

W Vikings live up to expectations



JOE TENNANT
...fairly pleased

By DON KENDALL

Daily News Sports Editor
Most hockey coaches make their predictions at the start of the season as, where the club will be at Christmas, and where they will be at the end of the season.
Well, here it is Christmas, and time to look at Vernon Vikings' coach Joe Tennant's words of wisdom.
Back in September, Tennant said he had a young club and would be happy if his team was playing 500 hockey at Christmas time. Vikings are currently one game over the 500 mark.
Tennant said, "Kelowna and Penticton both have much more experience than we so if we are third at Christmas, with striking distance of second, I'll be happy."
Vernon is currently in second place, one point ahead of Penticton, but well back of the league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos. However, on the bright side, Vernon has handed Kelowna three of its six losses this season.
There have been some pleasant surprises for Vikings so far, but of course, there has been disappointments too.
STRONG IN GOAL
In goal, Jim Scammel and Darrell Eumark have given the Vikings one of the best one-two goaltending punches in the BCJHL.
On defence, Tennant and the fans both feel they are still lacking an experienced leader. Veterans Terry Anaka and Brian Griese have given their best seasons with the club, but they could use one more defenceman, adept at moving the puck out of their end.
Up front, on the whole, the forwards have been scoring enough goals but the checking has been at times, erratic, to say the least.
The emergence of Ron Areshneko, Greg Walmsley, and Gary Gilchrist, as a high scoring line, as well as a highly physical line, has been one of the pleasant surprises.
Dwight Bailey got off to a flying start after joining Vernon early in the season, but lately, has cooled off quite a bit.
Darrell Booth suffered a painful back injury early in the season, and because of that, he has not been able to play to his potential.
Gary Benson, who had a great training camp and an exhibition schedule, has scored only one goal in league play.
He was expected to be a 20 goal man in this season.
CROWDS POOR
On the whole, Tennant is happy with his team's performance prior to Christmas.
He said, "If we can improve between now and March as much as we have from October to now, we should be tough in the playoffs."
However, one thing I would like to see improve greatly is the fan support!
At the start of the season, crowd support was terrible. In recent weeks, attendance has risen slightly and team officials are hoping for larger crowds in the New Year.
It would be ridiculous to say that the Vikings will catch Kelowna as the Bucks are walking away with the league.
But, Vernon should be able to hold onto second place and perhaps close a little ground on Kelowna.
Because of the league playoff set-up, every club makes the playoffs. And that is where Tennant is predicting, "We'll beat the Bucks."

PLAYER	G	A	Pts
Bailey	28	19	47
Sidnic	19	27	46
Areshneko	19	25	44
Walmsley	17	25	42
Bilstein	13	24	37
Gilchrist	15	18	33
Griese	12	17	29
Anaka	2	26	28
Schultz	12	11	23
Stein	3	14	17
Booth	12	17	24
Ranson	10	6	16
Gassoff	5	11	16
Lloyd	5	11	14
Benson	1	8	9
Boychuk	5	3	8
Lefly	5	3	8
McDonald	2	3	8
Scammel	3	4	7

UBC DUMPS CALGARY

By KEVIN MITCHELL
University of British Columbia Thunderbirds proved to be too tough for the University of Calgary as they whipped the Dinosaur four games, who had an exhibition volleyball action Saturday at Vernon Senior Secondary School.
Thunderbirds opened the night with a 15-10 victory but Calgary rebounded to take the second game 15-13. UBC then roared back to sweep the final three games, 16-14, 15-12, and 15-9.

In the preliminary series, VSSS' boys' team ended an outstanding season on a losing note, two games to one, to the Winfield Junior Men's Team.
VSSS, which placed third in B.C. this year, lost the opening game 15-8, took the second 16-14, and lost the deciding match 15-11.

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Sports

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MINOR HOCKEY

Butcher Boys record first win

Led by the excellent goaltending of pint-sized Hensel Misener, Butcher Boys defeated Vernon Sport and Marine 2-1 in peewee house league play Sunday at Vernon Civic Arena.
Philip Mecher and Doug Christien scored for Butcher Boys, who recorded their first win of the season. Jason Harder replied for first-place Sport and Marine.
Elks fought from a 2-0 deficit to edge Tradeland 3-2. Bruce Graham, Darcy Kirk, and Steven Hesketh scored for Elks while Bruce Bernhardt and Clay Heater replied for Tradeland.
A two goal performance by Derrick Smithson, and steady goaltending by Doug Holmes, led Universal Welders to a 4-3 victory over Genies.
Other Universal marksmen were Lee King and Kevin Haggarty. Tom Davies, with two and Bill Leir scored for Genies.
Pup reps skated well and put together a solid offensive attack to dump Archie Fleming 4-1.
Tom Day, Dave Wensley, Kevin Mikosky, and Scott Leir scored for the pups while Andy Smith got Fleming's long goal.
Red Top Grocery pulled their goalie in favor of a sixth

attacker, and scored with 22 seconds remaining, to tie Super Shoe 3-3 in senior pup house league play Saturday.
Bruce Major scored on a pass from Steven Smith to give Red Top the draw. Jim Healey and Richard Horner collected Red Top's other goals. Gordon Edwards, Robin Fredricks, and Bruce Robertson replied for Super Shoe.
In other games, Village Green topped Athens 3-2, Standard Oil dumped Bruins 6-2, Armstrong blanked Bear Alignment 2-0, and Rendall Tractor edged Lumbly 4-3.
Jamie Carter, Robbie Schaefer, and Terry Tomkie scored for the Village Green while Richard Belec and John Peters replied for Athens.
Standard Oil got two goals each from Dean Bristol and Barry Hilt while Mitchell Howard and Duncan Stanley added singles. Don McCadden and Kevin Thorlakson counted for Bruins in a losing cause.
Larry Kroener picked up the shutout for Armstrong with goals from Shane Coski and Clint Hamilton.
Raymond Duley scored three goals for Lumbly but it was not enough as Kent Adams, Chris Mowald, Gordon Olson, and Brad Shaigee got one each for Rendall.

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PIN POINTS

December 29
Golden Age
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Men's high single, Sandy Dovo 301; high triple, Village Green 122; high average, Sandy Dovo 190; Team high single, Duds & 202; High triple, Hedges 200; "300" Club, Sandy Dovo 301.

December 15
Sunday Mile 8-16
Women's high single, Linda Sharpe 281; high triple, Minda Koenig 718; high average, Linda Koenig 206.
Men's high single, Val Andreotti 754; high average, Val Andreotti 255; Team high single, Village Green 122; high triple, Unknowns 275.

TEAM STANDINGS
Lincint-Lanes 324
Lane Lions 324
Town Development 277
Unknowns 277

Miami captures Tangerine

ORLANDO, Fla. (CP) — Quarterback Sherman Smith ran for one touchdown and passed for another Saturday night to lead Miami of Ohio to a 21-10 conquest of Georgia in the Tangerine Bowl football game.
It was the second consecutive Tangerine Bowl title for the Mid-American Conference champs, who ranked 15th in the final regular-season Associated Press Poll, and their second in a row over a team from the Southeastern Conference. The game was played before 20,246 fans.
Miami struck swiftly and rolled to a comfortable 21-10 halftime lead—sparked by two fumble recoveries by linebacker John Roudabush—to dominate the 29th annual post-season clash.

Tuskegee wins Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — Freshman Bobby Shaw booted a 30-yard field goal with two seconds left Saturday, giving Tuskegee Institute a 15-14 college football victory over Norfolk State in the inaugural Gate City Bowl.
Shaw, who had kicked two first-half field goals, got his last-second opportunity when Emanuel McChee booted a punt and Steve Robinson recovered for Tuskegee at the 13-yard line with seven seconds remaining.



THE FRUSTRATED LOOK of Winfield Raiders' goalie Dee Kutschera as he eyes the puck in his net. This goal by Jeff Todd, out of the picture, gave Vernon Screaming Eagles a 1-0 lead and they went on to blast Winfield 7-1 in NOHL play Sunday. Waiting for the rebound, that never came, are Vernon's Barry Dye (8), and Winfield's Mel Mitchell. (Daily News Photo by Don Kendall)

Kal's winning streak now stands at eight

Vernon Kal stretched its winning streak to eight games with a 3-2 victory over Armstrong Cougars in North Okanagan Hockey League play Sunday at the Vernon Civic Arena.
In the other NOHL game Sunday, Winfield Raiders were trounced 7-1 by Vernon Screaming Eagles.
Scott Shirley gave Armstrong a 1-0 first period lead and that goal stood up until early in the third period when George Fargher tied the score.
Marty Stein, brought up for the game from the Vernon Vikings, put Cougars back in front at 14:03, but then it was time for Kal veteran Jim Moro to go to work.
Moro, last year's most valuable player in the NOHL, scored goals at 18:34 and 19:20 of the final period to give Kal the victory.
Kal was assessed six of 11 minor penalties and each team received one fighting major. The majors were handed out to Kal's Bernie Smithson and Cougars' Bruce Townsend, who engaged in a third period altercation.



JIM MORO
...scores a pair

Screaming Eagles built up a 7-0 lead before Robin Lacroix spoiled goalie Mike Merring's shutout bid at 12:22 of the final period.
Jeff Todd gave the Eagles a 1-0 first period lead and Vernon extended that margin to 4-0 after 40 minutes.
John Madden, Larry Lewis, Barry Dye, Bernie Marchand, Henry Wilson, and Gary Chriss were the other Eagle marksmen.
Terry Lowe, brought up from the midjet reps, by the Eagles, collected two assists.
Vernon was handed seven of 12 minor penalties and each team received two majors.
Herring turned away 18 shots for the Eagles while Dee Kutschera stopped 19 shots for Winfield.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Brandon Wheat Kings defeated Winnipeg Clubs 7-2 Sunday in a Western Canada Hockey League game marred by brawls and a total of 194 minutes in penalties.

Police called in to restore order

Winnipeg trailing with 22 each in the western section, Victoria leads with 53 points ahead of Kamloops with 40, Medicine Hat with 39 and New Westminster with 37. Low on the scale are Edmonton with 29 and Calgary with 14.

Pacers battle officials

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Indiana Pacers had a hard time Sunday night. They not only had to play against Kentucky Colonels but found time to battle the officials as well.
The Colonels beat the Pacers 118-110, but it might have been different if the officials had played ball, insists Pacer coach Bob Leonard.
"It was those two guys out there in striped shirts," snapped Leonard, who felt that the Colonels got away with murder while fouling left and right. "We didn't deserve to be that close but once we got there it shouldn't make them call it any different. That's two times in a row we've been held going on at the end."
The Colonels, on the other hand, didn't think they were aided by the referees.
"We're coming back to the form we were in at the beginning," said Kentucky coach Hubie Brown, referring to early-season success when the Colonels won 11 of the first 12 games. "Anytime you play five games in six nights you have a fatigue factor that's important, but we got great help from our bench."
The victory, the Colonels' fifth in six days, lifted them back into first place in the American Basketball Association's Eastern Division over New York Nets. The Nets had a 10-game winning streak stopped by Utah Stars, 83-77, and dropped 12 percentage points behind the Colonels.
In the only other ABA game Sunday night, San Antonio Spurs defeated San Diego Conquistadors 124-104.
In the National Basketball Association, Milwaukee Bucks beat New Orleans Jazz 96-76, Los Angeles Lakers defeated Portland Trail Blazers 115-102 and Seattle SuperSonics defeated Detroit Pistons 108-90.
In the NBA on Saturday, Boston beat New York 109-91, Houston beat Atlanta 101-96, Washington defeated Philadelphia 117-101, Chicago beat Cleveland 87-84, Kansas City-Omaha defeated Golden State 107-84, Phoenix defeated Los Angeles 114-104 and Portland beat Detroit 108-97.
In Saturday's ABA action, New York beat Indiana 134-122, Virginia defeated St. Louis 99-93, Kentucky defeated Memphis 115-98 and Denver beat San Antonio 119-104.

Plante wants new stats

EDMONTON (CP) — Jacques Plante, who revolutionized hockey goaltending by introducing the mask and skating from his net to help move the puck to his forwards, has another scheme.
He wants to revolutionize goaltending statistics.
"Statistics for a goalie as they now are kept mean nothing," said Plante, former National Hockey League great who came out of retirement this season to join Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association.
In an interview, he pointed out several glaring weaknesses in goals-against averages.
Shots on goal, for example, "are meaningless."
"Sometimes a goalie saves a soft shot which should be automatic but it still counts if it is on the net. Another time, he intercepts a pass to stop a sure goal and doesn't get credit for a save because the puck isn't on the net."
Plante said he recognized the weakness in statistics for netminders after Montreal got Canada's first major league baseball team, the Expos.
"I used to think baseball just kept a bunch of statistics to fill record books, but they can tell you everything about a player, which isn't the case in hockey."
BALL STAX HUNDY
"What happens when you play for a rough team which takes many penalties? The other teams get more power-play chances... and they should score more goals."
Plante, sidelined for the early part of the season with a broken hand, said he plans to keep his own statistics "and not count goals-against when we are shorthanded."
The ideal way to compute goals against would be to use the same method baseball employs to determine earned-run averages.
A scorer would determine whether a goaltender had a chance for a save or whether a goal was caused by another player's error which left the goalie no chance.
"In that case, you would need a scorer who really knew the game, which you can't get in most American cities."
Plante spent most of his career with Montreal Canadiens, where he pioneered the mask and demonstrated the value of coming out of his net to play the puck. He also played with New York Rangers and St. Louis Blues, then served last season as general manager of Quebec Nordiques.
He resigned in Quebec to join Edmonton as an active player.

Vernon racers place well

Second race on the Mark Ten Snowmobile Trail was held over the weekend in Quesnel.
Several local racers took part in the event and described the new Quesnel track as "Fantastic."
In the super stock 'A' main, John Wolfe, of Vernon, captured third place.
Jerry Coburn, of Vernon, took second place in the 340 modified stock 'A' main and third place in the 340 super modified 'A' main.
In the 340 super stock powder puff race, Nancy Walters, of Vernon, captured top honors.
Second place in the 440 super modified 'A' main went to Eric Tucker, of Vernon.
Matti Honkanen, of Salmon Arm, took first spot in the 650 super modified 'A' main, placing ahead of Wayne Hickson, of Vernon. Tucker placed fourth in that event.

Bowlers of the week

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Lydia Veneau and Larry Grant. Veneau, a member of the Alley Cats in the Monday 7 to 9 p.m. league, rolled a 526 triple, 157 pins over her

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WAYNE DYE
... good weekend

Spokane strengthens league lead

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spokane Flyers strengthened their hold on first place in the Western International Hockey League during the weekend, beating Portland Buckaroos 7-3 Saturday and Cranbrook Royals 7-2 Sunday.

The Royals, with 33 points, are in second place, three behind Spokane.

Three unanswered goals in the third period gave Trail Smoke Eaters a 5-1 win over Nelson Maple Leafs Saturday in Trail. Nelson was to play Kimberley Dynamiters Sunday in Kimberley but the game was cancelled because of poor road conditions.

Both the Flyers' victories were in Spokane, Wash.

On Sunday, Bob Stoyko and Nels Venerus scored two goals apiece while singles came from Bob Trembecky, Wayne Dye and Bob Strimbeski.

FOR ROYALS

Doug Blaney and Brian Dickie scored for the Royals.

Spokane led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 4-0 going into the third.

On Saturday, Venerus paced the Flyers with two goals while Jim Stanfield, Stoyko, Ken McLash, Don Dirk and Dye added one each. Roger Bellerive, Barney Krake and Lynn O'Bryne got the Portland goals.