



FOUR VERNON LAKERS participated in the annual BCJHL all-star game, Thursday, in Kelowna.

From left are: Gavin Shuya, Rob Kossan, Mike Enemark, and Gord Simpson. Right photo, Simpson.

Shuya, and Enemark protect Interior Division goaltender Troy Hankin, from Shuswap Totems.

Despite a 5-3 loss to the Coast Division, Vernon's representatives were standouts. Kossan scored the

Interior's first goal and Simpson was named as his team's most

valuable player.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

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Local teams played the good host in our annual Senior Men's Spiel as visiting teams captured all four events. A, B and C events were captured by Kelowna teams skipped by M. Kawano, C. Wald and B. Morris. D event winners went to John Dyck of the Lumby Curling Club.

Doug Weatherill and Don Campbell came in third and fourth in A event.

Bonspiel organizers did a great job on this event and Ray Peden and Jim Free would like to thank all those who helped.

Our official opening was highlighted by Dr. Leon Coursier throwing the first rock. Doc has been a member of our club for years and was an active curler during W.W.I. How's that for experience!

MENS ZONE FOUR FINALS

Fourteen teams are entered in the first step to the path to provincial honors.

Teams skipped by Dave Simpson, Blake Kimura, Herb Van Groote, Wayne Laface, Greg McCune and Barry Amies are representing our club along with teams from Mica, Revelstoke, Lumby and Salmon Arm also participating.

First draw is in Salmon Arm, Saturday at 9 a.m. The winner gains a berth into our Interior playoffs and those that don't make it will be at Kamloops on Jan. 30 for the BCCA Bonspiel. Our zone is the last to be decided this year.

The six other zone winners have already been decided and the biggest surprise is out of Kelowna where heavily favored Bert Gretzinger and Doug Hannan ran into a red-hot team skipped by Brian Scott. Brian does well in the Inter-City league and a zone victory was very rewarding for this team. But you can bet that at Kamloops Bert Gretzinger will be very tough.

The only veteran qualifying so far is the Barry McPhee foursome, from Kamloops.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Eight teams in tournament

Eight teams are entered in the Lumby Snopitch Tournament this weekend, at Royals' Stadium. Play gets under way Saturday, at 8 a.m. when National Hotel takes on Bob's Bumpers, of Lumby. Other first round games have Lumby Hoppy Hookers meeting Burton Barleys at 9 a.m.; Makusp Cedar Chalet tackling Lavington at 10 a.m., and Arrowhead Breakers, of Vernon, clashing with Lumby 2 and 1 Beaters at 11 a.m. Championship game will be played Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Whalers win

Mike Clarke scored at

had signed Butler, a 5-foot-9, 175-pound corner-back who played five seasons in the CFL. Before joining the Blue Bombers, Butler played three years with Edmonton Eskimos and one year with Montreal Alouettes.

Sign Diaz

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Catcher Bo Diaz has agreed to a four-year contract with an option for a fifth year with Philadelphia Phillies. Terms were not disclosed. Diaz, 29, had his best season in four full years in the major leagues last summer, hitting 18 home

BCJHL ALL-STARS

By JIM JUDD
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Three unanswered third period goals, including a short-handed effort by league scoring leading Bill Shibicky, lifted the Coastal Division to a 5-3 victory over the Interior Division in the 1993 version of the BCJHL all-star game in Kelowna, Thursday night.

The Interior all-stars have failed to score a victory over their Coastal Division rivals in three years now, losing last year and playing to a draw in Division rivals in three years now, losing last year and playing to a draw in 1991.

The Interior Division had every opportunity to put the game away early. After striking for three straight first period goals, the Interior couldn't get another tally on the scoreboard.

There were no hard feelings among any of the participants, though.

EXCELLENT GAME

"Tonight was an excellent game," said Interior team coach Wayne Naka of the Kelowna Buckaroos. "You've got to hand it to the Coast to come back from a 3-0 deficit," he added.

The Interior Division, and especially the Vernon Lakers' representatives, appeared to be

the stronger group in the opening period.

Vernon forward Rob Kossan opened the scoring at 2:08 of the first period, putting a high back-hand shot, from the slot area, over the shoulder of Richmond goaltender Randy Beres. Beres got the starting nod from coach Don Berry, of the Abbotsford Flyers.

The goal came as a result of a lot of hard work on behalf of Gord Simpson, captain of the Lakers, and the Most Valuable Player on the Interior squad.

At 13:09, Penticton's Derrick Ruppel gave the Interior a two-goal lead when he beat the defence on the outside and slid the puck under the pads of Beres.

Kelowna Buckaroos' Don Barber stretched the lead to three goals at 15:18 with a tremendous slapshot from just inside the blueline while on the full fly.

FIRST GOAL

Earl Graham, of Burnaby Blue Hawks, put the Coastal Division on the scoreboard at 17:16 when he banged in his own rebound beating sprawled Troy Hankin, of Shuswap Totems.

Despite the late goal, it was clearly the Interior's period, as Berry was quick to agree with. "I think we were caught up the

ice a lot in that period," he said.

"Everyone was trying to impress the scouts in the crowd and we weren't playing well defensively."

The Coastal team scored the only goal of the second frame, a power-play tally just one minute and 36 seconds into the period. The goal came from Shibicky, scoring his first of two that enabled the speedy forward to get selected as the Coast's most valuable player.

The turn-around in the game came in the third period when the Interior squad, having a man advantage and carrying a 3-2 lead, sought to take total control.

SHORT-HANDED

However, Shibicky, with his short-handed tally, spoiled any chances of regaining a two-goal lead for the Interior.

Intercepting a pass at the blue line, Shibicky scored on his own rebound on a two-on-one situation. Interior goaltender Norm Foster, of Penticton, was shaken so badly on the first shot that he lost track of the puck, making Shibicky's job that much easier on the rebound.

Brian Mueller, of Burnaby, caught the Interior in a defensive lapse and put a high wrist shot from the slot over Foster's shoulder to give the Coast their fourth straight goal and the lead

for the first time in the game. The goal came at 11:26.

Just more than one minute later, at 12:33, Abbotsford's Dave Moree gave the Coastal Division their insurance marker when he re-directed a pass from Shibicky, into the stick-side corner of Foster's net.

NINE PENALTIES

The Coastal All-stars outshot the Interior 40-30 while the Interior took five of just nine minor penalties called by referee Dave McLellan, of Kelowna.

Naka did have at least an interesting observation from the game.

"I think it showed the contrast between the two divisions," he said. "We (Interior) like to play a more defensive game, taking the body more while they go for the offensive game."

Naka, contrary to Berry's game plan, played his entire bench throughout the match.

"I played four lines until the last period," said Berry in regards to his coaching technique. "In the last period, though, I went with the three best lines."

Despite the thrilling performance of both teams, and the numerous scouts among the crowd, only 983 persons went through the turnstiles.

