

Royals capture B.C. title

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Panthers win hoop tourney

Vernon Panthers breeched past three opponents in the annual Vernon Invitational High School Basketball Tournament over the weekend at VSSS.

After blasting Sir Winston Churchill, of Vancouver, 88-43 Friday, Panthers whipped Rutland 74-61 and U.V. Rogers, of Nelson, 68-38 Saturday.

Vernon's Dale Olson was named most valuable player. Olson scored 20 points, while Dale Dalfoe added 15.

In the Rutland game, Olson scored 22 points while Dale Dalfoe added 15.

Against Nelson, Olson sunk 24 points while Dean Sotnik collected 13. Dave Chondron, Pat Campbell, and Dalfoe added to amaze.

Kevin Korol, who stands 6'4", was a standout on the boards for Panthers.

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The all-star team included Randy Anderson, of Rutland; Bill Barber, of Nelson; Chris Bromige and Kelly Anderson, of Churchill, and Chondron.

Panthers will face their first stiff opposition in next week's eight-team Salmon Arm Invitational Tournament.

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Vernon Royals captured the British Columbia High School Volleyball Championship, Saturday, in Surrey.

Royals avenged an earlier loss to defeated Columbian, of Williams Lake, 15-4 and 15-8 in the championship match.

It was Vernon's first provincial secondary school title since 1975 when Panthers won the B.C. boys' volleyball tournament.

Royals' Coach Shannon McCreight, who took over the club this season from Irene Smith, said her team deserved to win.

"We had the best squad here," McCreight said. "The other clubs had one or two players who carried the load, but everyone on our team did their job."

ONLY LOSS
Vernon posted a 19-2 record during the three-day event. After losing to Columbian on Friday, Royals needed back-to-back victories over undefeated Vanier, of Courtenay, and former B.C. champion Mission to ensure themselves of a berth in the final match.

Vernon responded by downing Vanier 15-7 and 15-3, then Mission 15-7 and 15-1.

Sharon Weitzel, of Vernon, was named most valuable player and selected to the first all-star team. Team-mate Lynn Zwartch joined Weitzel on the first team and Lori Elliott was named to the second squad.

Weitzel was at her best in the final match when she served



LYNN ZWARTCH
... first team



LORI ELLIOTT
... second team

eight aces in the opening game. McCreight also named setter Michelle Balfour, Diana Oosting, Bloomer, and Elliott won't be back.

"With five returns, I'm certain we'll have a good club again next year," McCreight said.

"When Weitzel was in the back row, Bloomer handled the hitting and provided us with a balanced attack."

In addition to playing on school teams, the majority of Royals have been involved with the Vernon Volleyball Club under the guidance of Denis Murdoch and Cyndi Foster.

"Playing with a team outside school really helped us," Weitzel said. "We had an opportunity to start young, receive good coaching, and face some tough competition. I've played with the club for six years and it sure helped me."

SKILL LEVEL
McCreight agreed with Weitzel. "The skill level these girls have attained isn't reached in one or two years. It is obvious they have a solid background in volleyball."

Five of the 10 players on Royals roster are in grade 11. Mary Anne Clark, Shannon Murrells, Weitzel, Zwartch, and Stenhouse are eligible to play next season. Jan Guenther, Michelle Balfour, Diana Oosting, Bloomer, and Elliott won't be back.

"Stenhouse did a great job setting up our hitters," she said.

Thygeson's quick goals spark Bighorns to win

Oliver Bighorns defeated Vernon Lakers 6-4 in North Okanagan Hockey League action, Saturday, in Oliver.

The victory gives Bighorns 15 points, three less than first-place Cougars.

LEAGUE RECORD
Gerry Thompson scored three goals and set up two others for Oliver. The former Penticon

junior star set a NOHL record midway through the third period when he scored two goals, within nine seconds. He later added an insurance marker at 18:40.

Randy Couper scored once and set up three others for Bighorns while Blair Chapman and Doug Lawton added singles.

Rod Kasaba, marty Stein, George Fargher, and Bernie

Reed replied for the injury-riddled Cougars. Vernon made the trip with only 13 players, in closing two goals.

Cougars' netminder Charlie Briskman had 27 stops while Dennis Ewanichuk kicked out 38 for Oliver.

Vernon took seven of 13 minor penalties. KILLED COUGARS
Cougars' Coach Gary Swan-

goals really killed us. We were downed 3-2 lead, then he got two goals in nine seconds.

"It is tough to play a game with just two lines... we were missing a lot of key personnel."

In the second outing, Bighorns returned to the ice Friday when they host Salmon Arm Aces.

Kal second in tournament

Kalamalka Lakers placed second in the Kelowna Owls Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

Arbutus, of Victoria, pounded Kal 33-10 in the championship game.

"Lakers' Coach Dave Jackson said his club lost to a good team. "But, you won't win many games when you shoot 20 per cent."

Centre Wade Loukes, who stands 6'5", led the Arbutus attack with 25 points. Lorne

Babuk, who was named to the tournament all-star team, replied with 10 points for Kal.

In earlier games, Lakers downed Dr. Knox 38-48 and upset London, 61-40.

Don Balcombe, who received honorable mention to the all-star squad, led Kal past Dr. Knox with 12 points. Ken Zuck and Ernst Vangamernon added 10 apiece for Lakers.

In the second outing, Babuk led Kal past London with 16 points.

Hockey loses on measurement

Vernon's Jack Hockey failed, by an inch, to qualify for the playoffs at the annual \$3,000 Abbottford-Clearbrook Curling Classic Sunday night.

Wayne Stratton, of Chilliwack, edged Hockey 8-4 with a last-over measurement in a 'C' event qualifying game.

Centre Wade Loukes, skipped by Wayne Laface and Dave Simpson, were eliminated earlier.

Other teams that advanced to the playoffs were Pete Sherba,

of Prince George; Bert Gretzinger, of Kelowna; Ivan Carlyle, of Port Alberni; Steve Skilling, of Victoria; Wayne Frank, of Chilliwack; and Glen Stewart, of Calgary; Dave Van Dine, of Okanagan; Bernie Sparks, of Kelowna; Gerry Van Dine, of Vancouver; Wayne Sokolowsky, of Calgary; and Glen Stewart, of Vancouver.

Forty-eight teams entered the four-day event. First prize is \$10,000.

PIN POINTS

NOV. 23
MONDAY MIXED 7-9
Women's High Single: Lili Janzen, 31; High Triple: Donna Cochrane, 807; High Average: Donna Cochrane, 244.

Men's High Single: Lionel Hoffman, 38; High Triple: Lionel Hoffman, 173; High Average: Marcel Galloway, 200.

TEAM STANDINGS
The Pits 289
Coasters 278
Challengers 266
Hed 254
Bay Marks 260

NOV. 24
TUESDAY
Women's High Single: Norma Myers, 287; High Average: Donna Cochrane, 807; High Triple: Donna Cochrane, 244.

Men's High Single: Feathered Friends, 433; High Triple: Feathered Friends, 433; High Average: Feathered Friends, 433.

TEAM STANDINGS
Feathered Friends 333
West Side Follies 254
Roy City Riders 240

NOV. 24
TUESDAY
Women's High Single: Donna Cochrane, 807; High Triple: Donna Cochrane, 244; High Average: Donna Cochrane, 244.

Men's High Single: Art Block, 318; High Triple: Art Block, 778; High Average: Ron Trank, 250.

TEAM STANDINGS
4 Roses and a Peach 375
Glamer Eyes 349
Gentlers 328
Dall 314
Coldwater 314

Over the Hill Gang 311

NOV. 25
WEDNESDAY
Women's High Single: Sandy Kruse, 207; High Triple: Sandy Kruse, 207; High Average: Sandy Kruse, 207.

Men's High Single: Honey Nuts, 338; High Triple: Honey Nuts, 338; High Average: Honey Nuts, 338.

TEAM STANDINGS
Munchies 285
Whistles 282
Maypo 282
Kerry Flaks 282
Lily 282

VERNON LAKERS' captain Dean Hascari, centre, worked his way behind Revelstoke goalie Randy Kirby and

deflected a point shot, by Regan Desroche, into the net during Sunday's B.C.JHL game at the Civic Arena.

Hascari's third period goal narrowed the gap to 5-4, but moments later, a penalty shot awarded to Revelstoke's

Dan DeJager, gave Rockets a two goal cushion. Revelstoke went on to win the game 7-5. (Daily News Photo)

