squad. Game time is 8pm.

# Cougars' trainer provides support

Vernon Cougars' Intermediate "A" Hockey team is what many would term a well-organized hockey club and a big part of that organization is the handiwork of trainer Wayne Sorci.

Sorci has been with Cougars since 1980 and is presently looking forward to many more with the local club, including the 1983-84 season presently in full swing.

Every hockey team owes a big debt of gratitude to its trainer and Cougars are no exception. Among his numerous other duties with the local team, Sorci is responsible for the well-being and maintenance of the team both on and off the ice.

This can also include such tedious items as a menu for pre-game meals, hotel arrangements on road trips and maintenance and care of the tons of equipment that is part of every team.

"Our priority is to make sure the players are fit ad healthy to play," said Sorci, on behalf of athletic trainers everywhere.



WAYNE SORCI
. . . Cougars trainer

Keeping players healthy can be a full-time job in itself as any trainer can testify to. Recently, in Oliver, Sorci was called upon to tend to two local players cut open and requiring stitches . . . all part of a days work for a trainer.

"A trainers' full responsibility includes anything medical, stitches etc . . . immediate first aid," Sorci said. "Then we make arrangments for secondary first aid, hospitalization etc."

Sorci has been an athletic trainer for more than 20 years, getting his start while in the Canadian Navy in the early 60's. At the time he was trainer for the navy's senior A fastball team.

Since then Sorci has been with numerous teams, from fastball to junior and senior hockey clubs. He was with Vernon Viking junior A club through three different coaches in the mid 1970's.

Cougars will see action again this weekend, this time a pair of home-ice encounters with Caribou College out of Kamloops. The college team will be much the same as a junior club with young players and a lot of speed while Cougars will counter with skill and experience and a heaping helping of talented players.

Game time Saturday night is 6 pm while Sunday's encounter is at 2:30 pm.

# Coach unhappy with performance

The Canadian Press

Nanaimo coach Wayne Bianchin was more concerned with his club's inconsistent play Tuesday night than with the fact that the Clippers nipped the Abbotsford Flyers 8-7 in B.C. Junior Hockey League play in the Vancouver Island city.

"We have to learn to play 60 minutes or else we're going to be in trouble," Bianchin said. The Clippers led 5-3 after one period but fell to a 6-5 second-period deficit en route to their overtime victory.

"It was disheartening for me to see us blow a lead like that. I'm happy we won the way we did, but we still have a lot of room for improvement."

In the other league game Tuesday, Richmond downed Burnaby 6-4 in a fight-filled match in Richmond.

In the Nanaimo contest, Nick Foglietta scored his second goal at 3:48 of the overtime frame to give the Clippers the win.

Rick Hunt and Terry Coroy also had two-goal performances for the Clippers, while singles went to Joe Stanley and Ken Priestlay.

Ben Pernosky scored twice for the Flyers, while Randy Douville, Tony Carter, Mike Bulka, Doug McFaul and Ken Prentice.

STOPPED SHOTS

Nanaimo netminders Stacey Nickel and Ken Trousdell combined to make 24 saves, while Abbotsford's Bob Romano stopped 29 shots on goal.

In Richmond, Jeff James scored four goals to lead the Sockeyes to their win over the Burnaby Blue Hawks.

The game, which Richmond led with period scores of 3-1 and 4-1, erupted into a brawl after the final buzzer had sounded. Burnaby collected a total of 145 penalty minutes, while Richmond notched up 110.

Sockeye singles came from Eric Catchpole and Dave Lynes.

Rich Dietrich scored twice for the Blue Hawks while Brent Stadel and Glen Engevik scored singles.

Burnaby netminder Terry Burton stopped 42 shots, while Dean Shaw made 29 saves for Richmond.

The win improves Richmond's record to 9-4 while the Blue Hawk's record drops to 4-7.

In league action tonight, Cowichan plays host to Abbotsford.