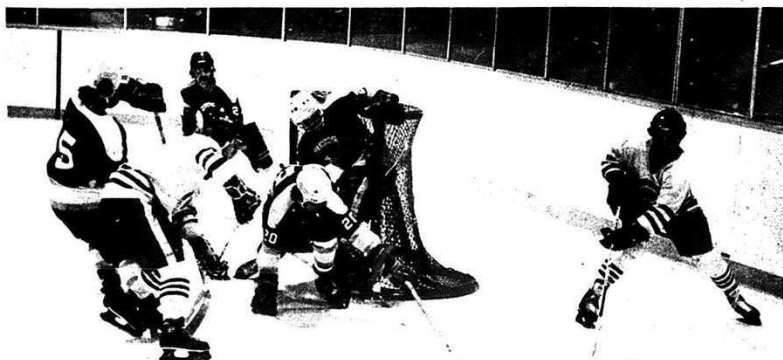


PENTICTON HERE TONIGHT

Oswald's heroics couldn't save Lakers



Rookie netminder Shawn Oswald played his finest game Saturday, in Revelstoke, since joining Vernon Lakers last month.

Oswald blocked 61 shots, but his club dropped a 2-1 decision to the Rockets in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

The setback leaves third-place Lakers with 12 points, six back of second-place Kelowna Buckaroos.

SHORT-HANDED "Oswald was just fantastic," said Vernon Coach Gord MacBeth. "The kid really kept us in the game. It was ridiculous we were short-handed all night."

Rockets scored two powerplay goals, including the winner mid-way through the second period. At one point in the second period, referee Ken Thompson assessed eight consecutive minor penalties to Lakers.

Dan DeLager, Cole Henderson, and Mike Fisher scored for Rockets while Pete Gilchrist replied for Vernon.

Rockets held period leads of 1-0 and 2-1, Revelstoke net-

minder Randy Kirby blocked 22 shots. MacBeth said, "I don't like complaining, but the officiating seemed one-sided to me. He (Thompson) disallowed a goal (which would have tied the game 2-2) because he was calling a slashing penalty on Dale Reimer. Heck, Reimer was no where near the play."

WINGER HURT Lakers' list of injured players continued to grow with the loss of winger Gary Stihling. Stihling, playing his first game since being assigned to Vernon by Kamloops Oilers, suffered a 16-stitch cut on his wrist in the first period.

Stihling is considered a doubtful starter for tonight's game, at home, against first-place Penticton Knights. Lakers already had five players sidelined.

MacBeth said, "We'll have our work cut out tonight. We're going into the game with just four defencemen and one of them, Ray Williment, isn't 100 per cent." Williment is bothered by a charleyhorse.

Game time is 8 p.m.

BUCKS WIN In other weekend action, Kelowna Buckaroos trounced Merritt Centennials 8-1, Sunday, in Merritt.

Ken Filbey led the Bucks with three goals while Chris Jensen added a pair.



GORD MACBETH

...one-sided The clubs were more interested in fighting than playing hockey. Cenis took 186 penalty minutes, including 15 game misconducts. Buckaroos were handed 161 minutes.

In the Coast Division, Rod Slatten scored his second goal at 3:21 of sudden-death overtime to give New Westminster Royals a 7-6 victory over Vancouver Blue Hawks.

In other games, Richmond Sockeyes defeated Cowichan Valley Capitals 7-5, Richmond downed Nanaimo Clippers 8-5, and Blue Hawks whipped Abbotsford Flyers 8-3, 8-3.

Cougars stretch streak at Kelowna's expense

Vernon Cougars stretched their winning streak to four games Sunday with a 4-3 victory over Kelowna Packers in North Okanagan Hockey League action, at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Rod Kashuba's goal with less than eight minutes remaining in the third period capped a gutsy effort by Cougars. The defending NHL champions came from behind three times to record the win.

SCORED TWICE Gary Gilchrist led Vernon with two goals while George

Fargher and Kashuba added singles. Fargher, playing his first game for Cougars since being drafted from the now-defunct Grindrod Elks, also had two assists.

Rod Danuchuk, Brian Cater, and Jack Horning replied for Packers.

Kelowna led 1-0 at the end of the first period and the teams were deadlocked 2-2 after 40 minutes.

Horning's goal, at 2:44 of the third period, put Kelowna back in front. However, Gilchrist tied

the game at 10:42 and Kashuba got the winner two minutes later.

Vernon netminder Ed Forslund, also picked up from the Elks, was a standout. Forslund made 38 stops, including 18 in the third period when Packers applied sustained pressure on several occasions.

At the other end, Steve Egeland blocked 27 shots.

The absence of four regulars and a rash of penalties created problems for Vernon.

Goalie Charlie Brishkhen (suspended), Terry Lowe (suspended), and Earl Smith (ankle injury) all missed Sunday's game.

Cougars were assessed 17 of 25 minor penalties and two game misconducts, to Murray Batty and Gilchrist, at the end of the third period. Those infractions, because they occurred in the final 10 minutes of the contest, carry an automatic one-game suspension.

Cougars are back in action Saturday, in Oliver, against the Bighorns. Next Sunday, Vernon again hosts the Packers.

Hockey drops squeakers

Lumby's Jack Hockey won three of six games in the 250 Labatt's Bonspiel, at Kamloops. After losing his opening game, Hockey recorded three consecutive victories. In a "B" qualifying game, Hockey dropped a 5-5 decision to Keith Switzer, of Vancouver.

Then in "C" event, Vancouver's Ron Thompson eliminated Hockey, 7-6, in an extra end.

Only other local team competing, skipped by Barry Amies, lost three consecutive games. Eight teams were still in contention after Sunday's final draw. The quarter-finalists were Eric Wilman of Kamloops, Brent Giles of Vancouver, Al Frame of Victoria, Stan Trout of Edmonton, Frank Bailey of Calgary, Barry Smith of Kelowna, Ed Deura of Vancouver, and Kelowna's Bert Gretzinger.

The local squad led 4-1 at the end of the first period and 7-2 after 40 minutes.

Vernon returns to the ice next Sunday, in Kamloops. Schwing said, "I think Kamloops will give us a good game. We expected Kelowna to give us the toughest competition and Kamloops beat Kelowna."

Fulton teams victorious

Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School boys' and girls' volleyball teams won tournaments over the weekend.

In Penticton, Fulton girls captured seven consecutive matches to take top honors in an 11-team tourney.

Fulton boys hosted their own five-team tournament and were also undefeated. Another local school, W. L. Seaton, placed second.

Fulton will host the north zone playoffs Friday. Top two boys' and girls' teams advance to the Okanagan Championships.

Competing against Fulton boys will be Revelstoke, Seaton, and Shuswap (Salmon Arm). Fulton girls, who have an awesome 14-4 record this year, will be joined by Revelstoke, Shuswap, and either Seaton or Kalamalka.

PEE WEE ENTRANTS CONFIRMED Four of the eight teams that will participate in the annual Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, from Feb. 11-14, have been confirmed. Joining the host Watkin Motors team will be defuncting champion Richmond, Comox, and Courtenay.

First-place team in the Okanagan Mainline League, as of Dec. 1, will also gain a berth. Kamloops currently leads the hop.

Babe Pratt will be the tournament's special guest for the ninth consecutive year.

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Vernon reps still unbeaten

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps stretched their winning streak to four games with a pair of weekend victories on the road.

Vernon blasted Enderby 13-2, Saturday, and Penticton 7-4, Sunday.

We didn't play particularly well in either game," said Vernon Manager Roger Schwing.

"We took control in the first period of both games and coasted from then on."

Mel Reimer led the onslaught in Enderby with six goals. Kevin Beavis scored three times while Rick Harries added a pair.

Singles went to Rob York and Kevin Keichle.

Kevin Porfous and Norman Dale countered for Enderby.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hoop league starts tonight

Carlton O'Keefe Men's Basketball League gets its 1981-82 season under way tonight with three games. At Preston Valley Gymnasium, Armstrong battles Teachers at 7:15 p.m. and National Hotel battles Trophy Valley at 8:30 p.m. At Vernon Senior Secondary School, Express Construction takes on Wheelhouse Drywall at 7:15 p.m.

HONEYMOONERS In Honey Mooners' Volleyball League action Sunday, the scores were: Sun Snashers 2, Sun Snashers 1, Sun Snashers 2, Valley Volley 1, Old Systers 3, No Names 0, Borden's Mini Motors Counter Action 1, Odd Couples 2, East Hillers 1, and Dirty Devils 3, The Team 0.

PLAYERS NEEDED An intermediate "B" women's volleyball team needs players. The league is recreation-oriented and games are played Wednesday nights. Anyone interested is asked to phone Sue Pederson at 542-897.

SCORES KNOCKOUT JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa knocked out Leroy Calvey of the U.S. at 2:37 of the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round heavyweight boxing match.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1976 A goal scored by Vikings' Jack Lefley early in the second period which was subsequently disallowed when Lefley's stick was measured and found to have too much curve in the blade could well have cost the Vikings the game in B.C.J.H.L. action against Penticton Vees Saturday.

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