

IN KAMLOOPS BONSPIEL

Hockey reaches playoffs



GRINDROD ELKS' forward Randy Loski finds himself heading towards the net, without the puck, during Saturday's NHL game in Enderby. Kelowna Packers' goalie Brad Smith made a stop on this play as Loski

skidded into the net. Packers broke a 6-4 tie late in the third period and went on to beat Grindrod 10-4.

John Bond Photo

KAMLOOPS (Special) — Defending champion Jack Hockey of Vernon, has qualified for today's playoffs at the Labatt's Crown of Curling, in Kamloops.

Eight teams remain in contention for \$30,000 in prize money.

After an opening draw to Glen Hillson, of Vancouver, Hockey recorded five consecutive victories to qualify through the 'B' event. He defeated Brock and Brent Giles, of North Vancouver; Bob Arkey and Rick Colter, of Kamloops; and former Canadian champion Ed Lukowich, of Medicine Hat, Alta.

Hockey, who placed third in the recent Vernon Car Spiel, is awarded at least \$2,000 for qualifying.

Other teams to reach the playoffs are skipped by Brad Clarke, of Victoria; Lukowich; Kerry Bernyk, of Winnipeg; Brent Giles; Barry McPhee, of Kamloops; Garnet Campbell, of Avonlea, Sask.; and Robert Chan, of Prince George.

SIMPSON OUT

Another Vernon foursome, skipped by Dave Simpson, was eliminated Sunday. After beating Steve Bullock, of Richmond, and Hillson, Simpson lost three of his next four games.

Lukowich knocked Simpson out of the 'A' event; the Vernon team then beat Al LaChance, of Kamloops; Clarke demoted Simpson to 'C' event; and Hillson claimed revenge by eliminating the former 'C' Curling Association champion.

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ELKS DROP TWO

Cougars hammer NOHL opponents

Vernon Cougars regained first place in the Okanagan Hockey League with a pair of weekend victories.

Cougars blasted Rutland Molsons 10-5 Saturday, in Rutland, and thumped winless Salmon Arm Aces 12-2 Sunday, at home.

Cougars (8-2) have 16 points, two more than Kelowna Packers (7-1). However, Packers have two games in-hand.

In other weekend action, Kelowna beat Grindrod Elks 10-4 and Revelstoke Selkirks dumped Elks 7-4.

SEVEN POINTS

In Rutland, Terry Lowe led the Cougars with two goals and five assists. Dave Caldwell scored three times while Les Salo added a pair and singles went to Neil Herzog, Rick Cheba, and Dave Walters.

Dave McClelland, Rene

Blaniell, Gerry Feist, Duane Holder, and Jim Dickson replied for Molsons.

Rutland took a 1-1 lead after only seven seconds of play. The teams were tied 1-1 after 20 minutes and Vernon scored four unanswered goals in the second period.

64 SAVES
 On Sunday, Salmon Arm goalie Hart Frisese was the only reason Cougars didn't score at least 20 goals. Frisese made 64 stops, including 24 in the first period.

Greg Walsmsley and Caldwell led the onslaught with three goals while Salo added a pair. Singles went to Bruce Green, Will Liefke, Cheba, and Lowe.

Len Holman and Scott Wright countered for the hapless Aces. Mike Smithson, playing with a bad cut on his catching hand, made 21 saves for Cougars.

In Enderby Packers broke a 6-4 dead-end tie with four goals in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Randy Hart and Cal Nyru blinked the red light three times for Kelowna while Gary Moore added a pair. Tim O'Donnell and Perry lead in net.

For Elks, George Fargher, Robbie Lacroix, Gord Howard, Henry Wilson, Randy Loski, and Ron Haggart scored one apiece. Bucky Georgiotti made 42 stops for Grindrod while Brad Smith blocked 26 shots at the other end.

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Lakers suffer another setback

By GARY INGLEBY
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The outcome of B.C. Junior Hockey League games involving Vernon Lakers is becoming painfully predictable.

Kelowna Buckaroos blasted the Lakers 3-3 Saturday night before 705 fans in Kelowna. For Vernon, it was the 14th loss in 16 games this season.

Lakers led 2-0 when Paul Houck scored for the Bucks, with just three seconds remaining in the first period.

WENT FLAT
 Vernon completely dominated the first 20 minutes, outshooting Kelowna 13-5. But, after an impressive opening period, Lakers went flat.

Bucks took the lead for the first time, early in the second period. With Kelowna's Glen McRae in the penalty box for tripping, Vaughn Peoples fed a pass to Richie Odorne who was planted on the edge of the Bucks' crease. The puck ended up at Odorne's feet and his shot went wide of the head of his stick.

Seconds later, McRae left the penalty box, but Vernon goalie Mark Lang, and made the score 3-2.

Odorne said, "That was the turning point in the game. I couldn't get enough wood on the puck because it was at my feet. I tried to back up and shoot, but

the defenceman was coming at me."

NOGUTS
 Vernon Coach Russ Newton agreed that goal was important, but saw the turning point as the entire second period. "The players quit playing hockey in the second. Our club has no guts, no desire to win, and I don't think any of these guys realize they're playing junior 'A' hockey."

Peoples scored both Vernon goals in the first period and Kevin Poirier tallied in the third. In between, Houck got two goals for the Bucks while Mike Sapach, Gary Leask, Ken Filbey, Greg Adams, Brooke Odorne, and McRae added singles.

Lang was superb in net with 36 saves. He was at his best in the third period when Lakers were two men short for 3:37.

LANG GREAT
 Newton said, "Mark played a great game. Without him, we would have been blown out of the rink. I started Lang because he is from Kelowna, the Bucks aren't thin, he was good enough, and he had something to prove."

Defenceman Bobby Morden, who was struck in the eye during Friday's game against Merritt, did not play. He is expected back in the line-up Tuesday when the Lakers travel to Penton.

Goalender Jim Balmi will be sidelined for two weeks with a broken finger, which also occurred in Friday's game.

STREAK STOPPED
 In other B.C.J.H.L. action, Vancouver Blue Hawks stopped Nanaimo Clippers' win streak at 12 games with a 6-1 victory Sunday.

In other Sunday games, Coquitlam Comets edged Richmond Sockeyes 5-4, Revelstoke Rockets beat Merritt Centennials 6-4, and Norwex Caps topped Cowichan Valley Capitals 5-3.

On Saturday, Cowichan doubled Abbotsford Flyers 8-4, Nanaimo dumped Vancouver 5-3, and Chilliwack Collis ripped Coquitlam 5-3.

Blues split games

By GARY INGLEBY
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Vernon Blues will host Rutland Woodsoos this week to decide the Okanagan's second berth in the P.C. High School Soccer Championships.

North Kamloops Saints captured the valley title over the weekend with wins over Vernon and Rutland. Blues, who beat Penton 2-1 and Woodsoos, also beat Penton; had 14 records in the valley tourney.

The deciding game, to be played at VSSS, has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday.

Against Penton, Cain Methot and Murray Benetto scored for the Blues.

MISSED BREAKS
 Vernon Coach Rick Garbutt said his club should have thumped Penton. "The score should have been much higher," he said. "We missed three breakaways in the first half."

Vernon's second outing was a different story as Saints took a 3-0 lead at half-time and went on to post a 4-2 victory.

Randall Krause, on a penalty shot and Gorril Gainsbeck scored for Blues.

Garbutt criticized his entire backfield for its play against Kamloops. "Our back line made numerous mistakes and their forwards were able to capitalize," he said. "Goalie Bobby Hall has been a tower of strength for us all season and even he had a bad game."

PRAISES GEE
 Garbutt had praise for one player, midfielder Al Gee. "Al was just great. I'm disappointed that the rest of the team didn't help him by playing up to their capabilities."

The provincial finals are scheduled Nov. 13-15, at Swangard Stadium, in Burnaby.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1975
 Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' AA and girls volleyball teams completed their undefeated seasons Thursday in Armstrong.

Hee Gervais, who placed fourth in the recent Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel, will be one of three instructors at the Silver Broom Curling School at the Vernon Curling Club.

Shirley sparks Raiders to win

First-place National Hotel Raiders blasted Lumby Flying Frenchmen 7-3 in White Valley Hockey League action Saturday night at the Lumby Arena.

Shirley led the Raiders with two goals and three assists. Wally Fisher also scored twice for the winners while Jeff Todd, Bob Simpson, and Wayne Nuvens added singles.

Mike Irmen, with two goals, and Bill Cawthorn replied for the Frenchmen.

Raiders held period leads of 3-0 and 6-1.

WVHL action resumes Wednesday when Raiders meet Lakeside Red Devils, at 7 p.m., and Coldstream Sabres tangle with Lotus Gardens, at 9 p.m.

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