

Braves in town to battle Vikings

Vernon Vikings host Kamloops Braves in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight at 8 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Kelowna	58	22	15	85
Penticton	59	21	17	81
Vernon	61	27	22	56
Langley	57	17	40	34
Merrill	57	17	40	34

For the first time in several games, Vikings will have their entire line-up intact. Darcy Wilkinson and Gary Mann had been out-of-town on personal business, while Grant Sidnick was working in Kamloops.

The last two times Vernon has played Braves, the Kamloops squad has come out on top. Tonight's game is a big one for the visitors as they hope to widen the gap between themselves and Merritt in the battle for the fourth, and final, playoff berth.

Vikings are coming off a come-from-behind 8-5 win over the Centenniala Thursday in Merritt.

LYNN RALLY
Vernon trailed 5-3 in the early minutes of the game before an offensive barrage by the Vikings narrowed the gap to 5-4 at 18:15 of the final period and led the game at 21:31. Gary Swabbing was the winner at 18:57.

Hub finished the night with two goals and two assists while linemate Jack Lefley had a goal and three assists.



CAM TORGEASON — quick goals

had a goal and three assists. Brian Maser also scored for the winners.

Meanwhile, league-leading goal scorer Gord McKay added two more to his total Friday to lead Penticton Vics to a 6-3 victory over Kamloops.

In other games, Kelowna Buckaroos doubled Langley Bruins 4-2 and Hellingham Blazers edged Maple Ridge Bruins 7-1.

McKay's effort gives him 69 goals this season, a league record. He broke the old mark several games ago. Mike Bracko, Craig Bernawsky and Kevin Maxwell added goals for the Vics.

Glen Merikowsky and Norm Meyers replied for the Braves.

STEVIE EVEN
Penticton goaltender Pat

SNOW GAILORE ON STAR

The weatherman has finally cooperated.

Silver Star Mountain was hit by a snowstorm Friday which dropped 27 centimetres (about 13 inches) on the area. The base is now 22 centimetres (about 9 inches) deep.

The Buckaroos disappointed 650 Langley fans by edging the Rockets 4-3.

Kelowna led 1-0 after the first period and 3-1 after two periods. Langley's Chris Tucker closed the gap to 3-2 in the third but Rod Danchuk put the game out of reach with a goal at 18:05.

The Buckaroos also got goals from John Oliver, Len Koch and Doug Davis. Gordie Brandt scored the other Langley goal.

Al Wiebe made 27 saves for the Lords and Randy Struch stopped 31 shots in the Kelowna goal.

BIG SECOND PERIOD
In Maple Ridge the Blazers broke a 1-1 deadlock at the end of the first period to take a 4-1 lead going into the final 20 minutes before a 6-0 rout.

Blazer scorers were Jarl Vitalek, Esko Lehtonen, Jarl Lindgren, Pero Kappinen, Mike Perovich, Randy Hall and Romeo Potvin. Randy Irving replied for Maple Ridge.

Jary Scott made 45 saves for the Blazers while Richard M. Latta and Steve Abbott handled the puck in the same number of shots as the Bruins' duo.

Langley was assessed four minor penalties and one fighting major while Maple Ridge was flagged for six minutes and two major penalties.

Vernon was slated to play Quesset today at 1 p.m. Championship game is scheduled tonight at 8:30 p.m.

TRILAKE
Meanwhile, three games were played this week in women's Tri-Lake Basketball League action at VSSS.

Amber MacPherson scored 12 points to lead Armstrong Builders to a 38-31 victory over Kenderly Builders.

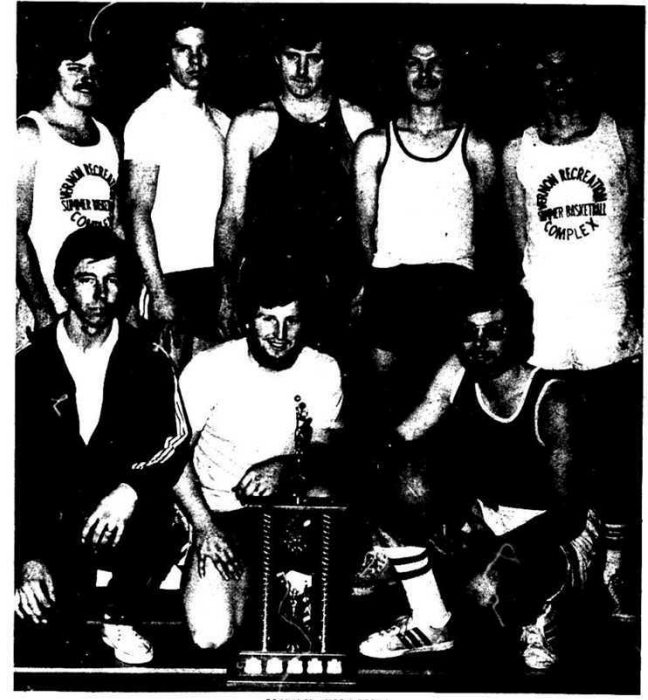
Gary Meche scored a 14-8 half-time lead and went on to bounce Endry Ladies 36-16. Betty Sherk was top scorer for the Builders with 17 points.

MINOR BOYS
Two games were played Thursday in minor boys' basketball play at VSSS.

Falcons defeated Eagles 34-33 and Roadrunners routed the Rebels 28-11.

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DESJARDINS OUT
BUFFALO (AP) — Goalie Gerry Desjardins of Buffalo Sabres was out for at least two games because of an eye injury suffered Thursday night.



H and L Glass captured the Vernon Men's Recreation Basketball League championship Thursday by dumping Teachers 73-67. H and L.

went through 12 regular season and playoff games without a defeat. Team members are, from left, back row: Glen Wheelhouse, Dave

Schneider, Gary Wheelhouse, Eric Parks and Bud Riley. Front row, Al Beck, Billy Howarth, and Jerry Howarth, in consolation games. Vernon

Lodge Tigers beat Camela 87-44 and Hoodlens Blasted Birds 70-43. (Daily News Photo)

Lacroix reminds fans of old form

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Every once in a while, Andre Lacroix likes to remind his fans that he is a two-time winner of the World Hockey Association scoring title.

W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	25	23	19	15	10
Edmonton	25	24	18	20	26
Cincinnati	25	23	19	15	10
New York	21	31	16	22	48
St. Louis	21	24	19	15	10
Birmingham	21	34	19	21	27

West Division
Houston 25 24 19 15 16
San Diego 21 22 19 18 24
Winnipeg 20 22 24 19 25
Phoenix 20 20 18 24 46
Edmonton 21 21 20 19 20

The clever San Diego Mariners center did it again Friday night when he scored three goals and added one assist in a 5-3 win over Phoenix Roadrunners.

Lacroix, who won the scoring title in 1972-73 and 1974-75, ran his totals to 19 goals and 46 assists to move into the top 10 among the scoring leaders but he's still a long way from catching Winnipeg's Anders Hedberg who tops the list with 51 goals and 41 assists.

In other WHA games Friday, Calgary Cowboys beat Edmonton Oilers 5-1, Quebec Nordiques defeated Indianapolis Racers 5-1 and Cincinnati Stingers beat Winnipeg Jets 4-0.

At Phoenix, Lacroix scored San Diego's first two goals, then assisted on a score by Rick Sentes that gave the Mariners a 4-2 lead early in the third period. He fired his third goal of the night midway in the period.

KNICKED ADVANTAGE
Don Burgess got San Diego's other goal in a third-period assault that left the Mariners outstuffed their opponents.

PIN POINTS

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Panthers post easy hoop win

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent
Vernon Panthers hammered Windermere 76-49 in the opening game of the Snowball Classic Basketball Tournament Friday night at VSSS.

Panthers will take on Salmon Arm Golds in the championship game tonight at 8 p.m. Golds rallied from a 14-point deficit to edge Killarney, Killarney and Windermere. The two Vancouver teams, will meet in the consolation final at 8 p.m.

Vernon played sound defense ball in the first quarter, and then got its offensive rolling in the second quarter. Panthers held quarter leads of 19-12, 38-18, and 58-22.

Ed Waterhouse came up with his top offensive effort of the season with 22 points for the winners while Dave Turner dropped in 14 points and Tom Davison added a dash.

Turner also had a good night on the boards with nine rebounds.

Vernon Assistant Coach Terry White said "Although it wasn't a great ball game, we were able to play our own style. Nobody had a bad night, so it was a good solid team effort."

The Panthers coach said it was exceptionally played out by one player as a standout, but was a game of Waterhouse and Brent Zimmerman. Zimmerman was the rebounding game.

White added he expects Salmon Arm to be tough. He said "Golds should be fired up after upsetting Rutland in their last league game. We beat them twice in league play, so they will not doubt show some revenge."

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Big Jack leads Canucks as suspension appealed

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Defence man Jack McHughery didn't appear in the scoring summary or the penalty list Friday night but his presence was felt in Vancouver Canucks lineup, perhaps more so because of events earlier in the day.

Campbell Centre
W F A P
Phiia 22 18 6 212 151 78
Wanderers 33 10 2 224 151 78
Atlanta 25 15 15 174 139
Rangers 20 21 18 179 59

Smythe Division
St. Louis 19 17 10 154 92 53
Chicago 19 17 10 154 92 53
Colorado 20 20 11 191 43
Minnesota 13 12 18 219 43
Vancouver 16 15 8 156 221 38

Adams Division
Boston 27 18 6 212 151 78
Buffalo 31 17 6 194 158 68
Toronto 20 21 18 179 59
Detroit 18 28 9 164 145

Patrick Division
Montreal 40 7 2 268 128 89
Quebec 24 19 178 57 59
Washington 16 21 10 154 220 42
New York 19 22 8 172 99 24

McHughery's solid blue line work helped the Canucks to a 3-2 National Hockey League win over Pittsburgh Penguins, breaking Vancouver's four-game winless streak.

In Friday's only NHL game, Cleveland Barons blanked Colorado Rockies 3-0.

The Canucks were especially pleased because he had been handed a 10-game suspension earlier in the day. NHL president Clarence Campbell issued the suspension for McHughery's part in a clash with a player of Detroit Red Wings in a game last Sunday.

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Cougars hoping for Winfield win

North Okanagan Hockey League regular season championship play begins today at 8 p.m. Next Wednesday, Cougars host Winfield at 9 p.m.

Price and Markle leads second-place Vernon Sport Cougars, by three points, however, Cougars have a game-in-hand.

If P and M defeats Winfield Saturday, on Sunday at 8 p.m. in Vernon, there is no way for Cougars to catch the league leaders. However, if P and M loses, Cougars can take top play by winning their two remaining games.

LAKEWANA (Special) — Al LaChance, of Kamloops captured the B.C. Curling Association championship Friday by edging fellow-townsman Don Bogle 7-6.

LaChance now advances to the provincial finals against Pacific Coast Curling Association champion Roy Vinters of Vancouver.

Best-of-three series gets under way here today, with the B.C. Curling Association championship scheduled Sunday.

Against Bogle, LaChance drew to the four-foot circle, on his last rock, to record the victory. Bogle had beat LaChance 8-6.

Two Vernon rinks competing in the championship, Doug Chilton and Wayne Lafuze, were knocked out on Thursday night.

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