KENDALL'S KORNER



Vikings round-up

The 1976-77 B.C. Junior Hockey League season officially ended for Vernon Vikings on Thursday night.

Vikings were eliminated by Penticton Vees, after a truly gutsy performance in six play-off games.

Although no one likes to lose, the end of the season took a big load off the shoulders of owner, general manager, and coach Vern Dye. It hasn't been an easy season for Dye, and even the ending was a little hard to take.

One of the most dangerous incidents ever witnessed in the Civic Arena passed with only a 10-minute misconduct handed out by referee Bruce Walker.

Grant Sidnick tied the game for Vernon with less than two minutes remaining in the third period. Vees' goalie Pat Murphy claimed the puck did not cross the goal line and he emerged from his crease in a fit of rage.

Murphy hurled his stick seven rows up into the stands, in an area crowded with fans. He then proceeded to throw his gloves, one of which struck Walker. The referee handed Murphy a 10-minute misconduct, which will bring no further action from the BCJHL.

Just one month ago, Vernon Captain Gary Gassoff was assessed a 10-game suspension for pushing a linesman during an altercation with Penticton's Dino Sita. Now what is more dangerous — pushing a linesman during a heated dispute or throwing a stick among fans? If the huge goalie's lack had injured a fan — Murphy could be facing criminal charges today.

COSTLY CALL

Yet, Walker saw fit to only give him a misconduct and automatic two-minute minor penalty. That call probably cost Vernon the game. Vees were able to kill the minor, and only 30 seconds after it expired, Gord McKay scored the winning goal.

If Murphy was assessed a match, like he should have been, it would have carried an automatic five-minute major penalty and banished him from the game.

Dye denied the chance to protest the game, saying it wouldn't do any good. But the Vernon boss did say, "If that had been one of our guys, he would have been out of the game in a hurry."

It is all water under the bridge now!

There were some surprises, an... disappointments, for Vikings during the 1976-77 season.

BIG IMPROVEMENT

Biggest improvement was the offensive play of defenceman Brian Maser. Maser, who scored only four goals last year, emerged as the top goal-scoring defenceman in the BCJHL.

Another plus was the season-ending play of centre Cam Torgeson, who came to Vernon this year from the Vees, got off to a... tional start. He had only eight goals up to January, but doubled that total in February.

In the six-game semi-final series, he was Vernon's top scorer with 10 points.

Veterans Gary Huth and Jack Lefley enjoyed their most productive seasons in the BCJHL and goaltender Keith Ferner came on strong in the playoffs, after a mediocre season.

The biggest disappointment was the play of the rookies. The first-year players didn't mature like they should have. Several of them, including Brad McDonald, Derek Rideout, Stacey Smeader, and Barry Lang, played far below their potential.

The crowds were down slightly this season, but so was the budget. Dye chopped the team budget by about 40 per cent, which will minimize the team's loss.

Dye said, "We didn't have too bad a season financially. We lost a few thousand dollars, but it shouldn't be near as bad as the past few seasons."

Next year — the Vernon GM says he is going to start recruiting much earlier to build a solid competitor.

He said, "We got a late start this season because of front-office problems. But, we'll get a good jump for 1977-78."

Hockey season ended abruptly, but you can hardly call it a short year. Including exhibition, league, and playoff games, the Vikings played 78 games.



GRAYDON BROWN
. . . with Green



BARRY DYE
. . . playing well

Cougars host Raiders tonight

Vernon Sport Cougars host Winfield Raiders in a North Okanagan Hockey League sudden-death, semi-final game tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

Winner will advance to the best-of-three league final series against Price and Markle.

Cougars' Player-coach King Cam told the Daily News his club will beat the Raiders.

Cam said, "We're coming off a great victory over Lumby. The guys played probably their best game of the year."

BEST PAIR

Vernon's best defensive pair in recent games has been Graydon Brown and Bruce Green. Cam said, "Graydon has really been coming on. He is playing good two-way hockey."

Up front, Barry Dye has been one of Cougars' most consistent performers. Against Lumby, Dye had seven breakaways and scored only once. "However," Cam said, "when a guy is breaking like that he has to be playing good hockey."

NO PENALTIES

To beat Winfield, Vernon must stay out of the penalty box. Last time the clubs met, Raiders won 5-3 and scored three power-play goals.

Cam said, "We'll have to play our style and outskate them. If we can stop (Fred) Parent and (Mike) Roche, we'll be okay."

Admission is only $1.50 for adults, and children, accompanied by adults, will be admitted free.

First game in the final series is scheduled Sunday, at 5:30 p.m., at the Civic Arena.

Vernon women may make teams

Four Vernon women are vying for positions on Okanagan teams which will represent the valley in B.C. Field Hockey championships.

Jill Hewitson, Anne Harvey, and Zoe Wakelin are trying out for the ladies team, which will be competing in the Tri Senior Tournament, to be held April 23 and 24 in Burnaby.

Practices for the team started last weekend and all three Vernon players are given good chances of making the squad.

JUNIOR TEAM

Meanwhile, Barb Paul, of VSSS, has been asked to continue working out with the Okanagan high school team, which will compete in the B.C. Junior Tournament, April 16 and 17 in West Vancouver.

Coach of the junior team, Merv Andrews of Kelowna, has been impressed with Paul's performance to date.

Canadian Field Hockey Association has organized several clinics in the Okanagan this year to improve the skills of players, coaches, and umpires.

CLINIC SET

The first clinic, to be held March 14 and 15 at Clarence Fulton School, will be a coaches certification course conducted by Canadian National Coach Ann McKenna.

The clinic, which will last seven hours, is designed to instruct PE teachers and coaches in the basic skills and tactics of the game.

Registration fee is $8 for CFHA members, and $10 for non-members.

CFHA will be sending a full team of players, coaches, and umpires to Vernon on April 30 to conduct a two-day clinic. Umpire ratings will be held at that time.

For further information phone Zakelin at 542-7333.

Clippers squeak and Bucks laugh

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nanaimo Clippers and Kelowna Buckaroos won their British Columbia Junior Hockey League quarter-final series Friday night—the Clippers in a squeaker and the Bucks in a laugher.

In Nanaimo, Mike Shields scored twice to lead the Clippers past Abbotsford Flyers 4-2—the final Clipper counter was scored into an empty net—while Rick Benninghoff scored three in Kelowna to help the Bucks dump Merritt Centennials 12-6.

Both clubs won their best-of-seven encounters in five games and the Clippers meet Langley Lores in a best-of-seven semifinal that starts Sunday in Nanaimo while Kelowna meets Penticton Vees in the other semi starting Sunday in Kelowna.

George Fritz and Kelly Short added the other Nanaimo goals. Short's marker came when the Flyers pulled goalie Larry Lozinski for a sixth attacker. Lindsay Johnson and Larry Melnyk were the Abbotsford marksmen.

Lozinski blocked 48 shots for the Flyers, while Steve Hanna stopped 18 for Nanaimo.

BIG CROWD DELIGHTED

Almost 2,300 Kelowna fans watched Scott Lang, John Oliver and Doug Davis each score two goals to add to the Bucks' rout while Rod Dancuk, Scott MacLeod and Brian Matthews added the other markers.

Paul Chadwick and Neil Robinson scored two goals each and Laurie Nordstrom scored a single marker for the Centennials which were behind 4-3 after the first period and 9-4 after 40 minutes.

Kelly Dube replaced Merritt netminder Brad Earp after Earp was handed a game misconduct for slamming his stick on the boards in front of the Kelowna bench at 13:14 of the second period.

Randy Struch made 26 saves for Kelowna, while Earp and Dube combined for 36 stops.

Armstrong captures tournament

First annual junior high north zone Table Tennis Championships were held recently at Harwood Elementary School.

Eight teams, from five junior highs, took part in the day-long tourney.

Armstrong I placed first overall followed by Shuswap I, and Armstrong II.

Kalamalka's two teams finished sixth and seventh, while Clarence Fulton's squad wound up in the cellar.

Top individual player was Armstrong's Owen Schoenberger. Schoenberger, who is only in grade 8, won all of his matches.

Quebec rink victory near — but rest needed

MONTREAL (CP) — Jim Ursel's Quebec rink is one victory away from the Canadian men's curling championship but the Montreal skip says he is only interested in a little rest.

"I think I'll go back to the hotel and relax," Ursel said Friday night after his foursome scored a 7-2 victory over Manitoba's John Usackis of Lac du Bonnet in 13th-draw action. "I can use it."

The Quebec victory gave Ursel an 8-2 record, good enough for first place ahead of Roy Vinthers' British Columbia rink from Vancouver with an 8-3 mark. The loss dropped Usackis out of the running, tied for fourth place with Tom Reed's Alberta rink from Edmonton with 6-4 marks.

The Montreal contingent entered Friday's play with a 6-2 record, but came up with a hard-fought 9-6 victory over Vinthers in the afternoon draw. The Vancouver crew, which has a bye from today's final-round play, then dropped a 5-3 decision to Wayne Hamilton's stubborn Newfoundland rink from St. John's in evening play.

AWARE OF IMPORTANCE

Ursel said his team was aware of the importance of the Manitoba game and didn't intend to blow it before an enthusiastic Velodrome crowd.

"It would have been very disappointing to come out here and lose," he said. "B.C. is a good team but we didn't want to let them get away."

In other games Friday night, Saskatchewan's Lee Rogers of Regina dropped Reed 9-3, Toronto's Paul Savage skipped Ontario to a 7-3 decision over Roly Mockler's New Brunswick rink from Fredericton and Nova Scotia's Bob Fitzner from Halifax downed Rusty Tate's Northern Ontario crew from Sudbury 4-2. Don Twa's Territories rink from Whitehorse and Prince Edward Island's Ken MacDonald of Charlottetown were idle.

Ontario is third at 7-3 while the Territories and Saskatchewan have 6-5 marks. Northern Ontario is 4-7, Nova Scotia has a 3-7 mark, New Brunswick is 2-8 and P.E.I. trails the field at 1-9.

NEEDS VICTORY

Ursel needs a win over Fitzner's Nova Scotians in the final draw, which was scheduled to get under way at 1:30 p.m. EST today, to take first place and represent Canada at the world championship at Karlstad, Sweden, later this month.

In other final-draw games today, Ontario meets Alberta, New Brunswick plays Manitoba, Saskatchewan takes on P.E.I. and the Territories tackle Newfoundland. Northern Ontario, along with B.C., were idle.

Usackis said his team didn't deserve to win their crucial 13th-draw match.



Salmon Arm girls in final

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Defending champion Salmon Arm Jewels won two games Friday to advance to today's final of the British Columbia AA high school girls basketball championship against Reynolds of Saanich.

Salmon Arm defeated Kamloops 50-31 in quarter-final action with Bev Smith scoring 23 points. Jane Favali led Kamloops with 12 points.

Salmon Arm then defeated Mennonite Educational Institute of Abbotsford in the semi-final 42-19. Bev Smith led the winners again with 12 points, while Connie Matties scored eight for MEI.

MEI had edged Prince Rupert earlier in the day 41-37 to advance to the semi-final. Irene Martens scored 15 points for MEI, while Lisa Young added 14 for Prince Rupert.

In the other side of the draw, Reynolds defeated Templeton of Vancouver 52-48 in one quarter final. Tracey Huclack scored 22 points for Templeton but it was not enough. Donna Rogers led Reynolds with 13.

In the other quarter-final, Victoria High slipped by Cranbrook 28-23. Sandy Lewis scored eight points for Victoria, the same figure as Cranbrook's Chris Tegart.

BASKET TIMELY

Reynolds then needed a basket by Rhonda Keller with nine seconds remaining to edge Victoria in the semi-final 30-28. Keller was the top scorer for Reynolds with 17 points. Vicki Fitzpatrick led Victoria with 14.

In consolation play, Carson Graham of North Vancouver downed Chilliwack 56-22. Tracey Visaux led the winners with 19 points, while Tara Wilson added 10 for Chilliwack.

Richmond topped Quesnel 61-37 with Nancy Dewitt and Rhonda Good scoring 20 points each. Darlene Winter scored 19 points for Quesnel.

Nanaimo defeated Abbotsford 45-34 with Susan Shaw collecting a game high 23 points for Nanaimo. Brenda Herbert added eight points for Abbotsford.

Point Grey also advanced in consolation round play with a 44-40 win over Nelson. Dana Sinclair led Point Grey with 20 points, while Laurie Naka was the Nelson high scorer with 14.

Victoria and MEI meet today to decide third and fifth place. Templeton faces Cranbrook and Prince Rupert plays Kamloops with the winners meeting to decide fourth and sixth place.

Richmond plays Point Grey and Carson Graham meets Nanaimo with the winners playing to decide ninth and 10th places.

Busy week in volleyball

Three games were played Wednesday in Honeymooners' Volleyball League action at the Recreation Complex.

Jolly Jumpers hammered Beginners 15-1, 16-14, and 15-11. Hot Cheeks dumped Orangutangs 15-4, 15-11, and 16-14, and Team Cannabis beat Dingbats 15-9, 15-13, and 3-15.

Earlier in the week in Honeymooners play, Just Us trounced Chimos 15-11, 15-11, and 15-10; Friends clobbered Spastic Spikers 15-1, 15-3, and 15-3; Hot Cheeks edged Ball Busters 15-12, 9-15, and 15-11; and Daredevils defeated Goodtimers 15-6, 15-10, and 15-3.

In ladies' volleyball action, also at the Recreation Complex, Spartans downed Nightimes 15-4, 15-8 and 4-15; Speedos rolled over Jugglers 15-3, 15-13, and 12-15; Operators outscored Heroes 8-15, 15-1, and 15-4; and Sneakers thumped K-Clan 15-8, 15-0, and 15-7.

PIN POINTS

TUES. COFFEE PA.. TY
March 1

High single, Lil Jamieson 301; high triple, Lil Jamieson 741; high average, Lil Jamieson 209

Team high single, Maypo 1347; high triple, Maypo 3773; 300 Club, Lil Jamieson 301, 700 Club, Lil Jamieson 741

TEAM STANDINGS

Sugar Pops	301
Weetabix	256
Maypo	250
Corn Flakes	239

March 2— Early Birds

Women's high single, Sandra Hauff 308; high triple, Sandra Hauff 741; high average, Linda Flanders 196

Team high single, Woodpeckers 1369; high triple, Boobies 3884; 300 Club, Sandra Hauff 309; 700 Club, Sandra Hauff 753

TEAM STANDINGS

Woodpeckers	2 1
Loons	212
Lovebirds	193
Boobies	190

MARCH 2—9:15 p.m.

Women's high single, Angie Brisbin and Anna Lewis, 279; high triple, Elouise Robbins 662; high average, Lori Kuprik 198

Men's high single, Len Melbourne 298; high triple, Len Melbourne 751; high average, Shig Tabata 232

Team high single, Coldstream Hotel 1349; high triple, Coldstream Hotel 3757

TEAM STANDINGS

Assassins	277
Family Affair	248
Vikings	209½
McRichards	208½

March 1, 1977
Classic

Women's high single, May Turek, 323; high triple, Willie Wendel, 740; high average, May Turek, 225

Men's high single, Ron Trask, 346; high triple, Garry Monk, 878; high average, Shig Tabata 240

Team high single, Status Quo, 962; high triple, Les Quatre, 2774; 300 Club, Ron Trask, 346, Garry Monk, 338, May Turek, 323; 700 Club, Willie Wendel, 740, Val Webb, 737, May Turek, 704; 800 Club, Garry Monk, 878, Grant Costigan, 808

Team Standings

Lena's Bunch	21½
Frank's Tanks	19
Hi-Lo	18
Status Quo	16

March 3, 1977
Thursday 7-9

Women's High Single, Irene Walker, 277; high triple, Ruth Potts, 698; high average, May Turek, 221

Men's high single, Ron Trask, 360; high triple, Garry Monk, 780; high average, John Tykalovich, 245

Team high single, Hi Rollers, 1361; high triple, Sticky Fingers, 3717

Team Standings

Sticky Fingers	299
Vernon Fruit Union	284½
South Paws	251
VPO	224½

March 3, 1977
Thursday Matinee

Women's high single, Judy Breikreutz, 273; high triple, Willie Wendel, 629; high average, Willie Wendel, 217

Team high single, Drop Outs, 1292; high triple, Two Timers, 3610

Team Standings

Cameos	357
Drop Outs	347
Keglers	333
Happy Gang	329½
Question Marks	329

Thurs. Morn. Coffee Party

High single, Carol Skidmore and Lil Jamieson, 292; high triple, Carol Skidmore, 742; high average Lil Jamieson, 212

Team high single, Silver Stars, 1... y; high triple, Silver Stars, 3...

300 Club: Carol Skidmore, 742

Pins over Average: Arleen Aalderink, 78

Team Standings

Silver Stars	296½
Alley Crocks	283½
The Spendy "5"	241
East Side Gang	228

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. VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

NADS defeated Spikers 3-2 in the best - of - five men's Commercial Volleyball League championship this week. Members of the NADS are from left, back row, Mike Perry, Ray Rinuedell, Al Grams, George Reid and Ron Watt. Front row, Dick Joba, Dave Heard, Bob McDonell, and Mike Carney. Reid and Grams were named to the league's first all-star team along with Otto Reich and Harry Vick of Spikers, Ralph Gering of Tullers, and Shawn Hamilton of 57 Series. Second all-star squad had Tom Tull and Ivan Shockey of Tullers, Tom Skinner of Spikers, John Appleby of Consumers, Doug Cole of Hook-ups, and Denis Murdoch of Lagers.

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The Inquiry is being held to review the Pollution Control Objectives for the Mining, Mine-milling, and Smelting Industries of British Columbia, as established by the Pollution Control Board on November 30, 1973. Submissions are invited from interested persons, and/or organizations. Those who wish to participate should notify the Pollution Control Branch no later than June 30, 1977.

An Information Sheet providing details of the terms of reference and procedures to assist interested parties in the preparation and submission of briefs to the Inquiry, can be obtained by contacting:

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