

# SPORTS

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## KENDALL'S KORNER

### Dynasty lives on

Centennial is known for soccer, Oak Bay for basketball, and Notre Dame for football—but the volleyball power in British Columbia remains up here in little old Vernon.

The Vernon Senior Secondary School dynasty started in 1974 when Panthers placed second in B.C. The following season they were best in the province and last year they finished third.

It appeared the dynasty was over this fall. VSSS had lost all but one of its veterans and the club was badly whipped several times in pre-season play. Captain Barrie Reid, who took over last year when Dick Chambers left Vernon, felt he didn't have the horses his time around. However, a strange thing happened—last week they captured the Okanagan title—and are making another trip to the B.C. tournament.

#### LACK TALENT

Reid said, "I don't have the talent on this year's team. However, I tried to concentrate on building a good mental attitude and a never-say-die outlook. I guess it worked."

We spent hours just going over fundamentals. Early in the season, we'd get down by a few points and give up on ourselves. But, that has changed now.

Good proof of that was in the relay tournament when Panthers overcame a 10-0 deficit to win a game.

In past years, VSSS had numerous superstars. Dan Watts, Doug Lemie and Gary when Dick Chambers left Vernon, were the best players to ever play high school ball in B.C. This year, Vernon has no real stars.

Reid said, "We are winning with a team effort. If you wanted to call somebody on our club a star, it would have to be Jim Tilton."

Obviously Reid isn't the only one who didn't think Vernon would have a powerhouse this season. Provincial Coordinator Vic Lindal didn't pick VSSS to finish in the top 10. Already, Vernon has been named one of the top 10 ranked teams, Courtenay, Pentiction, Kamloops, and Esquimalt.

#### THE BUILDER

"The reason for the school's success—Dick Chambers' students' entire life revolves around volleyball. When he took over the Vernon team, volleyball was something students did in their spare time. He molded VSSS into the most awesome volleyball machine in the province."

With the help of Clarence Fulton Coach Denis Murdoch, Chambers also encouraged a strong junior secondary school program to feed the senior night. Obviously that idea has worked because Fulton won the girls' valley title this season and the boys' team placed third.

Reid said, "We get players from the junior highs with two or three years of good coaching behind them. The kids who come to Vernon are as good as some from Seaton, are ready for senior high ball when they get here."

"You have to credit the junior high coaches, but most of all Chambers. He made the volleyball program in Vernon what it is today."

#### VSSS UNDERDOGS

Even though they are Okanagan champs, Panthers will be underdogs in the B.C. tournament. There are a lot of tough teams including Mission, Prince George, Spectrum, and Centennial. However, Reid feels his team will be tough too.

He said, "We didn't blow anyone out of a game all season—we had to work very hard. Therefore, we'll be ready to work and will go into each game with the right mental attitude. I think we'll do well."

Let us not forget the VSSS girls, also the Okanagan champions.

Coach Anne Stokes and her squad was rated sixth in the province and this could be the best year VSSS has ever known. They lack height, but are very talented in the fundamentals.

Again, it is the feeder schools that have done an excellent job teaching the game.

Chambers now resides in Westbank, but you can bet he'll be cheering for the VSSS teams in the upcoming championships.

## Coach and execs share spotlight

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Baseball's free agents are on the move again, but this time they'll have to share some of the spotlight with their coaches and two of baseball's most successful executives.

Free agents Lyman Bostock, Mike Torrez and Dick Drago signed multi-year contracts Monday, but weren't the only members of baseball's family who packed their bags and were heading elsewhere.

Harry Dalton was named as Milwaukee Brewers' new general manager. Dalton was coach Bobby Cox's general manager for the Yankees and took over to take over as chief executive in Cleveland from 1961 to 1972.

Cox, who played two years with the Yankees and compiled a .224 lifetime batting average, is expected to be named the seventh major league manager since the team moved there from Milwaukee in 1969. The Braves had a news conference scheduled for this afternoon.

Cox, 51, would become the youngest manager in the American League to team manage Rod Carew. Bostock had 14 home runs, 12 triples, three doubles, and drove in 99 runs, as well as collecting 190 hits, and scoring 104 runs.

Boston Red Sox, who always seem to have plenty of hitters in the lineup, moved to bolster their pitching staff and dug deep into the cash till to sign veteran pitchers Torrez and Drago.

**SHARRED IN SERIES**  
Torrez, who won two games for the Yankees in the World Series, is reported to have agreed to a seven-year, \$1.5 million contract after a 17-13 season.

Drago, who had a previous stint with Boston, had a .44

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**HONEYMOONERS**  
In Honeymooners Volleyball action Sunday night, Team Cannabiss edged Spastic Spikers 15-10, 7-16 and 15-12.

Spastic Spikers defeated Dareddevil 15-8 and 15-8. Up-Atoms lost to Brenda 15-8, 15-6 and 17-16. Old Flyers bounced Dareddevil 15-1, 16-10 and 7-16 and the Goodtimers spiked the Camp Raiders 6-15, 15-12 and 15-7.



### TEAM OF THE WEEK

Block Brothers captured the playoff championship in the Mountain Division of the Vernon Men's Kickwille Flagg Football League. Team members are from left, back row, Orest Markowky, George Dudd, Bill McIvor, and Gerry Repp. Front row, Greg Caulfield, Riley Twyford, and Dennis Roberts. Missing is Merle Cooke.

### SAINTS WIN IN OVERTIME

# B-ball action cuts close

In Vernon Major Basketball League action this week all three games played were close in score with one going into sudden death overtime to determine a winner.

Husky Service Pioneers went up against the Kal Lake Voyagers in the first game of the evening. Kal Lake lead the scoring in the first half of play by 27-21 with Rick Wilson of the Voyagers netting the top score of 9 points.

Husky Service was able to make a turnaround in the second half of play, however, largely due to the 18 points of Geoff White, leading his team to a 70-58 final score.

The Pioneer's Geoff White was the top scorer of the game, netting a total of 29 points while Glen Wheelhouse managed 20 for the Voyagers to emerge as the top scorer.

In the second game of the night, the Priest Valley Saints, by virtue of their sudden death overtime foul shot, came out victorious over the Coena Bay Rattlers by the score of 55-54.

Cosena Bay took a 30-20 first half advantage, powered by the 12 point output of John Mahler. Priest Valley was able to overcome the odds however and tie the game up at 54 apiece after regulation time. Marvin Friesen was the hero for Priest Valley coming through on a penalty shot to help his team to the win. Friesen was so the game's top scorer, getting 20 points for the Saints while John Mahler managed a close 19 points during the game.

**DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT**  
MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL AT KAL SCHOOL  
6:30 p.m. Husky Service Pioneers vs. Kal Lake Voyagers  
8:00 p.m. Cosena Bay Rattlers vs. Priest Valley Saints  
9:30 p.m. Cherry Creek Trappers vs. Silver Star Mountaineers  
PLEASANT VALLEY HOCKEY  
11:30 p.m. Civic Arena, Toros vs. Vernon Firefighters  
WHITE VALLEY HOCKEY  
9:00 p.m. at Lumby Arena, Burger Barons vs. Royals  
CHURCH VOLLEYBALL  
AT VSSS, 7:30 p.m. Vernon Saints vs. Trinity Thunder  
8:30 p.m. A.M. V.P. Church of God  
HONEYMOONERS VOLLEYBALL  
AT Seaton, 7:30 p.m. Desparados vs. Sum Timers and Super Six vs. Subtractors  
8:30 p.m. Orangatang vs. Tempests and Jam Tartas vs. Rockets.

**Travellers walk over**  
A. Fleming

In bantam house league play on the weekend, Travellers beat Archie Fleming 5-3, Vernon News and Eric's game, getting 24 and Goodwin-Burniston downed Eagles 7-1.

Vernon News were led by Kevin Miskoys with two goals while David Specht and Terry Balfour added singles. Scoring for Eric's were Brad Smith, Rob Schaeffer, Robbie Barr and Jeff Wood.

**PAIR EACH**  
Robbie York and Richard Beup had a pair each for O-B with Tom Wells, David Wenley and Chris Makowichuk adding singles. Nick Kapicki had three assists for the reators with single assists going to Belar, Wells, Kit McKinnon and Kevin Savitsky.

Steve Graham from Scott Lair provided the lone tally for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Sunday morning Goodwin-Burniston travelled to Lumby where the teams played to a hard fought 5-5 tie.

Robbie York scored his second goal of the game with seven seconds left to tie the game. Tom Wells led the Vernon attack with three goals and so assisted.

**OTHER SCORERS**  
Also scoring for Vernon were Kevin Savitsky with one goal and two assists, David Wenley and Richard Belec adding singles. Nick Kapicki again had three assists with Chris Makowichuk and Gordie Edwards picking up single assists.

P. Altwasser led the Lumby attack with three goals and two assists. Other marksmen were L. Edwards with two goals and one assist, D. Niven one goal and two assists, J. Alwasser one of each and T. Hawkins a single goal.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**  
NOVEMBER, 1972  
Ken Hollander earned a shutout as Vernon Juvenile Reps 4-0 h a m e r e d Revolutio 17-0. Berrie Marchand scored four goals.

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## BCJHL standings

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—Standings issued Monday by the British Columbia Junior Hockey League:

Interior	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Penticton	15	4	0	144	72	30
Merritt	14	4	0	125	62	28
Kelowna	13	7	0	125	75	26
Kamloops	7	15	0	92	119	14
Ravestotkie	4	11	0	61	131	8
Vernon	4	14	0	79	130	8
Cosna						
Nanaimo	12	7	0	103	95	24
Bellingham	12	10	0	110	117	24
Abbotsford	10	10	0	84	85	20
Langley	6	15	0	100	139	12

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