

# Third period comeback gives Vikings victory

Vernon Vikings scored three unanswered goals in the third period to defeat Penticton Vees 5-3 before 660 fans in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday in Vernon.

**BCJHL STANDINGS**

**INTERIOR DIVISION**

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Vernon	27	20	7	0	40
Penticton	32	15	14	3	33
Kelowna	26	13	12	1	27
Merritt	31	13	17	1	27

**COAST DIVISION**

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Nanaimo	33	18	11	4	40
Langley	32	17	12	3	37
Maple Ridge	32	12	18	2	26
Chilliwack	31	7	24	0	14

The win moves first-place Vernon seven points ahead of the Vees, with five games-in-hand.

John Uveges gave Penticton a 1-0 lead at 6:35 of the opening period when he deflected a shot past Vernon goalie Keith Ferner. However, before the period ended, Brian Griese made a great rush to score his 10th goal of the season and tie the game.

In the second period, Vikings' forwards got caught up ice and Rod Zavaduk gave Vees a 2-1 lead when he peppered a shot into the short side.

Calvin Halasz tied the score again midway through the period, but Penticton again took the lead at 16:08 when Darrell Becker scored.

## DANSHIN SCORES

Vees held on to their 3-2 lead until Steve Danshin scored on a power play at 8:07 of the final period.

The roof then fell in on Penticton goalie Dennis Ewanchuk as Darrell Billsten scored at 12:45 and Ken Stroud connected at 13:12.

Until Vikings' three quick goals in the third period, Ewanchuk had been brilliant. During the night, he made 39 saves while Ferner blocked 38.

Early in the game everything seemed to be against the Vikings as their power play was terrible, Ewanchuk was great, and Vernon forwards rattled three shots off the goal post.

## BEST LINE

Best line for the locals was a unit with Darcy Wilkinson between Gary Gassoff and Ken Stroud. Although the line connected for only one goal, they completely controlled the play when they were on the ice.

Wilkinson has been one of Vernon's steadiest performers in recent games, but Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant would consider that an understatement.

Tennant said, "Wilkinson has been our best player in the last few weeks. He's playing great hockey and has become one of our leaders."

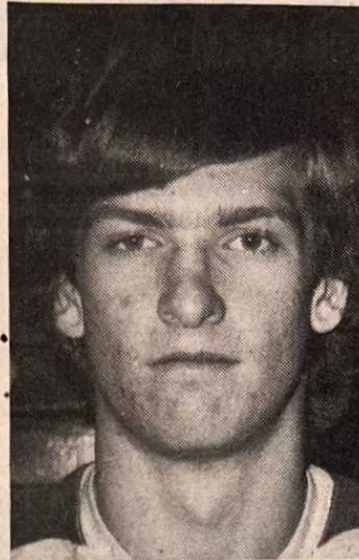
One thing that upset Tennant was the play of his first line, Gary Huth between Grant Sidnick and Calvin Halasz. Huth's line was on the ice for two Vikings' goals, but all three Penticton goals were scored against that unit.

## FEW PENALTIES

The game was a pleasure to watch with good skating, solid checking, and no fights. In fact, Vees picked up four of only seven minor penalties.

Vikings next game is Tuesday, in Merritt.

Saturday in Merritt, the



**DARCY WILKINSON**  
... great game

# Royals capture third in basketball tourney

By DALE MAJOR

**Daily News Correspondent**  
Vernon Royals placed third in their own girls' basketball tournament over the weekend at VSSS.

Royals dumped Kelowna 37-32 in the consolation final.

Top scorers in that game for Vernon were Leanne Wilms with 11 points, Lorri Ogasawara with 10, and Terri Rosman with nine.

## McNAIR WINS

In the championship game, McNair of Richmond defeated

Rutland 32-27.

McNair advanced to the finals by beating Kelowna 47-35, while Rutland edged Vernon 21-20 in a defensive battle.

In earlier games, Point Grey toppled NorKam 42-33, Kelowna thumped NorKam 76-34, Rutland downed Point Grey 38-29, McNair stopped NorKam 57-45, and Vernon doubled Point Grey 40-20.

Royals' Coach Dely Routley felt his club was good enough to win the tournament.

Centennials snapped a two-game losing streak in fine fashion by thumping the Kelowna Buckaroos 9-0.

Kirk Aulin scored four goals for the Cents while Brad Earp picked up the shutout.

In weekend games on the coast, Nanaimo Clippers edged Langley Lords 5-3, Chilliwack Bruins aced Maple Ridge Blazers 3-2, and Blazers bounced back to dump the Clippers 6-4.

B. C. Amateur Hockey Association has suspended Nanaimo forward Brent Kristof for 60 days. The suspension was handed down as the result on an incident last week in Penticton when Kristof threw his stick in the stands.

## MINOR HOCKEY

# Vernon Bantams remain unbeaten

Vernon Bantam Reps kept their unbeaten record intact with a pair of victories over the weekend.

Saturday at home, Vernon dumped Penticton 6-4. Lance Vachon, Brett Stanberg, Darcy Anderson, Roy Bernhardt, Tim Kopp, and Earl Smith scored for the winners.

Sunday, Vernon blanked South Kamloops 2-0 behind the standout netminding of Rex Slizak.

Allan Betton and Rod Trentini scored for Vernon in that game.

## PUPS SPLIT

for Athens.

John Peters scored twice and set up Lenny Strand for another goal in the Bruins' victory. Jason King scored for Rendell to spoil Darrell Houston's shutout bid.

Shane Ascroft recorded his third consecutive shutout as Village Green won. John Sudol, with two, and Terry Stecyk scored for the Green.

In Lumby, Ray Daley scored three times for Whiskey Jacks while Mark Holland added two and Danny Nolan chipped in with a single. Dean Bristow, Gordie

Routley said, "We had a bad game against Rutland or else we would have advanced to the finals. And don't think McNair was any better than us."

He singled out Wilms, Ogasawara, and Rosman for their steady play.

The Vernon coach said, "We were expecting Leanne (Wilms) to be our team leader and she is starting to emerge in that capacity."

## ALL-STARS

She was named to the tournament all-star team along with Ogasawara, Kirster Virge of Kelowna, Debbie Buchner of Rutland, and Juli Warren of McNair.

Most Valuable Player was Cheryl Hedebeck of McNair.

Rosman received honorable mention for the all-star squad along with Jill Corman and Taryn Brodie of Point Grey and E. Harvey of Kelowna.

Royals host Westsyde on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at VSSS.

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