



**PLAYOFF ACTION**

Vernon Vikings have their backs to the wall at the moment, down two straight games in their best of seven semi-final playoffs series with Pentiction Broncos of the BCJHL Interior division, but if the last five minutes of Wednesday's game is any criteria, they could come on strong in

remaining games to emerge the victors. Within a space of three minutes, Vikings scored two quick goals to come within an ace of tying the game but time ran out giving them a 4-3 loss, their second in has many nights. Tuesday night they dropped the opening game by a wide 7-1 difference. Above photo

shows all-star defenceman Vikings' Lyle Brewer (No. 18 in white jersey) letting go a hard drive at centre-ice deep into Bronco territory. Other Vikings shown are: Sam Bowman (upper left), Marty Stein (top centre) and Bob Burgoyne (right centre). Next game of the series moves back to

Pentiction Friday night with game four back here in Vernon Saturday night with both games due by 8:30 p.m. starts. Reserve seats have been set aside for Vernon fans in Pentiction and local seats tickets can be picked up at Ernie's Esso Service station.

**Gervais still on top**

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—Paul Savage had his title hopes dashed in the Canadian men's curling championships Wednesday night by a rock that went astray.

The Toronto skip's last rock, an open-takeout shot in an extra-end, went wrong halfway up the sheet and Nova Scotia's Barry Shearer won 7-6.

The rock must have picked up some dirt, Savage said.

The loss left the rink, representing Ontario for the second consecutive year, midway down the standings at the halfway mark of the 11-rink round-robin championship that ends Saturday.

Alberta's Hec Gervais rink was on top with a 5-1 record after defeating Manitoba's

Jim Armstrong of Richmond, B.C., dented Jim Ursell's Quebec rink from Montreal 8-4, and Northern Ontario's Chucker Ross of Sudbury edged Bobby Dillon's Prince Edward Island foursome from Charlottetown 5-4.

**CAUGHT A STRAW?**  
"I figured it (the Nova Scotia shot rock in the house) was gone," said Shearer of Halifax. "He didn't miss it, either. It caught a piece of straw or something and just took off."

Although the Nova Scotia team had won its first game of the championship earlier in the day by beating Newfoundland, Shearer said he didn't expect to win over Ontario.

**Sports**

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**Football meeting tonight**

The newly formed Jaycees' bantam football league will hold its second meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the Village Green Inn. Jaycees' President Will

**Pup house league begins playoffs**

Vernon Minor Hockey Association's Senior Pup division is winding its way towards the end of house league games and playoffs have been scheduled starting Sunday, March 17 at 4:15 p.m. The playoff schedule is in the

**Vikings down a pair but certainly not out**

Vernon Vikings are already being rated the losers in their best of seven semi-final series with Pentiction Broncos in the BCJHL Interior division playoffs, but if the Viking players have anything to say about it, this will be the farthest thing from the truth.

In Wednesday night's game here at Vernon and before a disappointing crowd of less than 600 fans, 60 of these from Pentiction, Vikings put on a tremendous surge of hockey prowess in the last five minutes of the game to nearly tie the game, however, time ran out and they found themselves behind a 4-3 final score and down two games straight in the series.

At the time, Viking's Dave Caldwell was sitting out a high sticking minor and Broncos were playing every man up as they took advantage of the extra man.

Interesting aspect to this goal, stemmed from the fact goalie Charlie Briskham started the play as he cleared the puck from in front of his net and up the blue line where Brian Greise, the hard working and most consistent defenceman on the team,

proved most hockey pundits how wrong they can be.

Pentiction opened the scoring at the mid-point of the first period on a hard right point slap shot by Mark Patterson which seemed to be partially screened as it went by the short side of goalie Charlie Briskham.

Then at the 14:05 mark of the same stanza, Don Murdoch, playing with an obviously painful right hand, (he broke this in a fight at Pentiction last Sunday) picked up a mid-ice pass to go in alone on a breakaway to beat Broncos netman Andy Mydlack.

Then at the 15:08 mark, after a series of pressure drives around the Bronco net, Ken Price, bounced a second rebound shot over the sprawling Mydlack with help from Murdoch and Rod Dyck. This was a power-play effort with Kirk Aulin off for tripping.

**Viking point list**

Final standings of the 64 regular league games played by the Vernon Vikings for the 1973-74 BCJHL season

PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pen	Pim	Pts
1. Price	64	27	65	55	23	92
2. Murdoch	45	48	32	19	75	80
3. Caldwell	60	29	51	56	197	80
4. Howe	62	29	39	35	111	48
5. Boychuk	59	25	39	14	58	64
6. Burgoyne	64	24	37	11	39	61
7. Campbell	60	22	31	15	58	53
8. Crick	35	29	18	2	7	47
9. Brewer	64	9	36	60	201	45
10. Stein	64	17	24	21	83	41
11. Sanche	29	7	22	45	151	29
12. Dubbin	57	6	20	34	90	26
13. Sidnick	57	12	12	20	58	24
14. Griese	54	4	19	14	54	23
15. Anaka	50	3	17	33	80	20
16. Kokotilo	24	6	9	10	39	15
17. O'Donnell	31	3	10	7	20	13
18. Krantz	26	4	5	11	39	9
19. Dye	31	4	3	5	13	7
20. Munro	29	3	4	8	19	7
21. Bowman	34	2	6	13	26	6
22. Chapman	20	1	5	8	19	6
23. Arsenko	14	4	1	0	5	5
24. McGillivray	6	1	2	0	3	3
25. Buchanan	6	0	2	2	4	0
26. Knopp	3	0	0	2	7	0
27. Gilchrist	4	0	0	1	5	0

played it into the wide open centre-ice area for Murdoch to take over and go in alone to score.

Second period action saw the Vikings fall back into their defensive slump and when the period ended found the Vikings down by a 3-1 difference with Doug Lawton and Pat Severny getting the scoring honors. Both goals came as a result of close-in scrambles in front of the Vernon net.

In the final 20 minute session, both teams found their opportunities few and far between for the first half of the Session, but at 12:35, brothers Pat and Mark Severny again teamed with Pat scoring on a hard low drive from 15 feet out in front of Briskham.

Then at the 15:08 mark, after a series of pressure drives around the Bronco net, Ken Price, bounced a second rebound shot over the sprawling Mydlack with help from Murdoch and Rod Dyck. This was a power-play effort with Kirk Aulin off for tripping.

With still nearly two minutes to go in the game, Briskham moved over to the bench in favour of an extra forward which paid off handsomely as rookie Marty Stein leaped from the players box, picked up a loose puck at centre ice and then scored from 20 feet out in front of a screened Bronco goalie.

Pentiction picked up five of the eight minor penalties called and also showed their strength by out shooting Vernon 39 to 25.

**BCJHL ROUNDUP**

Pentiction Broncos and Bellingham Blazers were halfway there, Langley Lords started on the right foot, but Kelowna Couriers got a rude shock Wednesday night as British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoffs continued.

The Broncos and the Blazers took 2-0 leads in their best-of-seven quarter-final series by virtue of 4-3 and 5-1 wins over 2 Vernon Vikings and Chilliwack Bruins respectively, while the Lords took a

1-0 lead by sinking Nanaimo Clippers 8-0.

But the Buckaroos, runaway leaders in the BCJHL interior division during the regular season, and facing Merritt Centennials, with the poorest record in the league, were handed a 5-3 setback in Merritt tie that series at 1-1.

It was Darrell Zelinski who had the biggest hand in taming the Buckaroos, firing three of the Centennials' last four goals. Paul Mulvey and Greg Agar got the others. Mark Lofthouse, Archie McKinnon and Murray Hanson scored single goals, one a period, for the Buckaroos, who were outlasted throughout the game.

In Vernon, the Broncos got off to a flying start on goals by Pat and Marc Severny, Doug Lawton and Mark Patterson, taking a 4-1 lead by midway in the third period.

**ONE-SIDED GAMES**

The Vikings stormed back coming to within one goal when they pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker with a Pentiction player in the penalty box, but were unable to muster the tying goal. Don Murdoch, Ken Price and Martin Stein scored for Vernon.

In Chilliwack, the Blazers roared to a 5-0 lead and were never in trouble as they handed the Bruins their second straight one-sided loss. Bellingham whipped Chilliwack 7-0 in the series opener.

Dean and Mark Arnett, Doug Davis, Neil Robinson and Randy Rudnyk scored for the Blazers.

Tim Zelke spoiled Ian McWilliams' bid for a second straight shutout when he scored in the third period.

In Langley, the Lords, leaders in the coast division in the regular season, showed no mercy as they humiliated the Clippers.

Allen Yung got three goals and Sandy Bain scored twice for Langley, with Ryan Walter, Don Moores and Dave Hatheway adding single goals.

Mark Earp handled just 25 shots to record the shutout.

Nanaimo and Langley square off again tonight, with their other three series all resuming Friday night.