

# Vernon ranked second behind Prince George



1976 Vernon Minor Football Association champions are above. Star Auto-Vernon Frame (tackle division) and Starviva

Homes (flag division). The two teams were honored at the association's recent wind-up banquet at the Village Green Inn. More than 150 boys were told by minor football president Wayne Lintott that the association will expand from eight to 12 teams next year, with 16 year olds being allowed to play for the first time.

## FOOTBALL CHAMPS



1976 Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' volleyball team left early today for Prince George to compete in the B.C. High School championships.

Despite being defending champion and boasting an extremely strong club, VSSS is ranked second in the 18 team tournament. The powerful Prince George Polars are heavily favored in the number one position. Vernon Coach Barrie Reid told the Daily News he is glad Prince George is ranked so highly.

Reid said, "With Polars favored, it takes some of the pressure off us. But don't count us out, I think we're peaking at the right time."

Several volleyball officials, including Prince George Coach Reg Bayliss, are looking for a repeat of last year's championship game. Vernon edged Polars in 1975 in one of the greatest matches ever witnessed in B.C.

Prince George's only loss this season was early in the year. However, since that time the Polars have won 72 in-a-row, including two victories over VSSS.

The club's goal is to meet, it will be against St. Paul's. Prince George boasts the largest team in the tourney, led by 6'5" Roy Dawson. Dawson was twice player of the B.C. Pacific Rim team and is considered a shoe-in for the B.C. Canada Games team.

Brothers Rick and Randy Wagner, at 4'4", round out Polars' front line.

On the other hand, Reid is counting on hustle to pull his team through. Vernon is led by B.C. all-star Dan Watts, considered one of the best hitters in the province.

The hitting and blocking of Dave Turner and Mike Korman will also be very important for the locals.

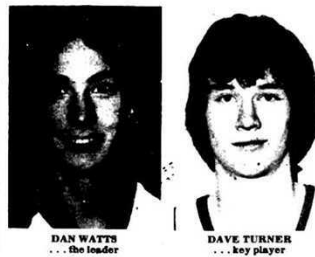
Vernon's first game is Thursday, at 3:30 p.m., when they tangle with Golden. The tourney is divided into two, nine-team sections. On the B side, toughest competition for VSSS could come from Mission and Kitimat.

Prince George is in the other section, so if the two preliminary round play, they will meet in the final.

Reid said, "The key for us is mental attitude. As long as we can keep loose, we'll be okay. Our guys have a tendency to get down on themselves and we have to keep away from that attitude."

The Vernon coach feels his club is much stronger now than a month ago. He said, "We have played our best volleyball of the year in the last two tournaments."

"In Kelowna we came from behind to beat Courtenay, and in the valley finals, we came from behind to win. I think we have a good chance of going all the way."



DAN WATTS...the leader



DAVE TURNER...key player

# Injury-riddled Cents limp into town tonight

Joe Tennant's injury-riddled Merritt Centennials are in Vernon tonight to tangle with the Vikings in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at 8:30 p.m.

Tennant told the Daily News he is down to 13 skaters and two goalies.

The colorful coach said, "We seem to have more players on the injured list than we do on the bench. Every time we get a new guy, he gets hurt."

**FIVE MISSING**

The list of casualties includes Gary Strick, dislocated shoulder; Neal Beaman, broken leg; Jeff Bajov, stretched knee ligaments; Mathew Howes, broken arm; and Mike Urquhart, broken ankle.

Tennant said, "We only had hopes for two games before he got hurt, and Urquhart got hurt before he even got here. He was playing his last game with Calgary, before he was due to report to us, and blocked a slapshot with his ankle."

**MUCH-IMPROVED**

Despite the walking wounded, Tennant has one



JOE TENNANT...several hurt

admirable job since he took over the Centis. In 10 games, with Joe behind the bench, Merritt has won four, and lost three others in sudden-death overtime. Prior to Tennant's arrival, Centennials had won only four of 18.

Tennant said, "We'll give Vernon a good game tonight. They have a lot of talent, but we're battling."

"In the past few games we've been running out of gas in the third period due to lack of bodies. So, I guess we'll have to conserve some energy for the last period tonight."

Vikings are relatively healthy with only Garry Mann listed as a doubtful starter. Mann picked up a broken nose and thumb during last Saturday's game.

**VEES UPSET**

Meanwhile, in BCHL action Tuesday, Kamloops Braves broke Panticon Vees' 14-game winning streak by posting a 6-3 victory.

Lance Lestander, Phil Logan, Doug Watt, Glen Merkovic, Greg Dunn and Ward Sparrow scored for Kamloops. For Panticon, the marksmen were Craig Beresovsky, Kevin Maxwell, and Darrell Becker.

Next up for the Vikings is a game with the Bruins 6-4 to increase their Coastal Division lead. Nanaimo now has 40 points, nine more than second-place Bellingham.

## The SPORTS Page

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## Two unbeaten teams faceoff Friday night

Only two undefeated juvenile hockey teams in the Okanagan face each other Friday when Vernon hosts Kelowna in Okanagan Mainline League action at 10:15 p.m.

Vernon maintained its perfect record last weekend with a pair of victories over Enderby.

In the first game, the locals were in high gear for a 13-3 victory over Enderby.

Tom Ouchl and Kelly Kaneda scored three each for the winners while David Schneider and Glenn Leckow added pairs. Sid Smith went to Terry Geler, Paul Dault, and Doug Demetrich.

Bernie Price, Tom Yates, and Drell Pimack countered for Enderby.

On Sunday, Vernon scored four goals in the final five minutes to edge the host team 7-6.

## CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON  
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Local senior teams made a clean sweep at Nelson last weekend.

The Ralph Danglefield rink, of Vernon, won the A event and the Horace Webb team captured the B event. Mac McCallum and his foursome was right in the thick of things, placing third in A competition.

**THREE IN MONEY**

Closer to home, our ladies showed well in the Armstrongspiel with three Vernon rink in the money.

In the A event, Phyl Phare's team edged Mary Balcombe, in an extra end, to take top honors. B event was taken by the Ina Fee rink.

**TEAM MEMBERS**

Curling with Phyl Phare was C. Hubbard, J. August, and N. Daulty. Mary Balcombe had Mary Streib, D. LaChance, and I. Stevens. Members of the Fee foursome were M. Franch, R. Murray, and S. Cunningham. The ladies had an excellent time thanks to the Armstrong hospitality.

**MINI-SPIEL**

At our own club last Saturday, the mini-spiel was won by the Don Myler rink, which showed top form both on and off the ice.

Music was supplied by the Commodore and everyone had a great time. The mixed league hopes to have another event of this type later in the season if ice is available.

**36 RINKS**

Thirty-six teams are entered in this weekend's annual Fremont's bonspiel.

Curling starts Saturday at 8 a.m. and winds-up with a ZONE PLAYOFFS.

Zone mixed playoffs will be held in Enderby Dec. 11 and 12. Deadline for entries to this event is Dec. 6.

On the same weekend, the local evening men's league has its club playoffs to decide two representatives for the district playoffs.

Don't forget the Men's Calcuts coming up in two weeks. Enter your name at the rink.

NEW YORK (AP) — Before he ever played a game for the University of Pittsburgh, Tony Dorsett wanted to quit.

But, says coach Johnny Meyer, "he never backs away from an obseque."

Dorsett didn't back away from this one, either, and it paid off. The star who won the Heisman Trophy as the outstanding college football player in the United States.

It was a runaway for Dorsett, almost as easy as his romp through Pitt's 21 victories this year for an all-time National Collegiate Athletic Association record of 1,848 yards.

The 5-foot-11, 192-pound carried each of the country's five voting regions—East, South, Midwest, Southwest and Far West—and received 701 of 863 first-place votes, 112 second, and 30 thirds for a total of 2,387 points. Twenty voters left his name off their ballot. The vote is tabulated on a 3-2-1 basis.

## Dorsett awarded Heisman

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Islanders	15	3	85	30	33
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Atlanta	11	8	80	28	28
Rangers	10	11	80	24	24
<b>Smythe Division</b>					
St. Louis	12	1	76	25	25
Chicago	11	3	76	25	25
Minnesota	6	15	66	25	25
Colorado	5	12	66	22	22
Vancouver	6	17	64	29	14
Prince of Wales Conference					
<b>Adams Division</b>					
Boston	13	6	96	30	37
Buffalo	13	6	74	29	29
Toronto	11	7	80	21	21
Cleveland	6	11	61	17	18
<b>Patrick Division</b>					
Montreal	19	4	134	58	41
Los Angeles	8	10	88	32	24
Pittsburgh	11	7	79	22	21
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Washington	14	2	74	16	16

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Williams, 22, who leads the NHL in penalty minutes this season with 100, has never claimed to be a prolific goal scorer. But he said during training camp in September that he was going to concentrate on playing good two-way hockey and prove something to critics who have cast him in strictly an enforcer role.

Williams, who scored twice last Saturday to pace the Leafs to a 4-2 upset win over Boston Bruins, scored the tying goal Tuesday, his ninth of the season, as the Leafs staged a third-period comeback to erase a 3-1 Islanders lead.

**ALSO BEAT BERSCH**

Bob Neely and Scott Garland, who have scored a total of 10 goals between them this season on Toronto's third line, also beat Islander nemesis Glenn Resch.

In other games, New York Rangers and Atlanta Flames played to a 2-2 tie. Washington Capitals downed Pittsburgh Penguins 6-4. Colorado picked up a win for the winners while John Ross added a pair.

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