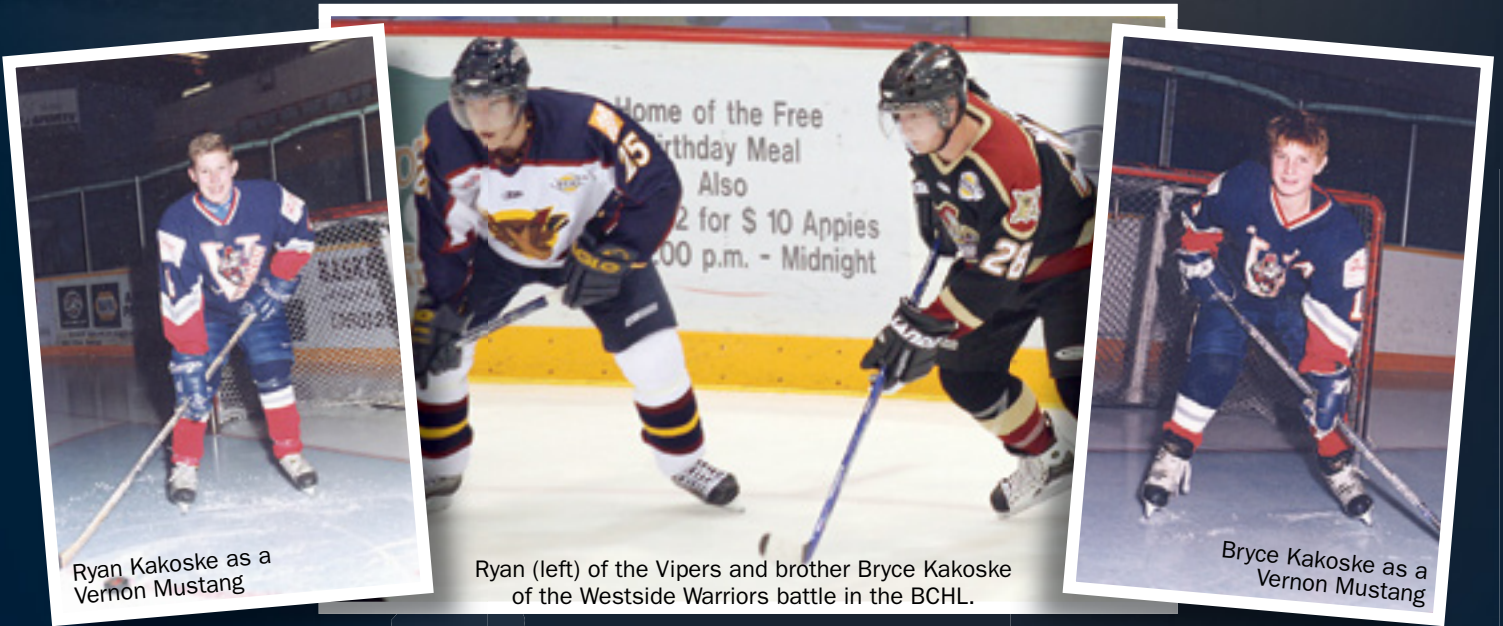


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Ryan Kakoske as a  
Vernon Mustang

Ryan (left) of the Vipers and brother Bryce Kakoske  
of the Westside Warriors battle in the BCHL.

Bryce Kakoske as a  
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## Brothers big on Coca-Cola Classic

**Vernon brothers Ryan and Bryce Kakoske have a special place in their memory banks for the Coca-Cola Pee Wee Hockey Classic.**

Now regulars in the B.C. Hockey League, the East Hill boys were like kids on Christmas Eve when they played for the Watkin Motors Mustangs.

"It was like a dream come true," said Ryan, a 20-year-old defenceman with the Vernon Vipers. "At that time, it was the biggest tournament around. I knew some of the guys on the committee so I knew about the history."

Ryan played alongside his cousin Gordie MacDonald on a team captained by Mason Holmes. Ryan's dad, Mike, coached the Mustangs.

"I just remember when I was younger in Senior Atom how I couldn't wait to get to that tournament," recalled Bryce, a 17-year-old winger with the Westside Warriors. "It was a lot of fun."

Also coached by his father in a third-place finish, Bryce played on a line with captain Dave Robinson (Chilliwack Bruins) and James Dobrowolski (Prince Albert Raiders).

Today, Ryan is a laid-back reliable d-man, while Bryce Kakoske is a crash-and-slay winger. The 200-pounders both play to win on and off the ice.

"We came close (to a fight) last year," said Ryan. "There

was kind of a scrum in front of their net and I came in to get the rebound and we came together, and he took a few whacks at me. It's a little different playing against him but we've done it over 10 games now so we're used to it."

Mike Kakoske, who watched his boys also play soccer and baseball before they made the BCHL, says Bryce is the more competitive of the two. Ryan is the more studious one, scoring 1,900 on his college SAT test (average is 1,400).

"Bryce always really wanted to be competitive no matter what he's doing," said Mike, who used to build a rink at his East Hill home. "He reminds me of the little dog in the Spike cartoon who wants to play with the big dogs. Ryan didn't really care. He was a late bloomer in hockey. He was big and clumsy so his skills didn't come around until later. Ryan would be inside doing two hours of homework and Bryce would be outside shooting pucks for two hours."

The brothers, whose No. 1 fan is their mother, Heather, play tennis at the Middleton Mountain courts a lot in the off-season.

"He has the bigger serve but I'm the better player," said Ryan, in his third season with the Vipers.

"I attack the net more," said Bryce. "We rotated winning this summer. The games get pretty intense. We get at it pretty good."



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February 2008

Welcome to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament!

The Organizing Committee has once again worked diligently to bring players and visitors to Vernon to participate in this fun Winter Carnival tournament.

For our out of town guests, I hope you will enjoy your stay in Vernon and take time to explore the scenic sites and tourist attractions in Vernon and the surrounding communities.

Good luck to all the players and coaches - let the games begin!



Wayne Lippert  
 Mayor

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association Executive, staff, volunteers, and members, welcome to Vernon.

Some of my best hockey memories as a player, and coach, are of out of town hockey tournaments. I don't remember the wins and losses. I remember the hotels, team meals, being surrounded by friends and team mates and the feeling of belonging to something bigger. I see that same excitement in the kids that attend our tournaments and I am happy to be a part of it.

As an Association we embrace the philosophy of BCAHA's program called "Team First", which reminds all of us to respect the other team, the referees, the other fans and the volunteers. It's a simple philosophy: "respect each other".

Have a great tournament.

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## Player, Pee Wee Team

## Drafted By

## Where Now



Jason Podollan



Jeff Lank



Brent Gilchrist



Jeff Finley

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 Len Dawes, Nanaimo 1974  
 Tony Feltrin, Nanaimo 1974  
 Barry Pederson, Nanaimo 1974  
 Steve Tsijiura, Lethbridge 1974  
 Mike Winther, Prince George 1974  
 Rick Chernomaz, Port Alberni 1975  
 John Newberry, Port Alberni 1975  
 Paul Cyr, Port Alberni, 1975  
 Mike Kaszycki, Spokane 1975  
 Chris Jensen, Fort St. John 1975  
 Greg Adams, Nelson 1976  
 Gord Kluzak, Swift Current 1977  
 Lane Lambert, Swift Current, 1977  
 Brian Curran, Red Deer 1977  
 Mark Lamb, Swift Current 1978  
 Doug Quinn, Red Deer 1978  
 Mark Tinordi, Red Deer 1978  
 Rocky Trottier, Swift Current 1978  
 Emmanuel Viveiros, St. Albert 1978  
 Doug Bodger, Fuller Lake 1979  
 Robin Bawa, Fuller Laker 1979  
 Mike Berger, Fort Saskatchewan 1979  
 Robin Shudra, Fort Saskatchewan 1979  
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 Frank Furlan, Nanaimo 1980  
 Mark Pederson, Medicine Hat 1981  
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 Chris Joseph, Burnaby 1982  
 Kerry Russell, Kamloops 1982  
 Russ Romanik, St. Boniface 1982  
 Mike Needham, Fort Saskatchewan 1983  
 Murray Duval, Fort Saskatchewan 1983  
 Collin Bauer, Fort Saskatchewan 1983  
 Jason Marshall, Cranbrook 1984  
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 Mike Dubinsky, Sherwood Park 1990  
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 Kevin Swanson, Prince George 1993  
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 Adam Courchaine, Winnipeg 1998  
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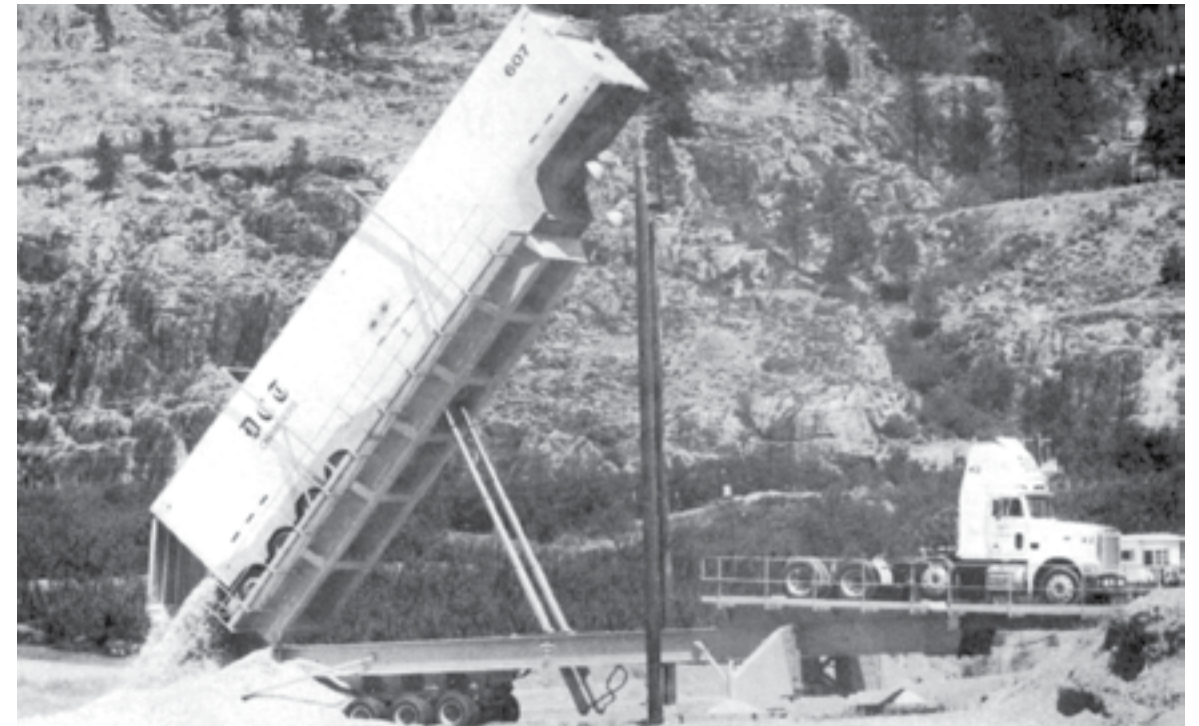
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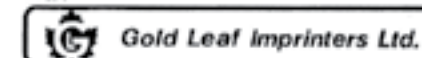
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# VERNON WATKIN MOTORS AAA MUSTANGS



**Back row, left to right:** Tom Goebel - assistant coach, #15 Logan Geefs, #18 Cole Sanford, #7 Cameron Strike, #10 Colton Thibault, #16 Aaron Benjaminsen

**Middle row, left to right:** Ross Jewell - head coach, #2 Matt Halvorson, #3 Dylan Bowen - assistant captain, #4 Jordan Burns - assistant captain, #19 Alex Gillies - assistant captain, #11 Michael Roberts, Shawn Thibault - assistant coach

**Front row, left to right:** #17 Brett Jewell, #30 Tyler Landry, #14 Spencer Hewson, #8 Curtis Lazar - captain, #9 Chad Thomas, #35 Daniel Oordt, #12 Steven Goebel

The Vernon Watkin Motor Mustangs are the Pee Wee AAA representative for the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association. Vernon is in the Southern Interior of British Columbia and has a population of approximately 50,000 people. The Vernon Watkin Motor Mustangs finished first place in their league. Their league is comprised of four other very competitive teams. The team is comprised of twelve players born in 1995 and five players born in 1996. Once again, Ross Jewell has stepped up as head coach. His assistants are Shawn Thibault, Tom Goebel and Jeff O'Keefe. The team is managed by Dave Lazar. With Ross as coach the team philosophy is a strong work ethic, speed and commitment.

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**Middle Row:** Richard Guenette 44, Francis Robichaud 21, Alex Anecchiarico 88, David Denardi 7, Michael Emanoilidis 12, Dylan Gartner 26, Erik Starcevic 25, Thomas Beretta 66, Alex Mazurek 71.

**Back Row:** James Robinson (assistant coach), Mike Gartner (assistant coach), Ian MacMillan (trainer), Andrew Mazurek (team manager), Mike Battaglia (head coach).

The Richmond Hill Stars play in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and represent the town of Richmond Hill, with a population of 170,000. This year, the Richmond Hill Hockey Association will celebrate its 54th anniversary season, making it one of the oldest in the area. We are a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with over 450 people working to make it a success. The Richmond Hill Pee Wee AAA team, plays against thirteen competitive teams in their division. The teams in their league come from cities and towns in their area.

The coaching staff is made up volunteers who are dedicated to player development and teach the players respect, sportsmanship and fair play. The coaching staff consists of Mike Battaglia (head coach), Mike Gartner (assistant coach), James Robinson (assistant coach), Ian MacMillan (trainer) and Andrew Mazurek (team manager). The Richmond Hill Stars coaching staff brings many years of knowledge and experience to the game and instills a positive attitude amongst their players.

The team is comprised of seventeen players, nine forwards, six defense and two goalies. The majority of the players have returned to the team with a few new additions. The Richmond Hill Stars had a good season last year and are off to a good start for the 2007/2008 season.

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**Back Row L-R:** Coach Dean Largen, Logan Wendling, Coach Mark Weber, Hyland Story, Coach Josh Roach

The Arctic Lions PeeWee Tier 1 team is from Fairbanks, Alaska, a community of approximately 80,000 people in Alaska's interior, 150 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The Arctic Lions Hockey Association is comprised of ten teams from mites to midgets.

The Arctic Lion's head coach is Mark Weber with assistant coaches, Josh Roach and Dean Largen. The team has 17 players with four first-year and 13 second-year players. Three of our players competed in this tournament in 2007 with the NAHA Grizzlies PeeWee tier 1 team. The Arctic Lions compete in the Alaska League which is comprised of three teams this year. In addition to this tournament, we will be competing at the Valencia, California "Toast of the Coast" tournament.

The coaches, players and parents appreciate the opportunity to participate in the "Coca-Cola Classic". Other teams from our community have participated in this tournament in the past and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The tournament is becoming a tradition for Pee Wee teams from Fairbanks and we are excited about continuing this tradition and experiencing hockey at its finest.

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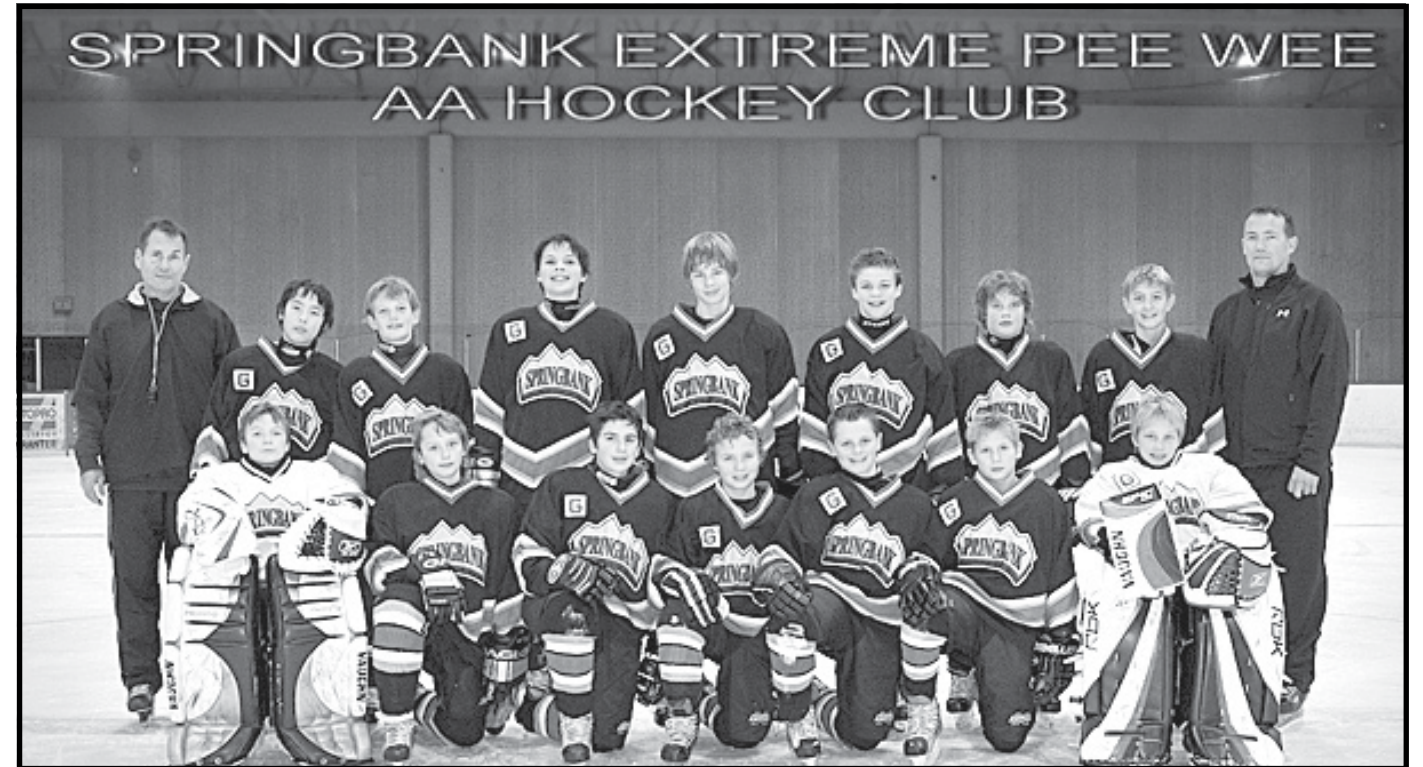
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**Front Row L-R:** Ryan Bantorin, Tristan Ford, Duncan Pernal, Ben Taillefer, Cole Threndyle, Jackson Elynuik, Matt Mitchell  
**Missing From Photo:** Head Coach Pat Elynuik, Coaches Devin Hildebrand, Norm McIntosh  
**Missing Players:** Allan Macpherson, Jace Pitkanen, Mackenzie Watson

The Springbank Pee Wee 1 team competes in the Calgary Minor Hockey League comprised of 10 teams at the tier one level. Overall there are approximately 80-100 Pee Wee teams in the Calgary League and Level 1 is very competitive. Traditionally, Springbank is in the top division having 170 players trying out for 17 positions on the one level team. Springbank is considered one of the largest hockey communities in Calgary with 10 Pee Wee teams in the association.

The core group of these players has been playing together for the past 6 years through Tyke, Novice, Atom and Pee Wee. This year there are 14 second-year and 3 first-year players establishing a strong, hard-working team.

The coaching staff is experienced, fair and professional. Pat Elynuik is the head coach and has been involved in hockey most of his life from playing junior hockey for the Prince Albert Raiders to his career in the National Hockey League. Pat has become a mentor for the players teaching them not only hockey but respect and important life skills to help them become strong citizens of our community. With his assistants Dr. Kevin Hildebrand (varsity hockey at McGill) and Norm McIntosh (NCAA- University of Wisconsin Badgers) Pat will ensure that the team will be professional and competitive in all aspects of the game both on and off the ice.

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- (1) All games shall be regulation stop time, no ties, sudden death overtime.  
 (2) In the event 2 teams are tied for points, the team defeating the other shall be placed higher.  
 (3) In the event 3 teams are tied for points, the standings will be determined using the following formula  
 (a) The team with the best goal average will be placed higher  
 Example: Goals for 10; Goals against 4; percentage is  $10/14 = .714$   
 (b) If 2 teams have the same goal average, the team defeating the other will be placed higher.  
 (c) Coin flip if necessary

GAME	TIME	DAY	DIV.	HOME	VS	VISITOR
1	8:00am	Thurs	CC	Fairbanks		Vernon
2	10:15am	Thurs	CC	Richmond Hill		Calgary
3	12:30pm	Thurs	SV	Swift Current		Saanich
4	2:45 pm	Thurs	SV	Edmonton		Spokane

### 5:30 pm THURSDAY - OPENING CEREMONIES

5	6:00pm	Thurs	CC	Vernon		Richmond Hill
6	8:00pm	Thurs	CC	Calgary		Fairbanks
7	8:00am	Friday	SV	Spokane		Swift Current
8	10:15am	Friday	SV	Saanich		Edmonton
9	12:30pm	Friday	CC	Richmond Hill		Fairbanks
10	3:00pm	Friday	CC	Vernon		Calgary
11	5:30pm	Friday	SV	Saanich		Spokane
12	8:00pm	Friday	SV	Edmonton		Swift Current

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### SUN VALLEY DIVISION

Edmonton KC Lancers  
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 Swift Current S.W. Terminal Broncos  
 Saanich Braves

#### STANDINGS

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## PLAY-OFF FORMAT

GAME	TIME	DAY	HOME	VS	VISITOR
13	8:00am	Sat	3rd in Sun Valley	vs	4th in Coca-Cola
14	10:15am	Sat	3rd in Coca-Cola	vs	4th in Sun Valley
15	12:30pm	Sat	1st in Coca-Cola	vs	2nd in Sun Valley
16	2:45pm	Sat	1st in Sun Valley	vs	2nd in Coca-Cola
<b>“D” EVENT FINAL</b>					
17	10:00am	Sunday	Losers of Games #13 and #14		
<b>“C” EVENT FINAL</b>					
18	12:30pm	Sunday	Winners of Games #13 and #14		
<b>“B” EVENT FINAL</b>					
19	3:15pm	Sunday	Losers of Games #15 and #16		
<b>“A” EVENT FINAL</b>					
20	6:00pm	Sunday	Winners of Games #15 and #16		

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# EDMONTON KC LANCERS



**Top Row L-R:** Mike Lapointe - Coach, Cristian Sides, Wyatt Noskey, Chance Hopkins, Cameron Brezinski, Ken Rylance - Coach  
**Middle Row L-R:** Bob Romano - Coach, Ryley Rimmer, Colton Leiter, Jordan Busch, Michael Bruni, Mathieu Lapointe, Luke Kempf, Clint Jones - Coach  
**Front Row L-R:** Rylee Makowichuk, Avrey Romano, Chase Rylance, Nicholas Jones, Matteo Milroy, Aiden Dupuis, Kris Bryks

The KC Lancers is the KC PeeWee Rep team playing at the AAA level in the EMHA 2007 - 2008 Clagget Round playing the top 10 teams from Edmonton, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park. The team has eight first-year players and nine second-year players making us one of the youngest and strongest teams in our league. The coaching staff consists of Bob Romano, head coach and Clint Jones, Ken Rylance and Mike Lapointe as assistant coaches. The coaching staff instills a deep sense of commitment, setting of high goals and fosters a positive, dedicated and hardworking attitude among all the players where hard work is evident at every practice and game. The team is known for their team play, intensity, conditioning and speed. The Lancer team also has the lowest penalty minutes in the league this year. The goals of the KC Lancers are to win Edmonton Minor Hockey and the City Championship and qualifying in the championship round in all the tournaments they play.

Coach Bob Romano and Assistant Coach Clint Jones coached the KC AAA Atom Icemen in 2006 - 2007 where seven of the eight first-year players on the Lancer team played and where they won the Edmonton Minor Hockey Championship, the City Championship, the Nanaimo Spring Tournament Championship, and the Bow Valley Tournament championship. At the Leduc and Crowchild tournaments, they placed second.

Behind the players are the parents and management who are equally committed and fully understand the need for parents to be a team working for the team. In discussing tournament possibilities, the coaches, players and parents were highly motivated by the Vernon Coca-Cola Classic Hockey Tournament due to the obvious tradition of winter carnival, the 37 years of hockey tournament history, the high level of competition, and an opportunity for our team of parents to enjoy "the Carnival".

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**PLAYERS BACK ROW: (left to right)** Riley Ollero, Tyler Peltram, Taylor Everhart, Michael Knutson, Chandler Langlais, Tyler Zandhuisen, Erich Jaeger  
**COACHES BACK ROW: (left to right)** Head Coach Todd Ulrich, Assistant Coach Martin Peltram and Assistant Coach JC Thomas  
**NOT PICTURED:** Trevor McManus and Adam Powers

Spokane Minor Hockey has become the most well respected organization in the Pacific Northwest over the last 10 years. Many Spokane Minor Hockey teams have recently won both State and Regional Championships and have appeared at USA Hockey National Tournaments. At the moment, four Spokane natives are playing Major Junior A and another six playing in the BC League.

The Spokane Chiefs Pee Wee team consists of the best '95 and '96 players in Eastern Washington. After the first 10 games, the team has proven it may be the best in the state with a 9 - 1 record.

The team is coached by Todd Ulrich. His experience includes playing for the Michigan State University Spartans. Todd also played in the 1976 Vernon Winter Carnival Tournament with a team based in Seattle and says it was one of the most memorable youth hockey tournaments he has ever experienced. It's an experience he would like to share with his son, his team and the parents of the team.

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**Fr Row (L-R):** Kade Behm #30, Tracy Bredahl (Manager), Tyson Empey #19, Justin Spagrud #17, Zac Mackay #19, Dylan Bredahl #7, Dean Yolland (Trainer), Logan Tisdale #1

The Swift Current Southwest Terminal Pee Wee Broncos play out of the City of Swift Current in the province of Saskatchewan in the South Saskatchewan Minor Hockey League. The players are selected from the City of Swift Current (population 16,000) and the surrounding rural area. There are seven teams in the league and the Broncos are currently in second place with a record of six wins, one loss and one tie.

Larry Empey is the head coach of the team this year. Larry played in the AHL and ECHL during his hockey career. Larry Johnson is the assistant coach this year after being head coach of the team last year. They both bring years of knowledge and experience to the team, having coached for years at many different levels. The coaching staff reinforces team play, a strong work ethic and commitment to the team, as well as instilling positive life values in the players.

This year, the team is comprised of 14 players born in 1995 (six of whom are veterans) and three players born in 1996. The Broncos had a very young team last year with nine first-year players. They won the gold at the Melville Tournament, silver at the Medicine Hat Tournament and finished third in their league.



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**Back Row (left to right)** Don Marshall, coach, Evan Badry #15, Adam Page #14, Liam Carradine #2, Geordie Moss #4, Austin Singera #20, Nolan De Jong #21 (captain), Shawn McBride #17, Arjin Dosaanjh #7, Syd Irvine #9, Marty Irvine, coach

The Saanich Braves Pee Wee AAA team is part of Saanich Minor Hockey Association, playing out of one of the core municipalities of the Capital Regional District on Vancouver Island. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Saanich Minor Hockey Association.

The Pee Wee AAA Braves play in the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association. The Braves current lineup has three first year players and 14 second-year players. The coaching staff consists of head coach Rob Maguire, a 15 year veteran of coaching on Vancouver Island, with Glen McBride, (a tournament alumni from 1973), Don Marshall and Marty Irvine (also on the 1973 Braves).

As an Atom A team in 2005-2006, the core group of players from this team won their Island League championship, as well as a tournament in Comox Valley and the Remembrance Day Tournament that they hosted. This year they will be testing themselves in Abbotsford at Thanksgiving and Langley on Remembrance Day Weekend before returning to the Island for Christmas in the Cowichan Valley Tournament. The Saanich Braves expect to be in the thick of the battle for a berth at the Pee Wee AAA Provincial Championships this year.



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dedication to hockey and to the physical and mental development of young Canadians.

Born in Ontario, she moved to Vernon with her husband Dan, after the Second World War. She is survived by her husband Dan and one son and daughter.

Amy Myles was a true and great friend to all who knew her.

**"B" DIVISION TROPHY — ALEX KULY TROPHY**

Born and raised in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Alex Kuly played some of his Junior Hockey with the Portage La Prairie Terriers. He then moved to the Flin Flon Bombers defence.

During the war he served in the Air Force as a physical education instructor and later returned to play defence for the Flin Flon Bombers. He moved to play defence for Kamloops, and to Vernon where

he coached for one season.

He was the head referee for the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association until he was transferred to Quesnel as the Forest Ranger.

While in Quesnel he coached the Quesnel Kangaroos. He returned to Vernon in 1961 where he was a strong supporter of the Minor Hockey.



ALEX KULY

**"C" DIVISION TROPHY — MICKEY McMAHON TROPHY**



MICKEY McMAHON

Born in Nelson, raised in Revelstoke, Mickey McMahon came to Vernon in 1951, where he was employed as a Telegrapher for the CPR.

His avid interest in sports and love of hockey, along with his enthusiasm for the younger players started his involvement with Minor Hockey in 1967.

He managed the pup division and pee wee rep teams. Along with coach Walt Trentini they took the team to win the "A" Division in 1973

and "B" Division in '74.

Mickey held various positions in Minor Hockey including President, 1975-76. He was presented with a Certificate of Merit in 1972 by the Canadian Legion for his contribution to Minor Hockey. In 1977 he was honoured by the Mother's Auxiliary and was also presented with a Life Membership in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

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MICKEY OGASAWARA

### "D" DIVISION TROPHY — MICKEY OGASAWARA TROPHY

Michael Barton "Mickey" Ogasawara was born in Vernon July 22, 1936. Mickey started playing hockey as a pee wee, then played with the bantam and midget rep teams who won valley titles.

In 1952, although of midget age, he helped the Vernon Juveniles Hockey Club to win the B.C. Championship in Trail. In 1953, he played for the Juvenile Lacrosse team, coached by the late Ben Douglas and they won the B.C. Juvenile Championship, defeating New Westminster at the coast.

In 1954, he was the catcher for Nick's Aces

softball team (fastpitch) and won the B.C. Senior "B" Championship in Aldergrove.

In 1956, the Vernon Junior Hockey team won the B.C. Championship in Victoria with Mickey as a team member. In 1954 he started work for Kelly Douglas & Co., and became a "25 Year Club" member. After marriage he was head referee for the North Okanagan Hockey League and in the summer he umpired senior baseball games throughout the valley. His two daughters are carrying on his athletic traditions.

Mickey passed away October 18, 1981.



DAN OXNARD

### DAN OXNARD TROPHY — MOST SPORTSMANLIKE TEAM

Dan Oxnard was born in Lytton, B.C. August 1944 and moved to Vernon in 1966. He was a professional firefighter for the Vernon Fire Department for 28 years. Dan gave a great deal of his time off helping raise money for Muscular Dystrophy and the B.C. Burn Unit. He got involved in Minor Hockey in 1975 where he spent 12 years coaching, managing teams or holding down executive positions as Director, Vice President and President.

If there was a job to be done Dan was always there to help.

Dan joined the Pee Wee Hockey tournament committee in 1985, spending the next 8 years making it the success it is today.

Dan died in a skiing accident in January, 1995. Dan is survived by his wife Darlene, daughter, Tanis and son David. He is missed by all who knew him.

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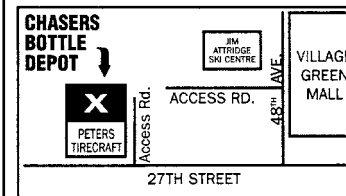
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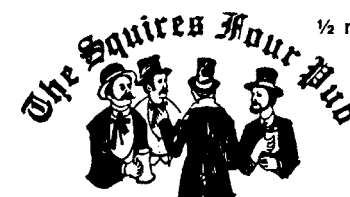
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QUEEN SILVER STAR XLXII Courtney Smith and Princess Melissa de Jong handle the official face-off between Mitch Amatto of the Calgary Crowchild Blackhawks and Jedd Soleway of the Watkin Motors Mustangs in the 36th annual Vernon Coca-Cola Pee Wee Hockey Tournament Thursday night at Civic Arena.

## HISTORY OF PEE WEE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

### A EVENT FINAL

1972 Saanich 9 Hollyburn 3  
1973 Vernon 4 Saanich 2  
1974 Fort St. John 10 Lethbridge 4  
1975 Port Alberni 13 Vernon 4  
1976 Red Deer 6 Seattle 3  
1977 Swift Current 7 Coquitlam 5  
1978 North Shore 10 Vernon 4  
1979 North Shore 10 Vernon 4  
1980 Vernon 6 St. Albert 3  
1981 Richmond 8 Nanaimo 4  
1982 Richmond 6 Kamloops 5  
1983 Fort Saskatchewan 6 Richmond 5 (OT)  
1984 Cowichan 5 Kamloops 1  
1985 Cowichan 3 Red Deer 2 (OT)  
1986 Cowichan 8 Fort Saskatchewan 5  
1987 Winnipeg Warriors 11 Richmond 2  
1988 Winnipeg 9 Kamloops 8 (OT)  
1989 Sherwood Park 3 Winnipeg 2 (OT)  
1990 Winnipeg Warriors 6 Cowichan 5 (OT)  
1991 Winnipeg St. Vital 9 Vernon 4  
1992 Kamloops 12 South Delta 3  
1993 Vernon 6 Prince George 3  
1994 Edmonton 6 Trail 1  
1995 Edmonton 5 Cowichan 4  
1996 Cranbrook 6 Semiahmoo 3  
1997 Prince George 4 Cranbrook 1  
1998 Semiahmoo 3 Winnipeg 2 (triple OT)  
1999 Edmonton KC 5 Penticton 1  
2000 Kamloops 7 St. Albert 6  
2001 Barrie 5 Edmonton Bruins 1  
2002 Port Coquitlam 4 Barrie 3 (2 OT)  
2003 Burnaby Winter Club 8 Prince George 3  
2004 Nanaimo 6 Prince George 4  
2005 Prince George 5 Abbotsford 2  
2006 Vernon 6 Fairbanks (2OT)  
2007 Vernon 5 Calgary Crowchild Blackhawks 3

### B EVENT FINAL

Quesnel 4 Penticton 3  
Riley Park 6 Jasper 1  
Vernon 3 Kamloops 1  
Coquitlam 13 Fort St. John 5  
Port Alberni 6 Vernon 4  
Fort St. John 5 Red Deer 4  
Red Deer 6 Swift Current 2  
Saskatoon 8 Brandon 3  
Terrace 7 North Shore 4  
Vernon 5 Prince George 3  
Prince George Sherwood Park 3  
St. Boniface 12 Trail 2  
Vernon 9 Nanaimo 8  
North Delta 3 Winnipeg 1  
Prince George 8 Winnipeg 7  
Coquitlam 7 Seattle 1  
Vernon 12 Victoria 4  
Winnipeg M's 6 Burnaby 5 (OT)  
Sherwood Park 10 Vernon 1  
Cowichan 9 Victoria 7  
Victoria 10 North Delta 3  
Nanaimo 6 Cowichan 3  
Edmonton 7 Vernon 6 (OT)  
Coquitlam 13 Nanaimo 8  
Lambton, Ont. 10 Vernon 1  
Coquitlam 5 Cowichan 3  
Kamloops 5 Surrey 3  
Edmonton Bruins 13 Vancouver 5  
Barrie 10 Vernon 3  
Vernon 5 Cowichan 4  
Edmonton 5 Kamloops 3  
St. Albert 4 Richmond 3 (OT)  
Cranbrook 7 Saanich 4  
Fairbanks 5 Anchorage 3  
Hollyburn 3 Abbotsford 2  
Victoria Racquet Club Kings 5 Sherwood Park Steel Kings 4

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Mat Lambert of the Vernon Mustangs battles for the puck with Calgary Crowchild Blackhawk defenceman Mike McCrossan in 2007 final.

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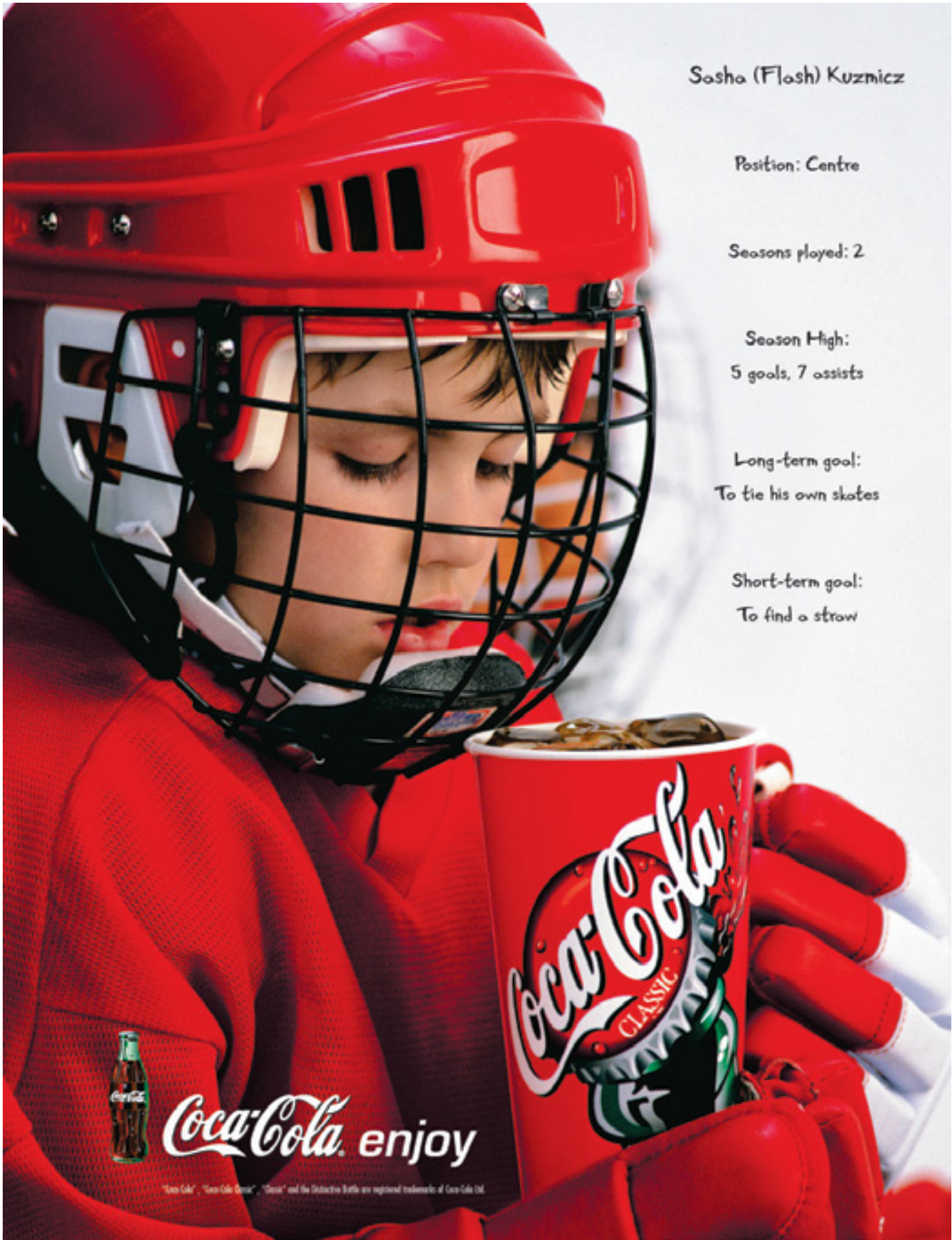
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Season High:  
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Long-term goal:  
To tie his own skates

Short-term goal:  
To find a straw



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