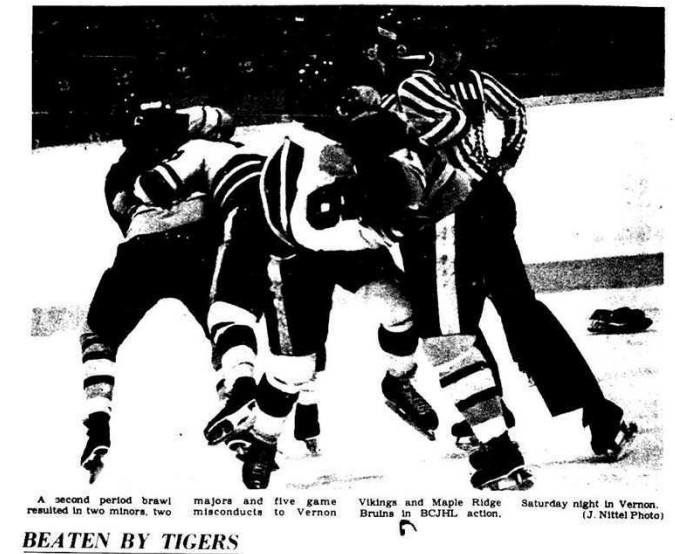
Vikings defeat Bruins but brawl mars victory



A second period brawl resulted in two minors, two majors and five game misconducts to Vernon Vikings and Maple Ridge Bruins in BCJHL action. Saturday night in Vernon. (J. Nittel Photo)

By JACK NITTEL
Daily News Correspondent

Defenceman Randy Wills picked up his first two goals of the season Saturday night to lead the Vernon Vikings to a 3-1 triumph over the Maple Ridge Bruins in BCJHL action at Vernon Civic Arena before 700 fans.

Both teams put on a good performance featuring fast skating and good clean checking throughout, marred only by a second period brawl which saw five game misconducts handed out by referee Frank Broders.

The teams were scoreless after the first frame, and Vikings led 3-2 after the second.

Maple Ridge opened the scoring early in the second on a goal by Tom Cyr, however Vikings tied it up a minute later when Steve Danahin popped one in from the slot.

Big Jack Lefley put the Vikings up 2-1 at the 4:38 mark and then at 6:58 a fight erupted which saw game misconduct go to Viking's Kevin White, Darcy Wilkinson and Steve Danahin, while Bruins Terry Kirkham and Frank Nagy got the gate.

POWER PLAY

A power play goal by Gary Gassoff put the Vikings up 3-1 halfway through the period before John Ogrodnick made it 3-2 on a Maple Ridge power play.

In the third period, Randy Wills got the first goal of the evening at the 1:38 mark, beating Bruin's goaltender Richard Martens high on the glove side with a shot from the point.

Bruce Howes got one for the Bruins at the midway mark before Wills and Cam Torgerson put the game away for the Vikings with two goals late in the third period.

Vikings outshot the Bruins 45-37 and were assessed seven of the 11 minor penalties and four of the seven majors including three game misconducts.

In other BCJHL action the high-flying Penticton Vees continued their winning ways with a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over Maple Ridge Bruins Sunday night.

The Vees, leaders in the league's Interior division, have lost just three games in 23 starts, picking up two ties along the way.

Kevin Maxwell scored the winner for Penticton at 5:30 of the overtime after the Vees had fought back from a 4-2 second-period deficit.

In other BCJHL action Sunday, Kamloops Braves edged Merritt Centennials 4-3, while on Saturday, Nanaimo Clippers got by Kelowna Buckaroos 5-4 in overtime, Abbotsford Flyers hung on to beat Langley Lords 5-4.

In Penticton's win, Ted Cotter scored midway through the final period to send the game into overtime. Other Vees' scorers were Shawn Dineen, and Gord McKay, with Maxwell picking up a pair.

John Ogrodnick, with two, Stew Robertson and Evan Williams scored for Maple Ridge.

CARLSON SCORES

Drew Carlson's goal late in the third period gave Kamloops the win. The Braves led 1-0 after the first period but Merritt fought back to tie the game going into the final period.

Phil Logan, on a power play, and Glen Merkosky scored the other Kamloops goals, while Kevin Johnson, also on a power play, and Paul Chadwick scored for Merritt.

Torri Robertson's goal at 2:51 of overtime lifted Nanaimo to its come-from-behind victory before 1,400 fans.

The Clippers tied the game at 4-4 with two unanswered goals in the third period and then handed Kelowna goalie John McKerrow his first loss of the season following 10 straight wins.

The Clippers got two goals from George Fritz and the others came from Aaron Rucks and Barry Pederson. John Oliver had a pair for Kelowna and Robb Wright and Rick Benningshof scored the others.

Abbotsford built up a 4-0 first period lead on the way to its close win. Daryl Leahy scored his second goal of the night early in the third period and it stood up as the winner.

Dean Wray, Craig Williamson, on a power play, and Brian Inkster also scored for the Flyers, who took a 4-3 edge into the final 20 minutes.

Gord Brandt scored a powerplay marker for the -ds with other goals coming from Bob Taylor, Terry Lesciasin and Brian Henderson.

Eskimos experience tells in win over the Bombers

WINNIPEG (CP) — Edmonton Eskimos combined experience, defence and a strong kicking game to overcome Winnipeg Blue Bombers 14-12 Sunday and advance to the Western Football Conference final.

The defending Grey Cup champions refused to be rattled by an explosive Winnipeg start and rallied behind the kicking of Dave Cutler and Gary Lefebvre to win the sudden-death semi-final.

Edmonton's key move was to make the necessary adjustments to take away the Blue Bombers' most effective weapon, Jay Washington's outside running.

"I thought that's what they were going to try to do, get wide with Washington," said Edmonton head coach Ray Jauch. "We wanted to take that wide stuff away from Washington, try to funnel him up the middle where we might have a chance to tackle him."

Stung by Washington's 77-yard gallop for the game's only touchdown at 3:15 of the first quarter, the Eskimos adjusted quickly and the Bombers failed to find any other successful plan of attack.

OVERCAME LEAD

Edmonton overcame Winnipeg's 8-0 lead by halftime, when they had an 8-8 deadlock. After exchanging the lead in the final two quarters, the Eskimos finally won the right to meet Saskatchewan Roughriders on Cutler's 53-yard field goal at 12:11 of the final quarter.

Cutler kicked four field goals and two singles to account for all of Edmonton's scoring. Besides Washington's run, Winnipeg's only other scoring was a field goal, a convert and two singles, all by Bernie Ruoff.

On the surface, it was the kicking game that finally spelled the difference. Cutler returned to the form that won him the western scoring title last season and Lefebvre, criticized by Jauch for his early-season punting, had his best performance of the year.

He averaged 49.3 yards to outkick Ruoff, and Lefebvre's punts constantly put Winnipeg into difficult field position.

Ruoff, the league's leading scorer this season, missed on field goal tries from the 45-, 38- and 26-yard lines, distances he routinely hit from during the season.

MADE FEWER ERRORS

Beneath the surface of the scoring statistics, the outcome was decided by a stubborn Edmonton defence, an adequate offence and the team's ability to make fewer mistakes than Winnipeg.

The defence picked off two Ralph Brock passes late in the first half to set up four points.

Washington and Steve Beaird ran for 106 yards on the first three Winnipeg carries, but the Eskimos yielded only 94 yards rushing and 74 yards passing the rest of the way.

Brock completed only three of nine passes for a net gain of two yards in the first half.

Although the Edmonton offence failed to score a touchdown, both Bruce Lemmerman and Tom Wilkinson said the Eskimos still have a team of championship calibre.

"We haven't played as well as we're capable of all year, we know that," said Wilkinson. "It doesn't mean that the next time out we can't do it. We know that if we keep working, it's going to come."

Statistically, the clubs were fairly even, with first downs 15 to 14 for Edmonton and net offence 265 to 257 for the Eskimos. Brock had 11 completions in 22 attempts for 74 yards.

While Winnipeg coach Bud Riley wouldn't call backup Harry Knight to relieve Brock, Jauch had no hesitation in alternating his quarterbacks. Lemmerman and Wilkinson completed 11 of 26 passes for 169 yards.

BEATEN BY TIGERS

Centennials lose winning streak

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary Centennials watched their 11-game unbeaten streak go down the drain Sunday as Medicine Hat Tigers gained revenge for a Saturday loss by trouncing the Centennials 6-2 in one of 10 Western Canada Hockey League weekend games.

Calgary used an 8-3 victory over the Tigers on Saturday to stretch their lead in the Central Division to four points over Lethbridge Broncos, but the Broncos regained that ground Sunday when they got a late goal by Dean Solheim for a 6-5 victory over Winnipeg Monarchs.

Saskatoon Blades gained revenge for a 4-2 loss Friday to Brandon Wheat Kings by trouncing the Eastern Division leaders 8-2 Sunday to move within 15 points of Brandon in the league standings. Saskatoon has five games in hand.

In other games Sunday, Lethbridge nipped Winnipeg 6-5, Regina Pats and Flin Flon Bombers battled to a 6-6 draw, Victoria Cougars defeated Kamloops Chiefs 3-1 and Portland Winter Hawks mauled New Westminster Bruins 5-1.

In Saturday games, Portland blanked New Westminster 6-0, Flin Flon shut out Regina by the identical score, and Victoria doubled Kamloops 8-4.

Brian Hill paced the Tigers with two goals Sunday with singles by Cal Halasz, Tom Bass, Owen Lloyd and Dave Ross. Paul Enquist replied twice for Calgary.

In New Westminster, Wayne Babych and Paul Mulvey each scored twice for the Winter Hawks. Ron Vincent added the other Portland marker while Mike Willis rallied for New Westminster.

Greg Anderson, Alvin Szott and Dennis Fenske scored for Victoria while Clint Eccles tallied for Kamloops.

BREAKS TIE

Solheim's goal midway through the third period lifted the Broncos to victory, offsetting two Winnipeg goals within 31 seconds that had tied the game at 5-5.

Mike Panteluk, with two, and singles by Mike Schneider, Rocky Saganiuk and Willie Desjardins were the Lethbridge marksmen. Guy Lash, Darrell Einarson, Dave Stekler, Tom Cullen and Kelly Durnin replied for Winnipeg.

In Flin Flon, Jordy Douglas scored two power-play goals for the Bombers with Ray Neufeld, Ray Hudson and Kim Davis getting the other Flin Flon tallies. Ron Parent, Greg Ing, Kim McNabb, Mike Flegel and Dirk Graham replied for Regina.

Dell Chapman scored three goals for the Blades with Ken Federko, Rob MacFarlanee and Darryl Erickson also getting goals. Dan Bonar, Murray Thompson, Dave Semenko and Dick Kerr replied for the Wheat Kings.

On Saturday, Enquist, Doug Robb and Glen Wylie led the Centennial scoring thrust. Enquist had three goals and one assist, Wylie one goal and two assists and Robb three assists.

Doug Lecuyer, Randy Larson and Grant Morin added the other Calgary markers while Ron Areshenkoff, Ross and Halasz replied for Medicine Hat.

Meanwhile in Flin Flon, Douglas led the scoring with two goals with singles being added by Kim Davis, Dale Baumgartner, Brad Cox and Earl Switzer.

In Portland, Mulvey opened scoring in the second period. Tony Currie, Jeff Elkow, Perry Turnbull, Babych and Lee Haydar had singles for the Winter Hawks.

Szott, Gary Lupul and Gordie Robertson each scored twice to lead the Cougars with Curt Fraser and Bill Jobson getting the other Victoria tallies. Reg Kerr and Ryan Walter replied for Kamloops.

Action resumes Tuesday when Winnipeg visits Saskatoon, Regina is at Flin Flon and Portland meets Victoria.

Juveniles preserve record

Vernon Legion Juveniles preserved their unbeaten record with a come from behind 5-5 tie with Penticton Juveniles in the Civic Arena Sunday afternoon.

In an entertaining hockey game Vernon Legion was led by Don Betton with two goals and two assists and singles by Doug Dametrick, Doug Aeichele and Glenn Lockhead as they tied a hard fought contest in the final two minutes of play.

Next game for Vernon is on Friday, Nov. 26th when they play host to Enderby at 10:15 p.m.

Volleyball winners

In Honeymooners volleyball at the Vernon Rec. Centre on Sunday, Team Cannabis beat the Up-N-Atoms three games out of three. In other best of three wins it was Six Packs over Misfits, Friends over Chimos and the Wallbangers defeated Goodtimers.

The SPORTS Page

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Canucks defeat surprises fans

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rookie Mike Palmateer continued his sensational goaltending as he kicked out 30 shots in leading Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-0 victory over Vancouver Canucks in a National Hockey League game Saturday night before about 15,000 fans.

Palmateer kicked out 26 shots in the first two periods, including 15 in the Vancouver-controlled second period, in recording his first NHL shutout. It was the eighth straight start for Palmateer and the Leafs have won five of the game since he was recalled from Oklahoma City of the Central Hockey League.

The Leafs got goals from Bob Neely in the second period and Pat Boutette and Ingo Hammarstrom in the third as they took over sole possession of third place in the Adams Division, two points ahead of Cleveland.

The loss was the fourth straight for the struggling Canucks, who lacked leadership on defence without Bob Dailey, sidelined with a back injury.

Palmateer, a third-year pro, benefited from the inaccurate shooting by the Canucks. Rick Blight twice missed the net on clean-cut scoring chances and Chris Oddleifson also was wide from 20 feet in front late in the game.

CLEAR REBOUNDS

The Canucks had a wide territorial edge in the first two periods, but were denied by a Toronto defence which cleared away any rebounds left by Palmateer.

Neely scored his fifth goal in the first minute of the second period on a power play. He slipped the puck behind Canuck goaltender Cesare Maniago, who was far out of his net after Ian Turnbull hit the post.

The Leafs finished off the scoring with goals 96 seconds apart early in the final period.

Boutette broke around Vancouver defenceman Harold Snepsts and drew out Maniago for his fifth goal and Hammarstrom got his second goal of the season when he broke in alone to take a smart setup from Lanny McDonald.

PALMATEER SHARP

Palmateer, with only one shutout in each of his two seasons in the CHL, made sharp saves off John Gould and Andy Spruce on first period and on a hard blas by Mike Walton late in the second. The Canucks managed only five shots in the third period when the superior conditioning of the Leafs paid off.

Dailey missed the game because of a badly bruised back, an injury suffered Thursday at Philadelphia. Mike Robitaille returned to the Vancouver defence for the first time in five games, but he lacked game conditioning.

Maniago seemed shaky early in the game when he gave Dave Williams of the Leafs plenty of net to shoot at, but Williams hit the post. Maniago was down and out of the net on every Toronto goal.

The win puts the Leafs over the .500 mark on the road with a 5-4-1 record. They are 1-5-8 at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The Canucks, with one of the worst power-play records in the NHL, had six man-advantage situations, but rarely threatened. They have scored only 10 times in 78 power-play attempts.

Vernon team above average

YBC Majors mixed team regional finals were held at Lincoln lanes on Sunday. Seven teams entered the event including teams from Cranbrook, Osoyoos, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and two teams from Revelstoke. Top honors went to the Vernon team of Val Yasinsky, Robert Gorovenko, George Hannah, Coby Frannson and Dave DeBoer, bowling 843 pins over their average.

Bowling 161 pins over their average were the second place Revelstoke team of Brian Fisk, Elaine Hanson, Debbie Watson, Pat Free, and Jim Ottenbreit.

These two teams have won the right to represent the interior in the Provincial Fianls for YBC Majors mixed teams to be held in Vancouver on Nov. 28.

PIN POINTS

November 3, 1976
YBC 2:30 Juniors

Women's high single — Monica Millar 274; high triple — Monica Millar 602; high average — Lori Clapp 177.

Men's high single — Randall Krause 292; high triple — Randall Krause 663; high average — Randall Krause 195.

Team high single — Super "S" 1145; high triple — Super "S" 3118.

TEAM STANDINGS

Beaners	278
Super "S"	249½
Fireballs	228
Pin Pickers	223½

Bowler of the week — Girls Dawn Klyn; 145 ave. bowled 573 to go 138 pins over. Boys — Rod Koenig; 174 ave. bowled 642 to go 120 pins over.

November 6, 1976
YBC Jets

Girl's high single — Shelley Peterman, Lana Gelowitz 149; high double — Kristie Potts 234; high average — Shelley Peterman 104.

Boy's high single — Marcel Babineau 145; high double — Stephen Whitehead 258; high average — Stephen Whitehead 118.

Team high double — Super Cats 1898; high single — Pin Pickers 976.

TEAM STANDINGS

Pin Pickers	16
Chums	16
Hot Shots	14½
Super Cats	14

Bowlers of the week Kristie Potts; 76 ave. bowled 234 to go 82 pins over; Darrel Whinan — ave. 71 bowled 211 to go 49 pins over.

November 6, 1976
YBC Bantams

Women's high single — Lynn Zwarych 228; high triple — Lynn Zwarych 520; high average — Lynda-Lea Woodroff 141.

Men's high single — Kirt Jones 305; high triple — Kirt Jones 507; high average — Dennis Chapman 158.

Team High single — Fire Balls 1182; high triple — Fire Balls 3160.

TEAM STANDINGS

Super Five	182½
Jolly Green Giants	179
Hot Shots	174½
Fire Balls	167½

Bowler of the Week — Girls — Dawn Armitage - average 76 - bowled 364 triple - 136 pins over; Lynn Zwarych - average 128 - bowled 520 triple - 136 pins over.

Boys — Diana Toth - average 92 - bowled 361 triple - 85 pins over; Ricky Siemens - average 117 - bowled 436 triple - 85 pins over.

100 Pins Over Average — Celeste Olsen, average 92, bowled 192 game; Lynn Zwarych, average 128, bowled 228 game.

November 6, 1976
9 p.m. Jrs.

Women's high single — Helen White 253; high triple — Helen White 574; high average — Karen Keckals 178.

Men's high single — Lyle Skidmore 225; high triple — Lyle Skidmore 579; high average — Tim Cornuel 186.

Team high single — Super 5 1122; high triple — Super 5 3103.

100 Pins Over Ave. — Helen White ave. 146 bowled a 253.

TEAM STANDINGS

No Names	194
Super 5	175
Pro's	137½
Pin Power	129

Bowler of the Week — Girl Helen White, ave. 146 bowled 574 triple, 136 pins over ave; Boy — Alan Webber, ave. 79, bowled 345 triple, 108 pins over ave.

November 7, 1976
Sunday Mixed 8-10

Women's high single — Donna Desmerais 240; high triple — Donna Desmerais 654; high average, Donna Desmerais 207.

Men's high single — Jim Fuhr 296; high triple — Val Andretta 700; high average — Marcel Gallon 226.

Team high single — Smitty's 1308; high triple — Pinstrippers 3605.

TEAM STANDINGS

Lane Lions	250
Lincoln Lanes	238
Pinstrippers	216
S& Dirty	209

November 7, 1976
Seniors YBC

Women's high single — Sherri Watts 244; high triple — Cathy Darroch 658; high average — Peggy Turek 226.

Men's high single — Brian Woodroff 308; high triple — Gordon Bickut 729; high triple — Physicals 3237.

Team high single — Physicals 1129; high triple — Physicals 3237.

"600" Club — Brian Woodroff 308.

TEAM STANDINGS

FFOF	293
Stonies	270½
Physicals	250½

Bowler of the week; Lynda Scott, average 146, triple 551, pins over 113; Mark Enoksen, average 143, triple 435, pins over 206.

100 Pins over average; Gordon Bickert, average 183, single game 288, pins over 105; Mark Enoksen, average 143, single game 272, pins over 129.

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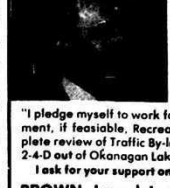

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Eagles lose

There were two games between teams of the North Okanagan Hockey League over the weekend. Price and Markle (formerly Kal Hotel) defeated the Vernon Screaming Eagles by a score of 5-3. They also led in penalty points, with a total of 22 minutes in the box, as against six minutes for the Eagles in penalty points.

It was a 2-2 tie for Winfield Raiders and Vernon Sport Cougars on Sunday, with visiting Winfield getting its two goals in the third period, and the Cougars splitting their two between the last two periods.

They were also even on penalties with 12 minutes for each team.

Rinks needed

The Falkland and District Curling club opened its season with the 15am and 25 Bonspiel. Competing in the event were the 16 teams of the regular mixed curling schedule. A event was won by the Flodstrom rink. B event was won by the Bab Ricard rink.

And there are still openings for five more teams for an open mixed bonspiel to be held in Falkland November 17. Any teams from north Okanagan communities who wish to attend should contact George Flodstrom at 379-2380.

Re-elected

Fred Williamson of Armstrong was re-elected for a second term as commissioner of the Interior Lacrosse Association at the annual meeting held in Kelowna on November 14. Williamson and other area representatives from Kelowna, Vernon and Armstrong will be attending the B.C. Lacrosse Association's annual meeting at the coast this coming weekend.

Hockey league

There were two games played in the White Valley Hockey league last week. The first game featured the Village Green Merchants as they thrashed the Lumby Royals 6-2. Wayne Yasko led the Merchants with a hat trick. In the second game, the LCB Braves fought the Coldstream Sabres to a 3-3 tie. Braves and Sabres remains undefeated this season.

VEECK IN HOSPITAL

CHICAGO (AP) — Bill Veeck, president of Chicago White Sox, will undergo corrective surgery Nov. 18 at Illinois Masonic Hospital. A team of three neurosurgeons will operate on the cervical spine to relieve pressure on nerves and stabilize the neck.

COMES UP ROSI

GENEVA (AFP) — Rosi Mittermaier, West Germany's double gold medallist in skiing at the Innsbruck Olympics, has won the 1976 Ski d'Or Trophy, awarded annually by the International Association of Ski Journalists.

BELGIUM TOPS ULSTER

LIEGE, Belgium (Reuter) — Belgium beat Northern Ireland 2-0 in a European Group 4 World Cup soccer qualifying match before a crowd of 30,000 Wednesday night. Van Gool scored at 29 minutes and Lambert at 52.