

## CLIPPERS CLOBBERED

# Vikings clinch title

Vernon Vikings clinched first-place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League with a 7-3 victory over Kelowna Buckaroos before 855 fans Sunday in Vernon.

### BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Vernon	63	44	18	1	89
Nanaimo	62	38	20	4	80
Kelowna	61	34	26	1	69
Merritt	63	32	30	1	65
Langley	62	30	29	3	63
Penticton	63	27	33	3	57
Maple Ridge	62	20	40	2	42
Chilliwack	61	16	44	1	33

The win, Vikings' sixth in a row, boosts them nine points ahead of second-place Nanaimo Clippers. Last time Vernon captured the BCJHL title was in the 1971-72 season.

Clippers fumbled through a disastrous weekend which actually saw them lose a point. Friday in Vernon, Nanaimo was thumped 11-1 by Vikings, Saturday in Kelowna, the Bucks hammered Clippers 8-3, but Sunday was just too much.

In Penticton, Darrell Becker scored at 1:05 of an overtime period to give Vees a 6-5 verdict in a game delayed from Dec. 5 because of a brawl that broke out on the ice and spread into the stands.

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In the regularly-scheduled game, Vees dumped Clippers 4-1. So Nanaimo, which had been awarded one point for a tie in the Dec. 5 game, and subsequently lost that point Sunday, left the Okanagan with one less point than they came with.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant said he is extremely proud of his club.

The Vernon coach said, "Our boys have come up with a great effort all season. To end up with this many wins, the team is to be commended.

"We rebounded well from our January slump, and I

think this team will hit a higher peak yet."

### MALLI HOT

Kelowna netminder Vic Malli kept his club in the game for 40 minutes with several great saves. Teams were tied 1-1 after the first period and 3-3 after the second.

However, Malli couldn't hold off the high-flying Vikings in the final period.

Brian Griese scored a 1:38 of the final period to give Vernon a 4-3 lead. Midway through the period Ken Stroud stretched that margin to 5-3. Then it was turn for Vikings' netminder Darrell Furmanek to turn on the charm.

Furmanek made six saves while Vikings were two-men short late in the period. Calvin Halasz then scored into an empty net at 19:22 and Steve Danshin drilled a shot into the net off a Kelowna defender at 19:49 to round out the scoring.

Halasz, Danshin, and Clyde Goodswimmer had scored earlier for Vikings. Mike Wills, Scott Lang, and Wayne Krebs countered for Bucks.

### NEAR RECORD

Malli blocked 44 shots while Furmanek turned away 36 shots.

Vikings have three games remaining and are within reach of a prestigious league record. Vernon is only three points away from the BCJHL record for most points in a season, held jointly by 1970-71 Kamloops Rockets and 1974-75 Kelowna Buckaroos.

In other weekend games, Merritt Centennials defeated Chilliwack Bruins 7-4 at Chilliwack Saturday, Merritt beat Maple Ridge Blazers 7-3 at Maple Ridge Sunday, and Langley Lords doubled Chilliwack 8-4.



## CAM NAMED MVP

# Cougars capture title with overtime victory

Doug Ogasawara scored at 5:12 of sudden-death overtime to give Vernon Cougars a 7-6 win over Kal Hotel in the North Okanagan Hockey League championship game before 205 fans Sunday in Vernon.

For the second straight year, Cougars came from well-back in the league standings, to win the playoff title.

Kal took a 5-1 lead, but Cougars came storming back to go ahead 6-5. Then a goal at 19:44 of the final period, by Bob McCallum, forced the game into overtime.

Jim Sparrow scored twice for Vernon with singles from King Cam, Ed Smith, Gene Anderson, and Daryl Slyzak.

Cam, who also had two assists, was named Most Valuable Player in the playoffs.

Clay Anderson and McCallum had two goals each for the hotelmen while Andy Vedan and Bob Powell added singles.

Kal lost two of its top players early in the game with injuries. Player-coach Garney Howard suffered a leg injury while Gerry Zaichowsky was cut in the head with a high stick.

Cam, along with Cougars' Kid Line of Sparrow between Slyzak and Anderson, were standouts throughout the game.

Vernon goalie Jack Gilroy made 42 saves while Kal's

Tom Shirley blocked 38 shots.

Kal was assessed 11 of 21 minor penalties and Anderson picked up the game's only 10-minute misconduct.

### LEAGUE AWARDS

Prior to the game, league trophies were presented. Winfield Raiders' Fred Parent was named Most Valuable Player as well as picking up awards for top scorer and most hat tricks.

Kal Hotel dominated the other awards with Clay Anderson named as most improved player, most popular player Percy Wilson, best defenceman Bob Powell, and top goalies Tom Shirley and Rick Johnson.

Kal was also named Most Sportsmanlike Team.

**DOWN AND OUT** of the play is Vernon Cougars' goalie Jack Gilroy as Kal Hotel's Andy Vedan flips the puck into the net. This goal put Kal ahead 5-1, but Cougars came roaring back to win 7-6 in overtime and capture the NOHL championships.

## Petty wins

### Carolina 500

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — "For a minute, it was pure hell on the backstretch," said Richard Childress, one of eight drivers involved in a massive wreck that marred the 11th-annual Carolina 500 Grand National stock car race.

Richard Petty won the 500-mile event that left Bobby Allison in hospital and two other drivers, Childress and Bruce Hill, slightly injured.

Allison, whose Mercury tumbled end-over-end down the straightaway, hitting at least two cars and spewing parts into the paths of others, was reported in satisfactory condition Sunday.



**WAYNE DYE**  
... scores two

# Criss scores winner

Gary Criss scored a 2:05 of sudden-death overtime to give Salmon Arm Aces an 8-7 victory over Golden Rockets in Monashee Hockey League playoff action Sunday in Salmon Arm.

The win moves Aces on to the league finals against Lumby Flying Frenchmen.

Wayne Dye, with two, Ken Haller, Jeff Todd, Dave Caldow, Gary McConnell, and Steve Armour scored the other Salmon Arm goals.

Jim Manson scored three for Rockets while Roy Patrick and Rob Hartley added two apiece.

It was announced Sunday that Grindrod Elks' goalie Ed Forslund has been chosen Most Valuable Player in the league. Elks' Bernie Smithson was named top defenceman while Aces' Roy Sakaki was selected most sportsmanlike player.