

# Vernon teams out



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## DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

**MINOR BASEBALL**  
7:30 p.m. Coldstream Hotel meeting room, annual meeting. All parents urged to attend.

**MINOR SOCCER**  
7 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, coaches and rules clinic. For information phone George Garrett, 31 545-0422.

**MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
At Kild School 7:30 p.m. Hickey Service Pioneers vs Coasta Bay Rattlers, 8 p.m. Silver Star Mountaineers vs Kild Lake Voyageurs, and 9:30 p.m. Cherry Creek Trappers vs Priest Valley Saints.

**WHITE VALLEY LEAGUE**  
9 p.m. Lumbly Arena, Village Green Merchants vs Saures.

**EXHIBITION BASKETBALL**  
8:30 p.m., Armstrong Sr. Secondary, Vernon Tri-Lakers vs Armstrong girls.

**MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
At W. L. Seaton 7 p.m. Vercom vs Wallbangers and Lagers vs 57 S'lets, 7:45 p.m. Village Green Spikers vs Ads and Vercom vs Selects, 8:30 p.m. Wallbangers vs Ads and Lagers vs Spikers, 9:15 p.m. Vercom vs Ads and Selects vs Spikers.

**HONEYMOONERS VOLLEYBALL**  
At VSSS 7:30 p.m. Jam Tarts vs Marvel and Sumlimer vs Rockets, 8:30 p.m. Desperados vs Tempests and Lightning vs Tip-natoms, 9:30 p.m. Coasters vs Super Six.

**MEAN'S COMMERCIAL VOLLEYBALL**  
At Fulton 8 p.m. Facetsites vs Stingers and Hammers vs B.C. Hydro.

## Canadians hope for a little help

The future of Vernon Canadians is in the hands of Grand Prix.

**NOHL STANDINGS**

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pts
Kelowna	19	11	7	22
Westside	19	11	8	22
Granrod	19	10	8	21
Canadians	20	9	11	18
Wintfield	20	8	12	16
Coasters	20	8	12	16

Canadians currently hold down the fourth, and final, playoff berth in the North Okanagan Hockey League. However, for Vernon to hold on to that spot, Grand Prix will have to tie or beat Wintfield Raiders next weekend.

Canadians blew a chance to clinch the final playoff spot when they dropped a 4-1 decision to league-leading Kelowna Molsons on Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

**TOOK LEAD**  
Gerry Zachynsky gave Vernon a 1-0 lead, but from that point on, the game belonged to Kelowna netminder Ian Snow.

Snow made 28 saves, including five breakaways, to keep Moltons in the game. Dave Cousins, with two goals, Don Bassett, and Jeff Wilson were the Kelowna snipers.

Garnery Howard, one of several Canadians robbed by Snow, said he could not believe all the chances his club missed.

Howard said, "We were in on top of Snow so many times it was ridiculous. But, we just couldn't beat him."

Vernon netminder Charlie Brakhan made 30 saves. Each club was assessed seven minor penalties and a fighting major.

If Raiders beat Elks next Saturday, they would be tied with Canadians. However, Wintfield would get the final playoff spot because of a better goal-for and against record.

**COUGARS BEAT**  
On Saturday, Raiders kept their playoff hopes alive by blasting Vernon Sport Cougars 9-8.

Grand Parent scored four times for the winners while Jeff Shirley countered with three for Cougars.

In that game, Vernon's Graydon Brown was handed a match penalty for allegedly striking an official. Cougars have already been eliminated from playoffs.

By DALE MAJOR  
**DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

Three Vernon rep teams had a week's rest in the mid-jets, bantams and pee wees were all eliminated from further playoff competition. The Bloom and Sigalel Midget reps, after winning the opening game of their semi-final series, were shut out twice by Kamloops over the weekend, 4-1 in Kamloops Saturday and 5-3 in Vernon Sunday.

Both teams got strong goaltending throughout the series with Kamloops goalie Daryl Nixon being the individual star.

In Kamloops, the teams were deadlocked at 1-1 after the first period with Don Bain connecting for Kamloops and Al Belton taking a Kevin Porter pass for Vernon. Bruce Koronko added one in the second period for the home team, while Kerry Martin and Barry Huver put the game on ice midway between the third period.

**TOOK LEAD**  
In Vernon Sunday, Kamloops took a 3-1 first period lead. Jordy Hostock, Kevin Smith and Gary Cannon were the snipers while Doug Jeffers finished off a powerplay, from David Fiat and Earl Smith, for the Vernon goal.

Wayne Stralger narrowed the gap to 3-2 in the second

period on a nice play from Darcy Anderson and David Fish.

Kevin Smith gave Kamloops its two goal lead back at 9:50, of the third period, but just 17 seconds later Tim Kopp blasted a shot from the point to make it 4-3. After numerous Vernon scoring chances Gary Cannon came back for Kamloops. With two minutes left Vernon took a 4-3 penalty shot lead, and Kamloops just ran out the clock with a two-man advantage.

In the nets Dixon finished with 38 saves while Vernon's Rex Sittak stopped 21.

**TWO STRAIGHT**  
The Sun Valley Bantam reps bowed out in two straight. They blew a 5-3 lead, in the last five minutes, to lose 6-5 to Penticon.

Penticon took a 2-1 first period lead on goals by Brad Rupp and Leroy Rempie. Rupp Moore converted a Randy Reszky pass for Vernon.

In the second period Tom DeVries finished off a three-goal lead on passes from Moore and Reszky. And Moore scored unassisted to put Vernon in front.

Dwayne Orus tied it up early in the third period but Vernon came back with goals from Moore and Bobby Wensley. With 4:39 left, Orus scored his second on a penalty shot and just 14 seconds later, Rupp added his second, to tie the score. With just 1:11 remaining, Tai Kiriku notched the winner for Penticon.

## Vikings playing better, but result is the same

Vernon Vikings outplayed and outshot Langley Lords, but still ended up on the wrong end of a 5-3 score in B.C. Junior Hockey League action on Saturday night at the Civic Arena.

The loss stretches Vikings' winless streak to 17 games. Kamloops Chieftans on Friday.

On Saturday, Langley took a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Terry Lesdian.

Dye said, "With any kind of luck, we could have won two games on the weekend. The puck just isn't bouncing our way — the guys are playing well enough to win."

Vikings lost 7-6, in overtime, to Kamloops Chieftans on Friday.

Mike Wither tied the game at 4:08 of the second period, but just 30 seconds later, Bob Taylor put Lords back in front. Lesdian increased the lead to 3-1 only 18 seconds after Taylor scored.

Darren Halasz narrowed the gap, at 12:30, and the second period ended 3-2.

Halasz tied the game after 34 seconds of the third period, however, Gerry Begie put Langley back in front with nine minutes remaining.

Vernon pressed during the final minutes, but with goalie Darrell Morin on the bench in favor of an extra attacker, Randy Fiat put the puck in the empty net, at 19:44.

Langley goalie Kevin Quinn made 39 saves while Morin blocked 28 shots.

Lords took eight of 10 minor penalties.

Dye said, "Sooner or later, things have to change. For a while, we weren't playing well enough to beat anybody. But now we're playing like a team."

Vernon midget reps were eliminated from the Okanagan Mainline playoffs over the weekend and Vikings plan to give at least five of the midgets' trunks.

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## Juvenile reps sweep series

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps blasted Penticon 13-2 on Saturday, in the Peach City, to avoid their OJMHFA annual final series in two straight games.

The game was over in the first period when Vernon took a 3-0 lead. Penticon resorted to hacking, and at one point the coach was told to control his players by the president of Penticon minor league.

In an abbreviated game, Penticon took 85 of 88 penalty minutes.

The other semi-final series between Salmon Arm and Kamloops, is now tied at one game apiece.

Tom Ouchi and Glen Fester led the Coca-Cola attack with two goals and three assists. Kelly Kaneda and Glen Lockwood also scored twice while Gerry Fester, Jack Prokopets, Jim Harding, Darryl Hora, and Paul Guddi added singles.

Vernon Manager Art Fester said he was pleased with the way his players handled themselves in the series.

Fester said, "It is hard to tell what can happen in a series like that. Our guys kept their cool and Penticon beat themselves with stupid penalties."

On the upcoming final series, Fester said, "The Bruins aren't much to choose between Salmon Arm and Kamloops. They'll both be tough, but we're playing exceptionally well."

## FEW GOALS BEAT

The Walkin Motor Fee Wees also bowed out in two straight, dropping a 6-4 decision to Kelowna on Sunday.

Vernon tied 2-1 after the first period. Lance Marcoux scored on goal mouth scramble with Kevin Thorlakson and Donald Kindrachuk assisting. And David Munk banged home a play set up by Greg Moore and David Marchand.

Gary Ruff scored on a breakaway for Kelowna.

Halfway through the second period, Ruff tied it up. But, just a couple of minutes later, John Barber scored on a beautiful end...end rush to put Vernon back in front.

Andy Warren and Grant Delcourt gave Kelowna the lead with two quick goals before the period ended.

Marcoux tied it up 2-1 just before the third period, but with 1:45 left in the game, Vernon was caught in the corner and Home Brand-ster was left alone in front of the Vernon net for the winning goal. Warren added his second in an empty net, to round out the scoring.



SIX Vernon bantam bowlers qualified to compete in the provincial Youth Bowling Council championships. Ten-year-old Zane Klym and his 12-member team will be competing in Kelowna on March 18. The Vernon youngsters were top in their age group at the zone finals held over the weekend at Ulin club.

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Klym won the boys' singles event with a 503 triple. He finished well ahead of runner-up Aaron Gould of Penticton, who rolled a 454. Wally Spencer of Bulkland placed third with 480.

The Vernon girls' squad comprised of Bonnie Edgeworth, Lana Gelowitz, Sandra Bodick, Margie Vetch, and Karen Robert captured top honors with a 210 triple. Just behind them was second place runner-up.

Members of the Vernon boys' squad were Michael O'Flynn 481, Peter Knopp 425, John Toews 379, John Kinsner 358, and Darren Strecheniuk 320.

**TOP GIRL**  
In the girls' singles event, Malinda Poiselillo of Summerland claimed top spot, with a 499 triple. Kelowna's Melody Stark was just five pins back. Iwenty May of Vernon finished third with 435.

Seven centers took part in the competition. Junior playdowns will be held Feb. 25 in Princeton, with the senior event scheduled Feb. 26 in Grand Forks.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

**FEBRUARY, 1973**  
A memorabilia record was set in weekend pug hockey action, when three of the four games resulted in shutouts.

## Kokanees win three-club meet

Vernon Kokanee Swim Club placed first in a three-team regional meet over the weekend in Summerland.

Kokanees accumulated 1136 points followed by Kelowna Bantams with 915, and Summerland Islanders with 486.

Vernon swimmers brought home six aggregate, and also had "x" runners-up.

In eight and under boys' competition, J. D. Jackson was the best and Lee Albion was runner-up.

Dusty Palmer took top honors in the girls' nine and 10 group, with Carol Metzger right behind.

Gieve Vander Meulen was runner-up in boys' nine and 10 category while Laurie Kallitnik placed second in girls' 11 and 12 competition.

Best of the 11 and 12-year-old boys were Gary Vander Meulen and Mark Potryala.

Mise Potryala won the boys' 13 and 14 aggregate while Troy Allum won the senior boys' award.

Margie Potryala and Jill Strachan were one-two among senior girls.

**TWO QUALIFY**  
In the winter meet, Den Vader Star recorded times that have made them eligible to compete in the B.C. winter championships, in the 100 metre breaststroke.

A total of 15 Kokanees are now eligible for the B.C. meet and Coach Tom Bryce added two more swimmers to the list before the March 13 deadline.

Bryce said, "I was pleased with our club's performance, especially in the butterfly and relay events. Now, I plan to participate in the winter provincials, with my level one swimmers."

"My level three swimmers, or beginners, are preparing for a large meet we are hosting on March 18 and 19."

## Vernon Oldtimers beat by Brooks, in overtime

Despite a three-goal performance by Jim Moro, Vernon lost a 6-6 overtime decision to Brooks, Alta. In the second round of the Fairview Oldtimers' Hockey Tournament held over the weekend in Calgary.

The lost eliminated Vernon from further competition.

Jack Howard and Graydon Alexis were the other Vernon scorers.

Team spokesman Chris Nelson told the Daily News the game should never have reached overtime.

Nelson said, "We had lots of chances to put the game away in the third period. We missed two breakaways in the final minute of regulation time."

In the closing round, the locals topped Springbank, Alta. 10-0. Moro scored four goals in that game while Oddie Love and Bob Hawkins added two apiece. Singles went to Howard and Jim Stralger.

Rosland defeated Brooks in the tournament final.

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