

Vikings on verge of elimination



DENNIS EWANCHUK
...fantastic

Penticton Vees defeated Vernon Vikings 3-1 and 4-3 over the weekend to take a 7-1 stranglehold in their eight-point B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final series.

Vees, who lulled everyone to sleep during the regular season with their mediocre play, have been sensational in the playoffs and are on the verge of eliminating the record-breaking Vikings.

Saturday in Vernon, Vikings played well enough to win. But, Penticton came out on top of the 3-1 score.

Vees' netminder Dennis Ewanchuk was brilliant in goal, blocking a total of 41 shots. He completely frustrated the Vernon shooters.

BOOTH SCORES
Ex-Viking Darrell Booth gave Penticton a 1-0 lead, early in the first period, when he beat goalie Darrell Furmanek on a clear-cut breakaway. For Booth, it was his third goal in as many games against his ex-teammates.

The goalies Ewanchuk and Furmanek, then put on a show of their own until the 8:00 mark of the third period when Clark Turney, converted a two-on-one break, to give Penticton a 2-0 lead.

Finally, after making 38 stops, Ewanchuk was beat at 14:27 when defenceman Terry Anaka drilled in a shot from the point on a powerplay.

Any life Vikings picked up from that goal was quickly killed as Vees' captain Jerry Thygeson beat Furmanek, on another two-on-one, at 18:20.

PLAYED WELL
On Sunday in Penticton, Vernon again played well, but Vees were just a little better.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant said today, "I haven't given up hope, and neither have our players."

"We've got a proud bunch of hockey players and they don't want to go out this way. We want to win, and I still think we can."

The Vernon coach, more conservative than his fiery personality usually allows him to be, said his club just hasn't got the breaks.

He said, "We've won four straight games before, and we have to believe we can do it again."

SCORED THREE
Darrell Becker scored three goals on Sunday, while John Uvegas added a single for the winners.

Calvin Halasz, Brian Maser, and Gary Gassoff replied for Vikings.

Penticton led 2-1, after the first period, and 4-2 after the second, before 1,850 fans.

Furmanek was helped from the ice in the third period after taking a slap shot high on the mask. Keith Ferner finished the game.

The Vikings outshot the Vees 32-26.

Although Becker scored three times, it was a total team effort that won the game for Vees. Penticton continued to press Vikings in their own end, confusing Vernon's passing attack.

Fifth, and possibly final, game in the series will be Wednesday, in Vernon, at 8 p.m.

CLIPPERS WIN
Meanwhile, Nanaimo Clippers edged Merritt Centennials 6-5 Sunday to take a 4-2 lead in their series.

George Robertson led the Clipper attack with two goals.

OLDTIMER HIGHLIGHTS

Penticton-Kelowna captured first place in the first annual Vernon Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament, but everyone who played or watched the tourney, came out a winner.

Above, Orv Lavell and Coach Don Culley accept the championship trophy from Vernon's Graden Alexis, right, donor of the trophy. Upper right, Vernon netminder Don Bock-Phillips is congratulated by tournament organizer Chris Nelson for winning the Most Valuable Goalie award. Right, former NHL player Dave MacKay, now Vernon city engineer, officially opens the tourney with a faceoff between Vernon's Odie Lowe, right, and Salmon Arm's Lloyd Smith. (Daily News Photos)



TIGERS CAPTURE SERIES

By CANADIAN PRESS
Victoria Cougars and Medicine Hat Tigers scored impressive wins Sunday to wrap up their respective first-round Western Canada Hockey League series.

Victoria rebounded from a 6-4 loss Saturday and thumped Regina Pats 9-3 Sunday to take their eight-point series 9-3, while Medicine Hat blasted Edmonton Oil Kings 7-2 to take their series 8-2. The Cougars and the Tigers now will meet in second round play.

In other WCHL playoff action during the weekend, New Westminster Bruins took two wins from Brandon Wheat Kings, 9-2 Saturday and 5-3 Sunday to take a 6-0 lead in their 10-point series.

Also Sunday, Lethbridge Broncos tied their eight-point series 3-3 with a 5-4 win over Saskatoon Blades and Winnipeg Clubs tied Kamloops Chiefs 3-3 to remain two points behind in their series, which Kamloops leads 5-3.

Medicine Hat's win was marred by a bench-clearing brawl with 11:53 left in the third period. Eleven game misconducts, four majors and four minors were handed out by referee Al Paradise, who also had his hands full later in the period when he assessed an additional 98 minutes in penalties and another seven game misconducts.

Penticton-Kelowna wins oldtimers' tournament

Penticton-Kelowna edged Vernon Canadians 5-3 to capture the first annual Vernon Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament Sunday before more than 700 fans at the Civic Arena.

The South Okanagan boys took a 2-1 lead after the first period and held a 4-1 margin after the second.

Joe Fisher, Jim Fairburn, Nick Bullach, Wayne North, and Red Bosscha scored one each for the winners.

Don Jakes, Jackie Howard, and Bob Keyser replied for Vernon.

Canadians pressed constantly in the final two minutes of the game, but could not narrow the gap.

MISSED MORO
The locals were missing classy winger Jim Moro in the final game. Moro, who could still play hockey in just about any league, suffered a back injury against Salmon Arm and was unable to play in the last two games.

Vernon advanced to the final by beating Salmon Arm and Armstrong. Penticton-Kelowna had previously defeated Banff and Lumby.

Banff won the consolation final by clobbering Salmon Arm 10-4.

NAMED MVP
Bosscha was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The speedy centre scored five goals, and assisted on four others, in three games.

Vernon's Don Bock-Phillips, who at times was spectacular in the nets, was named Most Valuable Goalie.

Tournament organizer Chris Nelson told the Daily News the tournament could not have run any smoother. Nelson said, "I think

everyone who came to the games was pleasantly surprised by the way those guys can still move up and down the ice."

"It was a great success and all seven teams have confirmed their entry for next year."

Gullett banished to Cincy bullpen

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
When Houston and Cincinnati open the National League baseball season Thursday, J.R. Richard, who was to have been on the Astros bench, will be on the mound and Don Gullett, who was to have been on the mound, will be in the Reds bullpen.

Those two unexpected developments came about Sunday when Richard hurled six innings of one-hit ball in the Astros' 3-0 victory over Minnesota Twins while Gullett was bombed for nine runs and as many hits in just four innings of the Reds' 10-4 defeat by New York Mets.

Cincinnati manager Sparky Anderson promptly ruled that Gullett, the Reds' ace, would be relegated to the bullpen for at least the first week of the season, with Gary Nolan inheriting the opening-day assignment.

"I have never given up that many runs, not even in a spring training game,"

seven runs in the fourth inning and downed Chicago Cubs 13-3.

ENDS SPRING SLUMP
Fred Lynn broke out of his spring slump by driving in four runs with a homer and double as the Red Sox whipped Pittsburgh Pirates 11-5.

Baltimore ace Jim Palmer was rocked for seven runs and 14 hits in six innings as New York Yankees downed the Orioles 9-3.

Kansas City Royals, who pounded out 14 runs and 19 hits Saturday, added 15 more hits and trounced Atlanta Braves 8-3.

Cleveland's Jim Kern limited Milwaukee to one hit in six innings and the Indians beat the Brewers 4-2.

Von Joshua's two-run homer off Rolfe Fingers enabled San Francisco to beat Oakland A's 5-3. Gary Matthews also homered for the Giants.

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Mini Clinic (Adults) - Saturday, May 8; 9:00-12:00 Noon Centennial Courts.

Registration for lessons may be made at the Vernon Recreation Complex, Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-8:30 p.m.