



THE OUTDOORS

Cache Creek count down

By **NONIE FRISBY**
The figures from the Cache Creek checking station are still hanging good, big game hunters are doing very well. Resident hunters are down 434, while the non-resident hunters are up 14 over last year at this same time. It would appear that non-residents either like, or can afford, our country better than we can.

That much sought after big game, the moose, is up 28 over last year, while deer are up 18 and goat 17. The only big game to show any noticeable decline is caribou. They are down 39, but I keep asking myself, how many hunters actually go out especially for caribou? I know quite a few big game hunters who buy a caribou licence just in case they happen to see one, but they don't go out specifically for caribou.

GROUSE DOWN
Ducks and grouse are both down, but it seems to be an overall picture, at least in B.C. Any oldtimer in the hunting game will tell you the grouse population fluctuates over the years. We'll see better years for grouse.

Don't forget the checking station is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and during those hours it is mandatory to stop if you are passing through Cache Creek.

Talking with a lady the other day on the subject of conservation officers, fine thing to call them she said, they don't conserve anything, they hate bears and shoot every one they find. Yes, the conservation officers hate bear, but only when they are tearing the screen doors off summer homes, knocking over garbage pails at people's back doors, entering vacation cabins via the windows,

few of the reasons that sometimes the C.O.'s hate bears.

Bear do not care about the time of day, hence we hear about misbehaviour from 4 a.m. to midnight. During the bear season a person can get very tired.

NUISANCE BEARS
Many of these nuisance bear are removed with the live bear trap to another district, but this isn't too successful. Quite often one man's loss is another man's gain, then another phone call at midnight. It is a vicious circle. The bear gets a trip around the country and the conservation officer spends a lot of time and money.

A couple Sundays ago we took a bear in the live trap away back of Hidden Lake. The road is rough and the trap bounced wildly behind the truck. I thought the bear would be terrified and take off into the boonies like it was set propelled when the trap door was opened. It sauntered up the road, sat down and gave us a good examination, and then got to its feet and wandered off as unconcerned as if a truck ride was every day procedure. Could be, I think, some of the bear have been that route before.

The next time you have to phone to say you have a bear in your backyard, remember, the bear very likely feeds exactly the same way, but I guess that's progress.

DUCKS DO WELL
The wood ducks are doing beautifully, many thanks to the people who responded to Alan's need of help in feeding this hungry crew. I would like to thank Walt Cowan, Frank Paul of the Naturalist Club, Ted McDowall of the Vernon Fish and Game Club, and Mr.



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Saints shutout VSSS kickers

By **DALE MAJOR**
Daily News Correspondent
Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' AA soccer team dropped a hard-fought 2-0 decision to North Kamloops Sains in north zone league play Tuesday in Kamloops.

For VSSS, it was their second setback in five starts. Vernon played a strong defensive game, but the injury-riddled squad was unable to mount a sustained attack.

The Vernon coach praised the play of netminder Brad Shapansky, Grant Goldie, and the entire defensive alignment.

Flyers remanded to November date

TORONTO (CP) — Four Philadelphia Flyers were remanded Wednesday until Nov. 8 for the setting of a trial date on charges arising from National Hockey League playoff games last April at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

Centre Mel Bridgman, forwards Bob Kelly and Don Saleski and defenceman Joe

pleased with his team's effort, but he said against a team like NorKam, you have to field your best side. He said, "Missing experienced players like Rod Irons and Glen Farchonchuk really hurt us."

Brookes told the Daily News NorKam is a very experienced team and should do well in provincial competition this year. All but three members of the Saints graduate this year.

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saunting a police officer and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace—a hockey stick.

Saleski also is charged with possession of a dangerous weapon. A second charge of assaulting a police officer was dropped.

Provincial Judge James Crossland said Bridgman hit Saleski with the intention of



VERNON VIKINGS' winger Doug Berg finds himself on top of Merritt Centennials' Paul Chadwick during a third period fight in Wed-

nesday's BCJHL game. Chadwick had a busy night also tangling with Kevin White. Above, Vikings' Gary Huth (15) signals a goal

seconds after Jack Lefley banged the puck past Merritt goalie Brad Earp to give Vernon a 2-0 lead. Lefley, too, celebrates while

lying on the ice. (Daily News Photos by Jack Nittel)

FOUR STRAIGHT WINS

Huth's overtime goal gives Vikings victory

Gary Huth scored at 5:10 of sudden-death overtime to give Vernon Vikings a 3-2 victory over Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 300 fans Wednesday in Vernon.

"The win, Vikings' fourth in a row, moves them into sole possession of third place in the league's Interior Division.

"The score was not indicative of the play as Vernon outshot the visitors 65-27. However, Merritt goalie Brad Earp was spectacular to keep his club in the game. In the second period the diminutive netminder turned away 24 shots while blanking Vikings.

Jack Lefley gave Vernon a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals late in the first period. When the second frame ended, the score was still 2-0, but Vikings had outshot Cents 46-13.

Vernon continued to press while Merritt luffed everyone in the arena to sleep. At times, Earp appeared to be taking on Vikings by himself. Then, suddenly Cents came to life.

After Earp made a sparkling save off Vernon centre Steve Danshin, Merritt forward Gary Sirkia rattled a shot off the post at the four-minute mark of the third period.

Moments later winger Bob DeChamps let a blistering slapshot go that spoiled Keith Ferner's bid for a shutout. That goal gave Cents a spark and seemed to rattle Vikings.

Vernon defenceman Ken Oulton coughed up the puck at centre ice, and only a great pokecheck by Ferner prevented Dale Ames from tying the game.

Then at 18:08, Oulton was caught up ice and Lance Legouffe finished off a two-on-one break with a backhanded goal. The shot actually deflected off Vernon defenceman Ron Rogers.

END-TO-END
The five minutes of overtime provided the best end-to-end play of the game. Ames was robbed at the 40 second mark when Ferner got his glove on a hot shot. Then, at the other end, Earp made a great save off Lefley.

On the winning goal, Danshin picked up a loose puck at centre ice and fed a rink-wide pass, off a Merritt player's stick, to Huth, who was in the clear.

Huth was playing a strange position, on right wing, with Danshin and Lefley. However, the move from centre didn't seem to hurt him as he picked up three points.

IN FRONT
Lefley gave the Merritt defence trouble all night. He planted himself in front of Earp and couldn't be moved out.

Defenceman Brian Maser played his first game in front of the hometown fans this season and looked good. In addition to playing well defensively, he won a clearcut

decision over Richard Lazar in a second period fight.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye was glad to get the two points, but is a little worried about the upcoming weekend.

Dye said, "I hope we aren't too banged up for the weekend. Gary Gassoff jammed his thumb and Darcy Wilkinson has a charleyhorse. We need everybody for these games."

Friday, Vikings travel to Penticton to take on the Vees, while Saturday, the boys in blue host high-flying Bellingham Blazers.

GOALPOSTS: Winger John Schmitz was released by

Vernon this week and is trying out with Abbotsford Flyers. Dye said Schmitz just wanted more ice time than he could give him . . . Centre Cam

Torgesen and winger Stacy Smeader played probably their best game of the year against Merritt . . . Vikings now have nine members of last year's team back, and that figure may rise to 10. Darrell Billsten has indicated he would like to return, and if room can be found on the roster, he might be here in a week or two.

SILVER STAR SKI CLUB

Is holding their Annual General Meeting Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Salon No. 1, Vernon Lodge Hotel. All past and future members are welcome. Racers and freestylers should attend. For further information, call Peter at 542-3154

