

# It is do or die tonight for Vikings



There is no tomorrow for Vernon Vikings.

Vikings host Pentiction Vees tonight at 8 p.m. in the fifth game of the B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-finals. If Vikings lose, they can pack their bags and go home for the summer.

The surprising Vees hold a 7-1 stranglehold in the eight-point series. To comeback, Vernon will have to win four consecutive games.

Vikings Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News his club has not given up, and his players agree with him.

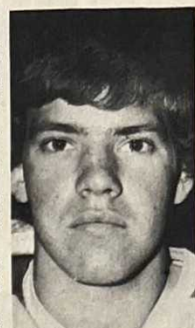
#### CAN WIN

Team Captain Peter Poeschek said today, "We can still win it. There is no way we have given up."

"Pentiction has improved a great deal, but they are not unbeatable. The trend has been they get an early goal to get them rolling. We've got to change that around."

#### LINE CHANGES

Tennant plans on reverting to the lines he used, midway through the season, when Vikings were the hottest club in BCJHL history. Those units will have Gary Huth between Grant Sidnick and Clyde Goodswimmer, Darcy Wilkinson between Gary



PETER POESCHKE  
... hasn't quit

Gassoff and Darrell Bilstent, Rick Simpson centering Jack Lefley and Poeschek, and Steve Danahin down-the-middle with Ken Stroud and Calvin Halasz.

The Vernon coach said he realizes it is a little late in the season to be changing lines

again. "But, we have to make a switch."

Poeschek said, "We can't worry about losing, we just have to go out there and do our best. I think we can do it, but its going to take a lot of work."

Vees have been relying on solid goaltending and tough checking by the forwards.

#### GOALIES GREAT

Pentiction Coach Joe Beggs has been able to flip a coin to decide on his starting goalie. Both, Pat Murphy and Dennis Ewanichuk, have been on the verge of senescence in the Vees' net.

Players like Ryan Hatfield, Darrell Booth, Clark Turney, Lori Call, Rod Pocholuk, and Shawn Dineen, who did little Shawn Dineen, have come up with determined efforts in the playoffs for Pentiction.

Tennant refused to say whether he will start Keith Ferrer or Darrell Furrmanek in goal tonight. He said the netminding decision won't be made until just prior to game time.

Advance tickets are on sale, until 5:30 p.m., at OK Plumbing and Ernie's Esso. More than 500 Pentiction fans are expected to be on hand tonight, so good tickets at the door, may be at a premium.

## PRO RACE SATURDAY

Teams from throughout Western Canada will be at Silver Star Mountain on Saturday for the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance Pro Team Race. Teams will compete on a giant dual slalom course, for \$3,500 in

prize money, donated by Molson's Breweries. Two of the top competitors will be Ray Seguin (14), of Sunshine Valley, and Bob Vickers (13), of Paskapoo Ski Area, near Calgary.

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## Okanagan league releases schedule

Okanagan Valley Senior Soccer League has released its full schedule for the 1976 season.

Two new entries in the league, Rutland Teamsters and Vernon Rovers, have pushed league membership to eight teams.

Home clubs are named first in every case, with all games at 2 p.m., unless otherwise specified. The schedule is:

April 11 — Spartans vs Luigs (12:30); Rovers vs Molsons; Willow Inn vs Blues (12:30); Teamsters vs United.

April 25 — Spartans vs Blues (12:30); United vs Rovers; Molsons vs Teamsters; Luigs vs Willow Inn.

May 2 — Molsons vs Spartans; Blues vs Teamsters (12:30); Rovers vs Luigs; Willow Inn vs United.

May 9 — Luigs vs Molsons (12:30); Teamsters vs Willow Inn; United vs Blues (12:30); Rovers vs Spartans.

May 16 — Teamsters vs Rovers; Blues vs Luigs (12:30); Spartans vs Willow Inn; Molsons vs United.

May 23 — Pentiction Tournament.

May 30 — Willow Inn vs Rovers (12:30); Teamsters vs Spartans; United vs Blues (12:30); Rovers vs Luigs.

June 20 — Blues vs Spartans (12:30); Rovers vs United; Teamsters vs Molsons (12:30); Willow Inn vs Luigs.

June 27 — Spartans vs Molsons (12:30); United vs Willow Inn; Teamsters vs Blues (12:30); Luigs vs Rovers.

July 4 — Vernon Tournament.

July 11 — Molsons vs Luigs; Willow Inn vs Teamsters; Blues vs United (12:30); Spartans vs Rovers.

July 18 — Kimberly Tournament.

July 25 — Rovers vs Teamsters (12:30); United vs Molsons; Luigs vs Blues (12:30); Willow Inn vs Spartans.

Aug. 1 — Prince George Tournament.

Aug. 8 — Rovers vs Willow Inn (12:30); Spartans vs Teamsters; Molsons vs Blues; Luigs vs United.

Aug. 15 — Teamsters vs Luigs (12:30); Willow Inn vs Molsons; United vs Spartans (12:30); Blues vs Rovers.

Sept. 2 — Spartans vs Luigs (12:30); Rovers vs Molsons; Teamsters vs United (12:30); Willow Inn vs Blues vs Rovers.

Sept. 9 — Kelowna Tournament.

Sept. 12 — Molsons vs Spartans; United vs United; Blues vs Teamsters (12:30); Rovers vs Luigs.

Sept. 19 — Luigs vs Molsons (12:30); Teamsters vs Willow Inn; United vs Blues (12:30); Rovers vs United.

Sept. 26 — Luigs vs Spartans; Rovers vs Blues; Molsons vs Willow Inn vs United.

## Relief ace friendlier, but not to opposition

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Mike Marshall is giving out autographs and talking to reporters these days, but he still hasn't changed his character on the mound.

He's giving the hitters nothing, as usual.

The Los Angeles Dodgers' relief ace, who's more cordial to his fans and reporters than in past seasons, remains an enigma to opposing baseball teams.

Marshall, despite arriving late in spring training camp, posted his third successive strong performance Tuesday in a 6-2 triumph over Oakland A's.

The tireless Cy Young winner worked three powerful innings—striking out five batters and allowing three hits. In eight innings of relief pitching since coming to camp March 24, Marshall has allowed only one earned run.

Burt Hooton, who won his last 12 games last year and a career-high 16, went the first six innings for the Dodgers and left with the game tied at 2-2 before Marshall came on the scene.

"I've got a little way to go," said Hooton. "It wasn't six strong innings."

"At the end of last year I was throwing twice as well as I'm throwing now."

BECKER ON TEAR  
Bill Buckner, enjoying one of his best springs, had a double and a single for Los Angeles, improving his hitting record to 18-for-43 this spring.

In Tuesday's other games, Cleveland Indians 7-5, Pittsburgh Pirates outscored St. Louis Cardinals 10-6, Texas Rangers routed Baltimore Orioles 9-3, Cincinnati Reds crushed Detroit Tigers 10-1, Boston Red Sox nipped Atlanta Braves 5-4, New York



MIKE MARSHALL  
... still stingy

Mets beat New York Yankees 2-1 and Minnesota Twins defeated Houston Astros 6-5.

Rain prevented two games—between Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago White Sox and between Kansas City Royals and

Montreal Expos.  
Don Kirkwood allowed only two hits over seven innings and struck out seven, leading California over San Francisco. Mike Vris drove in three runs for San Diego.

ANDY THORNTON, hitless in 19 consecutive previous at-bats, drove in five runs with a homer, a double and a single for the Cubs.

Manny Sanguillen, Frank Taveras and Al Oliver hit eighth-inning home runs for Pittsburgh. The Pirates and Cardinals combined for 29 hits, seven of them home runs.

Jeff Burroughs' base-loaded, two-run double in the third inning highlighted Texas' 13-hit attack. George Foster drove in four runs with a single and his third homer of the spring to lead Cincinnati.

Rick Burleson's two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning lifted Boston over Atlanta. Del Unser's run-scoring double in the third inning lifted the Mets over the Yankees.

Rookie catcher Butch Wynegar's three-run homer sparked Minnesota.

## Reggie's requests are unacceptable

MIAMI (AP) — General manager Hank Peters of Baltimore Orioles said Tuesday night he failed to reach a contract agreement during two days of talks with Reggie Jackson and his agent in Arizona.

"Reggie wants to play and he would like to play for the Orioles," Peters said. "He thinks the Orioles are a great club and have great talent and would like to lead them to a World Series victory."

"At this time, however, his terms are unacceptable to the Orioles. Reggie asked for a multiyear contract."

Jackson—who has been in seclusion since the trade—and Walker were unavailable for comment.

Peters said he had three different meetings with Jackson and Walker during his stay in Phoenix. The three met for more than five hours Monday night and then again Tuesday morning and at the airport before Peters left.

## Golf chairman resigns post

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) —

## Local P.E. teachers disagree with BCTF

British Columbia Teachers' Federation, describing most school sports at elitist, recently voted to support programs that encourage all students to take part, regardless of their skill, level, or sex.

A BCTF statement said, "A disproportionate amount of time, funding and coaching expertise is spent on a few gifted athletes at the expense of the majority of students."

Vernon Senior Secondary School Physical Education Department Head Dick Chambers told the Daily News he disagrees with that statement.

## Murdoch selected to all-star squad

Former Vernon Vikings right winger, Don Murdoch, has been named to the Western Canada Hockey League's first all-star team.

Murdoch, now with Medicine Hat Tigers, edged out Blair Chapman, of Saskatoon Blades, for the all-star position. In total, Murdoch's 185-point total were 88 goals, just two short of the WCHL record held by Ron Chipperfield.

Voting for the team was done by the WCHL's 12 coaches.

#### NEAR-UNANIMOUS

League scoring champion Bernie Federko, a centre with Saskatoon Blades, and defenceman Barry Beck, of New Westminster Bruins, were near-unanimous choices to the squad. The duo picked up 81 of a possible 55 all-star ballots.

Beck is joined on defence by Kevin McCarthy of Winnipeg Clubs.

Another Medicine Hat player, Morris Lukovich, who picked up 140 points during the regular season, was named as top left winger.

Glen Hanlon, of Brandon Wheat Kings, was selected all-star goalie with 41 votes, well ahead of second-place Dave Parro, of Saskatoon, who got 20 votes.

Ernie McLean, of New Westminster, was named Coach of the Year.

Chambers said, "We have about 1,000 students, and more than 600 take part in school sports, other than physical education."

He said about 200 students play on 17 inter-school teams, between 80 and 100 people belong to school athletic clubs, more than 200 belong to small interest groups involved in mini-courses, and about 150 take part in intra-mural activities.

"It is a simple fact, not everyone is interested in athletics. Not everyone becomes involved in music either. We cannot force students to join teams," said

Chambers. The BCTF statement also encouraged girls and boys to play on the same sports teams, as well as discouraging contact team sports.

Chambers, who coached the VSSB boys' volleyball team to the provincial title, also has different views on that subject.

He said, "I think boys and girls should get equal opportunity to play sports. But, not necessarily on the same team."

"I feel a lot of teachers, with limited background in athletics or coaching, voted in favor of integration. On mixed teams, I think the girls would be deprived."

"The majority of our physical education class programs are co-educational. But, there is a difference between P.E. and athletics."

VSSB Panthers Basketball Team Coach Rick Inrig agrees with Chambers.

Inrig said, "We are certainly not elitist, and I don't know of many schools that are."

"My major concern with integrated sports is that it might look good on paper, but it may be the beginning of the end for girls' sport. They simply cannot compete with boys."

"On a whole, I don't think physical education instructors, or Okanagan teachers, voted for the motion."

Chambers added that in addition to the conventional school team sports such as basketball, volleyball, grass hockey, and rugby, VSSB also offers programs in tennis, badminton, golf, swimming, hang-gliding, floor hockey, archery, gymnastics, flag football, curling, bowling, and several other sports.



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