

Coast all stars defeat penalty plagued Interior

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — The Coastal Division team took advantage of penalties to edge the Interior Division 8-7 in the B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game Thursday night.

The Interior led 3-0 at the end of the first period on goals by Brent Group of Penicton.

But an Interior player drew a minor near the end of the period, and when he protested too much, got an unsportsmanlike conduct minor tagged on. Other Interior players protested, and got nailed with a bench penalty.

While the Interior was two men short at the beginning of the second period, Marty Irvine of

Cowichan Valley scored with less than a minute gone.

The Interior was still a man short when Joe Leschuk of New Westminster tied the game at 1-1.

Leschuk is a graduate of the Vernon minor hockey system.

Dan Nugent of Kelowna scored twice near the middle of the period to put the Interior ahead, but Grant Dion of Cowichan Valley and Vaughn Karpun of New Westminster brought the Coast even by the end of the period.

The Coast jumped to an 8-5 lead in the third period.

Jeff Wilkinson of Richmond

scored twice in the third, including the eventual game winner at 11-8. Tom Smith of Langley and Duane Potekal of New Westminster added singles.

Dan Bremson and Randy Maxwell, both of Penicton, tied the Interior, but after Martin's goal at 16:19, the Interior was held scoreless.

The Interior drew 10 of 16 minor penalties.

Rich Willis of 16 New Westminster and Pete Saunders of Vancouver combined to make 30 saves for the Coast, while Marty Watkins of Kelowna and Norm Foster of Penicton stop-

ped 38 shots.

Rob Kossan, who with Darcy Lepine represented Vernon Lakers on the Interior team, said they almost tied the game in the dying minutes.

"We were pushing really hard but we just couldn't get it in."

He said the game seemed faster than a regular season contest and was a great experience. Neither Vernon player scored a point in the game.

Lakers are off to Penicton tonight for a game against the first place Knights and return home Sunday when they host Revelstoke Rockets at the Civic Arena at 7 p.m.

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Snowmobilers issued warning

British Columbia Snow Vehicle Association Instructor Jerry Kuch, of Vernon, has warned snowmobilers to be cautious when mixing fuel.

Kuch said, "Always mix oil and gas in a safe place and use a separate, clean container. Pour in a portion of the gasoline, add the oil, shake well, pour in remainder of the gasoline, and shake again. The oil should be at room temperature."

"Always keep away from an idling machine when mixing, and never fuel while your snowmobile engine is operating. Gasoline and the fumes of gas are highly explosive. Gas fumes are heavier than air and can be ignited by a pilot light in a furnace or hot water heater in a utility room, basement, or garage. Be familiar with laws

pertaining to fuel storage.

"Do not light any matches or smoke while filling the tank, and never check fuel with a lighted match. A hot tank exposed to higher temperatures could result in an overflow."

Kuch said using the proper fuel mixture is also important for the continued safe operation of snowmobiles.

CONSULT MANUAL

"Owners' manuals should be consulted for manufacturers' recommendations for efficient engine operation and lowest emissions," he said.

A machine inspection, before each use, may prevent a serious problem according to Kuch.

"Most of snowmobile safety is just common sense," he said. "Proper maintenance is important, and you should have your machine checked, by a dealer, on a regular basis to ensure all components are in good working condition."



LAFACE RINK WINS

The We're Laface rink, with lead Barry Longworth throwing skip rocks, captured the 'A' event in the recent Vernon Men's Open Bonspiel.

Prior to the spiel, the team decided to rotate positions.

From left: rear, Ross Hadfield and Barry Longworth; front, Laface and Mark Longworth. Laface and his teammates also recently won the men's zone title. (Daily News Photo)

Pups capture tourney

Vernon McDonalds won three straight games to capture the recent Westside Pup Hockey tournament.

Vernon defeated Pacific 5-4 in the final game with Peter Conway scoring twice to lead the pups to the win. The McDonalds were tied 4-4 when Peter Conway scored, at 11:39 mark, of the third period.

Other goal scorers for Vernon were Brad Quith and Ian Edwards.

In Vernon's first game of the tournament, it defeated OK Builders 6-3 on the strength of three goals by Edwards. Vernon went through a scores first period but accounted for four goals in the second with the victory while Edwards, Conway and Lanaway added singles.

In Vernon's second game, it defeated Vernon Army and Navy Senior Pups 5-4.

Altswaser had two goals in the victory while Edwards, Conway and Lanaway added singles.

Local motocyclist leads racing series

Vernon's Howard Cunniff was trying to defend his win of a year ago at the motocycle race at Swan Lake, B.C.

Cunniff is currently leading the motocycle circuit this year after two meets and is hoping to add to his total with a win at Swan Lake.

Cunniff is leading the overall list year in the seven race series, but has a firm grip on his position this year.

Cunniff is leading in the open 500 series and 125 cc classes and second in the 250 series category.

"I have a pretty good lead in the 125, but the other two are a little shaky," said Cunniff. "I hope to repeat with wins in Vernon this year."

THREE BIKES

To race in the three events, as Cunniff does, he must have three bikes. Total cost for Cunniff's three machines is \$9,000.

Just out of the rain, that figure doesn't include the amount of work that has to be done getting the bikes ready for competition.

John Rogers is Cunniff's head mechanic and says the 125 cc bike is the most difficult to maintain.

"Our track is the only oval in the circuit, all the other ovals are kidney shaped or some other kind of shape," Rogers said.

Roddis said the conditions of the day usually play a large part in what kind of race it is going to be.

So far the weather conditions haven't been that great, we've already had one race cancelled," said Roddis.

Regardless of the weather conditions, Cunniff says it's important to get off to a good start in a race.

CRUCIAL TIME

"Right when we're lining up is the most crucial part of the race because once you get the lead,

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1977

Vernon Legion preserved its unbeaten record Saturday by battling to a 4-4 tie with Enderby in Okanagan Mainline Juvenile Hockey League action in Enderby.



PREPARING for this weekend's motocycle race, Cunniff leads the series

racers Howard Cunniff, left, and mechanic John Roddis, right, are in three classes this weekend. (Daily News Photo)

VEINON'S Terry Watts had a comfortable lead over his opponent on a dual slalom

course, when he lost a ski during last Sunday's PWA Pro Tour Race, at Silver Star

Mountain. Watts, one of the top speed skiers in the world,

earned \$100 for his effort. (Don Weist Photo)

Watts comes home for pro racing event

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Terry Watts came home last weekend.

Watts, a nomadic Vernon native, was at Silver Star Mountain to compete in the opening race of the Pacific Western Airlines Pro Ski Tour.

Watts, 26, now resides in Rossland and does promotion work for a helicopter skiing company based in that city.

He is ranked as one of the fastest skiers in the world despite the fact he was never a member of Canada's World Cup team. After three years of disappointment when he was named to the national squad, including 1978 when he won the Pontiac Cup downhill title, he became a dedicated speed skier.

At the 1978 world speed skiing championships, in Italy, Watts placed second with a clocking of 197.47 kilometres per hour.

Later that year, he raced

It speeds up to 195 kph at an event in South America. Although he has never again attained the speeds he reached in 1978, Watts has come close several times including 190 kph, in 1980, at Silverton, Colorado.

"Speed skiing is a fantastic sport," he said, "for skiers and spectators. It is really gaining popularity."

Watts plans to compete in the first four of five PWA tour races to warm-up for the fastest skiers in the world. He is using the PWA circuit as training, he is a serious contender.

He qualified for last Sunday's 32-man playoff round and held a three-gate lead on his rival, in the dual slalom event, when he lost a ski.

"Nothing happened, the binding just released," he said. "It is unfortunate, but it is part of skiing."

Officials felt Watts could have placed among the top eight.



TERRY WATTS
... speed skier
The PWA tour resumes this weekend at Panorama

Mountain, near Invermere.

Watts said, "I'd like to do well, but really I'm thinking ahead to the speed races."

First speed event is scheduled in March, at a Nevada ski area. Second leg of the six-race series has been tentatively scheduled for Red Mountain, at Rossland, March 19-20.

"We need corporate sponsor for the Rossland event," he said. "That is the only thing holding up confirmation right now."

On the recent trial run at Red Mountain, Watts reached 155 kph. "And the course has the potential to be a record setter," he said.

Nancy Greene-Raine made her hometown, Rossland, famous when she established herself as the top woman skier in the world during the 1960's. Watts would like nothing better than to remind skiing fans about Red Mountain, and set a world record in the process.

CURLING CLUB NEWS

By DON HOLTSTON
VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

Our annual Men's Open Spiel proved a success because of the good entry of teams and the hard work of Ted Kenny's committee which ran the BBQ and the ladies of the afternoon league who helped out all Saturday afternoon. We would like to thank W. McCune, of Sutherland Bakery, for their kind donation of their equipment and time.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Last weekend four teams from Vernon schools travelled to Princeton to compete in zone playoffs. Our junior ladies' team of Leslie and Lori White, Leanne Davies and Tracy Robertson came out winners and play today at Kelowna. If they succeed again, they will be in Victoria for the provincial final.

SENIOR MEN'S OPEN BONSPIEL

Our fourth senior men's (over 60) bonspiel gets under way Monday, at 8 a.m. and continues until Wednesday evening. Interior. Each team is guaranteed six games and drawmaster Jim Free says all the teams are looking forward to this event. Regular league curling is cancelled Monday through Wednesday except for the PWA Super League which is curling Wednesday, at 10 p.m.

On Tuesday there will be an open at 9:30 p.m. for practice. Regular league curling continues on Thursday morning.

RNCP PLAYOFFS

Our club is hosting the RNCP District Playoffs this weekend. There are 12 teams competing and curling starts Saturday morning and continues through until Sunday noon. Commercial and Legion league draws are on at regular times.

LUMBY AND SALMON ARM SPIELS

Our two neighbouring clubs are holding their annual men's spiels and both are full. We have a good number of teams from our club competing in both events. Good luck to all involved.

LADIES' INTERIOR BONSPIEL

The second annual Interior ladies' spiel is being held at Kamloops and two teams are entered from our club. This spiel gives ladies who did not qualify at zone level a second chance to compete in provincial final.

CURLING TIP OF THE WEEK

I have, at the club office, the recently published Curling Book written by Rick Folk, Paul Gossnell and Ed Lukowich. This is by far the best book on the market about our favorite game. I recommend that anyone interested in improving their game purchase a copy.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling tourney at Lincoln Lanes

A husband and wife bowling tournament will be held Sunday, at Lincoln Lanes. The four-day handicap event gets under way at 11:30 a.m. About 45 teams are expected to compete.

SKATEBOARD

Due to weather conditions, the Winter Carnival Men's Skateboard Tournament was changed to a snowmobile event. A final decision on site and format will be made Jan. 28. Any teams interested in competing in the tourney are asked to phone the carnival office at 540-2556.

FORMS NEW COMPANY

NEW YORK (AP) — "Don King is in the cable business and it's a new day," the boxing promoter said Thursday in announcing the formation of Don King Sports and Entertainment Network, Inc. The network will carry sports events and pay-per-view events. King said the network will make its pay-per-view debut March 5 providing the Holmes-Gerry Cooney title fight to other networks.

SPRINTERS INJURED

MELBOURNE (AP) — Sprinters Mel Lattany and Mark Kent of the U.S. were injured in an incident involving demonstrators Thursday night during the running of the 200-metre final at an international track and field meet. The athletes had covered about 60 metres when they ran at top speed into a banner-waving group of nine demonstrators, causing Kent an injured thigh

and Lattany pulled back muscles.

BEATS OLDEST RECORD

MELBOURNE (Reuter) — Swedish javelin champion Kent Elderbrink beat Australia's oldest athletics record Thursday night. Elderbrink, 24, hurled the javelin 86.74 metres to beat a record set by Erik Danielson of Norway 87.71 metres at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

REACH AGREEMENT

NEW YORK (AP) — Agreement has been reached between the New York Racing Association and the paramilitary clerks union, subject to ratification by union membership, Robert Ryan, a association vice-president, announced Thursday. Voting on the agreement is expected to be held Jan. 26. The NYRA operates the thoroughbred tracks of Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga.

DIES DURING POLO

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — George (Pete) Bosck, a member of the Jockey Club and horse racing's Hall of Fame, died Wednesday of a heart attack while playing polo. He was 72. Born in Baby Lake, N.Y., Bosck was the first steeplechase trainer to have his horse earn over \$1 million in a year. As a steeplechase trainer, his horses were voted Jumper of the Year on six occasions. He died in 1955, 1967 and 1968 and ancestor in 1959.



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