

# Long road ahead for Vikings

In the next few weeks Vernon Vikings and Penticton Broncos will be seeing enough of each other to become pretty good friends, or enemies.

Vikings travel to Penticton tonight and the clubs play a return engagement Saturday night in Vernon. They get a few days to cool off and then play in Vernon again next Wednesday.

In all likelihood, the two clubs will meet in the best-of-seven Interior Division semifinals, starting March 4. So, it is safe to assume there will be little love lost between the two clubs.

Vikings must win a minimum of three of their seven remaining games to assure themselves of third-place in the league. They lead fourth-place Merritt by eight points. The fourth-place team gets the unpleasant task of playing league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos in the finals.

Vikings Coach Joe Tennant feels the way his club will beat Penticton, "It is physically wear them down."

Tennant said, "We have the horses to do the job, and we'll starting doing it now."

Vikings were very im-

pressive in their last outing against Langley, crushing the Lords 7-3. But, on the other hand, Penticton has been the hottest team in the BCJHL during the last month.

Vernon's weakspot in recent weeks has been the inability of the defencemen to move the puck out of their end. Tennant has had the blue line corps working on special drills trying to improve that weakness.

He said, "If we can get that problem cleared up, a lot of our troubles will be over."

Meanwhile, Chilliwack Bruins downed Bellingham Blazers 4-1 and Merritt

Centennials nipped Kelowna Buckaroos 6-5 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Thursday.

Chilliwack moved back into first place in the BCJHL coast division with the win, one point ahead of Langley Lords. Bellingham remains third.

Merritt remains in last place in the league's interior division, now eight points behind thirdplace Vernon Vikings. Kelowna leads the interior by 16 points.

In Chilliwack, the teams battled through a scoreless opening period before the Bruins took a 3-0 second-period lead.

With just 20 seconds left to play, the game was delayed for 15 minutes because of a fight between Don Hobbins of Bellingham and Brent Enquist of Chilliwack.

For their pains, Hobbins drew a match penalty for fighting with taped hands, and both drew double majors, 10-minute misconducts and game misconducts.

Bellingham's Sheldon Geary and Brian McAllister were also given game

misconducts for swinging their sticks into the Chilliwack bench following the fight.

Chilliwack goals came from Vern Quaroni, Steve McDonald, Al Cunningham and Rick Durstan. Don Bliault scored for Bellingham.

In Merritt, the teams were tied 3-3 after the first period and 4-4 after the second.

Dean Dyer led Merritt with two goals. Neil Robinson, Perry Stensland, Darrel Zelinski and Danny Rota added singles.

For Kelowna, Duane Monteith scored twice. Wayne Krebs, Bill Haynes and Terry Schnarr each scored once.

## VIKINGS' TOP SCORERS

| PLAYER      | G  | A  | Pts. | PIM |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Bailey      | 40 | 33 | 73   | 85  |
| Areshnekoff | 30 | 43 | 73   | 17  |
| Walmsley    | 23 | 39 | 62   | 117 |
| Gilchrist   | 32 | 24 | 56   | 172 |
| Sidnick     | 21 | 34 | 55   | 144 |
| Billsten    | 23 | 28 | 51   | 15  |
| Stein       | 17 | 30 | 47   | 40  |
| Anaka       | 2  | 41 | 43   | 95  |
| Booth       | 16 | 24 | 40   | 11  |
| Schultz     | 20 | 19 | 39   | 25  |
| Griese      | 5  | 29 | 34   | 29  |
| Boychuk     | 18 | 14 | 32   | 28  |
| Lloyd       | 4  | 20 | 24   | 189 |
| Lefley      | 12 | 11 | 23   | 41  |
| Gassoff     | 7  | 16 | 23   | 89  |
| McDonald    | 3  | 13 | 16   | 156 |
| Teske       | 0  | 3  | 3    | 9   |
| Poeschek    | 1  | 1  | 2    | 29  |



**BLIND BOWLING CHAMPS**

Two of five bowlers who will represent B.C. in the Canadian Blind Bowling Championships, are from Vernon. Ed Thompson, left, Vernon Lions Club blind committee chairman said

has a 110 average. Fred Heichert, right, is partially blind and has a spectacular 185 average. Gus Schuster, left, Vernon Lions Club blind committee chairman said

the two Vernon bowlers were chosen because of their high averages during the 1974-75 bowling season.

(Daily News Photo By Dorothy Sawicki)

# Ontario enjoys gold medal day

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP) — Action continued in both the debating and sports arenas at the Canada Winter Games today as a three-man jury struggled with a controversy over weightlifting points while the figure skating, judo and volleyball competitions moved into their final rounds.

Medal standings by province after the ninth day of competition at the Canada Winter Games:

|          | Gold | Sil. | Br. |
|----------|------|------|-----|
| Quebec   | 24   | 18   | 17  |
| Ontario  | 17   | 14   | 13  |
| B.C.     | 11   | 16   | 6   |
| Alberta  | 8    | 3    | 6   |
| Manitoba | 5    | 12   | 3   |
| N.W.T.   | 2    | 0    | 2   |
| Sask.    | 1    | 3    | 12  |
| Nfld.    | 1    | 1    | 2   |
| N.B.     | 1    | 0    | 3   |
| Yukon    | 0    | 1    | 0   |
| N.S.     | 0    | 0    | 3   |
| P.E.I.   | 0    | 0    | 0   |

(Extra silver medals awarded in speedskating and extra bronzes in gymnastics.)

Ontario, the defending Games champion, had one of its better days Thursday, winning three of the four gold medals awarded—two in judo and one in weightlifting.

The Games technical advisory board proposed that the competition be allowed to go ahead and medals be awarded but that no weightlifting points be counted in team standings.

The chefs de missions, headed by Quebec, protested and the decision was left to a three-man jury which met Thursday and meets again today.

In hockey, Ontario defeated Nova Scotia 3-2 to finish first in Division A with a 5-0 record while Quebec beat Alberta 4-1 to top Division B although each team won four and lost one.

Ontario meets Alberta in one semi-final today and Nova Scotia takes on Quebec in the other, the survivors clashing Saturday in the final.

In women's volleyball, favored Manitoba meets Quebec in one semi-final and Alberta plays B.C. in the other with the final scheduled for tonight.

Manitoba defeated Alberta and Nova Scotia Thursday to finish in first place in Division

## Elko Cup goes to coast rink

Cronkhite Supply of Vancouver defeated Western Supply of Vernon 7-2 in the Elko Cup curling challenge

# Sports

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