VERNON STARS COLLECT 10 POINTS

Penticton sniper sparks Interior

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Brad Smiley was almost scratched from the all-star roster when he suffered a knee injury late last week but luckily he was feeling healthy enough to take his rightful place in the lineup Tuesday night in Abbotsford.

The Penticton centre scored three goals to pace the Interior Division all-stars to an 8-5 victory against their Coastal Division Counterparts in the annual B.C. Junior Hockey League showcase.

The performance earned Smiley the player of the game award for the second time in as many years, only last year he was a member of the Coastal squad which won that contest by a 5-4 margin.

Meanwhile, six Vernon players shared in the scoring for the Interior squad, scoring three goals and accounting for 10 points on the night. Starting goaltender Glen Fry of the Lakers also made a good account of himself, particularly in the early going when the Coastal squad held an edge in play and slipped through the Interior's defences on a number of occasions.

"Fry really made some big saves for us in the first period to keep it close," said Lakers' Coach Ernie Gare, who served behind the bench for the Interior all-stars to help give Vernon the largest representation of any team in the contest.

However, Gare had praise for Vernon blueliner Chad Biafore who was steady at his position all night and scored the last goal for the Interior into an empty net with just eight seconds remaining.

"I thought Biafore was the best defenceman out there — he played a hell of a game," said Gare.

The only member of the Vernon contingent to not hit the score sheet was forward Mark Greyeyes, though he narrowly missed on a number of occasions, particularly in the third frame when the Interior squad began to dominate the game and buzzed around goaltender Byron Dafoe of the Juan de Fuca Whalers.

The Coastal squad opened the scoring 5:42 into the opening frame with Abbotsford Falcons' Dean Methorst providing some excitement for the hometown crowd.

Smiley, with his first goal of the night, tied the score at 12:17 of the frame on a power-play setup from Penticton teammate Ivan Moore.

The Coast took the lead for the second, and last, time early in the second stanza with Nanaimo's Sean Stotts scoring on a power-play situation.

Cal McGowan converted a passing play from Merritt teammate Frank Biller and Vernon's Ian Alger to tie the score once again at 11:22. Alger, incidentally, was the captain of the Interior squad.

Smiley put the Interior ahead with his second goal with Jamie Steer collecting an assist. Doug MacDonald of Nanaimo scored for the Coast to even the game at 3-3 before the period ended.

Early in the third period, Mike Barkley scored a power-play goal off an all-Vernon effort with Dallas Drake and Phil Soukoroff drawing assists.

Ben Biagioni tied the game one more time before the Interior opened up a healthy lead with three straight goals. Biagioni, who played briefly in Vernon several seasons ago, now plays out of Delta.

Kelowna's Bruce Bianchini, Smiley, with his third tally, and Steer scored in succession to open up a 7-4 Interior lead.

Darryl Anderson of the Chilliwack Eagles scored the last Coastal Division goal before Biafore completed the scoring with his empty-netter.

Gare agreed that the Interior took the play from the Coast by the third period and praised Barkley's goal early in the third frame for catching fire to the Interior squd.

"We had a lot of chances in the first period that we didn't capitalize on but we took advantage of them in the third period," he said. "The first goal we got in the third period really gave us the momentum and we started to take it away from them after that."

The Interior, which has won four of the last five all-star confrontations, outshot the Coastal Division by a 36-26 margin. Fry was replaced by Kelowna's Dennis Casey after allowing two goals on 17 shots. Dafoe replaced starter Glen Pencer for the Coastal Division.

The crowd, the best in many years in the Abbotsford MSA Arena, was about 1,000 with several dozens of those made up of pro and college scouts.



VERNON'S JAMIE STEER, right, forechecks a Coastal Division defenceman during the annual B.C. Junior Hockey League All-star Game, Tuesday, in Abbotsford. Six Vernon players, including Steer, combined for 10 points which helped the Interior Division post an 8-5 victory. (Daily News Photo)

Eagles lead Monashee loop

The Sicamous Eagles strengthened their grip on first place in the Monashee Hockey League with a pair of victories last weekend.

The Eagles trimmed the Revelstoke Selkirks 9-7, Friday, and nipped the Enderby Buccaneers 5-4, Saturday. In the only other weekend game, Revelstoke blasted the lowly Lumby Flying Frenchmen 13-5.

Sicamous leads the loop with 28 points, six more than Revelstoke and Enderby.

On Friday, Kevin Cheveldave and Randy Kayler led the Eagles with three goals each.

Randy Merritt was the top marksmen for Revelstoke with two goals.

Sicamous trailed 3-0 before scoring six unanswered goals in the second period.

On Saturday, in Enderby, Brad Van Goor and Darren Miller notched two goals each for the Eagles.

Neil Andres countered with a pair for the Buccaneers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Toros Shooters shutout Kal Hotel

The Toros Shooters blanked Kal Hotel 3-0 in Vernon Women's Broomball League action, Tuesday night. Lisa Krushen, Stacy Wagman, and Arnette Denengelsen were the marksmen for the Shooters. Kathy RIgby recorded the shutout. In another game, Ann Steenheysen and Donna Janzen scored to give Bud's Broomballers a 2-1 win over Mad Max. Kathy O'Ferrall replied with the lone goal for Mad Max.

Big third period

M and K Ready Mix scored five times in the third period to defeat the Cidel Moving Raiders 6-4 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action, Tuesday night. Doug Aeichele, Doug Stewart, and John Kuly scored two goals each for M and K. Guy Davison, Rick Zoethout, Brian Hunt, and Mark Ehman replied for the Raiders. In another game, first place Molson Magicians doubled the Vernon Lodge Hotel 6-3. Gary Gilchrist and Rick Horsley talied twice for the Magicians while Mike Kakoske and Dave Munk added singles. Charlie Schaal, Greg Kowal, and Derek Webb countered for the Vernon Lodge.

Curling champs

Dave Ddlund's rink from Vernon won the 'A' event in recent Kelowna Subdivision Police Curling Playdowns in Armstrong. Gerry Webb's foursome, from Kelowna, won the 'B' event. Edlund and Webb both advance to the provincial police championships, next month, in Terrace.

Schooners hot

The Schooners won six consecutive outings in Squires Four Masters Volleyball League play, Tuesday, at Clarence Fulton Secondary School. The Blues won four games, the Budweisers earned two victories in six outings, and the Classics lost six straight games.

Scott is ninth

Statistics released this week by Northern Michigan University show freshman Kevin Scott ranks ninth in team scoring. Scott, who starred for the Vernon Lakers during the 1986-87 season, has collected 15 points, including 10 assists, in 23 games with the collegiate squad.

Auto ice races

The Okanagan Auto Sport Club is hosting automobile ice races Sunday on the north end of Duck lake, south of Winfield. The concession stand is

Wings were the additional centremen.

At left wing Sather also added Greg Adams of the Vancouver Canucks and Mark Messier from the Edmonton Oilers. At right wing he bolstered his lineup with Edmonton's Glenn Anderson, Detroit's Bob Probert and Brian Bellows of the Minnesota North Stars.

Cards want to move

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill said Tuesday he will meet with the 27 other NFL team owners Thursday in New York in search of league approval to officially move his franchise to Arizona.

Twenty-one of the 28 owners still must approve the move before it becomes official. Bidwill said he does not anticipate his request will be voted down.

Tyson favored

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Larry Holmes's will to win could result in a bad beating by Mike Tyson, says Eddie Futch, who trained the former heavyweight boxing champion for 12 title fights.

"Tyson has the style and strength that could make it hard for Larry to avoid getting badly beaten and possibly hurt," Futch said in a telephone interview Tuesday from his home in Las Vegas.

"I don't feel good about the fight."

Tyson, the 21-year-old undisputed heavyweight champion, is an 8-1 favorite to beat Holmes, 38, in their scheduled 12-round fight Friday night at the Atlantic City Convention Centre.

"Larry has pride," said Futch. "He will go in there and do his best."

Garcia ready

SANTO DOMINGO (CP) — Damaso Garcia says he is fit and ready to play second base for the Atlanta Braves this year.

Atlanta general manager Bobby Cox has been quoted as saying Gar-

BCJHL president resigns . . . Penticton coach fired

B.C. Junior Hockey League governors and delegates, using the opportunity of the all-star game for their semi-annual meeting, were greeted with the resignation of league President John Johnson, Tuesday morning, in Abbotsford.

Johnson, of Summerland, cited personal reasons behind his decision to call it quits as the head of the 12-team junior A hockey loop, a position he has maintained for about a year and half. His resignation is effective immediately but Fred Page, chairman of the board for the BCJHL, assured everyone that the league is quite capable of maintaining itself for the duration of this season until a new election can be held.

"We're over the heavy part of the season now as far as administration work is concerned anyway," insisted Page who is past-president of the BCJHL and a lifetime member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

The league will operate with two vice-presidents handling all duties.

Amongg the other items brought up at the meeting was the decision to install a referee-in-chief in the BCJHL. His job will be to evaluate the officiating during the season in hopes of bettering the league in future seasons.

The first to hold the post will be Ron Renneberg, who has already begun to assume his duties this season much to the positive support of the league executive members.

"His (Renneberg's) efforts are well accepted this year and our governors are pleased with the progress of the league in the refereeing department this season," explained Page.

Meanwhile, Page also cleared up any suspicions members were harboring about rumors to the effect that the Summerland Buckaroos would fold before the season had ended.

"As far as we're concerned, Summerland is still a member of the league and will carry on," he said.

Howeever, league members learned late Monday that Penticton Knights' Head Coach Duane Pentland had been fired and that his replacement is Chuck Tapp. Tapp was with Vernon briefly before spending two seasons in Merritt and had another brief stint in Delta last season.

Orser confident at Canadian finals

VICTORIA (CP) — An openly confident Brian Orser plans to use the Canadian figure skating championships this week as the final stepping stone to success at the Winter Olympic Games next month in Calgary.

The seven-time Canadian champion and 1987 world titleholder from Penetanguishene, Ont., is one of five Canadians already qualified for the 1988 Olympics which begin Feb. 13.

"I won't focus too much on the Canadians, although it's important I continue to peak my performances with an eye on the Olympics," Orser said Tuesday on the eve of the national championships. "I'll show off a new long program here, along with my new costume for the Olympics.

Orser, 26, will be one of 266 competitors at the Canadians. The 12 remaining Olympics positions are on the line this week at Memorial Arena, site of the Canadians 10 years ago.

Based on results from the 1987 world championships in Cincinnati, Canada can enter three skaters in the men's singles at the Olympics, two in the women's singles, three couples in ice dancing and three couples in the pairs event.

Besides the Orser, the Canadian team already includes ice dancers Tracy Wilson, 26, of Port Moody, B.C., and Rob McCall, 29, of Dartmouth, N.S., ranked third in the world, and the leading pairs team of Denise Benning, 20, of Windsor, Ont., and Lyndon Johnston, 26, of Hamiota, Man.

Brock inks pact

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers have signed first baseman Greg Brock to a two-year contract, the American League baseball club announced Tuesday.