

Vikings end season with impressive victory

Vernon Vikings ended their 1974-75 BCJHL schedule by splitting a pair of weekend games.

Vikings suffered a 5-2 setback to Chilliwack Bruins Saturday in Vernon, but bounced back Sunday to bomb the Centennials 7-1 in Merritt.

The split gave Vikings six wins in their final eight games. They now meet Penticton Broncos in the best-of-seven Interior semi-finals, starting Tuesday, in the Peach City.

The Vikings' team which played Saturday in Vernon beared no resemblance to the club which was on the ice Sunday in Merritt.

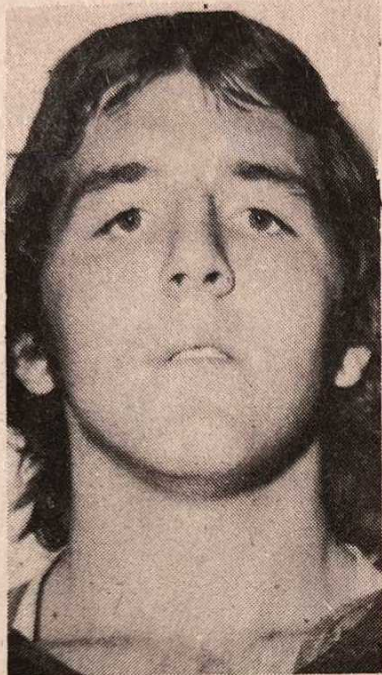
BAD GAME

Against the Bruins, Vernon came out flat and never played good positional hockey. But, in Merritt, Vikings got stronger as the game progressed.

Steve McDonald, Gary Huth, Tom Zelke, Butch Dupont, and Gary Zimmel scored for Chilliwack while Ron Areshnekoff and Jack Lefley replied for Vikings on Saturday.

Sunday night, Greg Walmsley scored twice for the winners with singles from Dwight Bailey, Randy McDonald, Gary Gilchrist, Owen Lloyd, and Areshnekoff.

Greg Agar scored the lone



GREG WALMSLEY
... scored two

Merritt goal.

Vikings led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 3-1 after the second.

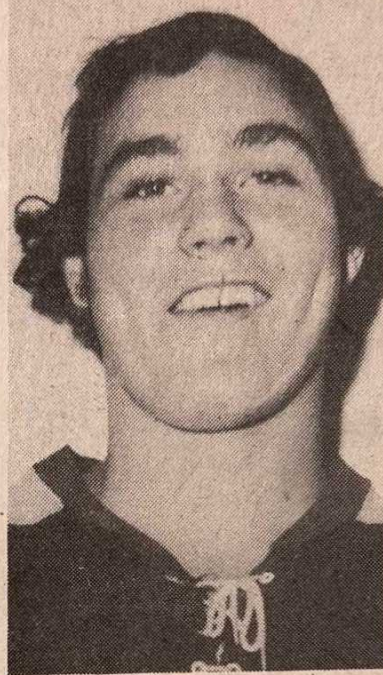
Merritt outshot Vernon 37-36.

ENDS SLUMP

Meanwhile, Penticton Broncos snapped a six-game losing streak with a 10-5 win over Chilliwack Sunday.

In that six-game slump, Broncos had suffered three losses to the Vikings.

Del Iannone and Gord MacKay had three goals each



OWEN LLOYD
... added one

for Penticton while Bob Irvine, Kirk Aulin, Mark Patterson, and Wade Jowett notched one apiece.

Morley Anderson scored two for the Bruins with singles from Carl Cureatz, Al Cun-

ningham, and Huth.

In other weekend games, Langley defeated Nanaimo 6-2, and Bellingham trounced Langley 11-2.

Kelowna wound up with 92 points in the Interior division, 20 ahead of second-place Penticton. Vikings were third with 66 points, followed by Merritt with 54.

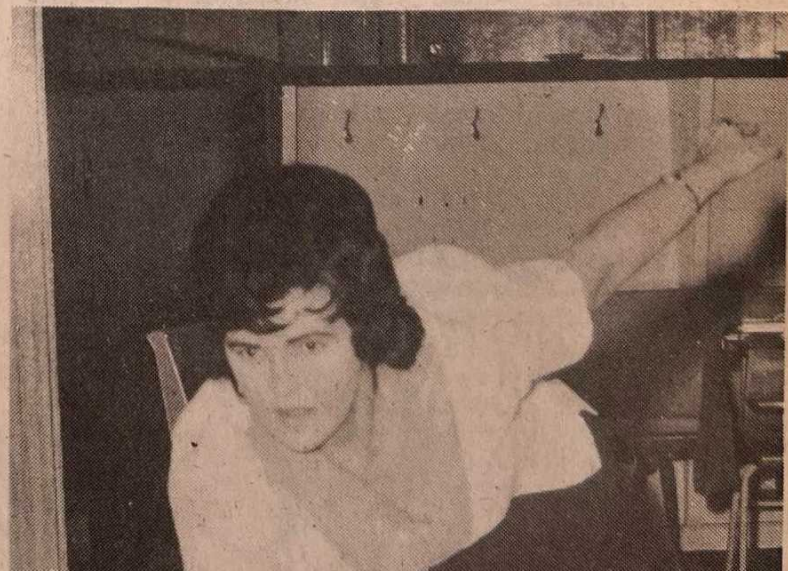
On the coast, Chilliwack took first place with 68 points, one more than Langley and Bellingham. Nanaimo finished with 42 points.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

Kelowna will meet Merritt, Chilliwack will take on Nanaimo, and Langley will battle with Bellingham in the other semi-final series.

Second game in the Penticton-Vernon series is scheduled for Wednesday in Vernon, with the third game in Penticton Friday, and the fourth game in Vernon Saturday.

For Tuesday's game, a fan bus will be travelling to Penticton. For information, phone the Vikings' office at 542-6117.



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