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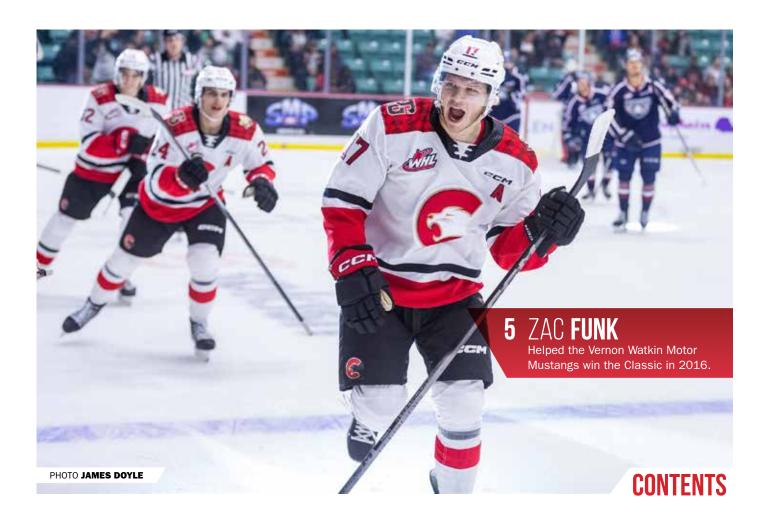
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Vernon Mustang alumni Zac Funk, turns the red light on during a Prince George Cougars home game. Photo: James Doyle

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# FUNK FINDING FULFILLMENT

#### BY SEAN McCONKEY

#### FIRST TIME SPORTS WRITER

Vernon BC's and Coca-Cola Classic alumni Zac Funk earned the prestigious title of WHL Player of the Month back in September/October 2023 and has been lighting up the WHL ever since.

In the 2015 Coca-Cola Classic, Funk found himself in the "C" final beating out Bow Valley 6-4. And in 2016, Zac and his teammates won the tournament 5-3 over Idaho.

A few years later, Zac rang up 21 goals and 52 points in 28 games with the Yale Hockey Academy Bantam Prep team in Abbotsford and was then taken in Round 2, 43rd overall, by the Calgary Hitmen.

At the age of 20, Funk showcased his exceptional skills by accumulating an impressive 30 points (14 goals, 16 assists) in just 14 games, catapulting him to the top of the WHL scoring charts as the season transitioned into November. His remarkable performance places him first in the league for points and goals.

Expressing humility, Funk attributed his success to the collective efforts of his teammates, stating, "It's an honour to be named Player of the Month. This doesn't happen without my teammates. We are gelling right now, and I think that has really helped with everything, and hopefully, we keep it going."

Funk commenced the season with a stellar start, earning the Tempo WHL Player of the Week title on September 25 after delivering seven points (3 goals, 4 assists) in two games during the opening weekend of the 2023-24 WHL Regular Season.

As a 6-foot, 210-pound right winger, Funk demonstrated consistency with three instances of five-point performances throughout September and October. Notably, he achieved a five-point effort (3 goals, 2 assists) on Friday, September 22,



in a 9-0 victory against Tri-City, another five-point contribution (2 goals, 3 assists) on Friday, October 6, in a 6-4 home triumph over Wenatchee, and a third five-point showcase, securing a hat trick with two assists in a 7-1 victory over the Kamloops Blazers on Saturday, October 21.

In total, Funk has delivered eight multi-point performances in the first 14 games of the season.

From October 4 to October 21. Funk enjoyed a six-game pointscoring streak, accumulating 17 points (9 goals, 8 assists). Impressively, he leads the WHL in power-play goals with nine.

This season marks Funk's first full season with the Cougars since his acquisition by Prince George at the 2023 WHL Trade Deadline. In 45 career WHL Regular Season games with the Cougars, he has amassed 56 points (27 goals, 29 assists) and a plus-26 rating. During the 2023 WHL Playoffs, Funk contributed eight points (5 goals, 3 assists) in 10 games.

Originally selected by the Calgary Hitmen in the second round (43rd overall) of the 2018 WHL Draft, Funk has tallied an impressive 177 points (94 goals, 83 assists) in 200 career WHL Regular Season games.

As of November, the Prince George Cougars lead the WHL with a record of 10-4-0-0, standing as the highest-scoring team in the league with 74 goals in 14 games (5.29 goals per game). Thanks in part to Funk's contributions, the Cougars boast the top-ranked power play in the WHL, converting on 36.1 percent of their opportunities.

Funk notched his sixth hat-trick of the season and 40th goal, lifting the Cats to a 6-2 win over the Wenatchee Wild at the Town Toyota Center on Jan 3rd.

As of Jan 28th 2024, Funk has 78 points with 43 goals, 35 assists, is +33, 49 PIM, 21 Power play goals, 5 game winning goals and averaging 1.66 PTS/G with the Prince George Cougars.

# **OPENING** CEREMONIES



Long time Vernon resident and former NHL'er Ed "Eddie" Johnstone, drops the puck for the official opening faceoff between Mason Richardson of the Wenatchee Wild and Daniel Cooke of the Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs at the opening ceremonies of the 50th Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament in the Kal Tire Place - North.

# GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE CLASSIC



In celebration of the Vernon Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee U13 Hockey Tournament, the Winter Carnival Committee is hosting The Classic 50/50!!

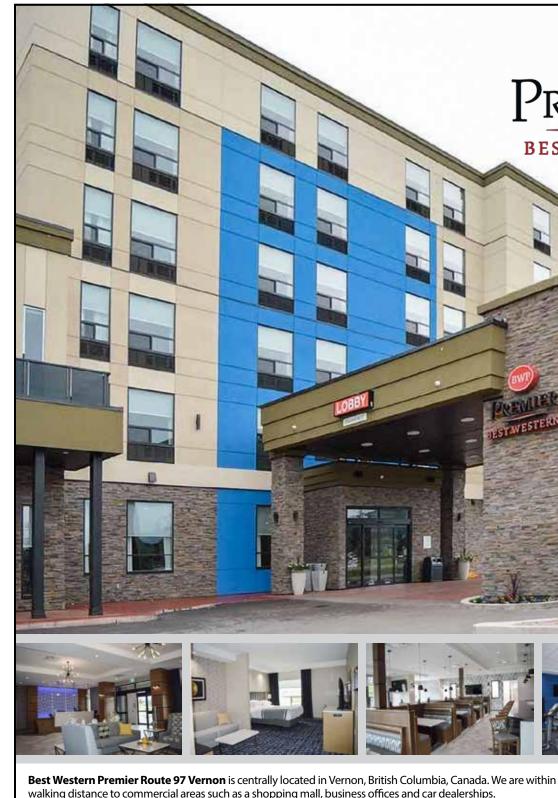
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On behalf of City Council and the residents of Vernon, a very warm welcome is extended to all local and out of town hockey players, coaches, officials, and family members attending the 51st Annual Vernon Coca Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament, February 8th -11th. 2024.

This year's tournament will host teams from Vernon, Calgary, California, Coquitlam, Cranbrook, Okotoks, Penticton

and St. Albert. We hope our visitors will enjoy your stay and take time to explore why Vernon is the perfect place to visit, live and do business. We're glad we can share our community and Vernon Winter Carnival with vou.

I would like to thank the Classic organizing committee, local volunteers and numerous sponsors for their generous support and diligent efforts to bring players and families to Vernon.

Good luck to all the players and have fun!

Victor I. Cumming Mayor

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association, welcome players, coaches, officials and hockey fans to the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Coca Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament.

As hockey is our passion please keep good sportsmanship alive on the ice, on the bench and in the stands. Let's all keep the positive spirit of hockey alive.

Enjoy the tournament experience and remember that a small army of passionate volunteers have worked extremely hard and long hours to make the experience fun for all. One you will remember for a lifetime! Please take a moment to thank a volunteer during the tournament as I cannot emphasize enough how hard they have worked.

Thank you to all coaches, officials and parents, your countless hours do not go unnoticed. Finally thank you players, you are the reason we are all here. You fill us with pride, anticipation and excitement and we look forward to seeing you play some great hockey. Play fair, play your best and enjoy the tournament.

Good luck to all and enjoy your stay in Vernon.

Kindest Regards,



Gordon Sitter, President Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association



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Errol Rausse	Quesnel - 1972	Washington	1979	Robin Shudra	Ft. Sask 1979	Edmonton
Ray Allsion	Cranbrook - 1972	Hartford	1979	Matt Pesklewis	St. Albert - 1980	Boston
Len Dawes	Nanaimo - 1974	Chicago	1979	Greg Hawgood	St. Albert - 1980	Boston
Tony Feltrin	Nanaimo - 1974	Pittsburgh	1979	Frank Furlan	Nanaimo - 1980	Winnipeg
Mike Winther	Prince George - 1974	Edmonton	1979	Mark Pedersen	Medicine Hat - 1981	Montreal
Barry Pederson	Nanaimo - 1974	Boston	1980	Craig Endean	Prince George - 1981	Winnipeg
Mike Kaszycki	Spokane - 1975	NY Islanders	1980	Mark Tinordi	Red Deer - 1978	Buffalo
Steve Tsijiura	Lethbridge - 1974	Philadelphia	1981	Wade Flaherty	Terrace - 1980	Buffalo
Rick Chernomaz	Port Alberni - 1975	Colorado	1981	Ryan McGill	Sherwood Park - 1982	Chicago
John Newberry	Port Alberni - 1975	Montreal	1981	Kerry Russell	Kamloops - 1982	Hartford
Chris Jensen	Fort St John - 1975	Philadelphia	1981	Peter Soberlak	Kamloops - 1982	Edmonton
Paul Cyr	Port Alberni - 1975	Buffalo	1982	Chris Joseph	Burnaby - 1982	Pittsburgh
Brian Curran	Red Deer - 1977	Buffalo	1982	Russ Romanik	St. Boniface - 1982	Winnipeg
Mark Lamb	Swift Current - 1978	Calgary	1982	Murray Duval	Ft. Sask 1983	NY Rangers
Gord Kluzak	Swift Current - 1977	Boston	1983	Collin Bauer	Ft. Sask 1983	Edmonton
Lane Lambert	Swift Current - 1977	Detroit	1983	Mike Needham	Ft. Sask 1983	Pittsburgh
Doug Quinn	Red Deer - 1978	Vancouver	1983	Jason Marshall	Cranbrook - 1984	St. Louis
Rocky Trottier	Swift Current - 1978	New Jersey	1983	Richard Matvichuk	Ft. Sask 1986	Minnesota
Greg Adams	Nelson - 1976	New Jersey	1984	Ray Whitney	Ft. Sask 1986	San Jose
Emmanuel Viveiros	St. Albert - 1978	Edmonton	1984	Lee J. Leslie	Prince George - 1986	St. Louis
Doug Bodger	Fuller Lake - 1979	Pittsburgh	1984	Joaquin Gage	Coquitlam - 1987	Edmonton
Robin Bawa	Fuller Lake - 1979	Washington	1984	Jarrett Deuling	Whitehorse - 1987	NY Islanders
Mike Berger	Ft. Sask 1979	Minnesota	1985	Mike Dubinsky	Sherwood Park - 1990	Vancouver
Jeff Sharples	Terrace - 1980	Detroit	1985	Daymond Langkow	Sherwood Park - 1990	Tampa Bay



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Casey Pierro-Zabotel	Kamloops - 2002	Pittsburgh
Riley Nash	Kamloops - 2002	Edmonton
Zach Hamill	Port Coquitlam - 2002	Boston
Landon Ferraro	Burnaby - 2003	Detroit
Brett Bulmer	Prince George - 2004	Minnesota
Brett Connolly	Prince George - 2005	Tampa Bay
Morgan Relly	Hollyburn - 2006	Toronto
Mathew Dumba	Calgary - 2006	Minnesota
Griffin Reinhart	Hollyburn - 2006	New York
Josh Morrissey	Springbank - 2008	Winnipeg
Kyle Burroughs	Langley - 2007	NY Islanders
Greg Chase	Sherwood - 2007	Edmonton

PEE WEE TEAM / YEAR

Prince George - 1993

Trail/Rossland - 1994

Kamloops - 1994

Winnipeg - 1997

Cowichan - 1997

Semiahmoo - 1998

Winnipeg - 1998

Edmonton - 1999

Victoria - 2001

Victoria - 2001

Cranbrook - 1991

PLAYER

Randy Petruk

Kevin Swanson

Steve McCarthy

Darrell Hay

Derek Meech

Matt Ellison

Ben Walter

Shawn Belle

Mitch Fadden

Dan Gendur

Tyler Lewington

Adam Courchaine



Sherwood - 2007





# DRAFTED ALUMNI TO THE NHL

DRAFTED BY

Colorado

Vancouver

Chicago

Vancouver

Detroit Chicago

Boston

Dallas

Minnesota

Tampa Bay

Vancouver

Washington

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PLAYER	PEE WEE TEAM / YEAR	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Josh Morrissey	Calgary - 2008	Winnipeg	2013
Nolan De Jong	Saanich - 2008	Minnesota	2013
Reid Duke	Trailswest - 2009	Minnesota	2014
Jake Virtanen	Abbotsford - 2009	Vancouver	2014
Chase Lang	Nanaimo - 2009	Minnesota	2014
Mathew Barzal	Burnaby - 2008	New York	2015
Noah Juulsen	Abbotsford - 2009	Montreal	2015
Giorgio Estephan	Edmonton - 2009	Buffalo	2015
Austin Wagner	Calgary - 2010	Los Angeles	2015
Josh Anderson	Cowichan - 2010	Colorado	2016
Braydyn Chizen	St. Albert - 2011	Minnesota	2016
Josh Mahura	St. Albert - 2011	Anaheim	2016
Collin Adams	Spokane - 2013	NY Islanders	2016
Kailer Yamamoto	Kent Valley - 2010	Edmonton	2017
Brett Stapley	Campbell River - 2011	Montreal	2018
Trey Fix-Wolansky	Edmonton - 2012	Columbus	2018
Wyatte Wylie	Seattle - 2012	Philadelphia	2018
Maxwell Crozier	Calgary - 2013	Tampa Bay	2019
Henry Rybinski	Vancouver - 2013	Florida	2019
Quinn Olson	Calgary - 2014	Boston	2019
Jack Thompson	Calgary - 2013	Tampa Bay	2020
Dylan Holloway	Calgary - 2013	Edmonton	2020
Luke Reid	Warman - 2014	Nashville	2020
Josh Pillar	Warman - 2014	Minnesota	2021







# VERNON DRAFTED ALUMNI TO THE NHL

PLAYER	YEAR PLAYED	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Rudy Poeschek	1978	Rangers	1985
Brent Gilchrist	1979	Montreal	1986
Jeff Finley	1979	Isles	1986
Bruce Major	1979	Quebec	1986
Jay Stark	1981	Detroit	1986
Dennis Holland	1981	Detroit	1987
Troy Mick	1981	Pittsburgh	1988
Layne Roland	1987	Chicago	1992
Lance Leslie	1987	Ottawa	1993
Jeff Lank	1988	Montreal	1993
Jason Podollan	1989	Florida	1994
Brad Larsen	1990	Ottawa	1995
Matt Higgins	1990	Montreal	1996
Chris Ovington	1994	Florida	1998
Josh Reed	1993	Vancouver	1999
Jerred Smithson	1992	Free Agent Los Angeles	2002
Matt Schneider	1998	Calgary	2004

PLAYER	YEAR PLAYED	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Andrew Ebbett	1996	Free Agent Anaheim	2007
Ryan Kakoske	2001	UBC CIS	2010
Stefan Schneider	2002	Chicago AHL	2010
Curtis Lazar	2007	Ottawa	2013
Jedd Soleway	2006	Phoenix	2013
Ben King	2014	Anaheim	2022
Austin Roest	2016	Nashville	2023

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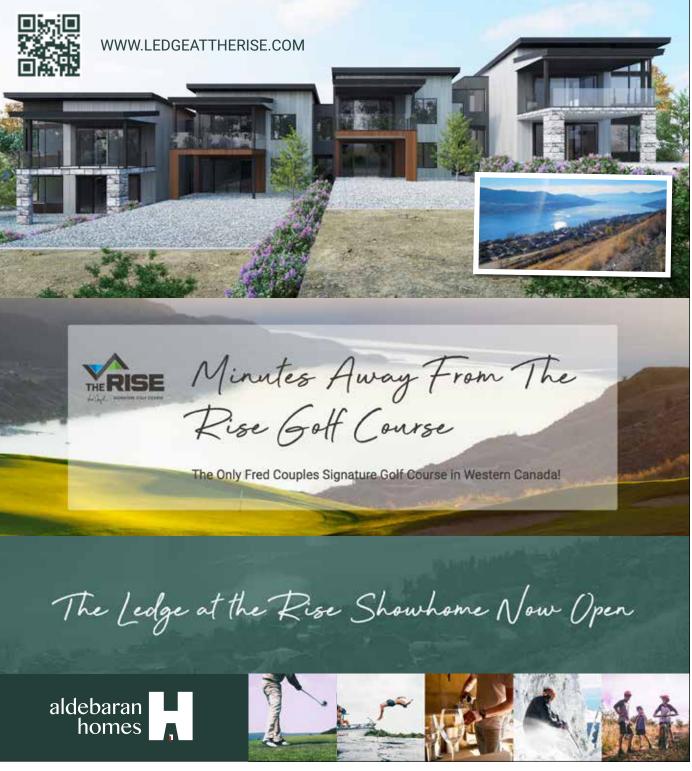
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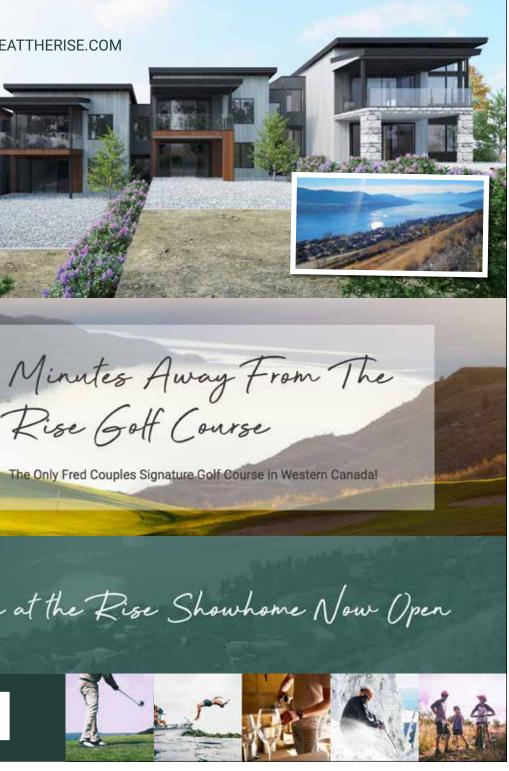
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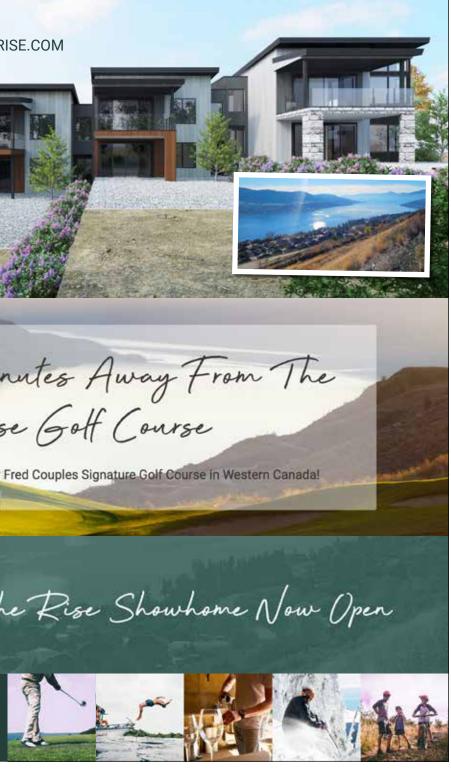


Karlee Costanzo (Rienie Holland's Grandaughter) and Diane Holland (Holland's Daughter) present the Rienie Holland Memorial Award to Michelle McCrea for her longtime service to the Coca-Cola Classic Hockey Tournament.









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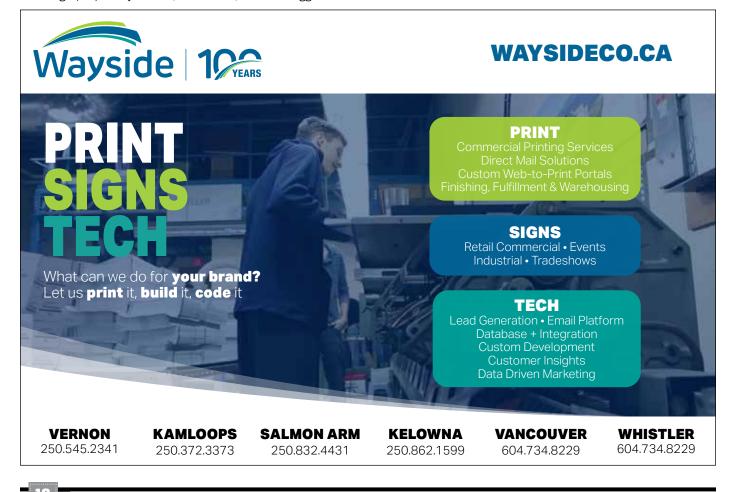
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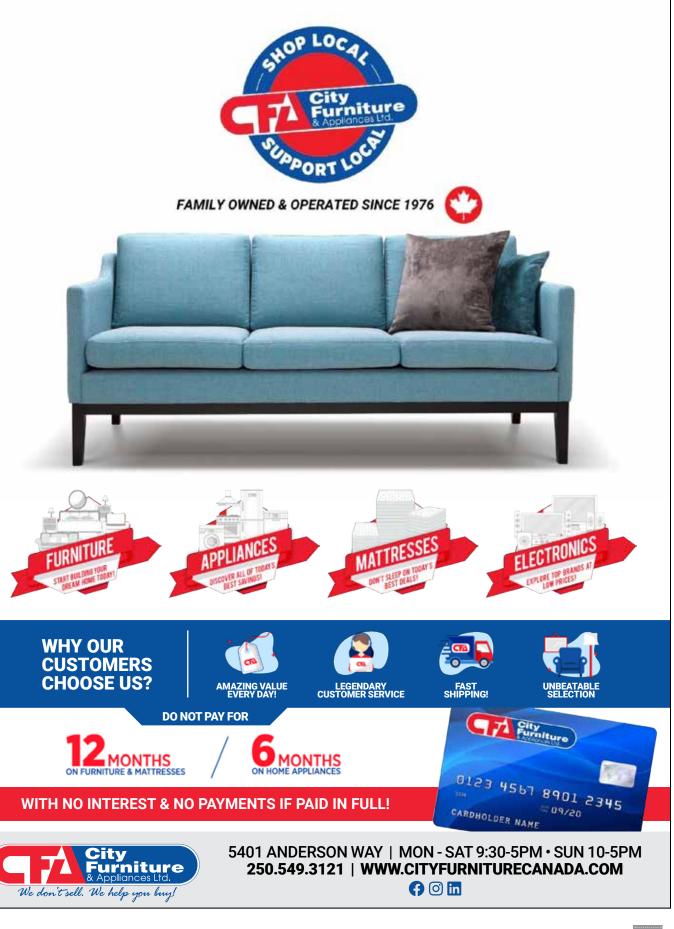




Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Hockey Tournament committee member Johnny Doorman got the call to be the face of the committee while delivering donations around Vernon. First stop was the Boys and Girls Club Okanagan to deliver a \$1,000 cheque to Sarah Issac. John's next stop was to Sportchek to meet Assistant Manager, Gus Clermont who also gladly accepted a \$1,000 cheque to go towards the Jumpstart program, which helps local families access a range of sporting activities. John's last stop was to meet Shayne Wright with KidSport with another \$1,000 cheque. KidSport provides grants to help cover those costs to ensure that no kid is ever left watching from the sidelines.









# **2023** TOURNAMENT BANQUET





The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic banquet started off with a inspirational video about former NHLer. Brent Gilchrist, Gilchrist then spoke to the kids about what his path to the NHL was like. Chad Soon donated two Gilchrist hockey cards which Brent then signed and gave away with correct trivia answers. The Leduc Roughnecks posed for a picture with their Coca-Cola swag on. Coca-Cola Classic T-Shirts were given out to some of the stand-out hustler's of the tournament and was followed by a autograph session by Brent.













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# **VERNON** WATKIN MOTORS MUSTANGS



- Front (L-R): #1 Lucas Kautz, #17 TJ Podollan, #18 Ronin Raymond, #16 Liam Locke, #11 Reid Witham, #19 Jaxon Marchischuk, #30 Lucas Gosselin
- Middle (L-R): #15 Trent Keenan, #9 Cooper Krause, #13 Kinley Sisson (A), #14 Harrison Sharman (C), #6 Nathan Slugget (A), #10 Jake Black, #4 Rowan McGrath, #12 Kingston Prenioslo, #5 Tyler Reszitnyk, #8 Nathan Johnson
- Back (L-R): Ashley McGrath (AC), Dag Sharman (AC), Brad Cruikshank (HC), Ryan Kainz

The U13 Tier 1 Mustangs play under the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association and are governed by the Okanagan Mainline Hockey Association. They have been proudly sponsored by Watkin Motors Ford for over 30 years. The calibre of hockey has increased significantly throughout the Thompson Okanagan and in an effort to provide the highest level of competition, for the first time-OMAHA created U13 teams at the Tier 1 (AAA) ZONE level. This means the Mustangs are not only the top U13 players from Vernon, but rather, the top U13 players from their zone. The Mustangs roster includes players from Lake Country, Vernon, Lumby, Nakusp, and Armstrong. They have 11 2011 born players, and 6 players born in 2012. Regular season play includes zone teams from Vernon, Penticton, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Prince Geroge, and guest team- Spokane, WA. The competition has been fierce and has made for an exciting season. The Mustangs have 4 tournaments under their belt this season and are excited for the competition that the Coca-Cola tournament is bringing to the Okanagan.





TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



# **CALGARY** ROYALS



- #30 Eddie Sztabzyb, #2 Justin Kidd, Chris Bruce (AC), #10 Luke Ranger (A), Mike Bruce (HC), Front (L-R): #13 Sameer Gupta (A), James Barnes (AC), #5 Jace Starlight, #31 Carter Gideon
- Middle (L-R): Garrett Sekiya (AC), #4 Kai Caudill, #12 Ryder Shea, #7 Hunter Gregory, #17 Wyatt Snider, #11 Colby Chuchmuch, #14 Abigail Mills, Dave Bruce (AC)
- #6 Caellum McGuire, #18 Emerson Disley (A), #15 Blake Olesko, #9 Nolan Dewart (C), #8 Dexter Hauck Back (L-R):

The Calgary Royals U13AA White is part of the Calgary Royals Athletic Association and Hockey Calgary. In Calgary the U13AA division consists of 12 teams, 3 from each quadrant association. The Royals association selects from 3 different community associations to draft and roster their team.

This team consists of mostly 2011 born players with a couple born in 2012. Almost all players are new to The Calgary Royals this year, with only one returning player on the roster. The team has bonded and come together as a group despite hailing from rival community associations.

Calgary Royals White has been focusing on relentless play, defense first and puck possession. As they progress through the season, the players and team always strive to reach their potential! So far, they have made it to the "A" bracket in the Hockey Calgary Thanksgiving Classic tournament, hosted a game against a team from Japan and played many intense league and exhibition games.

All the team's coaches played quadrant hockey in Calgary, with Head Coach Mike Bruce, and Assistant Coaches James Barnes and Garrett Sekiya having played for the Calgary Royals themselves.





TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE





# **CALIFORNIA** GOL



Front (L-R): #1 Patrick Decca (G), #29 Connor Truong, #23 Alexander Dragescu, #4 Benjamin Ha, #8 Aiden McBain, #12 Luke Franklin, #45 Campbell Smith, #39 Jack Kinchla (G)

Benjamin Gott (AC), Bryan Allen (AC), #27 Noah Wright, #24 Mason Eskenazi, #91 Tyler Spano, #5 Brenner Allen, Back (L-R): #96 Mason Conway, #97 Karim Eldereiny, #44 Hudson Gott, #33 Leiden Geckeler, #68 Max Hurney, Dane Erickson (HC)

The Goldrush Hockey Club is located in Lake Forest, CA under the CAHA (California Hockey) and SCAHA (Southern California Hockey) Associations.

The Goldrush Tier II team consists of 17 second-year 12U players; 11 are returning Goldrush players and 6 are new to the organization. Our core beliefs and coaching style incorporate development of crucial life skills such as teamwork, work ethic, dedication, sportsmanship, strength and condition, ethics and nutrition. Our coaches foster coachplayer mentor relationships to aid players in establishing a sense of identity and purpose as athletes and team members, nurturing lifelong friendships and fostering a sense of community. The Goldrush Tier II team plays a fast tempo style, competing hard in all game situations, using 3 lines and 2 goalies. All players are involved as everyone plays a part in our focus on team success over individual success.

Dane Erickson, serves as Head Coach and Director of Operations of Goldrush Hockey Club. Dane has worked as a skills and development coach at the youth level as well as high school and junior hockey levels. Dane is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College where he played and captained the hockey team. More recently, Dane helped lead Fairmont School Prep to a 37-11-5 record, culminating in the ADHSHL D1 championship as an all-freshman & sophomore team.

Bryan Allen, Assistant Coach and President of Goldrush Hockey Club. Bryan is a Canadian born defenseman who was drafted 1st round, 4th overall, in the 1998 NHL entry draft by the Vancouver Canucks. He was a well respected player for 15 seasons in the NHL with the Canucks, Florida Panthers, Carolina Hurricanes, Anaheim Ducks and the Montreal Canadiens. Bryan is very passionate about advancing the development of youth hockey in California. Bryan's top priority is to develop well rounded athletes, on and off the ice.





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Front (L-R): #11 Luca Allegretto (A), #6 Jonah Hong (A) #2 Carter Sam, #3 Hugo Shin, #16 Cory Kim, #9 Rhys Novy, #8 Wesley Ku, #19 Stefano Trentalance Middle (L-R): Back (L-R): Ryan Dorohoy (HC), #12 James Hopkins, #13 Vade Miller, #14 JJ Prokosh, Chris Novy (M) The Coguitlam U13 A1 Chiefs play in the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA). The team consists of 16 players, 13 who are born in 2011 and 3 who are born in 2012. There are 8 returning players to the team from last season. The Chiefs are a very hard working team, who bring a high level of battle & compete to every game. The goal is not only to develop

strong hockey players, but to also develop great young men, to take forward in life their strong work ethic, teamwork, and respect.

Coquitlam Minor Hockey's prestigious Coach Of The Year award.

The Coquitlam Chiefs look forward to competing against all of the teams in the 2024 Coca Cola Classic tournament!





#4 Stone Tsen, #10 Cohen Hicks, #7 Chris Lesage (A), #5 Marcus Phillips (C), #31 Tyson Oake (G),

- Coaches Ryan Dorohoy and Bill MacGillivray won the league banner with their last years team, with Coach Dorohoy winning



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GAME	TIME	DAY	DIVISION	HOME	VISITOR	SCORE	TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE					PLAYOFF FORMAT						
1	8:00 AM	THUR	CC	OKOTOKS	VERNON		(1) All games shall be regulation stop time		GAME	TIME	DAY	HOME VS	VISITOR	SCORE				
2	10:15 AM	THUR	CC	CALIFORNIA	CALGARY		(2) In the event 2 teams are tied for p	points, the team defeating the other shall	13	8:00 AM	SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN SUN VALLEY VS 4 <sup>1</sup>	TH IN COCA-COLA					
3	12:30 PM	THUR	SV	COQUITLAM	ST. ALBERT		be placed higher. (3) In the event 3 teams are tied for	14	10:15 AM	SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN COCA-COLA VS 4 <sup>T</sup>	<sup>H</sup> IN SUN VALLEY						
4	2:45 PM	THUR	SV	EAST KOOTENAY	PENTICTON		<ul><li>(a) The team with the best goal average will be placed higher.</li></ul>			12:30 PM	SAT	1 <sup>st</sup> in Coca-Cola VS 2 <sup>N</sup>	IN SUN VALLEY					
					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							Example: Goals for 10; Goals against 4; percentage is 10/14 = .714						
	5:30p	M TH	URSDAY	OPENING CE	REMONIES		will be placed higher. (c) Coin flip if necessary.	average, the team deleating the other				"D" EVENT FINAL						
5	5:45 PM	THUR	CC	VERNON	CALIFORNIA				17	9:00 AM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #13	AND #14					
6	8:00 PM	THUR	CC	CALGARY	OKOTOKS		<b>COCA-COLA</b> DIVISION	SUN VALLEY DIVISION				<b>"C" EVENT FINAL</b>						
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7	8:00 AM	FRI	SV	PENTICTON	COQUITLAM		OKOTOKS <b>OILERS</b>	ST. ALBERT <b>RAIDERS</b>	19	2:00 PM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #15	AND #16					
8	10:15 AM	FRI	SV	ST. ALBERT	EAST KOOTENAY		STANDINGS	STANDINGS				"A" EVENT FINAL						
9	12:30 PM	FRI	CC	CALIFORNIA	OKOTOKS		1.	1.	20	4:30 PM	SUN	WINNERS OF GAMES #15	5 AND #16					
10	2:45 PM	FRI	SV	EAST KOOTENAY	COQUITLAM		2.	2.		·		WINNERS						
11	5:00 PM	FRI	CC	VERNON	CALGARY		3.	3.	"A" E\	/ENT -		"B" EVENT -						
12	7:15 PM	FRI	SV	ST. ALBERT	PENTICTON		4.	4.	"C" E	VENT -		"D" EVENT -						





# **EAST KOOTENAY** AVAI ANCHE



- Front (L-R): #6 Jade Kostiuk, #21 Chace Thorpe (A), #8 Easton Grainger (A), #1 Ethan Pinch, #30 Nicholas Buttle, #9 Max Thielen, #12 Scott Siedl, #4 Nolan Scavo
- Todd Kostiuk (HC), #16 Hayden Budgell, #7 Sawyer Wight, # 24 Beckem Goetz (A), #13 Heath Davidson, Back (L-R): #2 Hank Hollander (A), #19 Kane Corkle (C), #17 Henry Walsh, #5 Lucas Johnson, #10 Zach Leffler (A), Travis Corkle (AC), Giacomo Scavo (AC)

The East Kootenay Avalanche is a regional team based out of Cranbrook BC, part of Cranbrook minor hockey. The EK Avalanche play in the South Central Alberta Hockey League. The SCAHL is a Alberta AA hockey league which has 13 teams in U-13( 6 teams in the North, and 7 teams in the South). The EK Avalanche are 2-0 so far in league play. The team is made up of 15 - 2011's and 2 -2012's.

The team last year was the Cranbrook Bucks which won tier 2 BC provincials. The Avalanche play a quick transitional game from defence to offence and back. Our team goal is to be a hard team to play against that gets better everyday not only on the ice but off, make mistakes and learn from them. The head coach Todd Kostiuk, assistants are Travis Corkle, Giacamo Scavo, and Chris Pinch. Team manager is Leanna Leffler.

Interesting Facts: Todd, Travis, and Chris all played junior a throughout BC and Alberta. Todd Kostiuk played in the Coca Cola Classic tournament in 1996 with Cranbrook and won the championship.

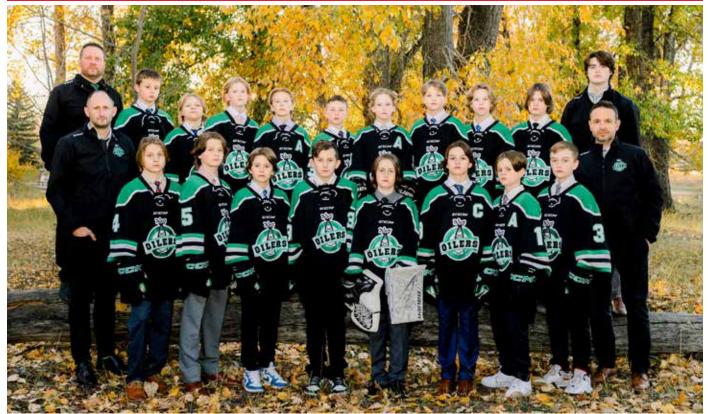






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Front (L-R): Keith Tunke (AC), #4 Bryce Chabot, #15 Dawson Berdula, #8 Reid Janssen, #30 Ty Tunke, #31 Easton Kromm, #19 Kaden Goulard (C), #11 Beckett Fordham (A), #3 Colton Crooks, Mike Fordham (AC)

Back (L-R):

Jerry Thompson (HC), #14 Finn O'Hara, #7 Bodie Neilson, #10 David Beaton, #22 Kiefer Tangedal (A), #13 Nash Thompson, Calder Schlenker (A), #18 William Pixley, #16 Ty Janvier, #12 Carter Schellenberg, Carson Adams (AC)

#9 Chris Schlenker (AC) Not Pictured:

The Okotoks Oilers U13AA play in the South Central Alberta Hockey League which includes thirteen AA teams in Southern Alberta. The Oilers are made up of 17 players, 12 born in 2011, two of which are returning from last season and 5 players born in 2012. Okotoks has a remarkable hockey community with hundreds of kids playing in the OOAA and OMHA associations.

Our U13AA team is having a great season with a solid focus on player development and communication. We are building on various skills including passing accuracy, decision-making ability, speed and agility.

Our team is lead by Head Coach, Jerry Thompson with Assistant Coaches Mike Fordham, Carson Adams, Chris Schlenker and Goalie Coach Keith Tunke, who work to foster the personal growth and development of our players.





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# **PENTICTON** KNIGHTS



- #6 Mason Liebel, #13 Owen Magness (A), #7 Lux Naka (A), #1 Nate Bazley, #30 Oakley Speckman, Front (L-R): #8 Landon Ruck (C), #11 Lynden Dunkley (A), #3 Shawn Bourgette
- #4 Dayton Hromadnik, #5 Kane Fitzgerald, #20 Peyton MacPhail, #14 Levi Leitner, #17 Jake Gates, Middle (L-R): #19 Jace Williams, #16 Marcus Lloyd, #12 Colton Mckinlay, #9 Kristian Bowen

Back (L-R): Doug Leitner (Safety), Derek Ruck (AC), Jim Liebel (AC), Tyler Liebel (HC)

The Penticton Knights U13 Tier 1 Team is a newly formed south regional team who play out of Penticton Minor Hockey Association and represent West Kelowna, Peachland, Penticton, Osoyoos, and Cawston this year. Our Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association is trying these new regional teams to provide more local Tier 1 teams to be formed. This allows Penticton (South Region) to form this new Tier 1 team that invites high level players to try out from West Kelowna to Osoyoos. This team has been competitive in the OMAHA Tier 1 league and is currently 1st as of December 12th this season.

The coaching staff is led by Tyler Liebel who brings years of knowledge both through playing at a NCAA Div 1 and at a Pro level. He also spent some time coaching in the KIJHL, Simon Fraser University, and currently runs development with Hockey Canada. Alongside Tyler are assistant coaches Derek Ruck, Jim Liebel, and safety person Doug Leitner. The coaching staff brings great hockey knowledge and development to these players. We have power skating and skills specialists and some who work with systems. They stress the importance of teamwork, commitment, focus, work ethic and keep expectations high. We are also lucky enough to have some off ice training by Mark Fitzgerald who specializes in Off Ice Training and Nutrition. Mark has spent the last 15 years working with athletes from a variety of sports at every level. He began his career with the Toronto Maple Leaf's organization and most recently was the head of performance for the Anaheim Ducks.

The team is comprised of 12 second year players and 5 first year players. We hope to keep our compete level high all year. Our goal is to win our league banner and then push on to Provincials. This group skates with passion and plays with purpose! We preach that champions are made through dedication on and off the ice!





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# ST. ALBERT RAIDERS STARS



Front (L-R):	#29 Ty Clarke, #9 Connor Senio, #15 Logan Maks
	#17 Levi Salisbury, #7 Alexander Goltz, #31 Calde
Back (L-R):	Jason Maksymic (AC), Sean Tymkow (AC), #14 Ha
	#13 Kyle Witschen, #12 Mason Tymkow, #10 Jaxo
	Peter Sinclair (HC), Marc Loiselle (AC), Brian Witsc
Not Pictured:	Courtney Haigh (M)

The St. Albert Raiders U13AA Stars are ready to defend their 2023 Coca-Cola Classic Championship! Proudly representing Raiders Hockey within the Northern Alberta Hockey League, the Stars are set to hit the ice in February. Comprising a skilled roster of 17 players, including 11 second-year and six first-year talents, the 2023/24 roster includes four key returning players and one 2023 Team Brick Alberta player. Leading the team for a second consecutive year, head coach Peter Sinclair and the coaching staff look forward to showcasing team tactics and on-ice leadership.

The Stars thank the tournament organizing committee and Vernon Minor Hockey once again for hosting a long-standing tournament with an impressive team lineup!



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arrison Haigh, #11 Karver Brown, #4 Sam Driver, on Kalmbach, #3 Evan Bauer, #6 Kole Sinclair, chen (AC)

# ST. ALBERT **RAIDERS STARS**

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# HISTORY OF TROPHIES/AWARDS



#### **AMY MYLES** TROPHY **'A'' DIVISION WINNER**

Best known for her untiring work with the Vernon & District Minor Hockey Association, Mrs. Myles was a familiar figure around the arena for over 15 years. She was one of the first mothers to start the "Mothers' Auxiliary to Minor Hockey". In April 1965, Minor Hockey said "thank you" to Mrs. Myles by presenting her with a Life Membership in the association. In 1968 the CAHA presented

her with a Scroll of Merit in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to hockey and to the physical and mental development of young Canadians.



#### **ALEX KULY** TROPHY **"B" DIVISION WINNER**

Born and raised in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Alex Kuly played Junior Hockey with the Portage Terriers before joining the Flin Flon Bombers defense. During the war, he served in the Air Force as a physical education instructor, later returning to play defense for the Bombers. Kuly also played defense for Kamloops and coached in Vernon for one season. He served as the head referee for the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey

Association before being transferred to Quesnel as the Forest Ranger. In Quesnel, he coached the Kangaroos. Kuly returned to Vernon in 1961, remaining a dedicated supporter of Minor Hockey.



#### MICKEY MCMAHON TROPHY "C" DIVISION WINNER

Born in Nelson and raised in Revelstoke, Mickey McMahon arrived in Vernon in 1951, working as a Telegrapher for the CPR. His passion for sports and love of hockey led him to join Minor Hockey in 1968. Managing the pup division and Pee Wee rep teams, he, along with coach Walt Trentini, guided the team to victory in the "A" Division in 1973 and "B" Division in 1974. Mickey held various roles in Minor Hockey, including President

in 1975-76. Recognized with a Scroll of Merit in 1972 by the Canadian Legion for his contributions, he received further honors in 1977 from the Mother's Auxiliary and a Life Membership in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association



# MICKEY OGASAWARA TROPHY

Born in Vernon on July 22, 1936, Michael Barton "Mickey" Ogasawara excelled in various sports. Starting as a Pee Wee in hockey, he progressed through the bantam and midget rep teams, winning valley titles. In 1952, he contributed to the Vernon Juveniles Hockey Club's B.C. Championship. The following year, he played on the B.C. Juvenile Lacrosse Championshipwinning team. In 1954, Mickey caught for Nick's

Aces softball team, securing the B.C. Senior "B" Championship. As a member of the 1956 Vernon Junior Hockey team, he helped clinch the B.C. Championship. Mickey also served as head referee for the North Okanagan Hockey League.



#### DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD MOST SPORTSMANLIKE TEAM

Born in Lytton, B.C., in August 1944, Dan Oxnard relocated to Vernon in 1966. Serving as a professional firefighter for the Vernon Fire Department for 28 years, he dedicated his offduty time to raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy and the B.C. Burn Unit. In 1975, Dan became involved in Minor Hockey, contributing 12 years as a coach, team manager, and in executive roles, including Director, Vice President, and

President. Always ready to lend a hand, Dan played a crucial role in the Pee Wee Hockey tournament committee from 1985, shaping its success over the next 8 years.



#### ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD **COACH'S AWARD**

Active in Junior A and minor hockey in Vernon since 1958, Ernie Kowal, known as 'Esso Ernie,' played diverse roles, including coach, manager, vice-president, and president in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association. Additionally, he co-owned the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Vernon Essos. As a volunteer firefighter and former RCMP Auxiliary force member, Ernie passed away on December 12, 1997, at 63. Survived by his son

Tom, now an NHL referee, and daughter Sue, Ernie, and brother-in-law Vern Dye managed the Junior A franchise in Vernon for over 20 years, using their own vehicles for player transportation.



#### **RIENIE HOLLAND** MEMORIAL AWARD **VOLUNTEER AWARD**

Joining the committee three years into the tournament's inception. Rienie served as the ice ambassador for minor hockey, a division manager, and held positions on the executive board. He was a constant presence in the scorekeeper's box at the old Vernon Civic Arena during Vernon Lakers' games. Rienie also contributed to minor baseball as an umpire and division manager. His oldest son, Ken, is a highly successful general manager

for the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, boasting four Stanley Cup victories with the Detroit Red Wings. Meanwhile, Dennis, Rienie's youngest son, serves as an NHL scout for the Dallas Stars



#### ED JOHNSTONE AWARD HEART & HUSTLE AWARD

Eddie Johnstone, a former professional ice hockey player from Canada, competed in the World Hockey Association (WHA) with the Michigan Stags/Baltimore Blades before playing nearly ten NHL seasons with the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings. Born in Brandon, Manitoba, and raised in Vernon, British Columbia, Johnstone transitioned to coaching the junior Vernon Lakers in the British Columbia Hockey League from 1987

to 1992. Under his guidance, the team secured the Centennial Cup in both 1990 and 1991.





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# ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD



Sue Morin (Ernie Kowal's Daughter) presents Head coach Aaron Azevedo of the Wenatchee Wild the Ernie Kowal Memorial Trophy for Top Coach of the tournament.



# 2023 SUN VALLEY SOURCE FOR SPORTS STICK WINNERS



Maisun Ang-Hamilton (Left)and Kolby Restiaux of Sun Valley Source for Sports a long time supporter of the tournament gives Brayden Lee (Left) of the Wenatchee Wild and Lukas Stevens of the Chilliwack Bruins some new composite hockey sticks.



# DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD



Matthew Crerar (Dan Oxnard's Grandson) presents Troy Connolly, head coach of the Vernon Mustangs the Dan Oxnard Trophy (Most Sportsmanlike Team) at the players banquet on the Saturday night.



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# **2024** COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

# **A MESSAGE FROM US**

On behalf of the committee, we would like to send out a huge thank you to all the players, parents/relatives, coaches, officials, and fans for coming out to enjoy the Coca-Cola Classic Hockey Tournament.

We would also like to sincerely thank all the dedicated volunteers, tournament sponsors/donators, arena staff of Kal Tire Place, Vernon Winter Carnival Society, Greater Vernon Minor Hockey and the City of Vernon. Without your continued support, this tournament would not be possible to run year in, year out. Thank you!



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# CHERKOWSKI NAMED NCHA - STAR OF THE WEEK

#### **BY BOWEN ASSMAN**

VERNON MORNING STAR

A Vernon Mustang Alumni player was honoured with the first star of the week Dec. 12, 2023 for his play in the National Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA).

Nicholas Cherkowski was given the award after five points in two games. The junior forward plays for the Marian University Sabres in Indianapolis. He scored once and had four helpers in a two game sweep of Concordia Moorhead. Four of his points came in the second game, where he registered a goal and three assists in the first two periods of the team's 5-3 victory.

Currently, Cherkowski is ninth in league scoring, with 14 points (six goals, eight assists) in 13 games.

The 23-year-old grew up playing in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association and playing in The Classic in 2013. Nicholas shared The Classic program cover in 2020 with his sister Anne Cherkowski, who also played in the tournament in 2014. She brought home a silver medal at the 2019 Women's World Under 18 Hockey Championships in Slovakia. After the Classic, Nicholas started playing for the Pursuit of Excellence minor hockey association, before playing parts of three seasons for the hometown Vernon Vipers. He was traded to the Wenatchee Wild in the 2019-20 season, and then shipped to the Chilliwack Chiefs in that season.

In 2020-21, Cherkowski had a cup of coffee with the AJHL's Calgary Canucks before committing with Marian University.

In his NCHA career through three seasons, he has accumulated 43 points in 66 games.

The Sabres are currently just 2-6 for ninth in the 10-team conference.



The 23-year-old Vernonite Nicholas Cherkowski was named the Star of the Week in the NCHA league for his exploits with Marian University. (Contributed)



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# HISTORY OF THE PEE WEE COCA-COLA CLASSIC TOURNAMEN



## **"A" DIVISION FINALS**

2023 St. Albert 4 - Cranbrook 3 (OT 2020 S. Delta 2 - S. Okanagan 8 2019 Port Moody 7 - Vancouver 9 2018 Vernon 9 - Yellowknife 5 2017 Vernon 4 - Chilliwack 1 2016 Vernon 5 - Idaho 3 2015 Seafair 10 - Langley 0 2014 Calgary 3 - Warman 2 2013 Springbank 1 - Vancouver 0 2012 Vancouver 6 - Edmonton 3 2011 St. Albert 8 - Simons Valley 5 2010 Kent Valley 6 - Edmonton 5 (OT) 2009 Calgary 9 - Burnaby 8 2008 Vernon 6 - Swift Current 0 2007 Vernon 5 - Calgary 3 2006 Vernon 6 - Fairbanks 5 (2 OT) 2005 Prince George 5 - Abbotsford 2 2004 Nanaimo 6 - Prince George 4 2003 Burnaby 8 - Prince George 3 2002 Port Coguitlam 4 - Barrie 3 (OT) 2001 Barrie 5 - Edmonton 1 2000 Kamloops 7 - St. Albert 6 1999 Edmonton 5 - Penticton 1 1998 Semiahmoo 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT) 1997 Prince George 4 - Cranbrook 1 1996 Cranbrook 6 - Semiahmoo 3 1995 Edmonton 5 - Cowichan 4 1994 Edmonton 6 - Trail 1 1993 Vernon 6 - Prince George 3 1992 Kamloops 12 - South Delta 3 1991 Winnipeg 9 - Vernon 4 1990 Winnipeg 6 - Cowichan 5 (OT)

1989 Sherwood Park 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT) 1988 Winnipeg 9 - Kamloops 8 (OT) 1987 Winnipeg 11 - Richmond 2 1986 Cowichan 8 - Fort Sask. 5 1985 Cowichan 3 - Red Deer 2 (OT) 1984 Cowichan 5 - Kamloops 1 1983 Fort Sask. 6 - Richmond 5 (OT) 1982 Richmond 6 - Kamloops 5 1981 Richmond 8 - Nanaimo 4 1980 Vernon 6 - St. Albert 3 1979 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4 1978 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4 1977 Swift Current 7 - Coquitlam 5 1976 Red Deer 6 - Seattle 3 1975 Port Alberni 13 - Vernon 4 1974 Fort St. John 10 - Lethbridge 4 1973 Vernon 4 - Saanich 2 1972 Saanich 9 - Hollyburn 3

### "B" DIVISION FINALS

2023 Wenatchee 4 - Leduc 10 2020 Yellowknife 5 - Coquitlam 3 2019 Edmonton 3 - Los Angeles 6 2018 Coquitlam 6 - South Delta 8 2017 West Kootenay 8 - Seafair 3 2016 Alaska 7 - St. Albert 4 2015 Chilliwack 7 - Kelowna 6 2014 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 3 2013 Vernon 5 - Nanaimo 2 2012 South Delta 3 - Bow Valley 2 2011 Surrey 5 - Vernon 2 2010 Vernon 3 - Prince George 1 2009 Abbotsford 10 - Prince George 0 2008 Edmonton 4 - Richmond Hill 3 2007 Victoria 5 - Sherwood Park 4 2006 Hollyburn 3 - Abbotsford 2 2005 Fairbanks 5 - Anchorage 3 2004 Cranbrook 7 - Saanich 4 2003 St. Albert 4 - Richmond 3 (OT) 2002 Edmonton 5 - Kamloops 4 2001 Vernon 5 - Cowichan 4 2000 Barrie 10 - Vernon 3 1999 Edmonton 13 - Vancouver 5 1998 Kamloops 5 - Surrey 3 1997 Coquitlam 5 - Cowichan 3 1996 Lambton 10 - Vernon 1 1995 Coguitlam 13 - Nanaimo 8 1994 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 6 (OT) 1993 Nanaimo 6 - Cowichan 3 1992 Victoria 10 - North Delta 3 1991 Cowichan 9 - Victoria 7 1990 Sherwood Park 10 - Vernon 1 1989 Winnipeg 6 - Burbaby 5 (OT) 1988 Vernon 12 - Victoria 4 1987 Coquitlam 7 - Seattle 1 1986 Prince George 8 - Winnipeg 7 1985 North Delta 3 - Winnipeg 1 1984 Vernon 9 - Nanaimo 8 1983 St. Boniface 12 - Trail 2 1982 Prince George 5 - Sherwood Park 3 2015 Seattle 1 - Spokane 12 1981 Vernon 5 - Prince George 3 1980 Terrace 7 - North Shore 4

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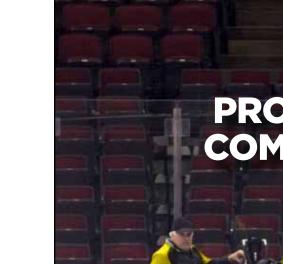
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## **"C" DIVISION FINALS**

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## "D" DIVISION FINALS

2023 Vernon 3 - North Delta 6 2020 Vernon 18 - Merritt 4 2019 Yellowknife 4 - California 2 2018 Sherwood Park 2 - Calgary 7 2017 Montana 2 - Sherwood Park 4 2016 Fort St. John 4 - Glenlake 5 2014 Seattle 4 - Strathcona 5 2013 Southland 8 - Spokane 2 2012 Vernon 8 - Spokane 4 2011 Juan De Fuca 7 - Anchorage 1 2010 Chilliwack 4 - Cowichan Valley 5 (OT) 2009 Nanaimo 7 - Vernon 1







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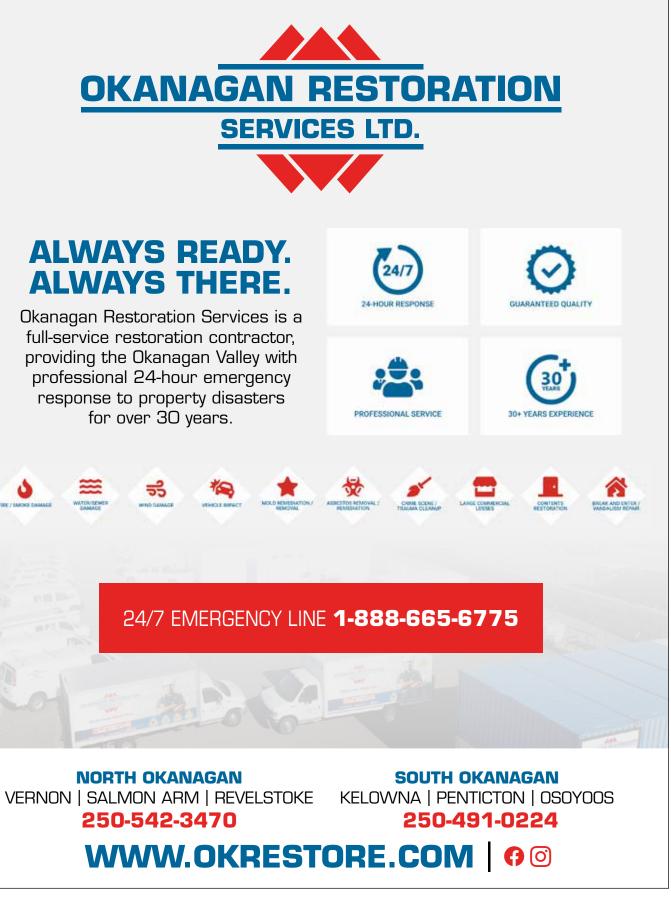








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# **2023 C & D** DIVISION CUP PRESENTATIONS

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Committee members Rob Tornberg and Tyler Willan present the Chilliwack Bruins the Mickey Mcmahon trophy after winning the 50th "C" Final over the Okotoks Oilers.

Committee member Trevor Keenan presents the North Delta Sun Devils the "D" Division - Mickey Ogasawara trophy after winning the 50<sup>th</sup> "D" Final over the Vernon Mustangs.

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# 2023 B DIVISION CUP PRESENTATION



Committee members Tyler Willan (left) and Rob Tornberg present the "B" Division - Alex Kuly trophy to the Leduc Roughneck Captains Brant Goodman, Madden Smith and Jonathan Morton after winning the 50th "B" Final over the Wenatchee Wild.





The management and staff wish success and good luck to all participants! We look forward to great hockey and good sportsmanship.

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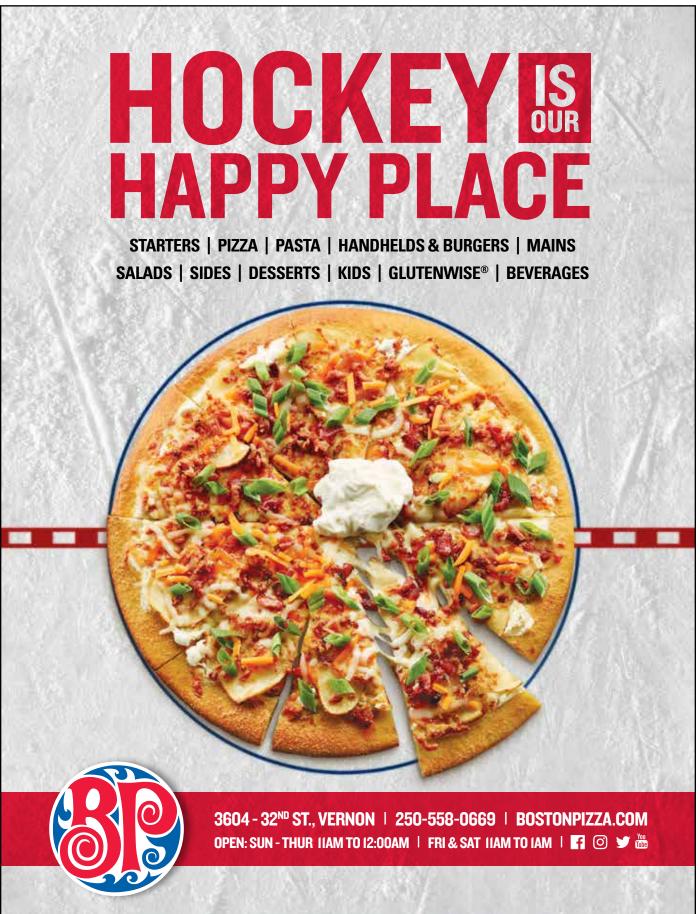


# \_BERT RAIDERS - 2023 TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!



Committee member Jaron Chasca (Left) and Rolf Staudhammer present the "A" Division - Amy Myles trophy to the St. Albert Raiders captains after winning 4-3 in overtime over the Cranbrook Bucks at Kal Tire Place during the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic.









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