

Cats need co-ordination

At any time on the ice a hockey team has to have three separate units working together to win a game — offence, defence and goaltending. Making those three parts all play well at the same time is what's eluded the Cougars in their past five home games, and what they'll need to make happen in time for playoffs.

"The last few games we've had certain people clicking and then not others," says forward Berkeley Buchko. "This time of year everyone has to be at the same time. Some nights our offence works, sometimes our defence and sometimes our goaltending, but never at the same time."

The syndrome of bad co-ordination between the three parts of the Cougars was evident in last week's losses against Kamloops and Wednesday's failed matchup with the Seattle Thunderbirds, the fifth home loss in a row for the Cats.

The Cougars hit the road this weekend almost certain of a western division playoff spot, but all but mathematically eliminated from any claim to



Berkeley Buchko drives for the Seattle net in Wednesday's 6-3 loss to the T-Birds. JOHN MCKENZIE/FREE PRESS

home-ice advantage. That could work to the Cougars advantage, says Buchko, considering their recent results at home.

"We'll most likely be playing on the road in the first round. We didn't have the homestand we thought we would, but life goes on," says the 20-year-old. "Making the fifth playoff spot could be important.

But the way we played at home maybe it's not as important as people think, maybe playing on the road would be better for us."

The main goal now will be to hit the playoffs running with a winning record behind them as opposed to simply slipping into the sixth spot because of last-place Tri-City's losses.

The key, says Buchko, will be reclaiming the co-ordination the Cougars had during the unprecedented seven-game winning streak last month.

"We've done it other times of the years in long stretches. We know how to do it, we just have to get it going. We had a good streak and we can do that again if we want to."

Fewster favoured for juvenile curling provincials

A return engagement is always nicer when the deck is stacked in your favour.

Prince George's Jen Fewster will know that feeling this week as she makes her second appearance at the Juvenile Girls Curling Provincial Championships at the Marpole Curling Club in Vancouver. Last season Fewster's rink emerged fifth out of eight teams at the BC Winter Games, which doubled as the juvenile provincials, with a 1-2 record. This year she's one of only two returning skips, the other being Tara Lanigan of Smithers, who had a 0-3 record last year.

"I'm actually pretty hopeful about how we do this season," says the 16-year-old PG skip. "I think we'll do a lot better because we have more experience. Last year was our first year and now we know what to expect."

Although Fewster is still skip, her team has added some new faces. This year the lead is Sarah Bethune and the team's third is Deanna Kersey, a member of the Brett Richards rink that Fewster faced in the junior curling zones earlier this year. Jen's sister, Kristen, fills the second spot.

Fewster's rink swept the three-team zone tournament in Fort St. John for

an easy ride to provincials. At the junior zones earlier this year Fewster and company put in a strong showing, defeating an older rink before being defeated by PG's experienced Brett Richards rink. That alone was a boost to the squad's confidence, but a recent discovery elevated the excitement of provincials to a whole new level.

"We learned last weekend that the rink that wins provincials gets to go to the Western Nationals in Calgary," says Fewster. "That gives us a little more motivation."

PG's James Blanchett rink will be in the boys juvenile provincials.

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100 kg or 222 lbs
Shirt Brown Hair
Brown Eyes

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JOHN
Willie McLean

1960 - August 8
178 cm or 5' 10"
68 kg or 161 lbs
Long Black Hair
Brown Eyes

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