

# Murdoch on scoring spree

Rookie Don Murdoch returned home to British Columbia on Wednesday night and didn't disappoint anyone.

**NHL**

Campbell Conference		Patrick Division	
	W	L	T F A P
Islanders	9	2	26 28 7
Philadelphia	7	2	24 28 11
Atlanta	6	2	24 20 14
Rangers	6	6	22 25 11

Smythe Division	
	W L T F A P
St. Louis	11 2 2 32 31
Chicago	7 5 1 24 24 15
Minnesota	7 5 1 24 24 15
Winnipeg	6 6 1 24 24 15
Vancouver	4 9 1 23 29 9
Edmonton	3 10 1 23 29 9

**Price of Wales Conference**

Boston Adams Division	
	W L T F A P
Boston	9 2 5 32 38 18
Buffalo	5 5 1 28 28 11
Toronto	4 7 1 27 28 11
Cleveland	3 7 2 27 41 8

Morris Division	
	W L T F A P
Montreal	11 3 1 34 33 23
Los Angeles	10 4 1 33 33 23
Pittsburgh	3 6 4 21 37 10
Calgary	2 10 1 23 37 7
Washington	2 7 2 26 31 4

Murdoch scored two goals to lead New York Rangers to a 6-1 victory over Vancouver Canucks before 14,000 fans at the Pacific Coliseum and a large television audience.

Murdoch, who spent two seasons with Vernon Vikings,

is setting the NHL on fire. The speed-right winger now leads the league in goals with 14, and is tied for ninth spot in points with 18.

However, scoring goals is nothing new for Murdoch. In his four seasons of junior hockey, he blanketed the red high '98 teams. His rookie year with Vikings, as a 16-year-old, he scored 28 goals. Next season, despite missing five weeks with an injury, he tallied 30 goals.

His last two years of junior A, with Medicine Hat Tigers, he scored 84 and 88 goals. Barring a complete collapse, Murdoch seems a sure bet for the NHL's rookie of the year award. In 1968, Britt Selby of Toronto Maple Leafs won the Calder Trophy with 12 goals in the entire season.

Record for most goals by a rookie was set in 1971-72, by Richard Martin, with 44. If Murdoch slows down from his current goal-a-game pace and score only once every two games for the rest of the season, the record will be his.

Murdoch scored in the second period on Tuesday before getting his other goal late in the final period on a penalty shot. Vancouver defenseman Harold Snepets threw his stick at the puck when Murdoch was attempting to break away.

Referee Denis Mores called a penalty shot and Murdoch scored his second goal. Curt Ridley with a low shot.

Other games Wednesday night: St. Louis Blues beat Toronto Maple Leafs 6-2; Montreal Canadiens downed Minnesota North Stars 5-2; Los Angeles Kings defeated Cleveland Barons 4-2 and Atlanta Flames shot out Washington Capitals 7-0.

Veteran Rod Gilbert also scored two goals for the Rangers and Bill Fairbairn and rookie defenseman Mike McEwen had single goals.

Fairbairn accounted for the only Vancouver goal when he kicked in a rebound past



DON MURDOCH...chasing record

shot was stopped by Davidson. The Blues victory over Toronto broke a three-game winning streak the Leafs had started on the road with decisions over Detroit,

Minnesota and Cleveland.

A return to Maple Leaf Gardens didn't help the club as the Leafs' early-season record fell to 1-2 losses and a Leafs had a three-point lead over the Barons in the Adams Division.

**BROKE WIN STREAK**

Pierre Plante scored two goals for the Blues to lead Leafs goal Mike Palmater's first loss since being called up from Dallas Black Hawks of the Central Hockey League. "It was rather distressing," Montreal goalie Ken Dryden said of Dean Talafous' goal with only 18 seconds left in the second period that tied the Canucks-North Stars game at 2-2.

"It happened at a very bad time of the game," he said. Doug Riseborough Rejean Houle and Martin Tremblay all scored their fifth goals of the year in the final period as the Canucks broke the game open.

Cleveland went into the final period holding a 2-1 lead on the strength of goals by Dave Gardner and Wayne Merrick. Butch Goring tied the game 58 seconds into the third period. Dave Hutchinson put the Kings ahead with just 1:09 left and Tommy Williams hit an open net at 19:54 after assisting on the other third-period score.

Bill Clement scored in third period and Mark Tremblay all handed goal this season, breaking the Flames' season record for short-handed goals.

**VERNON SQUARES and Racquetball** Centre Manager John Keating looks over the floor surface

on one of the club's three courts. The courts will be the best in Canada according to Keating. Cost of the special floor, fibreglass walls, and custom-made

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**Skiing delayed by snow**  
Silver Star Ski Area is running into a major problem — no snow. A report from the mountain today indicates only about three inches of snow is on the ground, and it is melting.

**THE OUTDOORS**  
**Game law discussion**  
By NONIE FRISBY

Are the game laws strict enough? Seems I've been getting into one hassle after another on the subject. Those that are innocent, or have not got caught breaking the law, feel there aren't enough teeth in the law for those who are apprehended.

This is a touchy subject and it depends whether you are speaking as one who has broken the law and got caught, one who has broken the law and not got caught, or one who just hasn't broken the law. Convictions unfortunately are not all cut and dried. You can think of three reasons for breaking the law: ignorance, accidental, and intentional. The question is should the punishment be the same for all three types of violation?

A hunter shoots a doe deer out of season by accident, or believe me it can happen, or a duck hunter flock-shoots and drops more than his limit of ducks, a fisherman hits a hot spot and gets carried away with himself and takes more than his limit of fish. Not one of these sportsmen had in mind breaking the law, but they all did.

**NIGHT LIGHTS**  
When we have the so-called sportsmen who might lights a deer, takes his fish from the spawning beds, uses his tag licence more than once and shoots more than his limit of grouse, or often as possible. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and say we should do this or that, or that fines and punishments should be much heavier, but think goodness it is not up to John Doe on the street to decide. In fact, it is not even up to the arresting officer. So if sometime you think a judge has judged a person unfairly, remember you don't know all the circumstances.

Looking over the last four

weeks of reports from the Cache Creek checking station, figures have been up and down, especially the hunters. Resident hunters are down 1,026 as of October 28-76, while very surprisingly, the non-resident hunters are up 76 over the same time last year.

All game laws are down, while Moose is up 80, deer up 71 and goat up 13.

Local hunters have been getting more game than they have the past few weeks. Quite a few deer were taken last weekend. Two nice big bucks arrived in our yard Sunday. No information was offered as to the area they came from. A party of pleasant hunters took home eight big cock birds, while another party took a good bag of grouse.

**BEARS NOT GONE**  
The bear haven't all gone to bed for the winter yet. Still the odd complaint coming in. With days like today, who wants to go to bed for the winter?

Fishing in Ladyking Lake was in good luck. Most catches reported.

Let's not hear any more about this early and too late shooting. Check for sunrise and sunset times. We get reports sometimes of guns booming away in the dark and it makes you wonder just what they are shooting at.

Hearing a shot doesn't mean someone is hunting. I hear a gun going off at my neighbors and I'm thinking, "he's just trying to rid himself of some of those pesky Starlings."

Duck hunters, polish up your shotgun. I've seen some nice flights coming in these evenings. Truthfully there is nothing worse than a show off duck hunter who looks up at a flight of ducks passing over and says, "Oh boy, northern ducks." Northern, my foot, they're Creek.

**PIN POINTS**  
October 27  
Wes-1  
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Men's high single, Dana Towns 338, high triple, Dana Towns 608, high average, Dana Towns 338.  
Team high single, Hall with 1543.  
"800" Dana Towns 808, "700" Angie Brudin 702.  
**TEAM STANDINGS**  
Crestview Hotel 152 1/2  
Team Canada 137  
H.W.H. 135  
Hong Kong Village 131

**Cougars hold late practice**  
Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, will be holding a practice tonight at 11 p.m., in the Civic Arena.

Statistics released this week show Cougars lead the NHL with seven points on three wins and a tie. Winfield Raiders are in second spot with four points while Kai Hotel and Lumby Flying Frenchmen are tied for third with two points.

Scraming Eagles are in the basement with just a tie in three outings.

League play resumes Saturday when Eagles travel to Winfield. On Sunday, at 8 p.m., Frenchmen visit Vernon to take on Kai Hotel.

## Kamloops hosts Vikings tonight

Vernon Vikings travel to Kamloops to take on the Braves tonight in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the McArthur Park Sports Centre.

Vikings are hoping to put more ground between themselves and Kamloops. Vernon currently holds down third-place in the league's Interior Division on personal points, seven more than Braves and Merritt Centennials.

Vikings will be healthy for tonight's game, but might be missing two key players: Forward Darcy Wilkinson and defenseman Ron Rogers went home to attend to personal business for a couple of days and were slated to be back Wednesday. However, they ran into car trouble and

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Nanaimo led 2-1 after the first period, but two goals by George Frits and singles by Mike Shields, Sid Groux, Jeff Weir and Morley Anderson gave the Clippers a 3-1 margin heading into the final period.

The game was disrupted for more than half an hour in the third period by a brawl involving 12 players. Five Maple Ridge players received game misconduct penalties, as did four Nanaimo players.

In addition, Nanaimo coach Larry McNabb received a 10-minute misconduct and a two-minute bench penalty.

Other Nanaimo scorers were Torri Roberts and Barry Pedersen in the first period, and Wyllie and Groux in the third. Maple Ridge marksmen were Randy Irving, with a pair, Mike Kirkham and Sherry.

Nanaimo Outshot Maple Ridge 37-30.

The win moves Nanaimo into a tie with Maple Ridge for first place in the Coastal Division.

Next league action is tonight, when Vernon Vikings play in Kamloops against the Braves and Langley Lords take on Bellingham Blazers at Bellingham.

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**BOWLERS OF THE WEEK**  
This week's top bowlers are Julie Carlton of the Tuesday ladies' league and Pete Brooks of the Wednesday mixed 9-11 p.m. league. Carlton, who has a 148 average, rolled a 634 triple, 190 pins over average. Brooks, who bowled for Coldstream, had a 787 triple, 180 pins over his 200 average.

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**Soccer loop holds meeting**  
Everyone is pre- to attend a pre-season organizational meeting of the Vernon Senior Men's Five-a-side Soccer League.

The league is hoping to improve the quality of last year's operation. The meeting will be held Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

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