

Two losses so far . . .

Vikings flounder in Coast storms

The picture is beginning to change in the B.C. junior A hockey league as the interior section of the eight team league are starting to lose their grip on having things their own way. Vernon Vikings still hold a two point edge over second place Kelowna Buckaroos thanks to a key win Friday night the part of Langley Lords who are boasting a home winning streak of five straight games since they moved into their new arena two weeks ago.

Vernon began a tough coast road trip Thursday night by losing to Merritt (White Rock) Centennials by a score of 5-4 with Kelowna taking a narrow 4-3 win away from host Bellingham Blazers. At the same time third place Penticton Broncos were taking it on the chin at Nanaimo as the Clippers clapped them with a 7-2 loss.

The Kelowna win put them within a pair of points of Vernon but Friday night, the Bucks found the going tough themselves as they were stopped at nine straight wins to take a 6-5 loss, their third in 18 games.

Meanwhile, Vernon Vikings had their ship rocked once more as Chilliwack Bruins topped them by a 6-4 difference in the second Friday night game in the BCJHL. This was the first time the Bruins had been able to pick up a win over the Vikings in four starts this season.

The pressure will be on all three interior teams as Vernon take on Bellingham, Kelowna meets Nanaimo and Penticton are in Chilliwack as action resumes tonight on three fronts.

In the weekend wrap-up in the BCJHL, Sunday, three games are due as Vernon meet Nanaimo, Kelowna is in Bellingham and Penticton are due to head into Merritt.

At Merritt on Friday night, Ken Price paced the Vikings with a pair of hard earned goals, (he was robbed on at least six others) with singles by Don Murdoch, and Tim Sanche.

At Chilliwack on Friday, Vikings could only master single efforts as Dave Caldwell, Tim Sanche, Martin Stein and Brian Greise came through with markers. For Greise, it was his first goal of the season and indicates this hard working defenceman is now beginning to make his move.

From the sidelines, word out of the Viking camp says Tad Campbell has quit the Vikings in favor of a job in a mine at Burns Lake where apparently he has a friend working.

Campbell told coach Vern Dye he needed the money to help put himself through college and indicated he would return in time for the playoff in the Spring.

Winnipeg native Bob MacGillvray, who had played six games with the Vikings and scored a single goal and added two assists, has moved into the Kelowna camp for a several game tryout, Bucks coach Don Cully had him out on the ice for several shifts in the Friday game at Langley.

Another key Vernon player on the sidelines is Terry Anaka who pulled ligaments in his right leg so will not see any action for a few weeks.

Next home game for the Vernon squad will see them take on Chilliwack Bruins Friday, Nov. 30 and then on the following Saturday night host Bellingham.



TAD CAMPBELL
... quits team



TERRY ANAKA
... injured

BCJHL standing

B.C. Junior A hockey standings to and including Friday, November 23, 1973:

TEAM	Gp	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Vernon	21	16	5	0	116	81	32
Kelowna	18	15	3	0	124	65	30
Penticton	20	13	6	1	115	87	27
Nanaimo	19	8	10	1	73	76	17
Merritt (W.R.)	24	8	16	0	94	133	16
Langley	18	8	10	0	76	86	16
Bellingham	21	7	14	0	89	86	14
Chilliwack	23	6	17	0	85	139	12

Arnason proves it . . .

Boom Boom has patience

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Chuck Arnason, the Dauphin, Man., native traded last spring by Montreal Canadiens to Atlanta, hasn't been setting the National Hockey League on fire with the Flames, but his work on right wing has often been admired by coach Boom Boom Geofrion.

There were signs Friday night that the Boomer's patience is beginning to pay off as the former Flin Flon Bombers' junior scored two third-period goals to help Atlanta to a 4-1 victory over Vancouver Canucks. It moved the Flames into a tie with Chicago Black Hawks for second place in the NHL's West Division.

It was the only league game scheduled.

Arnason, who scored 18 goals and had 20 assists with Nova

Scotia Voyageurs of the American Hockey League last season, now has four goals and two assists in 17 appearances this year. His best season in the AHL was in 1971-72 when he connected for 30 goals and 24 assists.

"Arnason had two shots on goal and scored twice—that's a pretty good average," Geofrion commented.

In Detroit, meanwhile, Marcel Dionne of the Red Wings would dearly love a goal. He'll take anything he can get, even a cheap one.

With a record of no goals and 15 assists after 19 games this season, Dionne is becoming desperate.

HUPES SLUMP ENDING

"It's laughable," said the 22-year-old centre after Red Wings played in Los Angeles Tuesday night.

"I'm trying hard, but it's frustrating out there. Even the fans are trying to help me, though it doesn't do any good."

"My goals will come. We're hanging together since Alex Delvecchio became coach. . . We're working together now."

Dionne, who set a record for the most points by a rookie with 77 in 1971-72 and had 40 goals and 50 assists last season, will be aiming for goal No. 1 tonight when the Red Wings entertain New York Islanders.

Elsewhere, Los Angeles Kings visit New York Rangers for an afternoon contest, Montreal Canadiens play in Pittsburgh against the Penguins, Chicago Black Hawks visit Toronto Maple Leafs.

Sports

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Pensioners get passes . . .

Key games on tap in NOHL Sunday

Head of the Lake Stampeders will be sitting on the sidelines Sunday night in North Okanagan hockey league action, watching one or two of three teams join them in first place of the league standings.

This comes about as the Stamps take their turn at resting while the remaining four teams continue to battle out the league placings.

With only two points separating the league leader from Winfield Raiders, Armstrong Cougars and Vernon Merchants, the double header action at Vernon civic arena should prove more than a little interesting as Winfield and Vernon clash in the opening game at 7:30 while Armstrong tangles with winless Westside Totems in the second game which goes at 9:15 p.m.

The standings going into the weekend games shows the Stamps out in front with a three wins, one loss record for six points with Armstrong and Vernon listing a two win two loss record in four starts and Winfield with a two win, one loss record in only three games played.

Low in the team listings is Westside Totems who have yet to get on the victory trail in three starts.

In a mid-week game played at Armstrong last Wednesday, Vernon Merchants came through with a big game as they whitewashed host club Armstrong Cougars to the tune of 5-0 with Mike Perepolkin leading the scoring with a pair and singles from Bernie Smithson, Pat Mick and George Fargher.

Playing in the nets for Vernon



MIKE SMITHSON
... gets shutout

was former junior A hockey netminding ace, Mike Smithson, who was absolutely brilliant as he pushed aside everything that came his way.

The less than 20 spectators on hand for the game watched with awe as Smithson came through time and again with fantastic kick and glove saves to leave the Armstrong Cougar marksmen frustrated with what should have been sure goals.

Smithson and his Merchant mates will be out in force Sunday as they try to stem the upsurging Winfield Raiders who are recruiting former senior and junior players from the Kelowna area in an attempt to win the league title, something they have failed to do since joining the NOHL three years ago.

Big news for the fans will see all old age pensioners welcomed to the twin bill as guests of the NOHL. Pensioners are guaranteed good seats and with the seating area heated, can watch the exciting action in comfort.

Remember, game times this Sunday, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. at the civic arena.

Judges clinic for skaters

Announcing: a clinic for prospective Canadian Figure skating association judges; CFSA judges; parents of skaters who will be taking CFSA preliminary or first figure tests; skaters; professionals or anyone interested in learning something about judging.

The date is Tuesday, November 27, 1973 and the time is 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Place will be Vernon Civic Arena, and sponsored by the Vernon Figure Skating Club.

Schedule of events begins at 3:30 p.m. — An introduction to judging, who can be a judge, how to get started; 4 p.m. — On ice demonstration of Preliminary and First Test figures; 4:45 p.m. — Discussion on figures, duties of a judge, duties of a referee, skater-professional-parent-judge relationship.

Those attending are requested to dress warmly, wear suitable footwear for the on-ice demonstrations (no skates, please). Bring a pencil and notebook, and a current CFSA Rulebook, if you have

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