

Panthers win over Kamloops

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Vernon Panthers ended their 1977 season on a winning note by edging Kamloops Red Devils 69-65 in senior high school boys' basketball action Wednesday night at VSSB.

Panthers finished the season on top of the north zone with a 9-3 record. The three losses were to south zone opponents.

Kamloops opened strongly against Panthers and kept Vernon from building up a big lead. Red Devils led 19-16 after the first quarter, but Panthers were in from 24-22 at half-time and 50-42 after three-quarters.

15 REBOUNDS
Mike Kormos led the Vernon attack with 14 points and 15 rebounds. Dave Turner and Tom Davison sunk 12 apiece for the winners while Steve King added 11.

Dave Caulfield was top marksman for Kamloops with 17 points while Mike Brkich and Dave Baarson each sunk 11.

out of its system. He said, "It was a hard game to play. It didn't mean anything except it is nice to win. Most of the guys were thinking about the upcoming playoffs."

Hoop tourney starts tonight

Okanagan Valley senior girls' basketball championships get under way tonight at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

NOHL playoffs start with games on Sunday

This year's playoff schedule is a double-elimination tournament, with the final series being the best two-out-of-three.

First-place Price and Markie tangles with fourth-place Lumby Flying French men, at 6 p.m., and second-place Vernon Sport Cougars host third-place Winfield Raiders at 8:30 p.m.



VERNON PANTHERS' COACH RICK INRIG IN ACTION

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point of the season, with a goal, at 19:45.

Huth is the first Vernon player in five seasons to eclipse the 100-point mark.

POOR CROWD
Dye said, "The only thing that disturbed me was the crowd. With fan support like that - Vernon might not have

a junior team next year."

There were less than 200 fans in the stands.

Vikings play their final two games of the BCJHL season this weekend, Saturday hosting Kelowna, and Sunday at Penitenc.

Centennialia playoff hopes were kept alive with their win at home. Merritt trails the fourth-place Braves by four points, but have five games remaining to Kamloops' two.

However, all of the Cent's remaining games will be played this weekend on a grueling coast trip.

Plumbers hit ice for 23rd bonspiel

The 23rd annual Plumber's Bonspiel gets under way Friday at the Vernon Curling Club.

Thirty-two rinks, from throughout the province, will be taking part in the three-day event. As usual, the organizer of the event is former Vernon Good Citizen Dolly Brien.

Mayor Stuart Fleming will officially open thespiel Friday, at 10 a.m., by throwing out the first rock.

FIRST ROUND
First round draw, at 8 a.m., has Botting and Associates of Prince George vs. Boundary Mechanical of Kelowna.

Crane of Vancouver vs. Cigas Conquillium; Western Supplies of Vernon vs. Smithers Plumbing; Kaledon Plumbing vs. Walex of Vancouver; Capitol City of Victoria vs. Salmon Arm Sheet Metal; and M Plumbing of Kamloops vs. Lockerbie and Hoit.

VIKINGS TOP 10

Player	GP	G	A	Pts
Huth	61	34	48	122
Leffley	50	40	50	90
Makur	25	24	34	54
Gasthof	56	23	31	54
Wilkinson	63	19	24	38
Torgeson	63	19	24	38
Will	63	19	24	38
Mann	33	10	19	19
Smiescher	33	10	19	19
Rideout	43	9	18	18

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THE OUTDOORS School has changed

By SONIE FRISBY

School is just not what it used to be. Away back when you learned the three R's and anything else was above and beyond the call of duty.

Such things as school entertainment - like learning to dance or play a musical instrument was done after the normal school hours. Today you hear the kids say they are going swimming, skating, skiing or perhaps bowling.

Those of us that went to school some 40 years ago are a little inclined to wonder at such carryings on, but I've finally decided it must be all worth while.

I had a very enlightening conversation with Bob Beach of Armstrong Senior Secondary School. He takes his grade 11 and 12 classes out into the wilderness for three or four day trips, and if you think they are out there on a lark, think about it. These are mid-winter trips.

Learn a LOT
I feel after listening to it that these students learn more on one of these four-day trips than they would in a month of Sundays in a classroom.

There is a huge difference between book learning and the real do-it-yourself thing.

On one of these outdoor trips they can learn snowshoeing, cross country skiing, canoeing, winter survival, map reading, compass reading and camping skills under stress, such as during snow and winter conditions.

They build snow caves and are required to spend one night in them alone. Also they do insurance tests, such as getting themselves from point A to point B on an unfamiliar trail, in a given number of hours. Then on arrival at point B they must set up individual campsites, cook their evening meal, and make themselves ready for the night. Do you think this

doesn't make them use all their brain power and common sense?

These students learn, and are taught, dozens of different skills, all of which will help to make them better women and men when they have to make their own way in life.

One such report was rounded out after this year's trip by a girl who said she felt she had learned about herself, and by being on her own and has to do things for her own personal survival she had become aware of her own capabilities.

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VIKINGS' WIND UP
Cam Torgeson centre up for a slaphot during Wednesday's final game at the Civic Arena.

Torgeson, scored two goals and added an assist as Wikings bombed Kamloops Braves 8-3. Vernon's final two league games are scheduled this weekend against Kelowna and Penitenc. (Daily News Photos)

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