



**VERNON VIKINGS'** forwards Calvin Halasz (14) and Steve Danshin (8) found themselves all alone in front of Chilliwack Bruins' net

with the puck as goalie Joe Radyck slid out of his net in an attempt to block a pass. But, Halasz got the pass and slipped the puck into an

empty net. Below, Vernon goalie Darrell Furmanek blocks a shot by Warren Terry, from point-blank range, as Terry Anaka (5),

and Peter Poeschek attempt to cover up. Furmanek was the difference as Vikings won 6-3.

(Daily News Photos)



# Furmanek spectacular as Vernon wins two

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CHILLIWACK — Vernon Vikings' goaltender Darrell Furmanek is trying to disprove the old saying, "It takes more than one player to make a team."

Furmanek put on a show of his own over the weekend as Vikings beat Chilliwack Bruins twice, 6-1 and 6-3, to take a commanding 6-2 point lead in their B.C. Junior Hockey League eight-point quarter-final series.

Despite a great deal of hustle and a never-say-die attitude by the Chilliwack players, they could not solve the mystery of Furmanek.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant came up with the understatement of the year Sunday when he said, "I guess you could say Darrell played pretty well. He saved our skin."

Saturday in the 6-1 game, Randy Takanaka scored early in the second period to give Bruins a short-lived lead.

Before the period ended, Terry Anaka scored twice and Ken Stroud added a single to put Vikings in the lead.

Bruins came out flying in the third period and Furmanek made three brilliant clear-out saves.

breakaways, within two minutes, to quell the storm. After one save, Vikings broke out of their end, took the puck into Chilliwack's zone and Randy Merritt scored in a scramble. That goal broke Bruins' back.

Gerry Quiring and Stroud later added insurance goals. Chilliwack goalie Rick Nitcheke played well with 38 saves, while Furmanek stopped 23, including five breakaways.

Sunday, Furmanek stole the two points. Vikings were outplayed for most of the game, but Bruins could not capitalize on their chances.

Peter Poeschek, Anaka, Brad McDonald, and Brian Griese gave Vernon a 4-0 lead after only 14 minutes in the first period. But, after that, the puck belonged to Chilliwack.

Greg Hollett narrowed the gap to 4-1 before the first period ended, and a breakaway goal by Hollett, at 2:48 of the second period, made the score 4-2.

Chilliwack pressed con-

stantly after Hollett's second goal, with Doug Derksen, Al Cunningham, Randy Irving, and Jim Chesser all missing glorious scoring opportunities.

Then, a powerplay goal by Steve Danshin, on a perfect pass from Stroud, put the game out of reach.

Irving and Halasz exchanged third period goals. Furmanek finished the night

with 48 saves, including 22 in the first period. Chilliwack netminders Rick Nitcheke and Joe Radyck combined to block 42 shots.

Bruins' General Manager Otto Mammel said, "We should have won Sunday's game. That guy (Furmanek) took it from us."

Tennant was far from pleased with his team's effort.

The Vernon coach said, "We played poorly, but two points is two points."

**KIDS HUSTLE**  
Tennant was pleased with the play of five Grand Forks Border Bruins, brought up for the games. Blair Donnelly, Jim Misener, Merritt, Quiring, and McDonald showed more hustle than most of the veterans.

Fifth, and possibly final, game in the series is Tuesday night in Vernon. Advance tickets are on sale at Ernie's Esso.

Meanwhile, Nanaimo Clippers became the first team to wrap up their quarter-final series by dumping Maple Ridge Blazers 5-2 Saturday to win the playoff 8-2.

Langley Lords beat Merritt Centennials 7-5, Sunday in Langley, to even their series 4-4. Penticton Vees upset Kelowna Buckaroos 4-3, on Saturday, to take a 6-2 stranglehold in that series.

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## Wendel gets high game in Interior Roll-offs

Vernon bowlers were near the top of the B.C. Interior Bowling Roll-offs held over the weekend in Rutland.

Vernon was one of 24 centres, which sent more than 450 bowlers, to compete in the annual tournament.

Highlight for the local bowlers was the individual

performance of 19-year-old Carole Wendel. Wendel rolled a sparkling 361 single, tops in the tournament for a woman.

Vernon ladies' team placed second, only one point behind first-place Nelson.

Nelson had a pin total of 8897, while Vernon recorded a heartbreaking 8596.

Valleyview took third spot with 8716.

**EASY WIN**  
In men's competition, Kelowna recorded an easy victory with a total of 9981. Vernon placed second with 9346 while Salmon Arm took third spot, just one point back, with 9345.

Mixed team event was won by Valleyview with 9254. Kelowna was runner-up with 9194 while Cranbrook totalled 9160. Vernon placed eighth with 8831.

Kelowna topped the aggregate standings with 27,873 while Valleyview placed second with 27,102. Vernon took third spot with 27,073 and Cranbrook finished fourth with 26,816.

The three-day tournament will be held in Vernon next March, with round-the-clock bowling.

## 30 competitors enter auto slalom

More than 30 competitors took part in an auto slalom sponsored by the Vernon Autosport Club, Sunday at Polson Place Mall.

Lew Nelson, of Vernon, placed first overall in his Austin Cooper 'S'. Nelson, who raced in Group Seven, was clocked in one minute, 14.983 seconds.

Dave Elley, also of Vernon, placed second in Group Seven in a Renault RS, with a time of 1:18.523. Kelowna's Ina Paine, in a Honda Civic, placed third in 1:20.655.

In Group Five, Pat Cochrane of Vernon took top spot in his BMW 2002 with a time of 1:22.533. Jim Pahyk of Vernon placed second. Pahyk's time was 1:21.676, despite a three second han-

Vernon's Greg Pieper took third spot, in a Datsun 2000, in 1:25.980.

Anyone interested in auto sport is invited to attend the club's monthly meeting tonight, at 8 p.m., in the National Hotel.

## Westsyde Totems top native team

Westsyde Totems captured first place in the All-Native Hockey Tournament held over the weekend at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Totems thumped Westsyde Thunderbirds 8-2 in the

Salmon Arm's Sonny Williams was named Most Valuable Player while Totems' Robin Lacroix and Sonny Leonard shared the trophy for top scorer.

Most Valuable Defenceman