QUESNEL 9, VERNON 1

Kangaroos blast Cougars in final

VERNON COUGARS lost to Quesnel Kangaroos in the Coy Cup intermediate hockey finals over the weekend in Quesnel. Team members are from left, back row: Coach Gary Swanson, Paul Guidi, Wilf Liefke, Wayne Dye, Bernie Reed, Gary Gilchrist, Rod Kashuba, Dave Caldow, George Fargher, and Lyle Brewer. Front row: John Box, Dave Thorlakson, Bruce Green, Marty Stein, Charlie Briskham, Ed Forslund, Terry Lowe, Murray Batty, and Kim Weberg. Also on the team were Ernie Gare, Les Salo, and Dave Schneider.

Quesnel Kangaroos claimed the B.C. Coy Cup Intermediate Hockey championship by defeating Vernon Cougars 9-1, Sunday, in Quesnel.

Kangaroos had won the first game of the best-of-three series 6-4, Friday, but Cougars rebounded to win the second game Saturday night, 5-3, to force the third and deciding game.

SCORED THREE

However, a three goal performance by Ken Gasoff, Sunday, put an end to any hopes Vernon had of winning the series. Also scoring for Quesnel were Len Dies and Wes Pederson, with two each, while Brian Festerling and Wayne Holmes added singles.

Rod Kashuba scored the only goal for Vernon, which was outshot 35-23 by the Kangaroos.

For Cougars, it was their second consecutive loss in the provincial final. Last year, they were defeated by Victoria, also in three games.

Quesnel now meets either Innisfail or Didsbury, from Alberta, in a best-of-five series this week.

Quesnel Coach Dick Marsh said after the first two games of the series, that his club was really pumped up for the third game.

UP FOR GAME

"The guys were really up for the game, we knew we could beat them and we went out and did it," said Marsh.

However, Marsh said he wasn't expecting the lopsided 9-1 score.

"That was one thing I didn't think would happen, we were expecting a tough game, just like the first two."

Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson said his club just ran out of steam in the third game.

"After the overtime game and Saturday's game, we just didn't have enough to win Sunday," said Swanson. "We seemed to be running scared in the third game. I felt sorry for a couple of guys that put an effort into it, I think they deserved a better result than what they got."

BEAT ISLANDERS

Cougars advanced to the Coy Cup final by defeating Port Alberni Islanders in two straight games. In the quarter-finals, Cougars defeated Chilliwack Blues, also in two straight. Earlier, Cougars defeated Oliver Bighorns in six games to win their fourth consecutive North Okanagan Hockey League championship.

Swanson said his team played great in their 5-3 win and was pleased Cougars could take Quesnel to the limit.

"We have to face facts, that was a pretty tough hockey club we just lost to, actually they're a senior team that is playing in an intermediate division."

Cougars have played their last two series on the road, but Swanson said that wasn't the reason for the loss.

"Let's face it, everybody has to do it. If you want to win, you have to be able to win on the road."

Now that Cougars season is over, Swanson said he's entertaining the idea of calling it quits from behind the bench.

"I haven't made a definite decision yet, but I'm pretty close," he said. "A guy can only take so much, we've lost in the final for two years now and it might be time for someone else to take the team."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Umpires hold clinic tonight

Vernon Umpires Association will be holding a clinic tonight, at 7 p.m., in the Recreation Complex. Regional umpire-in-chief John Duzik, of Kelowna, will discuss new rules. All fastball and slowpitch umpires are urged to attend. There is no admission charge.

Registrations

Several softball leagues, operated by the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District, will hold registrations next week at the Recreation Complex. Honeymooners' A and B Leagues sign up April 5; Intermediate Women's Fastpitch League, April 6; Women's Slowpitch League, April 7; and Intermediate B Men's Slowpitch, April 8. The complex is open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For further information phone 545-6035.

Ball meeting

Molson Men's Slowpitch League will hold a meeting, Wednesday, at 7 p.m., in the Wometco (Cocal-Cola) Building, on 27th Street. All team representatives are urged to attend.

Boxla sign-up

Armstrong Minor Lacross Association will hold its final registration tonight, from 7-8 p.m., in the Armstrong City Hall council chambers. Boys aged 6 to 16 are eligible to play. Registrations for Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association are being accepted at Sun Valley Sports.

Kemper Open

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Amy Alcott, who says she thrives on competition, won a head-to-head showdown with two top-flight challengers to win the $175,000 Women's Kemper Open golf tournament Sunday.

Alcott, who started the day one stroke off the pace, battled veterans JoAnne Carner and Nancy Lopez-Melton before taking the lead for good on the 17th hole of the Royal Kaanapali North course on the island of Maui.

Royals win

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP) — Cranbrook Royals won the second Savage Cup of their 17-year history Saturday as they defeated Kimberley Dynamiters 8-3 before 1,275 Western International Hockey League fans Saturday.

Eludes accident

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Cale Yarborough eluded a six-car accident on the 444th lap and guided his Buick to victory in the twice-rain delayed Carolina 500 NASCAR Grand National race on Sunday.

Yarborough, who led twice for 51 laps including the last 49, averaged 108.992 miles an hour in recording his first victory in three starts this season and his 29th career super-speedway triumph. He earned $17,360 of the $232,665 purse with the victory on the 1,017-mile North Carolina Motor Speedway oval.

Easy victory

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Rick Mears roared away from the field Sunday to an easy victory in the Kraco 150 Indy car race at Phoenix International Raceway.

The defending national champion started from the pole and led virtually all the way, relinquishing the top spot only briefly after pitting for fuel 50 laps from the end.

Defensive errors

Calgary Wranglers took advantage of three defensive errors by Saskatoon Blades Sunday to win a Western Hockey League Eastern Division playoff game 4-3.

Connors loses again

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beaten Jimmy Connors of the U.S. for the second time in a week to win the final of a $350,000 tennis tournament 6-3, 6-3 Sunday. The No. 2-seeded Vilas made short work of his top-seeded opponent. Connors blamed fatigue from matches in the previous round and an erratic bounce of the balls on the indoor surface of the Milan Sports Palace for his defeat.

Top seeds win

LONDON (Reuter) — Morten Frost of Denmark and Zhang Ailing of China justified their status as top seeds by claiming the singles titles at the all-England badminton championships Sunday. Frost wore down third-seeded Luan Jin of China for the men's crown, 11-15, 15-2, 15-7. Zhang beat her compatriot and third seed, Li Lingwei, 11-4, 11-6. In women's doubles, Liu Ying and Wu Dixi of China beat Indonesians Verawaty Fajrin and Ruth Damayanti, 15-8, 15-5. Gillian Gilks and Martin Dew defeated Billy Gilliland and Karen Chapman, 15-10, 14-17, 15-7, in an all-British mixed doubles final.

Reutemann retires

PARIS (AP) — Argentine Carlos Reutemann, the No 1 driver for the world champion Williams team, has retired from motor racing one week before the race in Long Beach, Calif., his wife Mimicha confirmed Sunday. She would not indicate why he had decided to retire. Reutemann, 39, is the oldest and most experienced Formula One driver on the Grand Prix circuit.

Americans win

CASTELROTTO, Italy (AP) — The United States, anchored by Bill Koch of Guilford, Vt., won the men's 4x10-kilometre relay race, the final international cross-country ski event of the year, on Sunday. Norway and Italy came in second and third, respectively. The U.S. victory came a day after Koch upset the favored Scandinavian and East European skiers to win a 15-kilometre race, the final event of the Nordic World Cup.

Streak stopped

NEW YORK (AP) — Sylvia Hanika of West Germany rallied from a first-set loss and upset Martina Navratilova 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, Sunday in the singles final of a $300,000 Avon tennis tournament. The loss halted Navratilova's tournament-winning streak at five.

Oxford again

LONDON (AP) — Oxford beat Cambridge for the seventh straight year in their annual boat race Saturday. Oxford finished in a time of 18 minutes, 21 seconds — 11 seconds or about 3½ boat lengths ahead of Cambridge.

Wild fans

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England (AP) — Police were called in Saturday after Newcastle United soccer fans attacked visiting supporters of the London club, Chelsea. More than 60 fans will be brought before magistrates this week for fighting, property damage and drunkenness, police said. Newcastle United won the game 1-0.

New franchise?

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP) — A new Continental Basketball Association franchise may emerge from the ruins of the team that folded in this southern Alberta city. CBA commissioner Jim Drucker has confirmed that the Alberta Dusters franchise was terminated when its season ended last week. But Drucker said the league is negotiating with possible new owners and he is confident there will be a league franchise in Lethbridge next season.

SUNSET PROPERTIES' captain Leanne Williams plants herself in front of the Kamloops Plaza Hotel net during Molson Can-Am Broomball Tournament action, Sunday, at the Priest Valley Arena. Sunset placed second in the women's section of the tourney with two wins and a loss.

(Daily News Photo)

Kamloops club wins tourney

Kamloops Daily Oldstockers defeated Kamloops Village Hotel 4-0 to capture the fourth annual Molson Can-Am Broomball tournament, Sunday, at the Priest Valley Arena.

Finishing third on the A side was Plaza Hotel, also from Kamloops, who had lost to Daily Oldstockers 4-3 in overtime in the semi-finals.

Williams Lake won the B side by defeating Vancouver Jets 2-0.

Brass Rail, from Kamloops, won the women's portion of the tournament with two wins and a tie during the round-robin. Sunset Properties, of Vernon, finished second in women's play with two wins and a loss. Kopec Tire placed third and Plaza Hotel, from Kamloops, took fourth in the four team event.

Coldstream Hotel Screaming Eagles, who were expected to do well in the tournament, lost their first game 1-0 to Shuswap, from Kamloops.

TWO SHUTOUTS

Screaming Eagles then dropped to the B side where they downed National Hotel Hawks, of Vernon, 5-0 and Rendezvous Rowdies, of Kamloops, 1-0.

In the B semi-finals, Vancouver Jets defeated Eagles 3-1.

Hawks were eliminated in two games. Ballbrushers, also from Vernon, were knocked out after losses to Rowdies and Vancouver Westenders.

The fourth Vernon team in the tournament was the Polson Place Sports Maulers which won its first game over Plaza Hotel, then went on to defeat Windsor Hotel from Dawson Creek. Maulers were eliminated from further competition with a loss to Williams Lake.

RAN SMOOTHLY

Tournament spokesman Norm Amiel said the three-day event ran smoothly.

"It really went smooth, it was lots of work with only a few minor problems," said Amiel.

However, Screaming Eagles had their problem on the ice.

"We Eagles had played Shuswap twice before and had beaten them easily both times," said Amiel. "Then we go and loose to them in overtime. I still don't think they were that good."

Eagles then got back on the right track in defeating the Hawks and Rowdies before meeting the Jets.

"We were leading going into the second-half, but our legs just gave out," said Amiel. "We were running the tournament, plus we were playing and it just took too much out of us."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1977

Six members of the Vernon Kokanee Swim Club recently took part in the B.C. championships in Surrey.

Vernon bantams sixth in province

Terrace captured the British Columbia Bantam (tier one) Championship, Saturday, with an 8-1 victory over North Delta, in Nanaimo.

Nanaimo took third spot in the eight-team event followed by Juan de Fuca, Trail, and Vernon Acutruss Flyers. Prince George and Cranbrook tied for seventh place.

After winning three of their first four outings, Flyers lost three consecutive games. Nanaimo started Vernon's downhill plunge, Friday, with a 5-4 victory. Then Saturday, Flyers lost 7-3 to North Delta and 10-5 to Trail.

TURNING POINT

Vernon Manager Mel Major said the loss to Nanaimo was the turning point for his club.

"We played probably our best game of the season and lost," he said. "You could see the air started coming out of our balloon."

Vernon outshot Nanaimo 43-32 and rattled 11 shots off the goal post.

Major said, "We just didn't get the bounces. There is no way we deserved to lose that game."

That setback hurt Vernon, but North Delta and Trail pounded the final nails in the coffin.

Delta was in front 2-1 at the end of the first period and 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Bruce Major led the Flyers' attack with a goal and two assists while Brent Gilchrist and Jeff Finley each scored once.

Vernon netminder Arne Flaten made 36 saves and Delta's Bruce Saito kicked out 43 shots.

LACKLUSTRE

With no hope of finishing in top spot, Flyers turned in a lacklustre performance in their final game against Trail.

Trail led 3-1 at the end of the first period and extended that margin to 6-3 after the second.

Danny Nolan, Rob Dennis, Derek Webb, Warren Schneider, and Major handled Vernon's scoring.

Flyers' netminder Darren Newton blocked 44 shots while Bob Gardner made 28 saves at the other end.

Assistant Coach Bucky Georgetti was behind the Vernon bench for the final two games. Head Coach George Fargher left Friday, for Quesnel, to compete in the Coy Cup playdowns, with Vernon Cougars.

Major said Flyers had their ups and downs on the trip.

ONLY LOSS

"Naturally, we were happy to beat Terrace," he said. "We were the only ones to defeat the B.C. champions."

But, on the other hand, the sixth place finish was a disappointment. "I still think we were one of the best teams there," he said. "We won three games, beat the B.C. champions, and lost two games by one goal. I'm sure if we'd defeated Nanaimo, we would be the champions. We had a tremendous letdown after that game."

Forward Les Olsen and Flaten were among Vernon's most consistent players throughout the four-day event.

Only two Flyers, Jay Stark and Webb, are eligible to remain in the bantam division next season.

Forward will represent B.C. in the Western Canada finals which get under way April 7, in Kelowna.

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Tennis lessons start next month

Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District is holding a series of outdoor tennis lessons, in April and May, at Centennial Courts.

Kevin Scollon, of Vernon, will be the instructor.

First session runs from April 26 to May 10, with a total of six lessons. Second session is scheduled from May 17 to 31 and will also include six lessons.

There will be classes for: women's beginners, mixed juniors, men's beginners, and women's intermediate.

Cost is $18 per session, including balls.

Registrations are now being accepted at the Recreation Complex. For further information phone 545-6035.

Large dump of snow increases Star's base

Silver Star Ski Area should have little difficulty providing good skiing conditions until its April 25 closing date.

The Star received 30 centimetres of snow, in the last 48 hours, to bring the base to 240 centimetres.

Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan called the conditions fantastic. "Our spring skiing season will be great," Duggan said. "I can't remember the last time we had this much snow in late-March."

The annual Funner Daze event is scheduled next weekend on the Star. Activities will include novelty races and a barbecue.

Lumby nips Carlings

Lumby Flyers defeated Carling O'Keefe 5-4 to win the Carling O'Keefe Hockey Tournament, Sunday, at the Civic Arena.

On the B side of the draw, Logan Lake was 5-4 winner over Nelson. Nelson received the tournament's most sportsmanlike team award.

In advancing to the tournament final, Lumby defeated Logan in first game, then beat Trail in its second game and advanced to the tournament final by downing Toros, of Vernon.

Carling defeated Kelowna in its first game, then got by Kaslo and advanced to the final game by beating Nelson.

Carling O'Keefe was one of two local entries in the 10-team tournament.

Toros defeated Enderby its first outing then went on to defeat the eventual tournament winner, Lumby.

However, Lumby protested the game because of Toros using ineligible players. Lumby subsequently won the protest sending Toros to the B side.

NELSON'S Terry Martin (white jersey) loses the puck in his skates while Grant Gariepy from Trail, also searches for the puck during Carline O'Keefe Hockey Tournament action, Sunday, at the Civic Arena. Nelson finally won the game 7-6 in overtime. Lumby Flyers eventually won the tournament with a 5-4 victory over Carling O'Keefe.

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