

Wings drop two games

Vernon Vikings lost two hockey games and one heckuva player over the weekend.

Vikings lost their second and third straight exhibition games, 9-2 Saturday in Pentiction and 3-2 Sunday against the Kelowna Buckaroo in Vernon.

However, what will hurt more is the loss of left winger Darren Halasz. Halasz suffered a fractured wrist in Sunday's game and will be lost to the club for six weeks.

To date, he has been the best left winger on the Vikings and probably the best skater on the team.

On Saturday, the powerful Vees roared over Vernon, both on the scoreboard and physically. The only thing more impressive than Vees' ability is their size.

CALLED GARBAGE

Vees hacked, slashed, and high-tailed their way past the smaller Vikings. Vernon Coach Sheldon Bloomer told Pentiction Coach Terry Martin what he thought of the Vees.

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SHeldon Bloomer ... attacks Vees

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There was a total of 181 minutes in penalties.

On Sunday, Vikings played better but were physically and mentally tired from the game in Pentiction.

Bloomer said, "I don't like to make excuses, but it was our fourth game in four days and that Saturday night game took a lot out of us. We were physically beat."

"In this league you've got to score five or six goals per game to win - and we're not doing it. We've got to improve our offence."

DUMB PENALTIES

Vernon played well enough to win Sunday, but were hurt by stupid penalties. Kelowna scored three powerplay goals, two of them while Vikings were serving penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct.

John Neeld gave Bucks a 1-0 first period lead on a powerplay. Darrel Carlbom put Kelowna ahead 2-0 early in the second before Bennie McNeil scored a pair of goals, just 13 seconds apart, to tie the game midway through the period.

Bucks took the lead when Rob McCrady's point shot went in, with two Vikings in the sin bin.

PENALTY SHOT

Vernon again tied the game at 1-1 at the final period when Rob Jacobson scored a penalty shot. The shot was awarded by referee Bob Kemp after a Kelowna player gloved



Rob Jacobson ... penalty shot

the puck in his crease.

Rod Danchurch scored what proved to be the winner at 4:31 when Vikings' defenceman Brian Maser coughed up the puck in his own end.

Then, Neeld added an insurance powerplay goal at 17:53.

Bucks' netminder Randy Struch made 28 saves while three Vernon netminders combined to stop 22 shots.

Bloomer said, "Naturally we're looking for some player help, but I'm not sure that we can get in late-September. I think we can play better than we have been."

GOALPOSTS: Vikings play their final exhibition game Tuesday in Merritt against Joe Tennant and his Centralers, after Sunday's game. Bloomer's goalies are Tom Loski and forward Brent Peat.

both from Kelowna.

Goaltender Daryl Morin arrived in town over the weekend and will continue to warm up today. He played with Red Deer Rustlers of the Alberta Junior A League last year.

Defenceman Randy Will, released by Seattle Breakers A League last year, on Friday rejoined Vikings for Sunday's game.

Mission golfer wins tournament

Fred Kato of Mission shot a 36-hole total of 139 to capture the annual Canada Goose Open Tournament over the weekend at Spallumcheen Golf Club.

A total of 149 golfers, including 80 from Kamloops, took part in the two-day event.

Kato, considered one of the top amateurs in the province, finished rounds of 68 and 71. Two years ago he was runner-up in the Canada Goose behind Frank Fritz of Kamloops.

PRAISES COURSE

Kato praised U course saying, "It used to be a good, easy course - but now it's just good. I had a lot of fun playing it again."

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Racing season wraps up

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Gudetti had the fastest clocking in time trials at 19.8 seconds, won both 'A' heats, and secured second in a main event.

Dave Saunders edged Gudetti in the 30-lap main event. Only four of 10 starters were able to finish the race.

At the end of the trophy dash while Larry Williamson and Wes Hoosack captured the 'B' heat.

In the novelty races: Hoosack and his mechanic won the driver's challenge race. Rick Ritchie took the track sponsor's event, Evelyn Hoosack was the best 30 powder puff competition, and Chuck Hayhurst was victor in the oldtimers' race.

An excellent crowd was in attendance, however, exact figures were not available.

Local soccer squads capture tourney titles

Three Vernon and District Junior teams came home as champions from weekend tournaments.

The seven Eagles Club and eighth division Tractor Masters took top honors at the Kamloops Youth Tournament while Silco Electric captured first-place at the Nelson Regional tournament.

Eagles thumped a tough Kamloops top team 5-1 in the championship game.

David Monk was the big gun for the winners with three goals while Paul Morgan collected a pair.

Vernon netminder Rudy Poeschke was outstanding in the final game.

On their way to the championship, Eagles blanked North Kamloops 4-0 and Kamloops City 9-0.

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DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

FIGURE SKATING TODAY
4 to 7 p.m., Recreation Complex, Vernon Figure Skating Club registration.

GOLFING
RCMP provincial championship golf tournament continues to Tuesday at the Vernon Golf Club.

CURLING
7 p.m., Curling Club, Men's Evening League registration and general meeting.

MINOR HOCKEY
9:15 p.m., midget house practice at Civic Arena.

MINOR SOCCER (Games at 5:30 p.m.)
Army Camp, Eagles vs. D and H Auto and Smitty vs. Taste Free (Div. 6)

Tuesday
McDonald Park, Kinamen vs. Vernon Sport and Trecraft vs. Eika (Div. 8)

McDonald Park, OK Builders vs. 1 and 2 Electric and Terry Dyck vs. Roy's Tire. In Lumby, Lumby No. 1 vs. Lumby No. 2 (Div. 9)

TUESDAY
MINOR HOCKEY
7 p.m., per we rep practice at Civic Arena.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BAD START
Vernon Mens Rugby Club got its 1977 season off to a disastrous start on Sunday. The locals were on the losing end of a 29-0 score against Kamloops.

FLAG FOOTBALL
In the Mountain Division of the Mens Kickwellie flag Football League Sunday: Shirt Shack drilled Worcester 48-6. Toyota tied Block Bros 6-6. Realtors blanked Condors 19-0 and NAPS fought to a 20-20 deadlock with Odds and Soda. In the Valley Division: Nationals edged Untouchables 14-12. Royals defeated shutout RCMP 14-0. Blind Melons doubled St. Anthony's 12-6, and Black Russians whipped Toros 20-0.

CHURCH LOOP
Men's and women's Church Volleyball Leagues get under way Oct. 17 at Kalamalka Junior Secondary School. Any church, synagogue or parish group may enter a team.

Team registration fee is \$48, to be paid at the Recreation Complex. For further information phone 645-8025.

RETIRES CHAMPIONSHIP
OTTAWA (CP) - Cliff Thorburn of Toronto successfully defended his Canadian mens snooker championship for the third year in a row Saturday, defeating Robert Paquette.

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FRED KATO of Mission breezed to victory in the Canada Goose Open Tournament over the weekend at Spallumcheen Golf Course. Kato tied a 36-hole total of 139 to beat his closest rival by five strokes. (Daily News Photo)

Three teams in race for soccer supremacy

The Okanagan Senior Soccer League champion won't be decided until the final game of the season.

The three teams battling for the league title all posted victories in action on Sunday.

Kelowna Zodiacs edged Vernon Spartans 1-0. Kelowna Kickers dominated National Hotel Blues 6-1, and Rutland Teamsters squeaked past Kamloops Raiders 1-0.

Zodiacs and Kickers are tied for the lead with 25 points, one more than Teamsters. However, Kickers have two games remaining and the other two just one.



VERNON SPARTANS' netminder, Bob Mann makes a great save during Sunday's Okanagan Senior Soccer League game at McDonald Park. Despite

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NEW YORK (AP) - New York Ranger centre Wayne Dillon will be sidelined for up to six weeks with strained ligaments in his left knee, a Ranger spokesman said Saturday. Dillon suffered the injury in the second period of a National Hockey League exhibition game against the Washington Capitals.

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Vernon girls place second

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Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' volleyball team made an impressive showing this weekend placing second in their annual Fall Invitational Tournament.

The girls opened up with a pair of wins over Kelowna and went on to defeat Courtenay, Central and New Westminster, but lost two out of three games to Nelson.

In semi-final action, Vernon beat New Westminster two games straight, but again lost to Nelson in the finals by scores of 18-8 and 15-13.

PLAIES NELSON
Girls' coach Anne Stokes said, "On the whole, I was very pleased. It was a good team effort."

Stokes was full of praise for the Nelson team, "Nelson's just a super, super team. They deserved to win."

The VSSS coach singled out two players for their individual effort, "Donna Lee did an exceptionally good job on hitting and Sue Zelany was all over the court. She was just fantastic. Also our substitute off the bench did exceptionally well in the final game."

PLACED SIXTH
During the weekend the VSSS boys' team gave their best shot against older and more experienced teams as

they placed sixth in the tournament. Vernon coach Barrie Reid was optimistic about his team, "We never really got blown off the court, but we're basically a grade 11 group and we have our ups and downs. We have a lot of potential but some of the basic fundamentals are lacking. More work is needed on blocking and service but we should do okay this year."

Reid named Brent Zimmer as the outstanding player on his team.

Both Vernon teams are back in action on Thursday, at 4 p.m., when they host Armstrong and Salmon Arm in their official season opener.

Vernon club ladies' draw

Sept. 27
PAR POINT
9:00 a.m. D. Gower, J. Balestra, F. Whiting
9:15 a.m. P. Taylor, J. Stowell, A. Robertson
9:30 a.m. T. Kirk, V. Wellington, S. Penick
9:45 a.m. J. Haber, K. Kin, C. Crack, S. Hurliga
10:00 a.m. R. Pierce, E. Stephenson, J. Axerson
10:15 a.m. G. Oskawara, I. Duck, E. Buchanan
10:30 a.m. S. Spanik, C. Sulford
Last week's winners: 1. B. Pierce's Team 2. Shea's Team

Tri-Lake fights back to beat glassmen 30-20

Tri-Lake Lincoln Mercury fought from behind in the dying minutes to defeat H and I Glass 30-20 in a banquet football league action Sunday at Creekside Park.

H and I led 20-14 late in the game before Tri-Lake rallied for the victory.

In another banquet game, Kelowna Lakers trounced Village Greens 31-10.

That game was closer than the score indicated, however, four turnovers proved costly for the Vernon squad.

Flag league play saw Dairy Queen whip Kal Tire 30-18 and Starvita hammer Baron Insurance 32-12.

THE VERNON KOKANEE SWIM CLUB
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