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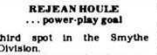
Habs slow down improved Canucks

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Just when things were beginning to look a bit brighter for Vancouver Canucks, Montreal Canadiens arrived in town.



Canucks were unable to tie it. Following the game, Canadian coach Scotty Bowman preferred to talk about the treatment referee Ron Wicks received rather than his team's victory.

At the end of the first period, Larry Popein, director of player personnel for the Canucks, and Marlo Caravetta, rink manager for the Pacific National Exhibition, confronted Wicks about two penalties he assessed to the Canucks during the first period. Wicks called a delay-of-game penalty on defenceman Harold Snepsts and later tacked Andy Spruce for boarding.



REJEAN HOULE... power-play goal

LACES INTO WICKS "Popein came lacing (verbally) into Wicks at the end of the first period, along with the building manager," Bowman said. "The building manager gave Wicks a real look of himself. He almost got into a fight with Wicks."

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At Toronto, Darryl Sittler and Jim McKeen each scored a brace to pace the Leafs while Hammarstrom and Lanny McDonald getting the goals.

The goals ended a 10-game scoring drought for Sittler, while Hammarstrom's goal was his eighth in his last eight games. Borje Salming had two assists to give him a league-leading 36, one more than Sittler.

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Vikings call in reinforcements

Vernon Vikings are calling in some extra help for Wednesday night's B.C. Junior Hockey League game against Merritt Centinias. Vik. gs will be using Santa Claus and Rich Creelman for the game. Santa will be on hand as part of a special Christmas night. All children will be admitted to the game for half-price and there will be treats for kids in attendance.

Creelman is expected to help Vikings a little more on the ice than Santa. The slick winger was called up from the Vernon Juveniles last weekend, for a pair of games, and responded with two goals. Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye said the way Christmas played in his first game, he deserves more action in Junior A. Dye said, "He was one of our best players in Merritt last Sunday. On four goals, he had three points."

Cahill confirmed as Argos' coach

TORONTO (CP) — Leo Cahill is back as head coach of Toronto Argonauts after a four-year hiatus and he's as colorful and confident as ever. "I don't need the aggravation of coaching a football team if I didn't think I could win," he told a news conference called Monday to announce the most poorly kept secret in the Canadian Football League.

Caper planned by club

North Okanagan Cross-Country Ski Club is holding its first annual Cross-Country Caper on Jan. 2. The caper will be held at Stuart Centre, on Cedar Hill Road, in Falkland. The six-mile trek will get under way, on marked trails, at 1 p.m. Entry fee of \$2 can be paid by mail, or before the race at the day lodge. Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in all eight classes. A moment will also be handed out for each participant who completes the course.

Leafs rally falls short

Blues edged Leafs 7-5 in pleasant Valley Hockey League action Monday at the Vernon Civic Arena. Blues built up a 4-0 lead in the first period before Leafs could get untracked. Bob Folk scored two goals for the winners while Vic Siemens countered with a pair for Leafs.

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KEN OULTON... a standout

CALVIN HALAZZ... 13 goals

OWEN LOYD... still fighting

KENDALL'S KORNER

Oulton is flying in Medicine Hat

One of the hottest teams in hockey at the present time is Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League. Medicine Hat, which is Vernon Viking's ter one affiliate, has not lost in its last 10 outings. And an ex-Viking is getting a lot of credit for turning the team around. Defenceman Ken Oulton was called up to the Tigers, in November, and has been a stalwart ever since. Tigers got off to a dismal start, and for several weeks, were flirting with the WHL cellar.

The Hat is currently tied for first-place in the league's Central Division and Coach Jack Shupe says it is no coincidence the big turnaround occurred when Oulton arrived.

The 17-year-old defenceman was considered a little too small at Tigers' camp this September and was sent back to Vernon for more grooming.

NHARY START With Vikings he got off to a shaky start and was playing far below his potential. However, after a few weeks he appeared to regain his old style and the Tigers became interested again.

He is far below the size of average WHL defencemen, but makes up for that handicap with a hard shot from the point, good stickhandling and excellent puck sense. Oulton, from Smithers, appears destined for a pro hockey career. However, he just about gave up on hockey last year.

Oulton started the 1975-76 season by attending "rention" camp. Ex-Vee's Coach Nick Iannone cut him because they felt he was too small. Next stop was Merritt where the Centinias had a defence and he wasn't able to crack the roster. By that time, he was ready to head home and play midget.

But, former Vernon Coach Joe Tennant, who is from Smithers originally, heard about Oulton, remembered him from a few years before, and asked him to tryout with Vikings.

SCORED 13 GOALS He instantly became a regular and

scored 12 goals as a rookie. Near the end of last season Tennant said, "Of all the talented players on this club, if I was going to bet on one who would make it to the NHL, it would be Oulton."

Viking fans have probably seen the last of Ken, that is unless he is on Saturday night television in a few years.

Also at the Hat are five other former Vikings. Center Ron Arsenhauoff, in his second year with Tigers, is having a tremendous season.

SECOND ON TEAM Arsenhauoff is second on the club in scoring with 22 goals and 29 assists for 51 points. Last weekend he scored four goals in one game.

Calvin Halazz, one of the top wingers in the BCHL last season, got off to a slow start at the Hat, but is flying now. Halazz has 13 goals and nine assists for 22 points, and is playing great two-way hockey.

Goalie Darrell Furmanek, 18, has been spending most of his time watching games from the bench in recent weeks while Shupe goes with Pete Peters between the pipes.

Shupe is happy with 'rme, but wants to give Pete a shot because it's his draft year. Perrin is destined to be number one next season.

Rick Simpson, who played centre in Vernon last year, has been used in a utility role by Tigers, mostly on defence. Simpson's only problem with Vikings was that he wouldn't use his 200 pounds to his advantage. Now he is hitting and making the opposition unhappy.

DRAFT YEAR Defenceman Owen Loyd hasn't changed much since leaving Vernon two years ago. He is still a steady defenceman and crunched body checker. Fans here will remember Loyd as a fighter too. That hasn't changed much either.

Last Sunday he tangled with the WHL's penalty leader, Grant Moran of Calgary. It is Loyd's draft year, and because of his size, he may get picked.

Vernon Pee Wee Reps move into first place

Vernon took over first-place in the Okanagan-Mainline Minor Hockey Association's Pee Wee Division by winning a pair of games last weekend. Vernon dumped Kamloops Chiefs 7-5 on Saturday and Sunday. Kamloops Eroyas ended up on the short end of a 3-2 score. Hodney Duchacherer scored one goal against the Chiefs while Greg Kowal and Tom Day added singles. Vernon goalie Norm Schwing made several key saves, including three on breakaways.

On Sunday, the locals got strong goaltending from Todd Beck to beat the Eroyas. Bob Morden, Kowal, and Duchacherer scored for Vernon. Vernon has an 11-1 record

for 22 points, one point ahead of second-place Penitence. The Pee Wees leave Sunday for a bye. They will take part in the first annual Red Deer Invitational Tournament. Red Deer took first place in the Vernon Winter Carnival Tournament last year. In Bantam House League games over the weekend, Vernon Lodge tied Armstrong 5-5. Goodwin's Battalion doubled ACT's 4, Vernon Daily News whipped Ernie Esno 9-2, and Pee Wee Reps trounced NOCA 6-5. In Pee Wee House League action Butcher Boys defeated Tradeland 4-2, Elks edged Universal Welders 4-4, Vernon Sport dropped Pup Reps 8-2,

PIN POINTS

December 16
I.O.P. Fri. Mixed
Women's high single — Millie Hays 286
High triple — Betty Griffin 439
Marlene Ivarit 188
Men's high single — Glen Fey 712
High triple — Glen Fey 223
High average — Die Hards 126
High triple — Lumbushers 347

TEAM STANDINGS
Squires 209
Road Runners 294
Squaws 282
V.B.S. 280

December 13
Sunday Mixed
Women's high single — Sandra Hauff 283
High triple — Sandra Hauff 778
High average — Donna Desmarais 209
Men's high single — Ray Norman 303
High triple — Wright 778
High average — Marcel Gallon 271

Team high single — Roxy Bakery 121
High triple — Roxy Bakery 376
"300" Club — Ray Crozman 303
E.A.C. — Kay Zingling 254
Lane Lions 254
Lions 254
3 & Dirty — Rollers 319
Coldstream — Rollers 311

December 12
Seniors
Women's high single — Valerie Turk 273
High triple — Debbie Woodroff 472
High average — Peggy Turk 220
Men's high single — David Woodroff 340
High triple — David Woodroff 220
High average — Sunrise 1175
High triple — Sunrise 340

TEAM STANDINGS
Team high single — #93
High triple — #101
Physicals 4036
Sunrise 2896

and Archie Flemingaced Salmons 5-4. Gainer Arm dumped Tradeland 11-4 and Butcher Boys blanked Winfield 14-0 in exhibition games. SENIOR PUP Senior Pup House League play saw Red 10p knock off Athens Pizza 7-1, in Village Green beat Boston Pizza 6-2, Tradeland downed Standard Oil 7-4, and Rendall Tractor dropped Bear Alignment 8-1. In exhibition games, Rendall squeaked past Lumby Key Line 3-2, Enderby hammered Bear 18-1, and Athens shutout Enderby 5-0.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

This week's top bowlers are Eric Lawendon of Porters Pipe in the Wednesday 7:00 p.m. mixed league, and Barb Wright of Coldstream Rollers in the Sunday 8:10 p.m. mixed

league. Lawendon rolled an 814 triple, 211 pins over his 201 average. Wright had a 788 threeone, 215 pins over her 180 average.

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