VERNON'S Murray Bennetto will be up against some of the top junior tennis players in Western Canada at the Canadian Indoor Trials this weekend in Vancouver. (Daily News Photo)

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North Shore in 'A' final

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North Shore Winter Club has a chance to become the first team to win the Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament twice.

NSWC qualified for Sunday's 'A' final by beating Terrace 6-2 on Friday night. It was the third consecutive victory for the defending champions.

NSWC held period leads of 2-1 and 3-2 before breaking the game open with three unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes.

Fort Saskatchewan, Terrace, or Vernon will provide the opposition for North Shore on Sunday. Fort Saskatchewan met Vernon earlier today, with the winner taking on Terrace today at 3:30 p.m. for the other berth in the 'A' final.

Vernon lost a heartbreaker to Terrace, 8-7, on Friday.

CAUGHT FIRE

The locals took 6-2 lead early in the second period before Terrace caught fire.

Trevor Hendry, Cliff Furnseth, and Dan McGhee scored two goals for the winners while Rod Philpot and Terry Zaporzan added singles.

Bruce Major and Billy Baron scored two apiece for the locals while Don Balcombe, David Munk, and Marty Smith collected solos.

Major's short-handed goal, at 3:46 of the second period, looked like it would salt away the win for Vernon. But, Terrace fought back with four goals, within 13 minutes, to tie the game.

In the third period, Hendry put Terrace in front, only to have Major tie the game at 13:10. Then just 45 seconds later, Hendry scored what proved to be the winner.

27 SAVES

Terrace goalies Sean Smith and Wade Flaherty combined for 27 stops while Darrell Houston blocked 23 shots for Vernon.

In other games Friday, NSWC edged Fort Saskatchewan 5-4, Saskatoon hammered Santa Rosa 22-1, Fuller Lake beat Brandon 6-4, and Saskatoon qualified for the 'B' final by dumping Fuller Lake 6-2.

Saskatoon, which lost its first game to Terrace, two straight to reach the 'B' final.

Brandon and Fuller Lake were scheduled to meet today, at 1 p.m., to decide the other berth in the 'B' championship.

800 FANS

Despite numerous other Carnival events on Friday night, more than 800 spectators were on hand for the games.

The tournament banquet will be held tonight, at the Vernon Lodge Hotel, with speaker Babe Pratt and special guests Bill Derlago and Glen Hanlon, of the Vancouver Canucks.

The 'B' final, for the Alex Kuly Trophy, will be Sunday at 11 a.m. The 'A' championship, with the Amy Myles Trophy on the line, will take place at 2 p.m.

Canadians lose squeaker to Buckaroos

Bruce Cullen scored his second goal of the night with 13 seconds left to play to boost Kelowna Buckaroos to a narrow 8-7 victory over Vernon Canadians in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Friday night.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
INTERIOR DIVISION					
Merritt	55	43	12	0	86
Kamloops	55	31	24	0	62
Vernon	54	28	25	1	57
Kelowna	53	26	26	1	53
Penticton	53	21	30	2	44
Revel.	54	21	33	0	42
COAST DIVISION					
Bell.	55	45	9	1	91
Nanaimo	52	29	21	2	60
Abbots.	53	24	27	2	50
Chilliwack	54	23	29	2	48
Langley	54	20	31	3	43
Delta	54	5	49	0	10

In other games, Bellingham Blazers whipped Revelstoke Bruins 8-3 and Penticton Vees got by Langley Canadians 7-5.

Cullen's goal topped a see-saw scoring battle after Kelowna took leads of 4-0 and 6-5 in the first two periods before 600 fans.

The Buckaroos were leading 7-6 when Vernon pulled goalie Trent Smith for another attack and Larry Pearson scored with 59 seconds left to tie the game before Cullen's goal gave Bucks the victory.

Brian Matthews almost tied the game again, with two seconds to play, when he put a shot off the inside of Kelowna goalie Ron Loustel's leg and the puck slid past the outside of the goalpost.

Tom Stanger got a pair for the winners while singles were added by Rob Wright, Gord Pace, Ken Flocelli, and Alan Knutson.

Matthews and Tom Ouchi paced the Canadians with a pair each while Pearson, Dale Slous, and Wayne Bodnaruk, brought up from the midget reps, rounded out the scoring.

Smith blocked 31 shots in goal for Vernon while Brad Armitage and Loustel combined to stop 39 for the Buckaroos, who were assessed six of 13 minor penalties.

Vernon Coach Greg Kvisle said, "There is no way we should have lost that game. We were controlling the play and instead of being ahead, we were down 4-0. We just didn't get any breaks."

Canadians travel to Kamloops tonight to meet the Rockets. On Sunday, the Buckaroos are in town for an 8 p.m. game with the Winter Carnival Cup on the line.

In White Rock, Revelstoke was unable to score in the final period, when Bellingham scored twice to add to 3-2 and 6-3 first and second period tallies before 200 fans.

Don Fraser and Chris Tucker got two each for the Blazers, whose scoring drive was completed by Ekeljo Taskula, Bruce Harris, Don Hrechosy and Evan Williams, who got a short-handed goal as did Fraser.

Ron Flockhart, Clark Podalma and Howard Doll replied for the Bruins, who got 30 saves from goalie Steve Abbott while Lawrence Dyck blocked 35 for Bellingham.

Tough test for Bennetto

Vernon's Murray Bennetto is competing in the Canadian Indoor Trials Tennis Tournament which gets under way today in Vancouver.

Bennetto, 15, qualified for the trials by recently capturing the Interior junior zone championship. In Interior competition, the Grade 10 student from Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School, recorded three consecutive victories.

Village Green Tennis Centre Pro Bob Moffatt told the Daily News Bennetto has an excellent chance of winning the provincial title this weekend in Vancouver.

Moffatt said, "Murray deserves a lot of credit for the long hours of hard work he has put in. He has improved an incredible amount over the last three or four months. He is just 15, competing against boys up to 18, but I still think he'll give them all they can handle."

TWO TO BEAT

Bennetto, who has been playing tennis seriously for four years, feels there are two players who will be tough in Vancouver.

Bennetto said, "Rick Hunter and Pat Merrigan (both of Vancouver) are excellent players. I lost to Hunter about six months ago, but I think I've improved quite a bit since then. If my serve is working well, I'll play well. If not, I'll be in trouble."

Winner of the trials earns the right to compete in the National Indoor Championships in April, in Vancouver, and the Canadian Junior National Finals next August, in Ottawa.

Local rink remains alive

Vernon's Dave Simpson rink is one of four remaining in contention at the British Columbia Curling Association Bonspiel in Cranbrook.

Simpson, the only undefeated team in the modified double knockout competition, won the A event by beating Barry McPhee of Kamloops 5-4.

Today's first draw had McPhee meeting Bert Thorne, of Kamloops, and Simpson battling another Kamloops foursome, skipped by Eric Wiltzen.

The winner will meet coast champion Glen Pierce of Vancouver in a best-of-three series for the provincial title and a berth in the Brier.

VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

HONEYMOONERS

Opposition over Soft Touch 15-8, 15-7, and 15-7; Crazy Eights over Upsets 15-8, 15-5, and 15-9; Up-n-atoms over Lemons 15-9, 11-5, and 15-6.

MAJOR MEN

Vercom 2, Village Green Inn 0; Lucky Lagers 2, Village Green 0; 57 Selects 2, Village Green 0; Selects 1, Lagers 1; Vercom 2, Lagers 0; Vercom 2, Selects 0; 46ers 2, Nads 0; Ajax 1, 46ers 1; Highball Stuffers 2, 46ers 0; Stuffers 2, Ajax 0; Stuffers 2, Nads 0; Ajax 2, Nads 0.

INTERMEDIATE MEN

Wizards 2, Dynamos 0; Wizards 2, Riverside Rowdies 0; Dynamos 1, Rowdies 1; Sun Auto Body 2, Dynamos 0; Rowdies 2, Sun Auto 0; Wizards 2, Sun Auto 0.

MAJOR WOMEN

VMP 1, Bumpers 1; Coldstream Hotel 1, VMP 1; Bumpers 2, Coldstream 0; Justice 2, Hotshots 0; Hotshots 1, Go Getters 1; Woodstocks 2, Hotshots 0; Village Green 2, VMP 0; Green 2, Bumpers 0; Woodstocks 2, Go Getters 0; Justice 1, Woodstocks 1; Justice 2, Go Getters 0; Green 2, Coldstream 0.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

At Seaton: PTs over Thorne Birds 15-6, 15-9, and 14-16; Geisha Girls over Lively Set 15-10, 13-15 and 15-6; Multi Enterprises over Patswith 15-1, 13-15, and 15-13; Kootenay Six over M and M 15-6, 15-4, and 15-11; Dirty Diggers over Setters 15-13, 15-2, and 15-5; and Jokers over BJs 15-7, 15-7, and 15-7.

At Bearsto: Guzzlers over Six Pack 15-4, 15-5, and 15-8; Power Packs over Ball Breakers 15-11, 15-2, and 15-6; and Freestylers over Jim's Motley Crew 15-3, 15-12, and 15-8.

At Recreation Complex: Silver Six over Twin Elves 15-10, 16-14, and 15-13; and Spinoffs over Honey Bunch 15-13, 15-2, and 15-5.

At Silver Star: Sneakers over Women Women 15-1, 15-4, and 15-1; Seven Up over Scoopers 15-11, 12-15, and 17-15; and Moonshiners over PVAs 13-15, 15-13, and 15-8.

Haak's two shots give Panthers win

Wilf Haak scored on two foul shots, with three seconds remaining on the clock, to give Vernon Panthers a 75-73 victory over Sequam Seahawks, of Delta, in the annual Chimo Days Basketball Tournament on Friday night at VSSS.

The coast team took an early 20-8 lead, Panthers used a half-court press to take control of the game and build up a 42-46 margin, Sequam fought back to tie the score, and Haak became the hero.

28 POINTS

Kelly Olsen led the Vernon attack with 28 points while Rick Beaton, Rob Fischer, and Haak added 10 apiece.

Seahawks' mammoth centre Brian Coles scored 28 points, including 21 in the first-half. Coles is 6'6" and weighs about 220 pounds.

Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig praised the play of both teams. Inrig said, "Sequam has a nice ball club. We had to come up with a good effort to beat them."

PRAISES DUO

The Vernon coach had special praise for Fischer and Haak. He said, "We went to a diamond-plus-one defence in the second-half to stop Coles, and Fischer did a super job against him. Wilf controlled the ball extremely well."

In the other Friday games, KLO of Kelowna upset Prince Rupert 72-67, Terrace edged William Aberhart of Calgary 57-56, and Salmon Arm Golds defeated the Vernon 'B' team 78-64.

TOP SCORER

Kirk Persson, the leading scorer in the Okanagan League, was top sniper for Salmon Arm with 34 points.

Bruce Weltzel scored 18 for the 'B' squad while Jim Arkell added 10.

In second round games today, the VSSS 'B' team met Prince Rupert, Sequam played Aberhart, KLO took on Salmon Arm, and Vernon tangled with Terrace.

Consolation final is tonight at 6:45 p.m., with the championship game at 8:30 p.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1974

Members of the Canadian Dolphins Swim Club of Prince George presented Vernon's Kokanee Swim Club with an appreciation trophy during the Winter Carnival swim meet at the Recreation Complex.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

Tommy Burns, the only Canadian world heavyweight boxing champion, knocked out Jack Palmer 71 years ago tonight - in 1908 - in the fourth round in London. Born Noah Brusso in Hanover, Ont., Burns won the title two years before, following James J. Jeffries's retirement. He lost it to Jack Johnson in Sydney, Australia, at the end of 1908.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Team of the week is the Fulton Academicals, winners of the recent second annual Slowpitch Skateball Tournament, held in conjunction with Winter Carnival. The competition took place on two sheets of ice on Swan Lake. Team members, in the back row from left are, Brian Tipler, Mike McAvoy, Mike French, Ben Yakelashek, Doug Irwin, Ken Kereliuk, Ralph Gering and Al Kuhn. In the front row are, Al Hooper, Greg Erickson and Denis Murdoch.

Crucial weekend for three teams

The battle for second place in the North Okanagan Hockey League continues tonight and Sunday with three games scheduled.

Tonight in Rutland, the fourth place Molsons tangle with the Westside Packers and a win for Ron Dale's Molsons would give them 28 points, two less than Jay Hunter's Packers.

Over in Enderby tonight, the league leading Grindrod Elks have already locked up first place and will simply try to add to their scoring totals when they go up against the fifth-place Winfield Raiders.

In games Sunday, the Molsons have a good chance of picking up some ground on Westside when they travel down Highway 97 to play the Raiders.

Vernon, just one point back of Westside and three up on Rutland have an excellent chance of gaining some ground when they journey to Revelstoke to play the lowly Selkirks.

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For more information, contact the above office.

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TERRACE IS HERE

Terrace, complete with its mascot Kermode the Bear, is one of eight teams competing in the eighth annual Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. Giving Kermode a view of the interior of the Vernon Lodge, where the team is staying, are Ian Alger, Richard Lindstrom, Wade Flaherty, Michael Blagioni, Ben Blagioni and cheerleaders Kim Kaye and Kathleen Blagioni. The four-day tourney winds up on Sunday. (M. Hodgson Photo)

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