

Canadians even junior playoff series



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Bailbrushers recently edged Screaming Eagles 2-2 to capture the Vernon Men's Broomball League championship. Team members are from left, back row, Rick Kushon, Rick Bailey, Pat Quain, Brian DeBoice, Rick Kaminski, Ken Carlson,

and Tony Shea. Front row, Brian Robertson, Mike Staiger, Don Bridgeman, Bob Cunningham, Byron Tordoff and Gary Kawaguchi. DeBoice scored twice for the winners while Carlson added a single. In the consolation final, George

Dodds scored twice to give Veritears a 2-1 victory over Toros. (M. Hodgson Photo)

By DON KENDALL

Daily News Sports Editor
John Need's goal at 16:52 of the third period gave Vernon Canadians a 4-4 victory over Kamloops Rockets in British Columbia Junior Hockey League quarter-final playoff action before more than 700 fans on Thursday night at the Civic Arena.

The best-of-seven series, which now tied 1-1, resumes Saturday night at 7 p.m. Need flicked the puck into an empty net after centre John Mercer had stuck around two defenders and pulled Kamloops goalie Ian McEachern to the side of the goal.

Mercer, who scored three goals in Vernon's 4-4 loss Tuesday night, was again the individual star for Canadians. He scored the game's first goal, assisted on two others and was a tenacious checker all night.

TOOK LEAD
Canadians took a 2-0 lead on a pair of powerplay goals late in the first period. Mercer broke the scoreless deadlock at 14:44 and less than two minutes later, captain Dave Schneider got Vernon's second goal with a blast from the right faceoff circle.

QUICK GOAL
Wayne Bodnaruk, brought up for the game from the Vernon Midget Team, made the score 3-0 after only nine seconds in the second period. However, then the Rockets were to work. At 25 seconds, Don Struke blasted a slapshot, from just inside the blue line, that eluded Vernon goalie Trent Smith. At 5:25, Don Northcott narrowed the margin to 3-2 as Canadians played giveaway in their end of the rink.

BCJHL scoring champion Terry Lowe got one back for Canadians, at 8:34, when he put a perfect shot into the top corner of the net. But, Doug Lidster again pulled Rockets to within one goal with less than two minutes to play in the second period.

INTO PADS
At the 12-second mark of the third period, Craig Demetrick had a glorious opportunity to put the game on ice for Vernon while killing a penalty. But, he shot the puck into McEachern's pad from point-blank range.

Demetrick's misadventure like it was going to be costly when Dave Kirby fed a perfect pass to Elton Allan, at 2:06, and Rockets tied the game.

The goal seemed to bring Canadians to life as they outshot Kamloops 2-0 in the third period. But, Larry Pearson and Dale Slous were robbed by McEachern and



JOHN MERCER
... great game

Need put a shot on the post. At 15:05, Lidster almost put Rockets in front for the first time when he rattled a shot off the post.

Need's winner came after Kamloops had been applying pressure and Mercer broke smartly out of his end.

It was ironic that Need should score the winner while being benched for a shift early in the third period. Need, along with his linemates Brian Matthews and Slous, were on the ice for three Kamloops goals.

48 SAVES
McEachern finished the night with 48 saves while Smith blocked 32, including 17

in the second period.

Rockets were assessed eight of 12 minor penalties by referee Lyle Blagoin. Prior to the series, Canadian Coach Greg Kyle said Slous' line would have to play well for his club to win. And, General Manager Sheldon Bloomer repeated the statement after Thursday's game.

Bloomer said, "We have to start getting some production out of Slous' line. They are capable of playing much better hockey and I'm looking forward to them breaking out of their slump next game."

Both teams are being hit by the injury bug. Kamloops was without forward Murray Matheson, who broke his ankle on Tuesday night. And, Canadian winger Rick Creelman missed the last 10 minutes, with a badly bruised ankle.

Thursday's game will be shown on Vercom Cable-TV tonight at 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, rookie Karl Poesche, kept brought up from the junior B 100 Mile House club, fired two goals to spark Merritt Centennials to a 3-1 triumph over the visiting Kelowna Buckaroos.

The win gives the Cents a 1-0 series lead with game two set for Merritt tonight.

Randy Wul, Earl Smith and Bob Deschamps contributed singles for Merritt while goalender Rob Polantun allowed a single marker to Darrell Carlsson.

Ron Loustal was forced to kick out 30 shots for Kelowna.



BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

This week's top bowlers are Amy Godel, of Kamloops in the Thursday Office Party League, and Ken Holmberg, of High Rollers in the Sunday 7-9

p.m. league. Godel rolled a 707 triple to go 239 pins over her 157 average. Holmberg, with 788 threesomes, 185 over his 788 average.

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DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

CURLING
Flaming Tactor Bonspiel gets under way at the Vernon Curling Club.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL
In Penitence: Boys-Fulton vs. McArthur Park of Kamloops at 4 p.m.; girls-Lumby vs. Sahali of Kamloops at 7 p.m.

SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL
Vernon Panthers competing in valley championships in Penitence.

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Armstrong Girls competing in B.C. 'A' championships in Kelowna.

JUVENILE HOCKEY
7:45 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon vs. Salmon Arm. (Salmon Arm leads best-of-three series 1-0).

BANTAM HOCKEY
5 p.m., Vernon at Merritt. (Merritt leads best-of-three series 1-0).

MINOR BASEBALL
Registration to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Complex.

BADMINTON
VSSS and W. L. Seaton competing in valley championships in Kelowna.

PEE WEE HOCKEY
1:30 p.m., Kelowna at Vernon. (Kelowna leads best-of-three series 1-0).

Enderby hosts pup tournament

Enderby Minor Hockey Association will be hosting its ninth annual Pup All-star Tournament on Sunday.

Minor Hockey President Dick Henderson will officially get the tournament under way when he drops the first puck at 8 a.m.

First round draw has St. James taking on Westside at 8 a.m. Vernon battling Summerland at 9:15 a.m. Armstrong tangle with

St. James at 10:30 a.m., and Enderby playing Kamloops at 11:45 p.m.

The B' event final, for the Stankoven Trophy, will be played at 6 p.m. 'A' event final, with the Shesquam Challenge Trophy up for grabs, is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Before this morning's contest, Wolcott expressed confidence that his club could defeat the Queen Charlotte squad.

"They probably have the best player in the tournament in Brendan Abbott. She's on the provincial team (under 21) and she can jump well and shoot. But besides her they don't have anything else. I know we can press them and beat them easily."

In other round games Thursday, Revelstoke whipped Southgate of Campbell River 6-0. Little Flower Academy of Vancouver trounced Prince Charles of Creston 5-3. Grand Forks downed the host club Elphinstone 5-0 and St. Thomas Aquinas dumped George M. Dawson 7-1.

We knew from the start we were a better club," said coach Tony Wolcott, "so we didn't have to do anything but play our good defense and we held her to 10 points. She is really the only offense they have."

Panthers sunk by sloppy shooting

Vernon Panthers produced a lowed offensive output in season Thursday night as the result was a 56-57 loss at the hands of Penitence Lakers in the first round of the Okanagan senior boys' basketball championship.

Panthers shot a dismal 25 per cent from the floor and turned the ball over 35 times to the host Lakers.

Lakers jumped into a quick 10-0 lead after five minutes, led 22-19 with two minutes to go in the opening half, then narrowed to a 36-31 halftime lead.

Panther coach Rick Irig was totally disappointed with the loss.

"We did an exceptional job on defense. There's no question we were outstanding on defence, but we just couldn't put the ball in the hoop."

For the Lakers it was Brent



GREG DELEENEER
... nine rebounds

Dodds sinking 16 points and Roger Dyer adding 12 points. Kelly Olsen fired 13 points for the Panthers while holding the Lakers' big gunner Thad Elder to just 10 points, and Greg Deleeneer potted 10.

Panther guards Glen Collingridge and Peter Wolgram held high scoring guard Bob McDonald to a modest two points.

Irig feels the two-week layoff his club had before the playoffs might have hurt their offense, but he is optimistic about this afternoon's 3:30 p.m. clash against Westside Whundas.

Who knows, they might come storming back today and play a super game," said Irig in regard to his forward, "we'll just have to wait and see."

Panthers were tremendous on the boards, grabbing 20 rebounds, with Deleeneer knocking up nine and Olsen and Rick Eaton eight apiece.

Pee Wee Reps stunned in first playoff game

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports
Kelowna stunned the Vernon Motors Pee Wee Reps 7-1 in the first game of their best-of-three 4-man-Mainline semi-final series on Wednesday in Kelowna.

The game was much closer than the score indicated. Mike Daley and Rob McInnes made the score 2-0 before the game was two minutes old.

MINIST CHANCES
David Munk scored a short-handed goal, on a pass from Hecce Major, to narrow the gap to 2-1 midway through the first period. Vernon then took control of the game and was unable to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities including a penalty shot.

Two powerplay goals late in the second period, by Grant Delcourt, took the steam out of the Vernon squad.

McInnes finished the game with three goals while David Kraemer had a goal and four assists.

ADAMS HIT 'F
Hugest blow to the Vernon club was an injury to defenceman Clayton Adams. The goalies are already without Brent Gilchrist (broken arm), Bobby Labott (broken wrist), and Roddy Keefe (on holidays).

Vernon Coach Mel Major said "Clayton's injury, along with John Barber, gave us the best two defencemen in the valley."

In an exhibition game, a Vernon combined team edged Lumby Teamsters 6-5.

Dale Danalando led Boston past the Lodge with three goals. Steve Dymytriv kicked twice for the winners while Hardy Prentice, Darrin McKague, Brian Reid, and Marc Mondin netted singles.

Chris Kopp, with two goals, Danny Nolan, and Tom Kowal replied for the Lodge.

Against Red Top, Brian Strindstad scored two for Boston while Dymytriv, McKague, Mondin, and Prentice added singles.

Danny Martin, with a pair, Josh McBride, and Lorne Chappell countered for Red Top.

Murray Head, Wes Elliot, Derek Webb, Stu Hoyt, and Howie Finch shared the Pup Pops goals against Red Top. Martin scored another pair in a losing cause while Mike

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