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P.G. player helps take down Mammoth

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Jeff Moleski predicted that if his Calgary Roughnecks reached the National Lacrosse League playoffs they would make some noise.

They did that on a snowy Saturday night in Denver, defeating the Colorado Mammoth 11-5 in

the NLL West Division semifinal, silencing a partisan Pepsi Centre crowd of 16,027.

"It was a great game with a good atmosphere there but our gameplan was to get an early start and get the crowd out of it, which we did," said Moleski, the 33-year-old Roughnecks defence-man from Prince George. "When

they start scoring it gets pretty loud in there. We stuck to the gameplan and got great goaltending and every time they scored we answered back."

The star of the game was Calgary goalie Frankie Scigliano, a 23-year-old from Coquitlam, who made 43 saves to kick the teeth out of the Mammoth attack.

"He was very good for us, no doubt, if we can get goaltending like that we should be in good shape," said Moleski.

The Calgary defence limited 40-year-old lacrosse legend John Grant Jr. to one goal and Scigliano completely shut out Mammoth scoring leader Adam Jones. Jones, who led Colorado with 51 goals

and 93 points in just 16 regular season games, fired 13 shots at Scigliano on Saturday.

"We played pretty well on defence and credit to our coaching staff, we had a very good gameplan going in on how to shut down their top threats and we did what was asked," said Moleski.

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Cariboo Cats sift through region's best

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The Cariboo Cougars got a glimpse into their future on the weekend.

And, according to general manager and co-head coach Trevor Sprague, the future is bright as the Prince George-based team tries to maintain its position atop the B.C. Major Midget Hockey League.

About 100 prospects from northern B.C. (from Williams Lake north) participated in the Cougars three-day spring identification camp at the Elkscentre.

The camp included a pair of defencemen — Zach Minaker from Kitimat and Jonas Harkins from North Vancouver — who were drafted last week by the Prince George Cougars in the WHL's bantam draft. At five-foot-11 and 186-pounds, Minaker played for the Okanagan Hockey Academy's bantam prep team, while Harkins is a six-foot-two and 190 pound product of the North Shore Winter Club.

They were joined by two more defencemen, Chris Jandric (the younger brother of Cariboo Cougars forward Steven) and Jeremy Gervais who patrolled the blue line last season for the Coast Inn of the North Tier 1 midget Cougars.

Returning players who took to the ice included forwards Colton Thomas, Riley Coish, Brendan Moore; defencemen Jesse Pomeroy and Joel Patsey and goaltender Griffen Outhouse.

"Harkins and Minaker have done a good job and even guys like Gervais and Jandric showed pretty well and stepped in," said Sprague. "We need to make sure we have the pedigree we want. I'm impressed with the 100-plus guys and it shows how strong hockey is in the north and shows well the Cougars, Cariboo Cougars and the Spruce Kings."

Harkins and Minaker will suit up for the Cariboo Cougars next season.

Sprague was also impressed with 17-year-old forward James Gordon who lined up for the Coast Inn of the North Tier 1 midget Cougars last season and Adam Bowie, a 16-year-old forward from Fort St. John.

"James has been consistent every shift and Adam has an offensive upside to him," said Sprague. "They've showed us who they are and



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Kregg Sterritt, goalie for Team Blue, tracks the puck in the corner during Sunday afternoon's final intrasquad game of the Cariboo Cougars' prospects camp.

come August they'll be ready, and just more stronger playing with the speed of the game. It's a lot faster hockey than they're used to, especially for the tier 3 and tier 4 guys. This gives them a gauge for the next two months."

Ty Kolle, a 15-year-old forward from Quesnel, who was the Portland Winterhawks first selection in the fourth round of the WHL bantam draft, will also suit up for Cariboo Cougars next season.

Kolle spent last season with the Okanagan Hockey Academy.

"He's put on a good show (this weekend) and has the northern style of play in his game," said Sprague. "He plays hard, is physical and has an

honest 200-foot game. He's a Brad Marchand-type of player."

Sprague also likes Hunter Floris, a 15-year-old forward from Vanderhoof who Sprague described as "a smart player who has shown good poise around the net."

Cariboo Cougars forward Justin Almeida and goaltender Dorrin Luding did not attend the camp because of exams. They were among 20 athletes who didn't participate.

All the players who attended the spring camp on the weekend will be back at the Cougars main fall camp from Aug. 8 to 10.

The roster will be cut to 50 players after that and the final lineup will be set on Sept. 15.

Call out to 50-plus soccer players

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Terry Carter is not getting any younger.

On his most recent birthday cake he counted 73 candles.

But when it comes to soccer, the youthful exuberance that made him want start playing the game as kid in England is never far below the surface. He knows that 73-year-old body still has a few cat-like reflexes left in it and he's still limber enough to bail out his teammates on the pitch when they need the last line of defence to come up big.

This year, the North Cariboo Senior Soccer League Carter has given Carter and the rest of the old boys of soccer a league of their own. On Tuesday night, the guys in the NCSSL's first-ever 50-plus division will gather for their first games, Carter's first on an outdoor field since calling it quits in 2010. He's remained active playing the indoor game on Sundays at the Northern Sport Centre but it's not the same as digging his cleats into some real grass.

"I retired four years ago and all I've been doing is playing kickaround with the guys up at the university during the winter, and just coming down (to the clubhouse) and drinking in the summer," said Carter.

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Women's soccer to enjoy better facilities

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The Prince George Women's Soccer Association is about to shed light on a new season.

Improvements planned for Michelle Lamarche Field won't be ready in time for the opening games tonight. But by midseason, the 15-team league should have working light standards and a storage shed/washroom facility in place at its facility on the western fringe of the city's soccer community near Exhibition Park.

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City bowler still stunned by national title

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The gold and purple banner will hang on the honour wall at Black Diamond Lanes.

Eventually it will be relocated to the east wall beside another national pennant won two years ago by a Black Diamond Lanes junior girls team of Lezzyl Aquino, Paige Meise, Megan Reimer and Cassidy Johnson who won it all in 2013.

And now, Jady Arnett's banner, one she captured a week ago in the bantam girls singles division at the national Youth Bowling Canada's (YBC) five-pin championship May 3 in Toronto, will also take its rightful place on the wall.

Arnett, 11, is still trying to soak it all in. It hasn't sunk in yet that she's a national

champion.

"When I knew I had won, I was shocked," said Arnett, a Grade 5/6 student at Heritage elementary.

"I was surprised I had won first. I was expecting to have a pretty good experience and expected to be in the top-five. On the Monday at the closing ceremonies, I was nervous, but I still managed to go on stage (to get the gold medal). Everybody was cheering and clapping."

During the three-day tournament from May 1 to 3, Arnett bowled a total of 21 games, winning 17 of them for a top average of 178.23 points to claim the gold medal. Her best game was a total of 265 on the second day of competition.

Kelli Ann Sheridan from Grand Falls - Windsor, Nfld., earned the silver medal,

winning 15 of 26 games. Sheridan was tied with Northern Ontario's Felicity Eckensviller and Alberta's Natalya Langevin for second place and won the tie-breaking game with 224 points. Eckensviller tallied 216 points to claim the bronze medal. Langevin rolled a 164 in the tiebreaker.

The first day of competition featured six games, nine on the second day and five on the final day.

"I was happy with my scores and how it was going," said Arnett. "After the first two games everybody was 1-1. The competition was really good. I had to play the same person twice."

On Saturday, it was basically the same. But on the third day I knew I had to pick it up and kept trying to win games."

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