

Iannone line leads Broncos to win



VERNON VIKINGS CENTRE Dwight Bailey fires a shot from point-blank range at Pentiction Broncos' goalie Randy Strush during Tuesday's BCJHL playoff game in Pentiction. Strush blocked this shot and

several other blasts from in-close as the Broncos defeated the Vikings 10-8. Second game of the best-of-seven series is scheduled in Vernon tonight, with the third game Friday in Pentiction, and the fourth

game back here Saturday. Besides this sparkling save off Bailey, Strush also made good third period grabs on shots from Gary Gilchrist and Ron Areshnekoff. (Daily News Photo by Don Kendall)

Pentiction takes lead in quarter-final series

Pentiction Broncos defeated Vernon Vikings 10-8, Kelowna Buckaroos blasted Merritt Centennials 12-2, and Chilliwack Bruins downed Bellingham Blazers 8-5 in the first games of the B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-finals Tuesday.

Vikings stragely in Pentiction was to hit the Broncos into the ice. But, Vernon couldn't hit the Broncos, because they couldn't catch them.

IANNONE HOT

Pentiction's high-scoring Iannone line did most of the damage. Gord McKay scored three goals and added two assists, Del Iannone scored twice and set up four goals, while Bob Irvine had one goal and four assists.

Wade Jowett also scored two for the winners with singles from Mark Patterson and Ron McDowell.

The WAG line accounted for six of eight Vikings' goals. Greg Walmsley scored four and his linemates, Gary Gilchrist and Ron Areshnekoff added singles. Areshnekoff had six assists.

Other Vernon marksmen were Marty Stein and Brian Griese.

Broncos jumped to a 2-0 lead early in the first period, but before the period had ended, Vikings were ahead 4-2.

Midway through the second period, Vernon led 5-3, but Pentiction fought back to tie the score 6-6 after 40 minutes. **QUICK GOALS**

Broncos came out flying in the final period and scored four quick goals to build up a 10-6 margin before Gilchrist and Griese moved the Vikings to within two goals.

Prior to the game, Vikings' coach Joe Tennant felt with solid hitting and good defence, Vernon would be able to stop Iannone's line, and therefore the Broncos.

However, Vikings turned in one of the worst defensive performances of the season. And when they did hit anyone,



GORD MCKAY
... big night

they received a penalty. **PENALTIES HURT**

Vernon was assessed nine of 11 minor penalties and Pentiction connected for four goals on power plays.

Broncos outshot the Vikings 43-32. Darrell Furmanek started in the nets for Vernon but was replaced early in the third period by Jim Scammel.

Broncos' starting goalie, Dennis Ewanchuk, was replaced by Randy Struch in the second period, with the score 6-6.

Second game in the best-of-seven series will be in Vernon tonight at 8 p.m. **BUCKS WIN**

Meanwhile, in Kelowna, Mark Schnarr scored three goals for the Bucks with Archie McKinnon, Doug Berry, and Perry Schnarr each scoring twice. Singles came from Duane Monteith, Wayne Nelson, and Dale Turner.

Joe Radvak and Darrel Zelinski replied for the Cents.

In Chilliwack, the game was a wild one as Blazers took 15 of 27 minor penalties and one of three game misconducts. Each team was assessed three majors and one 10-minute misconduct.

Director attacks Canadians

TORONTO (CP) — Governments, the business community, the media and the public came under fire from amateur sports Tuesday for not supporting Canadian athletes preparing for next year's Olympics.

The broadside was fired by Julian Carrol, executive director of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, who told a news conference that the time has come "to take a stand in favor of the Olympic Games and ask for greater support, encouragement and commitments to the athletes who will represent us."

Carroll, acting as the spokesman for several sports governing bodies, said in his main address that all one hears these days are numerous negative stories about whether or not the 1976 Olympics will proceed as scheduled in Montreal.

"The athletes seem to be a forgotten and neglected factor in this Olympiad," said Carroll. "And that's disturbing because the Olympics, despite the criticisms levelled at them, can have their most lasting and important effect

Cranston still favored to bring home the gold

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (CP) — A two-minute compulsory free-skating program today may identify the next world men's figure skating champion.

Toller Cranston, the 25-year-old five times Canadian champion from Toronto, still occupies the favorite's role after his fourth-place finish in Tuesday's compulsory figures.

But experts say he will face a strong challenge from John Curry, 25-year-old Englishman who was second after the school figures here.

Sheldon Galbraith, the veteran Toronto skating coach, said Curry may be the most truly artistic skater in the championships although most attention is focused on Cranston whose daring ballet-like style has made great changes in men's skating.

all nine judges. But he is skating with a knee injury and, although the Soviet officials are closed-mouthed, there is some talk Volkov might not take part in today's compulsory free skating. In any case he is not in the free-skating class of either Cranston or Curry.

Vladimir Kovalev, 22, the new European champion, was third in the school figures but Galbraith said he is not in the

class of the better free-skater here.

Gordon McKellen Jr., the U.S. champion, was fifth in the figures, followed by Ron Shaver of Cambridge, Ont.

Bob Rubens, 22, of Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., was 18th in the field of 22.

Although Shaver is skating with a groin injury, Galbraith said it is not beyond the realm of possibility that he could win a medal.

Sports

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