



VIKINGS BOW OUT

Vernon Vikings bid good luck to the Penticton Broncos in the continued quest to retain the B.C. Junior 'A' hockey championship they won last year.

Broncos got off to a good start in first round playoffs this year by taking the Vikings four straight in the Interior section of the semi-finals. Above photo shows

the Vikings in white jerseys shaking hands with the victors following Saturday nights game when Broncos downed Vernon 10-6 to take the fourth and final game.

Broncos now wait to meet the winner between Kelowna Buckaroos and Merritt Centennials who are now tied at two games each in their playoff series.

Vernon girls win Pepsi title

In the High School Zone Championships held in Rutland on Sunday, March nine centers competed for top honors in three different competitions: girls teams; boys teams; and mixed teams.

The nine centers competing were Enderby, Penticton, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Princeton, Rutland, Salmon Arm, Summerland and Vernon.

Girls team: 1st Vernon 3933, 2nd Rutland 3911, 3rd Salmon Arm 3678.

Boys team: 1st Penticton 4347, 2nd Vernon 4176, 3rd Salmon Arm 4085.

Mixed team: 1st Salmon Arm 4324, 2nd Kamloops 3920, 3rd Vernon 3917.

The caliber of bowling in this tournament was really tops. There were some pretty high scores bowled including a "perfect game" bowled by a 17 year old youth, Bruce Watt of Penticton.

Bruce received congratulations from everyone at the alley plus a cheque from the Valley Lanes, Rutland for \$100.

It is believed that this is the only perfect game ever bowled in the High School Championships.

On the Vernon girls team were: Linda Koenig, Heather Robb, Leslee Jakes, Colleen Hens and Debbie Woodroff, coached by Mrs. Wilma Wendel.

On the Vernon boys team were: Tim Dooling, Dave DeBoer, Gordon Wiffen, Rich McPherson and Jim Dooling, coached by Tom Koenig.

On the Vernon Mixed Team were: Robert Morphy, Tracey Watts, Peggy Tarek, Maureen Dinney, Dale Habershtock, coached by Art Block.

The 1st place winners in each of the three events will travel to the coast on April 27 for the High School Provincial and Canadian Championships.

Sports

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Vernon Midgets are zone champs

Vernon Midgets came up with a convincing pair of back to back victories over Revelstoke to take the Okanagan-Mainline zone hockey championship in weekend action.

Vernon had earlier won the Okanagan section of the playoffs then took on the Mainline winners in a best of three series.

Saturday here at home, the champs came up with a big 11-7 win and then at Revelstoke on Sunday, before an estimated near capacity crowd over 1,000 people took the hosts by a 6-3 margin.

The victory for Vernon meant an end to an 11 year drought on the midget level in zone championship rounds. Coming close many times,

Vernon teams found the going tough in the past but made up for it all with tremendous team effort on the part of every team member this season.

Bill Vachon was the big gun in the series as he came up with hat tricks in each game with Dean Solheim also doing his part with a similar three goal effort on Saturday afternoon.

Others in the Vernon scoring Sunday was a pair from Jim Sparrow with Madden adding the single.

Vernon now goes to Victoria March 27-30 for an eight team round robin series to decide the B.C. champions. Each of seven zones plus a host team will vie for honors.

Vikings bow out of BCJHL playoffs

By DOUG BULWER

Vernon Vikings are putting their gear in storage today following their demise of four straight losses suffered at the hands of the Penticton Broncos this past week in B.C. Junior A hockey semi-final playoffs.

Playing before a good sized crowd of loyal home town fans with a strong rooting section from Penticton also on hand, Vikings took their final lumps Saturday by a 10-6 difference. While it would be hardly fair to say the Vikings were never in the game or the series for that matter, one aspect really stood out, they were simply not physically in shape.

Throughout the late stages of the regular season and in the semi-final series, it was easy to note they could not find the combination of getting to the puck first and maintaining puck control when they did have it.

To a man, the Vikings this season were as good as anyone in the league as far as individual ability was concerned, but failed to put it all together as a winning unit at the most crucial times.

Basically they were a good team but far too often the opposition was just a little better when it counted most. Looking at the period scoring of the Saturday game, the 4-0 lead for the Broncos by the three-quarter mark of the opening round tells the story of the whole game as such a tremendous lead would dishearten even the best of the professionals.

While Vernon did come up with a single marker two minutes later, Broncos quickly nullified that one to make the score stand at 5-1 going into the middle stanza.

Second period action saw Vernon drop behind 6-1 within the first seven minutes but a tremendous three goal effort brought them back into contention only to see Broncos close out the period scoring with another single to lead 7-4 at the final whistle.

Third period play saw Broncos add three more to a pair of answers by the Vikings to wrap up the scoring at 10-6 in favour of the Broncos.

LAWTON SCORES FIVE

Leading the Penticton attack was a fantastic five goal effort on the part of Penticton native, Doug Lawton who scored twice in the first and third frames and added a single in the second period. Lawton also was in on two assisting plays to round out a perfect seven point night.

WHA standings

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

World	East Division	West Division					
N. England	38 27 3 256 225 79	W	L	T	F	A	P
Toronto	35 30 4 269 238 74	Los Angeles	41 21 2 283 228 85				
Quebec	34 21 3 215 248 68	Minnesota	38 27 2 283 228 65				
Cleveland	31 29 7 222 227 69	Edmonton	32 32 1 221 229 65				
Chicago	30 32 2 217 231 63	Winnipeg	30 33 5 219 248 65				
New Jersey	28 34 2 215 283 59	Vancouver	24 3 240 231 48				
		Los Angeles	23 44 0 205 274 46				
		Results Sunday					
		Vancouver 2 Edmonton 1					
		Los Angeles 6 Minnesota 5					

Others coming in for Bronco goals was a pair by Brian James with singles from Mark Severny, Greg Milliard and Mark Patterson.

For Vernon it was two goal efforts by Rod Dyck and Tad Campbell with singles from Don Murdoch and Dave Caldwell.

As in the Friday game, power-plays made the difference in the high scoring as Penticton picked up a pair while Vernon managed to gain three goals with Penticton sitting none out.

BCJHL roundup

Two British Columbia Junior Hockey League best-of-seven quarter-final series ended after four games Saturday night as Bellingham Blazers took a 7-6 win over Chilliwack Bruins and Penticton Broncos walloped Vernon Vikings 10-6.

Nanaimo Clippers forced a fifth game in their series with Langley Lords when they dumped the visiting team 5-3. In Merritt, the Centennials took a 2-1 lead in their quarter-final with Kelowna Buckaroos with a 6-5 victory.

The third game in the series between the Centennials and the Buckaroos was played Friday night in Kelowna but was called with 3:06 remaining after a fight broke out in the stands. League president Arnold Lowden of Penticton will be asked to make a ruling on the game.

The Bruins outshot Bellingham 43-37. The game was tied 2-2 at the end of the first period, but Bellingham took a 5-4 lead going into the final frame.

Innis MacKie and Brad Maxwell each scored twice for Bellingham, with singles coming from Wayne Jeske. For the Bruins, Ken Weninger and Jim Slater each scored twice with other goals notched by Terry Hochstetter and Tom O'Neil.

The Broncos led all the way as they smashed through to victory in Vernon. Penticton led 5-1 at the end of the first period and 7-4 after 40 minutes.

Doug Lawton paced the Broncos with five goals and had two assists, Brian James, with two goals, and Marc Severny, Greg Milliard and Mark Patterson scored the other markers.

Vernon scorers were Tad Campbell and Rod Dyck, with two goals apiece, Dave Caldwell and Don Murdoch.

In Merritt, the Centennials led 1-0 after the first period and 5-3 going into the final frame.

LEAD ATTACK

Paul Mulvey and Fred Berry led the attack with two goals each, while other Merritt tallies came from Gord Adameit and Darrell Zelinski.



DOUG LAWTON ... five goals

Mark Lofthouse and Archie McKinnon each scored twice for Kelowna, while Curt Fraser added a single.

The hometown Clippers led 3-1 at the end of a wild first period in which Nanaimo killed off a five-minute penalty after Kirk Fyfe was banned from the game for spearing.

Langley's Chris Dyer was thrown out of the game for prolonged arguing and Langley netminder Mark Earp was banished for being the third man in a fight.

Penticton Gale scored twice for the Clippers with Howard Beamish, Clint Eccles and Grant Currie adding singles. Brian Henderson, with two, and Ryan Walters counted for Langley.

The fifth game is in Langley Tuesday as the Lords and Nanaimo fight for the right to meet Bellingham in the Coast Division final.

Merritt plays at Kelowna Tuesday. The winner of their series will meet Penticton in the Interior Division final. The division winners will battle for the BCJHL championship.

Baseball support needed

Annual general meeting of minor baseball will be held Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the National Hotel.

Election of officers will be held and all parents and adults willing to assist in coaching, umpiring or in an executive position please attend.

If more parents of boys playing ball don't attend this important meeting there will be no minor baseball in Vernon this year.

Last year two meetings were scheduled and less than 10 people turned out in each case.

There is a lot of organizing required and if parents don't show interest the present executive will not carry on this year.

REMEMBER WHEN - John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight boxing champion, retained his title 38 years ago today—in 1996—by outpointing Jack McAvoy over 15 rounds at New York. Lewis abandoned the title two years later.

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Bruins suspend Derek Sanderson

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Bruins announced today that they have suspended centre Derek Sanderson for the rest

of the playoffs for "conduct detrimental to the proper operation of the hockey team."

Armchair boys begin