

BIG THIRD PERIOD

Vikings dump Langley

Vernon 6, Langley 2

Vernon Vikings came up with one of their finest performances of the season to defeat Langley Lords 6-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League play before 700 fans in Vernon Wednesday.

The victory gave Vikings a two-point edge over Penticton Broncos in the battle for second place in the interior division. League-leading Kelowna has 28 points, seven more than Vernon.

Lords led 2-1 at the end of the first period on goals by Kelly Ferner and Terry Tarnow. Darrell Billsten replied for Vikings.

Ferner's goal came after only 18 seconds, when his shot from the wing went off of Vernon netminder Jim Scammel's glove.

Marty Stein made the score 2-2 on a power play at 19:27 of the second period.

Throughout the first two periods, Vikings were continually thwarted by Langley goalie Ken Bain who made several sensational saves. Three shots, which went off the posts, also helped.

But, in the third period, Langley's defence, and Bain, finally broke down.

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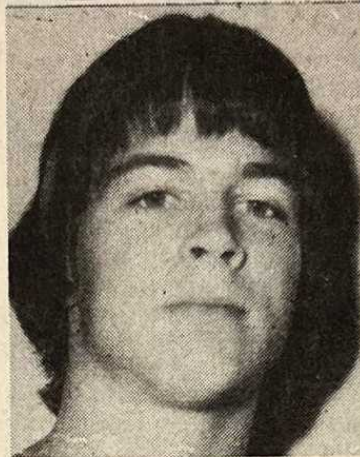
Dwight Bailey, with his 19th goal of the season, put Vernon ahead to stay early in the final period. Bill Sten picked up his second goal of the night at 14:08, Gary Gilchrist scored on a great individual effort at 14:32, and defenceman Gary Gassoff scored his first goal of the season at 17:02, to round out the scoring.

Over the night Bain made 36 stops, while Scammel turned away 31 shots. Scammel was particularly brilliant in the third period when he made 16 saves and shutout the Lords.

Vikings were handed four of 10 minor penalties and picked up the game's only major in the dying minutes when defenceman Owen Lloyd picked up a fighting penalty.

For Lords, it was their third straight loss on this road trip, and in the three games, they have allowed 25 goals while scoring only 10.

Vikings get their first chance to hit .500 hockey this season when they are hosted



DARRELL BILLSTEN
...scored two

by Chilliwack Bruins tonight.

Bruins were blasted 10-2 by coast division leaders, Bellingham Blazers, in the only other game Wednesday.

After Chilliwack, Vikings play in Nanaimo Friday, Bellingham Saturday and Langley Sunday.

GOALPOSTS: Vikings are leaving on the road swing relatively healthy with only a few minor hurts... the line of Gilchrist with Ron Areshnekoff, and Greg Walmsley continued its fine play Wednesday and had the Langley players keeping their heads up.

VERNON PLAYERS NAMED TO TEAM

By KEVIN MITCHELL

Three of Vernon Senior Secondary School's top volleyball players have been selected to play on all-star teams which will represent B.C. in the Canada Winter Games, in February.

Les Jantz and Gord Starchuck were chosen for the boys' team while Colleen Cole was named to the girls' team. All three players have been key members of VSSS's successful volleyball teams this season.

They were chosen to the teams at tryouts held last weekend in Victoria.

Al Scott, coach of the University of Victoria volleyball team, will be coaching the B.C. boys' team.

Both the B.C. teams will continue practicing until February, when the games will be held in Lethbridge, Alta. The three VSSS players will join the teams for major workouts during the Christmas holidays, in Victoria.

Sports

DON KENDALL, Sports Editor

Vernon boys having fun



It is hard to say how much baseball they are actually playing, and it is impossible to be certain if they will ever be allowed back in Hawaii, but the Vernon Beefeater Bobcats Slowpitch team are alive and well in the Pacific Paradise.

In between playing softball against Hawaiian teams, the players are enjoying the beautiful weather, some great fishing, and of course several Mai-Tais.

Vernon Parks and Recreation director Jack Boutilier, and Vernon Vikings' president Les York, phoned the other day to let us know they are having a real ball.

They lost their first three games, but they certainly weren't in mourning. Boutilier said, "No matter how many pictures you have seen of Hawaii or how beautiful you hear it is, it is better when you get here."

He denied that he was doing a commercial for the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Night School director Nick Turik is looking after the coaching duties and so far has a perfect record, no wins.

Vernon aldermanic hopeful, and perhaps better known as the Winter Carnival Sheriff, Chris Brown, phoned Tuesday to say the fishing has been great and among those who reeled in a big one Monday was Don Brown, Vernon city clerk.

They are having a great time and will no doubt have a lot of stories to tell when they get back.

You can hardly blame Lions' head coach Eagle Keys for his club's loss Sunday to Saskatchewan Roughriders.

For starters, the only way Lions could have beaten the Riders would have been to assassinate George Reed and Ron Lancaster.

Secondly, Lions' bench looked more like the Regina chapter of the Red Cross.

For starters, long before Sunday's encounter, Leos had lost fullback Johnny Musso, flanker Brock Aynley, and defensive halfback Mike Wilson, for the season, due to injuries.

Only one regular member of the defensive line, Garrett Hunsperger, was able to finish the game.

Because of injuries, Bill Baker and Bud Magrum did not dress, and Gary Robinson was injured early in the second half.

Defensive halfback Bob Hornes, Wilson's replacement, was injured last week, and Hornes' replacement, Joe Larkin, was then injured.

That made way for rookie Luther Howard to make his CFL start against the Riders. It did not take Lancaster long to initiate the rookie.

Quarterback Don Moorhead saw only spot duty because of an injury and fullback Lou Harris, because of an ankle injury, came up limping after almost every play.

Then there was flanker Jim Young and tight end Lefty Hendrickson, who both played with painful injuries, and will both soon go under the knife.

It was only a shadow of a team which was burning up the league early in the season. But, let's hope the Lions don't take a dive in '75.

But, in Sunday's Western Conference final, we still have someone to cheer for; Roger Scales and the Edmonton Eskimos.

Scales is Vernon's version of the hometown boy who made good, and the 1974 season was perhaps his best ever.

Now in his fifth season in the CFL, Roger has received praise from not only his teammates and opposition linemen, but also from his head coach Ray Jauch.

Jauch said, "He has a tremendous attitude . . . exactly what you want in a player. Roger always gives you a little more. He is not as strong and not as big as some linemen, but he knows his limitations and he does things to get the job done."

Roger, like most Canadian offensive linemen, can have an exceptional game and no one will notice him. In fact last season, he won the Eskimos' award as, 'The Unknown Eskimo.'

Watch for him Sunday, he's number 51.