

VIKINGS ELIMINATED

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B.C. Junior Hockey League weekend Thursday for the Vernon Vikings, but they didn't go down without a fight. Penitence eliminated the Vikings from the best-of-seven quarter-final series by posting a 2-0 overtime victory before 1,000 fans at the Civic Arena. Veevo cost the series for the Vikings when he scored the first goal in the third period, and Vernon won 2-1, time running out in the third period, and Vernon defence. Sidnick let a long slapshot go that eluded net-minder Ted Murphy and forced overtime.

THREE STICK
On the play at 18:39 Murphy scored the puck did not go in and he protested vigorously to referee Bruce Walker. Walker eliminated Sidnick under his stick into the stands and threw his stick at the one of which hit Walker.

Walker handed Murphy a 10-minute misconduct, which carries an automatic minor penalty. However, Veevo was there! That storm and dominated the 10-minute overtime period.

Gord McKay, who set a BCHL record this year for most goals in a season, scored the winner at 58 seconds, followed by goals from Shawn Eades and one from John Uvegas into an empty net.

FIRST GOAL
Captain Gary Gassoff opened the scoring for Vernon at 17:43 of the opening period, when he drilled a shot past Uvegas.

deflected in off the post. **GOALS GREAT**

Individual stars of the game were Murphy and Vernon goalie Keith Ferner. Murphy, who almost single-handedly knocked Vernon out of the playoffs in 1976-75, was brilliant in his first post-season start this year. The lanky netminder blocked 44 shots.

Vern Dye said his club had its chances.

HAD CHANCES
Dye said, "We can't complain — we should have won the game in the first period with all the chances we had. But, you have to hand it to them, they have a good hockey club."

The Vernon coach was a little upset about Walker's call on Murphy in the third period. Dye said, "If we had thrown a stick in the stands, or hit the ref with a glove, we would have been gone with a match penalty. But, it wouldn't have done any good to protest the game on a call like that."

the winner of the Kelowna-Merritt series.

LORDS WIN
Meanwhile on the coast, Langley Lords eliminated Maple Ridge Bruins by recording a 3-1 victory. Lords won the series 4-2.

Chris Tucker led the Langley attack with three goals while Lane Lavik added a pair.

Lords will meet the winner of the series between Nanaimo Clippers and Abbotsford Flyers in a game which continues tonight in Nanaimo with Clippers holding a 3-1 edge.



Bobby Orr... maybe next year

INJURED KNEE GETS LONG REST

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. John Palmer has "prescribed a long rest" for Bobby Orr and his troublesome left knee. Alan Eagleson, the defenceman's agent, said Thursday, Orr, who joined Chicago Blackhawks of the National Hockey League last June from Boston Bruins for a \$3-million multi-year contract, last played for the Hawks on Jan. 27 in Vancouver. Orr, 29, an assistant coach with Chicago, has had five operations on the knee.

Exp-press said the Toronto doctor met with Orr this week and prescribed the rest.

"I would think from the indication I had with Bobby that we'll forget about any competition this year and look forward with some degree of hope — wards next year's training camp."

In the meantime he'll probably go on some lengthy rehabilitation. At the moment we can't presume he'll play, but we're not about to presume that he won't play either.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MINOR SOCCER
Vernon and District Minor Soccer Association will hold its second annual registration on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Complex. Registrations will not be accepted without proof of age and medical insurance.

CANOE MEETING
Vernon Canoe and Kayak Club will be holding its annual general meeting on March 16 at 7 p.m. in Room 10 at W.L. Tice School. The topic on the agenda is election of officers.

TIGERS MEET
Vernon Lodge Tigers senior lacrosse club is holding a general meeting Sunday, at 11 a.m. in the Vernon Lodge Hotel. Anyone interested in being involved with the Tigers is invited to attend.

WILDCATS WIN
VSSS Wildcats dumped Fireweeds 25-16 in women's Recreation Basketball League play this week at VSSS Chastene. Ferneta was the top scorer for Wildcats with 16 points while Cathy Gottfredson rolled with seven for Fireweeds.

BADMINTON TEST
Vernon Senior Secondary School is hosting a five-team badminton tournament on Saturday. Play will continue all day and spectators are welcome.

TWO GAMES
Two games were played this week in men's Indoor Soccer League. A son at the home of the Barons blasted Hawks 9-5 and Roadrunners thumped

Fergie admits to perfect shot

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
John Ferguson scored in a National Hockey League game Thursday night, the Philadelphia Flyers beat Cleveland Barons 7-2. Vancouver Canucks blanked Chicago Blackhawks 5-0 and Los Angeles Kings beat Washington Capitals.

In the only World Hockey Association game, Edmonton Oilers edged Indianapolis Racers.

MALONEY TOOK MAJOR
Ferguson's early trip to the dressing room after New York's Dave Maloney gave him a five-minute major penalty for high sticking Boston's Wayne Chapman in the first period. "I was sure because Chapman came back and pulled Maloney's hair and I wasn't called," said Ferguson.



Vernon Vikings' captain Gary Gassoff gets the puck out from behind the net during Thursday's BCHL playoff game in Vernon. Gassoff scored a goal and added one assist, but it wasn't enough as Penitence recorded a 5-0 victory and knocked Vikings out of the playoffs.

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Jewels unbeaten in B.C. tourney

PENITENCE, B.C. (CP) — Defending champion Salmon Arm Jewels were among four undefeated teams following two days of play in the British Columbia AA high school girls' basketball championship (Thursday).

Also undefeated were Victoria High, Reynolds of Saanich and Menonite Educational Institute of Abbotsford.

In play Thursday, Salmon Arm got 12 points from Carol Burden as the Jewels easily defeated Chilliwack 55-21. Lingwick had nine points for the losers.

Canucks blank ChiHawks 5-0

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vernon goalie Cesare Manigo was called upon for only 18 saves as his Vancouver Canucks blanked the injury-riddled Chicago Blackhawks 5-0 before 15,570 fans in a National Hockey League game Thursday night.

Vancouver took period leads of 1-0 and 2-0 to defeat the Hawks which have six regulars missing from their lineup.

Hillard Gray, Don Lever, Gerry O'Flaherty, Ron Seabauer and Dennis Verbergert scored for the Canucks which dominated play and outshot the Hawks 54-18.

Cents snap losing streak

DRUMHELLER, Alta. (CP) — Calgary Centennials broke a four-game losing streak in the Western Canada Hockey League by outlasting Winnipeg Monarchs 10-7 Thursday night before 866 fans.

The game, postponed from Oct. 5 in Winnipeg, was rescheduled for this Alberta town 75 miles northeast of Calgary, due to the unavailability of ice in Winnipeg.

NHL Conference Standings

Team	W	L	T	P
Philadelphia	41	9	2	165
Anaheim	35	17	2	128
Rangers	25	11	2	125
St. Louis	19	25	2	93
Chicago	23	17	2	104
Minnesota	19	14	2	95
Vancouver	21	8	1	255
Edmonton	20	12	1	102

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Team	W	L	T	P
Buffalo	4	25	1	80
Boston	12	17	2	100
Cleveland	20	11	2	121
Toronto	21	10	2	127
Montreal	5	11	3	102
Pittsburgh	19	14	2	114
Los Angeles	28	13	2	129
Washington	19	18	2	105
San Jose	18	15	2	97

Ferguson admitted he threw the bottle that hit linesman Swede Knorr during a National Hockey League game between his New York Rangers and Boston Bruins. "But I wasn't aiming at him, I was aiming at the bottle that did it."

However, the bottle did not get Ferguson in as much trouble as he thought it would. He was sent to the dressing room, joined later by his players who were trounced 10-3 by the Bruins. Boston has six straight games and is within one point of first-place Buffalo in the Adams Division.

In other NHL action Thursday night, Montreal Canadiens set a home ice unbeaten record of 28 games by whipping Colorado Rockies 7-1. St. Louis Blues defeated Detroit Red Wings 4-2.

Falcons capture hoop title

Falcons captured the Minor Bous Basketball League championship Thursday by dumping Eagles 38-28 at VSSS.

Ralph English led the Falcons' attack with 10 points while Gerry Griggeman and Trevor Wilson added nine apiece.

Brian Buggey replied with 12 for Eagles.

Roadrunners won the consolation final by edging Rebels 38-29.

Steve Schmidt sunk 17 points for the winners while Larry Flaherty dropped in 18 for Rebels.

Meanwhile, Grey Machine captured the women's Tri-Lake Basketball League championship on Thursday. Machine dumped Enderby Inn Maids 43-27.

Betty Sherk was top sniper for the Machine with 24 points while Cathy Hysard and Martin O'Neil each had 12. Sherk also had nine points for the Inn-Maids.

Armstrong Builders defeated Enderby 21-13 in the consolation final.

Edith Fortier was Armstrong's top scorer with 10 points while Veronica Ginn scored 10 for Enderby.

Winthers' win streak halted by Alberta rink

MONTREAL (CP) — Alberta's Tom Poved feels his performance in the first round draws should have been good enough for the lead in the Canadian men's curling championship.

"We're 6-2 right now and I thought we were tied for the lead with this kind of record," Reed said Thursday night, after his Alberta rink, the handsome Roy Winthers rink, Columbia crew from Vancouver, lost to the first round round robin event.

The way the ice has been going, I didn't think anyone would win eight straight games.

Winthers had methodically moved his rink through eight matches without a setback before meeting Reed in the night. But it took a last shot takeout by Reed in the 11th end to produce the first Winthers defeat.

The B.C. foursome will lead the pack with a 11-1 record while Alberta and Jimmy's Quebec rink from Montreal are tied for second spot with 6-2 marks.

Reed, however, admitted

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