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Cougars host powerful team

Vernon Cougars' Third Annual Hockey Tournament gets underway Friday night with a doubleheader.

At 7 p.m., Kelowna Packer meet Oliver Bighorns and at 9 p.m., Cougars host Quesnel Kangaroos. Eight teams will compete in the three-day event.

Cougars' left-winger Dave Caldwell, better than any of his team-mates, know Kangaroos will be tough. Caldwell played junior hockey, in Vernon, with the Quesnel Kangaroos.

"They've got a good club," Caldwell said. "You look over their roster and they don't have any weak spots. The only

vulnerable position might be their goaltending."

Caldwell played with Ken Price, Rod Dyck, and Gary Gassoff when they were members of the Vernon junior club. Since he quit junior hockey at 18, Caldwell has been one of the top intermediate players in the province.

He won the North Okanagan Hockey League scoring title in 1979, was runner-up to Linemate Terry Lowe in 1980 and 1981, and is leading the league this season. In 10 games, Caldwell has 34 points, including 13 goals.

"We might have a conditioning advantage on Quesnel," Caldwell said. "They've only played a couple games so they might not be in very good shape. We'll have to forecheck them constantly... put pressure on their defence."

Lowe, Caldwell, and rookie Earl Smith form one of the top forward lines in the NOHL. However, they probably won't receive any special attention from Kangaroos.

"Both teams are well-balanced," Caldwell said. "If you start paying too much attention to one or two guys, somebody else will beat you. There are a few guys on Quesnel we'll have to watch closely, but I don't think there will be any special checking assignments."

Tournament passes are available at Butcher Boys, Sigat Bros., and Dye's Family Recreation.

DAVE CALDWELL
...leads league

SPORTS BRIEFS

Slowpitch loop holds meeting

Vernon Melson Men's Slowpitch League will hold a general meeting Thursday, at 7 p.m., in the Vernon Daily News. Any teams interested in participating in the 1982 season are urged to attend. For further information phone Don Lee at 542-8624.

LEADS LOOP

Statistics released this week show Mike Grywaczewski of Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles, leads the Melson Men's Broomball League in scoring. Grywaczewski has nine points, including five goals. Team-mate Bob Mann is in second spot with seven points. Eagles lead the league with 10 points, two more than Ballustrubbers and Cobras.

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EARLY LEADERS

TOKYO (AP) — The Soviet Union and Cuba shared the lead with 40 records Tuesday in the eight-country men's World Cup volleyball tournament. The world champion Soviets beat Poland 3-0, 15-11, 15-4, 15-3, 15-4 and Cuba defeated Italy 14-16, 15-10, 15-3, Brazil downed China 12-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12 and is third with a 3-1 record. China 1-2, Japan and Poland are 2-2, Italy and Tunisia are 0-4. The tournament ends Saturday.

ANNOUNCES ANNUALIZERS

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago White Sox have announced former slugger Ken Hawkey's Harebottle and onetime pitching great Don Drysdale will be the American League team's principal announcers during the 1982 baseball season. The team also said Jimmy Piersall, who was thrown out of the broadcast booth three months ago for a comment about players' wives, would be joining the team as part of its new pay-television package.

CONFIRMS RETIREMENT

MELBOURNE (Reuter) — Alan Jones, the 1980 Formula One world driving champion, confirmed Monday his retirement from racing to concentrate on his business ventures. Jones had announced his retirement prior to the end of the Grand Prix season this year, but later had said he was considering an offer from his Williams racing team.

OUT OF DANGER

MILAN, Italy (Reuter) — Giancarlo Antognoni, a star forward with Fiorentina of Florence and the Italian national soccer team, was reported out of danger Monday after suffering a skull fracture

during a game. Doctors said Antognoni, 27, almost died on the field Sunday. His heart stopped for 25 seconds after he clashed with Inter of Genoa goalie Silvano Martina. Italian authorities also said two fans who were stabbed during fights in the stands Sunday were in critical condition. Police said 13 fans were stabbed and several others were injured.



ROB KOSSAN ... ready for a slapshot

Rookie centre helping Lakers

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

When Kamloops Oilers, of the Western Hockey League, and Vernon Lakers, of the BCHL, signed an affiliation agreement this season, it was hoped the pact would help both teams build strong organizations.

Although it will take at least two years for development of a strong farm system, one benefit already to Lakers was the acquisition of centre Rob Kossan.

FROM KAMLOOPS
Kossan, 17, was one of the final forwards cut by Oilers. He spent the 1980-81 season with Kamloops midget reps, under the guidance of former Vernon Coach Joe Tennant.

Kossan is enjoying his tenure with Lakers, but makes no secret of where he would rather be playing hockey.

"My goal is to get back up with the Oilers," Kossan said. "Maybe I'll get a chance this season, if not, I'll give it my best shot next year."

Kossan is second on Lakers in scoring, behind Jeff Armitage, with 22 points. However, like most of his team-mates, he has

been in a slump for the past few games.

"We're just not clicking," Kossan said. "Things just haven't been going our way."

Kossan is playing between Derek Waters and Ron Ford. That trio has the potential to be one of the top forward lines in the interior. They were just recently reunited after Ford missed five weeks with a separated shoulder.

Vernon Coach Gord MacBeth calls Kossan one of his key players. "Rob really makes his line go," MacBeth said. "In the last few games, that line hasn't been scoring and we haven't been winning."

SIMILAR STYLE

Kossan's style is similar to Ron Aresheff, who starred with Lakers in the mid-1970s. He has long strides, is a strong skater, protects the puck well with his body, and has a quick

MacBeth said, "Kossan has the potential to be a good line one hockey player. He needs more experience, but by next season, I think he'll be ready."

From the time he was three years old, when his dad bought him a pair of skates, Kossan has

wanted to be a hockey player.

"Right from the start, I was hooked on hockey,"

Lakers play a crucial game Saturday, in Revelstoke, against the Rockets. Fourth-place Revelstoke now trails Vernon by only two points.

"Ron (Ford) has been back for three games now so we're getting used to playing together again," Kossan said. "I think our line, and the rest of the team, will probably turn things around this weekend."

A home game scheduled Sunday has been postponed to February due to the Cougars' tournament.

Oldtimers on the road

Vernon Moonshiners Oldtimers Hockey Team has divided its roster into two units for a pair of tournaments this weekend.

One squad is travelling to Fairmont Hot Springs to compete in the annual Canal Flats Tournament.

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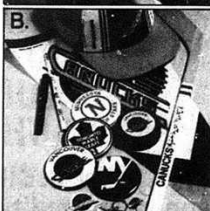
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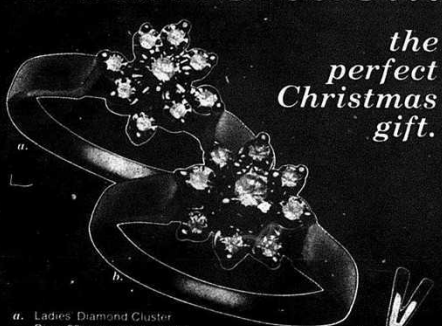
LOOK BACK
FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1976

Vernon Senior Secondary School has advanced to the championship round of the B.C. High School Girls' Volleyball championships in Nelson. VSSS won three of five matches during opening day play Thursday placing them third in their section.

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