

# Cents sink Vikings



EIGHT MEMBERS of the Vernon Vikings, along with their coach Joe Tennant, played in the sixth annual

B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game Wednesday in Nanaimo. From left, back row are Steve Danshin, Ken

Stroud, Jack Lefley, and Calvin Halasz. Front row, Gary Huth, Terry Anaka, Tennant, Keith Ferner, and

Brian Griese. Unfortunately for Vernon, and the Interior, the Coast Division won the game 7-1.

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## CURLING CLUB NOTES

By MARGARET-ANNE STROH  
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Congratulations to the Joan Morrison rink which recently won the District Senior Ladies' Playoffs. Other team members are Mabel French, Gladys Leek, and Marian MacDonald.

Good luck in the B.C. finals in Nanaimo. Four Vernon rinks took top honors in the Salmon Arm Bonspiel last weekend.

Randy Brown captured the A event while Don Watson won the B. Doug Wetherill took top honors in C, and Ted Kenny placed first in D.

Five Vernon rinks will be competing in the Interior Playdowns this weekend, in Trill, vying for a spot in the provincial finals.

## Tigers, Broncos have a wild one

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

What started out as hockey degenerated into fistcuffs as Medicine Hat Tigers defeated Lethbridge Broncos 6-5 in one of three Western Canada Hockey League games Thursday night.

Lethbridge coach Mike Sauter and defenceman Darcy Regier, who had not dressed for the game, spent almost two hours in a Medicine Hat jail following a bench-clearing incident midway through the final period.

The melee held up the game for more than an hour and resulted in 104 minutes in penalties, two game misconducts and a gross misconduct to Sauter.

The Broncos, who were behind 4-2 and 6-4 after the first two periods, capped a rally early in the third to tie the score at 5-5. Then Tigers' defenceman John Hillworth invaded their bench and precipitated a fight that soon involved every player on the

two teams and some of the fans.

Once order was restored, Medicine Hat went on to win with a power-play goal by Brian Hill at 10:04. Both teams finished the game with only ten players left.

Don Murdoch had three goals for the Tigers, and singles were added by Ron Areshenkovf and Greg Carroll.

For the Broncos, tallies came from Steve Tambellini, Mike Boychuk, Brian Pierce, Brian Sutter and Rocky Saganuk.

The other games Thursday saw relatively few penalties, and goaltenders were in the thick of the action.

Randy Ireland assisted on two goals and stopped 25 shots for Saskatoon Blades as they defeated Flin Flon Bombers 5-2. Glen Hanlon of Brandon Wheat Kings lost a chance for another shutout but made several brilliant saves as his team turned back Regina Pats, also by a 5-2 score.

By DON KENDALL

Daily News Sports Editor Centennial's thumped first-place Vernon Vikings 10-5 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Thursday in Merritt.

The loss marks the first time in three months Vikings have lost two games in a row. Last Sunday, Vernon lost 7-6 to Kelowna.

Vikings, known for their sound defensive play, left goalie Darrell Furmanek unprotected on numerous occasions and took their frustrations out with fistcuffs.

Vernon came out brawling and ended up with 88 minutes in penalties, including eight fighting majors, a 10-minute misconduct, and two game misconducts. On the other hand, Centennial's got eight majors, two 10-minute misconducts and one game misconduct in an 82-minute total.

Besides winning a few of the fights, Vikings did nothing right.

STARS SLUMPING

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant said the players that his club counts on for big efforts, just haven't been producing.

Although Tennant did not single out any players, Terry Anaka, Brian Griese, and Jack Lefley have been playing far below-par in recent games.

Anaka and Griese, two of the top pushing defencemen in the BCJHL, have not been moving the puck effectively out of their own end, or finishing their checks.

Lefley, perhaps the best bodychecker in the league, has been hitting the boards more than the opposition lately.

One player who is usually where the action is when fights start, Greg Agar, kept his nose clean and turned in his best game of the year for the cents.

SIX POINTS

Agar scored two goals and added four assists while Bob Wasson blundered the red light twice. Singles went to Paul Chudwick, Gord Cochrane, Danny Kotta, Pat Dupuis, and Kevin Willison.

Darcy Wilkinson tied a

BCJHL record by scoring at the six-second mark of the opening period. However, that was the last time Vernon led in the game.

Other Vikings' scorers were Barrell Billatien, Clyde Goodswimmer, Gary Huth, and Calvin Halasz.

Furmanek blocked 35 shots while Merritt's Brad Earp turned away 38 shots.

Vernon has now lost four of its last eight games after dropping only eight in its first 38 games this season. One reason for that drop in per-

formance has been the dismal penalty killing unit.

GOALS AGAINST

Against Merritt, Vikings allowed five goals while playing short-handed. Another reason has been the upswing in goals against. Prior to Sunday's game, Vernon had not allowed more than six goals in a contest.

Tennant said, "I can't explain it other than saying we're slumping. We have a good team and everyone knows we do. I just hope we can get back to playing hockey in the near future. I'll tell you

one thing, they're going to be working in practice today."

In the fistcuffs department, Vikings' big defenceman Brian Maser tangled with the three largest members of the Centennial's and did well in all three bouts. Most lopsided fight of the night was when Steve Danshin hammered Merritt star Darrell Zelinski with no less than a dozen punches.

But, there are no points for punches.

Vernon is back in action Saturday when they host Penticton Vees.

## Sabres extend streak, but they lost ground

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Buffalo Sabres extended their home unbeaten streak Thursday night, but they lost ground to Boston Bruins in the fight for first place in the National Hockey League's Adams Division.

National Patrick Division	W L T F A P					
	W	L	T	F	A	
Philadelphia	30	10	2	13	139	69
Atlanta	27	12	8	19	110	62
Florida	24	21	7	17	154	55
Rangers	18	25	6	15	202	42

Smythe Division	W L T F A P					
	W	L	T	F	A	
Chicago	21	12	14	15	134	58
Vancouver	17	20	10	15	158	44
St. Louis	18	25	3	17	171	35
Minnesota	14	24	2	12	169	35
Kansas City	11	35	4	11	220	26

Adams Division	W L T F A P					
	W	L	T	F	A	
Boston	20	10	9	18	137	67
Buffalo	27	14	8	20	144	62
Toronto	20	19	10	16	164	50
California	19	24	4	19	142	42

Norris Division	W L T F A P					
	W	L	T	F	A	
Montreal	35	6	8	20	99	78
Los Angeles	27	22	3	16	170	57
Pittsburgh	19	24	6	19	195	44
Detroit	15	28	7	13	191	37
Washington	5	41	5	19	262	15

The Sabres struggled to a 1-1 tie with Philadelphia Flyers but dropped five points behind Boston Bruins, who defeated Chicago Black Hawks 5-3 at Boston.

Buffalo jumped into a 1-0 lead at 17:44 of the first period as Rick Martin took Rene Robert's pass and scored his 31st goal of the season on a backhanded shot.

## Mariners shutout Calgary Cowboys

By NEIL CAMPBELL

The Canadian Press When Eric Wakely's glove hand let him down Thursday night, his body came through for him.

of goaltenders. For two periods they had to use Andy Brown, the besties of their three alling regulars.

When farmhand Jim Clarke arrived from Mohawk Valley

Philadelphia had two players in the penalty box at the time.

At 1:18 of the second period, Flyers defenceman Tom Blayden ripped a blast from near the sideboards past Buffalo goalie Gerry Denjardins to tie the game.

The streaking Bruins got a pair of goals from Jean Ratelle as they won their fourth game in a row and the 12th in their last 14 games.

The Bruins were playing

without top defenceman Brad Park, who was in bed with the flu. They have played one less game than the Sabres and have a chance to increase their lead when they visit Atlanta Flames tonight.

In Thursday's other games, New York Rangers downed St. Louis Blues 6-3, Pittsburgh Penguins trimmed Kansas City Scouts 6-2 and Detroit Red Wings tied Los Angeles Kings 3-3.

## Barring major upsets only one fight remains

CALGARY (CP) — Barring upsets, only one division battle remains in the national midjet hockey tournament.

The winner of the division I standings in all likelihood will meet the host Calgary Spurs, currently division II leaders with four victories in as many starts.

The battle in division II will pit Ontario, currently with three wins in as many starts, against a second-place Saskatchewan who have two wins and a tie in three games.

Saturday's meeting between Ontario, represented by Toronto, and Saskatchewan's Swift Current entry will likely decide who goes against Calgary in Sunday's final.

Thursday night Calgary solidified first place in division II by clobbering the Alberta team from Edmonton 11-2. In that game Calgary

broke open a 2-2 tie with nine unanswered third period goals.

The loss was the first for Alberta, now tied with Manitoba for second spot with identical 3-1 records.

Thunder Bay is in third spot in division I with two wins and a tie.

NO EFFECT

The Ontario-Saskatchewan match Saturday should not be affected by today's games for both those teams. Ontario meets British Columbia who has one win in three games while Saskatchewan plays Thunder Bay.

Calgary will meet Prince Edward Island who have yet to win in the tournament.

In other games today, Alberta plays Quebec and Manitoba meets Ottawa while Newfoundland goes against Nova Scotia.