

SKI TIPS

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HEADS UP

A beginning skier who watches his skis under his feet will do about as well as a boxer with his head down. Look out trees! As he progresses, this bad habit leads to watching the snow just in front of him. Keep your head up so that it leads in the turn. Look in the direction of movement, otherwise your upper body position will block the hip and legs from turning into the fall line. And it does no harm to know where you are going. Keep your head up!

Panthers lose in tourney final

Vernon Panthers lost the big one again Friday night. Prince of Wales and Vernon, won their own tournament by edging Panthers 7-7.

Vernon has yet to win a tournament this season, but has come close on numerous occasions.

HUGE LEAD
Wales held a whopping 47-27 half-time lead before Panthers got untracked.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig said, "We played totally disorganized ball in the first half. It is the worst I have ever seen this team play."

However, in the third-quarter it was all Vernon as they scored 18 consecutive points and came to within one point, 59-58. But, they really stalled as the first string tired.

Kirk Christian was top sniper for Vernon with 17 points while Brent Krue and Brent Zimmer sunk 14 apiece.

SCORED 32
Wales' 6'6" forward John Lewis led all scorers with 32 points.

Merritt won the consolation game, 53-49 over Carson Graham.

Inrig said, "We just didn't have the bench strength to complete the comeback. We were without Tom Davison and he would have made the difference."

The Vernon coach singled out the play of Christian, who carried his mark to the tournament all-star team. On the way home, Panthers step in hope tonight to play the Mustangs.



LANGLEY 7, VERNON 4

Lords blow goalie right out of rink

Langley was assessed five of 13 minor penalties and a 10-minute misconduct.

Vernon travels to Maple Ridge to battle the Bruins tonight, while Sunday, Vikings are in Nanaimo to tangle with the Clippers.

Centre Gary Huth will be back in action tonight after sitting out a three-game suspension. However, Rick Creelman, who returned to Vernon Juventus today, and centre Darcy Wilkinson, still nursing bone chips in his wrist, will not be in the lineup.

In Penitence on Friday night, the Vees hammered Kelowna Buckaroos 11-4 before 1,469 fans.



BRIAN MASER ... three goals

Langley led 5-1 after the first period and 5-3 after the second, with Al Wiebe blocking 21 shots in the Lords' goal.

Masers had trouble mounting an type of sustained attack and no forwards were able to beat Wiebe. Defenceman Brian Maser scored three goals, giving him 13 for the season, while another blue line, Brad McDonald, rounded out the scoring.

Pate leading in Open

PHOENIX (AP) — Johnny Miller, from the secure position of advanced age 20, also has a lead in the Phoenix Open golf tournament.

"I stand out there and watch them—the big guy is really tough—and I say to myself, 'hey, I used to be able to putt like this!'"

Miller had a second-round 69 and a total of 143, nine shots back of Pate, the young man who's threatening to replace Johnny as the game's bright, young Golden Boy.

KNUSUDEN NINE BACK
Also at 143 was Toronto's George Knusuden who fired a second-round 70.

"Over-all, I wasn't too pleased with the way I struck the ball," said Pate, 23, who won the U.S. Open, the Canadian Open and the Pacific Masters in Japan as a rookie in 1976—perhaps the most impressive performance by a first-year man since Jack Nicklaus in 1962.

Miller's concern, he held a two-shot lead over George Burns and Larry Nelson, but at 136 Burns had a second-round 69 while Nelson chipped in twice, once holed it from a mangled trap and once from 26 paces on his way to a 68.

Rik Marnagone's 68, five under par, was the best round of the day, gave him a 138 total and a tie with Gibby Gilbert, who had a 68.

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Broncos, Cents fight to deadlock

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

For the fourth time this season, Lethbridge Broncos and Calgary Centennials fought to a Western Canada Hockey League tie Friday night, battling to a 5-5 decision before 1,387 fans in Calgary. In other games, the western division leading New Westminster Bruins edged the central division leaders, Medicine Hat Kings 4-1.

Tral division leaders, Medicine Hat Kings further extended their runaway eastern division lead by defeating Saskatoon Blades 6-3. And Regina Pats succumbed to Winnipeg Monarchs 4-3, the 13th consecutive game in which Pats have failed to win, a league record.

The tie moved Lethbridge into first place in the central division, each with 41 points, but Tigers have four games in hand. Lethbridge took a 2-1 lead after the first period but faltered and were tied 3-3 after two periods. Rocky Saganuk and Mike Finn led Lethbridge with two goals each. Kevin Willison, Scott Kolevski and Roy Sommer getting the others.

The game was literally fought with Lethbridge being assessed 15 20 penalties including three game misconduct and one 10-minute misconduct for players falling to go to their respective benches during a three period brawl between goaltender Rube Roubin and Grant Bowles.

At New Westminster in a fast-breaking, hard-hitting game, Bruins overcame a 2-1 game in a tie to a Calgary 2-2.

Randy Rudnyk, Brian Young and Bruce Andrus got the Bruins back on the goal line with goals from Darrell Dubrand and Cal Halaas.

Vikings dropped their second straight road game Friday, 7-4, to the Lords in Langley.

Prior to the coast swing, Vernon had lost only once in 11 games.

SHAKY START
More than 700 fans watched Chris Tucker, Gordie Brandt, and Ron Kolman beat Vikings' goalie Rick Mallott before he was pulled in favour of Keith Ferner at 2:44 of the first period.

Ferner went on to stop 42 shots but Tucker, with three more goals, and Brandt, with one more, still managed to find the mark.

Canucks get thumped by hapless Cleveland

Bryan Trotter knew he had time to shoot and knew where he wanted to place his shot Friday night.

It worked out well for the sophomore centre and New York Islanders at the Omni Coliseum in Atlanta as the Islanders, who have been having trouble winning lately, edged the Flames 5-4 in one of three National Hockey League games.

In other action, Cleveland Barons hammered Vancouver Canucks 4-4 and New York Rangers came back to tie Colorado Rockies 4-4.

In Atlanta, J.P. Parise deflected Trotter's 30-foot shot past Dan Bouchard with 2:21 left Friday night to give the Islanders the win.

It was the second, play-goal of the night for Trotter, who also had an assist. "I knew I had three or four seconds to shoot," said Trotter. "I wasn't shooting for the corner or anything, but the defence was in there."

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Minnesota Super Bowl XI has two losers on the gridiron

By BRUCE LOWITT PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Finally, Oakland Raiders and Minnesota Vikings have been united between themselves which team remains the National Football League's winningest collection of losers.

On Sunday, starting at 3:30 p.m. EST, 56 men will get together and play the Super Bowl, one for a lot of money and pride in citizens of post-season college football, the Rose Bowl.

The rain which has plagued the week's practices is expected to end before Sunday. The Raiders will take the field as four-point favorites. And one of the teams will win the NFL title which for a long has eluded them both. Each member of the winning team will get \$15,000 a man, the losers \$7,500 apiece.

Coaches John Madden of Oakland and Bud Grant of Minnesota have been under intense questioning all week.

"How much pressure do the Vikings face, having lost three Super Bowls?"

"If the Raiders win, will they finally get rid of the label that they can't win the big one?"

In quarterback Ken Stabler, the Raiders have the snake, a scraggly beard and whip-like arm, capable of delivering a punt in a line to a target 90 yards or more away.

ACTIVE ARM
His throw goes for 70 touchdowns, more than anyone else in the league this year. He gained more yards per pass than any-

one and completed a greater percentage of them.

In Fran Tarkenton, the Vikings have the quarterback with a stiff-looking face, frustrating his own fans by being incapable of running his pursuers into coronary occlusion.

He threw for more yards for a better percentage than anyone else in the National Conference this year. He has the odds-carrier passing record in the league.

In Chuck Foreman, the Vikings have the top all-purpose back. He rushed for 1,180 yards, more than anyone else in the conference. In Mark van Eggen, the Raiders have a

back who rushed for 1,012 yards on the season.

In Sammy White and Ahmad Robinson of the Vikings and Cliff Branch and Dave Casper of the Raiders, the two teams have receivers who almost unmatched excellence.

With Otto Strunk, Phil Simms, Tom Hendricks and George Atkinson of Oakland, and Alan Page, Jim Marshall, Jeff Siemon and Nate Wright of Minnesota, the field is littered with defensive stars.

It is a game which, the odds-makers agree, will be close. And it is one in which the Vikings have the edge. They will get it in the chops one more to further extend their lead of nine games.

Sunday's game will be televised in Canada by the CBC national network.

Royals capture opening game

Vernon Royals won their opening game in the Salmon Arm Jewels International Baseball Tournament on Friday by downing Tacoma, Wash. 48-38.

All three B.C. teams in the tourney posted victories as the Salmon Arm thumped Calgary and Victoria. High debated, Vernon, on the other hand, lost to the Regina, in an all-practice game, Regina beat Grande Prairie.

TACOMA LED
Royals overcame an 11-4 first-quarter deficit and led 24-20 at half-time.

Vernon Coach Delroy Royles said, "It was a zone as us, and we hadn't seen one all year. It took us a while to adjust."

Royals' troubles didn't end when they cracked the zone. Four starters had four hits in three-quarter time, and the club's top ball-handler Leanne Williams fouled out in the fourth-quarter.

19 POINTS
Terry Roisman led the Vernon attack with 19 points while Laurie Ogasawara sunk 13.



TERRY ROISMAN

Royals were scheduled to meet Victoria today at 2 p.m. If they won that game, they will tangle with the winner of a Regina-Salmon Arm game, for the championship, at 9 p.m.

Southern League may be finished

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Southern Hockey League, in precarious shape for some time, because of declining attendance, has all but died.

"Realistically, it's pretty hard to say we will continue," said NHL commissioner Jack Riley in Pittsburgh, where the league has its headquarters.

The seven-team league lost the Greensboro and Durham franchises when they folded Tuesday. Winston-Salem and Edgewater threw in the towel Friday, leaving Charlotte Clippers, Baltimore Clippers and Hampton Gulls still operating.

Charlotte owner Gae Laux said he would like to see the remaining owners was tentatively scheduled in Richmond to discuss the next step.

Laux said the Checkers would play in Baltimore next Friday. After that, he said there probably would be no more games this year.

A Clippers spokesman said Baltimore would take part in discussions on the league's future, including a proposal that the three teams play a baseball-like schedule in which teams would remain in one city for two or three games at a time.

Gulls officials could not be reached for comment.

"I'm disappointed," Riley said. "We've felt all along that it was a struggle. We thought we might turn it around this year. What happened is not surprising."

"I think it's just the economy. People are tightening their belts as far as entertainment goes. The rest and the grocery money come first. It's not just our league that's suffering. Sports everywhere are suffering."

Cincinnati stings Birmingham Bulls

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Coach Terry Slater thought that if he could just get his team to play better in the house, things would fall back into place for his slumping Cincinnati Stingers.

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