

Vikings spit final games



Vernon Vikings will remember Gord McKay's last league game in the B.C. Junior Hockey League for the long time.

The veteran winger celebrated "Gord McKay Night" on Sunday by firing four goals and leading Vees to a 9-2 victory over the Vikings. McKay scored on the first shot of the game and later added three more to his record-breaking total. He finished the season with 79 goals, bettering the record of 65 set by Kelowna's Perry Schmitt last season.

BREAKS RECORD
Another B.C.J.H.L. record was set by Vees' rookie Kevin Maxwell. Maxwell picked up two assists which brought his point total to 146, four more than the number by Pentiction's Del Lannone in 1974-75.

Gary Eades, John Uvegas, Mike Bracko, Craig Beresowsky, and Jim Callaghan also scored for the Vikings.

Pentiction led 2-1 after the first period and 3-1 after the second, before the dam broke.

BEAT BUCKS
Vernon fared much better in its final home game of the season on Saturday night. Vikings thumped league champion Kelowna Buckaroos 10-4.

Cam Torgeon and Byron Smith got two goals each for Vikings while singles came from Grant Sidnick, Gary Huth, Brian Maser, Rob Jacobson, Jim Miesner, and Mann. Scoring for Kelowna were Rod Danchuk, with two goals,

Scott McLeod, Rick Benninghof, Bill Audycki, and Mike Wills.

The game was never in doubt as Vikings led 2-0 after only one minute, and 5-0 after the first period.

THIRD-PLACE
Vernon finished the season firmly entrenched in third-place in the Interior Division, and will meet Pentiction in the quarter-finals, beginning Thursday in the Peach City. Second game in the best-of-seven series is slated for Thursday in Vernon.

Going into post-season play, Vikings are far from healthy. Gary Gassoff will miss the next four games with a suspension. Harry Wilkinson reinjured his hand Sunday, and defenceman Randy Wills is still suffering from sore ribs.

Coach Vern Dye said for his club to beat the Vees, it will have to play tough defensive hockey and start head-manning the puck.

Dye said, "You can't let those Pentiction guys like McKay and Maxwell skate around or they'll kill you. And, we have to start getting the puck up the ice faster so we can take advantage of breaks."

Meanwhile, two playoff berths are still undecided.

TEAMS TIED
Bellingham Blazers and Abbotsford Flyers wound up tied for fourth place in the Coast Division while last-place Merritt Centennials still have a chance to overhaul fourth-place Kamloops Braves, in the Interior, because of a couple of make-up games.

failed to nail down playoff berth Sunday as they each went down to defeat. Blazers were pummeled 11-3 by Merritt while Flyers dropped a 4-1 decision to Maple Ridge Bruins.

In other games Sunday, Nanaimo Clippers thumped Langley Lords 10-3 and Kelowna Buckaroos beat Kamloops Braves 8-6.

On Saturday, Flyers defeated Blazers 5-1. Merritt edged Maple Ridge 5-4, and Abbotsford won the Vees 7-2. Abbotsford has two makeup games with Merritt and if the Flyers lose both, a sudden-death match with Bellingham would be played to break the playoff berth deadlock. Merritt, with the two games left to play, is two points behind Kamloops and could also force a sudden-death playoff.

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Local bowlers prove awesome

Vernon bowlers continued their domination in Youth Bowling Congress zone-playdowns held over the weekend.

Twenty-eight of 38 bowlers who qualified to compete in the provincial playdowns are from Vernon.

Teams from Grand Forks, Kelowna, Osoyoos, Princeton, Rutland, Summerland and Vernon took part in the zone roll-offs.

In the bantam division, local teams won both the boys and girls events. Vernon boys, coached by LU Jamieson, had a total of 2895, well ahead of second-place Rutland which has 2042.

SINGLE
Team members are Dennis Chapman, Zane Klym, Kelly Mayer, Jeff Constanton, and Robin Krause. Krause had a three-game total of 568, including a 261 single.

BANTAM GIRLS, coached by Fran Kilp, rolled a 2009 total, 250 pins more than second-place Kelowna.

Members of the winning squad are Lynn-Lee Woodford, Bonnie Edwards, Aria Irving, Donna Hargreaves, and Kathy Debulak. Debulak was brilliant with a 902 triple and a 263 single.

PLACED THIRD in bantam singles competition, Vernon bowlers

placed third in both events. Kirt Jones had a 488 threesome, 102 behind first-place Greg Greenough of Rutland; while Sherry Tompkins scored 431, 64 less than winner Laurie Horning of Rutland.

In the senior playdowns, Vernon bowlers won one team and a single event.

SENIOR BOYS, coached by Tom Koenig, had a sparkling total of 3288, more than 300 points ahead of runner-up Kelowna. Members of the Vernon squad are Robert Murray, Tom Dooling, Trevor Wilson, Mike Stickle, and Barry Koenig. Stickle had the top threesome of 988, including a 268 game.

Vernon senior girls placed second, behind Kelowna. The locals, with Tracy Watta, Wendy Nichol, Allison Penner, Banti Wirten, and Debbie Wilson, rolled a 2042 total.

WOODROOF won the boys' singles event with 848, just 18 pins ahead of Princeton's Greg Greenough. Peggy Turek was third in girls' competition with 682.

Last week, Vernon junior team won all four events in zone playdowns.

B.C. FINALS are scheduled March 6, at various alleys on the Lower Mainland.

Bantams rebound to beat Kamloops

Vernon Sun Valley Bantam Reps advanced to the Okanagan-Wainline League finals by winning a pair of games over Kamloops Toyota on Saturday and Sunday.

Vernon, which went into the weekend down 2-0, in the best-of-three, posted 8-5 and 7-6 victories. The teams now meet Kelowna for the league title. On Saturday, Kevin Poirier

and Wayne Bodnarchuk scored two apiece for Vernon while Joe Leschuk, Clarence Klein, Bill Leir, and Lance Vachon added singles. Vernon also had three assists.

Vernon led 6-1 after the first period and 6-3 after the second.

Andy Dogie blocked 36 shots for the winners while Kamloops goalies Scott Wright and Tom Edgington turned aside 29 Vernon shots.

Poirier led the attack again Sunday with three goals while Bodnarchuk, Vachon, Ray Willemont, and Tom DeVries picked up singles.

Vernon netminder Darrell Miles made 27 saves while the Kamloops goalies made 28 saves.

MIDGETS OUT Vernon Midget Reps were eliminated from further competition dropping their season's strategic game to Kamloops, 8-3, on Saturday at home.

Pat Morgan, Glen Fester, and Jeff Vest scored for the losers.

Kamloops led 2-0 after the first period, but Vernon rallied to tie the score 3-3 after the second. Kamloops advanced to the finals with five unanswered third period goals.

Cougars' coach upset after loss to Winfield

P-ice and Markle's Gerry Zaichowsky swage one goal as P and M dumped the visitors 6-1 during Sunday's NOHL playoff game at the Civic Arena.

COACH UPSET Coach King Cam was furious after losing to Winfield, not with his club, but with the officiating.

Cam said, "There is no way those guys will ever referee one of our games again. I don't mind losing, but those guys ruined the game."

COACH TIRTS "I'm pretty upset — they think they run the league. There is no way a club like Winfield can play a whole game and get two penalties."

Cougars were assessed 10 of 12 minor penalties and Winfield took advantage of the power-play on three occasions.

Fred Parent picked up a hat trick for the winners while Mike Roche and Ron Reynolds added singles.

TWO GOALS Jeff Shirley, with two, and Jack Frokopski countered for the Cougars.

"Winfield led 1-0 after the first period and 2-1 after the second."

Cougars' goalie Doug Irwin blocked 24 shots while Raiders' netminder Bernie Pechman made 10 saves.

In the other game, Clay Anderson led the offence with three goals, all on passes from Linemate Wayne Ede, Garney Howard, Ted McDermid, and Gerry Zaichowsky added singles.

Victor Smith got the lone Lumby goal. P and M led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 4-1 after the second.

Charlie Briak'um made 28 saves for the sners while Palmer Anderson and John

playoff game at the Civic Arena. Zaichowsky scored one goal as P and M dumped the visitors 6-1 during Sunday's NOHL playoff game at the Civic Arena.

Item can combine to block 28 shots for Lumby. Playoff action resumes next Sunday with Cougars meeting Winfield and P and M taking on Winfield.

VERNON ROYALS' guard Connie Blaeser failed to score in this lay-up during Saturday night's consolation final in the

Okanagan girls' basketball championships. Blaeser played a strong game and Royals dumped Pentiction 61-46.

Blaeser made the second all-star team while teammates Terri Kosman and Leanne Wills were named to the first squad.

(Daily News Photo)

Still some hope of gaining berth

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent
Vernon Royals captured third place in the Okanagan Valley senior high school girls' basketball championships by thumping Pentiction Lakettes 61-46 in the consolation final Saturday night at VSSS.

Defending B.C. champion Salmon Arm Jewels kept their unbeaten record intact by downing Kamloops Red Angels 39-30 in Saturday's championship game.

Royals were knocked down to the consolation side, in the semi-finals, by Kamloops 49-48. After that loss, Vernon had to beat Kelowna (47-37) to reach the consolation final.

KEY GAME
Despite placing third, Royals have a good chance of qualifying for the provincial tournament, next weekend, in Pentiction. Vernon will meet the third-place team, from the Fraser Valley, in a special playoff this week to determine the final berth in the B.C. finals.

Against Lakettes, Vernon got hot early, shooting 50 per cent in the first-half while building up a 38-20 lead.

Terr Roeman, a standout for Royals throughout the tournament, led Royals with 28 points while Leanne Wills sunk 12 and Laurie Ogasawara added 10.

TOP SCORER
Barb Kidd, the tournament's top scorer, rolled with 22 points for Pentiction. Kidd dropped in 47 points in four games.

In the Kelowna game,

Wills led the attack with 17 points — nine Roeman added 18 and Jill Swaitson sunk 12.

Kamloops gave Salmon Arm a scare, but the Jewels experience proved to be the difference.

Salmon Arm led 31-25 after three-quarters, but Angels held the defending champs scoreless for the first six minutes of the final-quarter. However, in that time, Kamloops was able to score only three points.

Bev Smith led the Jewels attack with 22 points while centre Jane Favall, named the tourney's Most Valuable Player, rolled with 10 for Angels.

ALL-STARS
Kosman, Wills, Kidd, Smith, and Allison Tourais of Salmon Arm were named to the first all-star team.

Second all-star team members were Connie Blaeser of Vernon, Karen Knuts of Kelowna, Kathy Paulsen of Rutland, Kathy Dalgleish of Kamloops, and Pentiction's Meredith Laycock.

Great snow for Cup race

Conditions were listed as excellent for the Pontiac Cup giant slalom race today and Tuesday at Silver Star Ski Area.

Seven centimetres of fresh snow fell Sunday on a 92-centimetre base. More than 120 racers, from throughout Western Canada, are competing in the meeting.



BEST PLUMBERS

Organizer Dolly Bertheisen congratulates members of the White Pipe Plumber's Benevolent, held over the weekend. White Pipe Plumber's Benevolent, held over the weekend. White Pipe Plumber's Benevolent, held over the weekend. White Pipe Plumber's Benevolent, held over the weekend.

second Ron Cooper of Kamloops, Westburne George won the B event while Noranda of Vancouver won the C. Capital City of Victoria captured the D and Neilson of Metal of Vancouver took top spot in E event. Stan's Plumbing and Heating of Revelstoke won the Oscar Roels Memorial Trophy, while J. Balfour and Sons of Trail took the Eiko Challenge Trophy.

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