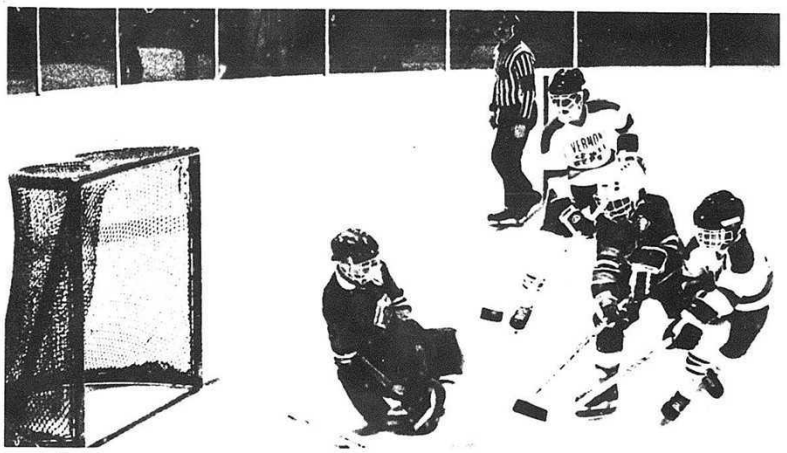


VERNON FORWARD Marty Smith slides the puck under Santa Rosa goalie Todd Keogh during opening day play at the eighth annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. Smith and his team-mates peppered 98 shots at the California goal on route to a 27-2 win. Right, waiting for a rebound that never came, is Clayton Adams. The eight-team tournament continues to Sunday. (Daily News Photo)

PEE WEE TOURNEY

Three games were thrillers

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

The eighth annual Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament got under way Thursday in true Hollywood style.

Three of the four first round games were nailbiters – unfortunately the fourth was a whitewash.

North Shore Winter Club overcame a 4-3 deficit late in the game to edge Brandon 5-4 in overtime; Terrace scored a short-handed goal in the dying minutes to ace Saskatoon 8-7; and Fort Saskatchewan rallied for four goals in the final period to beat Fuller Lake 7-5.

Vernon had no trouble trouncing the badly outclassed Santa Rosa, Calif. team 27-2.

Santa Rosa Coach Dave Butler told the Daily News he knew the Canadian teams were good, but he had no idea they were as strong as they are.

Butler said, "Those Vernon kids are really something – I enjoyed watching them play."

NINE POINTS

Bruce Major led the Vernon attack with four goals and five assists. Marty Smith, Brent Gilchrist, and Bill Baron also scored four times for the winners while David Pitcher, John Barber, Clayton Adams, and Chris Saunders added two goals apiece. Singles went to Don Balcombe, Rudy Poeschek, and David Munk, who also had seven assists.

Jeff Collins and Mike Pauline replied for Santa Rosa.

Vernon outshot the American visitors 98-10.

IN OVERTIME

In the opening game, NSWC tied the game at 18:32, of the third period, on a powerplay. Then, Ryan Earl scored his second goal of the game, at 3:33 of the overtime period, to give the coast team its victory over Brandon.

NSWC goalie Terry Burton made 35 saves while Myles Peckover blocked 33 shots for Brandon.

A MAGICIAN

Brandon defenceman Brad Mueller, who is a magician with the puck, spent only two shifts on the bench in the final 43 minutes of the game.

Dan McGhee's short-handed goal, at 17:24 of the final period, gave Terrace its win over Saskatoon.

Trevor Hendry scored three goals for Terrace.

Saskatoon led 3-1 at the end of the first period and the teams were deadlocked 6-6 after 40 minutes.

Fort Saskatchewan, from northern Alberta, scored four goals in the final 11 minutes to beat Fuller Lake.

Darcy Money and Brett Cox scored two goals apiece for the winners.

In 'B' side games today, Brandon was scheduled to play Fuller Lake with Santa Rosa taking on Saskatoon.

In 'A' action, NSWC met Fort Saskatchewan and Vernon is slated to tangle with Terrace at 3:30 p.m.

Tonight's final game is at 8:30 p.m. Play resumes Saturday at 8 a.m.

GOALPOSTS: There was a disappointing crowd on hand for the opening ceremonies due mainly to the NHL-Russia game on television . . . NHL Hall-of-Famer Babe Pratt, along with injured Vancouver Canucks Bill Derlago and Glen Hanlon, are scheduled to arrive in Vernon today . . . For the first time, each team participating in the tourney is guaranteed a minimum of three games.

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Young bowlers reach zone finals

Thirty-six youngsters have qualified to represent Vernon in upcoming Youth Bowling Council zone playdowns.

Each bowler, in the three age categories, had to roll eight qualifying games.

JETS

Boys: Coached by Paul Wendel; single Michael O'Flynn with an 1147 total; team members Raymond Glowa 1197; Bruce MacKenzie 1186, Darren Levasseur 1176, Robert Cochrane 1142, and Terry Meyer 1130.

Girls: Coached by Rod Brisbin; single Joyce Healey 1100; team members Jennifer Penner 1181, Melody Shenko 1154, Kathlene Kinnear 1114, Kimberly Cooke 1106, and Kim Peterman 1031.

JUNIORS

Boys: Coached by Ed Meyer; single Kirt Jones 1525; team members Kelly Meyer 1638, Dennis Chapman 1472, Rory White 1467, Glen Shaw 1467, and Larry Olson 1545.

Girls: Coached by Lil Jamieson; single Donna Keckalo 1665; team members Lynda-Lea Woodroff 1448, Margie Veitch 1433, Sheryl Tompkins 1427, Evie Molitor 1421, and Liza Welbe 1410.

SENIORS

Boys: Coached by Tom Koenig; single Barry Koenig 1707; team members Ronald Krause 1816, Randall Krause 1776, Brian Woodroff 1621, Rod Koenig 1613, and Brian Dooling 1611.

Girls: Coached by Carol Skidmore; single Lynn Jamieson 1735; team members Sandi Wiffen 1751, Karen Keckalo 1745, Paulette Just 1610, Ramona Krause 1606, and Sherri Watts 1589.

The Jet and Senior playdowns will be held on Feb. 18 in Kelowna and Osoyoos respectively. The Juniors will roll-off Feb. 25 in Rutland.

CURLING CLUB NEWS



By RON HOUSTON
VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

Out of 17 teams that have advanced to the B.C. Curling Association playdowns in Cranbrook, four are from Vernon.

Eighty teams, from throughout the Interior, competed this week for 10 spots in the playdowns. The other seven berths were filled by zone winners.

The modified double-knockout event started Thursday morning.

Vernon's Randy Brown lost a last rock decision to Don Bogle, of Kamloops, in his first game. But, Brown bounced back to beat Peter Sherba from Prince George.

The Wayne Laface foursome lost two straight, to a hot Peter Delver, from Prince Rupert, and then to Sherba.

THREE VICTORIES

Dave Simpson was undefeated going into today's play with a perfect 5-0 record. Simpson's big win was over Eric Wiltzer, of Kamloops, who had previously upset Kelowna's highly-rated Bert Gretzinger.

Gretzinger is still alive, on the 'B' side.

The fourth Vernon rink, skipped by Jack Hockey, won two of three games.

Hockey reeled of back-to-back wins over Bill Sweet and Glen Shaw before dropping a 7-5 decision to Barry McPhee, of Kamloops.

On the 'B' side, Hockey will meet his former skip today. Kevin Smale of Prince George.

Curling continues to Saturday with the winning team meeting coast champion Glen Pierce for the provincial title and a berth in the Brier.

Eight teams in hoop tourney

The annual Chimo Days Classic Basketball Tournament gets under way today at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Eight teams, including three of the top-ranked teams in the province, are entered in the two day event.

First round draw is: 3:15 p.m., VSSS 'B' team vs. Salmon Arm; 5 p.m., KLO of Kelowna vs. Prince Rupert; 6:45 p.m., Terrace vs. William Aberhart of Calgary; and 8:30 p.m., Vernon Panthers vs. Sequam of Delta.

Vernon was forced to enter a second team when Campbell River dropped out of the tourney this week.

TEAMS TO BEAT

Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News he feels Prince Rupert and Terrace will be the teams to beat.

Inrig said, "We haven't seen either club play, but I understand Rupert and Terrace both have excellent teams."

Salmon Arm Golds, along with Rupert and Terrace, are ranked among the top 15 teams in B.C.

STILL HOBBLING

Panthers are healthy with the exception of forward Greg DeLeenheer, who is still hobbled by a knee injury. He is considered a doubtful starter.

Inrig feels this is a crucial weekend for his club. He said, "We're getting down to the nitty-gritty. After this weekend, we've only got three league games next week and then the playoffs.

"I think we still have room to improve – I'm just hoping we can peak at the right time."

SPORTS BRIEFS

NAMED HEAD COACH

OAKLAND (AP) – Tom Flores, an assistant to John Madden for ten seasons, was elevated Thursday to Oakland Raiders' head coaching job. Flores, 41, associated with the team for 13 years, was regarded as the logical successor to Madden, 42, who retired Jan. 4.

CANADIANS FRUSTRATED

ASPEN, Colo. (CP) – Canadian skiers had a frustrating day in both men's and women's downhill ski finals of the NorAm amateur competition Thursday. United States skiers took the top three spots in both mens. Mark Farney won the men's competition in one minute, 53.01 seconds. Mike Irwin of Calgary was the top Canadian man in fifth place with a time of 1:54.58 with Bob Styan of North Vancouver eighth in 1:55.71.

Vernon to host tourney

Vernon's Village Green Tennis Centre will be hosting the Canadian National Senior Championships from Aug. 6 to 11.

The events will include singles and doubles for men 35, 45, and 55; and ladies 40 and over, singles and doubles. A mixed doubles and consolation event have been added for this tourney.

Tennis Centre Pro Bob Moffatt told the Daily News it is a great honor for the Village Green to be awarded the senior championships.

Moffatt said, "In terms of ranking the senior tournament is number three in Canada behind the Canadian Open, which will be held in Toronto," and the National Closed, scheduled for Winnipeg."

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Canadians can decide where they will finish

Vernon Canadians can decide for themselves this weekend if they are going to finish second, third, or fourth in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division.

Canadians currently hold down third spot in the division, five points back of second-place Kamloops Rockets. But, Vernon has two games in hand.

IN KELOWNA

Vernon meets the Buckaroos in Kelowna tonight, the Rockets in Kamloops on Saturday, and the Bucks make a return visit to the Civic Arena on Sunday evening.

Canadians' Coach Greg Kvisle said, "It is nice that we will be able to decide our own fate. If we win three this weekend, we should get the home-ice advantage in the playoffs."

Vernon will dress two midget reps tonight, possibly Wayne Bodnaruk and Randy Jones.

CENTS ERUPT

In Thursday's only game, division leading Merritt Centennials erupted for six unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Kamloops 8-3.

The match was called by referee Ron Rentburg at 18:26 of the third period following a bench-clearing brawl.

During the game, Centennials had taken 15 of 26 minor penalties and each club had four five-minute majors for fighting and seven game misconducts.

Bob Deschamps and Rod Danchuk each scored two goals for Merritt while singles cam from Darcy Wilkinson, Randy Will, Greg Aiken and Rick Bartlett.

Doug Lidster, Glen Sorenson and Walter Leskiw replied for the losers, which held period leads of 2-0 and 3-2.

Goaltender Rob Polman Tuin made 25 saves for the Centennials while Ian McEachern stopped 35 shots for Kamloops.

The game was delayed for nearly two hours because the Rockets were late arriving here.

Tillicum skiers beat Silver Star

Tillicum Tornados have won two recent meets, against four teams from Silver Star, in Nancy Greene Ski League competition.

The Tillicum squad, under the guidance of Coach Rick Wadsworth, meets twice per week.

At a race on Silver Star, Tornados had five out of the top 10 finishers. The results were: Rob Boyd (Tillicum), Stuart Hembling (Big Dippers), Otmar Kittel (Shooting Stars), Dear Thorlakson (Big Dippers), Kevin Vollan (Big Dippers), Peter McAllister (Easty Streeters), Steven Smith (Tillicum), Bruce Babiuk (Tillicum), Greg Booth (Tillicum), and Gordon Masson (Tillicum).

Top girl was Tillicum's Jody Hutter.

At a meet held at Tillicum, Boyd again placed first followed by Kittel, Steven Smith, Derek Smith (Whiskey Jacks), Sandra Boyd (Tillicum), Ian Smith (Whiskey Jacks), Jamie Ross (Big Dippers), Lorne Babiuk (Tillicum), Thorlakson, and David Whitwell (Shooting Stars).

Forty racers, from all five teams, will attend meets in Kamloops and Kelowna this month.

Local skaters pass figure tests

Several members of the Vernon Figure Skating Club recently passed test at various levels.

They included:

Preliminary Figure: Michele McFarland, Leelynn Wood, Mardelle Kristiansen.

2nd Figure: Shelly May Brears, Barbara Harwood, Shirelle Logan.

3rd Figure: Morgan Parkinson.

Junior bronze free skate: James Hurry, Joanna Pearson.

Junior bronze dance: Barbara Harwood, Diane Behncke.

The club's annual ice show entitled "A Charlie Brown Special," will be held March 10 and 11.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1974

The third annual Pee Wee invitational hockey tournament got underway on a faceoff between CFL football stars Roger Scales and Dave Cutler, with New Westminster Mayor Muni Evers dropping the puck.

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