

# Vikings lose fifth straight



## BANTAMS WIN

Vernon Bantam Reps fought from a 4-3 third period deficit to defeat Penticton 6-4 Saturday at

the Vernon Civic Arena. Penticton goalie Vernon Richards was a busy man as he kept the short-handed

Peach City team in the game with some great saves. On this play, Richards made a save and

smothered the rebound with Scott Madden (9), right on his doorstep. (Daily News Photo by Don Kendall)

## Broncos pull away as Vernon hits slump

One week ago, Vernon Vikings were trying to catch second-place Penticton Broncos in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's interior division.

Now, Vikings are looking over their shoulders as the fourth-place Merritt Centennials are closing fast.

Vikings suffered their fifth straight loss Sunday when they were defeated 6-3 in Nanaimo, by the Clippers.

The loss, combined with Merritt's 7-5 win over first-place Kelowna Buckaroos Sunday, moved the Cents to within 10 points of the Vikings.

Bucks have 76 points, followed by Penticton with 60, Vernon with 50, and Merritt has 40.

### OUTSHOT NANAIMO

Vernon outshot the Clippers 49-26, but some outstanding netminding by Nanaimo goalie Jerry Simpson, thwarted Vikings' attack time after time.

Clippers' captain Clint Eccles scored two goals and singles were added by Ron Guidmont, Al Dreger, Dale Ewasuk, and Kim Hillkewich.

Darrell Billsten, Grant Sidnick, and Brad Schultz replied for the slumping Vikings.

Saturday in Chilliwack, the Vikings were handed a 5-2 setback by the Bruins.

Randy Ruf, Tom Selke, Steve McDonald, Tom O'Neill, and Brent Enquist scored singles for Chilliwack.

Greg Walmsley and Jack Lefley scored for Vernon.

Vikings played well enough to win in Nanaimo but could not finish off their offensive plays. In Chilliwack, it was a different story as Vernon was beaten badly in the corners.

Coach Joe Tennant is not riding his players hard at the present time. He feels the only way to break the slump is by "Letting the players work it out."

### REUNITED LINE

In an effort to get something going, Tennant reunited Greg Walmsley with Ron Areshneko and Gary Gilchrist to form the WAG line. However, in two games together, the line has only one goal.

The club's highest scorer, Dwight Bailey, was benched for indifferent play the final two periods in Chilliwack.

Vikings' road trip resumes

### KEHOE IN HOSPITAL

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rick Kehoe, a right winger for Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League, was in hospital Sunday undergoing tests.



JERRY SIMPSON ... stopped Vikings

Tuesday in Bellingham and ends Wednesday in Langley.

In other weekend BCJHL games, Penticton defeated Kelowna 5-3, Bellingham lost 5-4 to Penticton, and Langley dumped Nanaimo 5-3.

On the coast, Chilliwack has 56 points, one more than Langley and three more than Bellingham. Nanaimo trails with 34 points.

## Vernon skier places third

A Vernon skier captured third place in the Pontiac Cup Ski Race Sunday at Kimberley.

Terry Watts, now living in Rossland, took third place in the race, and moved into seventh place in the national Pontiac Cup standings.

Watts finished behind first-place Phil Monod, of Banff, and Glen Thompson, of Calgary.

# Sports

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## French first and victories

Rockets and Lumby tied for fourth with 16 points. However, the Frenchmen were awarded the fourth, and final playoff spot, because of their superior record against Golden.

In the two weekend games, Selkirks' big line of Jim Rota, Bob Sirianni, and Brian Fenrich, totalled 27 points.

In Golden, Saturday, the Rockets edged Nakusp 7-6 and Sunday in Armstrong, Grindrod beat Lumby 6-4.

Revelstoke now takes on Lumby, and Salmon Arm battles Grindrod, in the best-of-seven semi-final playoffs.

# Greyhounds dump Panthers 77-36

By Kevin Mitchell

Vancouver's Point Grey Greyhounds emerged as champions in the Vernon Panthers Snowball Basketball Tournament held at VSSS over the weekend.

Greyhounds, the current leaders in Vancouver's West League, gave the host team a taste of how basketball is played on the coast as they whipped the Panthers 77-36 in the championship final Saturday night.

### UNDEFEATED

Point Grey was unbeaten in the tourney as they had defeated Westside, of Kamloops, 77-55 Friday to qualify for the final game.

Westside won the consolation final by defeating Garibaldi, of Haney, 71-67.

Greyhounds opened up a 48-16 half-time lead against the Panthers. Howard Kelsey scored a tourney high of 31 points while Ron White added 22.

For Vernon, Doug Lemiski notched 12 points and Jon Rosman sunk six.

In the consolation final, Westside led 45-35 at half,

points. Kim Sofiak had 12 and Anita Sobon added nine for the losers.

Vernon held an 11-6 first-quarter lead and hung on to lead 25-22 at half-time. However, Centennial led 45-32 after three-quarters.

## NOHL game ends with wild brawl

Winfield Raiders built up a 2-0 lead and hung on to edge Vernon Screaming Eagles 3-2 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

The game was called at the 12:46 mark of the third period when a bench-emptying brawl broke out.

In Sunday's other NOHL game, undefeated Vernon Kal Hotel thumped Armstrong Cougars 8-3.

In the other game, Willms and Sobon again led the offence with eight points each.

After trailing 10-6 after the first-quarter, Royals held an 18-14 margin at half-time.

Royals next game is also in Penticton Tuesday.

The third period brawl broke out after Eagles' Terry Lowe and Raiders' Mel Mitchell became involved in a fight. No Winfield players received misconducts as a result of the incident, but three Eagles were handed match misconducts.

### MATCH PENALTIES

Lowe, Gary Criss, and Tony Sparrow were all assessed match penalties.

Fred Parent and Ross McKenzie gave Raiders a 2-0 lead before Sparrow narrowed the gap to 2-1. Ron Armstrong scored, what proved to be the

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# Bucks split weekend pair

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Portland Buckaroos and Cranbrook Royals took turns winning in weekend Western International Hockey League action in Portland as the Bucks took a 4-3 victory Saturday only to lose 3-1 Sunday.

In other games Saturday, Kimberley Dynamiters defeated Spokane Flyers 6-3 and Nelson Maple Leafs downed Trail Smoke Eaters 6-4.

On Saturday, Roger Bellerive had two goals to lead the Buckaroos while Arnie Schmautz and Art Jones got one each.

Felix Lavallee, Dick Mortenson and Bob Mayer scored for the Royals.

Score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and the Royals led 2-1 after the second.

In Nelson, defenceman Bob McIvor killed a Trail rally with an unassisted goal in the third period to help Nelson beat Trail.