TOM DAVISON
. . . led attack

KIRK CHRISTMAN
. . . 13 rebounds

Owls hang on to edge Vernon

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Panthers had their hopes of a berth in the provincial boys' basketball tournament dimmed Friday when they dropped a 69-60 decision to Kelowna Owls, at the Okanagan championships, in Kelowna.

Panthers are still alive, but in order to qualify for the B C tourney, must win three games today. Vernon will have to beat Salmon Arm, the winner of the Penticton-Kamloops game, and then the loser of the A final, between Rutland and Kelowna.

Panthers played extremely well, chasing the highly-ranked Owls throughout the game. In the final few minutes, Kelowna was able to stall and protect its lead.

RALLIED

Vernon trailed 20-13 at the end of the first-quarter, 33-27 at half-time, and just 49-48 after three-quarters.

Tom Davison was Panthers' top performer with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Mike Kormos added 12 points and 10 rebounds while guard Kirk Christman sunk nine and pulled down 13 off the boards.

Fred Kanigan led the Owls' attack with 21 points and Brad Serwa dropped in 17.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig was happy with his team's play, despite the loss.

Inrig said, "We did everything we prepared for. The guys played very well defensively — just outstanding.

"We did some job on their big kid (6'8" Brian Mayzes) holding him to eight points and forcing him to foul out. We really had them worried."

INEFFECTIVE PRESS

The Vernon coach told the Daily News his club was hurt by poor outside shooting and an ineffective full court press. Panthers shot a dismal 28 per cent in the first-half.

Inrig said, "We didn't get enough good shots away. We forced a lot of shots. And, our full-court press just wasn't working."

Davison, along with Christman and Brent Zimmer were the standouts for Panthers.

In other games Friday, Rutland Voodoos outscored Penticton Lakers 86-77, Kamloops bombed KLO 57-25, and Salmon Arm humbled North Kamloops 83-49.

Games started today at 1:30 p.m., with the championships game slated for 8:30 p.m.

WITH 7-1 VICTORY

Vees take 2-1 series lead

Penticton Vees defeated Vernon Vikings 7-4 in B C Junior Hockey League quarter-final playoff action Friday before 1,021 fans in the Peach City.

The victory gives Penticton a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Fourth game is scheduled Sunday, at 7 p.m., at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye said his club could have easily won the third game.

Dye said, "We're getting the chances — but we're not taking advantage of them."

Vees jumped to a 2-0 lead, but Vernon came back to narrow the gap to 4-3 after the second period. Vikings had two glorious chances to tie the game late in the second period, however, Jack Lefley hit the post on a breakaway and Robbie Jacobsen shot wide from point-blank range.

HAD CHANCES

Early in the third period, hustling Grant Sidnick injured his wrist and Dye moved defenceman Ron Rogers into Sidnick's spot on right wing. Rogers took a penalty and seconds later Penticton got a power-play goal to make it 5-3, and never looked back.

GARY HUTH
. . . six goals

Dye said, "We outshot them 22-7 in the third period and got outscored 3-1. You have to give a lot of credit to (Penticton goalie Jim) Scammel, he is playing one heckuva series."

Gary Eades led the Vees' attack with three goals while Gord McKay and Rob Feenie added two apiece. Feenie, who played only part of the season, now has six goals in the three games.

Garry Mann scored three times for Vernon while centre Gary Huth added the other marker. Huth also has six goals to date.

MISSING TRIO

As the series wears on, Vikings' forces are becoming depleted. Gary Gassoff and Byron Smith are serving suspensions and Sidnick is listed as a very doubtful starter. Gassoff's 10-game suspension ends in time for Tuesday's fifth game.

Dye said, "I'm confident we can come back. We haven't been outplayed in any games so far. If we get a big crowd out Sunday, I'm sure it will give our guys a lift."

Advance tickets for the game are on sale at Ernie's Esso and Dye's Recreation. As an added incentive to fans, $350 in food hampers and a color television will be given away on Sunday.

CENTS THUMPED

Meanwhile, Merritt Centennials' saga in the BCJHL playoffs took a downturn as Kelowna Buckaroos skated to an easy 8-4 victory in the opener of their best-of-seven quarter-final series.

The Centennials began the week two points behind fourth-place Kamloops Braves in the Interior Division but had two make-up games with Abbotsford Flyers.

Merritt won one of the games to tie the Braves for the final playoff berth but lost a sudden-death game 5-2 to Kamloops that was supposed to decide the issue.

However, the matter wound up in the league commissioner's office and the Braves were disqualified Friday for using an ineligible juvenile player.

"Regretfully, we had to take away the points," said league spokesman Ron Livingstone.

JOE TENNANT
. . . match penalty

"We had no choice. The Merritt people are hungry for the buck. They play by the rules and think everybody else should."

Kelowna took period leads of 3-0 and 6-2 in the fight-filled game. Referee Lyle Biagioni called 106 minutes in penalties including 12 majors — six to each team — three match penalties and one game misconduct.

John Olver, who scored the first two Kelowna goals, received a match penalty in the second period for spearing. Merritt's Gary Sirkia also received a match penalty for spearing. The third match penalty went to Merritt coach Joe Tennant for throwing a stick at the refereee.

Rick Benningshof and Rod Danchuk also scored two goals each for the Buckaroos, while Rob Neeld and Scott MacLeod added singles. Dale Ames, Blake Stephens, Eddie Beers and Neil Beaman scored for visiting Merritt.

The next game in the series is Sunday in Kelowna.

On the coast, Abbotsford Flyers got bombed 9-1 by Nanaimo Clippers in their series opener and Maple Ridge Bruins thumped Langley Lords 8-2 to even that series 1-1.

COMPETING IN VANCOUVER

Eight women and four men from Vernon Racquet and Squash Club are competing in the B.C. Closed Racquetball championships this weekend in Vancouver. Some of the local competitors are from left, Nancy Kurbis, Janice Monahan, Debbie Sigalet-Pitman, and Pauline VanNiekerk. Top players from Kelowna, Kamloops, and Vancouver are entered.

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Rugged forward turns into scorer

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rugged Dave Semenko scored four goals Friday night and continued to reign as the hottest marksman in the Western Canada Hockey League as he led Brandon Wheat Kings to a 10-3 victory over Calgary Centennials.

The tallies gave the 215-pounder, noted more for his ruggedness than his finesse, 10 goals in four games and 24 for the season.

The victory let Brandon pad its lead in the Eastern Division to a whopping 40 points over Saskatoon Blades, who were upset 5-3 by Regina Pats. In the only other game, Kamloops Chiefs regained second place in the Western Division by holding off Lethbridge Broncos 5-3.

Calgary scored all three of its goals at Brandon in the first period and led 3-2 at the intermission. The Wheat Kings scored eight goals in succession, including the 85th of the season by Bill Derlago, who stretched his scoring lead and moved closer to the record of 90 goals in one season held by former Wheat King Ron Chipperfield.

Dan Bonar scored three goals and Brian Propp two for Brandon. Gary Rissling notched two goals and Doug Robb one for the Centennials, who allowed 29 shots on netminder Jerry Price in the third period.

Price faced 60 shots and fired his stick into the corner in disgust with four seconds remaining. Brandon goaltender Glen Hanlon made 29 stops.

EIGHT BANISHED

Dirk Graham scored twice to lead Regina's victory, marred by a first-period brawl that featured eight game misconducts. Greg Tebbutt, Glen Rolfe and Ron Parent also scored. Saskatoon marksmen were Bruce Hamilton, Bryan Baron and Keith Johnson.

An empty-net goal by Reg Kerr with 36 seconds left was the clincher for Kamloops. Jamie Gallimore had two goals and Dwayne Lowdermilk and Mike Boychuk one each.

PIN POINTS

Feb. 24
Classic

Women's high single — Carol Skidmore 360, high triple — Carol Skidmore 794, high average — May Turek 225

Men's high single — Garry Monk 363, high triple — Gary Monk 852, high average — Shig Tabata 242

Team high single — Hi Lo 1179, high triple — Hi Lo 2934

"300 Club" — Garry Monk 363, Carol Skidmore 360, Dee Budd 316, Merv Budd 300

"700 Club" — Carol Skidmore 794, Willie Wendel 755, Val Wiebe 746, May Turek 746, Lean Herbst 721

"800 Club" — Garry Monk 852, Val Andretta 822

TEAM STANDINGS

Lena's Bunch	19½
Frank's Tanks	15
Hi Lo	15
Status Quo	14

Feb. 24
Thurs 7-9

Women's high single — Marci Koenig 291, high triple — May Turek 703, high average — May Turek 222

Men's high single — Paul Wendel 328, high triple — Frank Gration 814, high average — John Tymarcvich 245

Team high single — Sticky Fingers 1294, high triple — VPO 3747

300 club — Paul Wendel 328

TEAM STANDINGS

Sticky Fingers	253
Vernon Fruit Union	251½
South Paws	222
Noca Sunshine	202½

Feb. 24
Thurs. Matinee

Women's high single — Willie Wendel 275, high triple — Willie Wendel 762, Dorothy Belair 719, high average — Willie Wendel 218

Team high single — Bxers 1305, high triple — Bxers 3524

TEAM STANDINGS

Cameos	337
Keglers	324½
Bxers	322½
Drop Outs	308

Feb. 24
Thurs. Morning Coffee Party

Women's high single — Drea Gelowitz 277, high triple — Bev Millar 664, high average — Lil Jamieson 212

Team high single — Morners 1290, high triple — Morners 3716

TEAM STANDINGS

Silver Stars	255½
Alley Crocks	2?7½
The Speedy "5"	5
East Side Gang	205

Feb. 25
IOF Friday Nite

Women's high single — Heather Zeleny 265, high triple — Laurie Phelan 699, high average — Deanne Budd 237

Men's high single — Sam Leigh 299, high triple — Sam Ivanitz 725, high average — Glen Fey 222

Team high single — Chicken Pluckers 1400, high triple — Sixty Niners 3726

TEAM STANDINGS

Chicken Pluckers	171
Empire Meats	169
Shawns	159
Lumbushers	154
Sixty Niners	148

Feb. 25
Gym Dandy Bowling Club

Women's high single — Marianne Crouley 176, high double — Timmy Loney 316, high average — Ida Giles 169

Men's high single — Glyn Ramsdale 252, high double — Glyn Ramsdale 411, high average — Glyn Ramsdale 163

Bowler of Week, ladies — Maureen MacDonald — 52 pins over average, men's — Larry Brown — 74 pins over average

RACING DRIVER KILLED

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — British racing driver Tom Pryce was killed today when his Shadow Ford crashed on a bend of the Kyalami circuit during the South African Formula I Grand Prix auto race.

A fire marshal struck by his car was also killed.

Track officials said Pryce, a 27-year-old Welshman, lost control of his car after striking the marshal who ran across the track to aid Renzo Zorzi of Italy after Zorzi's car came to a standstill.

The officials said a section of the front airfoil of Pryce's car was shattered when he struck the marshal and the car went out of control, crashing into the banking of Crowthorne bend at more than 100 miles an hour.

Zorzi confirmed that Pryce was killed. Officials said Pryce was taken away in an ambulance, but apparently no medical treatment was given.

Russian wins title, Shaver places sixth

TOKYO (CP) — Vladimir Kovalev of the Soviet Union held on to win the men's title at the world figure skating championships today despite a lacklustre performance.

The star of the free-skating finale was Minoru Sano of Japan.

Kovalev, runner-up the last two years, put on a flawed performance but it was enough to keep him ahead of Jan Hoffman of East Germany, the 1974 champion who also skated a less than inspired free program.

The 24-year-old Kovalev finished with 14 ordinals and 188.04 points. Hoffman, 21, had 15 ordinals and 186.96 points and Sano wound up third with 24 ordinals and 185.10 points.

Sano, skating brilliantly, was far and away the best competitor in the final half of the competition and deservedly received marks of practically all 5.95 out of a perfect six.

There was a measure of redemption for Ron Shaver, the 25-year-old Canadian champion from Cambridge, Ont., who skated strongly, although with some flaws, to move all the way to sixth from 10th.

Brian Pockar, 17, of Calgary also moved up one place to finish 15th of the 18 skaters.

COUSINS DROPS OUT

But one reason Shaver finished as high as sixth was that Robin Cousins of Britain had to retire mid-way in his performance because his injured left knee gave out. He left the ice in tears as he skated into the arms of the British team manager.

Cousins had been 10th after the school figures but moved to sixth in the short program and would probably have finished higher if he could have skated his free program as well as he normally does.

Shaver wound up with 61 ordinals and 174.72 points.

Pockar, making his first appearance in the championships, had 122 ordinals and 155.02 points.

The Russians won three of four gold medals in the five-day championships, which will be held next year in Ottawa.

Irina Moiseeva and Andrei Minenkov of the Soviet Union took the ice dancing crown and team-mates Irina Rodnina and Alexander Zaitsev finished first in the pairs.

Linda Fratianne of the United States wound up first in the women's singles.

WAS HAPPY ENDING

It was a happy ending for Kovalev. In this year's European championships, he led Hoffman after the compulsory figures and short program only to lose to the East German after the free skating.

But the scores indicated the judges had a hard time deciding between the two and Sano's performance complicated the competition.

Before an enthusiastic home crowd of 8,800 who cheered his every jump and piece of fancy footwork, Sano seemed to gain momentum.

The 21-year-old Japanese university student, Japan's first medal winner in figure skating, spent several minutes on the ice afterward picking up dozens of bouquets thrown to him.

In other events earlier in the week, Susan Carscallen and Eric Gillies placed sixth in ice dancing and Lorna Wighton and John Dowding of Toronto were 10th in the same competition.

Machine records ladies' hoop win

Grey Machine drubbed Enderby Ladies 56-36 in ladies' Tri-Lake Basketball League action this week at VSSS.

Suzy Kohorst led the Machine with 18 points while Betty Sherk added a dozen.

Top sniper for Enderby was Verona Ginn with 19 points.

In a protested game Enderby Inn Maiders beat Armstrong Builders 55-41. Armstrong protested the game because Enderby's Marily Out fouled out of the game, and did not leave the court.

Carleen Kyle was top scorer for Maids with 22 points while Alma Marshall dropped in 10 for Armstrong.

Wildcats doubled Blue Denims 38-19 in women's Recreation Basketball League play.

Wendy Pethic was best of the Wildcatw with eight points while Annett Timn replied with eight for Denims.

Two games were played in minor boy's hoop play at VSSS. Falcons dumped Rebels 45-30 and Eagles downed Roadrunners 31-25.

Trevor Wilson led Falcons to victory with 15 points while Larry Fisher countered with 10 for Rebels.

In the other contest, Brian Buggey led Eagles with 12 points while Joey Brand sunk 10 for Roadrunners.

New England on right track

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

New England Whalers have developed some consistencey, which is fine as long as it's consistent winning.

The Whalers won their fourth consecutive World Hockey Association game and their eighth in their last 11 outings with a 3-2 decision over Houston Aeros Friday night.

Whalers coach Harry Neale credits the surge to the players' determination. "In recent weeks this team hasn't been easily discouraged as seemed to be the case earlier in the season," he said. "The team has become more stubborn and the result has been a good brand of hockey."

In Friday's other WHA contest, Indianapolis Racers defeated San Diego Mariners 7-4. There were no games scheduled in the National Hockey League.

Neale pointed to the play of goalie Cap Raeder and defenceman Rick Ley.

GOALIE CONFIDENT

"Cap seems to have his confidence back and is playing like we feel he can. Rick has been playing up to last year's playoff form, and when he does that there aren't too many defencemen in the league who can compare with him."

The Whalers came back from a 2-1 deficit late in the third period to earn the victory. Leftwinger George Lyle started the comeback at the 15:00 mark when he deflected a shot by Ley from the right point past Houston goalie Wayne Rutledge.

Centre Mike Rogers completed the New England rally at 18:35 when he fired a 35-foot slapshot from the left faceoff circle which beat Rutledge low to the far corner. It was Rogers' 20th goal of the season and his third game winner.

Lyle also had a second period goal to improve his total to 32, tops among WHA rookies.

Canada facing tough test

QUEBEC (CP) — Bill Jenkins of Charlottetown faced a possible series of three tough sudden-death games today in playoff action at the world junior curling championship, but it was a workload he relished.

The alternative would have been an unexpected failure to qualify for post-round-robin play, but Jenkins downed Denmark 11-4 in ninth-draw action Friday night and, when Switzerland beat France 8-6, edged into a tie with those teams for fourth place with a 5-4 won-lost mark.

Because Switzerland has beaten both Canada and France, they received a bye while France and Canada met today with the winner facing Switzerland for a final semi-final berth tonight, where the opponents will be round-robin winner United States.

Don Barcome Jr., of Grand Forks, N.D., won his eighth consecutive game for an 8-1 mark, while Norway and Sweden finished at 6-3 after ninth-round wins. They meet tonight in the other semi-final. Norway won their round-robin meeting.

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