

Winners' rink still undefeated

MONTREAL (CP) — New Brunswick's Roly McKie was only a little disappointed after a last-shot takeover by Roy Vinthers of British Columbia dashed his hopes of an upset Wednesday at the Canadian men's curling championship.

British Columbia	W	1
Manitoba	L	2
Alberta	L	3
Quebec	L	4
Ontario	L	5
Newfoundland	L	6
N. Ontario	L	7
Saskatchewan	L	8
Ter. for in.	L	9
New Brunswick	L	10
Nova Scotia	L	11
P.E.I.	L	12

"We certainly were up for that game but it just didn't work out the way we wanted," McKie said shortly after dropping an 8-6 ninth-draw decision. "If we had upset them, it would've created a little excitement."

B.C. was ahead 7-6 in the 10th end with New Brunswick lying in the four-foot circle when Vinthers pulled off a spectacular takeover in his usual cool style to clinch it.

"I'm not really disappointed though," McKie added. "We had a couple of bad misses in the sixth and the eighth and that cost us the game."

The loss "rocked McKie and his Fredrickson-based rink into 10th place with a 1-6 record, out of the running and

thousands behind Vinthers Vancouver crew. The B.C. foursome is 7-0 in the round robin competition.

In other play Wednesday night, Manitoba's John Wackis from Lac du Bonnet edged Ken MacDonald's

eastward Island rink from Charlottetown 4-3. Tom Reed of Edmonton led Alberta to an 8-2 decision over

Bob Pitman of Halifax, Nova Scotia's representative, Jim Ureel of Quebec rink from Montreal broke a two-game losing string with a 10-4 win

over Don Twa's Territorials crew from Whitehorse. Regina's Les Rogas

skipped Saskatchewan over Rusty Tates Northern Ontario rink from Sudbury 6-3.

In eight-draw action Wednesday afternoon, B.C. topped Manitoba 8-7, Ontario

Paul Stragade from Toronto whipped Nova Scotia 10-2, Alberta beat P.E.I. 8-6, Newfoundland's Wayne

Hamilton from St. John's defeated Quebec 7-6 and Northern Ontario downed New Brunswick 10-5.

Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec are tied for second place with 5-2. Ontario is next at 4-2, followed by Newfoundland's 3-3 record. Northern Ontario, Saskatchewan and the Territories are tied for seventh at 3-4. Nova Scotia is 1-1, with just one win. P.E.I. stands last at 0-7.

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Cougars thump Frenchmen 6-1

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SIXTH GAME TONIGHT

Smith returns to shadow McKay

Vernon Vikings host Penetone Vee in the sixth game of the B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-finals tonight at 8 p.m., at the Civic Arena.

Vee is the best-of-seven series 3-2. Vikings won an 8-6 overtime thriller Tuesday in Penetone.

Winger Byron Smith will be back in the Vernon line-up tonight after sitting out a three-game suspension.

Smith, who will probably play with Gary Hub and Derek Reid, will be given the task of checking Vee's high-scoring forward McKay. Smith has been out of action. McKay has scored five goals.

ON DEFENCE: With the shadow back, Vikings' Coach Vern Dye plans to start veteran Jack

Leffey on defence. Defence has been the club's biggest problem in the series and Dye is hoping Leffey can add some stability on the blue line.

The Vernon coach may also do some juggling up front if the second line doesn't start producing. The unit with Darcy Wilkinson between Gary Gassoff and Grant

Strickland has been a disappointment. They scored one goal on Tuesday. There has not been anywhere we have to get that line rolling. They are all veterans, and the younger guys look to them for leadership.

Wukie and Sidnick are hampered by injuries and neither have been skating with

their usual enthusiasm. FENNER RETURNS: Penetone also has a couple scratches and pains. Bob Fenner is expected back on the ice tonight after missing the fifth game with strained tendons in his ankle. He had seven goals in the first four games of the series.

League scoring champion Kevin Maxwell will also be dressed, but he too is hurting. The sick center has a badly bruised back which kept him out of the fourth game.

Both clubs will stick with the veterans in the playoffs. The Keith Ferner and Jim Skamnel, for Vee.

Vikings advise fans to get there early and cheer loudly. The box office opens at 7 p.m.

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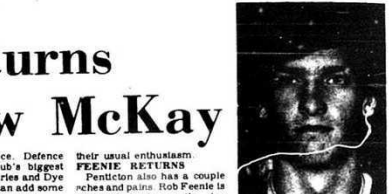
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DARCY WILKINSON
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Merritt hit hard by league

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — Ernie McLean, president of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, Wednesday handed the Merritt Centenials a \$200 fine and suspended their coach and four players for their role in Tuesday's third-period brawl in Merritt.

McLean ruled Kelowna Bruins won the game 3-1. Kelowna was fined \$200. The game ended at 16:07 of the third period when the teams cleared the benches for a wild brawl that led the referee to call the game early.

Merritt coach Steve Grams was suspended indefinitely, as were players Matt Howes and Glen Johnson. Greg Aikens was suspended three games for being the first player off the bench. Neil Seaman was suspended three games for spearing.

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JEFF SHIRLEY scored one of three goals for the Cougars.

Vernon was assessed six of nine minor penalties.



POPULAR SPORT In the day, goaltender Larry Flaher prepares to stop a shot with the help of an unidentified defence man as the Grade 10's do battle in Polson Park.

(Daily News Photo)

WATKINS RECORDS ANOTHER SHUTOUT

Village Green Merchants goalie Bruce Watkins posted his second shutout of the playoffs. In three post-season games, Watkins has allowed only one goal.

Merchants have qualified for the league final to be played next Tuesday, in Lumby.

Braves, Lumby Royals, and Coldstream Bruins will try to decide the other finalist.

VERNON SWIMMERS IN MEET

Six members of the Vernon Kokanee Swim Club are in Vancouver this week to participate in the British Swimming Championships.

Top swimmer from throughout the province, are on hand for the four-day meet. Competition started today and runs through until Sunday.

Bruce Berger and Graham Scare are swimming in the senior boys' class, Margie Polyrain in the 18 and 14 year old girls' category, Tammy Darter and Jimmy Morden in the 12 and 10, and Jennifer Strachan in the 10 and under group.

Kokanee's Coach Vince Mikusaka said, "The high quality of swimmers at the meet should prove to be a real challenge for our kids. It can't do anything but help them to swim against competition like this."

BASKETEERS DUMP DENIMS

Basketeers trounced Blue Denims 44-18 in the 10 and under women's recreational basketball play Wednesday night at VSSB.

Kim Sofiak led the winners' attack with 18 points while Mabel Snow dropped 11 points.

Jane McInnes was top sniper for Denims with nine points.

THE OUTDOORS

No rowdies in the parks

By NONIE FRISBY
Looks like the wild outdoors might not be quite so wild. A revised edition of Provincial Parks Act Regulations has been approved, Sam Bawif, Minister of Recreation and Conservation, announced a few days ago.

"This is the first major revision to the regulations we had in seven years. Of particular interest, the minister says, are the amendments to regulations dealing with parks branch staff powers of eviction."

Anyone with the desire to feel rowdy, "is wishing to disturb the peace in our province's parks or their behaviour," he says, "under the newly revised regulations, parks branch staff will have the power to evict persons causing a disturbance."

The minister went on to say these and other changes to the regulations, should clear up any misunderstandings and confusion on the part of all park users.

ONLY A FEW
The average park user is on his best behavior, partly because this is the sort of man he is and partly because he wishes to be welcome when he comes back another year. Only a few misanthropic users of the parks and we must have good laws to deal with the few, and in respect of the many.

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PIN POINTS

Feb 27
Seniors (V.B.C.)
Wentworth high triple — Peggy Turek 299, high triple — Egor Turk 298, high average — Peggy Turk 290.

Men's high triple — Tim Dooling 306, high triple — Tim Dooling 218, high average — Tim Dooling 218. Team high single — Bottom Dooling 312, high triple — Bowled Ones 317.

TEAM STANDINGS
F.O.T. 761
Stones 678
Sharpshooters 2510
Sunrise 640/5

February 28
Men's high single, Bridget Massey 279, high triple, May Turk 212, high average, Peggy Turk 212.

Men's high single, Jane Wierenga 286, high triple, Archie Turk 286, high average, Mark Katraya 254.

Team high single, Bald Eagles 1370, high triple, Amateurs 3668, 3000 Club Bridger Massey 279. Most pins over average won by Jake Wierenga with 83 pins over.

TEAM STANDINGS
Ill Eagles 2380
Jesse Lurch 2218
Jake's Mistakes 2210
Bald Eagles 227

February 29
Men's high single, Peggy Johnson 295, high triple, Peggy Johnson 295, high average, Lori Johnson 295.

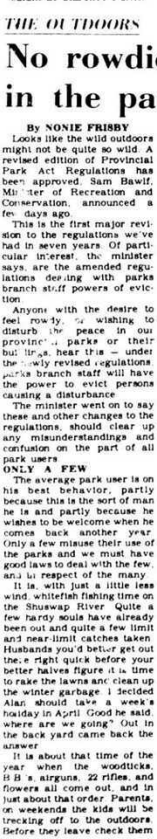
Men's high single, Ed Meyer 338, high triple, Ed Meyer 338, high average, Ed Meyer 338. Team high single, CJB 3042 & High C Group 1297, high triple, Pin Ups 376.

TEAM STANDINGS
Pin Ups 376
Hi Hole 254
High Average, en Fray 229
Pin Ups Five 254

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Both owe their European character to rare French hybrid grapes that have been carefully nurtured in the sunny climate of B.C.'s Okanagan Valley.

Sommet Rouge is a blend of wines from these French hybrids and premium Californian varieties, all fully matured in oak casks. The result: a robust dry red wine that belongs in even the most elegant setting.

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