

Caldow, 'Gilly' explode, Cougars clip Rutland



TOP TIGERS FOR 1978

Canada's 1978 Senior 'B' Lacrosse Champions, the Vernon Village Green Tigers honored their best players at a team banquet at the Village Green.

Friday night. These smiling faces belong to: Front row, (left to right): Don Kendall (Tiger of the Year), Danny Holte (Most Valuable Player); Gary

Holte (Most Dedicated Player); Jamie McKenzie (Executive Trophy); Back row, (left to right): Marty Stein (Captain's Trophy); Gary Gilchrist (Most

Improved Player) Bill Kirkland (Top Scorer); Rich Zechel (Best Defensive Player). (Daily News Photo)

By KEVIN MITCHELL
Daily News Writer
Gary Gilchrist and Dave Caldwell are opportunists when it comes to the art of tucking pucks behind opposition goalkeepers.

Both forwards were at their opportune best Saturday night in Rutland as they combined for six goals and the same number of assists enroute to a 7-4 overtime decision over the hometown Molsons.

Caldow grabbed a Gilchrist pass at 8:55 of the extra session and beat Rutland netminder Ian Snow for the winning marker.

Named Vernon's Athlete-of-the-Year by Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall, the same Jay Caldwell scored two goals and four assists in the wide open affair while 'Gilly' triggered three goals and three assists.

Stan Hunt replaced Mike Corneale at the key centre ice position between the two snipers and responded by setting up goals by both Caldwell and Gilchrist.

Cougars' defenceman Wilf Lafleche had this to say about the high flying unit that night. "They were really skating and forechecking well. Stan Hunt was their centreman and he hustled to dig the puck out of them and they just popped in the goals."

Cougars held period leads of 4-2 and 5-4 and Eric explains the game period by period.

"We enjoyed a very good first period, then let down a lot in the second and the third period was so-so. The overtime goal by Dave Caldwell was a good one and we were starting to go again in the extra period."

WAS PLEASED
Cougars' manager Vern Dye was pleased with the play of his club, especially praising his shortstuffed defensive corps.

"We were down to just two lines and four defencemen as Corneale was holidaying in Nelson; and Winters (Al) was todaying in Prince George, but the defence played well."

As for the dangerous scoring machine of Caldwell and Gilchrist, Dye said, "They were simply in the right spot at the right time and of course neither of them makes too many mistakes when the opportunity arises. Stan Hunt centred them and he played well."

Dye is just hoping the Cougars can play as well Saturday night when they play host to the league-leading Grindrod.

"We should be back to full strength by Saturday," said Dye, who added, "I am well hold a couple of hard practices to make sure we're ready for Grindrod."



DAVE CALDOW
...four assists

GARY GILCHRIST
...three goals

FOUR MINORS

Cougars picked up four of six minors called by referee Eric Balfour.

In the nets, Charlie Briskman blocked 35 drives, including 15 in the final period, while Ian Snow made 20 stops for the Molsons.

Grant Koga fired two markers for the Molsons, who received singles from Mike Dunlop, Wayne Farr, Jim Dickson and Lorne Bunn.

Elks got single goals from four players enroute to a 4-2 victory over the visiting Westside Packers in Enderby Saturday night.

Bernie Rice, Rick Harris, Ken Haller and Jim Sparrow collected single tallies for the Elks who held period leads of 2-1 and 3-1.

Gary Pearson gained some ground on league scoring leader Dave Caldwell by fashioning four assists.

Ron Bigler and Len Barrie accounted for the Westside scoring.

Elks picked up eight of 17 minors and referee Reimer also gave Grindrod backliner Bernie Reed a ten minute misconduct.

Leon Nowak kicked out 21 Westside blazes, while Dale Harder was forced to block 38 Elks drives, including 18 in the opening period.

30 MINORS
Meanwhile in Winfield New Year's Eve day, the hometown Raiders and Rutland Molsons played a little bit of hockey in between a total of 30 minor penalties, two fighting majors and six game misconducts.

Ken Plotnikoff and Terry Dunham paced the Winfield attack with two goals each, while singles came from Bruce Naka and Ron Reynolds.

Dave Cousins and Larry Keating fired two goals apiece for the Molsons, while Lorne Bunn chipped in with another.

Fred Parent collected four assists for the Raiders, who held a 4-1 second period lead.

after the teams were tied at 1-1 after one session.

Mike Smithson was sensational in the Winfield nets, kicking out 44 shots, including 20 in the final frame.

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Leaders picked up 11 of 30 minors handed out by referee Eric Balfour, while both clubs received one major and three game misconducts.

In other league action this weekend, the Raiders and Molsons will go at it again in Rutland Saturday, while Revelstoke Selkirk and the Packers tangle in the Alpine city the same day.

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Vernon Midgets win in Salmon Arm

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Bloom and Sigalet Midget Reps were awesome on the weekend bombing Merritt 10-2 in Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association league play Saturday, while capturing the Salmon Midget tournament with three lipped wins, 11-2 over Oliver, 7-3 over Merritt and 7-1 in the final against Rutland.

In Vernon Saturday, the score was close for only one period as Vernon broke a 1-0 game (not unusual) wide open with five second period goals.

Wayne Bodnaruk paced the Bloom and Sigalet attack with three goals, Bobby Wensley added a pair while Tom deVries, Brad Moore, Ron Hterman, Ray Williment and David Popilchuk scored singles.

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MEET HOT GOALERS

Canadians gain tie, loss

By KEVIN MITCHELL
Daily News Writer

Bookie Brad Am' age is without argument, the best young goalender in the B.C. Junior Hockey League and he proved it Monday night as he kicked out 43 drives, to lead the visiting Kelowna Buckaroos to a 5-1 triumph over the Vernon Canadians.

Armitage received a little luck from his goalposts, but was brilliant the entire game, especially in the final period when he blocked five drives and was knocked temporarily into 'Dianeyland' by a point blank blast from defenceman Glen Lockwood.

Lockwood's bullet smacked Armitage's wire mask back an inch and according to Armitage "knocked me unconscious for about 20 seconds. I didn't know where I was."

Brad Sweda triggered two goals and an assist to spark the Buckaroos' attack, while Rick Vaidarich, Gusty Cornett and Gord Pace contributed single markers.

John Sevid on a second period power play accounted for the Vernon scoring.

POWER-PLAY CLICS
Armitage felt a sudden change in his club's power-play alignment made the major difference in the contest.

"No, we didn't use any set strategy," said the Kelowna native. "We just changed our power play instead of using one man in the corner and one man on the boards, we put one man behind their net and it worked as we scored two goals on the power play."

When asked if he changed his own goaltending style or style any Armitage replied "Yes, I stood up more and concentrated more. I got really psyched up because I owed them (the Bucks) one from when Vernon beat us before. We were all up for the game. There's a lot better spirit on the club now that Wayne North is coaching. Everybody wants to play for him, there's better harmony all over."

ONLY MAJOR
Both clubs played a Knock'em Dead Kid style of hitting game, with Mitch Wistion picking up the game's only major penalty for back jumping Terry Lower in the second period.

Referee Ron Henningsen was the most unpopular figure on the ice as most of the 550 fans thought he missed several infractions on the Buckaroos.

Vernon received eight of 14 minor penalties.

In goal for the Canadians was Vern Hanson who played steady and could not be faulted for any of the goals.

Hanson turned aside 28 shots on the evening.

Buckaroos captain Daryl Caribon felt his team played a "very consistent game" and

added "Everybody was hitting, not so much the smacking of players into the boards, but taking the man out effectively. We also didn't take any stupid penalties and we got excellent goaltending."

ENTIRE GAME
"We played consistently well for the entire game, not good for ten minutes and bad for five. We have a lot of young players on this team and the guys are excited about playing junior hockey. Our average age is 17 and most of the players have a chance to make it in Tier One or College hockey in the near future."

As for manager Wayne North also taking over the coaching duties Caribon said "He's an excellent motivator and a good coach. You need a good motivator with a young team. He likes to use everybody so everybody's happy."

Next action for the Canadians is tonight when they journey to Kelowna for a re-match with the Buckaroos. Game time is 8 p.m.

TRADING POST: Lockwood played superb in both affairs and is finally hitting and hustling the way most people expect him to. Craig Lemetrick had a rough game Monday night, giving the puck away to Pace for the Bucks' fourth goal and just having one of those odd bad nights.

John Mercer suffered a nasty gash under his eye after getting struck with a deflected

shot in the middle frame.

Dennis Holland, son of scorekeeper Reine Holland, clicked on his third try at the goal and won \$5 for his efforts Monday night.

Both Dave Dowton and Tom Ouchi missed the game against Penitencio, but played against the Bucks.

The loss came less than 48 hours before the Canadians had drilled 65 shots at Penitencio Vee netminder Andy Gibbard but could only manage a 3-3 tie before about 600 fans at home.

Greg Wilson of the Vees and Neeld traded first period markers in the Saturday night clash, while the Vees got goals from Craig Cooke and Greg Egan in the middle session to ounter a marker by Dean Hascari.

In other Saturday games, Merritt Centennials beat the Buckaroos who had Ron Loustel in goal 5-1. Bellingham Blazers doubled Abbotsford Flyers 4-1, and Revelstoke Bruins downed Kamloops Rockets 7-4.

In Nanaimo, the Clippers, bolstered by players from Victoria Cougars of the Western Hockey League, won

a pair of exciting games from a touring under-18 Czechoslovakian squad, 8-6 Monday and 5-2 Saturday night.

Canucks win tourney

Vernon Price and Markie Canucks bombed Enderby Merchants 7-5 in the championship final of the Merchants' eight-team hockey tournament which ended with the Sunday afternoon final.

Garney Howard, the Showdown champion Saturday night (defeating 15 other competitors), blinked the red light twice in the final, while Eddie Folk, Dave Morris, Peter Murray, Clark Ingalls and Bob Ferguson contributed single tallies.

The Canucks, who perform in the local Pleasant Valley Commercial Hockey League, also trounced Larkin Chiefs 13-3 in their tourney opener Friday night, then destroyed Enderby Wranglers 12-3 Saturday to advance to the championship final against the Merchants.

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