

Czechs outlast Nanaimo

HRADEC KRALOVE, Czechoslovakia (CP) — Czechoslovakia's national 17-and-under hockey team outlasted Nanaimo Clippers 14-12 in an exhibition shootout Wednesday.

Petr Ejral scored three goals to lead the winners. Roman Nemcicky, Jaroslav Sak and Thomas Jurik each scored twice for the Czechoslovakian team, which beat Nanaimo 11-6 Tuesday in Kolin.

Jamie Cayford scored three goals for the Clippers.

Midgets enter tourney

By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

Vernon Midget Reps will rub elbows with some of the best teams in the world in December when they travel to Calgary to compete in the Mac's Tournament, billed as the biggest midget hockey tournament in North America.

Leading his impressive array of talent to this tourney will be first-year coach Dan Galbraith. Although in just his first year with the local midgets, Galbraith has a wealth of coaching knowledge and experience.

Galbraith feels his club is one of the most elite midget teams in the country and he's setting out to prove just that by competing in prestigious tournaments.

"It gives our kids a chance to see how they rate up against kids their own age," said Galbraith. "It helps them decide on whether they want to go on to play pro, at university, or in junior hockey."

Galbraith, who also serves as one of the coaches of the B.C. Junior Olympic Program, took over the reigns of the local midget rep squad with the intention of giving something back to a sport he has spent most of his life involved with.

"Hopefully I can put back into the minor hockey system something of what I got out of it," said a very positive-thinking Galbraith.

Now 30 years of age, Galbraith graduated from minor hockey to junior hockey ranks and from there continued his education while playing varsity hockey at Ohio University. At Ohio, Galbraith earned a masters degree in science and physical education as well as a Bachelor of Education degree. He also backstopped the Ohio University Bobcats.

But Galbraith's qualifications as a minor hockey coach don't end with his impressive display of college degrees.

He is a Level IV instructor for National Coaches Certification Program and, as mentioned previously, coach of the Junior Olympic Program. His experience includes work with the Olympic program, several junior hockey camps, assistant playing coach of the Ohio Bobcats, and instructor with numerous hockey schools including the highly-rated Vernon Summer Hockey School.

It was because of his experience and his opportunities to view the best young hockey players in the country that Galbraith decided taking the local midgets wasn't out of the question.

"As a coach of the Junior Olympic Program, I've seen the top calibre midgets in the province so I thought we could compete in the Mac's tournament," Galbraith said.

Using some of his connections Galbraith was



DAN GALBRAITH
... effective system



TROY MICK
... played junior



DEREK WEBB
... on defence

able to get the Vernon midgets into a tournament which few teams in the country can break into.

"We're the only reps from B.C. as far as I know," Galbraith explained. "Prince George and Kamloops applied and Kelowna is on a waiting list."

The five-day tournament features teams from the United States, Canada, as well as such exotic locations at West Germany. It all adds up to a very positive and beneficial experience as far as Galbraith is concerned.

"I think it'll be a good positive experience for the kids to meet other kids of different races and ethnic backgrounds," he said. "Also it's a chance to compete in the best midget tournament in the world."

The team represents some of the finest midget hockey players this area has ever produced and barring unforeseen difficulties, Galbraith feels they will be one of the most competitive teams assembled.

Included are starry bantam graduates Dennis Holland and Troy Mick, who were comfortable as

junior hockey players before they were returned to the midget fold.

However, that's only the tip of the iceberg. Derek Webb, who also had a stint as a junior with Revelstoke Rangers, Rich Anderson, Doug McIntyre and Murray Head constitute the "veteran" players on the club.

Newcomers, besides Holland Mick, include goaltender Glen Mitchell who was also holding his own in the junior A ranks; Blair Robertson and Scott Cameron who are no slouches in the goal-scoring department;

Kevin Cherkowski, Ralph Lett and Chris Ganzert who make up what Galbraith feels are the most important roles on a team... the journeymen type players who play steady and well on each occasion.

Added to the roster are Sandy Moger and Mike Tremmel, who travel from Revelstoke to play with the local midgets, and Ian Young, of Grande Prairie, Alta.

Rounding out the list are Sam Hamilton and Steve Schroeder, who Galbraith is developing for future use.

Galbraith is also hoping that some late cuts from junior will bolster an area of his team that he feels is perhaps the weakest link in the chain.

"Actually we were a little weak on defense and we're hoping for either Wes Elliot or Jay Stark from juniors," said Galbraith. "However, it looks like they'll both be staying where they are."

To compensate for this problem, Galbraith placed forwards Mick and Webb on the blueline and is convinced that they play as well, or better, than any regular defencemen. The system is new, of course, and will need a few games to shape into the master plan Galbraith has.

GUIDE REPORT

Streamer fly works in winter



By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Winter trollers in past years have used only conventional lures such as plugs, spoons, and other more common trolling lures. Sinkers, or weights, were used along with these lures to force the lure below the surface water. Heavy trolling line and trolling rods and reels was standard equipment used and is still being used by many of the more hardy anglers who participate in this winter sport.

Just like other recreational activities and business pursuits in this modern society, new developments, inventions, and increased knowledge is changing old ways of doing things. Why then should the sport of angling not be included in this new way of learning change. Well... it has not been by-passed, especially the old habit of thinking that flies are a summertime fishing lure and their use during winter trolling on large fresh water lakes has never been tried.

SALT WATER

A "streamer fly" is a name that describes a large artificial fly used mostly on salt water for surface trolling. Best way to recognize a streamer fly is by its size and the long material used in its construction. It is much larger than the usual artificial fly, and the long material extends as much as two inches or more beyond the hook. It is a surface fly because of the size and buoyancy of material used in its construction. Streamer flies are chiefly used for coho salmon fishing that requires a very fast trolling speed on Pacific coastal waters. Consequently, the method of troll has become known readily as, "coho method of trolling."

Shuswap Lake fishermen have been using streamer flies during spring season for several years for rainbow trout. The flies are used with fly line and rods and coho method of troll has annually provided a very exciting fishery.

Okanagan Lake trollers have tried the streamer fly each spring, but have not experienced the same

success as Shuswap Lake fishermen. The reason being... there are no salmon fry in Okanagan Lake that migrate along the shoreline on their way to the ocean, and rainbow trout feed on the fry.

Earlier this fall, reports started coming from Okanagan trollers that large rainbow were being caught using streamer flies and the coho method. Since early fall until currently, the streamer fly is taking large fish on the surface by winter trollers. In fact, more large rainbows are breaking tackle than are being landed. This is occurring because light trolling gear is just not strong enough to handle the large fish. A 20-pound rainbow when hooked while surface feeding will challenge even an experienced angler using heavy trolling equipment.

The trend today is to use lighter gear for more thrill when angling. However, when a fisherman loses the battle to a big fish, disappointment outweighs thrill many fold.

Streamer flies can be purchased at local sporting goods stores. They are hand tied and two types can be bought, standard or weighted. Three colors are available: green, blue, or pink. Pink is best color currently.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Goes to all winter trollers who will try the streamer fly and coho method of trolling.

BRICK OF THE WEEK

Goes to anyone who thinks the upper lakes are safe for ice fishing. They appear frozen over, but even the high country lakes have nearly two feet of snow on less than one half inch of ice. No way will the ice carry a snowmobile and driver, so don't try it.

GUIDE TIP

Never try to net a fish tail first. Always net a fish head first. This way when it feels the net it will jump right into the net and cannot escape.

BEST HOURS

Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and Sunday from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.