



PENTICTON VEES' goalie Pat Murphy had a quiet night Wednesday, but he isn't taking time out to do push-ups. Murphy blocked a

shot and is scrambling to stop a centering pass from Vernon Vikings' Randy Merritt. Due to a stubborn defence, and good back-

checking by forwards, Murphy had little work as Vees dumped Vikings 7-3. However, when Vernon was able to penetrate, the

Penticton netminder performed admirably. (Daily News Photo)

# Penticton hammers lacklustre Vikings

Penticton Vees have come to life, and their timing couldn't be any better.

Vees out-muscled and out-hustled Vernon Vikings on route to a 7-3 victory in B.C. Junior Hockey League semifinal playoff action before 1,629 fans Wednesday in Penticton.

The victory gives Vees a 3-1 edge in the eight-point series.

Penticton got a superb team effort, and for the first time in two seasons, Vernon was beaten badly physically. Vees played the body and checked well at both ends of the rink.

## TOOK LEAD

Lori Call gave Penticton a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, but two minutes later, Ken Stroud tied the game. With just 11 seconds remaining in the opening period, Gary Huth put Vikings in the lead, after some great work in the corner by Grant Sidnick.

Darrell Booth tied the game at 4:39 when he put in the rebound on a two-man breakaway. Vernon netminder Keith Ferner robbed Vees' top scorer Gord McKay, but Booth flipped in the rebound.

Terry Anaka scored a short-handed goal, on a blast from the point, at 7:39. That goal appeared to give Vikings some spark. But, less than a minute later, young Shawn Dineen let

a blast go from the blue line, that beat Ferner.

The final 20 minutes belonged to Penticton. John Uvegas put Penticton ahead for the first time at 1:57.

That was followed by a goal by Clark Turney at 4:13, and then Dineen's second and third goals of the night at 7:29 and 19:25.

For Dineen, 16, it was his first three-goal performance of the year after scoring just 12 goals during the regular season.

Penticton netminders Dennis Ewanchuk and Pat Murphy combined to block 24 shots while Ferner made 22 saves. Ewanchuk was pulled after the first period when he allowed two fairly easy goals. But, Murphy was flawless.

## Carter looking ahead for even better things

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (CP) — Gary Carter had probably the most auspicious debut in 1975 of any Expo in the Montreal baseball club's seven-year history, copping numerous honors and recording impressive statistics in his first full season in the National League.

Ferner wasn't particularly sharp, getting caught on the ice several times. The rangy Vernon netminder is known as a stand-up goalie, and every time Vees got him down on the ice, they threatened.

Vikings were able to keep McKay off the scoresheet, but determination and hustle by their unsung players like Call, Turney, Dineen, Rod Pacholzuk, and Rod McDowell, made the difference.

Vernon Coach Joe Tennant said, "It was awful. We just didn't have any diggers out there."

## STOOD AROUND

One of 19 dejected Vikings, Stroud said, "We just stood around and watched them. They hustled."

Vees won their quarter-final

series over Kelowna Buckaroos by building a solid forechecking game. Against Vikings, Penticton's backchecking has been equal to their forechecking.

Tennant continued to go with four lines, against Penticton's three, and would not comment on whether he will change that strategy.

Vikings were assessed four of seven minor penalties and one of two majors.

Third game in the series is Saturday, at 8 p.m., in Vernon. Advance tickets are on sale at Ernie's Esso and OK Plumbing.

Meanwhile, the other semifinal series, between Merritt Centennials and Nanaimo Clippers, gets under way tonight in the Island city.

often in right field than in his natural position of catcher, even while second-year receiver Barry Foote struggled to a miserable .194 average at the plate. But Carter said he expects new manager Kark Kuehl to call upon him to catch more frequently.

## The Canadians back in action

On April 29, 1956, more than 3,200 fans packed the Vernon Civic Arena to watch Vernon Canadians edge Chatham Maroons 5-3 to claim the Allan Cup, emblematic of Canadian senior hockey supremacy.

In that game, Merv Bidoski clinched the win with Vernon's fifth goal at 17:45 of the third period.

This weekend local hockey fans will have a chance to see Bidoski and several other members of that championship team in action when the first annual Vernon Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament takes place at the civic arena.

Wearing the blue for Vernon, from the 1956 team, will be Odie Lowe, Tom Stecyk, and Bidoski. Orv Lavell and Brian Rocheck, who also played for Canadians in the Allan Cup, will be dressed for the Kelowna-Penticton squad in the oldtimers' tourney.

The three-day tourney features eight teams in a modified double-elimination competition. First games will be Friday at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Games will run Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, the consolation game will be at 10:15 a.m., with the championship final at 1 p.m.

Tournament rules do not allow any slap shots or body checking, so the play should be fast and exciting.



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Advance tickets are available from any oldtimers' team member, or at the door.

## Lacrosse club meets tonight

Vernon Lodge Tigers, of the Interior Senior B Lacrosse League, will be holding a general meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Vernon Lodge Hotel's Disco-Inn.

Anyone interested in trying out for the club, or working on the team's executive, is invited to attend.

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# Two games end in ties

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Western Canada Hockey Leagues first-round playoff series continued Wednesday night with two games finishing in ties.

Regina Pats and Victoria Cougars battled to a 4-4 tie in Regina and Saskatoon Blades and Lethbridge Broncos ended 3-3 after their game in Saskatoon.

In other games Wednesday, Edmonton Oil Kings edged their hosts, Medicine Hat Tigers 4-3 and in New Westminster, the Bruins defeated Brandon Wheat Kings 3-2.

With the exception of the Brandon-New Westminster series, the teams are playing best-of-seven playoffs, with the winner emerging after one team has made eight points. Should both get eight points, an eighth game will be played, going into overtime if necessary to decide the winner.

Brandon and the Bruins will play a 10-point series over nine games.

Victoria, with two games won and Wednesday's tie, leads Regina 5-1. Saskatoon, with one win and one tie, leads Lethbridge 3-1.

Edmonton and Medicine Hat have split their two games and stand 2-2 in points. Brandon, having lost the first game of their series, trails 2-0 by points.

The Oil Kings scored the only two goals of the third period to overcome a deficit and record their victory.

Dave Morrow scored the winning goal at 16:11 of the final frame after teammate Barry Brown had tied the score at the 8:15 mark. John Phillips and Terry McDonald scored the other Edmonton goals.

Greg Carroll, Tom Bast and

Gary Gilchrist scored for Tigers.

Edmonton led 1-0 after the first period and Medicine Hat

went ahead 3-2 after two periods.

Tonight, the Tigers travel to Edmonton for the third game.

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