



Sports

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2-1 win in over-time

Vernon post a great victory over Broncos

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Vernon 2, Pentiction 1

Line after line of the written word can hardly describe one of the better games viewed by spectators last Tuesday at Pentiction in B.C. junior A hockey action between league leading Pentiction Broncos and fourth place Vernon Essos.

The game, right from the start, was swift paced and provided a thrill a minute in particular for those Vernon fans who watched it.

Local rink wins zone championship

Vernon's single team entry into the North Okanagan women's zone curling playdowns at Kamloops last weekend have come through with the championship title and will now represent the zone in district finals.

The Abbey Bridgeman foursome with Maureen Weir, Marg Balcombe and Betty Pierce from the Vernon women's afternoon league, topped a strong field of curlers from all parts of the North zone, winning eight of nine games played.

Highlight of the victory apparently came late Sunday when they put back to back wins over runner up rink skipped by a Gwen Bailey (home town not known) winning by a single rock in the tenth end of the first game and then coming back in the tenth end of game two with a three count to over-come Bailey's two rock, ninth end lead for the big final victory.

Next step along the championship trail will see the Vernon rink in Revelstoke Jan. 22 and 23 where they will take on all comers in the District finals.

Essos took a 1-0 first period lead on a good goal by Don Murdoch then held off all Broncos attempts thereafter until late in the third period before their leading scorer, Chad Campbell, came up with the equalizer and forcing an extra sudden-death period.

In this extra frame, Cal Brassard's quick backhand shot into an almost open net at 2:33 proved to be the goal that broke the Broncos high flying ride over the eight team league.

Brassard was in the right spot at the right time as Pentictions goalie Glen Bueckert found himself kicking aside two quick Vernon shots from close in and as he made his second save within the blink of an eye-lead, found himself out of position on his right where Brassard picked up a loose puck and let a five waist high shot into the open side.

While Brassard was the hero of the moment, no less a mention should be made of Vernon goalie, Charlie Briskham who was a standout throughout the 62 and a half minute encounter.

Actually Briskham had been playing faultless hockey for a total of five and two-third periods, because going into the Tuesday game, he had effectively blocked every attempt at him on the previous Saturday when he posted a 6-0 shutout over the Bellingham Blazers here in Vernon.

It took a full 56 minutes and 28 seconds into the Tuesday game before the Broncos leading defenseman could crack the gates Briskham had placed in front of himself.

While both Briskham and Brassard were most deserving of a great effort, no less were the rest of the Vernon roster with special mention going to juvenile players Barry Dye and John Kokotelo who were filling

in for ailing Greg Howe, Ken Price and Danny Kuntz, all out with the flu bug.

Both these youngsters came close to scoring on several instances and there is no doubt they are ready for a big junior A future.

The whole Vernon team seem to be playing better than ever at this point of the season and one wouldn't be too surprised to see them become even more proficient as the schedule unfolds from this date on.

Next big test is here at home Saturday, and by all indications from the recent games, every player on the Vernon roster can hardly wait to get at the visiting Vancouver Villas.

Game time is 8 p.m. this Saturday and fans are bound to be treated to some above average hockey.

You can take part in Minor Hockey Week, Jan. 20-27, even only by being a spectator — a supporter.

This is Minor Hockey Week in Canada. Keep in step with Canada — help celebrate Minor Hockey Week.

Don't send, lake your boy to the arena.



On the button for a turkey dinner

Brian Soles has reason to look pleased as he holds aloft a mouth watering prize in the form of a plump turkey he won during the first annual high school bonspiel held last weekend here in Vernon. As an added attraction, the youngsters in the spiel were given a chance to try their luck in a 'Shoot to the Button' competition without the aid of sweepers. With over 25 enthusiastic competitors on hand to try their luck, none were better than Brian as his rock measured the closest to the centre of the big multi-colored circle and for his effort will be sharing a turkey dinner with his family soon.

Make it a date and attend all games during minor hockey week Jan. 20-27.

ALL STAR WRESTLING

Vernon Community Centre

Friday, January 19
8:00 P.M.

6-Man Tag Team
Elimination Match
THE BRUTE
BULLDOG BROWN
MIKE WEBSTER

VS
SEAN REGAN
DEAN HIGUCHI
EDDIE MORROW



A job well done

Charlie Briskham and Cal Brassard (left to right above) were probably the happiest guys on the Vernon Essos hockey roster last Tuesday night at Pentiction moments after they and their teammates came up with a well deserved 2-1 over-time victory in junior A hockey action against front running Pentiction Broncos. For Briskham, his stellar performance in the Vernon net almost earned him a repeat shutout as it was virtually impossible to get a goal past him for five and two-third periods of hockey. He had shutout Bellingham 6-0 last Saturday on home ice and at Pentiction, it took up to 16:28 of the final period before Chad Campbell was able to crash the barricade. For Cal Brassard, his game winning goal at 2:33 of the over-time period was a climax of a night of hard work on his part and his teammates as the Essos looked good in every aspect taking a 1-0 lead in the first period and holding on until late in the third and then coming up with a tremendous effort in the extra stanza. With their style of play in the last two games, Vernon fans can be assured of an exciting game this Saturday when they host Vancouver Villas in an 8 p.m. scheduled game.



The Outdoors

By NONIE FRISBY

I suggest you enjoy each day as it comes, because you can't be sure what tomorrow will bring.

Each day passes like it is today is one less bad day for the wildlife to battle.

Both the big game and the birds are all doing extremely well with this mild weather and after the two bad winters we

time I could also become an ardent Okanagan lake winter troller.

They sail off in the nice warm boats, complete with fishing gear, food, a good friend, a little booze in case it should turn cold and the day ahead of them, and quite often they catch a fish too.

Hubby-Wife tournament on Sunday

Team-work will be the name of the game this coming Sunday at Lincoln Lanes as the ever-popular husband and wife bowling tourney takes to the alleys.

This will be one instance where happily married couples will really show how it is done when they join forces in the annual two-team championship.

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