

# Vikings need one more win

## Areshnekoff continues torrid scoring pace

Vernon Vikings are just one game away from eliminating Pentiction Broncos from the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs.

Vikings edged the Broncos 5-3 Sunday in Pentiction to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. Broncos had evened the series Saturday with a 3-1 victory.

Sixth, and possibly final game, is scheduled for Tuesday in Vernon.

Ron Areshnekoff led the Vikings with two goals while Terry Anaka, Gary Gilchrist, and Marty Stein added singles.

Gord McKay led the losers with two goals and Jerry Thygeson added a single.

Vernon led 3-1 after the first period and 4-3 after the second.

### POLICE CALLED

RCMP were called to the game in the third period after scuffles broke out between Vernon players and Pentiction fans. In the process, Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant received a bath of hot coffee.

Tennant said, "It is too bad an incident like that had to happen but it was only a small minority of fans who triggered the problem."

### MAY END TUESDAY

The Vernon coach added he feels his club can wrap up the series Tuesday.

He said, "If we play as well as we did Sunday, that should be it."

Saturday in Vernon, Del Iannone, Thygeson, and McKay scored for the Broncos while Darrell Booth replied for Vernon.

Areshnekoff leads all playoff scorers with 17 points in five games.

In the battle of the big lines, Vernon's WAG line is slightly ahead of Pentiction's Iannone line.

Areshnekoff, along with his wingers, Greg Walmsley and Gary Gilchrist, have totalled 36 points, including 16 goals. Iannone's unit, with Gord McKay and Bob Irvine on the wings, have 32 points, with 14 goals.

Meanwhile, on the coast, Nanaimo Clippers edged Langley Lords 5-4 to take their best-of-seven series, four games to none.

### LORDS OUT

Lords finished in first place during the regular season, while Nanaimo spent all year in the cellar.

Merritt Centennials evened



JOE TENNANT  
... coffee bath

their series with Kelowna Buckaroos at 2-2 with a 7-4 win over the Bucks Sunday in Merritt.

### BLAZERS LEAD

In the other coast series, Bellingham Blazers took a 3-1 lead in their series with Chilliwack Bruins by posting a pair of weekend victories.

Saturday in Chilliwack, Blazers won 4-2 and Sunday, in the American city, Bellingham recorded an impressive 9-3 victory.

## Remember when

The world's first balkline billiards championship ended 72 years ago today—1903—in the Grand Hotel in Paris with a three-way tie.

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ARMSTRONG COUGARS' Gord Lyons, above, was presented with the Pat Wilson Memorial Trophy today as the Most Valuable Player in the North Okanagan Hockey League. Making the presentation is

League President Roy Surkan. Below, Jim Moro was presented with the Arnold Lewis Memorial Trophy as the league's most popular player. Making the presentation to Moro is Theresa Dinney.



## Canadian teams enjoy good night

The Canadian Press It was a good night for the four Canadian-based teams that saw World Hockey Association action Sunday—all were winners.

| W                        | L  | T  | F   | P          |
|--------------------------|----|----|-----|------------|
| <b>Canadian Division</b> |    |    |     |            |
| Quebec                   | 41 | 24 | 0   | 275 237 82 |
| Toronto                  | 36 | 28 | 2   | 287 255 74 |
| Edmonton                 | 31 | 26 | 3   | 222 202 85 |
| Vancouver                | 30 | 30 | 2   | 202 202 82 |
| Winnipeg                 | 29 | 29 | 4   | 249 225 62 |
| <b>Eastern Division</b>  |    |    |     |            |
| N. England               | 35 | 24 | 4   | 214 217 74 |
| Cleveland                | 28 | 31 | 1   | 186 216 59 |
| Chicago                  | 25 | 38 | 1   | 215 255 51 |
| Indianapolis             | 15 | 3  | 149 | 269 313    |
| <b>Western Division</b>  |    |    |     |            |
| Houston                  | 43 | 22 | 0   | 303 206 86 |
| Phoenix                  | 34 | 24 | 4   | 251 218 74 |
| Minnesota                | 34 | 28 | 2   | 256 224 70 |
| San Diego                | 32 | 27 | 3   | 248 219 67 |
| Baltimore                | 14 | 47 | 3   | 182 289 35 |

two goals with 1:26 gone in the middle session. The Cougars just missed taking a 3-1 lead when they hit the post. But Quebec came back to tie the score on Rejean Houle's 30th goal of the year at 7:21, then scored twice in 81 seconds to take command of the game.

### OPENED UP

"Then we opened up," said Pat Stapleton, the Cougars player-coach. "We gave up on defensive hockey, the type of hockey we played in the first period. You can't do that against a team like Quebec."

Serge Bernier got a goal and an assist for the Nordiques to bring his points total to 100 for the year on 46 goals and 54 assists.

Michel Parizeau scored his 24th and 25th goals of the season, helping Quebec maintain its eight-point lead over second-place Toronto. The Nordiques have 92 points in 65 games, while the Toros have 74 points in 66 games.

The Blazers scored twice in the first period and carried a 3-1 lead into the final session with Rob Walton's second goal of the game at 8:24 of the third, boosting them into a three-goal lead.

But John Gray and Robbie Forek scored two quick goals to cut the lead to 4-3 with six minutes to go. The Roadrunners buzzed around the Blazers net in the final minute and came close to tying the score.

At Quebec City, the hometown Nordiques, leaders in the Canadian Division, brought their home-ice record to 24 wins and 10 losses with a 7-5 triumph over Chicago Cougars. In other action, Vancouver Blazers held on to edge Phoenix Roadrunners 4-3. Toronto Toros smashed Baltimore Blades 8-2 and Winnipeg Jets edged Minnesota Fighting Saints 6-5.

Saturday, Toronto downed Baltimore 7-4, New England Whalers edged Houston Aeros 5-4, Cleveland Crusaders topped Indianapolis Racers 6-5 and Winnipeg dropped a 6-5 decision to San Diego Mariners.

At Quebec, the Nordiques erupted for four consecutive goals after Chicago's Rosaire Paiment scored his first of



GORD LYONS  
... scores winner



JEFF SHIRLEY  
... top defenceman

## Aces sweep playoff series

Salmon Arm Aces captured the Monashee Hockey League playoff championship with a 5-4 victory over Lumby Flying Frenchmen Sunday in Salmon Arm.

The win gave Salmon Arm a four-game sweep in the best-of-seven series.

Gord Lyons scored the winning goal for the Aces at the 18:09 mark of the third period.

Franchmen trailed 4-2 at the end of the second period but battled back to tie the score early in the third.

Ken Haller, Glen Ritchie, Dave Caldwell, and Gary Criss scored the other Salmon arm goals. Larry Plante, with two, Stan Hurl and Sonny Both replied for Lumby.

Saturday night in Lumby, Aces trounced the Flying Frenchmen 6-1 in the third game of the series.

Steve Armour and Caldwell scored two each in that game with singles from Spud Madaki and Lyons.

Plante got the lone Flying Frenchmen goal.

Lyons won the playoff scoring championship with 27 points, in nine games. His linemate, Caldwell, finished second with 26.

At Saturday's game, Roy Patrick of the Golden Rockets, was named the league's Most Valuable Player. Jeff Shirley of Nakusp Falcons was chosen the top defenceman and Roy Sakaki of Salmon Arm was named Most Sportsmanlike Player.

# Sports

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## EAGLES WIN

# Kal suffers playoff defeat

Vernon Screaming Eagles handed Kal Hotel its first loss of the season Sunday night in the North Okanagan Hockey League semi-finals at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Eagles edged Kal 4-2 to even their best-of-three series at one game apiece.

COUGARS WIN  
Armstrong Cougars also evened their series with Winfield Raiders by recording a 3-2 victory.

Jeff Todd led the Screaming Eagles attack with two goals while Barry Dye and Terry Lowe added singles.

Don Jakes and Rick Reilly replied for Kal.

Eagles' goalie Mike Herring played one of his finest games of the season, with 33 saves while Mike Smithson blocked 16 shots for Kal.

Kal was handed five or six minor penalties.

SCORES TWO  
In the other game, Fred Johnstone scored two goals for the Cougars with a single from Steve White.

Emory Lacroix and Leonard McKay countered for the Raiders.

Winfield goalie Dee Kutcher stopped 23 shots while Barry Dimwoody made 20 saves for Armstrong.

Armstrong was handed seven of 14 minor penalties, and the only five-minute major.

Third games in both series will be next Sunday night.

NAMED MVP  
Between games, the annual awards presentations were

Huge turnout for soccer

More than 400 youngsters had registered to play in the Vernon and District Minor Soccer Association this year.

Spokesman for the association, Gerry Battison, told the Daily News 370 boys and 50 girls have signed up so far.

Battison said, "We are very pleased with the turnout this year. At our peak in 1974, we had 380 players."

There are still a few openings for boys and several spots for girls. For late registration forms, write to Box 1390, Vernon.

Packers clobber Vernon juveniles

Kelowna Packers thumped Vernon 12-2 in the first game of the best-of-three Okanagan Juvenile Hockey championships Saturday in Kelowna.

Packers built up a 4-0 lead after the first period and an 8-0 margin after the second.

Tom Conally scored four goals for the winners while Tim O'Reilly added three. Singles went to Don Leboe, Ken Schisler, Glen Garvin, Eric Blais, and Bruce Naka.

Brian Hunt and Gene Anderson countered for Vernon.

Leon Nowak and Lyle Finch combined to make 94 saves for Vernon while Gerry Dyck blocked 22 shots for the defending B.C. champion Packers.

Vernon was handed 59 minutes in penalties while the Packers were assessed 43 minutes.

NAMED MVP  
After the first period, Vernon's Jim Sparrow was awarded the John Boscha Memorial Trophy as the Most Valuable Player in the Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile League.

Voting for the award was done by the league's players. Second game in the series will be Friday in Vernon.

EASY WIN  
In an exhibition game

made. Armstrong's Gord Lyons won the Pat Wilson Memorial Trophy as the league's Most Valuable Player.

Kal's Jim Moro won the Arnold Lewis Memorial Trophy as the most popular player, and also the Civic Arena Trophy for the league scoring champ.

Most Sportsmanlike Player was Cougars' Ken Haller who was presented with the Vern's Clothing and Footwear Trophy. Another Cougar, Merle Ransom, picked up the NOHL Trophy for Most Improved Player.

Eagles' Tony Kopp won the Vernon Frame and Alignment Trophy for best defenceman, and Kal's Mike Smithson won the R. L. Surkan Trophy for top goalie.

Kal was presented with the Geoff Balcome Trophy as the league champions and Winfield was named the most popular team.

CLARENCE FULTON forward Tom Davison goes up for two points during the Okanagan Junior Secondary School basketball championships over the weekend

in Pentiction. Fulton boys placed seventh in the tournament while the Fulton girls team finished in third spot. (Pentiction Herald Photo)

## Fulton girls win two, but boys not so lucky

Clarence Fulton girls' team placed third in the Okanagan Junior Secondary School Basketball Championships over the weekend in Pentiction.

Fulton boys placed seventh in the eight-team tourney.

The girls edged Sahali 28-27 in the opening game of the tournament.

Sue Zeleny and Laurie Ogasawara led the Fulton attack with 10 points each while Terry Rosman added six.

The Vernon school's only loss was to K.L.O. of Kelowna, 48-37.

In that game, L. Lypchuk led the Fulton offence with 10 points and Rosman and Ogasawara each sunk nine.

Fulton then defeated Dr. Knox 37-27 in their final game. Ogasawara was the big gun in that game with 13 points.

NEW RECORD  
Although the boys did not do well in the tourney, Steve King did set a school scoring record.

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## Home teams victorious in three WIHL games

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Home teams came out on top in three weekend Western International Hockey League games that were decided by one goal.

Kimberley Dynamiters scored three unanswered third-period goals to edge league-leading Spokane Jets 4-3 Saturday night while Mitch Bozak's two goals helped Trail Smoke Eaters to a 6-5 win over Cranbrook Royals.

On Sunday night, Portland Buckaroos nipped Nelson Maple Leafs 6-5.

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"That decision really took the wind out of our boys. There is no way he shouldn't have been awarded those shots."

King was top scorer for the locals in that game with 20 points while Davison added 12.

In the second game, still mentally down from the disappointing first loss, Fulton was blasted 54-38 by Pen High School.

But, they bounced back to dump Revelstoke 64-29 in the last game. That was the game in which King set the record.

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## Playoffs tonight at VSSS

Men's Commercial Basketball League semi-finals will be held tonight at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

First game, at 7:30 p.m., has first-place Winfield taking on third-place Armstrong.

Second-place Vernon Art's Gulf will tangle with fourth-place Lumby in the second game, at 9 p.m.

The two winners will advance to the league finals March 17.

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