

Eskimos edge Riders in Grey Cup



MONTREAL (CP) — "They won the ball game and we won the victory," muttered Ottawa Rough Riders general manager Jake Dunlop, his face a mask of both pride and sorrow and his eyes puffy and swollen from tears.

Dunlop's comments weren't directed at anyone in particular in the tomb-like atmosphere of the Rough Riders' dressing room after Edmonton Eskimos defeated the Riders 26-23 for a record fourth consecutive Grey Cup title.

The Eskimos have been in the Canadian Football League championship game night of the last nine years, winning five.

While Dunlop was fighting back the emotion, down the hall inside the Eskimos' dressing room, which contained the customary chaotic scene of jubilation and its champagne-popping trappings, Dave Cutler was uttering similar sentiments. "This doesn't say as much for us as it does for Ottawa," said

the veteran placekicker, whose 27-yard field goal with three seconds remaining in the game was the margin of victory.

Many had predicted the game would be one-sided and an embarrassment to the CFL.

The reports had been poor-pooling the match all week, pointing to Edmonton's 14-11 win-loss-tied record and comparing it with the Eskimos' 14-11 record. The Eskimos took a 3-0 lead in the first half, and the fans stayed away from the stadium in droves.

PROVED WRONG. The Eskimos were in the first half and a poised and proud Eskimos squad in the second half proved the experts wrong.

Led by rookie quarterback J.C. Watts, voted the outstanding offensive player in the game, Ottawa took a 3-0 halftime lead. Inspired by 15-year veteran Tom Wilkinson,

the heart and soul of the Eskimos, Edmonton recovered with a 25-point second half to nose out the victory.

The game was not without controversy. With 3:30 left in the game and the score 23-21, Watts completed a 20-yard pass to Tony Gabriel at the Ottawa 53. A flag was thrown and out of it came the unique decision to penalize both Gabriel and Edmonton defense

sive back Gary Hayes for pass interference. On the following play, Ron Eddy Hayes for pass interference. On the following play, Ron Eddy Hayes for pass interference.

Wilkinson, now expected to retire on a winning note, played only 10 minutes of the second quarter, but provided the leadership base from which Edmonton could launch its comeback.

He entered the game to replace Warren Moon early in the second quarter after Ottawa had raced to a 20-0 lead. His instructions, supplied by head coach Hugh Campbell, were simple.

"I want you to go out there and get me some first downs so we can show Warren some things at halftime, some simple things that work. Campbell recalled telling Wilkinson, "Wilkie, being as unselfish as he always is, went out and did a great job."

"I was tempted to leave him in there and I think we would have won with him in there."

Instead, Campbell went back to Moon, who in the first half completed only one of six passes to his receivers and two to the Riders.

Midway through the third quarter, Moon moved the Eskimos 40 yards for their first touchdown — a two-yard plunge by Jim Germany — to make it 26-3.

Ottawa's 20-1 halftime lead was due to the play of Watts and a stingy defence, which limited the Eskimos to only one trip across midfield.

On a third-down gamble at the one-yard line, Moon followed the guard Eric Upson into the end zone and it suddenly was a 20-15 game.

Early in the fourth quarter, Moon returned the favor and fumbled on his 23-yard line. But the Riders' offence could only come up with a 28-yard field goal by Gerry Organ, his third of the game.

The Eskimos started their final touchdown drive with 5:38 left in the game and Moon capped off the 74-yard drive with a one-yard plunge. He then connected with Marco Cynar for a two-point convert to set the stage for Cutler and his final three points.

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Vernon Daily News sports

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VSSS girls third in B.C.

By CHRIS CASTRUOVO Daily News Correspondent
Vernon Senior Secondary School girls placed third, out of 24 teams, at the British Columbia High School Cross-country Championships, Saturday, in Victoria.

Vernon girls accumulated 211 points, 125 behind first-place Centennial of Coquitlam. Best of the local runners was Roxey Prevost, who finished 27th in a field of 203. The course was 3,900 metres. Other VSSS runners were: Gudrun Harlos, 22nd, Donna Hanson 34th, Laura Vyvyan

55th, Jackie Gilman 63rd, Ann Weir 91st, Wendy Vyvyan 92nd and Tracy Williams 112th. Meanwhile, Vernon boys finished seventh, out of 28 teams.

Mei Reimer was the first VSSS runner to cross the finish line, in 12th spot. Bill Bishop was 24th, seconds behind Reimer, in 15th place. Other Vernon runners included Larry Norman, Derek Smith, Bruce Dawson, Pat Bayliss, Darren Johnson, and Robert Gordon. Centennial was also first in the boys' team standings. More than 25 runners completed the 7,000 metre event.

BODIES WERE FLYING over the basket during semi-final action at the Pulton Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament, Saturday.

Ken Zubzy was the top scorer for Lakers with 24 points while Roy Cooper added 10.

KAL SECOND IN TOURNAMENT. Penticton defeated Kalamalka Lakers 63-55 in the championship game of the Clarence Fulton Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament, Saturday.

Kal Coach Dave Jackson said this is the first season his club is competitive. "We've been building our basketball program for four years and it looks like we're ready," Jackson said. "I think we'll be a serious contender for the valley finals."

Kal reached the championship game by edging McNeilich Park, Penticton, 39-35 in the semi-finals. Lorne Babluk was top scorer for Lakers with 14 points.

MARCOONS TROUNCED. In the other semi-final, Penticton hammered the host Fulton Maroons 70-50. Rick Kaufmann was the leading scorer for Maroons with 10 points.

McNeilich placed third in the tourney with a 51-35 win over Pulton. Kaufmann sunk 16 points in that outing.

J. L. Jackson, of Salmon Arm, won the consolation final with a 55-53 victory over Seaton Sonics.

Brent Nixon was the big gun for Sonics with 22 points. Eight teams competed in the two-day event.

Bucks whip Lakers

Kelowna Buckaroos pounded Vernon Lakers 10-1 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday in Kelowna.

The loss leaves Lakers 11 points behind second-place Kelowna in the B.C. Junior Hockey League. "We were out of sync," said Lakers' Coach Gord Maclellan. "We fell behind 5-0 and couldn't get back in the game."

SHORT-HANDED. After trailing 3-0 late in the period, Lakers had an opportunity to narrow the gap when Kelowna was assessed back-to-back penalties. However, Bucks scored two short-handed goals, less than three minutes apart, to put the game out of reach.

Tom Martin led the Kelowna attack with three goals while Chris Jensen and Greg Adams added two apiece. Ken Filbey, Tony Savarin, and Darren Caldwell netted singles.

Dean Hascari spoiled Kelowna goalie Matt Sekela's shutout bid at 12:34, of the third period.

Sekela made 30 stops for Buckaroos while Shawn Oswald blocked 43 shots for Lakers. Maclellan said, "Our forwards didn't play badly... I thought they worked hard. Our defencemen kept giving the puck away and Oswald let in a few bad ones."

LOST REIMER. Lakers lost defenceman Dale Reimer early in the first period when he received a game misconduct as an aggressor in a fight. Vernon was already without big Gary Stihling and newcomer Rogan Desroches, who are both awaiting clearance from the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association to play.

"We'll have Stihling and Desroches next weekend," Maclellan said. "I think they'll both help us."

Lakers play a crucial game Saturday in Revelstoke, against the Rockets.

ROCKETS WIN. Dan DeJager scored with less than five minutes remaining to give Revelstoke a 4-3 win over his former Merritt teammates Sunday.

In other weekend games, Richmond Sockeyes nipped New Westminster Royals 6-5, Royals edged Abbotsford Flyers 5-3, Nanaimo Clippers trounced Langley Eagles 7-2, and Rockets beat visiting Penikese Knights 5-3.

Jeff Doerr scored twice for Rockets against Knights.

VOLLEYBALL ROUND-UP.

SUNDAY MOONMOONERS. Heads Up 2, Odd Couples 1; Dirty Devils 2, Sunday Snipers 1; Cougar Action 2, The Team 1; East Hillis 3, No Names 0; Gordie's Mini Motors 3, Sunday Suckers 0; Old Stylers 2, Valley Volleys 1.

INTERMEDIATE B WOMEN. Sidekickers 4, Ramblers 0; Swinging Sizzlers 4, Those Girls 0; Jokers 4, Technics 0.

Cougars win weekend pair

Vernon Cougars strengthened their hold on first-place in the North Okanagan Hockey League with a pair of lopsided weekend victories.

Cougars trounced Rutland Molsons 17-4, Sunday, and blasted Salmon Arm Aces 11-3, Saturday.

Vernon has lost only once in 11 outings.

On home ice against Molsons, Cougars barely worked up sweat. Marty Stein started the onslaught at 13 seconds when he scored from a seemingly impossible angle.

Wayne Dyle led the attack with three goals and four assists while linemate George Fargher scored three times and set up three others. Third member of the unit, Gary Gilchrist, had two goals and three assists.

Red Kashuba and Dave Caldwell also scored twice for Vernon while Dave Thorlakson, John Box, Terry Lowe, Lyle Brewer, and Strain added singles.

Lowe collected five assists. Greg Hewko, Brad Hogg, George Curran, and Greg Man-drucial relied for the lowly Molsons.

Cougars led 7-3 at the end of the first period and 12-4 after two periods.

Rutland netminder Don Pro-

Opening delayed. The November scheduled opening of Centennial Outdoor Skating Rink, at the Vernon Recreation Complex, has been delayed because of the balmy weather the city has been enjoying lately.

Until more reasonable temperatures hit the Okanagan the rink cannot open, a spokesman said.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1976. Vernon Vikings slipped below the 500 mark again last weekend with a pair of losses to Kelowna Buckaroos.



WAYNE DYLE... seven points

He made 48 saves, including 20 in the second period. At the other end, Charlie Briskman blocked 29 shots.

Vernon took 11 of 14 minor penalties, one of two fighting majors, and one of two game misconducts.

On Saturday, before 710 fans in Salmon Arm, Kashuba was the leading scorer with three goals while Dyle added a pair. Singles went to Murray Batty, Thorlakson, Box, and Fargher.

Darryl Moor countered with two goals for Aces and Grant Reid blinked the red light once.

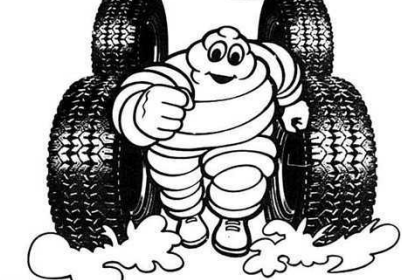
Ed Forlund made 37 saves for Cougars while Mike Spada kicked out 46 shots for Salmon Arm.

Aces led 2-1 at the end of the first period, but trailed 6-3 after the second.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson said, "We were flat in the first 20 minutes, but then our guys turned it on. We played well in the last two periods."

Cougars are idle until Friday when they host Quesnel Kangaroos in their third annual tournament, at the Civic Arena. Eskimos will compete for \$5,000 in prize money.

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