

VERNON 8, PENTICTON 6

Vikings win overtime thriller



CENTRE CAM PEDERSON has been a blood and guts for Vernon Vikings so far in the B.C. JHL playoffs. The 18-year-old centre has 10 points, including five goals, in five games. Right, Pentiction

Norvan Vikings kept their playoff hopes alive by defeating Pentiction Vees 8-6, in overtime, before 800 fans in action Tuesday at the Pentiction Memorial Arena.

Vees led the best-of-seven quarter-final series 3-2. Pentiction came to within a goal post of ending Vikings home for an early summer holiday. Lead scoring champion Ke. Maxwell netted a shot off the post, with 12 seconds remaining in the third period, as Vees concluded a tremendous comeback.

BIG LEAD

Vikings were in control of the game for the first 50 minutes. They held period leads of 3-1 and 5-3, and stretched the margin to 6-3 early in the third period.

However, Pentiction came roaring back to score three goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation time. During that time, Vernon wasn't in the game and it appeared overtime was only a formality prior to a Vees' victory.

But, in the extra session, Vikings played 10 minutes of near-flawless hockey.

Vernon Coach and GM Vern Dye told the Daily News he has no illusions about how his defence played.

Dye said, "Some of our defence played well, but the forwards was awful again. We'll have to make some adjustments before Thursday."

SMITH RETURNS

Winger Byron Smith will return to action Thursday, after a three-game suspension. Smith's return may free big Jack Letley for full-time duty on the blue line.

Pentiction took the lead after only 1:13 of the opening period when Gord McKay connected on a power-play.

Brian Maser got that goal

with his first goal of the series, but the score 5-3 early in the third before Pentiction caught fire.

McKay, on a power-play at 10:42, brought the crowd and Vees to life. Ken Pederson narrowed the gap to a goal at 12:18, and then Cary Eades tied the game at 14:28.

BROKE STICK

In overtime, Maser scored the winner at 2:52. The big defenceman broke his stick and part of the debris ended up behind the Pentiction net, along with the puck. When Smith attempted to clear the puck for Vees, he became tangled up in the broken stick, which enabled Derek Rideout to centre the puck. By then, Maser had a new stick, was breaking toward the net, and drilled a shot into the top corner.

With four minutes to go in the 10-minute overtime session, Ferner made the save

of the game. Winger Mike Bracko was parked along on the crease and the Vernon netminder outgassed him.

MOVE BACKFIRE

At 7:30, Pentiction Coach Terry Martin called for a measurement of the curve in Ferner's stick. However, before the referee made his way to the Vern net to check the curve, Ferner had spent about 20 seconds standing on the blade to straighten it. The curve was found to be legal and Vees picked up a minor penalty for delay of game.

Torgesen began in his third goal, just 27 seconds after that penalty.

Dye said, "If we had everybody working like Torgesen, we'd have no problems. He has been just fantastic."

Sixth game will be played on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Vernon. Advance tickets are on sale at Dye's Recreation and Ernie's Esso. If a seventh game is necessary it will be played in Kelowna in Pentiction. Meanwhile in Merritt, the third game of the Merritt-Kelowna game was suspended at the 18-minute mark of the third period with Buckaroo leading 3-1.

A wild brawl involving all players from both teams, broke out on the ice and RCMP had to restore order. The melee erupted when Art Blundean of Merritt attempted to take a plastic helmet and faceguard off the Bucks' Rob Neid who was fighting with Kelvin Ellery.

The series is tied 1-1 and a ruling on the third game is expected today.

On the coast, Maple Ridge Bruins postponed stimulation by bumping Langley Lords 5-1. Lords lead series 3-2. Abbotsford Flyers beat Nanaimo Clippers 6-4, in overtime, to cut Clippers' series lead to 2-1.

CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

Dr. Courser, H. Webb, Ralph Dangertfield, H. Woolam, T. Jenner, B. McCallum, and E. Coulter all skipped local teams in the Kelowna Over 60 Men's Bonspiel.

Sixty-four teams, from throughout the province, took part in the event at Mountain Shadows Club. Dangertfield took second in A's, Woolam placed third in B, and McCallum finished second in C.

REVELSTOCK SPIEL

Last weekend in Revelstoke *rinks comprised in an annualspiel. Vernon's Barry Yunar, coupled with Ted Erdman, Bob Noble, and Denis Mori, won the A event. Other teams competing in the event were skipped by R. MacDonald, Ed Chaput, Dick Fife, and J. Corner.

ARMSTRONG SPIEL

A event in the Armstrong Bonspiel was won by the Sutherland Bakery, rink from Sandberg.

B event was captured by Phil Melin of Armstrong while Vernon's Larry Wynn team won the C event. Curling with Wynn were H. Sheppard, R. Pringle, and G. Sheldon. Wynn beat Armstrong's Al Early in the C final.

MIXED SPIELS

Two mixed spels are being held this weekend, in Lumby and Kelowna. There is a large entry of local rinks in both events.

Once again, Dangertfield's team of Joe Mullen, Hal Thompson, and Jack Shettler has won all the marbles in the Over 60 Senior Men's Playdowns.

Last weekend in Armstrong, Dangertfield beat 4 teams from throughout the Interior to advance to the provincial playdowns, to be held 7'arch 27, at North Shore Winter Club.

North Stars smell pay dirt

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The playoffs have already started for Minnesota North Stars, though the National Hockey League's regular season still has three weeks to run.

Roberts, Ernie Hicke and Sharpey collected the Minnesota goals while the Islanders' Billy Szturba ruined LoPresti's shutout bid with 1:01 remaining.

Blues' goal was the only bright spot of the evening for New York, which has lost two of its last three games and is running out of hope of catching the first-place Philadelphia Flyers in the Patrick Division.

Jean Pronovost and Wayne Bianchini scored goals, two minutes apart in the opening period, lifting Pittsburgh past the Flames.

The victory, Pittsburgh's second over the Blues in three meetings, featured near-flawless goaltending by the Penguins' Duncan Wilson, who sent Vasilevski into including 17 in the second period.

Rick Middleton batted two Atlanta defencemen in the crease to jam the key goal post. Dan Bouchard in the third period and Ilti Boston past the Flames.

The win, Boston's fifth in a row, moved it into a point-off Buffalo in the Adams Division.

SCORING LEADERS

One Vernon Viking trio has scored exactly half of the club's goals in the first five games of the B.C. JHL playoffs.

Cam Torgeson, Garry Mann, and Rob Jacobsen, have combined for 12 goals.

Top scorers in the series are:

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts
Torgeson	V	5	10	10
Huh	V	2	9	4
Peenie	V	2	9	4
McKay	P	4	3	8
Eades	P	1	7	2
Mann	V	4	7	8
Letley	V	2	5	4

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Vernon skiers were standouts

Two Vernon skiers were standouts at the Canadian Amateur Freestyle Championships held last weekend at Mt. Tremblant, Quebec.

Boyd Bibby and Todd Smith of Invermere were standouts on the B.C. squad. Dunkley said, "I was very happy with our team's showing, particularly the performance of the two Vernon skiers. They were just super."

Next, and final, freestyle competition of the year will be at Silver Star, during Funnor Weekend March 23 and 24. B.C. will be competing against overall champion Alberta in that meet.

Budd, Yasinski tops in marathon

Deanna Budd and Val Yasinski were the big winners in the recent Ladies 12-games Bowling Marathon at Lincoln Lakes.

Budd recorded the high handicap score of 3174 while Yasinski topped the scratch event with a 2835 total. Both women were presented with prizes of \$80.

Second in Handicap was Carol Skidmore (1600), followed by Linda Thompson 3063 (\$50), and Donna Cochrane 2824 (\$20). Skidmore also won \$50 as runner-up in scratch with a 2825 total. Lil Peppy was third

NHL

Patrick Division	T	A	P		
Philadelphia	41	12	265	180	94
Pittsburgh	40	12	223	162	82
Atlanta	27	20	112	210	45
Colorado	23	13	224	246	57

Smythe Division

St. Louis	22	17	274	223	43
Chicago	22	16	214	257	56
Minnesota	19	15	201	251	53
Colorado	19	16	193	242	49
Washington	18	2	179	215	46

Prince of Wales Conference

Buffalo	42	4	246	184	88
Boston	40	7	258	206	87
Montreal	37	10	257	215	70
Cleveland	31	16	194	230	52

Adams Division

Montreal	30	8	228	159	110
Quebec	29	10	216	161	76
Los Ang	27	13	223	206	47
Winnipeg	26	11	207	210	44
Detroit	16	4	163	242	40

Young Nordique puts on a show

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Real Cloutier, the 20-year-old right winger, who scored 60 goals last season, picked up three more Tuesday night to run his season total to 63 and lead the Nordiques to a 9-2 win over Phoenix Roadrunners at the Quebec Coliseum.

It was Cloutier's seventh three-goal game of the season, breaking the previous record of six held by Danny Lawson of the old Philadelphia Blazers and Bobby Hull of Winnipeg Jets.

Lawson, now with Calgary Cowboys, has six three-goal games in the 1972-73 season while scoring 61 goals and "still achieves the same feat in 1974-75 season while scoring 77."

In other games Tuesday night, Winnipeg Jets beat San Diego Mariners 5-0 and Edmonton Oilers 5-3.

SCORES ON ROAD

Cloutier, who has 13 career three-goal games, has scored only two of his seven this season at home.

On Tuesday night, the St. Emile, Que. native scored his first of the night to give the Nordiques a 3-0 lead midway through the opening period. He scored his second late in the middle period to put the Nordiques up 4-2, then added his third of the night at 2:16 of the third period.

At Winnipeg, the Jets' top goal of Bobby Hull, Ilii Nilsson and Anders Hedberg was back together for the first time in six weeks and responded with three goals.

Monarchs thankful to ex-pro

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A forward who returned to the Western Canada Hockey League when the Eastern League folded was a big factor over Phoenix Roadrunners as Monarchs rallied to the basket.

Monarchs 6-6 in a WCHL game.

Gord Blumenschein scored the first in the first period to help the Monarchs overcome an early 3-0 deficit. Blumenschein was signed by Edmonton after playing for the World Hockey Association after graduating last season and was shipped to Baltimore Blades.

When the Blades and the league folded, Blumenschein returned to Winnipeg as an overage junior.

The hard fought contest, marked by 33 minor penalties and six majors, led Saskatoon second in the Eastern Division and Winnipeg second in the Central Division.

Medicine Hat Tigers stretched their Central Division lead to three points by defeating the Elm St. Bombers 4-2. New Westminster Bruins pounded Calgary Cowboys 5-0 in the other game.

REGATHEIS

Ron Arsenkoff scored in two goals, his 49th and 50th, to lead Medicine Hat, while John Irwin and Dan Lomas also came net. Lomas hit an empty net in the final minute for the Panthers goal. Jordy Kurban, Dagmar Maguire, Jan Morina, and Debbie Siglet. Pitman.

Caulfield second in tourney

Eight women and two men from the Vernon Squares 2-1, Racquet Club took part in last weekend's 8-0 Racquetball Tournament in Vancouver.

In men's 3 singles, Gregg Caulfield placed second while Riley Twyford finished eighth.

In the women's novice doubles, Anne Bentley was third while Linda Irwin placed second in the consolation round.

Other local competitors were Diane Allingham, Linda Brown, Evy I. Rose, Nancy Kurban, Dagmar Maguire, Jan Morina, and Debbie Siglet. Pitman.

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