

JACKSON IS THE HERO

Yanks are the champs

NEW YORK (AP)—Reggie Jackson, the man who stirred the drink, made it a champagne cocktail Tuesday night. With three dramatic home runs, he gift-wrapped New York's 84 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers and a 21st World Series championship for the Yankees.

"I am the straw that stirs the drink," Jackson said before he had ever batted for the Yankees in a major league game. "Catcher and captain (Thurman) Munson can only stir it had."

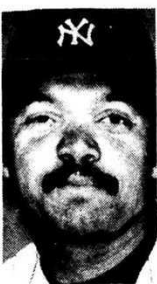
Though that comment alienated Munson and touched off the Yankees' soap opera season of conflict and controversy, all was forgotten Tuesday night as Jackson powered New York to the Series, four games to two.

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VSSS kickers still undefeated

By DAVID TURNER
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' AA soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to six when they dumped Westside, of Kamloops, 4-2 on Tuesday.

Sam Salko opened the scoring and Gord Howard, assisted by Byron Turford, added a second as VSSS held a 2-1 edge at half-time. Al Betton provided both Vernon goals. His first one was a beautiful head ball from about 20 feet out. The second was assisted

by Salko, who had to beat two men, to get the ball to Betton.

VSSS Coach Keith Brookes said, "They didn't play well but then again it's difficult to play a team so much worse. We did well under the circumstances but the boys were not psyched up. It was a scrappy game but we had a job to do and we did it."

Our halfback line of Jeff Chantler, Glenn Par-chonchak and Kelly Schley played solid, two-way soccer. Particularly Chantler.

VSSS is in for a tough game when it hosts Kamloops next Thursday.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MINOR HOCKEY (Civic Arena)
4:45 to 10 p.m., midget house league practice
6 to 7 a.m. (Thursday), bantam rep practice
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Beattie School)
7:30 p.m., Kai Tire vs. Letrick; 8:30 p.m., Sun Auto vs. Vernon Auto Sport
MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
All games 7:30 p.m. At Kai School: Woodstocks, Village Green, Bib and Tucker, and Coldstream Hotel; at OK Landing School: Justice, Hot Shots, Bumpers, and Speedie
COMMERCIAL VOLLEYBALL
At Pulton 7 p.m., Gustave vs. Heroes and Wesco vs. Kootenay; 8 p.m., Gustave vs. Cobras and Fontie's Girls vs. Roadrunners; 9 p.m., Dollies vs. Collaborators and Jokers vs. All-Stars
At Seaton 7 p.m., Fataleth vs. Setters and Mission Impossible vs. Kai Tire; 8 p.m., Stompers vs. Gold Diggers and Mixed Nuts vs. Smashers; 9 p.m., Sneakers vs. Magnificent Seven and Howlers vs. Red Top.

Bloomer resigns post with Vikings

For the fifth time in less than 15 months, Vernon Vikings of the B.C. Junior Hockey League are looking for a coach.

Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News on Tuesday night he is turning his resignation after only seven games as coach of the club.

Gerry Werman gave the job early last season, Gary Swanson left the team before Christmas, General Manager Vern Dye couldn't find a replacement and took over, and Bloomer was named to the post in late August.

Dye played down Bloomer's move saying, "I left the decision up to him. Our executive hasn't talked about a replacement yet."

COACH BITTER
However, Bloomer was disappointed and bitter. He said, "I'm from the old school — I believe you have to work for whatever you get and there aren't many guys here who want to work."

"It isn't a decision I made overnight, it has been building up for some time."

Bloomer, who played pro hockey six years in the New York Rangers' organization, also took a swipe at the Vikings' executive.

He said, "I can't work under the conditions on this club. There are a lot of kids Vern

(Dye) wants on this team that I don't, and there can't be two bosses. I'm not going to be a bench-warmer."

"There has been no discipline here. This is a place where kids come to play hockey to have a good time. With the exception of Brian Maser and Gary Gasoff, Vikings don't have the calibre of veterans for this league."

Called Garbage
The beginning of the end started after the team's fifth straight loss, Bloomer said. "Four players asked permission to miss practice for a week and go home to Alberta. Now what kind of garbage is that?"

"Another instance was when Dye made the deal with Kamloops for Dale Fetner. I didn't know anything about it until I saw the kid in our dressing room."

"It is a tough and thankless job to run a junior hockey team but it has to be run like a business. Vern picked the team. It is his club, and he can have it. But, I'll tell you, it has screwed up the team's working relationship with Medicine Hat."

Dye will be behind the bench Friday night when Vikings host Abbotsford Flyers. On Saturday, Vernon travels to Revelstoke to battle the Bruins.



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Vernon girls blank Revelstoke

Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' grasshockey team got back on the winning track with a 7-0 shutout victory over Revelstoke Monday.

Vernon marksmen were Dawn Wetzel, and Jackie Dennis with three each and Bue Boyd with a single.

Vernon Coach Zoe Wakekin was content with the victory. "The girls used their heads and put into practice the skills they've learned. We had four outstanding players — Wetzel, Boyd, Caroline Mason and Heidi Isaac. They were all able to dribble the ball downfield to set up scoring opportunities. Also, Kathy Trachuk showed a terrific improvement on defence. She controlled the ball, intercepted passes, and got the ball to her

winger.

The girls travel to Armstrong tonight and Coach Wakekin said, "It should be an easy game. The opposition is not strong. Right now we're second in the zone to Salmon Arm. They've beaten us once, but we meet them again in the last game of the season."

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

OCTOBER, 1972
Penticton Broncos continued their torrid undefeated streak in B.C. Junior A hockey action as they came up with a 3-2 win, their eighth straight victory, defeating Vernon Eskos.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

Vernon Senior Secondary cross-country team had a good chance of placing well in a 10-team meet on Thursday. Left to right are Maurice Heiland, Sheila presently in first place in the fourth zone and boys in second. Members are from left to right, sponsor, Maurice Heiland, Sheila

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