

## SPORTS

## BVCS battles through injuries, short bench at tourney

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Things didn't go quite as well at the Mountain Invitational tournament for the defending champions from Bulkley Valley Christian School.

They lost their first game of the tournament, Friday night to the Houston Wolverines, and suffered an early exit as a result.

"Our team had a tough weekend," head coach Chris Steenhof said.

"We had a very bad first half of our first game, then we lost one of our key players and that injury left us with only seven men for the rest of the weekend."

Forward Ty Goodson went down with the aforementioned injury, but Steenhof does expect him back in the lineup soon.

The BVCS Royals went toe-to-two with Hazelton during their second game of the tournament on Saturday afternoon, before running out of gas and losing by double digits.

Their third game, against Mount Elizabeth from Kitimat, provided a similar storyline.

Despite the losses, Steenhof has found something positive to take away from the tournament.

"It was a bit of a wake-up call for us," he said.

"It's motivation for us for the rest of the year. We realize

what we need to work on and now we have to make sure that we make those improvements."

The Royals are still aiming to win their Single-A zones over Houston Christian and Hazelton in late February.

"It's going to be a competitive tournament," Steenhof said.

"It's wide open this year and any one of those teams could come out as a champion."

BVCS is scheduled to travel to Prince George for a play day next weekend, though they might have to cancel because of injuries.

They may also schedule some exhibition games in the lead-up to the zone tournament.

On a more positive note, Aaron Steenhof was one of the leading scorers in the entire tournament, tallying 75 points over the three games played.

As well, Caleb Groot won the tournament free-throw shooting competition, beating out every single player in attendance on the weekend.

His six free throws in a row beat out 80 challengers.

Overall, the tournament, which was co-hosted by BVCS and SSS, went extremely well.

"Chris and I worked together on this, and a lot of other people who helped out," SSS head coach Mike Fraser said.

"It takes so many

people to put an event like this on."

Steenhof agreed.

"The tournament was awesome," Steenhof said.

"It was great to co-host with SSS and bring the community together."

"The players and the coaches from all the teams were in good spirit all weekend long and there was a lot of great basketball played."



The defending champion BVCS Royals fell short this year, but they're gearing up for a run at another zone title next month.

Nolan Kelly photo

## The People behind the KSM Project

Seabridge Gold is proposing to build the KSM Project, a copper-gold-silver-molybdenum mine, approximately 65 kilometers north of Stewart, BC. You often hear about the KSM Project in terms of the Environmental Assessment process or their mining exploration program. Seabridge doesn't talk as much about the people who make the KSM Project possible, but they are a highly-skilled and interesting group.

Like any mining company, Seabridge has a head office. Their office is located in Toronto, ON where 10 people work, including President, Jay Layman and CEO, Rudi Fronk, who've both contributed to these columns in this newspaper in the past.

Brent Murphy, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, is someone you will see in the community. He is responsible for the company's environmental programs and represents Seabridge in its communication with Government and Treaty and First Nations who have an acknowledged interest in the Company's projects. Brent has worked in the mining industry for 25 years, the majority of which have been spent in Northern Canada.

You may be familiar with the KSM Project office in Smithers and you are probably most familiar with the three women who work in that office: Elizabeth Miller, Environmental Affairs Manager; Jessy Chaplin, Permitting Specialist; and Taryn Cutler, Administrative Officer. This community office is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the KSM Project. Taryn, Elizabeth or Jessy will always welcome you and have time to answer your questions.

Seabridge wants to ensure everyone has the opportunity to ask questions about the KSM Project



Patricia (Pat) McIntosh in the new KSM Project Dease Lake office.

near where they live and recently announced their office opening in Dease Lake. Patricia (Pat) McIntosh, Communications Officer, is Seabridge's newest employee and is ready to welcome people to the Dease Lake office.

A discussion about all of the people behind the KSM Project wouldn't be complete without mention of the anywhere from 20-45 people, a mix of employees and contractors, who work in the Seabridge camp each year from May to October. This camp is the base from which Seabridge conducts its onsite exploration, geotechnical, engineering and environmental work.

The company expects a decision on the environmental approvals for the project in 2014, and when it's approved, will ultimately hire 1,800 people during its five-year construction period and 1,000 people per year over the 52-year mine life, once a construction decision is finalized.

Stay tuned for more KSM Project updates through 2014.

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