

# Sports

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## Maple Ridge wins overtime thriller

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Gerald Mykituk's two goals, including the winner in sudden-death overtime Wednesday edged Maple Ridge Blazers to an 8-7 win over host Langley Lords in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action.

In Chilliwack, the Bruins were thrashed by Nanaimo Clippers 7-1, with three of the goals from Dale Ewasiuk.

Mykituk's unassisted goal at 3:23 ruined any comeback hopes for the Lords. They led 2-1 after the first period on goals from Ron Kolman and Terry Nikoli, and scored three goals in the second to take a 4-3 lead.

Randy Betty had three goals for the Blazers. Guy Berkner, Louis Clarke and Roy Wheaton scored singles.

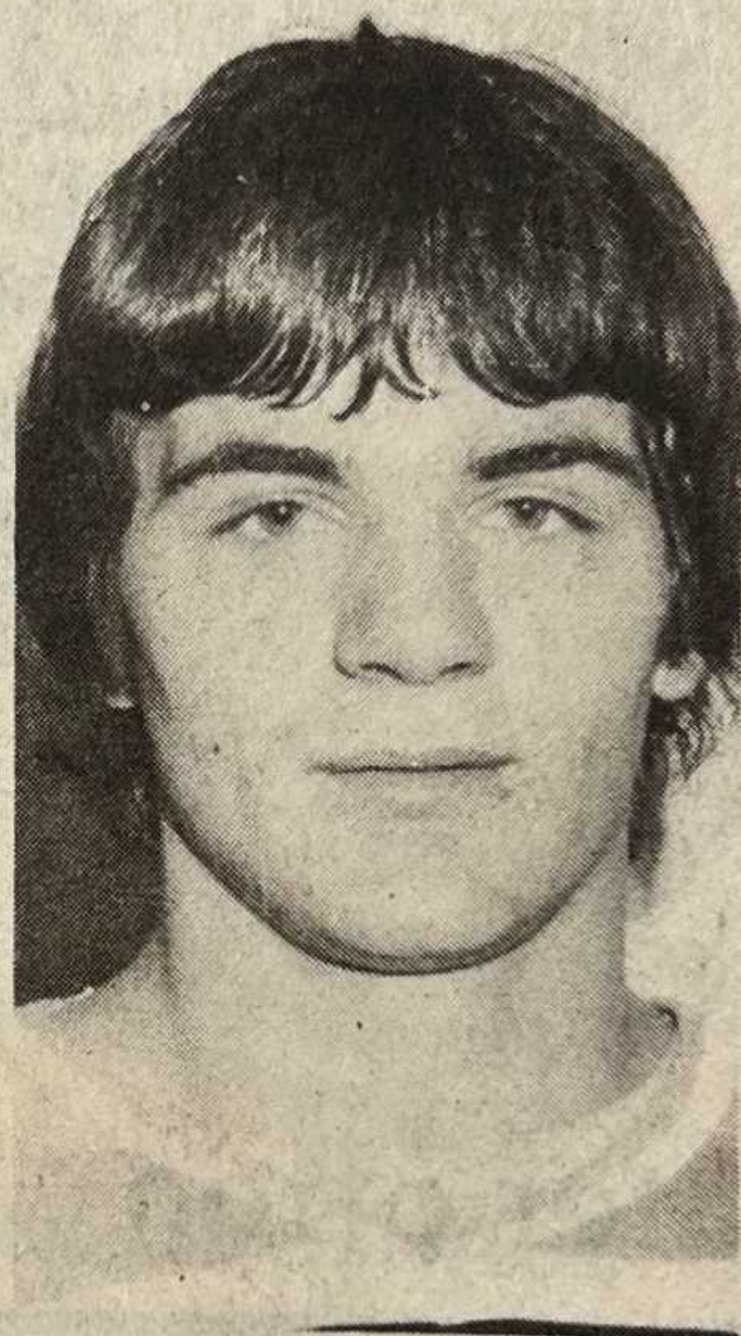
Kolman and Russ Wilderman scored two each for the Blazers. Mark Taylor, Ed Levler and Nikolai scored once each.

On the Blazers goal, Richard Martin stopped 45 shots. Dale Neilson stopped 25 for Langley. Each team had one major penalty, and Blazers took five of seven minors.

Jim Slater added a pair to Ewasiuk's three goals in Chilliwack. Jordie Robinson and Brian Day added singles. The lone Bruins goal came from Tim Hollett.

Nanaimo led 3-1 after the first period and 5-1 going into the final. Each team had 16 penalties, including one match penalty to each squad, eight majors and seven minors.

Nanaimo outshot Chilliwack 43-22.



DALE EWASIUK  
... scored three

## PIN POINTS

September 24  
Early Birds

Women's high triple, Pat Blaeser 579; high single, Carol Goodwin 233; high average, Doreen Larson.

Team high single, Owls 1276; high triple, Ding Bats 3582.

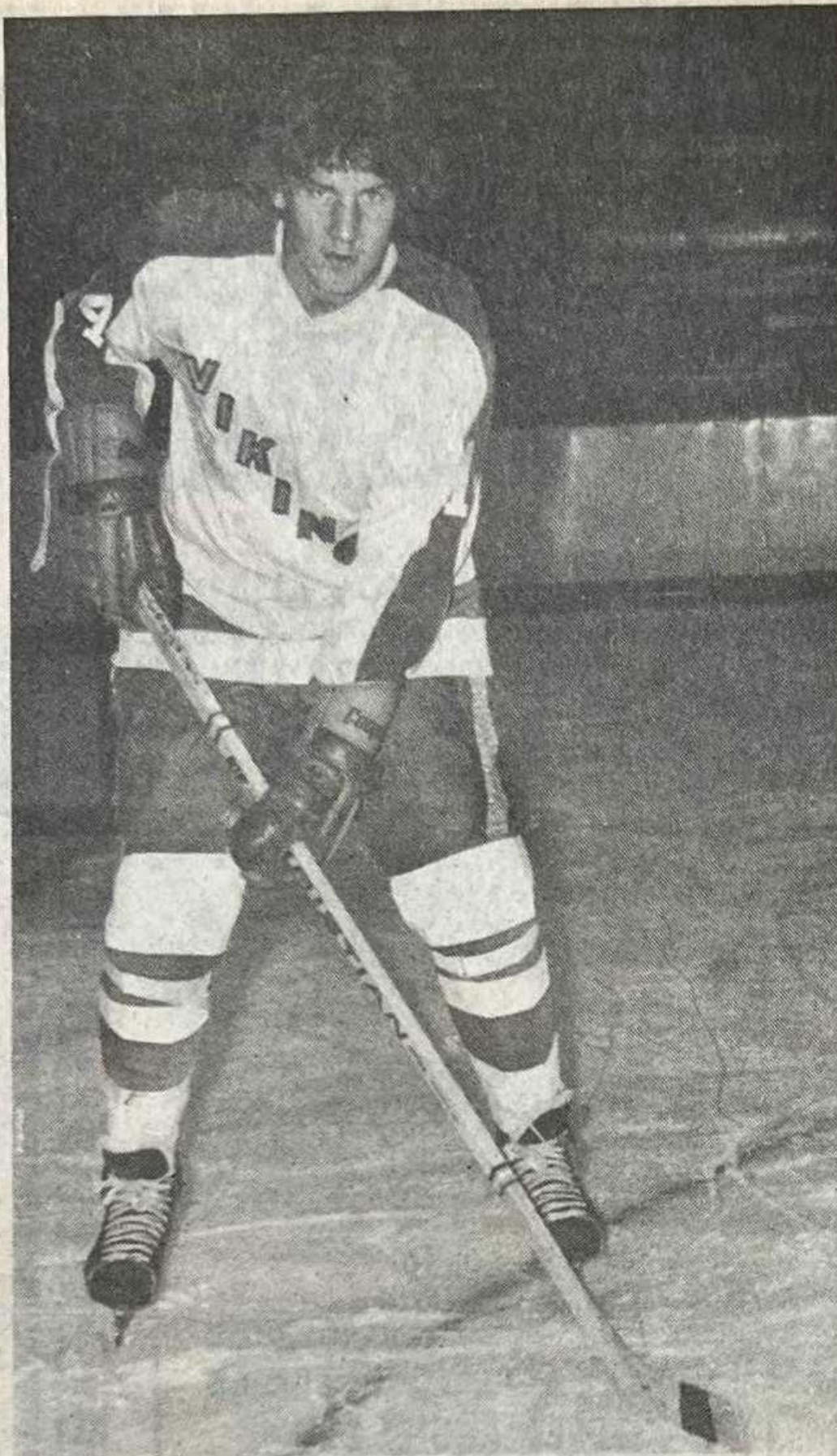
TEAM STANDINGS

Ding Bats  
Storks  
Magpies  
Owls

September 24

Wednesday Matinee

Women's high single, Dorothy Sweitzer 305; high triple, Dorothy Sweitzer 305.



**GARY GASSOFF... working hard**

## Gassoff trying hard to follow his brothers

Vernon Vikings still have 23 players on their roster and every one of those players is aware that at least four of them will be gone within a week.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News he simply can't decide who will do the best job for him over the season. However, unfortunately for Tennant, only he can make that decision.

One player fighting for a spot, as hard as anyone is second year defenceman Gary Gassoff.

Gassoff, now 18, with a year under his belt, should make the club. He was supposed to make Medicine Hat Tigers this year. Why? Because his name is Gassoff.

Gary is following in the footsteps of his three older brothers who have made the Quesnel family one of the best known hockey clans.

### **BOB OLDEST**

Everyone in this area remembers big brother Bob, 22, who played with Vernon

Essos before moving on to Medicine Hat Tigers. Bob now plays with St. Louis Blues of the NHL and picked up 222 minutes in penalties last season.

Next came Ken, who also became a star in Medicine Hat. Although not quite as aggressive as Bob, he certainly can mix it up. This year Ken is with Denver of the WHA.

Brad, 20, will be with either Vancouver Canucks or their farm club in Tulsa this year.

Last year with Kamloops Chiefs, Brad picked up 109 points, and of course, 251 minutes in penalties. Prior to his stint with the Chiefs, he spent two years in Medicine Hat.

### **LOGICAL MOVE**

So, it was just natural that Gary become a member of the Tigers this season. So logical in fact that a news feature published in Vancouver, about Brad, stated that Gary would be playing in Medicine Hat this year.

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# Tri-city propo

The future of stock car racing in the Okanagan will be decided next Tuesday at the annual Okanagan Track Racing Association meeting.

Besides electing an executive for the 1976 racing season, the association members will have a decision to make which may change racing in this area.

A tri-city circuit has been suggested for next year with races once a month at Tillicum Raceway in Vernon, Penticton Speedway, and Inter-Valley Speedway in Kamloops.

However, the circuit would be just for super stocks and hobby stocks, with minis excluded.

### **RACING DEAD**

OTRA Vice-president Bruce Sigston told the Daily News that the reason for the proposed change is because weekly racing in Vernon appears to be dead.

Sigston said, "People want something different these days. They are tired of local races. A tri-city circuit would have more cars, larger purses, and be more exciting."

The OTRA is tentatively suggesting purses of \$2,000 per race which they feel would be a good incentive for drivers.

But, it's not Gary's fault he isn't there. Gary is a defenceman, like big brother, Bob. But, Bob has 30 pounds and the killer instinct, which Gary doesn't possess.

Ken is a much better skater than Gary, while Brad is also about 30 pounds bigger and can put the puck in the net.

Gary had a good rookie season with the Vikings. In fact, during one stretch last January, he was the best blue liner Vikings had.

Gary scored seven goals, had 21 assists, and wasn't afraid to mix it up as his 103 minutes in penalties show.

But, he just wasn't ready for the Tigers this season. He was disappointed with not making the Hat but is now determined to make Vernon and earn himself another shot with Medicine Hat, kind of a home away from home for the Gassoffs.