



HEADING towards the finish line in the 48-inch chariot event from left, Don Temple, Bob Callow, and Len Friskley. Friskley, from Prince George, won the race at the B.C. Pony Chariot and Chuckwagon Championships last weekend in Armstrong. Below, Shelby Collins thrills the crowd with a traditional Roman Ride. Collins won the 48-inch chuckwagon event. (Russ Niles and Jim Laverty Photos)

McCluskey earns Lummy point title

McCluskey won the main event and points championship during the final points meet of the season last Sunday at Lummy Raceways. McCluskey accumulated 220 points to edge Dale Dwan by seven points. Ernie Ward finished third with 208 points, followed by Brian Rizzo with 202.

A record crowd, estimated at about 1,500 spectators, was on hand for the races.

Derek Rottley finished second in the 50-lap main while Pat McCluskey took third spot.

LEFT EARLY in the 48-inch chariot event during the main. Tim Nickell spun twice. Art Fleet got a black flag for leaking gas. Del Hibbert got a fast time and Gord Gudetti spun out forcing both himself and Ward out of the race.

In addition to winning the main event and points trophy,

McCluskey also set a track record with a lap of 18.76 seconds.

Ron Stevenson, from Penticon, won the trophy dash.

In the heats, Hibbert and Dwan were double winners. Several drivers had tough luck on Sunday. In the first heat, Larry Williamson of Armstrong was involved in an accident with the wall and another car. Williamson suffered a slight whiplash and his car was severely damaged.

CAUGHT FIRE in the third B heat, David Peltingham's car spun out, but he was able to finish the race. When he pulled into the pits, his vehicle caught on fire. Some quick work by his pit crew prevented serious damage.

Dennis Johnson broke an axle on his 1980 Chevy in the heats and missed the main event.

In the special races, Pat Punter topped the Powder Dash competition. Ron Miller was the best of the mechanics, and Norma Michaud captured the track officials' trophy.

Top 15 drivers in the final point standings were: Brian Rizzo 202, Gord Gudetti 199, Larry Williamson 188, Dennis Johnson 168, Art Fleet 165, Derek Rottley 149, Del Hibbert 148, Larry Fleet 120, Pat McCluskey 111, Glen St. Charles 88, Tim Nickell 88 and Winston Hosack 77.



KENDALL'S KORNER

League suffering

With the demise of Vernon Canadians this year, we haven't heard much about the British Columbia Junior Hockey League. The BCJHL also lost Delta Sunz, Langley Canadians, and Revelstoke Bruins. However, the league is still alive with 10 teams - including four in the Interior. Alive, but not well.

Unless people start flocking to the arenas this winter, the BCJHL could find itself down to four or five teams next year - all on the coast. The owners of the Interior clubs, and some on the coast, just aren't prepared to lose \$20,000 or \$30,000 per season forever.

Take the case of Penticon Knights (formerly the Vees and Broncos). Knights have a pretty healthy budget - estimated to be about \$80,000. At their first exhibition game, against Kelowna Buckaroos, the Knights had less than 100 people in the stands.

Penticon has been drawing similar-sized crowds for the past several years.

ROCKETS FOLDED

Then there is the Kamloops Rockets (formerly Chiefs). At one point during the 1978-79 season, the Rockets folded due to financial trouble. However, the club was financially revived. However, the club was back on the ice a few days later, and Kamloops did well in the playoffs - going right to the provincial Centennial Cup final.

The team's management thought they'd start the 1979-80 season off with a bang so they brought in Red Deer Rustlers for an exhibition game. The game, which drew only about 500 people, was never completed. A brawl broke out and the game was called with about six minutes to play.

In Merritt, the Centennials will let it games, but don't draw too many fans. It is

Block Brothers records lopsided football victory

Block Brothers received a pair of touchdowns from three different receivers enroute to a 46-13 thrashing of the Bengals in one of their Carling O'Keefe Football League games Sunday at VSSS.

Dennis Roberts, with his sixth and seventh major scores of the season tops in the league, George Dodd, and Fley Twyford with two touchdowns each sparked the Eagles to their third win in as many starts.

Martin Ware recorded the club's TD for the winners who held a commanding 35-0 half time lead.

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SPORTS Page

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Large turnout for pony meet

An estimated 1,000 spectators, including 600 on Sunday, were on hand for the British Columbia Pony Chariot and Chuckwagon Championships last weekend at the Armstrong Fairgrounds.

The meet attracted 108 chariots and 34 chuckwagons from throughout B.C. and Alberta.

Sue Collins, of Fairland, earned first and third place trophies. Collins won the 48-inch chariot event and placed third in the 50-inch Powder Puff competition.

Sue's brother Shelby who lives in Alberta, captured the 48-inch chuckwagon race.

LOCAL DRIVER

Vernon's Bill Pulver placed first in the 50-inch event. The results were:

50-inch Sully: Bill Pulver of Vernon, Bill Petrowski of Salmon Arm, Dwayne Wheel of Prince George.

48-inch Powder Puff: Iose Nichols of PG, Melsa Patterson of Aldergrove, Sharon Price of Barrier.

CROWDS DOWN

Kelowna, which has been the BCJHL's most successful franchise for the past decade, has slumped on tough times in the past two years.

Back in 1977-78, the Bucks averaged close to 1,000 people per game. Last year that figure dropped considerably.

For their home opener last weekend, there were only 500 people in the stands to watch the Bucks upset defending league champion Bellingham Blazers. If spectators won't go to watch the Blazers play, they won't watch anyone in the BCJHL.

It is a sad situation that doesn't show any signs of getting better.

Sheldon Bloomer, who was general manager of Vernon Canadians last year, said the league has to do two things to survive.

Bloomer said, "The teams have to go with all local players - maybe one or two imports. It costs too much money to feed and board 12-15 players for seven months."

"And the travel has to be reduced. Travelling to the coast is ridiculous. All it does is cost you money."

"Most of the owners can't see the writing on the wall. They want to be big-time operators."

Junior hockey in the B.C. Interior appears headed to the graveyard.

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RHYTHM PALS
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Fritz tops field

Frank Fritz, of Kamloops, won his second major tournament of the year last weekend at Spallumcheen Golf Club.

Fritz, who earlier this season captured the Spallumcheen Open at a 36-hole total of 143 to win the Canada Goose Trophy.

After firing a sparkling 68 on Saturday, he sagged to a 78 in the second round. However, his score was still five strokes better than runner-up Roy Daykin, of Revelstoke.

Bob Kemp, of Vernon, took third spot with 151 followed by Barry Dunsley, of Kamloops, with 153.

John Lingor, of Mountain Meadows, earned the low net trophy with 135.

Gross winners were: first flight, Roy Daykin of Revelstoke; second flight, Erv Schneider of Vancouver 142; third flight, Les Schler of Spallumcheen 141; fourth flight, Gordon Olanson of Mt. Shiga.

Net awards went to: first flight Dave Tribe of Quesnel 135; second flight, Mel Pepper of Kamloops 141; third flight, Bob Ross of Vernon 135; and fourth flight, Mike Rebus of Revelstoke 135.

The maximum limit of 120 gross winners took part in the annual competition.

Spallumcheen ladies draw

1. BEE: Bev Simms, Freda Holland, Rose Marie Von Pett, J. B. & Rita Guidi, Paul Bouslog, Beverly Griffin, Paul Bouslog, Mary Burgess, Helen Fogman, Joyce Nelson.

2. 11 a.m.: Ethel Thompson, Betty Swartz, Joyce Nelson, 9:18 a.m.: Mary Burgess, Helen Fogman, Joyce Nelson.

3. 9:24 a.m.: Eleanor Beaulieu, Eric Krewetz, Kay Nelson.

4. 9:30 a.m.: Pivi Phare, Diane Baker, Jean Ayles.

5. 9:36 a.m.: Gretel Schmidt, Mildred Good, Faye Dewilde.

6. 9:40 a.m.: Beverly Swartz, Ears Steed, Pelli Kauback.

7. 9:42 a.m.: Gretel Schmidt, Ears Steed, Banner, Ethel Caldwell.

8. 9:48 a.m.: Grace Galambos, Ethel Penkan, Mara Hamilton.

9. 9:54 a.m.: Gail Gilson, Schier, Neil Dalziel.

10. 10:10 TEA.

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