Jewels reign supreme in senior girls' b'ball

For the ninth consecutive year, Salmon Arm Jewels will represent the Okanagan in the British Columbia senior girls' basketball championships.

Jewels, the defending provincial champs, dumped Penticton Lakettes 40-34 in Saturday's final game at the Okanagan playdowns in Kamloops.

Penticton and Kamloops Red Angels will playoff Tuesday, in Penticton, for the valley's second berth in the provincial meet. Angels whipped Kelowna Owlettes 49-43 in the consolation final.

Vernon Royals were eliminated earlier Saturday, by Kelowna, 49-43. Prior to the tourney, Vernon had been considered one of the teams to beat.

DISAPPOINTED

Royals' Coach Delroy Routley said, "I was both surprised and disappointed with our loss to Kelowna. I can't explain what happened. We were down by 20 points after three-quarters and outscored them 17-2 in the fourth-quarter, but it wasn't enough."

Routley said his club's loss to Salmon Arm on Friday night took a lot out of the Royals. He said, "We were really psyched up for Salmon Arm and they handled us so easily, it took the steam right out of us."

22 POINTS

Against Kelowna, Fay Zwarych was the top scored with 22 points while Laurie Ferguson added 12.

Routley, who has coached the Royals for six years, felt this was the season his club could go a long way. He said, "I really believed we were good enough to go to the B.C. championships – and do well there. It just goes to prove, you can never tell in basketball."

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TOP PLUMBERS

The 25th annual Plumbers' Bonspiel ended Sunday at the Vernon Curling Club. The Franklin Mechanical team, from Vancouver, won the Crane Supply Trophy as 'A' event champions. Below, team members are from left, lead George Crisp, second Norm Cooper, third Don Mason and skip Stan Docksteader. Vernon's Ron Brown rink won the 'A' event in 1978, but had to settle for the 'B' event title this year. Above, team members are from left, lead Mike Mitchell, second Rob Brown, third Phil Melin. Thirty-two rinks competed in the three-day event, organized by Dolly Bertelsen.

(M. Hodgson Photos)

Fulton captures junior zone title

Clarence Fulton defeated Shuswap, of Salmon Arm, 52-46 to capture the north zone junior boys' basketball championship on Saturday at Fulton.

Both teams advance to the Okanagan finals next Friday and Saturday in Penticton.

Fulton held quarter leads of 14-11, 30-22, and 43-32. Coach Bob Shannon attributed his club's success to a balanced attack.

Shannon said, "We had six players with eight or more points. That was important because Shuswap couldn't key on any one player."

Jeff Baerg led Fulton with 12 points while Mike dePfyffer and Lance Page added 10 apiece.

Kevin Lee replied with 18 points for Shuswap.

SEATON WINS

In the consolation final, W. L. Seaton whipped Lumby 58-41. Seaton cannot challenge Shuswap for a backdoor berth in the valley tourney because it had previously lost to the Salmon Arm school.

Brian Christianson, with 22 points, and Dale Olsen, with 18, led the Seaton offence.

Ben Staal replied with 10 for Lumby.

GIRLS' FINALS

Meanwhile in Lumby, Shuswap qualified for the girls' valley finals with a 52-34 win over Lumby.

The second valley berth will not be decided until Wednesday when Lumby hosts Kalamalka. Kal, which edged Enderby 35-34 in the consolation final, challenged Lumby for a backdoor berth.

Susan Green led the Shuswap attack with 18 points while Sophia Jaroskinski replied with eight for Lumby.

Lumby Coach Herb LaFontaine said, "We blew the game in the first-quarter when we fell behind 18-3. We came out flat – we had the shots, but they didn't go in. In the last three-quarters, we stayed right with them."

In the consolation game, Jane Tassie and Laura Pearson led the Kal attack with 11 and 10 points respectively.

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Juveniles whipped in opener

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

Salmon Arm trounced Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps 8-3 in the opening game of the best-of-three Okanagan-Mainline semi-finals on Sunday in Salmon Arm.

In the hard-hitting affair, Salmon Arm led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 8-3 after 40 minutes. The hosts took 53 of 100 penalty minutes assessed.

Jon Rogers, with two goals, Jeff Wright, Brian Fuller, Steve Kelly, Sheldon Pucas, Mike Stanton and Gord Scalt handled the Salmon Arm scoring.

Darcy Anderson, Rod Trentini and Brad Moore replied for Vernon.

Vernon Coach Bob Williams was furious after the game.

Williams said, "That referee lost control of the game as soon as the opening puck was dropped. We don't have a rough team – we go out and try to play good, clean hockey. Salmon Arm went on the ice with the idea of running us through the boards."

Vernon Manager Gary Zupp was also fuming. He said, "If that referee had called a decent game, Salmon Arm would have had three times as many penalties. All they did he whole game was hit high and try to start fights."

Great news for Canadians

It is amazing how a coach's luck can change in 24 hours.

Just last Saturday, Vernon Canadians' Coach Greg Kvisle was crying the blues. His team had lost two straight games, forward Dean Hassel broke his collar bone, and rookie Lance Vachon reinjured his wrist.

Then Sunday, things started going right. In the afternoon, winger Rich Creelman, who quit the club last month, decided to return. Then in the evening, Canadians ended their 1978-79 BCJHL schedule with an 11-2 victory over Penticton Vees. And after the game, Kvisle found out goalie Vern Hanson, who left the club three weeks ago, wants to return for the playoffs.

THREE GOALS

John Neeld scored three goals for the Canadians while Tom Ouchi, Terry Lowe, and John Mercer added two apiece. Singles went to Brian Matthews and Creelman.

Greg Cook scored both Penticton goals.

Vernon held period leads of 4-1 and 9-2.

Despite missing more than a month of the season, Creelman scored 20 goals and is considered one of the team's top checking forwards. Since Hanson quit, Vernon has been going with Trent Smith every game, with midget or juvenile goalies as back-up.

WILL HELP

Kvisle said, "With Hascarl out for the season and Vachon a doubtful starter, it sure helps to get Creelman back. But, we're still going to need some help from the midgets."

Two midget reps, Ron Itterman and Glen Hampton, turned in commendable performances on Sunday night.

The BCJHL quarter-finals get under way Tuesday night, in Kamloops, when the Rockets host Canadians. Second game, in the best-of-seven series, is slated for Vernon on Thursday.

On the coast, Bellingham Blazers picked up two wins in weekend games to break two league records.

Bellingham, first in the Coastal Division, now has a record 103 points, two more than last year's mark set by Merritt Centennials, leaders in the Interior Division with 98 points.

The Blazers also have a record 51 wins.

The Blazers skated to an easy 9-2 win over the Clippers Saturday in Nanaimo, warming up for their 17-4 scuttling of the Clippers in a return match Sunday in Bellingham.

In another game Sunday, Merritt Centennials dumped Langley Canadians 5-3.

Abbotsford Flyers eclipsed the hapless Delta Suns 18-4 Saturday, while Kamloops Rockets beat Langley 7-5 and Kelowna Buckaroos were leading Revelstoke Bruins 3-1 when their game was called in the second period.

THREE GET PAIRS

Chris Tucker, Randy Larsen and Don Hrechkosy scored two goals each for Bellingham Saturday.

Vernon bowlers fail in their bid

Final positions not determined

Vernon bowlers have failed in their bid to earn berths in the Youth Bowling Council's junior provincial playdowns.

Central Okanagan bowlers dominated the zone finals held Sunday in Rutland.

Highlight of the day was a battle between Summerland's Tracey Gilbert and Vernon's Donna Keckalo in girls' singles competition. Gilbert rolled a three-game total of 702 to edge Keckalo by 33 pins. With just two frames to go in the third game, Gilbert held a 10-pin lead.

Craig Hallman, of Kelowna, won the boys' singles title with a three-game total of 799. Vernon's Kirk Jones was a distant seventh with a 542 total.

In boys' team competition, Rutland took top honors with 2761, followed by Penticton 2750 and Vernon 2722. Rutland came up with a 981 third game while Vernon managed only 830.

Rutland also won the girls team playoff with an impressive 2729 total. Penticton was second at 2676 followed by Kelowna 2615, and Vernon 2551.

Final playoff positions in the North Okanagan Hockey League will not be decided until the last game of the season.

NOHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Grindrod	28	24	3	1	59
Westside	30	17	11	2	36
Vernon	29	17	11	1	35
Rutland	29	15	14	0	30
Winfield	29	8	21	0	16
Revelstoke	29	4	25	0	8

In NOHL action over the weekend, Westside Packers doubled Winfield Raiders 4-2, Vernon Sport Cougars drilled Revelstoke Selkirks 11-2, and Grindrod Elks whipped Rutland Molsons 6-3.

Packers currently lead Cougars by one point in the battle for second-place. However, Vernon can gain the home advantage in the semi-finals by winning its final league game of the season, next Sunday, against the Elks.

On Saturday at the Civic Arena, NOHL scoring leader Dave Caldow led the Cougars with four goals. Clay Anderson scored twice while Gary Gilchrist, Lyle Brewer, Al Winthers, Wayne Dye and Les Salo added singles.

Larry Black and Rod Chivers replied for the hapless Selkirks.

Cougars outshot Revelstoke 78-29 and only the great goaltending of Gord McIntosh prevented Vernon from scoring 20 goals.

In Enderby, Elks led 1-0 at the end of the second period before a wild and wooly final 20 minutes.

Guy Davidson scored two goals for Grindrod while Jeff Collins, Gene Anderson, Ron Stickland and George Fargher added singles.

Mike Darnbrough, Steve Allison and Dave Cousins replied for Molsons.

Elks were without their top scorer, Gary Pearson, who has taken a fishing job on the coast.

In Winfield, Packers outscored Raiders 3-1 in the final period to record the win.

Perry Head got two goals for Westside while Chad Bodnar and Drew Kitsch collected singles.

Gary Moore scored both Winfield goals.

Mike Smithson made 35 stops for Raiders while Gerry Dyck made 15 saves for the Packers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1974

Kelowna Buckaroos continued to ride high on the weekend, tightening their grip on top of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League with a 6-3 win over Chilliwack Bruins.

Hoop playoffs under way tonight

Major Men's Basketball League playoffs get under way tonight at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

At 7:45 p.m., Cosens Bay Rattlers battle Silver Star Suns, and at 9 p.m., Cherry Creek Trappers meet Priest Valley Saints.

Final regular season standings were:

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pts
Priest Valley Saints	12	10	2	10
Silver Star Suns	12	9	3	9
Cosens Bay Rattlers	12	4	8	4
Cherry Creek Trappers	12	1	11	1

TOP 10 SCORERS

PLAYER NAME TEAM	GP	T	Avg.
Pruden, Trappers	11	235	21
Wolcott, Saints	11	223	20
Buettner, Trappers	11	205	19
Pitcher, Rattlers	11	195	18
Parker, Suns	10	184	18
Bufola, Suns	10	176	18
Haworth, Suns	12	146	12
McGregor, Saints	12	140	12
Ware, Saints	12	134	11
Wood, Trappers	10	121	12

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