

Blazers plant Vernon 6 points behind Broncos

Vernon Vikings fell six points back of second-place Penticton Broncos in the interior division of the B.C. Junior Hockey League as Vikings suffered a 4-1 loss to Bellingham Blazers Friday in Vernon.

Meanwhile, in Kelowna, the Broncos upset the league-leading Buckaroos 7-3.

Dwight Bailey ruined Blazer goalie Jack Anderson's bid for a shutout at 17:17 of the third period. At the time, Bellingham led 3-0.

Blazers took a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Randy

Rudnyk and Brian Pearce. Rudnyk, with his second goal of the game, made the score 3-0 after two periods.

LATE GOAL

Stan Smyl collected Bellingham's last goal with only 22 seconds remaining in the game.

Anderson and Vernon goalie Darrell Furmanek both turned away 27 shots.

Blazers were assessed three of five minor penalties and each club was handed a fighting major.

IANNONE HOT

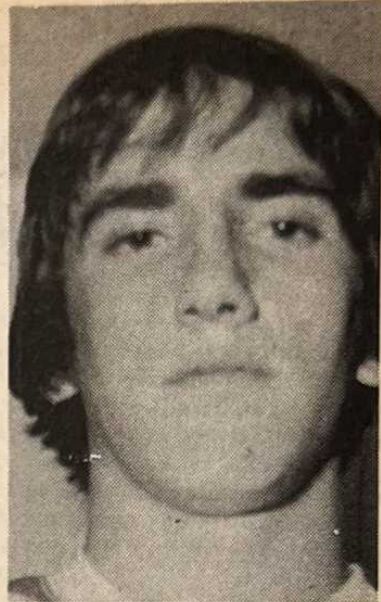
In Kelowna, one line did the

damage for the Broncos. Del Iannone had two goals and five assists while linemates Gord McKay, with three, and Bob Irvine, with two goals, handled the Penticton offence.

Duane Monteith, Archie McKinnon, and Wayne Krebs scored for the Bucks.

On the coast, Chilliwack Bruins edged Langley Lords 6-5 in overtime.

Vikings now set out on a coast swing which will see them play four games in the next five nights. Tonight the Vikings are hosted by the Bruins in Chilliwack.



DWIGHT BAILEY
... spoils shutout

Canadians thump Cariboo

Gord Lyons scored three goals as the Vernon Jr. Canadians thumped Cariboo College 8-1 Friday in Kamloops.

Jeff Todd and Tony Sparrow scored two goals each for the winners while Gary Criss added a single.

Cariboo's only goal was scored by Randy Takanaka.

Vernon led 2-0 after the first period and 4-1 after the second.

Panthers win opening game

Vernon Panther basketball team won their first game Friday on the opening day of the Vernon Snowball Classic Basketball Tournament at the Secondary School.

In the first game Point Gray defeated Westside 77-55, with Westside leading 36-31 at half-time.

Top scorers for Point Gray were Howard Kelsey with 24 points and Ron White with 22 points.

Westside's top scorer was Ron Nash with 19 points and Ken Kennedy with 16 points.

In the second game, Vernon defeated Garibaldi 79-74. First quarter score was 21-16 for Vernon, and at half-time 45-35 for Vernon. Third quarter score was 62-56 for Vernon.

Top scorers for Vernon were Dave Smith with 21 points, Bob Corbett with 17 points and Mark Ingram with 15 points.

For Garibaldi D. Lawrence was top scorer with 24 points and D. Buss with 20.

Tonight Westside meets Garibaldi in the consolation match at 7 p.m., while Point Gray and Vernon meet for the championship at 8:30 p.m.

Money is topic for NHL

NEW YORK (CP) — Money problems in Pittsburgh and an old \$3-million lawsuit brought by a former Oakland owner are two of the prime topics to be discussed at the National Hockey League meeting here today.

Whether the Penguins leave Pittsburgh and California Seals depart from Oakland may well hinge on the decisions taken by the NHL's board of governors.

Thayer Potter, owner of the Penguins, has faced a shortage of cash to keep the club going and is seeking new long-term investment. His cash needs are reported between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

He will report to the governors on his efforts to raise additional capital. Borrowing from the league may be another possibility. That means the other clubs might be asked to lend Pittsburgh some money.

The Penguins, unbeaten in their last 16 games at home, have started drawing sellout crowds. They are in third place in the Norris Division and seem to be a shoo-in for the playoffs for the first time in three seasons.

Potter has insisted that the Penguins will not leave Pittsburgh. He has gone ahead with plans to add 2,000 seats in the Civic Arena, which can seat 13,402 for hockey.

The NHL also is getting closer to a decision on the California franchise. The league bought out owner Charles O. Finley for \$6.5 million last year and is operating the franchise.

Sports

DON KENDALL, Sports Editor

6 VERNON DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 1975

Conditioning pays for Toronto Toros

The Canadian Press Bobby Leduc, journeyman hockey player suddenly thrust into the difficult task of coaching a major league club three weeks ago, already is beginning to make his predecessor look bad.

Leduc took over Toronto Toros when Billy Harris, under pressure from club directors because of the club's inconsistent play and further distracted by family illnesses, stepped down.

When he took over, the for-

Baltimore Blades 4-3, Minnesota Fighting Saints beat Houston Aeros 4-1 and Cleveland Crusaders blanked Edmonton Oilers 2-0.

Tony Featherstone scored twice against the Blazers and centre Wayne Dillon broke a personal 12-game scoring slump with his 18th goal of the season. Rookie defenceman Jim Turkiewicz also collected his first professional goal as the Toros fired 42 shots at Vancouver goalie Don McLeod.

B.C. figures in ski-jump championship

THUNDER BAY (CP) — Local talent performed admirably Friday as the Canadian ski-jumping championships got under way at Mt. McKay.

The first day of the three-day competition saw Thunder Bay skiers Allan Bowen and Clifford Bruce finish first and second respectively in the pee wee division on a 25-metre jump.

Steve Collins of Thunder Bay placed third in the midget category, while Bill Bowen notched second place in the junior B classification.

Thunder Bay natives Debbie Wallis and Laura Bowen swept a girls' event which