

**WITH 58 SHOTS**

# Vikings bombard Ewanchuk

Dennis Ewanchuk went home from Vernon Saturday night wondering what he has to do to give his team a victory.

Ewanchuk faced 58 shots, including 31 in the third period, and shutout the Vernon Vikings for 44 minutes. But, Pentiction Broncos still lost to the Vikings 3-1.

The diminutive Broncos' netminder put on one of the most dazzling goaltending displays ever seen in the Vernon Civic Arena. He was forced to make sensational saves all night as his defence deserted him.

Brian James gave Broncos a 1-0 lead early in the first period, but that was the last time Pentiction was able to beat Vernon goalie Jim Scammel.

## WALMSLEY TIES SCORE

Vernon's WAG line finally cracked the ice at the 4:23 mark of the final period when Greg Walmsley converted a pass from Ron Areshnekoff.

Areshnekoff then scored two goals himself, within the next three minutes.

Vikings applied sustained pressure throughout the night and if it had not been for the heroics of Ewanchuk, the score could have been embarrassing.

## LEFLEY STARS

Jack Lefley turned in perhaps his finest effort as a

Viking. Lefley did an excellent job killing penalties and led the Vernon 'Crunch brigade.'

For Vikings, it was their third straight win, and the third consecutive game that they have physically pounded the opposition.

Coach Joe Tennant feels his club played perhaps their finest game of the year Saturday.

Tennant said, "We're starting to come now. We played well Saturday, but we're going to get better."

Vikings will be out to stretch their streak to four games tonight when they host Nanaimo Clippers in a rescheduled game. Clippers will have a new coach behind the bench for the third time this season.

Paul LaPoint, a director of Nanaimo's parent club, Victoria Cougars, assumed coaching duties Saturday.

Kelowna Buckaroos still have a healthy hold on first place in the Interior Division with 88 points, 18 more than Pentiction. Vernon has 58 points and Merritt 48.

On the coast, Chilliwack has 66 points, Langley 65, Bellingham 63, and Nanaimo 42.

In other weekend games the scores were: Chilliwack 6, Kelowna 3; Merritt 5, Bellingham 2; Bellingham 8, Chilliwack 3; and Nanaimo 5, Merritt 4.



**PENTICTON BRONCOS'** goalie Dennis Ewanchuk was able to stop Vernon Vikings' forward Ron

Areshnekoff on this play as the rangy centre tried to flip the puck into the near-side. However, Areshnekoff got

his revenge later as he scored twice and led the Vikings to a 3-1 victory. (Daily News Photo)

# Sports

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## Vikings to join tier one league

Vernon Vikings will be one team which will apply to join a proposed major junior league in B.C.

Vikings' Director Vern Dye told the Daily News today he is certain Vernon will join the new league, which was approved Saturday, by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

Dye said, "I can see no reason why we will not join the league. There should be no financial problem.

"Moving to tier one status will enable us to hand on to a better calibre of player. Instead of grooming the young players and sending them on to Medicine Hat, we will be able to keep the good players."

B.C. Junior Hockey League President Bryan Couling said

in an interview the new league may put an end to the BCJHL.

Couling said, "I know the majority of teams in the BCJHL will apply and if there are enough favoring the new league, it is possible the BCJHL will fold."

It is expected that at least six of the eight teams in the BCJHL will apply.

Couling said, "It would enable the league members to more easily hang onto their players while at the same time it would be to the advantage of the players to continue their education, both academically and in hockey, within B.C."

The BCAHA will have the final approval as to the number of franchises in the new league and where they will be located.

# Kal Hotel bombs Screaming Eagles

Mike Smithson recorded the shutout as first-place Kal Hotel blasted Vernon Screaming Eagles 7-0 Sunday in North Okanagan Hockey League play at the Vernon Civic Arena.

In Sunday's other game, Armstrong Cougars edged Winfield Raiders 8-7.

Smithson turned away 21 shots to earn the shutout. George Fargher scored three goals while Dave Caldow added two for the winners. Singles went to Rick Reilly and Andy Vadan.

Eagles' goalie Mike Herrling blocked 19 shots.

Kal led 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after the second.

Cougars won their game with only 10 players dressed. Gord Lyons led the attack with three goals while Ken Haller added a pair. Singles went to Merle Ransom, Fred Johnston, and Jeff Davy.

Clint Eccles and Fred Parent scored two apiece for Winfield while Robbie Lacroix, Ross McKenzie, and



**MIKE SMITHSON**  
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Mick Thompson added singles.

Dee Kutchera stopped 20 shots for Winfield while Barry Dinwoody made 15 saves for Armstrong.

The teams played through a scoreless first period and Armstrong led 4-3 after the second.