

# Wilkenson and Gassoff lead Vikings to victory



**VERNON VIKINGS'** linemates Darcy Wilkenson, left, and Gary Gassoff congratulate each other after Wednesday's game. Wilkenson had six points, on seven goals, while Gassoff scored three times and assisted on another. (Daily News Photo)

Vernon Vikings hammered first-time Penitence Vees 7-3 before 200 fans in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday at the Civic Arena.

It was Vikings' finest of feats in performance of the season, and the worst defensive effort of the year for Penitence. It was also a night Darcy Wilkenson and Gary Gassoff won't forget for a while.

Wilkie and Gassoff, like most of their team-mates, are having only an average season. But the two veterans exploded against the Vees.

Wilkie had two goals and four assists, while Gassoff, his left-winger, scored three times and set up one other.

Vernon never trailed in the game, due mostly to a few key saves in the first period by Keith Ferner.

**HIT POST**

Ferner, robbed Craig Berzovsky and John Uvegas in the opening minutes, and Gord McKay then rattled a shot off the post after the heroics were over to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead.

Wilkenson opened the scoring in the second period, then playing four men per team. Then at 19:04, some good work by Wilkenson, Gassoff and Stacy Smeader set Gassoff up in the slot.

Wilkie alone on the ice, it was again some good digging by Gassoff that set up Kevin McKay on the score at 2:41, to make the score 2-1.

McKay got Penitence on the scoreboard at 11:07 with one of his best slapshots of the season from the faceoff circle. Ferner did not move until the puck was to the glove side.

Gassoff got his ninth and 10th goals of the season at 8:53 and 17:32. In between Ted Gutter replied for Vees, and the second period ended 5-2.

**ONLY POINT**

BCJHL scoring leader Kevin Maxwell got his only point on the game when he banged in a rebound, at 18:10 of the third period, on a powerplay.

Wilkenson got that goal back at 7:41, with the prettiest move of the year. The slick centre stickhanded through two Penitence defenders and beat Vee's netminder Jim Scammell with a perfect shot to the glove side.

Jack Lefley got the last goal of the game at 9:09. In a

**SKATATION CHAIRMAN** Elsie Fester presents airline and hockey tickets to Bruce Major for collecting the most pledges, in the population, for the recent skatation. Other prize winners are, from left:

Steven Dmytriv, Dwayne Brandt, and Bill Baron. Back row, Tom Wells, Jeff Demetrick, Bruce Bernhardt, Ellye Tafa, and Pat Morgan. (Daily News Photo)

## Look ahead to next year

By Nonie Frisby

Are we expecting too much and paying too much for our campsites? I feel the answers are yes and no and in that order.

I may be a little late in 1976 to be talking about campsites, but you'll have to admit I'm in plenty of time for 1977. Most of my cases I feel the public expects far too much from a campsite, just by the fact you the camper feel you should get for \$3.50 or \$4? At most lakes where there is no privately operated fishing camp, campsites are absolutely free. Take Bouleau Lake, there is a cleared space, camp tables, garbage containers, and fresh running water close by, and this convenience is free for the using. Many of these free camp areas also have fire pits and chopped wood.

**NICE SPOTS**

Secondly, there are the government campsites like the big one just out of Summerland, and our own local Ellison Park. I believe these are the \$4 ones, and they have most of the comforts of home. A big camper or motorhome can pull in and spill out as many as two to 10 people, and these large camps are nearly always situated in beautiful spots, so you not only get conveniences but scenery as well.

We have a third popular type of camping area, the one supplied by most fishing camp operators. Lakes such as Echo, Pinawa, Fraser Lodge, and Boleau have very well run campsites. Pinawa Lake charges \$1.50 a night regardless of the number in the camping party. They

## Most pledges are already in

Less than \$1,500 remains to be collected from pledges to the annual Vernon Minor Hockey Association's Skatation of \$16,349 was pledged, and just over \$9,000 has been turned in.

Skatation Chairman Elsie Fester said the response this year has been terrific.

She said, "On behalf of minor hockey, I would like to thank everyone who helped us. The cooperation has been just great."

Four boys won first prizes, of a trip to a Vancouver Hockey Association's Skatation. The total of \$16,349 was pledged, and just over \$9,000 has been turned in.

Other individual prizes included one week at Elderberry Hockey School, Dennis Holland, CCM skates, Billy Brown, custom made jacket, Ellye Tafa, Carucke jacket, Dwayne Brandt, and \$50 gift certificates, Jeff Demetrick and Steven Dmytriv.

In addition, hockey sticks have been given to 70 boys.

Adult challenge trophy was won by Bob Williams, while Janice Loggers and Dave Okeke picked up dinners for two as a ladies' runners-up.

## Players hoping to regain money

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 30 professional hockey and basketball players have retained lawyers in an attempt to recover money they claim is owed them by Richard Sorkin, Uniondale, N.Y., player agent.

The total amount of money in question, a source said, is between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The source also confirmed the number of professional athletes involved.

Reports published in the Toronto Globe and Mail and the Long Island newspaper Newsday list Gord Lennox of Pittsburgh Penguins, Ron Grechner of New York Rangers, Larry McDonald of Toronto Maple Leafs, Bob Hess of St. Louis Blues and Tom Laykin of Atlanta Flames as some of the players who claim Sorkin owes them amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

In addition, the Globe and Mail says Bob Nystrom, Jude Drouin, Bob Bourne and Garry Howatt, all of New York Islanders, Dennis Polonich of Detroit Red Wings and Gary Inness of Philadelphia Flyers are seeking funds they claim are owed.

**OWES THOUSANDS**

The Globe and Mail reported that Grechner is owed \$135,000. Hess more than \$50,000, McDonald \$40,000, Laykin \$30,000 and Inness \$25,000.

Meanwhile, John Joyce, director of security for the National Basketball Association, said he was told Wednesday that Al Skinner and Kim Hughes of New York

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## Czechs edge Jets in hockey tourney

MOSCOW (CP) — Vladimir Veth's three-period goal victory Czechoslovakia 3-2 gave the Czechs a 2-0 lead in the Association's Winnipeg Jets today in the opening game of the tournament.

Veth beat Winnipeg goaltender Joe Daley on a 8:47 screener shot, the first in the first period as the world amateur champions opened a 2-0 lead. Swedish star Anders Hedberg tallied for Winnipeg 2-3 seconds into the second period and Dave Dunn through the WHA champs even.

The Czechs took the play to Winnipeg from the opening whistle, obviously intent on averaging a 5-5 win over a touring Czech side in Canada Sunday.

They forced Daley to make a number of difficult stops before Veth's first goal at 4:32 mark. The crafty Czech veteran used linemate Yuri Lashin just after the opening slap shot to the opposite corner of the net.

Hedberg made it 2-0 at 15:08, his whistling slap shot from the blue line beating the Jets goalie just after Winnipeg's Willy Lindstrom returned to the ice after serving a minor penalty.

Both clubs had a number of close opportunities in the opening period with one apparent Winnipeg goal being disallowed when Swedish referee Stig Carlsson ruled that a shot by Bobby Hull did not cross the line.

The Jets, however, kept plugging away and Hedberg, a 30-goal scorer in the second period, the Jets winger scored as he was being tripped just after the slot early in the second period. The Jets were still with a one liner below Karlrik's pads.

## Japanese girls to visit Vernon

The top girls' high school volleyball team in Japan will be playing in Vernon on Friday night at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

Senahu High School is currently undefeated on its 10-day B.C. tour and should give Vernon's best players all they can handle.

Senahu stretched its winning streak Wednesday by blasting George Elliot School of Winfield, 15-0, 15-1, and 15-0.

**LINDAL HERE**

Provincial volleyball coach Vic Lindal will officiate at opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. First match at 7:15 p.m., has Senahu against Vernon's 'B' team. At 8:15 p.m. Vernon's 'B' team will battle the Japanese. Following that contest, Senahu will divide its team and play an intra-squad game.

Coach of the Vernon teams, Dennis Murdoch, said the Japanese girls play in Winfield and said local people are really in for a treat.

Murdoch said, "This team is really something to watch. They are something else."

Vernon's 'A' squad has seven girls who were members of the VSSO Okanagan championship team. The 'B' team is made up primarily of junior high students from Fulton and W.L. Seaton.

Admission for the evening is only \$1.

So enjoy your camping next year, you are getting an awful lot for your money.

Won't be long before we get in full swing on the ice fishing. Best you read up on some of the do's and don'ts.

If you are too busy to go fishing, then you are too busy.

## PIN POINTS

**December 8**

Women's high single — Lori Kupera 270, high triple — Lori Kupera 447, high average — Kupera 206

Men's high single — Ken Bridgeman 256, high triple — Gord Ross 127, high average — Sing Tabata Dana Towses 227

Team high single — Heat Wits 131, high triple — Crack Pots 374

300\* Club — Ken Bridgeman 356, Rod Braden 304

**TEAM STANDINGS**

Coldstream Hotel 284  
Hong Kong Village 279  
Wits 228  
Assistants 251

**December 15**

Women's high single — Myrle Phillips 217, high triple — Myrle Phillips 491, high average — Donna Desmarais 200

Men's high single — Rob Campbell 281, high triple — Joe Goldenstein 270, high average — Joe Goldenstein 270

Team high single — Opposops 1296, high triple — Vernon 53550

300\* Club — Mike Pilon 306

**TEAM STANDINGS**

Vernon 59 306  
Purified Rice 274  
Barons 274  
Screwballs 261

## Leafs win wild contest

**NELSON, B.C. (CP)** — Chris McManis scored two goals to lead Nelson Maple Leafs to a 7-2 win over Trail Smoke Eaters in a Western International Hockey League game marred by a third period bench-clearing brawl.

A total of 45 minutes in penalties and four game misconducts resulted from the incident that began at 12:36, delaying the game for 25 minutes.

The brawl began with a scuffle between Trail's Ken Ulesio and Nelson's Greg Kirk. Police were called to end the battle but were not needed on the ice.

Nelson led 3-2 after the first period and 4-2 after the second.

Ron Filyk, Brad Carefoot, Ivan Robertson, Kim Hillewich and Tim O'Donnell rounded out the Nelson scoring.

## Free skiing on Star with one or two lifts

Silver Star Ski Area opened today, but only on a very limited basis.

Wee-tee was the only lift in operation, with the Poma lift will be running on Friday.

Area Manager Woody Woodman said, "We're still a foot away from opening the Green or Blue Chairs. We'll get them running as soon as possible, but it depends on the snow."

Meanwhile, Sandy Boyd hopes to have Tillikum Valley open on a limited basis Friday. Boyd said, "There's a bit of cold weather for his snowmakers, would improve conditions a great deal."

## Banks heads list of five

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ernie Banks, who hit 512 home runs for Chicago Cubs, heads a list of five new candidates eligible for election to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Banks, Banks, first-time candidates are pitcher Jim Bunning and Canello Pascual, outfielder Curt Flood and infielder Harvey Kuenn. The ballots were mailed Wednesday to 10,000 members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BWA).

Election to the Hall of Fame requires mention of 75 per cent of the ballots returned.

## Orangutangs win playoff

Orangutangs captured the Honeymooners' Volleyball League title Wednesday by beating Hot Chees at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

Orangutangs posted 10-2 and 12-1 victories.

In a consolation round, Borden defeated Dirty 1/2, Dozen 15-9 and 15-4.

Meanwhile, the final play, Nitehawks defeated Spartans 15-10, 10-15 and 15-4.

In the consolation final, The three Volleyballs 15-13 and 15-13.

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As far as the main Yellow Chair run, Big Dipper, we will need another three-to-six 300 SKIERS.

There were about 300 skiers expected today, with the figure possibly doubling on Friday.

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