

# Cougars fight back to rip All-stars

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Vernon Cougars overcame a 6-0 deficit to edge the North Okanagan Hockey League All-stars 7-1 in exhibition hockey action before 400 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena on Saturday night.

All-stars held a 6-0 lead at the end of the first period and stretched that margin early in the second when Gary Sirkka, of Salmon Arm Aces, scored his second goal of the game.

But, then the roof started to cave in on the All-stars. Ed Forslund, of Grindrod Elks, who had been a tower of

strength between the pipes for the Stars, was beat on a couple of bad shots and before the teams went to the dressing rooms again, Cougars had narrowed the gap to 7-4.

The third period was dominated by the defending North Okanagan champs who outshot the Stars 22-7 and outscored them 5-0.

**FIVE POINTS**  
Tom Williamson was the offensive leader for Vernon with a goal and four assists. Linemate Mike Corrae also scored twice while Gary

Gilchrist, Wayne Dye, King Cam, Les Salo, Greg Walmsley, and Lyle Brewer into an empty net added singles.

The trio of Sirkka and Roy Sakaki, of the Aces, and Gary Edwards, of Winfield Raiders, handled the bulk of the scoring for the Stars. Edwards, a Vernon native, had a goal and four assists. Sakaki scored once and set up three others; and Sirkka had two goals and an assist.

Dave McLellan of Rutland Melsons, Ron Bigler of Kelowna Packers, and Gord

Manson of Salmon Arm rounded out the scoring.

In the first 20 minutes, the small, speedy, All-star forwards were allowed to roam freely in the Vernon end of the rink. However, when the bigger Cougars went to their haunting game, the tempo changed.

Williamson just took a while for his club's big guys to get rolling. The little forwards started fast and we had trouble catching them," he said. "Once our big guys were

off the Christmas turkey, it made a tremendous difference."

Forslund made several incredible saves, before Corrae was able to beat him from in close at 2:37 of the second period. The veteran netminder was then the victim of three shots he like another crack at Cam caught him too far back in the net and scored on a long slapshot. Dye put a shot from the blue line in off his glovehand, and Corrae flipped a soft shot past him off a scuff.

**A LIFT**  
Williamson said, "When we got those quick goals, it gave us a lift. If they'd made the score 6-0, I doubt if we could have come back."

Forslund and Winfield goalie Mike Smithson, who split the netminding duties, combined to block 46 shots. Jamie McKenzie, who was victimized for the five first period goals, and Charlie Beckstead, who was victimized for the last three, made 32 saves.

All-stars took five of nine minor penalties and one of three majors.

NCHL play resumes next Saturday when Rutland hosts Grindrod. Vernon travels to Winfield, and Salmon Arm visits Revelstoke Selkies.

## Vernon wins B event

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps won the 'B' event at the annual Maple Ridge Christmas Hockey Tournament which concluded Sunday.

Vernon blasted Westside, of Kelowna, 8-4 in Sunday's 'B' final. After dropping a 5-4 decision to North Shore Winter Club last Thursday, Vernon bounced back to beat North Vancouver 8-3, Nanaimo 8-1, and Westside.

Against Westside, Wayne Bodnaruk and Dave Fish led the attack with two goals each. Bob Sophonow, Larry Anderson, Craig Hutchison, and Kevin Polair added singles.

**EASY WIN**  
The Coke crew went out hot. Vernon 5-8 on the way to that lopsided victory. Bodnaruk and Hutchison scored twice in that game while Allan Schwing, Dwayne Straiger, Fish and Polair notched singles.

On Friday, against North Vancouver, Bodnaruk blazed the light twice while John Box, Ron Ittemann, Schwing, Straiger, Anderson and Fish collected solos.

Despite outshooting NSWC 31-24, Vernon ended up on the losing end of the score. Bodnaruk, Fish, Polair, and Anderson scored in that game.

Vernon Manager Terry Price told the Daily News his team should have beat NSWC. He said, "We were a better team than the other guys were. We left Vernon at 5 a.m. and had to play in Maple Ridge at 4 p.m."

For his efforts, Polair was named to the tournament all-star team.

## LAST FRIDAY

# Silver Star sets single day record

Silver Star Ski Area established a single day income record last Friday.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News more than 4,500 skiers were on the mountain. There have been more people at the mountain, but never before have they spent as much money.

Woodman said, "Our income record is determined by the amount spent in all facets of the operation including ski school, food service, bar, rentals, and lift tickets."

While many Western Canada ski areas are operating on only a limited basis, and some such as Vernon's Tilticum Valley are closed, Silver Star experienced a good Christmas season.

**BSY WEEK**  
Saturday and Sunday crowds were estimated at 4,000 skiers. And Woodman is looking forward to another busy week. He said, "With the extended school holiday this year, I think we'll be fairly



WOODY WOODMAN  
...big crowds

busy right through next weekend."

The longest line-ups reported were about 20 minutes last Friday on the Yellow Chair.

**SNOW NEEDED**  
Woodman admits today's snow was badly needed

because all of the runs are not in good shape. "I'd say our novice and junior runs are in very good condition. The intermediate and senior runs are in good shape. Where we need some help is on the steeper slopes - they are only rated as fair right now."

Tilticum will be able to open with either a minimal amount of snowfall, or a drop in the temperature which would permit the area's snowmaking equipment to be utilized.

Big White, near Kelowna, is open and skiing is rated as good. Apex, at Pentlicon, has fair-to-good conditions and T.G. Mountain, near Kamloops, is open on a limited basis.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

Silver Star Ski Area Manager Dave Woodman said the crowds have been coming along very well to the ski area, and 3,500 people were there just on one day.

## CANADA BEATS SWISS

HELSINKI (CP) — Canada won its first game at the world junior hockey championship by downing

Switzerland 9-0 on Sunday.

The win left the Peterborough, Ont., squad in third place in the Gold Division with the lone victory in its three preliminary games and out of medal contention.

Canada joins the United States, West Germany and Switzerland in the consolation round. Sweden, the Soviet Union, Finland and Czechoslovakia will vie for the medals.

Canada plays the U.S. on Tuesday and West Germany on Wednesday.

Jim Fox, a pickup from Ottawa '78, scored twice in Sunday's game as Canada jumped to a 4-0 lead a little more than halfway through the first period and held a 6-2 advantage going into the final 30 minutes of play.

Dave Becker, Jim Wheeler, Terry Bovalir, Stuart Smith, Andre Hidi, Dino Ciccarelli and Brad Ryder also scored for Canada.

# Pee Wee Reps capture tourney

Vernon Watkin Motors captured the eight-team Nanaimo Pee Wee Hockey Tournament which ended Sunday.

In the thrilling championship game, Vernon edged Aldergrove 8-4, in overtime.

After losing two of its first four games, Vernon came back to win four straight.

Bruce Major scored with just 46 seconds remaining in regulation time, with goalie Arne Flaten on the bench, to force overtime in the final. Keith Chase got the winner at 1:26, of overtime, and Les Olsen added an insurance goal at 7:46.

Derek Webb led the Vernon attack with three goals while Olsen scored twice and set up a pair. Toosh McBride rounded out the scoring.

**OUTSTANDING**  
Defenceman Jeff Finley was outstanding at both ends of the rink for Vernon. The big captain had two assists and was particularly adept at getting the puck out of his zone.

Vernon outshot Aldergrove 56-44.

Major, who had 18 goals and 15 assists in the eight games, was named to the tournament all-star team and won the scoring championship trophy.

On Saturday, the Motormen beat Nanaimo 10-2 and North Vancouver 8-0. Sunday morning, the local blaziers defeated Richmond, 8-3.

Manned by an attack against previously unbeaten Nanaimo with three goals. Brent Gilchrist scored 1-0 while

Curt Peterson, Olsen, McBride, Chase, and Paul Cormier notched singles.

In the North Shore game, Major had two goals with singles from McBride, Olsen, Gilchrist, and Danny Nolan.

Major and Gilchrist scored two apiece against Seafair. Webb, Nolan, Olsen, and Michael Fronteddu blazed the red light once. Dave Pitcher was a standout in that game with three assists.

# Clippers doing well on Okanagan journey

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nanaimo Clippers won twice by the same score on the road during the weekend to make up some ground on Bellingham Blazers, Coastal Division leaders in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

The Clippers beat Kelowna Buckaroos 7-5 Sunday night after topping the relocated Rockets by the same count in Revelstoke on Saturday to move to within eight points of Bellingham.

The Blazers, meanwhile, lost to Chilliwack Colts 8-3 in a game played Saturday night in Hope because of a minor hockey tournament in Chilliwack but rebounded to beat Richmond Sockeyes 10-4 at home.

In other games Saturday, the Sockeyes beat Abbotsford Flyers 5-3 in Richmond and the Centennials 5-3 in Merritt. In an exhibition game, Skelketa, a Tier Two junior club from Sweden, beat the Flyers 4-2 at Abbotsford.

In Kelowna, Dave Wheeland and Mickey Wilgress each scored twice to pace the Clippers who also kept markers from Ryan McAdams, Mike Johnson and John Newberry, with his 60th goal of the campaign.

Tim Turner, Gary Leask, Dave O'Brien, Bruce Cullen and Tienzo Berra repaid for the Buckaroos before 401 fans. The Clippers scored Revelstoke's home ice debut before more than 800 fans after the

Rockets extended a 2-1 first period lead to 3-3 after 40 minutes.

Paul Parker had two goals for Nanaimo while Mike Johnson, Wheeland, Paul Cury, Blair Carson and Newberry completed the attack.

Murray Matheson, Gord Young, Al Radke, Dave Kirby and Eric Samuelson scored for the former Kamloops club which was purchased by a group of Revelstoke businessmen earlier this month.

Perry Braun scored four goals in Bellingham to lead the Blazers past the Sockeyes in a penalty-filled contest in which the Sockeyes took 16 of 26 minors and each club had three majors.

Dave Anderson and Craig Angus each scored twice for the Blazers while Joe Block and Brian Wozniowski added the others. Randy Hill, with two goals, Shawn Lynes and Dan Pavich were the Sockeyes' snipers.

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