



Vernon rinks dominated play in the annual 72-rink Valentine's Mixed Bonspiel, held over the

weekend at the Vernon Curling Club. From left, A event was won by the Lons Myler foursome. Myler



beat fellow townsman Tom Dever 6-5 in the final game. Curling with Myler were Roy and Thelma

Trickett and Edie Myler. Vernon's Brian LeMoel won the B event by downing Willy Schimpf of



Kamoops 3-5. With LeMoel were Gene Puetz, Joanne MacLeod, and Donna Meior. C event was won by Al Dunn's rink

which defeated Mark Longworth 11-7. Other members of the Dunn foursome were Carl and Ruth Adams and Jean



Skovalski. D event was won by well known skip Brent Giles of Vancouver, who beat Norm Mackie of Steadmouth in the final. With

Giles were Brys Bettsworth of Vancouver and Margaret-Anne Stroh and Lou Jee, of Vernon. (Daily News Photos)

VALENTINE WINNERS

# Royals thump North Kamloops

Vernon Royals captured the eight-team North Kamloops Invitational girls' basketball tournament held over the weekend.

Royals, ranked as one of the top clubs in the province, had no trouble disposing of the host team, 73-38, in the championship game. In preliminary games, Vernon blasted Quesnel 60-27 and Aldergrove 83-20.

Royals' Coach Deloy Routley told the Daily News he wishes his club was playing undefeated Salmon Arm tomorrow.

Routley said, "The way the girls are playing now, we would beat any team. I knew it had to happen - and now it has."

"The Okanagan finals are only 10 days away and it looks like we're starting to peak."

**11 POINTS**  
Leanne Wilms led Vernon in the final game with 21 points, including 19 in the first half. Laurie Ogasawara sunk 18 for the winners while Terri Korman dropped in 10.

Wilms was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while Ogasawara, who averaged 16 points per game, was named the tourney's top offensive star.

Routley said, "Our entire starting five played super ball. Connie Blaeser is im-



CONNIE BLAESER ... improving

proving every game."

**GRADE 10**  
However, it was a grade 10 girl from W.L. Seaton School, who came off the bench to spark Royals. Laurie Ferguson averaged five points per game, serving only spot duty.

Routley said, "Ferguson is going to be a super player. She picks our whole team up when she comes in. She gets down the floor incredibly fast."



PRICE AND MARKLE's Wayne Dye winds up for a slapshot during Sunday's NOHL game at the Civic Arena. Although Dye was 'aid

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Phil McCaron and Tim Lollar scored two apiece for

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# Panthers win first tourney

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Vernon Panthers captured top honors in the first annual Chimo Days Snowball Classic boys' basketball tournament by dumping Salmon Arm Golds 80-57 in the championship game Saturday at VSSB.

For Panthers, it was their first tournament victory in two years and improved their season record to 24 wins and five losses.

Vernon dominated the entire game, both defensively and offensively. Panthers were able to stop Salmon Arm's big guns by closing out the middle.

Vernon held quarter-lead of 19-13, 41-28, and 65-32.

**NAMED MVP**  
Steve King, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, had his best game of the season with 34 points and

six assists. Dave Turner sunk 12 points for the winners while Brent Zimmer added nine points and 10 rebounds.

Siu Vogt countered with 12 points for Golds. In the consolation final, Killarney thumped Windermere 58-49.

Schreger led the Killarney attack with 15 points while Eric Lenward dropped in 28 for Windermere.

**ALL-STARS**  
Named to the tournament all-star team were Vogt, Kevin Dance of Killarney, Lenward, Turner, and Zimmer.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News his club played a solid, heads-up game.

Inrig said, "There was no pressing and the guys just played a good steady ball game. Another strong third-quarter put the game away. We held them to just four points, all on foul shots, in that quarter. When we play strong defensively, we're tough."

The game wasn't particularly exciting as Panthers dominated every aspect. Golds were expected to give Vernon all they could handle after upsetting the province's fourth-ranked team, Rutland, last week.

**FIVE FORWARDS**  
Inrig said he let the team's strong point, in recent games, has been the play of the forwards.

The Vernon coach said, "We have five real good forwards who will be tough on anyone. No Vernon team has ever had the depth we have."

Turner, converted to centre, had an excellent tourney as did Zimmer and Brent Kursel. King, one of the top guards in the interior, let his 34 points speak for him.

Best-of-seven semi-final series open next weekend with Salmon Arm against the Elks, and Selkirk battling Falcons.

**Four games in volleyball**  
Four matches were played Sunday in Honeycombers' Volleyball League action at the Recreation Complex.

Daredevil's blasted Spastic Spikers 15-8, 15-5, and 15-7; Ballbusters drubbed Godwiners 15-9, 15-8, and 15-9; Friends defeated Chimos 11-19, 15-10, and 15-10; and Just Us downed Hot Chees 9-15, 15-2, and 15-8.

# Vernon coach ejected after dispute with ref

Vernon Vikings suffered a pair of defeats in B.C. Junior Hockey League action over the weekend.

**BCJHL STANDINGS**

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Victoria	40	19	22	1	40
Penticton	40	17	22	3	37
Vernon	43	24	2	17	54
Kamloops	41	21	19	1	43
Merritt	37	17	19	4	34
West Division					
Nanaimo	42	19	23	1	41
Maple Ridge	40	29	28	3	61
Langley	42	29	13	19	59
Bellingham	39	23	13	3	50
Abbotsford	39	23	13	3	50

Vikings were edged 0-3 by Kamloops Braves on Saturday, and Penticton Yeas thumped Vernon 8-4 Sunday in the Peach City. However, Vikings' Coach Vern Dye was upset with the referee, not his club, after Sunday's game.

Dye said, "There's no way we will play another game with Mr. Bruce Walker refereeing. We just don't seem to get a fair deal from him."

"Look at the summary - we got 16 penalties to their five. It has been like that the last four games."

**Kelowna captures tourney**  
Kelowna Junior Owls took first place in the second annual Winter Carnival Classic junior high school boys' basketball tournament over the weekend at W.L. Seaton School.

Kelowna blasted West Whalley 71-40 in Saturday's championship game. Third place went to Oliver, which edged Eric Hamber of Vancouver 43-30.

In the consolation final, Windermere dumped Westside of Kamloops 48-30.

Creston lost all three of its games: 65-59 to West Whalley, 72-50 to Westside, and 55-40 to Killarney of Vancouver.

Chris Knudson and Eric Bullis of Windermere were joined on the tournament all-star team by Dave Pond of Oliver, Milan Sanguin of Eric Hamber, and Dave Bousner of Kelowna.

Winner of the two-on-two competition was the Killarney duo of Bob Sawatzky and Grant Smitlan.

**TOOK LEAD**  
In Penticton, Vernon led 3-1 at the end of the first period, but trailed 4-3 after the second. In the third period, Vikings were short-handed for most of the 20 minutes and the awesome Vees' power-play took over.

A melee, which took place at 5:05 of the final period, resulted in Vernon captain Gary Gassoff being assessed a match penalty and Dye picking up a game misconduct.

Gassoff took a punch in the head from Penticton's Craig Beresovsky and both players were assessed minor for roughing by Walker. In the ensuing dispute, Gassoff picked up a match penalty for allegedly pushing a linesman.

The call infuriated Dye and his strenuous argument resulted in a pair of delay-of-game penalties and a game misconduct.

**LOOK TOUGH**  
Dye said, "We don't have that tough a team. Maybe we look too tough or something."

Gord McKay and John Uvegas scored two goals each for Vees while Gary Eades, Rick Lasky, Bob Dietterle, Shawn Dineen, and Beresovsky added singles.

Dave Wilkinson, with two Jack Lefley and Gassoff replied for Vikings.

Vernon netminders Keith Ferner and Rick Mallott combined for 42 stops while Penticton goalie Jim Scam-

mel also made 42 saves. Saturday night, Glen Merkowsky scored two goals to lead Kamloops to victory. Peter Dinsen, Reg Rempel, and Phil Logan rounded out most of the 20 minutes and the awesome Vees' power-play took over.

**33 SAVED**  
Kamloops goalie Andy Mogg, who is now challenging Scamnel for the league goal-against title, blocked 33 shots while Ferner made 28 saves. Mogg now trails Scamnel by about 21 goals-per-game.

In other weekend action, league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos blasted Bellingham 8-2, but had a 16-game win streak stopped Sunday when thrashed 9-2 by Maple Ridge Bruins.

Nanaimo Clippers dropped a 9-8 decision to Bellingham and Abbotsford Flyers drubbed Langley Lords 8-1.

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# Monashee League winds-up season

Salmon Arm Aces and Nakup Falcons finished the 1976-77 Monashee Hockey League season with victories over the weekend.

Aces edged Grindrod Elks 8-7 in overtime and Revelstoke Selkirk 7-4, while Falcons beat Golden Rockets 3-2 and 6-4.

On Saturday in Enderby, Rick Harris led the Salmon Arm attack with three goals while Roy Sakaki and Gary McConnell added two apiece.

Jeff Todd blinked the red light once.

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Phil McCaron and Tim Lollar scored two apiece for

Selkirk while Lou Hendricks and Wally Edwards collected solos.

Aces finished the schedule with 34 points followed by Revelstoke 20, Nakup 18, Grindrod 15, and Golden seven.

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