

Clippers win squeaker

Jeff Wylie scored at 16:11 of the third period to give Nanaimo Clippers a 5-4 victory over Vernon Vikings in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 475 fans Saturday at the Civic Arena.

REGULAR SEASON

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Interior Division					
Kelowna	50	35	14	1	71
Penticton	49	22	15	2	46
Vernon	51	22	24	4	48
Kamloops	49	15	34	3	30
Merritt	47	13	33	2	28

COAST DIVISION

Nanaimo	50	34	12	2	70
Maple Ridge	49	23	20	4	46
Langley	49	23	20	4	46
Bellingham	45	20	23	2	42
Abbotsford	47	18	27	2	34

Wylie's goal came after Vernon was unable to move the puck out of its own zone on three attempts.

Jack Lefley, who scored three goals for Vikings, came within an inch of forcing overtime. The big winger rattled a shot off the post with

less than 10 seconds remaining in the game.

PULLED GOALIE
For the final 30 seconds, Vernon was playing with six

attackers against four. Goalender Rick Mallot was pulled in favor of a forward, and Nanaimo was assessed a two-minute penalty for having an illegal curer on a stick.

Clippers' forward Mike Shields was the culprit and the penalty almost proved costly.

Asano Ruckas, Randy Keller, Mickey Wilgress, and Shields scored the other Nanaimo goals.

Vikings' only other goal was scored by Garry Mann.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 3-3 after the second.

Two minutes into the third, Andy Gourlay stopped 33 shots for Nanaimo. Vikings were assessed 10 of 18 minor penalties.

It was the first time in more than two years that Clippers have defeated the Vikings at home.

Merritt Centennials were scheduled to host the locals on



LES KOCH
... two for Bucks
Sunday night, however, due to bad road conditions the game was postponed.
Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye said, "We got as far

as O'Keefe Ranch and realized it was too dangerous to drive another 100 miles in weather like this."

The struggle will be played within a week.

BUCKS WIN
Meanwhile, Kelowna Buckaroos handed Penticton Vees their third straight loss Sunday to widen the margin in the Interior Division standings. Vees were thumped 11-5.

Kelowna connected for four power-play goals in that game, including two from Les Koch.

In other games Saturday, Maple Ridge Bruins defeated Langley Lords 7-6 and Abbotsford Flyers doubled Bellingham Blazers 4-2. On Sunday, Kamloops Braves blasted N'ano 7-3.

Next scheduled action is Tuesday when Merritt travels to Penticton. Vernon visits Kamloops, and Nanaimo goes to Langley.

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Lumby golfer tops in snogolf

LUMBY — If obviously having a ball appears necessary for snogolf, Lumby's last tournament, held Sunday, was a smash.

Organizers said participation was down a bit from what they expected, but this they attributed to being the same time as Vernon Men's Open curling bonspiel.

Don Saltschager was the winner of the competition. He received a Crompton Trophy plus free registration at Vernon's Sno-golf tourney to be held during the Winter Carnival. Snogolf was taken by Bill Compton, and third by Bert Gallon.

Ricky Inglis, Sandra Inglis and Jimmie and Angela were the hidden hole, and young Brian Collis received a prize for the most strokes.

The course was laid out over the community park as well as the government lots in front of the senior citizens' housing. Some holes were over the creek, and that proved to be the downfall for many.

Far-out costumes were the order of the day.

second Jim Allen, and lead Don Matheson.

Prince George's Pete Sherba rink won the C event by dumping Bill Drinkwater, of Kelowna, 9-4.

D event was won by Kelowna's Dave Lovdahl who edged Bill McConnell, of Kamloops 5-4.

Price and Markle moved into a first-place tie with Vernon Sport Cougars by tying Lumby Flying Frenchmen 4-4 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday night at the Vernon Civic Arena.

The tie extends Price and Markle's unbeaten streak to seven games.

John Bousch scored two third-period goals to give Lumby the tie. P and M led 2-0

Panthers record second hoop win

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Panthers edged North Okanagan Sabres 74-69 in an exciting second high school basketball game Saturday night at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

It was the second win, in three league games, for Panthers.



BRENT ZIMMER
... 10 points
Vernon attack with 22 points while Terry Roman sunk 12. Marie Belter added 10 for the winners, in just one-half.

Both teams came out running, making for a wild shoot-out. Vernon led throughout the game, but Sabres never said die. Panthers held quarter leads of 18-15, 38-30, and 53-47.

Vernon's press, in the second-half, appeared to keep Northkam out of balance.

KORMOS GREAT
Mike Kormos was the outstanding player in the game with 13 points and 13 rebounds to the winners. But it was his superb defensive play that forced many turnovers and won him the praise of Coach Ken Inrig.

Inrig said, "In the last

team's performance and surprised at the strong showing by the Sabres.

He said, "They really surprised us. They have a much better team than we imagined."

"Northkam made us play their game and if it wasn't for our mosquito press working so well, the game might have gone the other way."

ROYALS WIN
Meanwhile, in girls' play, the VSSS Royals thumped North Kamloops girls 57-27.

Vernon completely blew Northkam off the court in the opening half. Royals, who held the visitors to one point in the second-quarter, led 32-11 at half-time.

Leanne Williams led the Vernon attack with 22 points while Terry Roman sunk 12. Marie Belter added 10 for the winners, in just one-half.

Royals' Coach Deloy Routley said, "We ran our offence pretty well and played out late in the second-half."

Inrig was pleased with his



VERNON'S WAYNE LAFACE rink captured the A event in the Vernon Men's Open Bonspiel held over the weekend.

Members of the winning foursome are, from left, back row, Laface and third Chris Pieper; front lead, Bill Whitton and second

Bob Welsh. Another Vernon team, skippered by Herb Van Groetel, won the B event.
(Daily News Photo)

Laface foursome unbeaten in spiel

Vernon's Wayne Laface rink captured the Men's Open Bonspiel over the weekend at the Vernon Curling Club.

Laface posted his sixth consecutive victory Sunday night, in the 'A' final, by edging Gary Wynne, of Salmon Arm, 6-4.

Laface told the Daily News Wynne gave him team the most trouble. He said, "We curried very well. The only game that went 10 ends was the final. Wynne gave us a good fight."

The club has hosted this year's A Vernon foursome also captured the B event. Herb Van Groetel edged fellow townsmen Ron Rettenstam, in the B final, 7-6. The game went into an extra end and took more than three hours to play.

Curling with Van Groetel were third Jack Hockey,

second Jim Allen, and lead Don Matheson.

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Ball Busters record win

Two matches were played Sunday in Honeycombers' Volleyball League action at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

Ball Busters dumped Spastic Spikers 13-2, 15-12, and 15-11; and Chimos defeated Goodtimers 15-3, 10-15, and 15-10.

Ski marking program protects 500 people

Vernon's anti-theft ski marking program held over the weekend at Silver Star and Tillicum Valley Ski Areas was a huge success.

RCMP Const. Tony Nelson, officer in charge of the program, told the Daily News about 400 sets of equipment were marked.

Nelson said, "We marked skis, poles, and boots with both an invisible pen and metal inscriber. At Silver Star, we had five guys working like crazy the whole time we were there."

Assisting Nelson were members of the RCMP auxiliary and Kinmen Club. Due to the success of the program, Nelson feels it could be possible to hold another marking session in about a month.

On the slopes, the skiers saw snow falling and flocked to the local areas.

GREAT SKING
Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said the weekend crowd was considerably higher than last year. He said, "We had about 2,000 skiers on

Saturday, and probably 2,000 on Sunday."

The huge snowfall over the weekend has made conditions excellent.

Woodman said, "There is still the odd tree and stick showing, but that is no longer a problem. Our conditions can't get much better. Until this week, the local people were a bit worried about conditions, but the Vernontites were out in force this weekend."

Out-of-town skiers included Sasekaon Ski Club and the Vancouver Rowing Club.

RECORD CROWDS

Meanwhile at Tillicum Valley, Area Manager Sandy Boyd said the crowds are just blowing his mind.

Boyd said, "We have never been as busy as we were this past week. I just can't believe it."

Tillicum's two lifts handled more than 1,000 skiers over the weekend, a record according to Boyd.

He said, "Last Wednesday we had our busiest night ever — with about 500 skiers Saturday night was our second busiest. And during the day, the crowds have been unreal."

Until the heavy weekend snowfall, Tillicum had been relying heavily on its snowmakers, but with the new natural base, conditions are perfect.

Fargher connects for Elks

Grindrod Elks moved to within four points of second-place Revelstoke by edging the Selkirk 4-3 in overtime, in Monashee Hockey League action over the weekend.

George Fargher stole the puck, with less than two minutes remaining in overtime, and scored the winner while his club was playing short-handed.

Paul Hargardt, Rick Misner, and Ric Reilly were the other Grindrod marksmen.

Don Manson, Terry Burkett, and Bob Sirtani countered for Revelstoke.

Salmon Arm Aces, who won two games over the weekend, have a firm hold on first-place with 28 points. Selkirk have 16, Elks 12, Nakusp Falcons nine, and Golden Rockets five.

In Nakusp, Salmon Arm posted come-from-behind 6-0 and 10-4 victories. In the second game, Aces scored seven unanswered goals in the third period to overcome a 4-3 deficit.

Price and Markle in first-place tie

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Slig Keskinen of Salmon Arm, above, took first place in the Cross-country Caper at the Stuzsi Ski Area, in Falkland, on Sunday. Keskinen covered

the six-mile course in 37 minutes. Runner-up Phillip Wallensteen of Falkland was 30 seconds behind Keskinen. In third place, in 42 minutes, 15

seconds, was Ken Cunningham of Armstrong. Eighty-nine skiers, from throughout the Okanagan, took part in the event.
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