

Two games here next week

Vernon agrees to host hockey finals

It's official . . . Vernon will host at least part of the semi-final Western series of the Memorial Cup, junior "A" hockey playdowns.

City of Vernon spokesman, Ald. Alan D. Has-sell announced yesterday that city council met in committee earlier in the day and had agreed in principle to authorize the arena committee of the Vernon Recreation Commission to put the ice back in the arena.

The decision came after Okanagan representative to the BCAHA, Larry Buchan of Vernon, who was acting on behalf of the parent body, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, approached city officials with the request for the ice.

The request originated from Penticton where the current B.C. junior "A" hockey champions, the Penticton Broncos suddenly found themselves without ice but with the possibility of several more playoff games coming their way.

Penticton's loss of ice in their own arena came about when city officials ordered the ice removed April 14 so that a cement floor could be poured as part of a renovation program at the recreation centre. Apparently this was the only time the work could be done as the arena was faced with a full list of bookings throughout the remainder of the spring and summer months.

Although Vernon has agreed to put its ice in for the playoffs and at least two dates have been mentioned for games here, final word hinges on whether Penticton Broncos can win their current quarter-final series presently under way with the Alberta champions, the Edmonton Movers.

Broncos are leading this series three games to none with the fourth game to be played tonight at Edmonton. They won the first two games at home last weekend by scores of 8-6 and 4-3 in two periods of overtime, then went on to win the third game in Edmonton last Tuesday by a score of 5-2.

This series is a best of seven quarter-final and could end tonight or Friday in the Alberta capital city.

By winning the quarter-finals, Penticton would then host the winner of the Estevan-Westport series next week in Vernon starting Wednesday, April 24 and again the following Friday, April 26. Estevan currently leads their series three games to one.

This too will be a best of seven series. The first

two games played here in B.C., the next three back on the Prairies and then if necessary, the final two games back in B.C. and Vernon on May 2 and 3.

It is understood that arena officials will begin putting ice back into the arena sometime this weekend. It takes several days to build a good surface.

Soccer action Sunday

Vernon to host Penticton eleven

Senior soccer action takes to the field this Sunday at MacDonald Park when Vernon National Royals play host to Penticton Molsons for the season's opener here.

Game is set for 2 p.m. and will see a fourth place tie broken, barring a game tie between the two first division clubs.

There promises to be plenty of fast action, particularly since Vernon has shown renewed strength so far this spring when they downed league leading Kamloops two weeks ago at Kamloops.

Standings to date in both first and second divisions are as follows:

First Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops Lelands	9	7	1	1	46	15	15
Kelowna Teamsters	10	5	2	3	30	19	13
Vernon Nat. Roy.	9	3	5	1	20	27	7
Penticton Molsons	9	3	5	1	11	21	7
Osoyoos Torreiros	9	2	7		21	46	4

Last Sunday's games—Penticton 0-Kelowna 1.

Next Sunday's games—Vernon vs. Penticton; Kelowna vs. Kamloops.

Second Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kamloops S.C.	9	8	1		46	12	16
Salmon Arm	10	7	2	1	33	24	15
Penticton Val. Hotel	9	4	4	1	14	22	9
Osoyoos	9	2	7		18	24	4
Kelowna T.B.	10	2	8		19	36	4
Kelowna W.L. H.C.	1		1		3	4	0

Last Sunday's games—Kelowna West Lake H. Cats 3-Salmon Arm 4. Penticton 2-Kelowna 1.

Osoyoos vs Kamloops ppd. to May 19.

Next Sunday's Games—Osoyoos vs Kelowna W.L. Hellcats; Salmon Arm vs Penticton; Kelowna B vs Kamloops S.C.

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