

# Vikings clobber Clippers

Nanaimo Clippers had a Friday night they will never forget.

On route to a B.C. Junior Hockey League game in Vernon, Clippers were delayed 90 minutes when an accident blocked the Trans-Canada Highway near Monte Creek.

**BCJHL STANDINGS**

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Vernon	62	43	18	1	87
Nanaimo	60	38	17	5	81
Kelowna	59	33	25	1	67
Langley	61	29	29	3	61
Merritt	61	30	30	1	61
Penticton	62	25	33	4	54
Maple Ridge	61	20	39	2	42
Chilliwack	60	16	43	1	33

Finally, when the club arrived in Vernon to fight for first-place with the Vikings, the locals were anything but gracious hosts.

Vernon scored seven unanswered goals in the second period in an 11-1 victory over second-place Nanaimo.

The win moves Vikings six points up on the Clippers.

Vernon came out hitting in the first period and forced the

Nanaimo defence into numerous costly errors.

Ken Stroud and Calvin Halasz scored two goals each for the winners while Terry Anaka, Jack Lefley, Brian Griese, Clyde Goodswimmer, Steve Danshin, Gary Gassoff, and Peter Poeschek added singles.

**SET RECORD**

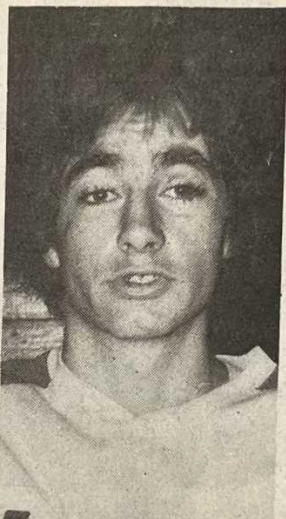
Although it could not be confirmed, it is believed Vikings set a record for short-handed goals in one game. Lefley, Gassoff, and Poeschek all scored while playing one-man short. In the last three games, Vernon has six short-handed goals.

Brian Day got the lone Nanaimo goal on a power-play in the opening period.

Vikings led 2-1 after the first period and 9-1 after the second.

The victory could prove to be a costly one for Vikings. Anaka reinjured his shoulder in the third period and Lefley was handed a match penalty after an altercation at the end of the second period.

While Anaka may play



**CALVIN HALASZ**  
... scored two

Sunday against Kelowna, Lefley gets an automatic three-game suspension.

**SCOTT SPEARED**

The brawl started when

Nanaimo goalie Gary Scott speared Grant Sidnick. Scott and Sidnick squared off, while on the other side of the ice, Lefley became entangled with Clippers' Gord Genereux. Genereux got a match penalty for pulling Lefley's mask while the Vernon player got his penalty for pulling hair.

Scott, who replaced Steve Amiss in the nets midway through the second period, was assessed his second 10-minute misconduct of the period, and an automatic game penalty.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News he plans on protesting the penalty to the league.

Tennant said, "There is no way either player deserved a match penalty."

Other than that disturbance, referee Eric Reimer had an easy night handing out just eight minor penalties, including six to Vernon.

**FERNER LEADS**

Going into the game, Vernon netminder Keith Ferner and Amiss were locked in a battle for the lowest goals against

average in the BCJHL. However, Ferner now has a comfortable lead.

Amiss was beaten nine times in 50 minutes, while Scott allowed two goals in the 10 minutes he played. They combined to block 45 shots. Ferner was called on to make 27 saves.

In six meetings between the two league leaders this season, Nanaimo was unable to pick up a point.

**FIFTH STRAIGHT**

Tennant was very happy with his club's fifth consecutive win.

He said, "It is unfortunate Clippers had that trouble on the highway, but we would have beaten anyone tonight."

Vikings host Kelowna Buckaroos Sunday at 8 p.m. Clippers travel to Kelowna tonight and Penticton Sunday.

In other games Saturday, Penticton Vees edged Kelowna 8-7, Merritt Centennials moved into a fourth-place tie with Langley by dumping the Lords 6-4, and Maple Ridge Blazers bombed Chilliwack Bruins 8-1.

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## Penticton, are victors in close fought game

The Vernon Senior Secondary School Royals suffered a heartbreaking 52-50 loss to the Penticton Lakettes in the Okanagan senior girls basketball championships Friday in Salmon Arm.

Royals came out flat in the opening half and were trailing

received with more than 50 Vernon fans making the trip to Salmon Arm.

The Vernon coach said the whole place was packed and it seemed as though everyone in the crowd was behind the team.

team, and we played a well-disciplined ball game with quite a polished style of play. "If we lost on any one aspect of the game, it was on free throws as we were able to hit in only seven of 22 shots from the line."

# Young goalie doing well



Enderby's gift to college hockey appears to be enjoying his first season with the University of North Dakota Black Hawks.

Bill Stankoven is doing an excellent job in Grand Forks, N.D., according to his coach Rube Bjorkman.

The UND has won only 13 of its first 30 games, but the coach says his young club has improved greatly since the season opened.

Bjorkman said, "It took Bill a while to get used to our style of hockey, but he has adjusted well. His goals against average has dropped substantially."

Stankoven has a 4.32 average, slightly lower than his goaltending partner, Pete Waselovich, who has a 4.70 mark. Two years ago the Enderby native posted the lowest goals against average in the B.C. Junior Hockey League with Kelowna Buckaroos. Last year, only Bellingham Blazers allowed fewer goals than Bucks' Stankoven and Jerry Nekrasoff.

Besides being off to a good start in his college hockey career, the 5'10" netminder boasted an A-average at Christmas break.

Few junior hockey graduates elect to go to college, and even less will be going that route in future years. The National Collegiate Athletic Association plans to cut back on scholarships next season.

But, for Stankoven, he couldn't be happier playing college hockey and getting an education. With more players graduating from university ranks into the pros, Bill might be able to enjoy the best of two worlds.

## HOCKEY SCHOOL

Joe Tennant is hoping to run a hockey school this summer in the North Okanagan, probably in Enderby.

Although details have not been released, the school is expected to be held in August. A hockey school is something which has been badly lacking in this area.

Tentative plans have Tennant using several members of the Vikings, as well as a few pros, as instructors.

It would be safe to assume the pros at the school will be players Tennant coached somewhere along the way. That list includes Joe and Jim Watson, Greg Sheppard, Greg Howatt, Bob Nystrom, Jerry Holland, Don Ashby, and many others.

So, it looks like Enderby might be the scene of a high quality school this summer.

## MAJOR UPSET

Winfield Raiders lost only two games in 15 starts this season in the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Going into playoffs, Raiders were considered the team to beat. However, they ran into two obstacles. Kal Hotel edged Winfield early this week, and then the lowly Vernon Cougars dumped Raiders 6-4, eliminating the league champs from the double-knockout playoffs.

Cougars had not beat Winfield all season and Raiders were expected to have little trouble with the youthful Vernon team. But, as Howie Meeker would say, "Golly gee whiz, that's just what makes hockey so darned exciting."

Cougars and Kal now meet in the NOHL championship game Sunday afternoon at the Civic Arena. Again, Cougars are underdogs going into the game. But, you can bet Kal won't be over-confident and there will be one heckuva hockey game.



## BROOMBALL CHAMPS

Block Brothers captured the Major Men's Broomball League championship this week. Team members are,

from left, back row, Orest Markowsky, Jeff Pogue, Leo Gauthier, Terry Chambers, and Don Searle. Front

row, Joerg Grundschock, Dave Caldwell, Mel Cham-

bers, and Charlie Briskham. (Daily News Photo)

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