

# Best isn't good enough as Bucks beat Vikings



KELOWNA BUCKAROOS' GELOWNA RUCKAROO'S reaches back, but it's too late, Vernon Vikings' centre John Neel was able to flip a backhand over Struch to tie Sunday's BCHL game 3-3 in the third period. However, only two minutes later, Daryl Becker scored on a breakaway to give the

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Bucks a 4-3 victory. Attempting to tie up, Neel in Kelowna's Cam Torjesson. (Daily News Photo)

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Vernon Vikings played their best game of the season Sunday afternoon at the Civic Arena. However, still ended up on the short end of a 4-3 score against Kelowna Buckaroos. The Vikings outskated, outbatted, and outbit the Bucks' most of the game, particularly in the third period.

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Byrne, Ken Barry. Andy Turner, Joe Cunningham, and Terry Olson. Dale Slous, Cozins, Byron Smith, Darren Hainz, and Johnson replaced for Vernon. Meanwhile, Vikings' most effective player in the last month, centre Mike Withler, will be out of action at least two weeks. He received a concussion in Friday's 5-4 loss to the Vees.

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### Record season for ski areas

After only a month of operation, local ski operators are already predicting 1977-78 will be a record year. Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman told the Daily News the area has never had so many seasons packed so close together. "We recently surpassed the 2,500 season pass mark — a figure we've never reached before. We're planning for a record year, both in terms of revenue and expenses. Although we're taking in more money, we're also spending a lot more. For example, we've already spent our entire snowplowing budget for the year."

**HEAT'D DAYS**  
Silver Star is planning for about six hectic days during the Christmas holidays. Woodman said, "I wouldn't be surprised if we break our Christmas record once or twice during Christmas."

Meanwhile, down the road at Tillikum Valley, Manager Sandy Boyd is also smiling. "I wouldn't be surprised if we break our Christmas record once or twice during Christmas."

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### Vernon crushes Salmon Arm 23-2

By DALE MAJOR  
Daily News Correspondent

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps stretched their winning streak to 18 games by defeating Salmon Arm 23-2 on Sunday at the Civic Arena.

Salmon Arm, which took their second place in the Okanagan by beating Kamloops on Saturday, should have stayed home. The fast-skating Vernon squad put on a brilliant passing display.

The locals held period leads of 7-0 and 11-1.

Paul Guidi, Dirk Drieger, and Kelly Kamada did most of the damage for Vernon. Guidi scored five goals and set up five others. Drieger had five goals and added a pair of assists, while Kamada collected four goals and two assists.

Wayne Brown scored three for the winners while Tom Ouelch added two goals and six assists. Rounding out the barrage were Gary Redman, Jack Fropelet, Rick Oheba, and Gary Edwards.

Glen Lockwood contributed six assists for the winners while Redman added five and Edwards four.

### VSSS hoopla teams trounced in tournaments

You'll have to excuse Vernon Senior Secondary School teachers Rick Inrig and Deloy Routley if they are walking around in a daze this week.

The two VSSS basketball coaches were stunned by their teams' inept showing in tournaments over the weekend.

Inrig's Panthers were embarrassed in the Kelowna Invitational Tournament. After looking good in several pre-season games, VSSS was bumped 85-38 by Kelowna, 88-38 by Carleton Place, and 89-38 by Kamloops.

Assistant Coach Terry White said, "I don't know what happened — they were just awful. I know some of the guys lack confidence, but that wasn't the only thing. I didn't run, drive to the basket, check, or rebound."

"I think they are relying on (Brent) Zimmer too much. He played well, but he can't do everything himself."

Just four weeks ago, Kelowna edged Panthers by only four points.

Meanwhile, at a girls' tournament in Penitence, Routley's Royals were also beat three times.

Royals played well in losing to B.C. champion Salmon Arm Jewels 60-35, but were awful in the next two games. Losses to Semahmo 47-42 and Penitence 54-48.

Routley said, "Salmon Arm beats over body else by 40 or 50, so I was pleased with our effort against the Jewels. But, in the next two games, our girls fell asleep."

In the Penitence game, Laurie Ferguson was top sniper for VSSS with 16 points, while against Semahmo, Linda Jones came off the bench to score eight for Royals.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**SIX PACK WINS**  
Six Pack won the Vancouver Vancouver Volleyball League championship on Sunday night at the Recreation Complex by defeating Camp Town Racers 15-9 and 16-14. Friends won the consolation title by beating 0-0 Stylers 16-11, 15-11, and 15-8. In the semifinals, Racers defeated Friends 15-12 and 15-10 while Six Pack trounced Stylers 15-4 and 15-4.

**EASY VICTORY**  
Vernon Flyers drilled Kammen Club 6-1 in the Vernon Community Volleyball League Games which will be played at Bearfoot Elementary School, starting Jan. 11. Registration fee of \$50 per team will be accepted at the Recreation Complex until Jan. 3.

**GABRIEL SIGNS**  
OTTAWA (CP) — Right and Tony Gantre has been signed to a four-year contract by the Ottawa Rough Riders for \$200,000 a year. Club vice president Terry Kielty (Kumans) are involved in the contract package, which was finalized last Monday. Gantre's 29th birthday, he said.

**MOROKOS KIL VICTORY**  
MAYOS, Switzerland (AP) — Thomas Wassberg of

### PIN POINTS

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Leslie Stephenson 248, high triple, Willie Dewildt 627, high average, Willie Wendel 212.  
Men's high single, Ron Potts 290, high triple, Ron Potts 777, high average, high single, The Van Gallery 1337, high triple, The Van Gallery 2619.  
**STANDINGS**  
401  
The Van Gallery  
399  
McGavin's Testmasters 372

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Del Kischer 237, high triple, Joyce Steels 190.  
Men's high single, O'Lea Bayles 1271, high triple, L.A. Drop Outs 243.  
**STANDINGS**  
390  
Maddy Gang 370  
Campos 369  
Twisters 364

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Lill Jamieson 291, high triple, Lill Jamieson 841, high average, Lill Jamieson 203.  
Men's high single, Intruders 1256, high triple, Intruders 3524, high average, Lorraine Ahen 714.  
**STANDINGS**  
423  
Speedy, 419  
Alles Crocks, 366

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Cathy Gerry 246, high triple, Run Gery 417, high average, Jan Kassam 184.  
Men's high single, Nashir Kassam 307, high triple, Nashir Kassam 809, high average, Mark Kater 789.  
Team high single, VBS 1211, high triple, VBS 3111.  
**STANDINGS**  
489  
Runners 457  
Bawn 427  
Chicken Punks 380

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Donna Keckalo 204, high triple, Sherri Tompkins 551, high average, Dawn Klym 172.  
Men's high single, Scott Fischer 215, high triple, Scott Fischer 519, high average, Kelly Meyer and Scott Fischer 167.  
Women's high triple, Wipe Outs 1070, high triple, Wipe Outs 2819.  
**STANDINGS**  
373

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Kim Peterson 155, high double, Kim Peterson 246, high average, Cheryl Kinser 123.  
Men's high single, Marcel Babineau 175, high double, Marcel Babineau 311, high average, Kevin Blasier 119.  
Team high single, Chums 1016, high double, Chums 2022.  
**STANDINGS**  
322  
Super Hero's 228  
Tigers 219  
Gansters 197  
Bowler of the Week, Kimberli Cooke, 47 pins over, Jeffrey Scottie, 47 pins over.

**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 p.m.  
Women's high single, Bonnie Edwards 187, high triple, Pamela Kring 437, high average, Penny May 162.  
Men's high single, Bryce Mackenzie 180, high triple, Glen Trank 422, high average, Leni Klym 142.  
Team high single, Cougars 1093, high triple, Sharp Shooters 2879.  
**STANDINGS**  
369  
Chums 258  
Super Stars 248  
Bowlers of the Week, Shelley Peterson 80 pins over, John Kinmer, 12 pins over.

**DECEMBER 11**  
Sunday 11  
Women's high single, Barb Wright 220, high triple, Irene Buchanan 476, high average, Debbie Woodruff 203.  
Men's high single, Wayne Franks 278, high triple, Glen Fry 271, high average, Ed Borong 483.  
Team high single, Smity's 1257, high triple, Smity's 3219, high average, Murphy's Raiders 2699.  
**STANDINGS**  
369  
Lincoln Lions 258  
Crestview Raiders 248  
Roy's Tire 222

**DECEMBER 11**  
Golden Age Monday  
Women's high single, Dot Agston 314, high triple, Agnes Whyte 298.  
Men's high single, Frank Ross 277, high triple, Ed Borong 483, high average, Ed Borong 483.  
Team high single, Pits 553, high triple, Snow Birds 414, high average, 200 Club 220.  
**STANDINGS**  
339  
Dynamars 322  
All Stars 298  
Ski's & Downers 294



### Elks strengthen lead, Cougars win a pair

Grindrod Elks strengthened their hold on first-place by trouncing Vernon Price and Marik Canadians 5-2 in North Okanagan Hockey League action before 400 fans Sunday afternoon in Enderby.

The win gives Elks 17 points, five more than Canadians and Vernon Sport Cougars.

Cougars, who had been stumbling in recent weeks, trounced Winfield Raiders 7-3 Saturday and beat Westside Packers 8-5 Sunday.

Fred Perseput led the Elks' attack with two goals while Bernie Smithson, Jim Sparrow, and Guy Davidson added singles.

**BOTH GOALS**  
Dave Caldwell scored both goals for Canadians.

Grindrod held period leads of 1-0 and 3-1.

Leon Nowak made 28 saves for Elks while Leighton Waterloo blocked 25 shots for Vernon.

Due to injuries and work commitments, Canadians were missing four key players.

Meanwhile, Cougars scored four goals in the third period to dump Packers on Sunday night.

Player-coach King Kam said, "Our club is just getting back together again. We're

missing a couple pretty good hockey players and the guys decided it was up to them to pick up the slack in the past.

Centre Mike Rangr is injured and winger Greg Walmatay is on holidays.

**TWO EACH**  
Jeff Shirley, Brian Hunt, and Don McRitchie scored two goals each for the winners while Marty Stein and Rick Ryz added singles. Shirley's second goal came with Elks in the third period, after Packers had pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker.

Brad Owens and Tom Connolly scored two apiece for Westside while Doug Olsh added a single.

Packers led 4-3 after the first period and the clubs were tied 4-4 after the second.

Vernon goalies Doug Irwin and Jim Denison combined for 36 saves while Westside reminders Dale Harder and Don "Friedie" blocked 31 shots.

**NOHL** action resumes Friday as Westside will Elks playing in Westside.

### Selects rebound to win consolation

Vernon S-B Selects won the consolation round in the Salmon Arm Invitational Basketball Tournament held over the weekend.

Vernon dropped its first game, 88-77 to Twisp, Washington, before posting two victories.

Guard Steve King led the attack against Twisp with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Then, on the consolation side, Vernon defeated Salmon Arm 103-56 and Winfield Raiders 103-92.

In the Salmon Arm game, King and Steve White were top snipers with 14 points while Rick Wilson added 13 for the winners.

Wilson was top scorer against Twisp with 24 points. King collected 20 points, Jim Denison and White dropped in 19 apiece.

"Twisp went on to win the championship side."

For their efforts, King was named to the all-star team and White was given honorable mention.

On the girls' side of the journey, Kamloops placed first and Okanagan College of Ok Ok College blasted Vernon Tri-Lakers in the consolation round.

A former VSSS Royals star, Jill Hewitson of Ok College, was named to the all-star team.

### LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1972  
Revisitors maintained a six-point lead over Lumbly in latest league statistics released by the Monashee Hockey League.

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