

# Vikings win overtime thriller

## Penticton eliminated from quarter-finals

By DON KENDALL  
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Vernon Vikings won their best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-final series 4-2 over overtime victory over Penticton Broncos before 2,100 fans Tuesday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Greg Walmsley and Jeff Boychuk gave Vikings an early first period lead with power play goals, but before the opening period had ended, Gord McKay replied with a power play goal for the Broncos.

McKay tied the score in the second period, and put Penticton in the lead at 12:56 of the final period with another power play marker.

### TIED GAME

However, Dwight Bailey tied the game for Vikings with less than four minutes remaining in regulation time.

Vernon's Grant Sidnick was assessed a charging penalty at 18:21 of the third period, which could have proven costly. However, Vikings' penalty killing duo of Peter Poeschek and Jack Leffley did a superb job killing off Sidnick's minor.

Seconds after Sidnick emerged from the penalty box in overtime, he put Vikings back in the lead to stay.

Walmsley, with his second goal, then made the score 5-3 and Marty Stein stretched that margin to 6-3.

Penticton defenceman Ron McDowell narrowed the gap to 6-4 with less than three minutes remaining in overtime, but it was too little, too late.

### INTO EMPTY NET

Leffley added insult to injury by scoring an empty net goal with 10 seconds remaining in the 10-minute overtime frame.

Broncos had pulled goalie Dennis Ewanchuk in favor of a sixth attacker, and Leffley fired a shot the length of the ice into the middle of the Penticton net.

Ewanchuk was the only reason the game went into overtime. He was sensational all night blocking a total of 45 shots while Vernon netminder Jim Schammel made 25 saves. The dominantive Broncos' goalie also received some help from his friend, the crossbar. Vikings' defenceman Brian Griess rattled two shots off the crossbar, within two minutes, in the third period.

Although all three of Penticton's goals were on power



JEFF BOYCHUK  
... three points

plays, Poeschek and Leffley did a superb job killing penalties. One goal was scored while Poeschek was in the penalty box, and another while neither player was on the ice.

The game was also a big one for Boychuk. The crafty winger had not scored in more than three weeks and had been under some criticism recently from Coach Joe Tennant.

However, Boychuk played a great two-way game and picked up two assists to go with his goal.

### COACH EJECTED

Penticton Coach Nick Iamnone did not get to see his club go down to defeat. He was ejected from the game for throwing a stick on the ice, in the third period. He was upset about a tripping penalty to Bob Irvine, which led the Vikings' tying goal.

Broncos were assessed 11 of 21 minor penalties, two of four fighting majors, and the only 10 minute misconduct.

Vernon now meets the winner of the Merritt-Kelowna series in the semi-finals.

### BUCKS WIN

Kelowna took a 3-2 lead in that series with a 5-1 victory over the Centennials Tuesday in the Regatta City.

Sixth, and possibly deciding game, will be played tonight in Merritt.

On the coast, Bellingham Blazers blasted Chilliwack Bruins 5-2 to capture their series, four games to one. Blazers now meet Nanaimo Clippers in the coast semi-finals.

Clippers had previously eliminated Langley Lords in four straight games.



VIKINGS' CENTRE Dwight Bailey swoops in alone on Penticton Broncos' goalie Dennis Ewanchuk in Tuesday's BCJHL playoff game. Ewanchuk had the angle and thwarted Bailey on this shot. However, minutes later, Bailey deflected a shot from the point past Ewanchuk and

forced the game into overtime. Above, Bailey has his arms in the air after scoring the tying goal. A Penticton defender also has his stick raised, but it is not in jubilation, but rather in frustration. Vikings went on to win 7-4.  
(Daily News Photos)

# Sports

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## People killed at hockey game

MOSCOW (Reuter) — At least three people were killed in a staircase crush as spectators left a hockey game between Soviet and Canadian youth teams Monday, Soviet officials said today.

An official of the Soviet Ice Hockey Federation told reporters the crush was thought to have been caused by people falling on ice-covered steps at the still incomplete Sports Palace in Sokolniki Park.

Witnesses said the crush occurred when the lights of the 7,000-seat indoor stadium were switched off while the last of the two-thirds capacity crowd were filing out.

Moskovskaya Pravda says several people were rushed to a hospital, but police declined to give any further details.

The Canadian embassy said it had no reports of casualties among the 100 Canadian fans who watched the game.

### CRUSH AROSE

Moskovskaya Pravda says that "due to the disorganization of some of the young people and the failure to observe due order, a crowd formed on the staircase and a crush arose."

Witnesses said they saw people trampled underfoot, including one elderly woman. Police cars and ambulances were quickly on the spot.

The newspaper says a commission has been set up to in-

vestigate the incident, and said officials who were supposed to keep order in the Sports Palace were being held responsible.

The match was between the Canadian Barrie Co-op midgeet club, the Canadian champions in the 16-17 age bracket who are on tour here, and the Soviet Nations of the same age. The score was 3-3.

## Elks 'Spiel this weekend

The 22nd Annual B.C. Elks Bonspiel will be held this weekend at the Vernon Curling Club.

In conjunction with the Elks 'spiel, the second annual Ladies of Royal Purple Bonspiel will be held. Overall, 48 rinks from throughout the province have entered competition.

Registration and opening ceremonies get under way Friday at 6 p.m. Curling continues all day Saturday, with the finals scheduled to end late Sunday afternoon.

### FRANCIS TRADED

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills of the National Football League announced Tuesday the trade of wide receiver Wallace Francis to Atlanta Falcons for two future undisclosed draft choices.

## Ryan's strategy leads to victory

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Coach Ron Ryan of New England Whalers figured the best way to stop high scoring Bobby Hull of Winnipeg Jets was to put the Whalers' best defensive line on the ice at the same time as Hull's line.

World Association Canadian Division		W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	41	24	0	275	227	82	
Toronto	37	28	2	294	259	76	
Edmonton	32	37	3	230	208	67	
Vancouver	30	30	2	202	203	62	
Winnipeg	29	30	4	251	231	62	
Eastern Division							
N. England	36	24	4	220	219	76	
Cleveland	28	34	3	186	216	59	
Chicago	25	39	3	216	260	51	
Indianapolis	15	46	3	169	269	33	
Western Division							
Houston	42	0	303	208	86		
Phoenix	34	27	4	255	225	74	
Minnesota	35	28	2	262	228	72	
San Diego	32	28	3	250	225	67	
Baltimore	17	47	3	167	292	37	



FRED O'DONNELL  
... scores three

lon's goal," said Phoenix coach Sandy Hucl. "We were checking them in the first period but stopped after that."

## Kamloops hammers Oil Kings

## Curling club notes



By DON ATHA  
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A mixed league mini-spiel held last Friday was won by the D. Alexander rink.

The Bert Clarke Realty Trophy was won by the Harvey Lockert rink which defeated the Bill Whitton foursome.

A special general meeting is planned for March 19 at 7 p.m. in the curling rink lounge. Among the topics on the agenda will be the election of the new Board of Directors. All members are urged to attend.

Ladies' evening and afternoon leagues will be holding a Wine and Cheese Party tonight in the lounge at 9 p.m. Their mini-spiel begins at 6:45 p.m.

The Commercial League bonspiel will be held March 28 to 30, with four draws. First draws will begin the morning of March 28. Entry fee is \$48 per rink.

Men's league, "Mixed Up Bonspiel," begins Thursday evening and will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only.

The club championship playoffs will be held later in March.

### TRAVELLING CURLERS

Club members who have recently attended out-of-town 'spels include Glen Bridgeman, Doug Chilton, and Art Green in Kelowna; George Downey in Greenwood; Keith May in Penticton; Falkland, Merritt, Prince Rupert, and Lumby; and Nick Turk, Harold Burgmaster, and M. Longworth in Trail. The National Hotel rink, skipped by Herb Van Grootel, won the recent Bartenders' Bonspiel. The Curling Rink team, skipped by Don Atha, placed second in the 'A' event. 'B' event was won by the National Hotel number three team.

The strategy worked better than Ryan had hoped.

Not only did his line of Fred O'Donnell, Larry Pleau and John French shut off Hull's line, but it accounted for four goals in the Whalers' 6-2 World Hockey Association victory Tuesday night.

O'Donnell scored three goals, and defenceman Paul