

SPORTS

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Cougars lose NOHL squeaker

Vernon Price and Markie Canadians bounced back from a 10-2 shellacking on Saturday night, in Kelowna, to edge Vernon Sport Cougars 3-1 in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

In another Saturday contest, first-place Grindrod Elks dumped cellar-dwelling Winfield Raiders 4-2, in Enderby.

Cougars took a 1-0 first-ender lead on a goal by Rick Ryz.

Netminder Mike Smithson was able to shutout Canadians until 14:54, of the second period, when Iane Marchand tied the game.

Clay Anderson scored the winner at 3:03 of the final period, on a powerplay, and

added an insurance goal, into an empty net, with just five seconds left on the clock.

Smithson finished the game with 34 saves while Canadians' goalie Charlie Briskman made 22 stops.

For Cougars, it was their fourth loss in the last five games.

Meanwhile in Enderby, league-leading scorer Rick Harris collected his 19th and 20th goals of the season to lead Elks past Winfield.

Harris, who also had an assist, has 36 points in just 12 games.

Other Grindrod snipers were Bob Mayer and Tom Sparrow.

Mike Thompson and Jim Dickson replied for Winfield.



VERNON VIKINGS' winger Scott Cozins races after a loose puck with Kelowna Buckaroos' Ken Calder (9) and Guy Johnson (8) in hot pursuit.

Johnson scored a goal as Kelowna dumped Vikings 3-3 on Sunday at the Civic Arena. (Daily News Photo)

TWO DEFENCEMEN HURT

Vikings split games

Vernon Vikings gained a weekend split — and with a little luck — could have recorded two victories in B.C. Junior Hockey League action over the weekend.

Last-place Vikings upset league-leading Merritt Centennials 5-3 on Saturday in Merritt, but then dropped a 6-3 decision to Kelowna Buckaroos on Sunday afternoon, at home.

Goalie Darrell Morin was the star of the game in Merritt. He made several spectacular saves as Cents outshot Vikings 46-33.

Darcy Wilkinson led the Vernon attack with two goals while Mike Winther, Mike Johnson, and Scott Cozins added singles.

Greg Allen, Rick Mettler, and Enderby-native Larry Stankoven replied for the Cents.

struck in the tract by a skate during a scramble. There was blood on the eye, however, unless it hemorrhaged, he should be alright.

Another rearguard, Dale Fetzer, was injured in the first period and early diagnosis is torn knee ligaments. If that is the case, he may need surgery.

To complicate Dye's defensive problem, Brian Maier missed the weekend games and may miss some future dates because of work and Glen Fester is playing, but on tender ankles.

Despite the depleted defensive corps, it was erratic shooting and some bad bounces that led to Vikings' downfall on Sunday.

Juveniles extend win streak to 14

League-leading Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Beps improved its Okanagan-Mainline League record to 9-0 with a pair of weekend victories, outscoring Kamloops 7-4 Sunday and Oliver-Osoyoos 9-2 on Saturday.

Vernon which is on a 14-game win streak including exhibition play, holds a six-point lead over second-place Kamloops and Salmon Arm.

After a scoreless first period, Vernon took a 5-2 lead over Kamloops in the second.

Kelly Kanada, Dirk Drieger, and Jack Prokopets scored two goals each for the winners while Tom Ouchi added a

single.

Cord Miller replied with two more for Kamloops while Dave Favas and Shawn Scott notched singles.

On Saturday, Vernon got a solid goaltending effort from Andy Doyle and broke open a close game with five unanswered third period goals.

Ouchi scored three times while Drieger added a pair. Soloz went to Gary Redmond, Gerry Fester, Kanada, and Wayne Brown.

Vernon Manager Art Fester said, "We were surprised by Oliver — they played good positional hockey. The game was a lot closer than the score indicates."

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

SKIING
Silver Star Freestyle meet. Mogul event today and aerials on Tuesday, starting at 10 a.m.

MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL
At Kai School: 8:30 p.m., Husky Service vs. Saints; 9 p.m., Mountaineers vs. Rattlers; 9:30 p.m., Trappers vs. Voyageurs.

CHURCH VOLLEYBALL
At VSSS: 7:30 p.m., Church of God vs. Trinity Thunder, and 8:30 p.m., Vernon Saints vs. Vernon A's.

HONEYMOONERS VOLLEYBALL
At Rec. Complex: 7:30 p.m., Rockets vs. Orangutans and Desperados vs. Sumtimers; 8:30 p.m., Sabtractors vs. Jam Tarts and Tempests vs. Super Six.

WHITE VALLEY HOCKEY
9 p.m., Lumby Arena, Sabra vs. Braves.

PLEASANT VALLEY HOCKEY
11:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Vernon Canucks vs. Kinmen.

Skiers plagued by bad weather

Only one of three events has been completed in the Silver Star Freestyle competition which was scheduled to end Sunday.

Bad visibility over the weekend forced postponement of the aerial and mogul events. The bumps will take place today, with the aerials slated to start Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Meet Coordinator Bruce Alain told the Daily News the

best freestyle skiers in North America are on hand.

Alain said, "I think a lot of people doubted me when I told them the class of skiers we had coming in, but anyone who saw the ballet event, Winner of the ballet competition was Brian Blodreau from the U.S."

Sieve Resendes of the U.S. and Mike Godfrey of Calgary tied for second spot.



VERNON PANTHERS' centre Brent Zimmer goes up for a jump shot during Saturday night's high school hoop game, against New Westminster, at

Royals tops in tournament

The news was all good for the girls, but bad for the boys, in the annual Vernon Invitational Basketball Tournament held over the weekend at VSSS.

Vernon Royals won three straight games and the girls' side of the two-day tourney, while VSSS Panthers dropped all three of their games and ended up in the cellar in boys' competition.

Royals, considered to be in a rebuilding year, defeated Lord Byng, Castlegar, and Port Couillard 64-62 in the final.

Laurie Ferguson, only in Grade 11, scored 18 points against Poco and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Two other Royals, Marg Bailey and L.urie Simms were named to the all-star team.

Meanwhile Panthers were beat 74-70 by Lord Byng in double-overtime, 80-78 by University Hill, and 51-47 by New Westminster.

University Hill, which led Panthers by 22 points going into the fourth-quarter, won

VSSS Zimmer was selected to the all-star team, but his team lost three straight games. (Daily News Photo)

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