

# Stroud gives Vikings victory over Clippers



By DON KENDALL, Daily News Sports Editor  
Ken Stroud scored with 56 seconds remaining in the game to give Vernon Vikings a 2-1 victory over Nanaimo Clippers in the 1985 Junior Hockey League action before 1,800 fans Sunday in Nanaimo.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Vernon	41	21	4	1	43
Nanaimo	44	25	14	5	55
Kelowna	40	23	16	1	47
Lansey	43	21	18	4	46
Penikese	43	17	22	4	38
Merrill	46	18	27	1	37
Maple Ridge	46	14	26	6	34
Chilliwack	41	10	30	21	22

The win moved Vikings eight points ahead of the second-place Clippers, with three games-in-hand.  
Rick Simpson gave Vikings a 1-0 lead at 3:42 of the second period, but, just 41 seconds later, Brian Day tied the game when he stole the puck from Vernon defenceman Brian Grisee right in front of goalie Keith Ferner.

Mickey Willgress appeared to put Clippers in the lead at 13:58, of the third period, when he beat Ferner with a low shot. However, the goal was disallowed as it was directed into the net with a skate.

Then, a line juggling act by Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant paid off. After only 40 seconds rest, Tennant sent out Stroud with linemates Steve Danahin and Calvin Halasz, with 1:06 remaining. Danahin won the faceoff, outside the Clippers' blue line, and fed the puck to Stroud who blasted a slapshot from the wing past Nanaimo goalie Steve Amis.

However, the two stars of the game were the goalies. Ferner was nothing short of sensational, kicking out 39 shots. Amis was also outstanding, blocking 31 shots.

Ferner had Day, Gary Lupol, and Kim Hukewich talking to themselves as he pulled off one great save after another.

Amis robbed numerous Vikings from in close, including Drew Tumbach, who had three clear shots from the slot.

The game was marred by a donnybrook early in the second period. Vikings' big defenceman Brian Maser took exception to Nanaimo forward Morry Anderson having unkind words with Ferner.

After a bout of fistcuffs, Anderson was on his way to the dressing room for repairs when he became entangled with rugged Jack LeFevy.

Both teams piled into the dressing room tunnel and punched for several minutes. Anderson picked up a match misconduct and several cuts for his trouble, while LeFevy was ejected from the game.

Tennant called it the most exciting game of the season. He said, "It was one helluva hockey game. The fans sure got their money's worth tonight."

Nanaimo Coach Larry McNabb, still furious about the disallowed goal, had nothing to say after the game except bad words for the officials.

Saturday in Chilliwack, the last-place Bruins were no match for the Vikings as Vernon skated to an easy 8-4 win.

Five unanswered goals in the second period broke a 2-2 tie and killed the Bruins.

Peter Poeschek and Griese scored two goals each for Vernon with singles from Gary Huth, Tumbach, Clyde Goodenewmer, Dandish, and Stroud.

Al Cunningham, Doug Derksen, Frank Iquinta, and Randy Takanaika repited for Chilliwack.

Vernon goalie Darrell Furmanek made 25 saves while Bruins' goalies Sandy Kovac and Rick Nitcheke combined to block 40 shots.

In other weekend games, Maple Ridge Blazers lost a pair, 4-3 to Kelowna Buckaroos Sunday and 7-4 to Merritt Centennials Saturday.

Vikings are back in action Tuesday when they travel to Merritt to take on the Centennials.

GOALPOSTS: Tennant was very pleased with the announcement Friday of eight Vikings to the interior all-star squad. He said they all deserve it. Victoria Cougars' General Manager Ferner as the first star Sunday and said it was one of the finest goaltending displays he has seen. Terry Anaka is the first 20-goal scoring defenceman in the league.

## Broncos welcome new coach

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Lehrbridge Broncos greeted new coach Mike Sauter with a 7-3 victory over Brandon Wheat Kings Sunday night in a Western Canada Hockey League game which was delayed nearly an hour.

Sauter, 27, took over the Broncos Thursday after Earl Ingarfield resigned.  
Sauter had to wait to register his initial win because the scheduled referee for the game drove into a ditch just outside Calgary and was unable to make the trip. He was not seriously injured.

Leo Harold of Lehrbridge refereed the first two periods and was replaced by Jerry Gray in the third. Harold became the linesman when linesman Garry Davidson was felled by a shot late in the second period.

The linesmen had actually earned their money before the third period started as the two clubs had seven fights in the first two frames.  
In other Sunday games, New Westminster Bruins downed Edmonton Oil Kings 7-1, Calgary Centennials, playing without a coach, beat Flin Flon Bombers 7-0, and Saskatoon Blades won 7-2 over Winnipeg Clubs.

In the games Saturday, Brandon tied 4-4 with Medicine Hat Tigers, Edmonton edged Victoria Cougars 5-4 and New Westminster defeated Kamloops Chiefs 5-1.

## Dye gets winner against Selkirks

Wayne Dye scored in overtime to give Salmon Arm Aces an 8-7 win over Revelstoke Selkirks in Monashee Hockey League action Saturday in Salmon Arm.  
Bob Cameron scored three for the winners while Jeff Todd, Gary McConnell, Spud

Morrison Rink of Vernon will be representing the interior in the B.C. Senior Ladies' Curling Playdowns, in Nanaimo, from Feb. 18 to 22.

The Morrison foursome captured the District Two Championship, in Ashcroft, over the weekend.

After dropping their first game to the Kay Laface rink, of Kelowna, the Vernon team bounced back to beat Laface and then hand the Cariboo Zone representative two straight losses.

Other members of the winning rink are third Mabel French, second Gladys Leek, and lead Marion MacDonald.

In the ladies' competition, the Marion Radcliffe rink, of Kelowna emerged victorious while the Helen Elgie foursome, of Kamloops, captured the junior ladies' title.

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Five games were played Sunday night in Honeymooners' Volleyball League play at the Vernon Recreation Centre.  
Up-n-atoms beat the Heatwaves 15-2, 16-14, and 15-9; Cheeky Devils dumped the Downtown Deviates 15-12, 15-1, and 11-15; Goodtimers thumped Sunday Drivers 16-8, 15-3, and 15-2; Six Pack Plus defeated the Rockies 15-4, 17-15, and 15-9; and the Friends battered the Ball Busters 15-2, 15-9, and 16-14.

## SEVERAL UNFRIENDLY WORDS and a few punches, were exchanged during this melee in the second period of Sunday's BCJHL game in Nanaimo. This incident started when Vikings' Jack LeFevy and Clippers' Morley Anderson became engaged



and Steve Amis. Below, Calvin Halasz raises his stick in the air, signifying a goal, as Ken Stroud beat Amis in the final minute of play to give Vernon a 2-1 win. Stroud, out of the picture, led a perfect shot from the wing.

(Daily News photos)

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## Medal hopes brighter after dramatic finish

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—Canada's hopes for Olympic figure-skating medals are looking up after a dramatic win by Lynn Nightingale of Ottawa won her third consecutive title and, although she was not at her best in the free-skating finale, her over-all form here suggests she may be ready to threaten the world's best in the Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, next month.

Cranston, the 26-year-old Toronto skater who was fourth in the world last year, has beefed up the technical part of his program, adding a triple toe loop to his repertoire of difficult jumps.

And he remains the supreme artist, skating with dramatic style that earned him perfect sixes from three judges for artistic impression.

"I felt it was the best skating I have ever seen," Cranston said, noting that the fact this is an Olympic year

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## Erratic shooting results in defeat

Vernon Senior Secondary School Royals suffered a 39-32 loss to Rutland Woodooos in girls' high school basketball action Friday in Rutland.

For Royals, it was the third straight loss after opening the season with a win over Penikese.

The same problem continues to plague the Royals, dismal shooting. Vernon connected on only 11 of 81 shots from the field, a mediocre 14 per cent.

Royals' coach Deloy Routley called the loss unnecessary as they feel they should be beating clubs like Rutland.

He said, "we actually held a slight edge in play but shooting is what killed us."

Rosman was top scorer for Vernon with 14 points while Trish Wells sunk seven.

Royals are back in action Tuesday when they host Rutland, at 6:30 p.m.

With Deloy looking after things behind the baseline, Bobby Hull unleashed his best offensive performance of the season by scoring three goals and assisting on two others.

The goals gave Hull 30 for the season and his five points upped his total to 17, seven back of Marc Tardif of Quebec Nordiques, the current scoring leader.

Quebec managed to get by Toronto Toros 4-3 in overtime in one of five games Saturday night. In the others, Cincinnati Stingers and Indianapolis Racers battled to a 4-4 tie before 14,123 fans in Indianapolis; Calgary Cowboys kept pace with Winnipeg and Quebec by beating Houston Aeros 4-2; Minnesota Fighting Saints doubled Phoenix Roadrunners 4-2; and San Diego Mariners edged Cleveland Crusaders 5-4.

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## Whalers shutout by Winnipeg Jets

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Veteran netminder Joe Daley silenced a host of critics by backstopping Winnipeg Jets to an 8-0 verdict over New England Whalers in the only World Hockey Association game Sunday night.

World Canadian Division

Winnipeg	W	L	T	A	P
Winnipeg	21	9	1	199	124
Quebec	27	16	2	196	177
Calgary	24	16	2	189	136
Edmonton	18	27	1	192	38
Toronto	14	25	3	173	204
Ottawa	14	26	1	134	172

Eastern Division

N. England	W	L	T	A	P
Cincinnati	19	23	1	161	191
Cleveland	18	29	2	146	152
Indianapolis	16	25	2	114	134

Western Division

Houston	W	L	T	A	P
Houston	20	19	4	167	145
Minnesota	20	17	3	134	139
Phoenix	19	19	3	150	142

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