

— In an exciting finish to a northern B.C. B ringette tournament March 20, Vanderhoof twens beat Aldergrove 10-2. Two finals were needed because, at the end of the first, which Aldergrove won 4-3, the teams had five points each.

Leonna Sjodin got four goals to help the hosts to their win. Other members of the local team are Mikie Mork, Dee Dee Quinlan, Roxanne Roberson, Rose Branton, Marcia Cummings, Debbie Kineshanko, Sherry Tizzard, Erin Rahier, Carla Hutchison, Penny Stavaest, Tracy Hamelin, Amy Watson, Shannon Romanski, Jessica Hughes, Joanna Potskin and Terlye Rogers. Coach is Loreen Bridges, assistant - Betty Emberson. Mikie was named best goalie in the twen division.

Ringette, the answer to hockey for girls, has been called the fastest growing team sport in Canada. At the same time a tournament was being held here, the first interprovincial tournament was held in Vancouver.

It is played on regular hockey rinks, and six players is the maximum for each team. Two play forward, two defence, one centre and one is goalie.

Only goalies use regular hockey sticks. Other girls use straight sticks. Defence sticks are red, forward sticks blue, centre sticks white. Players cannot skate across blue lines with pneumatic rings. They must pass rings over the line, and cannot touch it until another player has done so. Forwards cannot enter their own defensive zone, defence players their own offensive zone. Centres are able to go anywhere.

Even at the end of a busy weekend starting at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, the girls had plenty of pep left

to cheer in the final game. Vanderhoof girls, known as the Flyettes, hope to arrange a game with the Flyers.

Girls aged seven to 10 are petites, those 11-12 are twens, those 13-14 junior belles, those 15-17 are belles.

All coaches lauded tournament organizers and said they are looking forward to a repeat next year. Fraser Lake had a tourney last month.

Prince George was first in petites, Vanderhoof player Tanya Shaw was most valuable player in this category. Aldergrove was first in the other two categories.

Two Vanderhoof teams came second. The belles have Mary Ann and Daphen McDonald, Mary Lang, Frieda Plante, Shelley Bircher, Coralee Ruttan, Marissa Holley, Terri-Ann Emberson, Miriam Sjodin, Debbie Symington, Pam Lupton, Jennifer Kingsley, Betty Henke, Cheri Quinlan and Vicki Solmonson. Coach is Betty Emberson, assistant is Barb Quinlan.

The petites, known as "the grey machine", have Karri Rysz, Tammy and Leila Roseberry, Tanya Shaw, Tammy Solmonson, Tracy Walstrom, Claudine Rennie, Janice Robinson, Karen Lilet, Danielle Sherb and Andrea Wood. Coach is Ron Sherb, assistant is Barb Quinlan.

Prince George was second in juniors, Aldergrove in twens.

Only two third prizes were given, both to Fraser Lake. Belles are Sandy Downey, Kathy Houghton, Glenda Hurley, Melanie McDonald, Wendy Kaiser, Evelyn Parsons, Leanne Cailler, Jody Kozicki, Annette Matthews, Denise Ormiston and Carmel Hurley with coach Steve Wiley.

Junior belles are Debbie Fenato, Sharon Downey, Tammy Carter, Rhonda VanDamme, Nichole Roy, Roberta Wiley, Agnes Stewart, Sheri Beedle, Jenny Shook, Cora Kennedy, Bev Isaac, Shannon Graham, Monique Lacerte and Shelley Ritchat. Coach is Anna Morrison and assistant is John Stewart.

Fraser Lake junior belles and Vanderhoof petites were most sportsmanlike in those divisions, and Aldergrove picked up these awards for the other two classes.

Despite the rules against body contact, Aldergrove player Shannon Carr ended in hospital following a collision with a Prince George player. Shannon was flown home Monday.

Women's team played exhibition matches. Fraser Lake skunked Vanderhoof 7-0. "Our women only had three practice times," explained coach Betty Emberson.

Coralee Ruttan was named Miss Vanderhoof Ringette 1983. The 15-year-old Mapes girl, daughter of Elsie and Jim Ruttan, has played the game since it began here three years ago. She is in Grade 9 at the secondary school, and is active in 4-H work.

Prince George also blanked Vanderhoof 8-0 in women's exhibition play. Fraser Lake women played Prince George women, but the score was not available. There was an exhibition game between two teams of bunnies from Prince George. These are girls too young for regular teams, and the score was 3-3.

In the first game Friday, Vanderhoof twens lashed Aldergrove 9-2. Then Aldergrove junior belles swamped Prince George 8-0. Early Saturday, Aldergrove doused Vander-

hoof belles 8-2, Prince George petites doubled Vanderhoof 4-2.

At more respectable hours, Vanderhoof twens eclipsed Aldergrove 6-2, Prince George petites tripled Vanderhoof 6-2, Vanderhoof twens robbed Aldergrove 5-2, Fraser Lake and Prince George belles tied 1-1. Vanderhoof belles slid by Fraser Lake 9-8.

Sunday Aldergrove twens sneaked past the hosts 6-5, Prince George junior belles quadrupled Fraser Lake 4-1, Aldergrove junior belles thumped Prince George 7-1, petites from the latter sneaked by Vanderhoof 4-3, and Aldergrove belles thrashed Vanderhoof 7-1.

Fraser Lake player Agnes Stewart won a contest for the closest guess at the number of jelly beans in a jar, 748.

Saturday night everyone let down their hair at a smorgasbord and dance in the Vanderhoof Western Inn.

Betty Emberson headed the tournament committee, with Betty Anne Sjodin secretary, Barb Quinlan treasurer, Chuck Emberson referee in chief, Mrs. Sjodin and Sheila Solmonson in charge of programming and registration, Elsie Ruttan and Gert Henke looked after trophies, Roseanne Roseberry, Ann Walstrom and Mrs. Emberson after billets, Mrs. Solmonson after admissions, Terri Emberson and Marissa Holley after hospitality and security, Bev Roberson after the smorgasbord and dance. Terry Ann Rysz and Mrs. Walstrom were hostesses. Stan Sterdan was master of ceremonies for the opening and closing.