

OLSON NAMED MVP

Panthers win hoop tourney



DALE OLSON works inside against Q.E. centre Gord Clemens during Saturday's basketball final at VSSS. Olson, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, was able to neutralize Clemens despite an eight-inch height disadvantage.

Vernon Panthers captured first place in their own basketball tournament with a 79-76 win over Queen Elizabeth royals Saturday night at VSSS. Panthers held quarter leads of 20-16, 43-39, and 61-57. The point differential never exceeded eight.

NAMED MVP Vernon centre Dale Olson was named Most Valuable Player after a standout performance against Q.E. Olson,

with the aid of a zone defense, held Royal's seven-foot centre Gord Clemens to 32 points. Olson managed to drop 18 rebounds. Pat Paul added 19 points for Panthers while Daryl Ivins collected 11.

when Lance Page got in foul trouble. Page, Vernon's ball-handling guard, played only 22 minutes due to fouls. Ivins responded with a good offense and tremendous defensive effort. "I can't say enough about Paul and Ivins," said Vernon Coach Deloy Routley. "That is the best game Paul has played in two seasons with the Panthers. He keeps amazing us. He does everything well."

Ivins and Page were named to the all-star team along with Clemens, Nelson Spring of Q.E., and Ray Monster of Rutland Voodoos. **RUTLAND WINS** Rutland hammered Winston Churchill Bulldogs of Vancouver, 57-61 in the consolation final. Panthers are back in action this week at the Kelowna Owls' Tournament, which gets under way Thursday night.

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Verbal threats stop NCHL game

Kelowna Packers and Revelstoke Selkirks did not get an opportunity to complete their North Okanagan Hockey League game Sunday, in Kelowna. Referee Rob Sapinsky called the game at 13:30 on the second period, with Packers leading 6-1. Sapinsky said, "The game was suspended because of Selkirks' verbal and threatening abuse." Revelstoke was assessed 12 of 13 minor penalties, two of three 10-minute misconducts, four of five game misconducts, and a gross penalty. The NCHL is expected to make a ruling within 48 hours.

COUGARS WIN On Saturday, Vernon Cougars blasted Grandrod Elks 7-3, in Enderby. Greg Walmisley led the Cougars with two goals while Rod Trentini, Dave Caldwell, Bruce Green, Neil Herzog, and Terry Lowe added singles. Vernon led 2-1 after the first and second periods.

FIRED UP Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson said his club was fired up after losing to Elks, 6-5, on Friday.

"They don't like losing to Grandrod at any time," Swanson said. "They wanted this one badly." Cougars are back in action tonight, at 8 p.m., when they host Salmon Arm Aces.

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Eagles stretch streak to five

First-place Coldstream Screaming Eagles stretched their winning streak to five games with a 5-0 victory over Torres Hawks in Molsen Men's Broomball League action Saturday at the Priest Valley Arena. In another game, Ballbrushers edged Super Cut Cobras 2-1. Jim Wilson scored the only goal. On Eagles needed on a power play, in the opening minutes. By half-time, Coldstream held a 3-0 lead. Bob Mann and Wilson each scored twice while Brad Williams

added a single. Daryl Leier earned the shutout. The teams split 10 minor penalties and Eagles took the lone misconduct. **LATE GOAL** In the other game, Bob Cunningham's goal with one minute remaining in regulation time gave Ballbrushers their third win, in six starts.

Brian DeBoice's powerplay goal early in the second-half put Ballbrushers in front. Darrell Hanoski tied the game with six minutes to play, which set the stage for Cunningham's heroics.

GREAT SAVES Gary Kawaguchi made several great saves between the pipes for Ballbrushers. Cobras took three of five minor penalties. League action resumes next Saturday when Cobras battle Screaming Lizards at 8:15 p.m.; and Eagles take on Ballbrushers at 10 p.m.

FOR VERNON LAKERS

Penalties prove costly

Vernon Lakers have trouble winning games at full strength, but when playing short-handed, the team's mission becomes impossible. Revelstoke Rockets scored three powerplay goals on route to a 7-5 win over Lakers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before only 200 fans Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

On Saturday, Vernon ended a five-game losing streak with a 7-4 win over Penticon Knights. Rockets held a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period. Early in the second, Dean Hascari got his second goal of the night to tie the score and Darcy Anderson put

Vernon in front at 2:46. **TURNING POINT** The turning point in the game came moments later when Lakers took a series of penalties. Vernon was handed seven minors, within 10 minutes, which enabled Revelstoke to score two powerplay goals. In the third period, Rockets scored three unanswered goals, including another with a man advantage.

Murray Matheson led the Rockets with a goal and three assists. Other Revelstoke scorers were Kelly Smith, Karl Poeschek, Jeff Armitage, Mike Stainton, Eric Samuelson, and

Terence Grams. Lee MacDonald and Randy Kirby combined to block 22 shots for the visitors while Rex Slizak made 35 saves, including 20 in the second and third periods.

Vernon took 13 of 21 minor penalties. **PENALTIES HURT** Vernon Coach Gary Criss felt the penalties hurt his club. "You can't play short-handed for a whole period and expect to win," he said. "But, I'm not putting all the blame on our players. I thought the officiating was terrible."

Lakers were missing four players including Dave Fish ("ronchitis"), Kevin Ballour (shoulder), Gord Olson (pulled groin), and Les Creelman (suspended). Criss said, "Our defence was a little shaky without Olsen and Creelman. They both played extremely

well against Penticon." **MATCH PENALTY** On Saturday, Creelman was assessed a match penalty for spearing, which carries an automatic three-game suspension.

In that game, Hascari led the Vernon attack with three goals and an assist. Lakers are idle until next Saturday when they face the Centennials, in Merritt. On Sunday, Vernon hosts Kelowna Buckaroos in the final pre-Christmas game.

In their weekend action, Abbotsford five's hammered Chilliwack Colts 13-4, Norwex Caps thumped Colts 9-4, Revelstoke stopped Kelowna 6-2, Nanaimo Clippers beat Coquitlam Comets 10-4 and 11-1, Merritt nipped Penticon 6-5, and Cowichan Valley Capitals defeated Vancouver Blue Hawks 6-1.



VERNON LAKERS' goalie Rex Slizak is screened by Revelstoke forward Karl Poeschek during Sunday's B.C.H.L. game at the Civic Arena. Poeschek, who started his junior career in Vernon, scored once to help Rockets beat the Lakers 7-3. (Daily News Photo)

Tillicum Ski Area is open for season

Tillicum Valley Ski Area is now open for the 1980-81 season.

Tillicum opened Friday night and according to Manager Tom Ferris, "The first weekend went really well."

Tillicum, which was owned and operated by Wintertime Recreation Ltd., went into receivership last month. However, the Supreme Court of B.C. has approved the lease of the ski area and facilities to Ski Tillicum, a Vernon group.

The group is comprised of four local businessmen, including Ferris, Sandy Boyd of Wintertime Recreation, is now operating as operations manager.

Ferris said, "We have good snow coverage all over the hill. It is supposed to get cold again later in the week which means we can get the snowmakers operational." Tillicum is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1975 Vernon Vikings strengthened their hold on first place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division by dumping Merritt 6-2 but bounced back to beat fans Tuesday in Merritt.

DECEMBER, 1975 Seaton Sonics split a pair of junior high school basketball games Wednesday in Salmon Arm. Sonics were thumped 62-40 by the Shuswap Rams but bounced back to beat Jackson 51-35.

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