

Senshu bombs reps

By DON KENDALL
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One of the most awesome sports teams to ever travel through British Columbia wide-up its provincial tour this week in Vancouver.

The Senshu High School girls' volleyball team, from Osaka, Japan, posted its 14th straight victory Saturday by thumping a B.C. Rep team 16-1, and 15-0.

The rep team, with some of the province's best players was no match for the Japanese, and it is easy to see why.

Watching the team is a treat, even in practice, but an old saying comes to mind: "If you work at anything hard enough, you can take the fun out of it."

Seldom do the Japanese girls smile and their attitude is 100 per cent serious. They are driven, by their coach, to the point where the average person would collapse from exhaustion.

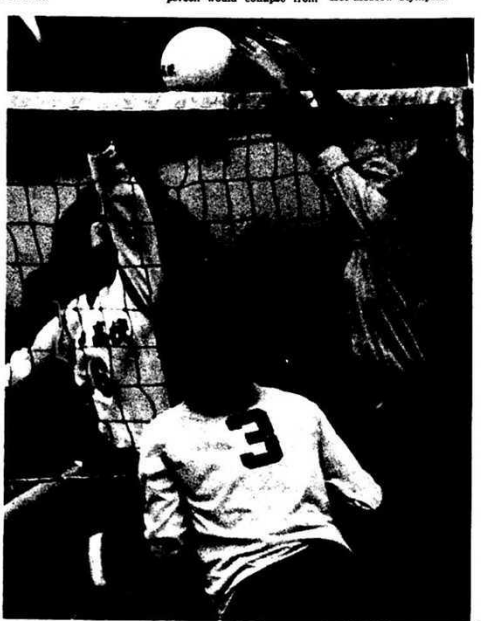
However, the girls do not have to play volleyball and their devotion could come from the hope of playing in the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

H.C. Coach Vic Lindal said, "You don't just try to beat Senshu, you try to get a point against them."

MACHINE-LIKE
The Japanese squad can best be described as a machine. The girls' lives revolve around volleyball. The club practices six hours per day, throughout the year.

An average day has the girls practicing from 7:30 to 9 a.m., in school from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and back in the gymnasium from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Lindal said, "It is pretty incredible when you figure they practice more in a day than some of our teams do in a week. And they practice more in a month, than most teams do in a year."



Senshu Coach Masamichi Oda told the Daily News the key to his club's success is physical fitness and receiving hits.

Due to the vigorous training program, the girls are in perfect shape. And to compensate for a lack of height, Senshu has numerous formations to receive ams.

Oda said, "It is naturally a handicap for our girls to be short, but they recover with receiving and defence."

"Tallest girl on the squad is 5'6", and the average height is about 5'3". However, they have tremendous vertical jumping ability."

Senshu, a four-year old school, has the best volleyball team among 4,000 Japanese schools.

Oda said, "In Japan, baseball is the big sport for boys, and volleyball is girls' favorite sport."

Senshu School of Japan continued on its winning way Saturday by thumping the B.C. Rep team at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary. Despite a large height advantage, the reps were unable to cope with

Senshu's disciplined style of play. (Daily News Photo by Jack Nittal)



VERNON VIKINGS' Centre Gary Huth barges away at the puck during Saturday's BCJHL game in

Vernon. Bellingham goalie Ben Schrey stopped Huth on this play, but he scored with only four seconds remaining

in regulation time, to give Vikings a 3-3 tie. Vernon is back in action Wednesday night when Merritt Centennials are in town. (Daily News Photo by Jack Nittal)

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Vikings get some help from juvenile player

Vernon Vikings posted a win and tie in B.C. Junior Hockey League action over the weekend.

BCJHL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
INTERIOR DIVISION					
Penticton	40	28	10	2	58
Kelowna	40	27	12	1	55
Vernon	39	19	18	3	34
Kamloops	36	17	17	2	34
Abbotsford	38	10	28	0	20
COAST DIVISION					
Nanaimo	40	28	11	1	57
Langley	39	19	20	0	38
Bellingham	36	17	17	2	34
Maple Ridge	38	10	20	1	21
Abbotsford	36	12	23	1	25

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Vikings fought from behind to tie the Bellingham Blazers 3-3 at home on Saturday, and Sunday in Merritt. Vernon handed the Centennials a 4-2 setback.

Vikings dipped into the local juvenile ranks for some firepower, and Rich Creelman made an impressive debut.

Creelman got little ice time against Blazers, but in Merritt, he scored two goals and had one assist. With a little luck around the net, he could have scored three or four.

SKIING IS GOOD ON STAR

Skiing conditions at Silver Star Mountain are probably as good as anywhere in Western Canada at the present time.

Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News the area now has a 17-inch base and conditions are fair-to-good.

Woodman said, "We haven't had one complaint about the snow so far. I think people are pleasantly surprised by our conditions."

Four lifts, the yellow, middle, poma, and the Chair were in operation today.

Woodman said, "We had about 500 skiers up here today, compared to about 3,000 on the same day last year. We're not happy, but we're smiling."

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye was pleased with the weekend showing, but realizes his club must start scoring more goals.

Dye said, "We'll be alright if we can just start putting the puck in the net, we're checking and skating good enough, but you have to score the goals."

STRECH STREAK
In other action, Nanaimo Clippers registered their 18th consecutive home-ice win Sunday by downing Kelowna

UNDEER LEMT
Vernon has been playing under the roster limit for the past week since Steve Danahin quit the club and Barry Lang and Garry Mann were declared ineligible by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association.

Lang and Mann are expected to be cleared for playing by the BCAHA this week.

Bryon Smith and Jack Lefley also scored Sunday while Paul Chadwick and Jeff Bajkov replied for Cents.

On Saturday, Bellingham came out looking as if it was going to blow Vikings out of the rink.

Jari Vitala, Randy Hall, and Marti Nenonen gave Blazers a 3-0 lead after only 12:30 of the first period.

LATE GOAL
Vernon fought back slowly, and finally tied the game with four seconds left in regulation

BUCKAROO 7-4
Clippers edged Langley Lords 7-6 Saturday while Kamlopa Braves hammered Bellingham 10-4. Maple Ridge edged Abbotsford 9-3, Kelowna trounced Abbotsford 11-4, and Merritt Veesaced Kamlopa 4-3.

After the Blazers were outplayed by beating their Bellingham Coach Jack Durston said, "The hardest work they did was putting on their sweaters."

Vernon is back in action Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. when Santa Claus, Joe Tennant, and Merritt Centennials visit town.

Raiders close in on league leader

Winfield Raiders moved to within one point of first-place in the North Okanagan Hockey League by thumping Vernon Sport Cougars 9-3 Saturday in Winfield.

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Flames outlast Kinamen 36-18.

PIN POINTS

December 9
Thurs. Morning Cougars Party Ladies high single — Lil Jamieson 205; high triple — Lil Jamieson 707; high average — Lil Jamieson 314.
Team high single — The Speedy 178; high triple — Olan Crooks 374.
300 Club — Margo Gaisins 300, Lil Jamieson 300, Lil Jamieson 300.
700 Club — Lil Jamieson 707.

TEAM STANDINGS

Alley Crooks	261½
Morrison	261
The Speedy '93	259
Pin Ups	229
Silver 31.5	229

December 10
Thurs. Matinee Women's high single — Edne Olan 274; high triple — Huda Bosse 712; high average — Lorraine Reilly 202.
Men's high single — Camero 1231; high triple — Groaners 3422.
TEAM STANDINGS

Greeners	80
Canons	72
Knox	42
Buxes	35

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Worner's classic Women's high single — Ida Giles 244; high double — Ida Giles 444; high triple — Ida Giles 744; high average — Gerry Turk 209; high average — May Turk 220.
Men's high single — Garry Ferguson 344; high triple — Ferguson 727; high average — Phil Tobiasz 728.

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Bowling of the Week — ladies, Ida Giles — 101 pins over average; men's — Jim McClellan — 64 pins over average.

Twosome tourney has 249 bowlers

Two hundred and forty-nine bowlers took part in the second-half of the Family Twosome Tournament on Sunday at Lincoln 1. James Highlight of the tourney was a sparkling single game rolled by Brian Woodroff; Woodroff, just 15, had a 392.

In father and daughter competition, we're Nikola, Perias tied Tracy and Art Beck for first place in the Jete age group.

Top bantam duo, with 101 pins over average, were Kim and Carol Malcolm with 101 pins over average, were Kim and Carol Malcolm with 101 pins over average, were Kim and Carol Malcolm with 101 pins over average.

Wheaties runaway from Pats

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Brandon Wheat Kings continued to make a runaway of the Eastern Division of the Western Canada Hockey League during the weekend, whipping the hapless Wendee Pats 9-2 in the only game for each team.

The result left Brandon a whopping 34 points ahead of Saskatoon Blades, who travelled to Ftis Pats for a 3-2 tie Saturday and a 4-3 loss Sunday in a weekend doubleheader with the third-place Bombers.

New Westminster Bruins won a pair of victories, defeating Portland Winter Hawks 5-1 Saturday and Kamloops Chiefs 4-2 Sunday.

Lethbridge Broncos got a late goal from Steve Tambois for a 3-6 deadlock with Victoria Sunday night after the Cougars matched Medicine Hat Tigers 5-5 the previous night.

Medicine Hat concluded its weekend by whipping Calgary Centennials 6-3.

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