Duchess Park best in B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Duchess Park Condors of Prince George lived up to their No. 1 ranking Saturday night by beating Nanaimo Islanders 57-40 to capture the B.C. boys AA high school basketball championship for the first time in the school's 55-year history.

"We started playing our game at the end," said winning coach Bill Gook. "We were able to run and penetrate.

"This is something we've worked for since we came home from last year's tournament. We were ready for them this year and we felt everyone had to adjust to us this time."

The Condors now have a seven-game winning streak in tournament play. They lost their opening-round match in 1979 and then won three in a row in consolation play.

Karl Bush led the Prince George attack before 4,875 fans at Pacific Coliseum with 18 points, the same total scored by Dan Steffes who led the losers who were ranked second in the last poll prior to the tournament.

BOTH SCORE 12

Brian Frankel and Kent Stanley both had 12 for Duchess Park while Kurt Kelly and Jim Jordbro each had 10 for Nanaimo.

"They're similar teams, we're evenly matched," Gook said of the title game. "I knew it would be a slow, close and low-scoring game."

In the battle for third and sixth places, guard Alan Tait scored 36 points to lead Richmond Colts to a 82-67 victory over Steveston Packers.

Rob Kavelaars and Dan Dennis both had 12 points for Richmond while Randy Carkner and Rod Jensen each contributed 16 points to the Packers' attack.

Joe Deanna and John Randa combined for 53 points as North Surrey Spartans downed Gladstone Gladiators of Vancouver 74-67 to take fourth place.

Ugly brawl in IHL

MUSKEGON, Ill. (CP) — Twenty-two players were tossed out of the International Hockey League game Sunday night following a bench-clearing brawl in the third period of a game between Muskegon Mohawks and Flint Generals.

The Mohawks won the game on the scoreboard, 8-4, but it was a tie in the ejection department — 11 players from each team took an early shower.

The brawling was sparked by a fight between Flint's Mike Ruskin and Muskegon's Earl Switzer. Rusin, as well as being one of the hockey players turned fledgling pugilists shown the exist before the game's end, was assessed a match penalty for attempting to injure Switzer.

The final 4½ minutes of the game were played with only three skaters from each club on the ice.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

At Recreation Complex: 7:15 p.m., Coldstream Hotel vs. Low-Cost Lumber (consolation); 8:30 p.m., Trophy Gallery vs. Paddington Station (championship game).

MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

At Seaton: 7:30 p.m., Five-plus-one vs. Vercom (for third place); 8:30 p.m., Wasters vs. Toros (championship game).

INTERMEDIATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

At Fulton: 8:45 p.m., Riverside Rowdies vs. Happy Hitters and Sun 49ers vs. Dynamo; consolation and championship games at 9:15 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

At VSSS: 7:15 p.m., Westside Grocery vs. Falconettes; 8:30 p.m., Blue Denims vs. B.C. Tel Polecats (League semi-finals).

HONEYMOONERS' VOLLEYBALL

At Recreation Complex: 7 p.m., IKS vs. Lost Again; 7:30 p.m., P and M Bumpers vs. Opposition; semi-finals at 8:15 and 9 p.m.; final game at 9:30 p.m.

Pockar places ninth in world

DORTMUND, West Germany (CP) — Canadian figure skaters achieved their goals at the just-concluded world championships, opening the way for a carefully-managed return to prominence.

The Canadian team, limited to one entry per event — except in dance — by a poor showing at the 1979 worlds championships in Vienna, qualified an additional man and a dance team here for the 1981 event in Hartford, Conn.

Judges are also buzzing over 12-year-old Tracey Wainman of Toronto.

"We're at the beginning of our quadrennial and this is exactly the position we planned to be in," said David Dore of Toronto, a judge here and chief international strategist for the Canadian Figure Skating Association. "We are on the upswing."

Calgary's Brian Pockar, 20, gave the first boost to Canadian prestige moving up from 13th in Vienna to ninth here. Ice dancers Lorna Wighton of Toronto and John Dowding of Oakville, Ont., jumped an all-important notch to fifth from their sixth last time around. Making it into the top five means Canada may send three dance pairs to Hartford next year.

Wainman lept to the world stage with a 14th-place finish in her very first try. Only the pairs team of Barbara Underhill of Oshawa, Ont., and Paul Martini of Woodbridge, Ont., who finished 11th as they did in Vienna, leave a question mark about Canadian potential. Ice dancers Marie MacNeil, 18, of Halifax and Robert McCall, 20, of Dartmouth, N.S., wound up 13th in their world championship debut.

The men's and women's titles were won by East Germans — Jan Hoffmann, winding up a remarkable 12-year international career, and Anett Poetzsch, adding to her triumphs at the Olympics and the European championships.

The pairs event was won by Marina Cherkasova and Sergei Shakrai of the Soviet Union. But the Russian domination of ice dancing was broken with a gold-medal performance by Krisztina Regoeczy and Andras Sallay of Hungary.

"The talk in the judges rooms has been about Pockar's comeback, but mostly about Tracey," said one Canadian official who declined to be named. "I don't think there is any doubt that it it was the right decision to bring her instead of Heather (Kemkaran of Toronto)."

Wainman, third at the Canadian championships, was picked over Kemkaran, the champion. Wainman's selection was part of the CFSA's new plan to give skaters the right exposure at the right time.

"They might be changing the rules to limit the world championships to those 14 years or older now that they have a junior world championship," said Dore. "Therefore, we wanted to make sure they saw her (Wainman) now."

Rockies fight back to tie Philadelphia 4-4

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

High-flying Philadelphia Flyers haven't had many lost weekends this season, but this was one of them.

After bowing to Atlanta Flames 4-3 on Saturday, the Flyers blew a four-goal lead Sunday night and settled for a 4-4 tie against lowly Colorado Rockies on Lanny McDonald's second goal of the game with 57 seconds remaining.

In other National Hockey League action Sunday, streaking New York Rangers downed St. Louis Blues 5-2, New York Islanders trimmed Chicago Black Hawks 6-1, Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals tied 3-3, Minnesota North Stars trounced Hartford Whalers 6-1, Vancouver Canucks edged Quebec Nordiques 3-2 and Winnipeg Jets downed Detroit Red Wings 6-2.

On Saturday, the Rangers whipped Toronto Maple Leafs 8-4, Montreal Canadiens whipped Edmonton Oilers 7-3, Vancouver and Boston tied 2-2, Washington beat Detroit 5-2, Hartford downed Colorado 4-1, the Islanders tripped St. Louis 6-2, Pittsburgh Penguins beat Minnesota 5-2 and Buffalo Sabres tied Los Angeles Kings 2-2.

After the Rockies pulled their goalie, McDonald sneaked around from behind the net to score the tying goal with Flyers' goalie Phil Myre buried under a pile of players. The rally offset a three-goal performance by Philadelphia's Bill Barber, who scored once in the first period and twice in the first two minutes of the second period.

Although the Flyers have a sizzling 45-8-17 won-lost-tied record and 13 points more than any other team in the league, coach Pat Quinn is starting to worry.

"We're getting a bit concerned with our poor play of late," he said. "We may be getting a bit too offensive-minded. Poor play selection is really where the problem is. We've had a tendency to get people caught out of position lately. Earlier in the season we weren't making that mistake."

"This is a very frustrating time for us," added defenceman Jim Watson. "We're waiting for things to get better, but we're going to have to work to make them better. We're not getting the breaks that we did earlier in the season. We are going to have to find a solution for this before too much longer."

Rangers 5 Blues 2

Ron Duguay scored two goals as the Rangers extended their 11-year mastery over St. Louis in New York's Madison Square Garden. The Rangers have a 28-1-3 record against the Blues in New York, where St. Louis' only victory in its 13 NHL seasons came Nov. 16, 1968.

However, the victory may have cost the Rangers the services of goalie John Davidson, whose brilliant play took them to the Stanley Cup finals last season. Davidson, who has won 10 straight games, was helped from the ice with 1:36 to play after suffering an apparent injury to his left leg when he did a split as Rick Lapointe scored the Blues' second goal.

Islanders 6 Black Hawks 1

Mike Bossy became a 50-goal scorer for the third straight year and Duane Sutter added two goals and an assist. Bossy, who has 172 goals in three years in the NHL, also picked up an assist in the first period to reach the 300-point mark.

Bruins 3 Capitals 3

Ray Bourque's goal with 28 seconds remaining gave Boston the tie. Five of the six goals came in the third period, four of them in the final nine minutes. The tie ended the Capitals' winning streak at five games, longest in their six-year history.

North Stars 6 Whalers 1

Bobby Smith had a goal and three assists as Minnesota ended an eight-game winless streak. The North Stars took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Mike Eaves and U.S. Olympian Steve Christoff.

Jets 6 Red Wings 2

Morris Lukowich and Kris Manery scored 37 seconds apart early in the first period as Winnipeg ended a 10-game winless streak. It was only the Jets' fourth win in their last 37 games.

Rota's goal is the winner

QUEBEC (CP) — Vancouver Canucks are convinced that they will make the playoffs this season and the team took a major step in that direction by edging Quebec Nordiques 3-2 in a National Hockey League game Sunday night.

The Canucks rebounded from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat the Nordiques and in doing so all but shattered the latter's hopes of participating in post-season play this year.

"We want to make the playoffs but we also want to be playing well and peaking when we do," Vancouver coach Harry Neale said after the game.

"We play eight of our last nine games at home this year and we are looking forward to that right now," Neale said.

Darcy Rota led the Vancouver attack with the game-winning goal and added an assist. Stan Smyl and Jerry Butler also scored for the Canucks.

Richard Leduc and Marc Tardif had each scored power-play goals in the first period for the Nordiques before Vancouver came back with three unanswered goals.

"All we want to do right now is make the playoffs," said defenceman Kevin McCarthy, who set up the goal by Smyl in the first period.

"I moved into the slot and I saw Stan all alone and I just flipped it over to him," McCarthy said.

Nordiques coach Jacques Demers admitted that the chances of his team making the playoffs this season had been greatly reduced, but he was not ready to concede defeat.

"We will fight until the last game. Anything is possible," Demers said.

Michel Dion faced 28 shots in goal for Quebec, as did Glen Hanlon for the Canucks.

"It was a good game to win, especially since we came back from behind," Neale said. "I was glad to see Rota score for us tonight. He has been playing well for us lately."

Vancouver moved from 17th place to 15th in the over-all NHL standings with their victory Sunday night. The top 16 finishers will see playoff action.

The Nordiques are in 19th place.

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Three teams tied for lead

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Teams from British Columbia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island were undefeated after the first two rounds of play in the Canadian mixed curling championships Sunday.

But at least one of the leaders was bound to fall today as Newfoundland and P.E.I. were scheduled to meet in an afternoon draw.

But the prospect of one or two losses does not bother Toby MacDonald of St. John's, who is determined to get his hometown rink into the three-team final which will follow the 12-team round robin.

"I don't think anybody will be undefeated," said Macdonald, a former member of a Canadian men's championship team, after getting a look at the competition.

Skip Peter Murray of Saint John, N.B.L who got six on one end in his only game of the day — a 14-4 win over Dan Norris of Inuvik, N.W.T. — agrees.

"Every team out there is capable of beating every other team," said Murray. "It's just a case of whoever gets the breaks."

His break, which led to the six-point end came when the Territories missed on a couple of attempts to freeze against a New Brunswick rock at the back of the house. Meanwhile, the New Brunswickers continued to make their draws, plugging up the house with their own stones.

TIED WITH MANITOBA

Murray's win tied him with Jim Dunstone of Winnipeg, Man., who also won his only game.

Dunstone showed some of the steadiest shooting of the opening day, making more than 80 per cent of is shots ats the Manitobans clobbered Ken May of Burstall, Sask., 12-5.

Tied in fifth with 1-1 records were Northern Ontario's Dick Anderson of Sudbury, Ont., and Pat Mepham of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que. Saskatchewan and the Territories were 0-1, while Wayne Sokolsky of Calgary Scott Saunders of Lunenburg, N.S., and Wayne Oates of Brighton, Ont. were 0-2.

Scotland earns title by defeating Canada

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — Mert Thompsett of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in Winnipeg won't likely forget the final rock he made Sunday in the world junior men's curling championship.

The rock he threw was wide and heavy and it gave the Scottish rink from Stranraer, skipped by Andrew McQuistin, a 5-3 victory and the championship.

For McQuistin, the win was particularly sweet since he had finished third and second in previous appearances.

Third place in the week-long Uniroyal-sponsored event went to Sweden with a 9-7 consolation win over the U.S. rink from Devil's Lake, N.D.

But while the final Thompsett rock told the story in one way, there was another shot in the 10th end he won't forget for a while either.

It was made by Scottish vice-skip Norm Brown. Canada had stolen one in the eighth end and looked in great position, lying three when Brown got up to deliver in the ninth. With just the right speed and angle, he let the rock go and took out all three stones and stayed in the house himself to count two.

LOSE THEIR STEAM

From then on Thompsett, vice-skip Lyle Derry, second Joel Gagne and lead Mike Friesen just lost their steam and Thompsett's bad last rock was just an extra cross to bear.

Everyone agreed that Brown's triple takeout was the key to the Scottish win.

"After all, he's out there to make my job easier," McQuistin laughed when asked about the Brown shot. "But it sure was the key to that one."

The Stranraer skip, who along with Brown and lead Dick Adams are farmers, said his rink didn't change its style against the Canadians.

"We just said before it started that we'd just throw one stone at a time and that's what we did."

Brown, who admitted to being as surprised as everyone else at the triple takeout, is new to the rink this year. He took the lead position from Andrew's cousin who was too busy farming to give time to curling.

Thompsett did his best to disguise his disappointment and chagrin over his bad last rock. But it was tough to do.

"We had control when we stole one in the eighth but we lost it again in the ninth," he said. "The triple that guy threw was sure the key."

Alberta retains hockey supremacy

REGINA (CP) — Alberta Golden Bears were fully aware of the irony of the situation after they won their third straight Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union national hockey championship Sunday afternoon.

Alberta won the final 7-3 over Regina Cougars, the very team that was responsible for the Golden Bears' presence as the wild-card entry to the six-team tournament.

Had Regina not rallied to win the Great Plains Athletic Conference championship a week ago, a wild-card team would not have been necessary to round out the field.

Regina itself would have taken the sixth spot as host team alongside five conference champions.

"We did thank Regina at the first opportunity for getting us here," said Alberta coach Bill Moores. "You don't get man second chances at something this big and we took advantage of it."

Alberta exercised a disciplined defence in taking round-robin victories against Calgary and Montreal's Concordia Stingers during the tournament, but the final Sunday, played before 3,778 spectators, was decided by Regina's errors in its own end and the quickness with which the Golden Bears capitalized.

Victoria dumps Brandon

CALGARY (CP) — As national finals go, it wasn't a memorable one, but Victoria Vikings got to take home the trophy all the same after defeating Brandon Bobcats 73-64 to win the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Association basketball title Saturday.

"Neither team was shooting well, especially in the first half," said Kenny Shields, the Victoria coach who finally connected after three cracks at the national crown. "But that's typical of a championship game."

The Vikings bowed out in the final last yar to St. Mary's of Halifax. This time they avenged their loss by beating St. Mary's 91-75 in the semi-final.

"For me, the biggest game of my life was last night (Friday) when we beat St. Mary's in the semi-final," said Viking star Reni Dolcetti, who contributed 20 points and 13 rebounds to the championship win.

Royals reach WIHL finals

CRANBROOK B.C. (CP) — Cranbrook Royals advanced to the Western International Hockey League final Saturday night by bombing Trail Smoke Eaters 9-4 and win their best-of-seven semi-final four games to two.

The Royals advanced to the best-of-seven final series which will open Thursday night against Spokane Flyers.

Clippers and Knights lead BCJHL series

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nanaimo Clippers and Penticton Knights took 2-0 leads in their best-of-seven semi-final series in weekend B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

In Nanaimo, John Newberry scored five goals as the Clippers trounced visiting Richmond Sockeyes 9-4 on Sunday.

Dave Robinson assisted on all five of Newberry's markers while Gerry Bogle, Mickey Willgress, Paul Cyr and Mike Johnson each had one goal. Mark Eddy, Brad Rand, Jim Thom and Mike Coffin replied for the Sockeyes.

On Saturday, Gregg Wilson scored twice to lead Penticton to a 4-3 win over the Buckaroos in Kelowna.

Doug Festerling and Lance Johnston scored singles. Eric Sanford, Brent Shaw and Mitch Wilson replied for the Buckaroos. Penticton was outshot 18-1 in the first period and entered the second trailing 3-0. Kelowna made it 3-1 going into the third and ended up being outshot 39-21.

In Nanaimo Saturday, the Clippers got five unanswered third-period goals to down the Sockeyes 8-3.

The Clippers mounted a 50-shot attack on Richmond goalie Mike Desjardins, while the Sockeyes managed 26 on Terry Kliesinger in the Nanaimo net.

Dave Wheeldon scored twice for Nanaimo while singles came from Glen Naylor, Greg Barber, Cyr, Johnson, Rick Siemens and Mickey Willgress.

Henry Chaisson, Rand and Ghann Lynes replied for the Sockeyes, who trailed 2-1 after the first period and then entered the final 20 minutes in a 3-3 tie.

Both semi-final series continue Tuesday night, when Nanaimo visits Richmond and Penticton plays host to Kelowna.

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