

Fans leave early

Vikings awash after Buckaroos 9-2 drubbing

By DOUG BULWER

It took 28 games, 154 goals for, 119 goals against, 286 separate penalties totalling 1,070 penalty minutes to knock the Vernon Vikings off their first place hold in the B.C. Junior A hockey league.

Just four games away from the mid-point of the B.C. junior league regular schedule, Vernon Vikings have finally relinquished their first place hold and they did it the hard way as Kelowna Buckaroos came to town Saturday night and humiliated the Vikings by a wide 9-2 difference then moved into Penticton Sunday for a 5-3 win over the Broncos.

While it was a big disappointment to more than half of the 1,600 fans on hand, it was not too surprising as the Vikings have begun the past few weeks, a downward trend as a solid playing unit. Many of the fans were from Kelowna and Endersby to round out the biggest crowd of the year.

With far too many individuals forgetting there are more than one man on a line, the Vernon club has shown they needed a stiff jolt to steer them back into a solid unit of play-makers and maybe the Saturday game did just that.

Few, if at any time did the Vikings show a semblance of a crew of team players as time and again it only was one man breaking into the Kelowna zone only to be stopped short by some excellent defence, in particular the re-mining of Endersby native, Billy Stankoven.

Kelowna on the other hand made no mistakes as each of the three forward lines took their turn at breaking through the Vernon defensive corp.

It was a simple case of Vernon being out-coached, out-played and out-skated throughout the full 60 minutes of the game.

While it goes without saying the Vernon boys did try, it must be admitted they did not do their best and for those fans who did finally come out for the first time this season to watch a junior A hockey game, it must have left them wondering what's with the people who have been trying to promote fans into the arena.

Sports Briefs

TRAIN PLAYERS

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Badminton Association will set up a national training centre here, it was announced Sunday. Jack MacDonald of Winnipeg, president of the association, said the centre will be operated in conjunction with the University of Ottawa. The move was announced at the end of a meeting of association directors here this weekend.

SETS WORLD RECORD

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) — Belgian cyclist Patrick Segré beat the world record for the 500-metre, 1,640 feet flying start Saturday with a time of

People of Vernon have been criticized time and again for not supporting junior hockey here, but what is there to say now?

Rumor has it the Vernon club must bring in almost 1,200 fans per game at this stage of the season to break even. This figure has been steadily rising since the opener back in October when the club needed apparently, at least 700 fans per game to even off the game by game costs of operating a 64 game schedule.

What will happen now is anyone's guess. When the Vikings were on top, they still didn't get the fans out and the game Saturday will surely leave people with a poor outlook towards junior A hockey in this city.

Kelowna jumped into a 3-0 first period lead, made it 4-0 by the one minute mark of the second frame before Ken Price put the home towners on the scoreboard. His was a power play goal as was the first two markers of the Buckaroos.

At the end of the second

Kelowna leads

No other changes in the BCJHL standings

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kelowna Buckaroos won the weekend games and moved into first place in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League interior division, but otherwise standings remained unchanged.

Vernon had been two points ahead of Kelowna but the Buckaroos trounced the Vikings 9-2 Saturday then beat Penticton 5-3 Sunday.

Chilliwack and Bellingham remained tied for third spot in the BCJHL coast division as they split a pair of weekend games.

Langley and Nanaimo battled to a 2-2 overtime tie Saturday. Langley remains in first place with Nanaimo second in the coast division.

In Penticton Sunday, Duane Monteith paced the Kelowna attack with two goals. Dale Constanto, Tom Onno and Randy Naito added singles.

Pat Severyn, Esko Siipola and Doug Lawton scored for Penticton.

Penticton outshot Kelowna 37-29 but Bill Stankovan blocked the Broncos attack.

BCJHL standings

B.C. Junior A Hockey standings to and including Sunday, Dec. 9, 1973:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Kelowna	26	21	5	0	169	92	42
Vernon	28	20	8	0	154	119	40
Penticton	28	16	11	1	145	129	33
Langley	25	14	10	1	117	109	29
Nanaimo	27	10	15	2	102	116	22
Merritt	30	10	20	0	122	163	20
Bellingham	29	10	19	0	104	119	20
Chilliwack	31	9	22	0	114	179	18

period, Kelowna had taken a 5-1 lead, adding four more goals in the final stanza before Jeff Boychuck managed the Vikings second goal of the night with just two seconds remaining in the game.

Leading the Kelowna attackers was some smart playing ability of right winger Brad Owens and defenceman Tom Onno who each scored perfect hat tricks of three goals apiece by each man in back to back efforts.

Kelowna still have two games in hand over the Vikings and with both clubs facing a series of weekend games at the coast, Vernon must get on the win trail in these away games or be left far behind the high flying but well co-ordinated Buckaroos.

Before leaving for the Coast Thursday, Viking's will play host to Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada major junior league, Wednesday night with several former Vernon players now wearing the Tiger uniform in the likes of Ed Johnstone and Bob Gassoff.

In Bellingham Sunday, the Blazers downed the Bruins 4-2 behind goals from Wayne Jeske, Harold Phillipoff, Dean Arnett and Kevin Schamehorn. Vern Quaroni scored both Bruins goals.

Playing in Chilliwack Saturday, Ken Widmeyer, Butch Dupont and Dave Sharples scored to lead the Bruins to a 3-2 win over the Blazers.

Paul Enquist and Jeske connected for Bellingham.

In Vernon Saturday, Brad Owens scored a hat trick while Onno also had three goals to lead the Kelowna attack. Mark Lofthouse, Steve Paolone and Costanzo added singles.

Ken Price and Jeff Boychuck scored for Vernon.

Allan Hill and Bruce Van Camp scored for Nanaimo in the second period in Clippers Saturday, but Dave Hatheway scored twice in the third period to keep Langley in the game.

Both clubs missed good chances in the overtime period and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

There were no BCJHL games scheduled today.

Sports

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Russians crush Quebec juniors

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP) — Moscow Selects got three-goal performances from Vladimir Popov and Vladimir Repnev Sunday to crush Chicoutimi Saguenens of the Quebec Major Junior A Hockey League 13-4 in the second game of their two-week Canadian tour.

The powerful Selects now have scored 26 goals in two games against QMJHL opposition.

They defeated the Remparts 13-2 in Quebec City Friday night.

The Selects left immediately after Sunday's exhibition, played before 4,071 fans, for Quebec City to watch the World Hockey Association game between Les Nordiques and Chicago Cougars.

Their next exhibition stop will be made in London, Ont., Tuesday night against London Knights of the Ontario Major Junior A Hockey League.

Sergei Kapustin, who scored five goals against the Remparts last Friday, added another pair Sunday against the Saguenens.

Single goals were scored by defencemen Boris Veregin, Valentin Markov and Sergei Korotov, along with forwards Sergei Kolov and Antoli Kartav.

Goal scorers for the reinforced home club were Jean-Guy Dufour, in the first period, March Desforges and Gilles Gougeon in the second and Robert Geoffrion in the final game.

ADDED TO LINEUP

Geoffrion, the son of Bernard Geoffrion who currently coaches Atlanta Flames of the National Hockey League, was one of seven players added to the Saguenens' lineup from other QMJHL clubs and university ranks. Geoffrion plays for Cornwall Royals, while Gougeon is from the University of Sherbrooke.

WCHL roundup

Victoria Cougars end losing streak

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eight weekend games, five of them Sunday, did little to change standings in the Western Canada Hockey League.

At the conclusion, Flin Flon had moved into a second-place tie with Swift Current in the WCHL Eastern Division, and Victoria had moved out of a last-place tie with Kamloops and into fifth place in the Western Division.

In Sunday games, Calgary blanked Swift Current 7-0, Saskatoon smashed Brandon 9-2, New Westminster took Medicine Hat 7-1, Edmonton beat Winnipeg 6-2 and Flin Flon downed Regina 6-3.

On Saturday, Victoria defeated Medicine Hat 7-2, Winnipeg beat Kamloops 6-4 and Regina and Flin Flon played to a 3-3 draw.

Playing in Calgary Sunday, Garth Malarchuk and Kel Erickson combined in the Centennials' nets for the shutout over Swift Current. Calgary now leads the Western Division by 12 points over New Westminster, and extended their unbeaten streak at home to 12 games.

Dan Mandryk scored twice for Calgary. Danny Gare, Don Ashby, Denny McLean, Grant Mulvey and Larry Lestander added singles.

SCORE TWO EACH

Danny Arndt, Blair Chapman and Fred Williams each scored

Les Crozier each added singles. Kelly Greenbank and Gord Blumensheim scored for Winnipeg.

Ray Maluta, Del Iannone, Doug Hicks, Cam Connor, Brian Arnold and Rob Watt had the Flin Flon goals Sunday. Dennis Sobchuk, Mike Wanchuk and Dave Faulkner provided the Regina markers.

Bomber coach Pat Binnell, who takes over management of Victoria Cougars this weekend, handled his last game for Flin Flon.

In Victoria Saturday, the Cougars snapped their losing streak by trouncing Medicine Hat 7-2. The Cougars also scored a club record of five goals in the first period.

Mark Lombenda led with two markers while Brad Anderson, Rick Lapointe, Derek Haas, Rick Williams and Derrick Tallon added singles. Greg Baidick and Marshall Chalmers scored for the Tigers.

Two goals in 10 seconds by Greg Warren midway through the second period led Winnipeg Clubs to a 6-4 win over the Chiefs in Kamloops Saturday.

Don Dzadyk, Russ Hall, Kelly Greenbank and Bob Watt, who scored the other Winnipeg goal, scored twice and Ron Poole and Jack Patterson once for Kamloops.

In Flin Flon Saturday, Ray Maluta connected twice in the third period to give the Bombers their 3-3 tie with Regina

With UBC

Lawrence scores two goals on China tour

Former Vernon junior A hockey ace, Jim Lawrence, scored a pair of quick second period goals for the University of British Columbia as the college hockey team went on to blank the Chinese National team 7-0 in Peking Sunday night.

Lawrence, a native of Vancouver played for the Vernon Essos for three years and combined to take both the team and league scoring honor two seasons ago. He was also team captain for the Essos and was with the team when they won the B.C. championship in 1971-72 and was on the B.C. junior All-Star team twice.

The following is a press release on the game from the Reuter news service in Peking:

PEKING (Reuter) — The Thunderbirds hockey team from University of British Columbia trounced the Chinese national team 7-0 Sunday night, their second victory against the Chinese.

The heavier and more experienced Canadians notched two goals in a scrappy first period, then turned on the power to score four in the second, before a Chinese rally restricted them to one more in the third.

The Chinese missed several chances to score, revealing a slowness to shoot which was their main weakness.

The match, played before a crowd of 18,000 in Peking's Capital Stadium, was the second of the Canadians' China tour. They downed the Chinese side 5-0 Friday.

LEMMEN SCORES
Ken Lemmen opened the scoring for the Thunderbirds at 10:34 of the first period and Rod Hare followed to finish the first period scoring.

The third goal came from Rich Longpre followed by Jim Lawrence with two goals in rapid succession.

Cranbrook closing in

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kimberly Dynamiters trounced Nelson Maple Leafs 10-3 in Western International Hockey League action Saturday, while Cranbrook Royals moved to within one point of first place with a 4-3 win over the hometown Spokane Jets.

The at-home victory, which put the Dynamiters in sole possession of third place, was sparked by three goals from Len Hicks. Glen Walton added two for Kimberly, while singles went to Bill McLelland, Mickey Wilson, Dick Vincent, Joe Mutch and Dale Booth.



JIM LAWRENCE
... scores twice

Hare then netted the six goal, his second of the game Lemmen slammed in the seventh to round out the scoring.

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to leave Peking Tuesday for a 12-day tour of northern China.

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