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Williamson goes to Japan

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When Tom Williamson broke his ankle the pain was unbearable, but for a different reason than the obvious.

Williamson broke his ankle last Sunday while playing for Carling O'Keefe in a recreational hockey tournament, four days before he was to leave for Japan to play with the UBC Thunderbirds Alumni Pledgetats.

Williamson will still go to Japan, but because of the cast starting from below his right knee, he won't play.

"I broke my knee earlier in the year, and I thought okay that it, nothing else can happen," said Williamson. "Then on my last skate before leaving for Japan, I caught a rut in the ice and that was it."

Preparations were made a year ago to get alumni players to make the trip for the Japanese tournament.

"The whole trip is a one shot deal as a favor to Japan for the times they've come to UBC," said Williamson. "That's not to say it might not happen again, it's just a super idea."

Williamson played for the Thunderbirds from 1967-71, and then went back for one more year to finish his degree.

Williamson was with the team when it went to the national collegiate final, losing to University of Toronto, in Sudbury, 1971. From that team, several players were drafted by NHL and WHA teams.

Williamson was drafted by the Ottawa Capitals, of the WHA, and later sent to Flint, of the International League. Doug Buchanan was also drafted by Ottawa while Doug Buhr, Jack Moores and Norm Park were selected by the Los Angeles Kings. Barry Wilcox was chosen by Vancouver Canucks, Ian Milne by Montreal Canadiens and Bob MacAnelly was drafted by California Seals.

Ted MacAnelly, Bob's brother, is now playing for Seibu Lions, one of the six teams entered in the tournament. Also on that team is former Toronto Maple Leaf and Vancouver Canuck, Gary Monahan.

GRAT EXPERIENCE Williamson said he expects the Japan tournament to be a great experience for the Canadian team.

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Paul in A side final

Vernon's Jason Paul has advanced to the A side final of the B.C. Winter Games curling playdowns, Friday in Kamloops.

Paul defeated Bob Macintosh of Nanaimo in an extra end and will meet the Charlie Fournelle of Terrace this morning. Charlie had defeated the Mullock rink of the North Shore Winter Club, from Vancouver.

In girls play, Linda Moxley of Kelowna defeated D. West of Victoria while the Jennings rink defeated the Mullock foursome of Prince George.

Jennings and Moxley will now meet in the A side final this morning.

Paul's rink of Dave Stephenson at third, Darin Laface at second and Greg Hanson at lead advanced to the provincial competition by defeating the Wallace rink of Revelstoke 10-3 in the interior final.

Mullock will now meet Macintosh in the boys' B side final in the four team double knockout event.



LUMBY SENIOR CURLERS

Winner of the A event in the recent Lumby Senior Mixed Bouspiel was the Bob Derry rink. Above, from left: Derry, who played lead; second Barry Tom; third Betty Gauthier; and skip John Dyck. Tompkins' rink, below, captured the B event. From left are: lead Andrew

cond Barry Tom; third Betty Gauthier; and skip John Dyck. Tompkins' rink, below, captured the B event. From left are: lead Andrew

son; second Josie Martin; Nakal; and Dave Simpson, who presented the trophy. Reg Saunders third third rocks for Nakal. The Skunk

Award, to the last-place seniors' team, went to, from left: Chuck Rolston, Gladys Sirt, Frances Fisher, and Harold Thompson.



Canada meets Sweden in semi-final action

GARMISCH, West Germany (CP) — To say it's been a confusing year for Soren Grabh is putting it mildly.

But Grabh, who skips his Swedish team to a 6-2 win over Meri Thompson of Winnipeg in the world junior men's championship, has a knack for bouncing back.

"He also had a chance today to move closer to the world men's title if he could defeat Al Hakenner of Canada in semifinals at the Olympic Ice Stadium."

Hakenner, skip of the Northern Ontario team from Thunder Bay, wound up in first place at the end of the round-robin schedule with a 7-2 record after whipping Andre Trone of France 9-2 in the ninth draw Friday.

"It's hard to say what will happen in the playoffs," said Hakenner. "We haven't exactly been sparking in the round robin."

The Canadians won their first four games, including an 11-4 triumph over

Grabh, but then managed only a 3-2 record in the first stages to just miss the confusing tie-breaker situations that decide final playoff positions.

HAPPY WITH RECORD "Our two losses were very close losses," said the Canadian skip. "We're happy with our record."

"This field is stronger than the Brier — in Brandon some teams weren't as capable."

While Sweden and Canada tangled in one semifinal, it was defending champion Jurg Tarnier of Switzerland against Toronto-born Keith Wendorf of West Germany in the other.

Sweden advanced with a 4-3 extra-end win over Sjur Loen of Norway, while Switzerland had little trouble beating Andre Pavani of Italy 8-3.

Officials, reporters and fans were confused at the end of the round-robin schedule. The Canadians upset by Italy and Per Berg of Denmark put five teams in an

unprecedented five-way tie for second place in the Air Canada silver broom event.

Pavani stole one in the 10th end to shade Tarnier 6-5. Berg, got one in the 10th and 11th ends to beat Wendorf 7-6.

USED JUST THREE The Danish team used only three players, with Lead Michael Hager sitting on the sidelines because of stretched knee ligaments.

Switzerland, Italy, West Germany, Sweden and Norway finished at 3-4 in the regular schedule.

Going by records in round-robin play, West Germany was 2-1 to place second in the standings and Norway was 1-3 to finish sixth.

Switzerland, Italy and Sweden all were 2-2, necessitating another formula to decide rankings for the tie-breakers.

VERNON'S Tom Williamson left for Japan this week, with the University of B.C. Alumni Team, to compete in a

hockey tournament. However, due to a broken ankle, Williamson's activity in Japan will be limited to

watching the games. He spent three seasons with the UBC Thunderbirds. (Daily News Photo)

Knights cruise to 9-5 victory

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Pentlitch Knights swept, five unanswered second period goals Friday en route to a 9-5 victory over Prince George Spruce Kings, taking the first game in the best-of-three B.C. junior hockey Tier 2 championship.

Ray Ferraro led the Knights attack with three goals, while Leroy Rempel and Brent Groppe each had two. Bob Shaw and Barry Huber rounded out the scoring for Pentlitch who led 2-1 after the first period and 7-1 after the second.

George Hafke led the Spruce Kings with two goals, while Jeff Zinke, Daryl Cherry and Russ Allen added singles. Norm Foster made 55 saves in goal for Pentlitch, while Ralph Bechtold and Al Loring combined to block 31 shots for Prince George.

Pentlitch, representing the B.C. Junior Hockey League and Prince George, the Peace Cariboo Junior Hockey League champion, met last year for the B.C. championship which Pentlitch won in two straight games.

The two teams faceoff in game two of the series today in Prince George.