

Leschuk named to Coast team



JOE LESCHUK... with Nor-Wes Caps

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Vernon's Joe Leschuk has more than settled in with Nor-Wes Caps of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

"The 18-year-old defenceman has become someone of a favorite among the North Vancouver team."

"He's quite a character off the ice," said Nor-Wes coach Jim Hall, who credits Leschuk's improvement shown by the Coast Division Caps.

"Joe has a great attitude and I would say he's playing probably 70 per cent within our system. He's such a plus. We use him on the powerplay because he has a slap shot that is hard and low," added Hall.

GOOD START
Caps began the New Year with a refreshing new look which has seen them knock off powerful Nanaimo Clippers and Cowichan Valley Capitals in successive games.

Leschuk played about 35 minutes in both of the recent games. He is getting used to as Hall rotates four blueliners.

"Joe used to play one way, but he's learning our system," said Hall, who doesn't like his defencemen carrying the puck. "He went home to Vernon at

Christmas and it seemed to relax him... Joe is always the last guy in the dressing room before a game and the last one out of the dressing room."

A member of the Western Canadian championship Vancouver Jr. Hawks last year, Leschuk will join Cap scoring star Rod Stastny and Nor-Wes representatives in the BCHL All-Star game, Jan. 28 in Penitence.

"I'm going to rest up for that," he said. "I'm hoping to play well at the all-star game and maybe get some offers. I wouldn't mind getting a scholarship next year, but I would play Western Hockey League if I had the chance."

QUIT SEATTLE
Leschuk didn't enjoy brief stints he encountered in the WHL earlier this season. "I made Seattle Breakers right down to the final 10 players, but I didn't play too much. During an exhibition game in Abbotsford, between the second and third periods, I got it in," said Leschuk, who is currently combining hockey with a full-time job at H.P. Finishing in North Vancouver.

"I knew John Neeld so then I went to New Westminster (Bruins) where I had three games, but I didn't fit in so I

went to Nor-Wes. Things are working out great. We were struggling at the beginning, but now I think we can go all the way."

"A lot of these players didn't know one another at the start, but now everyone's starting to click. We're not taking any garbage from anyone. I'm getting lots of ice time and I'm pretty pleased with my performance."

PLAYER HELP
Caps have bolstered their lineup with Larry Cahon Jr. and Dave Brownlee of the Burnaby Blazers Junior B club. Leschuk has had little trouble adjusting from juvenile to Junior A hockey.

"I don't find it any different really, maybe rougher that's about all. I have to improve on my one on one situations and my shot could also improve."

At 6'1" and 175 pounds, Leschuk feels the Nanaimo's Ian Ramsay is the hardest player to knock off the puck.

"He's big and long-legged. I would watch him and that number eight (Bob Bales) is super fast as well."

LIKES ROBINSON
His favorite player in the NHL is Larry Robinson. "I like the way he does end-to-end rushes and the way he takes the guys out. He's big and long-legged."

Leschuk admits he really misses playing with the Vernon juvenets as he thinks his parents Stan and Wilma Leschuk of Vernon for keeping his hockey career alive.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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MENS OPEN BONSPIEL
Sixty-four teams participated in our major Men's Spiel last weekend and we ended up with many Vernon teams in the prizes. Coming out on top and having a great year was Barry (Skip) Brewer, Bill Whitton, Bob Welsh and Pary (Skip) Brown. Frank edged out the Rick Fount team some who were over from the Trail area. Blake Kimura reached the C finals and lost out to Mark Etko of Kelowna who attends our sport each year. In D event Joe Parkash skipped his team to victory over another Vernon team headed by Doug Anderson.

Much credit to the success of our bonspiel goes to the ladies who helped out with the best BBQ. Thanks a lot ladies.

HIGH SCHOOL ZONE WINNERS
Kent Burt's Senior Secondary team captured top honors at playoffs in Winfield last weekend and heads to Salmon Arm in a couple of weeks to compete in the final playoff leading to the provincial finals at Kelowna. Kent Terry and Dave have been having a good season as they were also winners of our Junior Cash Spiel in December.

JUNIOR GIRLS
Leslie White's team travels to Penitence to compete in District playoffs this weekend and has a good chance at reaching the provincial finals.

SENIOR MENS BONSPIEL
Forty-eight teams start off our 3rd annual bonspiel this coming Tuesday and curling continues to Thursday at 5 p.m. Austin Bally our draw chairman has entries from all over central B.C. and a large number of teams from our own club.

NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULE
Monday - Regular draw in evening
Tuesday - Senior Mens Spiel all day (regular draws cancelled)
Wednesday - Senior Mens Spiel all day (Super League at 9:30 p.m.)
Thursday - Senior Mens Spiel 6 p.m. (regular draws in evening)
Friday - Regular Mixed draw
SUN CONSOLS

Seven teams from throughout the north Okanagan fight for a berth into the BCCA playoffs this weekend. Our club is represented by three teams: Frank Brewer, Bill Whitton, Bob Welsh, Barry Brown, Wayne Laface, Mark Longworth, Ross Hadfield, Barry Longworth, Barry Amies, Larry Wynn, Bob Kilbourn, Rob Prince.

Clyde Smith of Revelstoke, our defending zone winner, is back again to defend his title. Last year at the BCCA Clyde and his team hit Emile Jurista for an 8-ender, which is a rare accomplishment.

There will be a big crowd out to watch Saturday evening so members should get to the club early in order to get good viewing.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE
Sat. 10:00 a.m. - Mens zone; 1:30 p.m. - Mens Zone; 8:00 p.m. - Mens Zone
Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Mens Zone; 11:00 a.m. - Mens Zone; 3:30 p.m. - Commercial League; 5:45 p.m. - Commercial League; 8:00 p.m. - Legion Mix'd

JUNIOR MENS PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS
This past weekend Greg McEune of Enderby skiped three Vernon boys to a berth in the B.C. Finals by going through the 7 game round robin with a 6 and 1 record. Kelowna ended up with the same record and they also qualify. The final step is next weekend in Victoria where these two teams compete against two teams from the Pacific Coast Curling Association.

Tonight's game remains in doubt

North Okanagan Hockey League action is scheduled to resume tonight with Rutland Motors hosting Kelowna Packers. However, that game may not be played.

After a ruling this week that prohibits Packers from using three players from the defunct Revelstoke Selkies, Kelowna said it will cease operations until an appeal is heard by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. The BCHA may hear that appeal at a meeting today, in Vancouver.

If Packers do not play, they face suspension and a fine. Statistics released this week by the league are:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Trail Blazers	20	16	4	0	194	85	32
Kelowna Packers	20	16	4	0	178	84	32
North Vancouver	9	10	1	1	112	84	21
Grand Forks	20	8	11	1	101	115	17
West Vancouver	19	8	10	1	96	115	15
Salmon Arm Aces	21	3	18	0	69	208	6

All-star squad ignores Lakers

Vernon Lakers will not be represented on the Interior Division team that will compete in the annual B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game Jan. 25 in Penitence.

The Interior squad, which was announced Thursday, is comprised of seven players from Kelowna, Vernon, Courtenay, Revelstoke Rockets, and four players from both Penitence Knights and Merritt Centenials.

The Lakers' General Manager Hank Aarsen feels the exclusion of Vernon players "is stupid."

AN INSULT
"Sure, we're in last place," he said, "but I've never heard of a team and a city being totally ignored by an all-star team."

VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

SUNDAY HONEYMOONERS
Old Stylers 2, Dirty Disels 1; Strikers 3, Heads Up 0; Camp-town Pipers 2, Gordie's Mini Motors 1; Counter Action 2, All Saints 1.

MONDAY HONEYMOONERS
Inland Kenworth 3, VMP All-stars 0; Dandelion 3, Uptown 1; Spectacular Spikers 2, Seven Owls 1; Vernon Optical 3, Freeway Flyers 1.

MAJOR WOMEN
Kimikos 1, Coldstream Hotel 0; OK Gardens 2, Vernon Ice Senior Printers 0; Kimikos 1, OK Gardens 1; VIP 1, Coldstream 1; Peters Tirecraft 1; Coldstream 2, Postill Diggers 0; Kimikos 1, Tirecraft 1; Postill 1, OK Gardens 1; Kimikos 2, Postill 0; OK Gardens 2, Tirecraft 0.

MAJOR MEN
Wasters 2, Golden Crown 0; Vercom 2, Westburne Elec-

tricals 0; Golden Crown 1, Vercom 1; Wasters 2, Westburne 0; Wasters 2, Vercom 0; Golden Crown 2, Westburne 0; National Hotel, Thunderbirds 1; Dynamo 1; Lagers 1; Lagers 2, National Hotel 0; Westburne 0; National Hotel, Thunderbirds 1; National Hotel 1, Dynamos 1.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN
At OK Landing: Little Softies 3, Jim's Motley Crew 1; Volley Balls 2, Okanagan College 2; Kal Tire 3, Sunshine Girls 1.

At Seaton: Super Stars 3, Footloose 1; Sneakers 3, Klancy 1; Taylor Service 2, H and L Glass 2; Nona's Drug, Golden Crown 0; Collis 3, Orient Express 1; Pizza Patio 3, Multi Enterprises 1.

At Dogwood: Dog's Ear 4, OTLB 0; Koalas 3, Silver Six 1.

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LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1976
Eight members of the Vernon Vikings as well as Joe Tennant have been chosen to take part in the B.C. Junior Hockey League All-Star game on Jan. 28 in Nanaimo.

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The front wheels of your four-wheel Drive have three bearings in each wheel... and they must be dismantled, cleaned, repacked and resealed every 20,000 km. This job costs approximately \$100, including parts and labour, depending upon year and make. It requires special tools and must be done and done right.

The results of not doing this maintenance regularly, can be, and usually is, disastrous. Our shop is doing far too many very expensive (\$500 - \$800) front axle and drive line repairs that preventive maintenance would have cured.

JUST LOOK AT THESE EXAMPLES OF FRONT AXLE REPAIRS DONE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS

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1979 Chev	55,882 miles	\$506.00
1978 Chev	67,214 miles	\$271.41
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PIN POINTS

JANUARY 4 SUNDAY 9-11
Women's High Single: Cecilia Yeo, 24; High Single: Angie Muir, 66; Team High Single: Mike Wakelin, 73; Team High Single: Peter, 258.

Men's High Single: Maravantes, 257; High Single: Wade Wattle, 216.

TEAM STANDINGS
Spare Pipe 287
Maravantes 283
John O'Leary 282
Phyllis 282
High Rollers 228
Mafia Five 221
Tuesdays 219

JANUARY 5 SUNDAY MIXED 9-11
Women's High Single: Linda Garbutt, 276; High Single: Donna Gehr, 62; High Average: Donna Gehr, 276.

Men's High Single: Val Andretta, 286; High Single: Harry Goulie, 72; High Single: Barry Gordon, 286.

Team High Single: Bradley Young, 285; Untouchables, 282.

WEEKEND STANDINGS
Spare Pipe 287
Pruders 284
Bradley Bunch 282
John O'Leary 282
High Rollers 228
Mafia Five 221
Tuesdays 219

JANUARY 6 MONDAY MIXED 9-11
Women's High Single: Janet Budge, 607; High Single: May Turner, 222.

Men's High Single: Mike Orobko, 771; High Average: Ira Arnold, 222.

Team High Single: The Hunters, 172; High Single: The Hunters, 377; 306 Club: Mike Orobko, 224; 700 Club: Mike Orobko, 77; Ira Arnold, 223; Ed Paschuk, 715.

TEAM STANDINGS
Gravel Pit 479
Wha Eaters 476
Head Pin 429
The Coasters 428
Sinking Eagles 417
The Maltsters 414
The Hunters 407

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