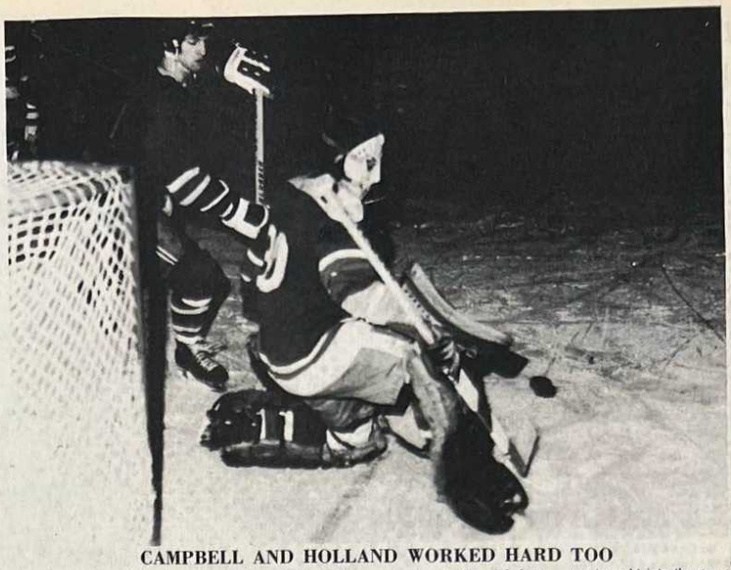

CALDOW SWOOPS IN TO SCORE

Vernon Vikings are finding the Penticton Broncos are no push-overs in their playoff series but in the third game of the best of seven set, Vikings put forth a masterful effort and but for a couple of miscues could have picked up their first win Friday night at Penticton. Above photo shows one of the harder workers of the Vikings moving in to score a big goal for the Vernon team. Wearing sweater number 14 (dark jersey) Dave Caldow swoops in on the right of Penticton goalie Andy Mydlak during second period action. Broncos went on to win 8-5 and take a 3-0 lead in the series.

CAMPBELL AND HOLLAND WORKED HARD TOO

Another pair of hard working Viking players in Friday nights game at Penticton was team captain Tad Campbell and goalie Kenny Holland. While Campbell was kept off the scoreboard, his stellar play-making both on defence and on the forward line helped Vikings put forth one of their best efforts of the series even though they did drop the game to Penticton. Holland was also outstanding in his role of net-minder as he time and again pushed aside sure goals. He was brought into the game after starting goalie Charlie Briskham allowed two Boncos goals during the first half of the opening period.

Oiler hit low point as lowly Sharks win

Inconsistency has been a problem for Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association all season.

The Oilers hit one of their low points Friday losing 4-1 to Los Angeles Sharks, last-place team in the West Division.

Consequently Edmonton remained in a tie for third place with Winnipeg Jets, who lost 4-1 to Cleveland Crusaders.

In the only other game, New England Whalers widened their lead over the idle Toronto Toros in the East Division to seven points by thumping New Jersey Knights 7-2.

The Sharks broke a six-game losing streak as Brian McDonald and Jerry Zyrimiak opened the scoring against the Oilers with goals in the first period. Ron Anderson scored at 6:12 of the second period for Edmonton.

Game here tonight...

Vikings lose again but stage a thriller

By DOUG BULWER

Vernon Vikings are behind 3-0 in semi-final playoff games with Penticton Broncos and have their back to the wall if they don't wish to hang up their skates for the season, but, if by the spirit and effort they showed in the Friday night game is any criteria, they will come out winners in tonight's fourth game set for here starting at 8 p.m.

Odd-makers would be foolish to count the Vikings out if they had watched the way the Vernon boys literally worked their hearts out and at the same time gave a near full house at the Penticton Memorial arena their monies worth of exciting hockey action.

It was truly playoff hockey and there wasn't a soul in the building ready to leave until the final whistle had blown to end the game.

Vikings actually led in the game at one point in the first period after Broncos opened with a quick goal with just a minute and nine seconds gone with the Vernon crew coming back with a pair of their own, both on power-plays only to see a pair of power-plays by Penticton round out the scoring for a 4-2 lead going into the second frame.

Starting goalie Charlie Briskham allowed a rather soft goal to slip past him on his right as a low drive from 25 feet out by Mark Severyn starting the goal scoring off.

However, a real slick effort by Rod Dyck and Ken Price at the 3:02 mark and evened things off with Dyck swooping in and scoring from eight feet out after Price set him up. The shot was very hard and goalie Mydlak never had a chance.

At the time of this goal, Broncos Wade Jowett was sitting out a hooking minor penalty. The play started on the face-off to the left of Mydlak where Price banged it across to Dyck who was standing near the left point.

Five minutes later Vikings took a short lived lead when Dyck again scored with the Vikings enjoying an extra man with Jowett getting his second hooking penalty of the night.

But three unanswered goals in the same period by Penticton, two of these also coming on power-plays with Dave Caldow off for the first and Sam Bowman and Marty Stein both off for the Bronco fourth goal.

Penticton's second goal by Gordon MacKay was also considered a sloppy defensive effort coming at the 11:01 mark and this is where Ken Holland was brought in to replace Briskham in the nets.

Third and fourth goals by Broncos came off the sticks of Greg Milliard and Mark Patterson in that order.

VERNON TIES GAME

Second period action saw six more goals scored with Vikings starting things off by a goal from Dave Caldow at 3:25 with Mark Severyn answering moments later only to have Murdoch go in alone for Vikings fourth goal and then tied the game at 5-5 when he and Rod Dyck teamed to work the puck into Bronco territory.

This goal was another of the power-play efforts with Reg Kerr sitting out an elbowing infraction.

With the game tied at five apiece and with less than a minute remaining in the middle period, Vernon again slacked off and a power-play goal by Kirk Auling at 19:04 with Caldow off for slashing put Broncos ahead to stay.

Twenty seconds later they made it 7-5 when team captain Mike Holmes banged in a screened slap-shot drive from the point which never left the ice surface.

NEAR STAND-OFF

Third period action was a near stand-off as neither team could find the mark with both goalies holding their own in making fantastic saves.

However, at the 14:46 mark, Doug Lawton salted the game away with the Broncos eighth goal of the night and gave the Penticton team a commanding three game lead in the series.

Tonight they clash here in Vernon with game time set for an early start at 8 p.m. and Vernon fans are urged to come out early as Penticton already have charted at least three bus loads of fans along with many carloads intending to be on hand.

BCJHL ROUNDUP

Nanaimo Clippers and Vernon Vikings teetered on the brink of elimination from the British Columbia Junior Hockey League playoffs Friday night after dropping their third consecutive games.

The Clippers were victimized 6-2 by Langley Lords to fall behind 3-0 in one best-of-seven quarter-final series, while the Vikings absorbed an 8-5 lacing from Penticton Broncos to trail 3-0 in that series.

In the other game Friday night, outbreaks of fighting among fans at Kelowna forced a halt to the game between Merritt Centennials and Kelowna Buckaroos.

The Buckaroos were leading 9-2 when the match was called with 3:06 remaining. League president Arnold Lowden of Penticton will be asked to make a ruling on the final outcome of the game.

The best-of-seven series was tied 1-1 going into the contest.

The game was halted after Merritt trainer John Agar became involved with a fan. Several Merritt players went into the stands to support Agar but weren't involved in any fights.

POLICE CALLED

That outbreak was halted, but fighting between separate groups of fans then broke out in several places in the arena. RCMP were called to restore order and the game was ended. No arrests were made.

Archie McKinnon had three goals and Duane Monteith and Dale Costanzo had two each for Kelowna, with Les Strachan and John Stone each counting once. Fred Berry and Paul Mulvey scored for Merritt.

In Langley, Sandy Bain led the Lords with two goals, with Don Moores, Barry Beck, John Gregory and Dave Hatheway scoring once each.

Al Will and Howard Beamish scored for Nanaimo.

Vic Mali made 46 saves in the Nanaimo net, while Sandy Bain turned aside 36 shots for Langley.

Red Devils advance to B.C. basketball finals

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Three of British Columbia's top four high school basketball teams advanced along the road to the provincial championship Friday night, but highly-rated North Delta Huskies were derailed.

The Huskies, ranked just behind Oak Bay Bays and Mount Douglas Rams of Vancouver Island in provincial rankings, were whipped 69-58 by Hope Mustangs in the Fraser Valley tournament, eliminating them from further play.

The Mustangs were led by Steve Ferguson's 16 points, with Neil McPxedran and Ed Graham adding 15 points apiece. Al Staples had 21 for the Huskies.

Hope will meet Abbotsford tonight to decide the third and final Fraser Valley berth in the high school championship tournament in Vancouver. Abbotsford stopped Mission Roadrunners 57-46 Friday night to advance to the consolation final.

Centennial Centaurs and North Surrey Spartans, who meet tonight in the Fraser Valley final, are also assured of advancing to the provincial tourney.

LOWER MAINLAND

Burnaby Central Wildcats and Killarney Cougars of Vancouver have qualified to represent the Lower Mainland zone in the championship. The two teams meet tonight to decide the area championship.

In the Vancouver Island tournament, Oak Bay and Mount Douglas, as expected, advanced into tonight's final. Both teams, which shared top ranking in B.C., are assured a berth in the provincial tourney.

Oak Bay had little trouble, thumping Cowichan Thunderbirds 85-43, with Dave Kirzinger getting 22 points and Brian Mann and Evan Jones getting 20 apiece.

Mount Douglas ran into problems before pulling away in the second half and defeating Courtenay 56-46. The Rams led 26-25 at the half. Gordon Wood had 16 points to lead Mount Douglas, while Jamie Newman had 18 for Courtenay.

One other team from the island will also make it via the consolation route to the championship.

In the Okanagan playoffs, Kamloops Red Devils, fourth-ranked team in the province with the aid of seven-foot centre Allan Chapple, had little trouble advancing to the zone final.

The Red Devils crushed Rutland Voodoos 93-48, with Chapple getting 26 points.

Kelowna got the dubious distinction of facing Kamloops in the final by edging Salmon Arm Golds 73-69 behind Bill Prytula's 23 points.

Winfield gals lose to Slocan

PRINCETON, B.C. (CP) — Mount Sentinel of South Slocan came out winners in the best— and tightest—game in the first day of the provincial senior A high school girls' basketball championships as they edged George Elliott of Winfield 42-41, despite a 22-point performance by Winfield's Dorothy Schwaiger.

In other games Vanderhoof defeated Agassiz 25-23, Little Flower Academy of Vancouver downed Houston 38-24 and host Princeton beat David Thompson of Invermere 45-32.

S.A. Jewels take Niagara

SALMON ARM, B.C. (CP) — Salmon Arm Jewels led throughout and held off a late rally by Niagara Nets of Welland, Ont. Friday night to take a 54-51 win in the opening game of the Canadian junior women's basketball championship.

The Jewels led 34-28 at half-time and held a 14-point lead going into the final quarter. The Nets then came on strong, particularly in the last two minutes, but couldn't catch up.

Tara Smith and Sandra Tatchell had 13 points each to lead the Salmon Arm attack.

The second game of the bestof-three final is here tonight.

Simon Fraser swamp Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — Windsor, Ont., AKO's and Simon Fraser University junior varsity squad meet here tonight in the championship game of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association national junior playoffs.

Simon Fraser swamped Halifax Raiders 84-51 and Windsor defeated University of Manitoba Bisons 88-79 in semi-final action Friday night to advance into the title game.

The Halifax and Manitoba squads will meet in a consolation game today.

Sports Briefs

HEADS WRITERS

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — President Jack Matheson of the Winnipeg Free Press was re-elected for another two-year term along with the incumbent slate of officers at a meeting Friday of the Canadian Curling Reporters.

TAKE U.S. TITLE

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Bud Somerville and his rink from Superior, Wis., clinched the United States' curling championship Friday night with a 7-5 victory over defending champion Massachusetts after edging Alaska 5-4 earlier in the day.

HAWKS GET GAGNON

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (CP) — New York Islanders announced Friday they have traded left winger Germain Gagnon to Chicago Black Hawks for future considerations. The 31-year-old native of Chicoutimi, Que., has eight goals and 14 assists in 62 National Hockey League games this season.

STONEMAN OUT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Right hander Bill Stoneman will not pitch in Montreal's exhibition baseball opener today against Houston Astros because of a swollen left calf, Gene Mauch, manager of the Expos, said Friday. Mauch said Stoneman, who was struck by a batted ball earlier in the week, will pitch Monday.

LACROSSE DRAFT SET

TORONTO (CP) — Spence Lyons, president of the new National Lacrosse League, said Friday the league's initial player draft will be held March 25 in Montreal. The professional league's six teams will each draft 50 players from a pool of 300.

SOCCER PLAYER DIES

BELFAST (AP) — Roy Stewart, half-back of the Glentoran soccer team, died early Wednesday from a heart attack, a few hours after playing against Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany in the European Cup.

NHL standings

	W	L	T	F	A	P
East Division						
Boston	43	12	8	287	173	94
Rangers	35	16	12	247	186	82
Montreal	37	19	8	234	189	81
Toronto	30	21	13	235	191	73
Buffalo	28	27	9	205	211	65
Detroit	22	32	10	213	268	54
Islanders	15	32	15	149	204	45
Vancouver	17	37	10	175	247	44
West Division						
	W	L	T	F	A	P
Phila	38	14	10	216	129	86
Chicago	32	13	18	213	130	82
Atlanta	25	29	11	172	196	61
Los Angeles	25	30	10	179	202	60
St. Louis	23	30	10	171	178	56
Minnesota	18	30	16	190	224	52
Pittsburgh	21	35	7	181	224	49
California	12	44	9	166	281	33

Results Friday

Buffalo 4 Vancouver 2
Atlanta 3 Minnesota 1

Games Tonight

NY Rangers at Montreal
Philadelphia at Toronto
Detroit at NY Islanders
Boston at Los Angeles
Chicago at Vancouver
Pittsburgh at St. Louis

Games Sunday

Philadelphia at Buffalo (day)
St. Louis at Minnesota (day)
Montreal at Pittsburgh
NY Islanders at NY Rangers
Boston at California
Atlanta at Detroit

Sports

DOUG BULWER, Sports Editor

Superb netminding could change things

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound goaltending could be the key to playoff berths for Atlanta Flames and Los Angeles Kings in the West Division of the National Hockey League.

Rogie Vachon was superb Thursday night when the Kings defeated Chicago Black Hawks 3-2 to take over third place and Friday night Phil Myre was brilliant for Atlanta which beat Minneapolis North Stars 3-1.

The victory sent the Flames back into third spot, one point ahead of the Kings, who were idle.

In the only other game Friday, Buffalo Sabres clipped Vancouver Canucks 4-2 to fan their playoff hopes, although they are still eight points behind Toronto Maple Leafs, who hold fourth place in the East Division.

BOOM BOOM CONFIDENT

"If we get the goaltending, which we're certainly getting right now, I think we can stay in third place," said Flames' coach Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion.

Myre was also in goal Tuesday when Atlanta upended the powerful Boston Bruins 4-1.

"The way Myre was playing tonight we couldn't have gotten a pea past him," said North Stars' coach Parker MacDonald.

Myre said a shutout would have been nice, "but I don't play for shutouts. There were six minutes left when they got their goal, so we had to go for the win."

Minnesota's only goal came on a power play when Bill Goldsworthy scored his 36th of the year.

Randy Manery opened the scoring early in the second period. Bobby Leiter's breakaway goal and another three minutes later by Keith McCreary pushed Atlanta into a 3-0 lead midway through the final period.

Richard Martin was the big gun in the Buffalo attack with two goals—his 41st and 42nd goals of the season. He scored early in the second period to give Sabres a 2-2 tie and added Buffalo's fourth goal early in the final period.

Rene Robert and Craig Ramsay were Buffalo's other marksmen. Dennis Ververgaert and Bobby Lalonde connected for Vancouver.

In tonight's action, NY Rangers are at Montreal, Philadelphia plays at Toronto, Detroit Red Wings go to NY Islanders, Boston Bruins are at los Angeles, Chicago Black Hawks play in Vancouver and Pittsburgh Penguins visit St. Louis Blues.

In Sunday's games, Philadelphia visits Buffalo and St. Louis plays at Minnesota in afternoon games and at night, Montreal is at Pittsburgh, NY Islanders confront NY Rangers, Boston is at California and Atlanta plays in Detroit.

NHL leaders

National Hockey League scoring leaders after Friday's games:

	G	A	Pts.
Esposito, B	56	63	119
Orr, B	25	72	97
Hodge, B	43	47	90
Martin, Buf	42	32	74
Clarke, Pha	28	44	72
Sittler, T	34	37	71
Park, R	23	46	69
Bucyk, B	26	42	68
Dionne, D	20	46	66
Apps, Pgh	22	43	65
Cashman, B	21	44	65

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