

Much-improved Lords battle Vikings tonight

Vernon Vikings will have their work cut out for them tonight when they host Langley Lords in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at 8 p.m.

Interior Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Kelowna	14	3	0	28
Penticton	9	9	1	19
Vernon	9	11	1	19
Merritt	5	12	1	11

Coast Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Chilliwack	11	8	0	22
Bellingham	11	10	0	22
Langley	10	7	1	21
Nanaimo	5	14	0	10

In two previous meetings this season, each team has won one encounter, but since

the last time the teams met in October, Lords have added several new players.

Among them are Wayne Morin, 19, who played last season with the Kamloops Chiefs and Terry Tarnow, 20, a member of the Calgary Centennials during the 1973-74 season.

Vikings received some good news this morning when they learned defenceman Brian Griese will be able to play tonight.

Griese took a hard shot on the leg in the Vikings' game Sunday and it was feared he may be lost to the club for up to one month. However, treatments this week, to the bad bone bruise, have healed it enough that he will be able to play tonight.

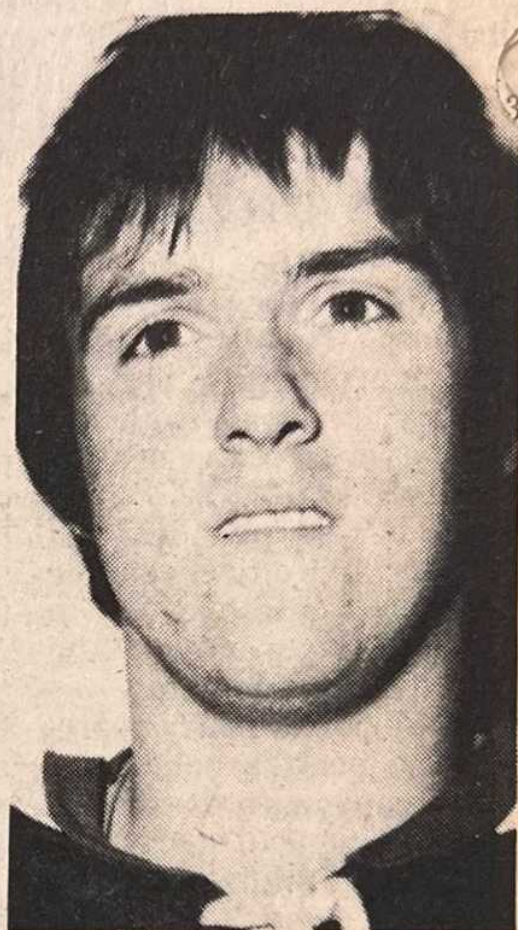
If Griese had been hurt, it would have left coach Joe Tennant with only four defencemen, including three rookies, for five games in the next five days.

Vernon leaves on a coast road swing Thursday.

In the only BCJHL game Tuesday, Kelowna Buckaroos trounced Merritt Centennials 12-2.

VIKINGS' SCORERS

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Bailey	18	12	30	28
Sidnick	10	17	27	61
Booth	9	11	20	13
Walmsley	12	7	19	48
Schultz	8	10	18	21
Billsten	7	11	18	2
Areshnekoff	7	8	15	7
Stein	5	9	14	32
Anaka	1	12	13	24
Ranson	7	3	10	9
Gilchrist	1	10	11	67
Griese	2	5	7	9
Lloyd	2	5	7	105
Scammel	2	4	6	66
Benson	1	5	6	26
Gassoff	0	5	5	32
McDonald	1	2	3	58



BRIAN GRIESE
... will play

BOBCATS WINLESS IN HAWAII

Vernon Beefeater Bobcats slowpitch softball team, which is currently touring Hawaii, has yet to win a game.

In three outings this week, the Bobcats have been defeated twice by Immigration, 27-24 and 18-12, and lost 27-22 to Rudy's Meat Balls.

Dick File clubbed a home run for the Bobcats in their first game against Immigration.

Coach Nick Turik blamed the losses on his club being older and more tired.

Turik said, "But we sure are having a good time."

Some of the players had much better luck with

Stenberg's win tourney

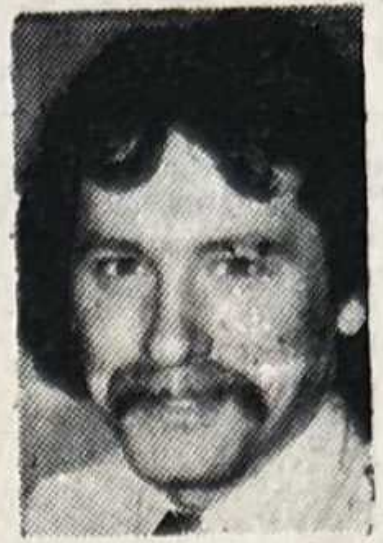
The team of Mark and Jean Stenberg captured first place in a mixed doubles handicap tournament held Sunday at Lincoln Lanes.

Stenberg's captured the tournament, sponsored by the Vernon Five Pin Bowling Association, with a total pinfall of 1929.

Second place went to the team of Archie Turek and Georgie McLean, who rolled 1912. Third spot was won by John Tykalovich and Sharon Redlick with an 1874 total.

Top three finishers shared the \$75 prize money.

Soccer team has a chance



Bright and early this morning Vernon Senior Secondary School's soccer team left for Burnaby and the provincial championships.

VSSS coach Keith Brookes has put together a well-balanced club, perhaps the most solid team to ever come out of the Okanagan.

So far this season, the team is undefeated and has been tied only once.

There is no doubt that Vernon will meet its toughest competition of the year at the provincial finals, but the locals may have one thing on their side.

For years, coast and island teams have dominated high school soccer, so the clubs playing Vernon, could be over-confident.

From goalie Bob Mann right out to the forward line, VSSS has a good team, and coach Brookes feels, as do several other soccer folks in Vernon, that the boys could possibly bring home the B.C. championship.

Brookes and his troops should be hoping for cold weather as coast teams are not used to the lower temperatures, and as a rule, are not as effective on a frozen field.

ON THE ROAD

Tonight is the last time, until Nov. 29, local hockey fans will get a chance to see the Vernon Vikings in action.

Vikings meet Langley Lords tonight and then set out on a coast road swing Thursday morning. Vernon will play four games, in four days, on the coast and then travel to Merritt for a game against the Centennials next Wednesday.

As proven by Boston Bruins' line of Phil Esposito, Wayne Cashman, and Ken Hodge, a good, big, forward line, can do a lot of damage to the opposition.

When Vernon coach Joe Tennant united the line of Ron Aresnekoff between Greg Walmsley and Gary Gilchrist early this season, he was hoping the line would be a good one.

They held their own in the checking department but did not start scoring regularly until the last few games. Sunday against Merritt, they exploded for six goals and 10 assists.

Gilchrist and Walmsley both tip the scales at more than 190, while Areshnekoff, a little above six feet tall, weighs about 170, making the line one of the league's biggest.

If they can continue to score goals and knock people around on the coast swing, it could be a good trip.

Medicine Hat

blanks Broncs

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medicine Hat Tigers dumped Lethbridge Broncs 5-0 Tuesday night for their fourth straight Western Canada Hockey League win and gave Jerry Farwell his second straight shutout on home ice.

In other WCHL games Tuesday, Victoria Cougars downed Flin Flon Bombers 9-3, Saskatoon Blades beat Regina Pats 10-4 and Winnipeg Clubs defeated Calgary Centennials 9-5.

The Tigers ended a scoreless contest with a second period goal by Tim Sanche. Morris Lukowich, Tom Bast and Greg Vaydik made it 4-0 before the period ended and Greg Carroll added one more in the third.

Medicine Hat goaltenders have allowed only four goals in the last four games with Farwell turning aside 24 attempts by the Broncs.

Referee Ron Fournier called a penalty shot against Lethbridge but Jeff Boychuk failed to make it count.