

# Huth a hero for Vikings



**VERNON JUDO CLUB** placed first in a recent Okanagan tournament in Penticton. Some of the team

members who won ribbons in the tourney are from left, back row, Charles Marty, Donna Hansen, Dawn

Delisle, Kim Thomas, and Eric Brandes. Front row, Bradley Goudge, Brian

Yakura, Trevor Nadrozny, and Danny Gnass. (Daily News Photo)

By DON KENDALL  
Daily News Sports Editor  
Gary Huth scored with 37 seconds remaining in the third period to give Vernon Vikings a 7-6 win over Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Tuesday in Merritt.

The win was Vikings third in-a-row and stops Merritt's 10-game home-ice winning streak.

Calvin Halasz did some great forechecking in the corner and forced a bad pass directly in the slot which went to Huth. The classy centre drilled a shot past goaltender Brad Earp for his second goal of the night, and 36th of the season.

**GREAT GAME**

The game was one of the most entertaining of the season with both teams playing wide-open hockey.

Real hero for Vernon was the penalty killing unit. In seven power play opportunities, Centennials were able to score only once while Vikings picked up two short-handed goals. Peter Poeschek and Jack Lefley alternated up front with Huth and Gary Gassoff in penalty killing situations.

Darrell Billsten gave Vikings a 1-0 lead at the seven second mark of the opening period when he fired a shot in off the post.

Although Vernon dominated the first period, they left the ice with only a 3-2 lead. Two bad goals by Merritt's Anthony Thomas and Kirk Aulin nullified goals by Rick Simpson and Lefley.

After a shaky start, Vernon netminder Keith Ferner kept his club in the game in the second period. Despite allowing goals to Aulin and Paul Chadwick, he made numerous sensational saves.

Cents led 4-3 after the second.

Vikings' defenceman Brian Griese picked up a double-minor penalty early in the third period and Merritt appeared to have an excellent opportunity to stretch its lead. But, shorthanded goals by Gassoff and Huth, within three minutes, put Vernon back in front.

**AGAR SCORED**

Cents battled back to make the score 5-5 when Greg Agar finally connected on a powerplay.

Merritt captain Darrell



**GARY HUTH**  
... clutch shot

Zelinski put Cents in the lead at 15:30 on a backhand, but Gassoff again tied the game for Vikings at the 16-minute mark.

That set the stage for Huth's heroics.

Merritt outshot Vernon 41-39.

Vikings were assessed 10 of 15 minor penalties and two of three misconducts.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant was happy to come home with the two points. He said, "Merritt is always tough to beat in their arena. We had to work for this one."

**BACK TO FORM**

Tennant said he was glad to see Lefley and Gassoff are starting to return to the form they showed earlier this season.

He said, "We've got to have those guys going 100 per cent going into the playoffs."

Vikings now lead second-place Nanaimo Clippers by four points, but Clippers have two games-in-hand.

Both teams are in action tonight as Vernon hosts Kelowna Buckaroos and Nanaimo hosts the lowly Chilliwack Bruins.

Bucks edged Penticton Vees 7-6 in Tuesdays' only other BCJHL game.

Tennant said, "We're going to come out hitting tonight. We're getting a little tired losing to those buggers. They'd better keep their heads up."

Vikings have lost the last five games they have met the Bucks, however all those games have been in Kelowna. Game time is 8 p.m.

**ROYALS WIN EASILY**

## Panthers end season with loss to Westsyde

By DALE MAJOR

Daily News Correspondent  
Vernon Panthers ended their season Tuesday by losing 81-75 to Westsyde in senior high school boys' basketball action at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Panthers finished the season with a 5-7 record, which should place them third in the Okanagan North Zone. Top three teams in the zone qualify for playoffs.

The lead changed hands numerous times as each team played well in spurts. Westsyde led 20-18 after the first-quarter, Panthers held a 44-35 edge at half-time, and the Kamloops school rallied to a 63-60 three-quarter lead.

Jon Rosman had a standout game for Panthers with 20 points and nine rebounds. Steve King sunk 18 points while Dave Turner added 11.

Rob Davies was top man for Westsyde with 24 points while Kirby Kennedy scored 21 and

Ron Nash sunk 12.

Vernon played the entire game without two starters. Randy Forsyth was out with the flu and Doug Lemiski will miss the remainder of the season with a knee injury, which will necessitate surgery in March.

Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig said the game could have gone either way.

Inrig said, "We just couldn't close the gap. We didn't have any luck around the basket."

"It was a big setback losing Lemiski. He has been our best player in recent games."

Inrig praised the play of Rosman, who played probably his best game of the year. The Vernon coach also had kind words for Davies.

He said, "We were able to cut off Westsyde's big man Nash, 6'6", but Davies picked up the slack."

With the playoffs starting next week, Inrig told the Daily News his team is going to do



**JON ROSMAN**  
...big night

one thing different in post-season play.

He said, "We're going to win. We'll be up against the top two ranked teams in the south zone and no one expects us to win. But, I like being an underdog."

Meanwhile, in girls' play, VSSS Royals closed out their most successful season in style by hammering Westsyde 84-31.

For Royals, it was their eighth win in 12 games, good enough for third spot in the Okanagan.

Vernon held quarter leads of 20-9, 46-15, and 62-20.

Terri Rosman and Leanne Willms continued their fine play with 27 and 26 points respectively. Laurie Ogasawara added 10 points for the winners, who shot a respectable 40 per cent from the field.

Terri Alchison and Kim McKennan had eight points each for Westsyde.

Royals' Coach Dely Routley had nothing but praise for his team, in particular Rosman and Willms.

**VALLEY FINALS**  
Vernon now takes part in the valley finals, which open Thursday in Salmon Arm. Royals' first game will be against Rutland at 4 p.m.

Routley said Rutland has a strong zone defence, but he is confident his club can break it.

He said, "I think we're good enough to gain a berth in the B.C. tournament."

## McNabb might resign because of huge bond

KELOWNA (CP) — The British Columbia Junior Hockey League Tuesday ordered Nanaimo Clipper coach Larry McNabb to post a \$1,000 good-behaviour bond after an incident at a game Thursday night.

McNabb also has been fined \$200 for a verbal outburst and has forfeited a \$200 bond he had posted with the league earlier.

McNabb said in Nanaimo he was completely shocked by the announcement of the fine and bond and had no alternative but to resign his position as coach.

"There's just no way I can afford to post a \$1,000 bond and there's no way they can make me pay the fine," he said, adding that he has no recollection of the alleged swearing incident.

He said there's not a coach in the league that hasn't sworn at a referee following a game.

**WILL COACH**

McNabb said, however, that he would coach tonight's game at Nanaimo against Chilliwack Bruins.

League president Bryan

Couling said: "There is no way a referee or linesman in our league has to take the amount of verbal abuse that McNabb has directed at them over the season. If we let this sort of thing go unchecked we'd soon find it impossible to obtain officials to work our games."

McNabb had been fined on three previous occasions for his attacks on referees.

Couling also announced he has fined Kelowna Buckaroos \$200 for unnecessary remarks made to Couling and an off-duty linesman following a

game in Maple Ridge Sunday night.

Kelowna captain Brad Owens has been suspended for one game for leaving the penalty box during the same game in Maple Ridge.

The league also has suspended defenceman Robbie Neeld of Maple Ridge Blazers for two games for gesturing with his stick at the referee in a game last Friday.

Couling has fined the Blazers' coach, Lawrence Gingras, \$100 for remarks he made to the referee during the same game.

## King Cam leads Cougars to win

Player-coach King Cam scored two goals and assisted on another as Vernon Cougars edged Vernon Screaming Eagles 3-2 in North Okanagan Hockey League playoff action Tuesday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

The win moves Cougars on to the semi-final game Thursday against Winfield Raiders. For Screaming Eagles, it's a long summer.

Cam gave Cougars a 2-0 lead after the second period before

Pat Balfour stretched the margin early in the third.

Ernie Gabbs narrowed the gap to 3-1, and with less than five minutes remaining, Matt Bonneau moved Eagles to within one goal.

Despite several good scoring chances in the final minutes, Eagles were unable to beat goalie Jack Gilroy.

Gilroy finished the night with 29 saves while Mike Herrling also blocked 29 shots for Eagles.

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## HOPING FOR SCHOLARSHIP

# Schnarr to continue education

By JIM WATERS  
Kelowna Courier

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Perry Schnarr has a logical explanation when people ask why the record-breaking goal scorer is playing in the Tier Two British Columbia Junior Hockey League and not the Western Canada circuit.

"My intentions are to graduate from KSS (Kelowna Secondary School where he is in his final year) and get a scholarship for college," said the 18-year-old, who already has 55 goals and 42 assists.

"If I'd gone to play for a Tier One team, I wouldn't have been eligible for a scholarship."

As one might expect for a gifted performer who a year ago scored a record 64 goals in his rookie season, offers have been extended him from talent-hungry clubs in the Western Canada Hockey League.

"Paddy Ginnell (of Victoria Cougars) has kept asking me for three years to go play for him, and I've kept turning him down," explained Schnarr.

He remains instead with Kelowna Buckaroos, who played the first three months of the season on the road because a civic strike closed the arena. Though management denies it, the players tell you morale sank awfully low during that stretch of away games.

### KEPT PLUGGING

Schnarr, however, seemed unperturbed by the grind and scored 26 goals—best in the BCJHL—before the Bucks played their first home game on Boxing Day. He responded as enthusiastically as his teammates to the return to Memorial Arena by netting 10 goals in Kelowna's first three home games, including five—his 100th in the league being one of them—against Merritt Dec. 30 to tie a single-match mark. Kelowna now is third in the eight-team league.

"I follow my goal total pretty close. I know what I've got all the time. As far as points go, I don't really worry," said the right winger, who has contributed 42 assists on the prolific line centred by Mike Wills, who leads the



PERRY SCHNARR  
... to college

## Lions pledges mount

VANCOUVER (CP) — The financially-troubled British

BCJHL in points with 110.

At one point last month—the occasion of his 50th goal—Schnarr said he was aiming for 70 goals or better before the season concludes March 9. That target was still within reach as the Bucks had 15 games to play, but he revised his goal slightly.

### HIGHER GOAL

"I'd just like to break my old record, and score 65 or more. But I would like to make it harder for the next guy who comes along," he added.

Several U.S. colleges—including highly-regarded Denver, Colorado and North Dakota—has been in touch with Schnarr, whose 19-year-old brother Mark of the BCJHL Maple Ridge Blazers has similar hockey ambitions.

"He graduated from high school with nothing but straight A's," boasted Perry.

Perry and Mark are the only boys among eight children of Vern Schnarr, who Perry remembers was a scorer of note in senior men's leagues in Vancouver.

"He always scored the most

goals in the league. He always told me 'Until you can put the puck in like me, I refuse to quit the game,'" recalled Schnarr, who played his minor hockey for Burnaby Winter Club while remaining active in basketball and lacrosse.

### SCORING TOUCH

His five-goal game this season tied him with six BCJHL graduates, including Grant Mulvey of Chicago Black Hawks, but didn't surpass his personal high of eight markers in a provincial final against Victoria two years ago.

The scoring touch may have been passed from father to son. However, Schnarr has spent long summer sessions at power skating schools—as both a student and instructor—improving the facet of his game which contributes to numerous breakaway rushes.

Aside from his desire to play collegiate hockey, Schnarr has few plans for the future. He is content, for the present, to complete high school by day and play hockey.