

AFTER LOSS

Vikings practice in the wee hours

Vernon Vikings suffered their third loss in four games when Merritt Centennials defeated the Vikings 4-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday in Merritt.

However, that was just the beginning of a long night for the Vikings. After making the three hour bus trip from Merritt back to Vernon, Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant ordered his club onto the Vernon Civic Arena ice.

The team hit the ice shortly after 2 a.m. and did not leave until 4:10 a.m.

Tennant said, "Not everyone played poorly but the good ones have to suffer with the bad. It is their fault, not mine, that they had that practice this morning."

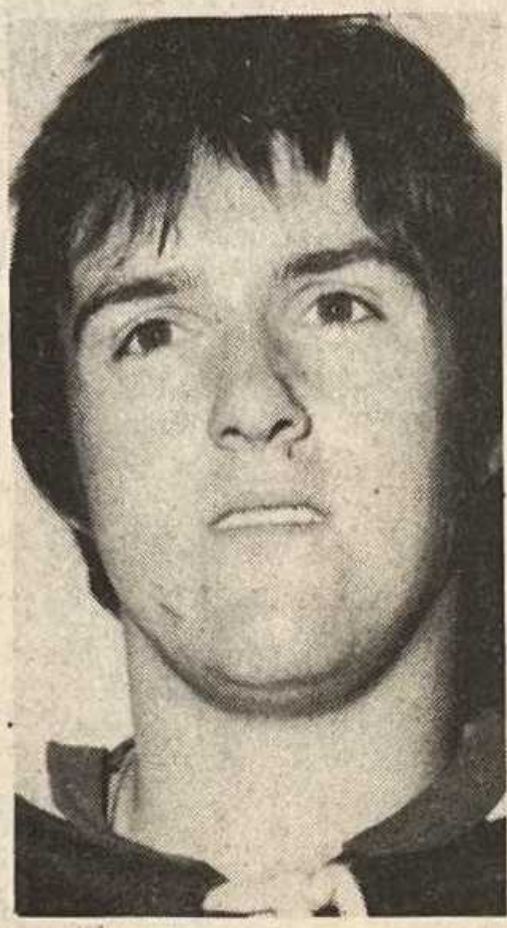
NO NEED

"There was no need for them to lose that game and it had better not happen again."

Back in Merritt, Danny Rota, Stan Alstad, Darrell Zelinski, and Scott Kelowaski scored for the Cents. Marty Stein and Darrell Booth got the Viking goals.

Score was tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after the second.

In the only other BCJHL game Wednesday, Langley



BRIAN GRIESE
... an all-star

Lords defeated Nanaimo Clippers 4-2.

Meanwhile, four Vikings have been named to the BC-JHL's interior division all-star team.

Defencemen Brian Griese and Terry Anaka, centre Dwight Bailey, and wing Grant Sidnick, were named Wednesday to the squad which will meet the coast division all-stars Jan. 23 in Kelowna.

League-leading Kelowna Buckaroos dominated the interior squad with their coach, Don Culley, and seven players named to the team. The players are Jerry Hopfe, Jerry Nekrasoff, Doug Berry, Perry Schnarr, Archie McKinnon, Duane Monteith, and Mark Schnarr.

Darrell Zelinski, Greg Agar, Joe Radvak, Greg Hayes, and Dale Weatherell will represent Merritt, with Dell Iannone, Kirk Aulin, Greg Milliard, and Bob Irvine chosen from Penticton Broncos.

Canadians record fifth straight win

Vernon Canadians edged Grand Forks Border Kings, of the Kootenay International Hockey League, 4-3 in exhibition junior B action Wednesday before a capacity crowd in Grand Forks.

Score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 2-2 after 40 minutes.

Border Kings, Vernon Vikings' farm team, led the game for a short time in the second period, 2-1.

Fred Peropolkin scored a pair of goals for Vernon with singles from Dave Caldwell and Bernie Marchand.

Canadians took a 4-2 lead early in the third period and Border Kings pressed hard in the dying minutes narrowing the gap to 4-3. However, with six attackers, after pulling their goalie, Grand Forks was unable to tie the score.



BERNIE MARCHAND
... scored one

Vernon netminders Charlie Briskham and Mike Smithson played a strong game combining for 30 stops while Keith Ferner made 36 stops for the Border Kings.

Canadians' coach Gerry Wenman was pleased with his team's victory, the fifth in as many games.

However, Wenman did criticize the referee who he said, "Called the game too close."

Oakland QB named MVP

NEW ORLEANS (AP) —

PIN POINTS

DEC. 18

WEDNESDAY MIXED—9-11

Women's high single: Irene Genier 313; high triple: Irene Genier 683; high average: Betty McGee, Lori Kupryk 205.

Men's high single: Frank Gratton 272; high triple: Frank Gratton 740; high average Frank Gratton 226.

Team high single: The Shorts 1333; high triple: The Shorts 3719.

"300" Club: Irene Genier 313.

TEAM STANDINGS

Happy Hookers	331
Hong Kong Village	317
Assassins	315
The Shorts	309 1/2

JAN. 8

WEDNESDAY MIXED—7-9

Women's high single: Karen Pollard 312; high triple: Karen Pollard 737; high average: Marilyn Weir 211.

Men's high single: Gordon Wiffen 286; high triple: Gordon Wiffen 730; high average: Marv Zwarych 220.

"300" Club: Karen Pollard 312.

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