

# Panthers named most sportsmanlike



By DON KENDALL  
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Vernon Panthers placed third in the B.C. High School Boys' Volleyball Championships over the weekend in Prince George.

The host team, Prince George Polars, won the provincial title by dumping Courtenay Towhees 17-15, 15-12, and 15-13 in Saturday night's final game.

Panthers won the consolation final 15-0 and 15-12 over Kitimat O. caa.

Vernon was chosen as the Most Sportsmanlike Team in a poll conducted by the 18 coaches.

Vernon placed first in its section of round-robin play after losing to Kitimat. Then, in quarter-final playoff action, Panthers dumped North Kamloops 15-7 and 15-12.

In the semis, Vernon was beat by the powerful Polars 15-1 and 15-13.

Panthers Coach Barrie Reid said he is extremely pleased and proud.

Reid said, "We were defending champions and had a lot of pressure on us. But, as far as I'm concerned, third in B.C. is something to be proud of."

The Vernon coach said his club stood around against Prince George. He said, "We were awestruck in the first game. When we realized they were human, we gave them a good fight in the second game. Just a couple mental errors cost us."

Panthers rebounded from that loss to play probably their best game of the year against Kitimat.

**FIXED UP**

Reid said, "After losing earlier to Kitimat, and then to Prince George, we could have been really down going into the consolation final. But instead, our guys came out fired up. It was really something to shutout

Kitimat in the first game."

Williams Lake Cougars handed North Kamloops 15-8 and 15-13 in the battle for fifth and sixth places.

Roy Dawson of Prince George was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

**ALL STARS**

First team all-star members were Randy Wagner and John Lussier of Polars, Mark Lehn of Courtenay, Louis Campagnolo of Kitimat, and Marcel Therrien of Williams Lake.

Vernon's Dan Watts, a first-all-star last year, and Mike Ferraro were selected to the second all-star team. Kirk Christman was given honorable mention.

Reid said, "I was disappointed Dave Turner did not get an all-star. He was super for us. There were a lot of good middle blockers, but I don't think anyone played better than Dave."

## Royals third in tournament

Vernon Royals placed third in the eight-team Kamloops Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament held over the weekend.

Vernon was also named the most sportsmanlike team.

In their opening game, Royals thumped Carson (Graham of North Vancouver) 28-17. Terri Roaman led the attack with 18 points while Leanne Williams sunk 13.

Royals started flat and were dumped 50-34 by defending B.C. champion Salmon Arm Jewels in the semi-finals. Vernon came back in the second-half, but it was too little, too late.



LEANNE WILLIAMS ... an all-star

**BIG GAME**

Williams had a big game with 17 points, one-half of Vernon's total.

In the consolation final, Royals had little trouble hammering Quemes 55-34.

Roaman was the big gun with 20 points while Williams added 14, and Jill Jewitson sunk 12.

Vernon Coach Deloy Routley was pleased with his squad's sound fundamental basketball.

**PRAISED TO JM**

Routley told the Daily News the Salmon Arm coach feels Royals have one of the best teams in B.C., and could be beating Jewels by the end of the year.

The Vernon coach said, "It is early in the year and I think we were a little psyched out playing against the B.C. champs. But, once we got going, we played well."

Williams was named to the tournament's first all-star team and Roaman was picked to the second all-star squad.

Routley also praised the play of Connie Blesser, Laurie Ogasawara, and Hewitson.

Next weekend Royals host the Vernon Invitational Girls' Tournament.

### TOP IN TOURNAMENT

Jeff Baerg won the boys 18 and under category in the Vernon Parks and Recreation Department's table tennis tournament.

Sunday at the Recreation Centre. Several dozen participants took part in the four classes of competition. (Daily News Photo)

## Juveniles record weekend victories

Vernon Legion maintained its unbeaten record with a pair of weekend victories in Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile Rep Hockey League action.

Legion dumped previously unbeaten Kelowna 7-6 Friday in Vernon, and Saturday in Kamloops, the locals posted a 5-2 victory.

Scoring against Kelowna were Gary Edwards and Don Bettan, with two goals each. Glen Fester, Glen Lockwood, and Paul Guilf.

Just 17 hours later, against a fresh Kamloops team, Gary Field scored twice while Guilf, Kelly Kaneda, Gerry Fester, and Glen Fester notched assists.

to the Kootenays and recorded three lopsided exhibition wins.

Vernon doubled Nelson 11-2 and Castlegar 8-1 and 10-1.

In Nelson, Bruce Major led the attack with four goals while Bill Baron and David Munk each scored twice. Singles went to Terry Orloff, Clayton Adams, and Marty Smith.

In the first game against Castlegar, Baron and Munk scored two each while Major, Smith, Adams, and Roddy O'Keefe counted singles.

In the second contest, Munk led the onslaught with three goals while Major picked up a pair. Adams, Smith, Rudy Foschek, Don Balmombe, and Les Olean scored solos.

### TWO ASSISTERS

Goultender Wayne Sliak, who picked up two assists, played well for Vernon in both games.

Legion gets a rest until Saturday when they host Revelstoke at 4:30 p.m.

In mid-legion play, Vernon rebounded from a 10-4 loss to Kamloops Saturday, to bomb Merritt 10-3 on Sunday.

**WON THREE**

Vernon Pup Reps travelled Thursday.

### Local teams dominate play

Vernon teams took the top two spots in a Youth Bowling Congress Senior Travel Cup tournament Saturday in Rutland.

Eight centres, with a total of 14 teams, took part in the tourney. Revelstoke finished third.

On the first-place Vernon team were Bev Ferroux, Barry Koenig, Cathy Darroch, Ross McMurphy, and Rhonda Gibson.

The second-place squad was made up of Sherri Watta, Jamie Morrow, Lisa Danieison, Mike Clapp, and Terry Penner.

### RECALL MOXEY

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Barons announced the recall of wingers Jim Moxey and Bob Girard from Salt Lake City of the Central Hockey League to bolster their injury-riddled NHL club. Barons lost four players to knee injuries last week.

## Vernon penalty killers respond with two goals

Vernon Vikings snapped a three-game losing streak by dumping Merritt Centennials 5-2 in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Sunday in Merritt.

Vikings had to rely heavily on its penalty-killing unit, and the squad came through with flying colours.

Veterans Jack Leffey and Gary Huth both scored short-handed goals as Vikings thwarted numerous Merritt powerplay opportunities. In the second period, Vernon was short-handed for 10 consecutive minutes, but Cents were unable to score.

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situation deteriorated, the rink was closed on Sunday morning.

Veteran Keith Ferner was in Marcl for Vikings in Merritt, but at home, newcemer Rick Mallott played his second straight good game between the pipes.

Langley's victory over Kelowna Buckaroos humiliated the Lords 16-1. He was super for us. There were a lot of good middle blockers, but I don't think anyone played better than Dave.

**FIRST GOAL**

Darcy Wilkinson and Barry Lang, with his first goal of the season, scored for Vikings on the powerplay, while Brian Maser picked up his ninth goal of the season with both teams at full strength.

Don Nachbaur and Rick Mettler replied for Merritt. Vernon, which led 3-1 after the first and second periods, assessed nine of 14 minor penalties.

On Saturday night, Langley Lords came-from-behind to edge Vikings 5-4 before 300 fans in Vernon.

The game was delayed several times due to poor ice conditions.

Chris Tucker, Bruce Harris, Gordie Brandt, Ron Kolman, and Dave Robertson scored for the home team.

Gary Mann, Derek Rideout, and Hugh scored within 45

seconds in the second period and Wilkinson capped the Vernon effort.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye was furious about the arena conditions.

**BAD CONDITIONS**

Dye said, "It is wonder our crowds are not with arena facilities like this. Besides the

holes in the ice, I bet I closed the front door 20 times Saturday night. Every time that door is open a draft comes through that just about freezes you on the spot."

Game officials and arena staff repaired the ice several times and the game finally ended at 11:02 p.m. after the

in other games, Kamloops Braves beat Bellingham Blazers and John Lussier of Polars Bruins ripped Kamloops 4-3, and Nanaimo Clippers downed Abbotsford Flyers 5-4.

Play resumes Tuesday with Vernon travelling to Kamloops, Kelowna playing in Penticton, and Abbotsford visiting Langley.

### aces remain unbeaten

Salmon Arm Aces maintained their unbeaten record by edging Grindrod Elks 5-5 in a Monday night game.

Elks outshot Aces 41-26, but could not beat Salmon Arm's eight-game winning streak.

Jeff Todd scored two goals for the winners while Gord Lyons, Mill Michael, Randy Williams, and Rick Harris added singles.

Lawrence Quechuk, with two, Ricky Reilly, Ken Haller, and Steve Smithson counted for Elks.

On Saturday, Elks dumped Revelstoke Seikirks 7-5. George Fargher and Haller scored two each for the winners while Reilly, Quechuk, and Ed Sparrow notched singles.

Phil McCarran had a hat-trick for Seikirks while Don Manson and Ken Munro binked the red light once.

In Nakup, Falcons won a pair over Golden Ro-kets, 7-1 and 7-3.

Aces lead the league with 16 points, followed by Nakup with nine, Revelstoke eight, Grindrod six, and Golden three.

By DALE MAJOR  
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Vernon Panthers proved over the weekend they aren't going to be an easy mark for anyone this season.

Another leading four players who were in Prince George at the provincial volleyball championships, placed third in the tough Salmon Arm Golds Basketball Tournament.

Vernon's only loss was to number-two ranked Princess Margaret of Surrey.

Panthers got off to a good start by posting a 63-46 victory over Merritt, but the depleted Vernon squad could not quite keep up with Princess Margaret, dropping a 76-53 decision.

The Surrey school opened up in an early lead, and despite praising the tough coast team for most of the game, Vernon could not overcome the deficit.

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The only bench strength Inrig had at his disposal, Dean Steinhilber, Andy Anderson, and Glen Siryes, all filled-in well.

Zimmer was named to the tournament all-star team, but Jeff King, Krusel, and Davidson could not really have been on that squad.

**STRONG CLUB**

The Vernon coach summed up the tourney by saying "I proved we have a very strong ball club and gives us the confidence we need to play well for the rest of the year."

### Kokanees place first in Summerland's meet

Vernon Kokanees won the first-ever Summerland Swim Meet held over the weekend.

Kokanees defeated the host club and Kelowna, for the first time in more than a year.

Troy Alium and Hrditchekka won every senior boys' event between them. Darwin Metzger had six first place finishes in boys' 13 and 14 events; Phillip Schanre

had four wins in the 10 and under group; and Laurie Kallauk and Linda Van Grootel won all but one event in girls' 11 and 12 competition.

Jill Strachan was second in all 13 and 14 year-old girls' races.

Vernon hosts Kokanees, Summerland, and Cranbrook in a two-day meet next weekend.

Centre Tom Davison led the Vernon attack with 20 points while Brent Zimmer added 18 and Steve King sunk 11.

Princess Margaret went on to beat Salmon Arm in the championship game.

Panthers literally blew Panthers literally blew Maple Ridge off the court, 74-46, in the consolation final.

Vernon opened up a 18-10 time lead against the province's number-10 ranked team.

King led the onslaught with 18 points followed by Zimmer with 15 points and 21 rebounds. Davison sunk 11 while Ed Walkerhouse and Brent Kusel added 10 apiece.

**BEST EVER**

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for anything more from our guys. I don't think they could have played any better against Princess Margaret. Against Maple Ridge, our team played the best I have ever seen a Vernon team play."

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## VERNON ARENA CLOSED

Vernon Vikings' stickboy Derek Asthele looks over one of the huge holes in the ice at the Vernon Civic Arena. The rink's main compressor ceased operation late Saturday night when a bearing burned out. Due to the age of the machinery, finding a replacement part may be extremely difficult. The length of the closure has not yet been determined, but all activities have been cancelled until at least Tuesday night.

Mayor Stuart Fleming told the Daily News every effort is being made to get the arena back in operation. Fleming said, "We are searching the country for the necessary parts. Our maintenance staff is giving the problem number one priority and we are hoping to come up with some stand-by arrangement if necessary." (Daily News Photo)

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