



### NOHL OFF TO A BIG WEEKEND

The North Okanagan hockey league is prepping for another big weekend as two more games goes before the public Sunday night. Opening round will see Armstrong Cougars on the ice for the first time this season as they meet Vernon Merchants who have already had a taste of

victory in the league opener last Sunday. Second game will assuredly bring out the fans as Head of the Lake Stampeders clash with new league entry Westside Totems. Both of these clubs dropped their initial games last weekend and will be out to prove they have something

going for them. First game of the night goes at 7:30 p.m. with game number two beginning at 9:15 p.m. Above photo shows referee Don Dafoe dropping puck in the opening game between Totems and Merchants last weekend.

### Two hat tricks . . .

# Murdoch paces Vikings to second straight road win

It has happened only nine times in the first 40 games played and Vernon Vikings can boast two of them as visiting teams take on host clubs and manage to come away with victories in B.C. junior A hockey action.

Home clubs have recorded excellent averages while the visitors have had the going tough so far in the early stages of this tier two level of junior hockey in Canada, winning 31 of the 40 games played.

Vernon made it two wins in a row and both on the road at that, as they came through with a rousing 5-4 win before an estimated 1,200 fans at Bellingham Thursday night.

Earlier in the week Vikings had come through with a similar score at Penticton against the home town Broncos.

And as in the Penticton game, it was Don Murdoch coming through to pace the Viking victory with another three goals, bringing his total to seven goals in three games played since returning to the Vernon line-up after a stint with Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada league.

While the Vikings were busy trimming Bellingham, their next closest rivals to league supremacy, the Kelowna Buckaroos, were having their troubles as they lost a 6-3 decision to White Rock Centennials in a game also played Thursday night in White Rock.

Vikings now have a four point bulge as league leaders while Kelowna find themselves having to share second spot with the upstart White Rock crew.

Only consolation Kelowna might have when considering their position as that of Vernon, stems on the basis they have two games in hand over the arch rivals to the North of them.

**BCJHL ROUNDUP**  
White Rock Centennials did it with defence, while Vernon Vikings concentrated on offence in British Columbia Junior Hockey League games Thursday night.

The Centennials got outstanding goaling from Ernie Glanville, who turned aside 43 shots in leading the White Rock club, new this year to the BCJHL, to a 6-3 win over Kelowna Buckaroos, in White Rock.

The Vikings outscored Bellingham Blazers 5-4 in their game before 1,200 fans in the Washington city.

In White Rock, Darel Zelinski and Don Festerling got a pair of goals each to lead the Centennials. Fred Berry, the league's leading scorer, and Deryl Fell got the others.

Brothers Dale and Dave Costanzo and Archie McKinnon

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The Vikings had only 27 shots on goal and the Blazers managed 29.

Tonight, Vernon visits Chilliwack and Kelowna is at Nanaimo in league action.



**DON MURDOCH**  
... another hat trick

scored for the Buckaroos, who took advantage of 11 minor penalties to the Centennials to mount a heavy offence, but couldn't master Glanville.

Bill Stankoven faced only 27 shots in the Kelowna net.

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# Sports

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## \$500 fine given Montreal Alouettes

TORONTO (CP) — Commissioner Jake Gaudaur today fined Montreal Alouettes \$500 for their illegal use of quarterback Jimmy Jones in a game against Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Oct. 20.

The Canadian Football League commissioner admitted Thursday he was not happy with league bylaws. He disallowed a protest by the Bombers over the illegal use of Jones in the game, won by the Als 34-7, because it had little or no effect on the outcome.

Gaudaur said that under CFL bylaws, the commissioner has the option of recommending to

the league's nine-man executive committee that disciplinary action be taken against any club involved in a protest.

Jones, a quarterback and designed import in the game, was inserted by Montreal coach Marv Levy as a flanker, replacing Johnny Rodgers who along with team-mate Terry Evan-shen had been ejected along with two Winnipeg players during a second-quarter flareup.

The commissioner also announced that Evan-shen had been fined \$100 when game films confirmed referee Bill Fry's judgment that the volatile Montreal player had precipitated the situation by striking a Winnipeg player.

Fines of \$50 were imposed on Rodgers for kicking a Blue Bomber player and two Winnipeg players, Bob McLaren and Dale Potter, for their part in the fighting.

### FINE LEVIED

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Dennis Coates, president of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, took a tough disciplinary swipe at abuse of game officials Thursday, when he hit the White Rock Centennials coach with a \$200 fine and a two-game suspension.

The fine and suspension were levied on Gordon MacBeth as a result of a bitter denunciation by him of referee Jim O'Neill of Penticton during and after a game here between White Rock and the Penticton Broncos Oct. 19.

The league president indicated even more severe action would be taken should referees or linesmen be subjected to further abusage.

### In court . . .

## Ball umpires cannot recover

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball umpires are public figures and as such cannot recover damages for libel unless they prove that it was motivated by malice, state Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Justice George Carney declared that former American League umpires Alexander Salerno and William Valentine failed in their suit in Manhattan Supreme Court to prove that American League baseball president Joseph Cronin had been malicious when he told a reporter the two men were fired because of incompetence.

Salerno, who had been an umpire since 1961, and Valentine since 1963, sought \$1 million in compensatory and punitive

damages. "Later that day, Carney continued, the two umpires held a news conference and charged they had been fired because they had been engaged in organizing umpires.

An Associated Press reporter telephoned Cronin and was told in response to his inquiry that the league president had fired the umpires for incompetence.

"Cronin had, of course, every right to respond to the inquiry of the press as to the reasons for the umpires' discharge, and in view of the alleged accusations by the umpires as to the reasons for their discharge, his responses were privileged unless untrue and made with malice," Carney said.

# The Outdoors

By NONIE FRISBY

It is really amazing how conscious we are all becoming of the outdoors.

Every paper you pick up has something to say about the preservation of nature, and not a minute to soon I feel.

For too many years it was taken for granted that nature would

Pinaus Lake, nothing but good fishing, fly fishermen taking some good size ones.

Echo Lake reports steady fishing.

Law abiding citizens will be glad to know the number of angling and hunting prosecutions in B.C.