

Richmond captures pee-wee tournament



VERNON CAPTAIN Derek Webb accepts the Alex Kuy Memorial Trophy from NHL Hall-of-Famer Babe Pratt after his club won the 'A' event in the 10th annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.

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Richmond defeated Nanaimo Clippers 8-4 Sunday to capture the 'A' event in the 10th annual Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament before 1,200 fans at the Civic Arena.

In the 'B' event final, Vernon Walkin Motors beat Prince George Spruce Kings 5-3.

AVENGED LOSERS

Richmond's victory avenged a 7-6 loss to Nanaimo in the opening game of the tournament, Thursday.

Terry Vesaki, Brad Costa, Steve Pruden, Doug Sakaki, Dennis Skapski, Dan Stene, Vance Miyazaki, and Travis Webber scored for the Coast team.

Chris Calverley countered with two goals and two assists for Clippers. Darren Biggs and Scott Callow rounded out the Nanaimo scoring.

Clippers' goalie Frank Furia, who was a standout, made 31 saves. Jim Shumaker blocked 23 shots on the other end.

Majority of spectators were pleased with the outcome. Nanaimo's manager, parents, and players contributed to their club becoming the most unpopular team in the history of the tourney.

Tournament Chairman Stewart Mitchell said, "Everyone we talked with fell in with a tremendous amount of interest, a couple Nanaimo parents and the team manager displayed an ungenerous attitude toward some aspects of the tourney."

PENALTIES COSTLY

Clippers were assessed nine of 17 minor penalties. It was back-to-back infractions against Nanaimo, midway through the second period, which enabled Richmond to widen a 3-1 lead.

Skapski and Stene scored goals 66 seconds apart to give the Coast team a 6-3 margin after 40 minutes.

BIG LEAD

In the 'B' final, Vernon took a 5-0 lead early in the third period before Prince George could get on the scoreboard.

Derek Webb led the legal squad with two goals while Murray Head, Dennis Holland, and David Calder netched singles.

Craig Enden, with two goals, and Parker Francis replied for Spruce Kings.

Vernon netminder Blu Smith made 26 stops and blanked Prince George for 40 minutes before being relieved by Mike Sutherland. Sutherland kicked out 10 shots in the final period.

Dan Seiter made 32 saves for Spruce Kings.

White trailing 3-0, Prince George had an excellent opportunity to get back in the game when Jay Stark took a bodychecking penalty midway through the second period.

However, Holland squashed any hopes the visitors had of a come back with a short-handed goal. The little center won a face-off, stickhanded around two defenders, and beat Seiter with a backhand shot into the top corner.

After a disappointing 6-2 loss to Nanaimo, Vernon displayed a solid team effort in its final two outings. Walkin Motors Coach Ken Graves said, "We didn't pass the buck against Nanaimo and we lost. We played as a team, after that ... and we won."

At a banquet Saturday night, NHL Hall-of-Famer Babe Pratt praised the tournament committee.

"I've been to a lot of tournament," he said, "and there are none better than Vernon. When you guys (the players) get to be 30 years old, you'll look back on your trip to Vernon as the best weekend of your life."

On Saturday, Vernon blasted Burnaby Winter Club 12-2. Nanaimo beat Fort Garry-Fort Rouge 8-5, Richmond trounced Prince George 12-4, and Medicine Hat defeated Estevan 8-5.

Holland led Vernon past Burnaby with five goals while Troy Mick and Stark added two pieces. Singles went to Steven Schroeder, Head, and Webb. Alan Graves was the top playmaker with five assists.

TAKES EIGHT ENDS
BRANIMON, Man. (CP) — curling championship Sunday Kerry Barrin's Winnipeg rink won the 1981 Manitoba men's Brandon 8-2 in eight ends.

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Local team wins race

A Vernon team captured top honors in the Labatts Over-the-Hill Downhill Race at Silver Star Ski Area over the weekend.

Four teams took part in the competition which will become an annual event according to Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan.

Former Canadian national team member Dan Irwin teamed up with Bob Davidson, Bill Burr, and Evelyn LeRoese-Tull to clock a combined average time of one minute, 40.35 seconds.

A foursome from Penitents' Apex Ski Area was a fraction

of a second behind the winners, in 1:40.49. Members of the second-place team were Al Tweeder, Jerry Bryant, Libby Van Os, and Willy Lemm.

A Kelowna team comprised of Fred Waldron, Joe Mattiasch, Bob Lord, and Chris Onghun placed third in 1:44.55.

Duggan said, "The race was a success beyond our wildest dreams. When it was first suggested, we thought we'd be lucky to get 20 teams."

Only problem occurred late in the day; when some teams were forced to race with snow falling, which slowed down their times.



A VERNON TEAM captured first-place in the Labatts Over-the-Hill Downhill Race at Silver Star Ski Area. From left are: Dan Irwin, Bob Davidson, Evelyn LeRoese-Tull, and Bill Burr. They beat a team from Penitents by 14 seconds. Forty teams competed in the two-day event. (Don Weixl Photo)

Buckaroos whip hapless Lakers

Kelowna Buckaroos embarrassed Vernon Lakers 20-3 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday, in Kelowna.

The cell-dwelling Lakers have lost 12 consecutive games. The team's last victory was Jan. 2, a 6-5 decision over Merritt Centennials.

Chris Jensen and Greg Adams led the onslaught with four goals while Gary Leask added three. Dan Nugent and Mike Corralle scored two apiece with singles from Mayo McKone, Brooke Odenwald, Tim McNabb, Ken Filbey, and Paul Houck.

Vaughn Peoples, Glenn Hampton, and Wayne Bonnaruk replied for Lakers.

Bucks held period leads of 6-1 and 11-1.

Vernon netminders Terry Wilson and Hank Aarsen Jr. faced 60 shots.

MOST GOALS

Kelowna Manager Wayne North said, "This is the most goals we've scored since I have been involved with the Buckaroos, about 10 years."

On Sunday, Norwex Caps edged Vancouver Blue Hawks 9-8 and Revelstoke Rockets ripped Merritt 8-7.

On Saturday, Abbotsford Flyers whipped Richmond

Sockeyes 8-5 and Penticon Knights downed Merritt 4-3.

At Squamish, Larry Caban scored the winning goal at 15:05 of the third period. Vancouver leads the best-of-nine Coastal Division playoff 3-1.

Grant Harris was top caps marksman with two goals. Oscar Pozzola had two goals for losers, who led 1-1 after one period, but trailed 7-4 after 40 minutes.

The game was played at Squamish because of uncertain ice times due to the civic workers' strike in North Vancouver. The series resumes Wednesday in North Vancouver.

At Merritt, Butch Swanson led the Revelstoke attack with three goals, while Mike Stainton scored a pair.

At Abbotsford, the Flyers took a 2-2 lead in their best-of-nine B.C. Junior Hockey League coast division playoff as Colin Lundrigan scored three goals to pace the winners.

The Sockeyes' Dan Pavich had a three-goal night.

Seventh game in the series goes tonight in Richmond.

Fulton Maroons beat OK Mission

Fulton Maroons edged OK Mission of Kelowna, 40-38 in the championship game of the Shuswap Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament over the weekend, in Salmon Arm.

It was Fulton's third victory, in six tournament final games, against OK Mission this season.

David Marshall led Maroons with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Lorne Kames was a defensive standout with four steals in the final two minutes.

Earlier in the tourney, Fulton

Low shatters his own record

Vernon Cougars recorded a pair of lopsided victories in the North Okanagan Hockey League round-robin, elimination series over the weekend.

Cougars hammered Salmon Arm Aces 19-3 and Rutland Molsons 14-4.

Vernon's Terry Lowe broke his own scoring record of 110 points, established during the 1979-80 season. Lowe now has 113 points, including 48 goals.

The diminutive centre collected four goals and six assists against Salmon Arm; and added four points, including one goal, in the Rutland game.

On Sunday, Wayne Dye, Gary Gilchrist, Les Salo, and Neil Herzog scored twice against Rutland. Dave Caddow, John Box, Dave Schneider, Rob Heiskell, Rod Trentini, and Lowe added singles.

Molsons took a 1-0 lead, but trailed 7-1 before the first period ended.

In another weekend game, Grandfork Ekas beat Rutland 7-3.

Each of the four NOHL teams will play a total of six games in the series. To date the records are: Vernon 4-0, Rutland 1-2, Grandfork 1-2, and Salmon Arm 0-2.

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