

# Time running out for lowly Vikings

Time is running out for Vernon Vikings in their search for some victories and a berth in the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs. The last-place Vikings played well enough to win, but dropped a 4-3 overtime decision to Kelowna Buckaroos on Saturday night at the Civic Arena.

Vernon, which has won only once in its last 23 games, trails Revelstoke Bruins, and the final playoff berth by only four points. Vikings have 10 games remaining, including seven at home. And Vikings' General Manager Vern Eyrice feels his club can still catch the Bruins.

Eyrice said, "They're (Bruins) not winning any more games—it might make a difference, but we're not getting any breaks. If we can get some people in the stands during the next few games—it might make a difference. We have a young team and some fan support might give them a lift."

**THE VILLAIN**  
Brian Matthews was the villain on Saturday. He scored his second goal of the night, at one-minute overtime, to give Kelowna the victory.

Brad Palmer and Cam Torjesson also scored for the Buckaroos.  
John Need, Scott Cosens, and Gary Gassoff replied for Vikings.  
Vernon had eight, 18-year-olds in the line-

up and they didn't look out of place. Best of the group was defenceman Earl Smith, called up from the midgets reps. Smith was a stalwart on the blue line.

The high-scoring juvenile line of Tom Ouchi, Kelly Kaneida, and Gary Redman played well, but were held off the scoresheet.

Vernon hosts Kamloops Chiefs on Tuesday night and are scheduled to visit Revelstoke on Thursday. However, a civic strike in Revelstoke may force postponement of that game.

Eyrice said, "It isn't as if we have to win seven or eight of our last 10 games—three or four will do the trick. With the help of the midgets and juveniles, I think we can do it."

On Sunday, Rod Danuchuk scored with 58 seconds remaining in the third period to give Kelowna a 3-2 win over the Bruins.

In other weekend games, Merritt Centennials hammered Nanaimo Clippers 14-3. Bellingham Blazers stopped Abbotsford Flyers 8-7. Penticton Vees beat Kamloops 12-2 Sunday but dropped an 11-7 decision to the Chiefs on Saturday, and Abbotsford doubled Langley Lords 3-1.

Merritt leads Penticton by three points in the Interior Division while Blazers lead the second-place Clippers by seven points in the Coast Division.



VERNON'S SCOTT WOODMAN races through the gates during the B.C. Cup slalom race held over

the weekend at Tillicum Valley. Woodman placed third in Saturday's competition, but fell on Sun-

day. More than 100 skiers took part in the two-day event. (Daily News Photo)

## Vancouver hoopsters capture Vernon tourney

For the second consecutive year, P.I.L. and the Vancouver Discounts dominated the Vernon Senior 'B' Men's Basketball Tournament.

Discounts won three straight games to take top honors in the eight-team tourney, held over the weekend at Clarence Fullerton School. And for the second year, Lee was named Most Valuable Player.

In three games, the slippery forward scored 131 points, for an average of 44 per outing. The teams were tied 48-45 at half-time, but Discounts completely dominated the second half.

Lee led the winners with 45 points while Mike Denyds added 29.

**TOOK THIRD**  
Vernon Selects took third spot in the tournament by beating Armstrong 77-65 on Saturday.

Lee became his first star, making his first start because of a tendon injury. Lee scored with 27 points Steve King added 20 for the winners.

Frank Wascoe was top sniper for Armstrong with 21 points. The Cheese City crew was without its top scorer, Tony Wolcott, who had a coaching commitment.

Penticton Melons edged Salmon Arm 70-65 in the consolation final.

After beating Kamloops on Friday, Vernon was downed 104-88 by Vancouver. Lee scored 44 points in that game. Rick Wilson countered with 23 for Vernon and King dropped in 17.

The 10 players selected to the all-star team were King and Wilson of Vernon, Hank Grenda and Bingham of

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## Coast skiers win races at Tillicum

Vancouver skiers took top honors at the British Columbia Cup slalom race at Tillicum Valley over the weekend.

Stefen Elmitt was the overall boys' champion, placing second in Saturday's race and first in competition Sunday.

Dale Brandon came third Saturday and Sunday to place first overall in girls' competition.

Best performance by a Vernon skier was turned in by Scott Woodman, Woodman placed third on Saturday and was ranked high overall until he fell in his second run on Sunday.

**DISQUALIFIED**  
One of the pre-race favorites, Dale Parzyn of Silver Star, had an excellent

first run, but was disqualified on his next two outings.

Don McQuade of Vancouver won the boys' slalom Saturday. Felix Belczyk of Rosland was second in Sunday's race and Jamie Parsons of Vancouver was third.

In the girls' competition Sunday, Kathy Huser of Salmon Arm was first and Diana Haight of Rosland placed second. Claudia Jensen of Vancouver won Sunday's race and Wendy Morrison of Vancouver was second.

**105 RACERS**  
One hundred and five skiers took part in the two-day competition.

Meet organizer Joni Marshall told the Daily News the event couldn't have run smoother.

Marshall said, "Everything was great. The snow was super, the weather was beautiful, and the B.C. Dragons did a fantastic job

with gatekeeping and communications."

The race had been previously scheduled at Prince George and then Revelstoke. But it was moved to Tillicum because of better conditions.

Other local racers competing included: girls, Sherri Slobodin, Liz Slobodin, and Marjorie Cameron; boys, Greg Schmidt, Blair Gillespie, Bob Woodman, Brad Thorlaxson, Mike Forrester, Scott Siemanta, and Rod Ferris.



SEATON SONICS' guard Wilf Haak goes up for two points during the junior boys' basketball championships held over the

weekend at J. L. Seaton. Haak scored 44 points in three games, as Sonics won the consolation title. (Daily News Photo)

## Shuswap tops in Okanagan

Shuswap of Salmon Arm captured the Okanagan junior boys' basketball championship over the weekend at W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School in Vernon.

Shuswap downed Princeton Margaret, of Penticton, 45-42 in Saturday night's championship game.

Shuswap's #2 forward Hamish Tucker led the attack with 31 points.

Seaton Sonics won the consolation final by edging Sahali, of Kamloops 51-49.

Greg Fleischer scored 17 points for Sonics, giving him 52 in three games. Wilf Haak added 12 points for Seaton

while Bruce Wetzel dropped in 10.

Sonics were eliminated from championship contention when they lost their first game, 78-73, to Princeton Margaret. The locals bounced back to thump McArthur Park of Kamloops 72-59, before beating Sahali.

Seaton coach Ray Kimto told the Daily News his team could have won the tournament.

Kimto said, "It is kind of ironic that we beat Shuswap last week in the north zone final. Our losses were against Princeton Margaret got us the championship."

## Juvenile reps thump oldtimers

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The Vernon, Coxa Cola Juvenile reps scored six straight third period goals to dump the Vernon Oldtimers 11-5 before 400 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena on Sunday night.

The two teams played it close in the early going, with the oldtimers constantly battling back from two-goal deficits. But every time they

ted it up, the juveniles came back with a goal of their own.

Juveniles held period leads of 3-2 and 5-4. Twelve seconds into the third period, the oldtimers tied it up, but from there on, it was all juveniles.

Rick Chiba, Wayne Brown, and Gary Edwards led the Coxa Cola squad with a pair of goals while Tom Ouchi, Paul Guili, Glen Lockwood, Al Winters and Dirk Driedger netted singles. Driedger also added three assists.

Odie Lowe replied with two for the oldtimers. Jim Moro, Cal Ford and Jack Howard blinked the red light once. Bob Hawkins assisted on three of the goals.

The juveniles outshot the oldtimers by a 38-23 margin. Vernon's Jim Morrow, Art Feder said, "The boys played really well, but the oldtimers just didn't have the legs."

The juvenile team will now travel to Nakusp for the provincial quarter-finals on March 10.

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**MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Semi-finals at Kai School: 7:30 p.m., Husky Service Phone vs. Cozens Bay Rattlers; 9 p.m., Silver Star Mountaineers vs. Kai Lake Voyageurs.

**MINOR SKIING**  
8 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, rules and coaches' meeting.

**WHITE VALLEY LEAGUE**  
9 p.m., Lumby arena, Braves vs. Blades.

**MAJOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
At W. L. Seaton: 7 p.m., Lakers vs. 57 Selects and Village Green Spikers vs. Ads; 7:45 p.m., Vercom vs. Selects and Wallbangers vs. Ads; 8 p.m., Lakers vs. Spikers and Vercom vs. Ads; 9:15 p.m., Selects vs. Spikers and Wallbangers vs. Lakers; 10 p.m., Vercom vs. Spikers.

**HONEYMOONERS' VOLLEYBALL**  
At VSSS: 7:30 p.m., Lightning vs. Rockets and Coasters vs. Marvels; 8:30 p.m., Summitters vs. Tempests and Jam Tarts vs. Desperados; 9:30 p.m., Super Six vs. Up-atoms.

**MEN'S COMMERCIAL VOLLEYBALL**  
At Fulton: 9 p.m., B.C. Hydro vs. Pacesetters and Stingers vs. Hammers.

## Vernon pups win two from Castlegar squad

Vernon Star West Really Pup rep was a pair of Peacock of Castlegar blocked 20 shots and Vernon's Mark Freagh turned aside 33.

On Sunday, Vernon came out flying and only the fine goaltending of Peacock kept Castlegar in the game.

Major and Danny Nolan shared the bulk of the Vernon scoring with four goals each. Major added a pair while Brent Gilchrist and Derek Schneider netted singles.

Rudy Alexander replied with two for Castlegar and Kevin Koarbatoff added the single. Both goalies played extremely well in the free-wheeling contest. Mitch Vernon knocked 19.

## Badminton teams qualify for meet

Vernon Senior Secondary and Salmon Arm Secondary Schools will represent the north zone in the Okanagan Badminton Championships, to be held March 18, at VSSS.

VSSS won the zone title on Saturday with 40 points.

## Tigers capture tourney

Vernon Lodge Tigers captured the second annual Enderby Men's Basketball Tournament held over the weekend at the Enderby Community Centre.

Tigers dumped Fulton Academicals 78-58 in Sunday's championship game. The tired Fulton squad lost its first game on Saturday to Tigers, so had to play four times on Sunday. After leading 32-28 at half-time, they ran out of gas.

Rick Wilson, selected Most Valuable Player and top scorer in the tourney, scored 26 points for Vernon. Jeff Shirley added 20 points for the winners while Rick Horley sunk eight.

Eric Parker was top sniper for Fulton with 22 points while Glen Wheelhouse dropped in 20.

Other teams competing in the two-day tourney were Enderby Moto, Inn Okanagan College, Armstrong Hookers, and Enderby Sports Stop.

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