

Vikings win opener

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Vernon Vikings overcame a 2-0 deficit and went on to defeat Pentiction Vics 4-2 in the opening game of the best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-finals Tuesday in Pentiction.

Vikings stuck to their game plan - forechecking the Vics and tying up the club's two big guns, Gord McKay and Kevin Maxwell, the league scoring champ, said McKay. However, the sticks were found to be legal and Vics picked up a minor penalty. Instead of Scamuel finishing the night with 33 saves, as did Ferner, Ferner, playing his best game in several weeks, blocked the last 17 consecutive shots.

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drifted a floating wrist shot, from just inside the blue line, that studded the Vics' net.

A last-ditch effort by Pentiction Coach Terry Martin to get his club back in the game failed at 17:38. Martin asked for a measure on the curve of Torgerson's stick. However, the sticks were found to be legal and Vics picked up a minor penalty. Instead of Scamuel finishing the night with 33 saves, as did Ferner, Ferner, playing his best game in several weeks, blocked the last 17 consecutive shots.

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Exco and Dye's Recreation. Third game is back in Pentiction on Friday.

LORDS WIN

In the only other playoff game Tuesday, Langley Lords won their opener, 4-2 over Maple Ridge Bruins.

In Maple Ridge, the Lords scored three goals in the final eight minutes to overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Gord Brandt, Fave Macdonald, Brian Henderson, and Gord Peterson scored for the winners, while Gregg Crookshank and Jim Babluk replied for Bruins.

Meanwhile, Abbotsford Flyers defeated Merritt Centennials 4-1 in the first of two make-up games the teams must play to round out their regular season schedule.

Merritt is two points behind fourth-place Kamloops in the Interior Division and Abbotsford was tied with Bellingham Blazers for fourth in the Coastal Division when regular play ended last weekend. If Centis win tonight,



BYRON SMITH ... the shadow they could score a sudden-death playoff game with Kamloops for the final playoff berth.

VERNON VIKINGS' Grant Sidick battles for the puck in the corner with two Pentiction Vics during Tuesday's BCHL playoff game in the Peach City.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON KENDALL
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Last weekend, at Summerland, 19 teams representing Royal Canadian Legion zones throughout the province competed for the provincial title.

The Vernon rink, skippered by Dave Stimpson, came out on top. Dave and his team of Dwayne Macdonald, Ben Weaver, and Jim Pow made it the hard way as they lost in the A side of the double-knockoutspiel.

On B side, they went without a loss and defeated Victoria in the final game. The boys are now in the process of preparing for the national finals, to be held March 20-25, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

ON THE PRAIRIES

Also last weekend, on the prairies, the Western Canadian University Athletic Association held its finals for both ladies and men.

Both events were won by Saskatchewan teams, but it should be pointed out there were two Vernon girls on the U.C.A. squad. Sheila Wells and Cindy Gossawara of Vernon were hand-picked for the rink along with Laurie Jensen of North Vancouver and Laurie Thain of Terrace.

The parents of those young ladies are very proud and Ina Fee was certainly pulling for them. Ina helped to turn them into good curlers when they went to school here.

FINNING TRACTOR

Finning Tractor is having its annualspiel this coming weekend, with teams from throughout the province competing.

The ladies' Silver Star is fast approaching and all is under control according to the bonspiel chairman. The girls have a large entry list from out-of-town.

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Rookie leads Cougars to win over Flin Flon

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Three goals by rookie Gordie Robertson sparked Victoria Cougars to a 10-4 win over Flin Flon bombers in one of three Western Canada League games Tuesday night.

The game, played in Victoria, was marred by a second-period brawl after which nine game misconducts and a gross misconduct were handed out.

In Saskatoon, the Blades built a 3-0 first-period lead, then coasted to a 9-2 win over Lehighbridge Broncos. In the only other game, Winnipeg Minarchs scored twice in the third period to shutout Kamloops Chiefs 2-0 in Winnipeg.

Robertson, who scored a pair of goals against Flin Flon Saturday, pushed his season total to 54.

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Coquitlam girl remains on top

Despite having only 48 hours to organize an event which usually takes two months to plan, Silver Star Ski area was an excellent host for the Pontiac Cup giant slalom races Monday and Tuesday.

The Star was asked just last week to host the races, which had to be moved from Salmo, due to rain.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News he didn't hear any complaints.

Woodman said, "Our course stood up very well and to my knowledge there were no problems. If we are asked to host a Cup race next winter, I'm sure we would look favorably at it."

About 120 racers, from throughout Western Canada, took part in the two-day event.

Lori Dirk, 18, of Coquitlam, was clocked at 68.97 seconds for second-place in the women's giant slalom Tuesday.

Dirk maintained her lead in the women's western standings, with 60 points overall, although her time Tuesday was more than two seconds slower than another competitor.

National ski team member Lori Klatt of Jasper, Alberta, led the women in Tuesday's slalom at Silver Star ski area, clocking in at 66.94 in the 48-gate course. "National team members however, are ineligible for Pontiac Cup points."

Dianne Lechodey of Calgary was third in 68.4 and maintained a second place in the Pontiac Cup western division standings.

Tim Gilhooley of Kelowna, B.C., who lost a ski and did not finish Monday's giant slalom.

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The rangy winger accumulated 23 goals and 26 assists, for 49 points, in just 16 games.

Second and third place in the scoring race went to Anderson's team-mates, Stan Hunt and Garney Howard, with 37 and 32 points respectively.

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PIN POINTS

Monday Evening Ladies' Mar 1
Women's high single, Arlene Mac 132
High triple, Penny Jones 250
Christmas 205
Team high single, Ruth Mac 142
High triple, Short Steps 361
High average, Sullivan 288

300 Club, Arlene Miliken 322

TEAM STANDINGS
Pin Power 4670
Who's Who 4570
Try'n'Hard 4510
Short Steps 428

Tuesday Mixed 7.9
Feb 23
Men's high single, Appleton 258
High triple, Appleton 506
Babineau 587, high average, Sybil Trisham 314
Men's high single, Pete Brooks 271
High triple, Steve Windom 277
High average, John Tarkenton 237
Team high single, 1318, high triple, Windoms 3475
300 Club, Arlene Miliken 322

TEAM STANDINGS
Tricks 2910
Germers Tv 3070
Sharps 2643
Maver's V 2670
Dingdops 2160

Breakfast Party
March 1
Women's high single, Ann Marie Taylor 296
High average, Larrie Johnson 466, high average, Lorie

Victoria took 119 of the 234 penalty minutes handed out in Saskatoon, Dan Bent, Dwayne Macdonald and Bruce Klumilton, who snapped a 10-game scoring slump, scored two goals in his first game, before the first period. Bryan Baron, Mel Hewitt and Rob MacFarlane, who had one goal in twelve games, also scored for Saskatoon.

Rookie Todd MacCauley, with his first WCJHL goal, and Dean Sotherton replied for Lehighbridge.

In games tonight, Flin Flon is in Portland, Brandon plays here, Kamloops and New Westminster visits Medicine Hat.

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Seaton Sonics win key game

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JACKSON TOPS

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