

# Vikings' losing streak stretched to five games



WALLY BEVAN of Vernon Sport Cougars and Ron Armour of Grindrod Elks battle for possession to the right of Cougars' goalie Mike Smithers during Sunday's NHL exhibition game in Vernon.

Elks beat Smithers six times en route to a 4-1 victory. League play gets under way Friday night, in Vernon. (Daily News Photo)

## KENDALL'S KORNER

### Yankees in series

It is time for all you non-believers to admit you were wrong! How could you not trust the New York Yankees? The Yankees, who are developing a habit of Hollywood finishes, start the World Series today against Los Angeles Dodgers. It was just one year ago Chris Chambliss' dramatic ninth inning homer pushed Yankees past Kansas City Royals.

On Sunday, it wasn't one swoop of the bat in the ninth inning — it was two singles, a sacrifice, and an error, but the same outcome.

If New York had lost the series to Royals, they would have stocked up enough excuses to write a book.

Number one on the list would have been the depleted pitching staff. Ace starters Catfish Hunter and Don Gullett both pulled up lame. Ed Figueroa was slightly hurt and Ken Holtzman hasn't pitched for so long he forgets where the mound is. Sparky Lyle became Mr. Everything for Yankee.

But, Gullett has recovered miraculously and will start today.

### SLUGGERS STOPPED

Excuse number two: The left-handed power hitters didn't do a thing.

The men Kansas City were afraid of were Reggie Jackson, Chambliss, and Graig Nettles — the modern day version of Marlon Brando.

Between the three sluggers, they manage only six singles in 48 times at bat. In fact, the powerful Yankees managed only two home runs in the five games, those by Thurman Munson and Cliff Johnson. During the regular season, New York averaged more than a homer per game.

Excuse number three: Dissension killed the team. It is no secret the Yankees fight more with each other than with the opposition. Manager Billy Martin and Jackson like each other as much as Tiger Williams and Dave Schultz.

But, Jackson had an interesting comment about Martin after Sunday's victory. He said, "Give him credit — Martin would play Hitler if he thought it would help him win."

Then Martin replied, "I made it hard on Reggie during the year, but I have developed the greatest respect and admiration for the guy. He really put out for us the last two months of the season."

Excuse number four: Kansas City was the hottest team in baseball during August and September.

Royals were near-flawless in the field and awesome at the plate. They had power, speed, and pitching.

However, in the final two games, third baseman George Brett (considered by some to be the best third baseman in the game) made two costly errors. And shortstop Fred Patek, perhaps Most Valuable Player in the playoffs, hit into a doubleplay to end the series.

So much for momentum!

### DODGERS FAVORED

Dodgers with their great pitching staff led by Tommy John, Don Sutton, and Doug Rau, are favored going into the World Series.

Besides the strong arms, L.A. has the booming bats of Reggie Smith, Dusty Baker, Steve Garvey, and Ron Cey. Dave Lopes and Bill Russell will tear up the basepaths.

Dodgers' Manager Tommy Lasorda said, "We built this team on love and togetherness."

The questions are — will love beat the bad Bronx Bombers? Will Billy Martin be fired after losing? Will the Yankees sluggers be stopped again? Don't count on it — put your money on the Yankees.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**FLAG FOOTBALL**  
Six games were played in men's flag football action Sunday at VHS in the Valley League. Bland Meison clobbered Intoxicates 42-0. St. Anthony's downed RCMP 20-14, and National Hotel whipped Toros 20-0 in the Mountain League. Team Toyota blanked Wometco 10-0. Reators whittled Odds and Soda 13-0, and Short Skirt whitewashed Condors 67-0.

**TWO DEPARTS**  
Spastic Spiders defaulted to Friends, and Zodiack could not floor a team against Old Stylers in Home moons. Volleyball League play Sunday at the Recreation Complex in games that were played. Six Pack beat Camp

**MINOR HOKEY**  
Vernon Minor Hockey Association practice times for the next 24 hours are: 8:15 to 9:00 p.m., pers. were house; 9:10 to 10 p.m., juvenile rep; Wednesday 8 to 7 a.m., midjet rep. 7 to 6 a.m., pup rep.

**CAPTAIN NAMED**  
BLOOMINGTON (Minn. Ave.) — Defenceman Nick Hepler, 30, a 10-year veteran, will serve as captain during the coming Hockey season. Minnesota North Stars the National Hockey League said Monday.

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### Harris leads Grindrod attack

Grindrod Elks defeated Vernon Sport Cougars 6-1 in North Okanagan Hockey League exhibition action before 100 spectators Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

Rick Harris scored two goals to lead the Grindrod attack while Bob Mayer, Bernie Smithson, Ken Haller, and Guy Davidson added singles.

Barry Dye, Andy Gilbert, Graydon Brown, and Rick Rice replied for Cougars.

Vernon neiminder Mike Smithson made 32 saves while Elks' goalies Ed Forslund and Leon Nowak combined to block 21 shots.

**PENALTIES HURT**  
Cougars led 1-0 at the end of the first period, but a rash of minor penalties proved costly game.

Most encouraging thing for Cougars, and the NHL, was the 100 people at the game, despite the baseball playoff game on television.

League play gets under way Friday night when Cougars host Kelowna Molsons at 8:30 p.m.

**GOALPOSTS:** in other weekend exhibition games, Winfield Raiders doubled Grindrod 4-2 and Westside Packers outscored Vernon Canadians 9-7.

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### Juveniles win and tie

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps recorded a win and tie in exhibition action over the weeks against Penitton.

On Saturday at home, Tom Ouchi led the Vernon attack as the teams fought to a 4-4 deadlock.

Jack Prokopets and Kelly Kaneda were the other markmen for the locals.

Sunday in the Peach City, Vernon whipped their hosts 11-3.

Gary Redman was the top sniper with three goals while Ouchi and Wayne Brown added two apiece. Singles went to Ed Edwards, Gerry Pester, Kaneda, and Prokopets.

### LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1972  
New Westminster Bruins coach Ernie McLean announced a four-year Vernon Esso veteran Wayne Dye has made the Western Canada Hockey League team.

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### Blasting Rutland 9-2 in Lumby on Sunday

and Archie Fleming of Tier One Pee Wee House 7-2 on the same day. Against Rutland Bruce Major led Vernon with four goals. Brent Gilchrist, Warren Schneider, Dennis Holland, Danny Marti and Danny Nolan collected singles.

A Vernon hold period leads of 4-1 and 6-1. Vernon goalies Maskefreguh and Ronnie Hodgson made 21 shots while Rutland goalenders stopped 32 Vernon attempts on goal.

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### Chippers took a 2-0 first period lead and led 4-3 after 40 minutes

Randy Keller scored two goals for Nanaimo while Aaron Rucks, Greg Adams, Nigel Thomas, and Ed Beauchemin added singles.

Brian Maser, Darcy Wilkinson, Mike Winther, and Rob Grant replied for Vikings.

**HOT KAMLOOPS**  
That game was marred by a wild brawl at the end of the third period, in the dressing room only. One Clipper received a gash on his head and Viking Bernie McNeil was so badly hurt he had to be carried out of the arena.

Blame are a few crazy Nanaimo fans. They started the whole mess.

Luckily, no one was seriously hurt, but Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye is determined to make a lot of changes before that game. I don't want players here for a free ride — I want guys who want to work.

### Meanwhile, Bellingham Blazers lived and died in sudden-death overtime

On Sunday, Kelowna Buckaroos edged Blazers 5-1 in overtime Saturday in Revelstoke, the U.S. team edged Bruins 7-6. In other games, Langley Lords beat Kamloops 5-2, Penitton Vees thumped the Chiefs 6-2, and Merritt Centennials topped Langley 5-1.

In games today, Vees host Merritt and Bellingham visits Langley.



KEN AND RUTH WADSWORTH of Vernon were the overall low net champions in the Husband and Wife Golf Tournament held on Sunday. About 250 golfers took part in the event. (Daily News Photo)

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