

# New line looks good



# McDonald leads Vikings to win

## Vernon moves closer to Pentiction Broncos



MERRITT CENTENNIALS' goalie Doug Forbes was able to block this shot by Vernon Vikings' Gary Gilchrist but, there were a lot he couldn't stop in Monday's B.C. Junior Hockey League game. Vikings won 9-6. Waiting for a rebound is Ron Areshneko, left, and Marty Stein, centre. Below, big winger Jack Lefley gives two Centennials an unfriendly greeting along the boards in the offensive end. Lefley's line, along with Randy McDonald and Darrell Billsten, accounted for 11 points. (Daily News Photos by Don Kendall)



RANDY McDONALD ... busy night

It was great to see winger Randy McDonald come up with a good game Monday as the Vikings dumped Merritt Centennials.

Randy is a player who combines a minimum amount of natural ability with a lot of desire and muscle. He got caught up in the numbers game a few weeks back when Vikings had to reduce their roster, and it came down to keeping a good scorer rather than a policeman. So, he went to Grand Forks.

McDonald and Jack Lefley are the ideal combination to play with centre Darrell Billsten. Billsten is a smooth stickhandler but not particularly adept in the corners.

Lefley and McDonald thrive in the corners and like the hard-hitting type of game.

Vikings most consistent line this season, Ron Areshneko between Gary Gilchrist and Greg Walmsey, combined a smooth centre with two big wingers. So maybe, that method will work again.

**TICKET DRIVE**  
Vernon Minor Hockey Association's annual Peeewe Hockey Tournament ticket drive will be held Wednesday night.

The kids will be knocking on doors throughout the city, selling passes for the upcoming Winter Carnival Peeewe Hockey Tournament.

It is going to be cold and the sidewalks will probably be slippery so leave on your porch light and support minor hockey.

**HARD WORKER**  
No one is working harder or putting in more hours these days than Vernon Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig.

Unfortunately, the basketball program in Vernon, right from elementary school up to high school, has not been developed well in past years.

It shows when players reach high school age and Vernon teams are not competitive with teams from the south Okanagan or the coast.

Inrig was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Vernon Minor Basketball League, which hopefully will teach players the fundamentals at a young age.

The league is going quite well but, it is going to be a long, hard process to develop basketball in this area to the extent it is in other centres.

Inrig has spent countless hours working with the Panthers this year but he just doesn't have the players to run them into a championship team.

It is not the players' fault. They just did not play enough basketball and get proper coaching at an early age.

The backbone of any team is its farm system and Vernon's system is not developed enough to be a great asset to the Panthers. But, thanks to Inrig's hard work, maybe in five years, that system will be strong.

## ENDERBY BOWLING RESULTS

**SATURDAY BANTAMS**  
Team high single and double, Sharp Shooters 974-1807; girls' high single and double, Sandra Hale 174-272; boys' high single, Lawrence Marsh 179; boys' high double, Clayton Castle 323.

**MONDAY LADIES**  
High single, Renee Sutherland 326; high triple, Diane Vetter 752; team high triple, Kingsfishers 1284; team high single, Springbend Luckies 3382; ladies' high average, Diane Vetter 201; team standings, Springbend Luckies 20, Happy Gang 19, Ladybirds 18, and Ranga Tangs 17.

**TUESDAY MEN'S**  
Team high triple, Five Spots 3428; team high single, Five Spots 1257; high triple, Terry Crandemire 750; high single, Bert Marshall 397; bowler of the week, Bert Marshall 131 pins over.

**WEDNESDAY MIXED**  
Ladies' high single and triple, Elmor Hagard 284-495; men's high single and triple, Glen Sickland 281-787; team high single and triple, Pickups 1154-3377; team standings, Oddballs 22, We 21, Nomads 20, Pickups 18, Potlickers 17, and Ups and Downs 17; pins over average, George Hagard 134 pins over.

**THURSDAY MIXED**  
Team high single and triple, Jety 1077-2829; men's high triple, Paul Birkelund 700; men's high single, Len Steward 264; ladies' high triple, Marg Heape 646; ladies' high single, Jacqui Crandemire 275; men's high average, Jim Davison 221; ladies' high average, Hilda Friede 190.

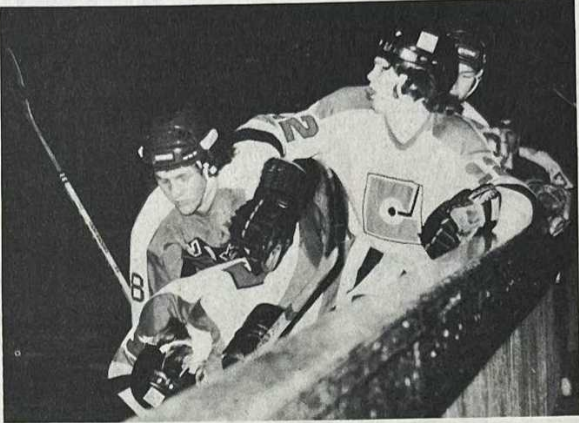
**SUNDAY MIXED**  
Team high single, Merry Makers 1192; team high triple, John's 3199; ladies' high single and triple, Helen DeBoer 245-666; men's high single and triple, Bob McQuillan 323-741.

## LUMBY PINFALL PRATTLE

**Ladies League**  
Women's high single, Sylvia Fiset 267; high triple, Sylvia Fiset 635; high average, Ann Conway 205.  
Team high single, Unpredictables 1234; high triple, Dumbbells 324.

**TEAM STANDINGS**  
Ailey Oops ..... 274½  
Cool Oops ..... 247  
Pinto Bells ..... 244½  
Plumbers ..... 231

**Men's League**  
Men's high single, Andy Ingram 287; high triple, Andy Ingram 664;



## Winfield thumps Lumby in men's hoop action

Vernon Art's Team defeated Armstrong 85-78 and Winfield bombed Lumby - 103-73 in men's commercial basketball Monday at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

First-place Gulf faced all they could handle as the Armstrong team played an inspired game.

Vernon led 24-14 after the first quarter and 47-32 at halftime, but the third quarter belonged to Armstrong.

**HOUCHEIN HOT**  
Led by the hot hand of Ian Houchein, the Cheese City boys outscored Gulf 25-12 in the third-quarter and narrowed the gap to 59-57.

Rick Inrig led Gulf's attack with 22 points while Morris Vardabasso added 16. Tony Wolcott was top gun for Armstrong with 29 points while Houchein sunk 28.

was missing big Jim Furlong, which allowed Winfield centre Vince Jarvis to dominate the boards, and the game.

Winfield led 29-15 after the first quarter, 56-29, at halftime, and 87-47 after three-

quarters. Jarvis collected 24 points for the winners while Dave Bingham added 19.

Bob Huser scored 27 for Lumby with 14 points contributed by Pat Johnston.

Vernon 9, Merritt 6  
Vernon Vikings moved within one point of second-place Pentiction Broncos in the British Columbia Hockey League's interior division with a 9-6 victory over Merritt Centennials Monday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Darrell Billsten found himself a couple new linemates and immediately responded with three goals and an assist.

His wingers, Randy McDonald and Jack Efeley, assisted on all three goals while McDonald added one marker of his own.

Gary Gilchrist scored two for the winners with singles from Ron Areshneko, Dwight Bailey, and Jeff Buchuk.

Darrell Zelinski and Perry Stensland scored two goals each for the Centennials while Scott Kolewaski and Danny Rota added one each.

McDonald, who played most of this season with the Vikings before being sent to their farm club in Grand Forks, was

brought up, along with goalie Mario DeBella, for the game.

The rugged winger is one player who enjoys the rough stuff and is great in the corners. Besides his four-point performance, he picked up a five-minute fighting major after a battle with Cents' Dean Dyer in the third period and added some spark to the lineup.

**SOLID CHECKS**  
Several of Merritt's squad no doubt woke up this morning with bruises and sore limbs.

Vikings' defenceman Owen Lloyd, the club's best bodychecker when he has a good night, was at his best Monday.

Lloyd crunched several Centennials and brought the small crowd, of about 400 people, to their feet several times.

Vikings led 4-2 after the first period and 5-4 after the second.

DeBella made 28 saves for Vernon while Greg Hayes and Doug Forbes combined to block 34 shots for the Centennials.

DeBella was beaten badly on at least two of Merritt's goals and was scheduled to return to Grand Forks today.

Vikings' coach Joe Tennant has not yet decided whether he will keep McDonald but, he did play well.

**GOALPOSTS**  
John Scammel, who was sent to Grand Forks about one month ago, has collected 29 points in 10 games. The hard-hitting defenceman has looked so good there, Tennant says he will be giving him another look before the season ends.

"They take the game seriously and the fans have enthusiasm as I learned from trips to Gainesville, Fla., and Mobile, Ala. I look forward to playing with the Falcons."

And the Falcons look forward to having Bartkowski, a dropback passer who broke Craig Morton's single-season California passing record by throwing for 2,580 yards, including 12 touchdowns.

**MAGILLAN RECALLED**

## Bruins salvage tie with Scouts

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
A last-minute goal by Don Marcotte saved Boston Bruins from a second embarrassment in front of their old coach Monday night.

about than tying his old team. After only five wins and four ties in their first 36 games, they have five wins, five losses and a tie to show for 11 outings this month.

**HAD THE LEAD**  
The Scouts took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Norm Dube and Guy Charron, blew the lead, and then went back in front on Robin Burns' third-period goal. Rod Graham and Phil Esposito were the other Boston scorers.

The tie left Boston nine points behind Buffalo Sabres, who led the Adams Division.

The Sabres, meanwhile, acquired centre Fred Stanfield from Minnesota North Stars in exchange for winger Norm Gratton and future considerations.

Stanfield, who has 169 career goals, had only eight this season for the Stars.

Los Angeles Kings and the Canadiens, who share first place in the Norris Division, both see action tonight.

National League	Patrick Division			
	G	W	L	P
Philadelphia	24	20	4	161
Rangers	25	13	9	166
Atlanta	21	19	9	136
Islanders	18	17	12	132
Smythe Division				
Vancouver	25	19	5	168
Chicago	24	20	4	161
St. Louis	18	22	7	149
Minnesota	12	27	6	132
Kansas City	10	25	17	201
Norris Division				
Los Angeles	27	8	13	164
Montreal	27	9	13	148
Pittsburgh	17	2	7	162
Detroit	12	6	13	183
Washington	4	4	5	103
Adams Division				
Buffalo	31	10	7	211
Boston	25	13	10	219
Toronto	17	2	7	162
California	12	20	9	138

The Bruins needed Marcotte's 22nd goal of the season to salvage a 3-3 tie with Kansas City Scouts in a National Hockey League

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