

HOCKEY

Local skaters score big in weekend ties

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins helped the Red Deer Rebels move into first place in the Western Hockey League's Central division last week.

The No. 1-rated skater in the NHL Central Scouting's fall rankings scored a goal in the shootout in a 3-2 win over the Vancouver Giants on Nov. 27.

A day earlier, the second-year Burnaby centre was also a third star in Red Deer's 4-3 win over the Calgary Hitmen.

Bear on a tear

Former Burnaby Winter Club captain Kevin Sundher had a big game for the major junior Chilliwack Bruins.

Sundher scored two goals and added two assists in Chilliwack's 7-2 win over the U.S. division-leading Portland Winterhawks.

Sundher's first goal of the game and eighth of the season stood up as the game-winner.

Captains lead on

Burnaby natives Joey LaLeggia and Steven Iacobellis helped the Pentiction Vees with a 7-5

victory over the Coquitlam Express on Saturday.

The former Northwest Giants captains each earned a goal and assist.

LaLeggia, the B.C. Hockey League's top defenseman scorer, opened the game scoring from Iacobellis early in the first period. He later helped tie the game, assisting on Breandan O'Donnell's power play goal.

Iacobellis scored the game-winner late in the third, with his third goal of the season.

LaLeggia is the team's point leader with 13 goals and 25 assists.

Third shutout

Burnaby Winter Club product Mark Dekanich was the Milwaukee Admirals second star in a 1-0 shutout win over the Texas Stars.

Dekanich kicked out 29 shots in the win for his third shutout this season.

The 24-year-old former junior A Coquitlam Express player is currently fourth among AHL goalies with a 1.63 save average and a 0.943 save percentage



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Steeler sandwich: Grandview Steelers Danny Merth, in white, introduces an Aldergrove Kodiak skater to the end glass in a recent Pacific International Junior Hockey League game at the Burnaby Winter Club. The Steelers play their home games every Sunday at the winter club, beginning at 4 p.m.

Field Selects the Starz in U.S.

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The Burnaby Mountain Selects under-12 and u-13 elite field lacrosse teams won three out of four games in Washington State earlier this month.

The u13 selects, including Burnaby attacker Jordan Gabriele and mid-field Garrett Wills, and New Westminster goalie Dylan Sharpe, went undefeated in the two games of an exhibition series hosted by the South Sound Starz in Tacoma. The team won its first game 7-6 against the Grade 8 Starz. The Selects then trounced Bainbridge Island, one of the top high school lacrosse programs in Washington, 15-2.

The u-12s lost to the Starz's Grade 7 team 6-5 but won their opening game 19-3 over the Starz's younger team.

The Selects u-12 team included Burnaby mid-field Lucas Greene and New Westminster defenceman Mathew Buchanan.



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