BY BEATING BURNABY

Cougars capture tournament

VERNON COUGARS' winger Greg Walmsley, right, feeds a backhand pass to linemate Wayne Dye during Sunday's championship game at the Cougar Tournament. Dye, planted beside Burnaby Lakers' goalie Pat Thorpe, was thwarted on this attempt, but did score once to help Cougars dump Burnaby 8-5. Right, Terry Lowethrows his arms triumphantly in the air after scoring his second goal in the final. Lowe won the tourney scoring title, with 12 points, and was named Most Valuable Player. (Daily News Photos)

Vernon Cougars defeated defending Canadian champion Burnaby Lakers 8-5 Sunday night to capture first-place in the second annual Cougar Tournament, at the Civic Arena.

The scoring of Terry Lowe and netminding of Mike Smithson led Cougars to three consecutive victories.

SLOW START

Despite a slow start in the final game, Cougars led 4-2 after the first period. Burnaby netminder Mike Parsons allowed two bad goals, on long shots by Paul Guidi and Les Salo. At the other end, Smithson made several great saves as Lakers blasted 15 shots on goal.

After Burnaby had applied some pressure in the early stages of the second period, Cougars widened the gap to 5-2, at 7:53, when Salo got his second goal of the night on a powerplay.

Dave Caldow, with his first of two goals, made the score 6-2 before the period ended.

Salo, Caldow, and Lowe scored twice for the winners while Wayne Dye and Guidi added singles. Lowe added two assists.

SPORTSMANLIKE

Keith Tindle, named most sportsmanlike player in the tourney, and Ron Langham blinked the red light twice for Lakers while Scott Wren added a single.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson told the Daily News his club had something to prove to the fans and themselves.

"We put on a bad show in our tournament last year and we owed something to the people," he said. "We also wanted to prove we could beat Burnaby."

Vernon's third line, with Neil Herzog between John Box and Darcy Anderson, played exceptionally well. Although they didn't score any goals, they had several great opportunities and checked tenaciously.

TEAM EFFORT

Swanson said, "We've got two great lines and the third line did more than I expected for us. It was a real team effort."

Smithson agreed with his coach. "I thought we had it all over them," he said. "Our guys were really high for this one.

"The third line did a super job . . . and I thought the defence was great. Our defencemen were clearing the front of the net and playing the body. It made my job easier."

Smithson blocked 37 shots while Parsons and Pat Thorpe combined to make 33 saves.

VERBAL THREATS

Thorpe, who relieved Parsons early in the third period, lived up to his reputation as an antagonist. He exchanged verbal threats with several Cougars before his actions caused a donnybrook with, eight minutes remaining in the game.

MIKE SMITHSON
. . . played great

Burnaby brawler Morris Davidson flattened Box. Then when he attempted to hit the Vernon player for a second time, Davidson broke his wrist when he punched the ice. At the same time, Darryl Powless grabbed Cougars' defenceman Will Liefke and hit his mask about 10 times.

Lowe led the tournament in scoring, with 12 points, and was named Most Valuable Player. Smithson was chosen top goalie and Vernon's Dave Schneider, who collected 10 points, was picked as best defenceman.

PRETTY GOAL

Caldow, who had 11 points including seven goals, set up the prettiest goal of the tourney in the first period. Caldow and Dyetic-tac-toed the puck, on a two-on-one break, that ended when Dye beat Parsons.

First-place was worth $1,600 while Burnaby took home $800. Third-place Port Alberni Islanders received $600.

Other teams in the tourney were Kelowna Packers and Grindrod Elks.

BEER GARDEN

For the first time in Vernon, hockey fans were able to quench their thirst between periods at a beer garden located in a lower concession area. According to Parks and Recreation Director Jim Alveberg, "The beer garden ran smoothly, with no problems."

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BROWN RINK IS UNBEATEN

PRINCE GEORGE (Special) — Vernon's Randy Brown rink is one of two teams that has qualified for Tuesday's playoffs at the Rounament of Champions Bonspiel here.

Brown will meet Vancouver's Bernie Sparkes tonight in the 'A' final, with both teams advancing to the championship round.

The Vernon rink scored a thrilling 7-6 win Sunday over Brent Giles, of North Vancouver. Brown counted four in the final two ends, making a spectacular shot with his final rock in the 11th and stealing one to win.

Brown placed third in the 48-rink event last year.

STILL ALIVE

Another Vernon team, skipped by Wayne Laface, is still alive. Laface dropped to 'C' event Sunday after getting thumped 9-0 by Wayne Sokolsky, of Edmonton.

Doug Smith, a member of Jack Hockey's rink, is throwing third rocks for Laface in the absence of Mark Longworth. Longworth has work commitments.

GOWSELL BEAT

Two-time world junior champion Paul Gowsell, of Calgary, also dropped to the 'C' event Sunday. Gowsell was dumped 8-6 by Brian Bygrave, of Edmonton.

Six more qualifiers were to be determined today for Tuesday's three championship round draws.

A total of $30,000 in prize money is up for grabs, including $12,000 to the winning rink.

Maroons win volleyball title

Fulton Maroons captured first-place at the Okanagan Junior Boys' Volleyball Championships over the weekend at Clarence Fulton School.

Maroons defeated Princess Margaret, of Penticton, 15-13 and 15-7 in the final match.

Eight teams, from throughout the valley, took part in the competition.

In round-robin action, Fulton defeated George Elliott, of Winfield; Brocklehurst, of Kamaloops; and McNichol Park, of Fentiction.

BEAT SEATON

In the semi-final, Maroons nipped crosstown rival W. L. Seaton, 15-8 and 15-13.

Fulton Coach Ralph Gering praised the setting of David Abersek and Kevin Thorlakson.

"Their setting allowed our hitters to work effectively," Gering said. "Everyone did their job."

For Maroons, the spiking was handled by Rob Barton, David Marshall, Lane Kamke, and Mark Potyrala.

Seaton placed third in the valley.

GIRLS FIFTH

Meanwhile, at the girls' valley finals in Kelowna, Fulton placed fifth.

Girls' Coach Cyril Foster admits he was disappointed with his club's showing. "After such a fine season, I thought we could do better than fifth-place."

An ankle injury to Susie Miles hurt the Vernon team.

Shannon Stenhouse was named, by Foster, as his club's standout in the tourney.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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Five teams have qualified to compete; in the championship round of the B.C. high school girls' field hockey tournament in Salmon Arm.

JIM YOUNG
. . . here Wednesday

Young to MC banquet

B.C. Lions' all-time leading receiver Jim Young will act as Master of Ceremonies for the Sportsmen's Banquet Wednesday night at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

The event is sponsored by Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

Young spent 13 seasons with the Lions. He caught more than 500 passes, was named to the Canadian Football League all-star team twice (1968 and 1972) and won two Schenley Awards as the outstanding Canadian player in the league (1970 and 1972).

Since retiring last year, Young has gone into broadcasting and now has a syndicated radio show, "Celebrity Sports Reports."

Guest speakers at the banquet will include former National Hockey League stars Andy Bathgate, Sid Smith, and Jim Harrison. The NHL Oldtimers play against the Vernon Oldtimers on Friday, at the Civic Arena.

Advance tickets for the banquet are on sale at Ernie's Esso and Al's Esso.

Tickets are $20 per person.

Rockets trounce youthful Lakers

By GARY INGLEBY
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Lakers have one of the youngest and least experienced teams in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. Those facts are making winning tough.

Vernon showed flashes of brilliance, but ended up on the short end of a 7-3 score Saturday, in Revelstoke, against the Rockets.

Rockets lead the Interior Division with 30 points. Lakers occupy the cellar with just two wins, in 18 games, for four points.

Revelstoke led 3-0 after the first period and killed Vernon's come back hopes with three goals, within three minutes, in the second period.

Former Vernon junior Karl Poeschek led Revelstoke with a first period hat trick. Barry Leasske, Walter Leskiw, Butch Swanson and Murray Matheson also scored for Rockets.

Dave Fish, Earl Smith, and Richie Odiorne replied for Lakers.

"Our players couldn't get going," said Vernon Coach Gary Criss. "We have to play 60 minutes of hockey instead of 40. The team dug a hole for itself in the first period."

Criss is 0-2 since taking over the team last week from Russ Newton, who resigned.

After trailing 6-2, Lakers outscored their hosts 2-1 in the final 20 minutes.

Fish got Vernon's first goal, on a powerplay. Wayne Bodnaruk dug the puck out of the corner, fed it to Smith at the point, and Smith spotted Fish in the right faceoff circle.

Smith scored his goal, early in the third, with a blistering slapshot. Odriorne rounded out the scoring with a breakaway goal, on a pass from Tom DeVries.

Criss said the club needs some experienced players, "But, the problem is finding them."

Lakers took four of seven minor penalties and two of four majors.

GAME TUESDAY

Lakers are back in action Tuesday, at home, against the Rockets.

On Sunday, Coquitlam Comets blitzed Chilliwack Colts 20-4, Abbotsford Flyers beat Norwes Caps 7-5, and Cowichan Valley Capitals downed Vancouver Blue Hawks 4-3.

On Saturday, Abbotsford beat Vancouver 5-2, Merritt Centennials edged Kelowna Buckaroos 7-5, Nanaimo Clippers humiliated Norwes 11-3, and Cowichan nipped Chilliwack 5-4.

Raiders post WVHL victory

National Hotel Raiders doubled Labatt's Sabres 6-3 in White Valley Hockey League action Saturday night at the Lumby Arena.

Daryl Slizak and Wayne Nuyens led the Raiders with two goals each while Jeff Shirley and Tony Shea added one apiece.

Wally Fisher was the top playmaker with three assists.

Rick Hawkins, with two goals, and Gerry Boyce countered for Sabres.

WVHL action resumes Wednesday night with a doubleheader, in Lumby. At 7 p.m., Raiders take on Lumby Flying Frenchmen; and at 9 p.m., Lakeside Whalers battle Sabres.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DEFEATS CANADIANS

TEGUCIGALPA (CP) — The Honduras national team defeated Canada 2-0 in an exhibition soccer game Sunday. The Canadians, competing in World Cup qualifying play with Mexico and the United States, will meet the Guatemalan national squad in another exhibition game in Guatemala on Wednesday.

MANIPULATES DRAFT

CLEVELAND (AP) — Outfielder Dave Winfield of San Diego Padres is trying to manipulate the re-entry draft in professional baseball, says the president of Cleveland Indians. Winfield, the offensive leader of the National League San Diego team for several years, has played out his option and is a free agent. He is seeking a long-term, million-dollar-plus contact.

WANTS FRANCHISE

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Jersey sports and exposition authority will ask the National Hockey League for an expansion franchise to form a team at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J., Gov. Brendan Byrne said Sunday.

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