

Vikings fall to Flyers

The Vernon Vikings went down to another defeat on Friday night, this time at the hands of the Abbotsford Flyers who trounced the Vikings by the score of 8-3 in British Columbia Junior Hockey league action.

Although the Vikings were in the game going into the third period, a couple of soft goals early in the period led to total control by the Abbotsford team.

GOOD SCORERS
Scorers for the Abbotsford team were Jim Dobson, Rick

Greenwood and Brian Inkster with two goals each, to move the Vikings within four points of the Nanaimo Clippers in the race for second place in the Coastal Division. Other scorers for Abbotsford were Jim Cowden and Greg Evans. John Neid was the top goal getter for the Vikings with two while Mike Winthers added the other. Although the Vikings outdrew the Flyers by a 32-31 margin, the Abbotsford goaltending was superior for the win.

Next action for the Vikings

will be on Sunday against the Pentiction Vees in Vernon at 2 p.m. The Vikings will be on Sunday against the Pentiction Vees in Vernon at 2 p.m. The Vikings are still struggling in last place in the BCJHL. Interior Division and remain four points out of a playoff berth behind the Revelstoke Bruins.

Kelowna Buckaroos upset Interior Division-leading Merritt Centennials 8-2. Kamloops Chiefs edged Langley Lords 9-8 and Pentiction Vees slipped by Revelstoke Bruins 5-5.

In Kelowna, the Buckaroos took a 2-0 lead after two periods and then held off a late rally by the Centennials to earn the victory. The two teams moved them 12 behind second-place Pentiction and 10 back of Merritt.

Paul Phue, Dan Hushko and Bill Audycki scored for Kelowna, while Kelly Feruch and Gary Sirkis applied for Merritt. Randy Strach was outstanding in the Kelowna goal, turning back 37 shots.

In Langley, Pete Gerlinger scored the winning goal with 11 seconds remaining. Doug Lauder has the contest for the Chiefs at 18:49 of the third period with his fourth goal of the contest.

LEAD LORDS
Mike Messic, with two, Dan

Harrison and Jan Kosak were the other Kamloops marksmen. Terry Leckie, Bob Taylor, and Randy Hall each fired two goals for Langley, while Chris Tucker and Mike Bustin added the others.

Rose Fitzpatrick led Pentiction to a home-ice win over Revelstoke, scoring three goals, including the winner with less than seven minutes left to play.

Kevin Newswell, with two, and Ron Vincent also scored for Pentiction, which outshot Revelstoke 53-45. Andy Bigioli, Evan Williams, Darren Field, Doug Twiddle and Al Graves scored for the Bruins.

Tonight, Abbotsford is at Revelstoke and Nanaimo plays host to Kamloops. On Sunday, Kelowna is at Merritt, Pentiction visits Vernon and Nanaimo travels to Bellingham to play the Coastal Division-leading Blazers.

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Armstrong edges Winfield out in B-Ball tourney

Armstrong edged out the Winfield boys basketball team by the score of 64-80 in Friday B.C. Senior Boys "A" basketball championship action held at the Pleasant Valley Secondary School in Armstrong.

The action was fast and the scoring lead was constantly changing. Winfield was able to outscore Armstrong in the first half, but the Armstrong team was able to control the game in the second half.

The Armstrong Saints controlled the game in the early stages but the determined Winfield team kept battling back to within several points numerous times during the game. This brings the record of the Armstrong Saints to two wins and one loss and if they win their game today, could finish fourth place overall in the 12 competing teams.

The top scorers in the game included Kerry Gatake of Winfield with 20 points followed by teammate Mario Viterbo with 18 points and Alex Gatake with 17.

The big guns on the Armstrong side were Pat Clements, who recorded 17 points for the evening, followed by Doug Galusha with 16 points and Duncan MacDonald with 14 points. The loss for Winfield knocks them out of further contention for a bid at one of the top four places in the tournament.

Armstrong's next game will be against the University Hill squad from Vancouver and it could be the last of the tournament for the host team. The game will be played at 8:15 this afternoon and is expected to be a close and exciting game.

In other senior "A" boys play on Friday, Hazelton defeated Howe Sound by a 78-61 score. University Hill bombed Creston 104-57, Vanderhoof downed Reynolds.

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Wed., March 22, 1978

commencing at 10:30 a.m. Sharp

Copy of 1977 financial statement is available at Vernon office of S.O.D.I.C.A. should any active member wish to study it.

Salmon Arm girls advance to the final

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (CP) — Salmon Arm attempting to win its third consecutive title, Williams Lake this year. "I would like to see our team go there but it will be a lot of hard work," he said. "Only time 'x' experience will tell if we meet our goal."

Bantam reps gain 9-1 win

The Vernon Sun Valley Sport Bantam Reps bombed the Rich-Meadows Bantam team by the score of 9-1 Friday in the Merritt Invitational Bantam tournament in a very one-sided game.

The Rich-Meadows team from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows was severely outclassed from the start of the game, when Vernon opened up a 6-0 first period lead. At the end of two periods, Vernon led 8-1 and then coasted to the win in the third.

The Sun Valley Sport reps were paced by a four goal output by Bobby Wenaley and a hat trick by Brad Moore, along with one each by Jeff Wejr and Kevin Lester.

The next tournament action for the Bantams will be today at 8 p.m. when they go against the tough Kamloops Jardins club.

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VERNON SENIOR Secondary School badminton coach Bob Hawkins (back row left) stands with his 10 member competitive team, who have taken the North Okanagan Zone high school title and will advance to the Okanagan finals here in two weeks. Standing beside Hawkins in the back row are Coraleen Hutchison, Jeff Chantler, Doug Hartwig, Nicla Kongsdorf and assistant coach Barbara Silvester. In front row from left are Pat Silverster, Joe Labermeyer, Heather King, Nicla Blacklock, Annette Lacasse and assistant coach Brian O'Keefe. (Daily News photo)

MEET THE COACH

Badminton — 'for life!'

By PAUL GALINSKI
Daily News Writer

Badminton players are well tuned athletes and it's a sport one can play for many years, according to Vernon Senior Secondary Badminton Club sponsor Bob Hawkins.

"Badminton is a good lifetime sport and people who become good at it can remain actively competitive for many years," he said. "Our school has several top calibre players that will remain active and excel at badminton for many years."

FAST GROWING

The Vernon Senior Secondary Badminton team is composed of 10 players made up from the 40 active players in the badminton club. The team members are chosen by their performance over the year and general ability. The team itself competes in an 11 member North Okanagan league.

"Badminton is a fast growing sport in the Okanagan and not too many years ago, we were lucky to get four teams out for regular competition," Hawkins said. "Now we have really strong competition and it's a real

battle to see who will get first place."

WON ZONE

The Vernon Senior Secondary team recently won the North Okanagan Zone championship in an eight team tournament, which entitles it to go into the Okanagan finals in two weeks. This will enable it to go against teams from Kamloops, Chase, Pentiction, Summerland and two other teams which haven't been decided yet.

"We have no idea how we will do against these other teams since we have not had the opportunity to compete against them yet, but we hope to be competitive with anything the Okanagan has to offer," Hawkins said. "We will be hosting the tournament this year so we hope the home court advantage will help us out."

FLEETER PROGRAM

Hawkins said badminton in the junior secondary program is excellent and is providing a good feeder program for the senior secondary team. "The development programs at the lower levels are really good and a lot of the players coming

up have a good knowledge of the basics, so we can work on making good competitors of them," he said. "A lot of the thanks goes to Neil Wong, the North Zone Commissioner, who is really doing a lot to develop badminton players."

TWO HELPERS

As well as himself, Hawkins utilizes the services of team member Brian O'Keefe and Barb Silvester, a mother of one of the team members.

"These two people do an excellent job of helping our players in the finer points of the game and developing a good team," he said. "O'Keefe is a mother of one of the team members and serves as a great inspiration to the other players."

Hawkins said his current team is one of the strongest contenders he has seen so far, but because of graduation in so high a high school team can go from rags to riches very quickly. "With this turnover, we rely on good players coming in to our school and good coaching to

maintain high standard," he said.

KEEP IN SHAPE

Training for the team involves two weekly team practices as well as a minimum of one practice a week with the local adult team. "Any extra practice or training is left up to them if they want to be in really good shape," he said. "Obviously, a person in good shape will stand up to the duress of the sport better than if they are in bad shape."

Hawkins said his team is both cooperative and willing to learn and are a great bunch of people to work with. "It is so much easier to teach people who want to know the game than those who are complacent and think they are experts," he said.

If the Vernon Senior Secondary team do well in the Okanagan championships, they will have the opportunity to continue on in play to the provincial championships in Williams Lake this year. "I would like to see our team go there but it will be a lot of hard work," he said. "Only time 'x' experience will tell if we meet our goal."



Do or die tonight for Elks

Grindrod Elks face a do or die situation tonight when they host Kelowna Molsons in the North Okanagan Hockey League playoffs at the Enderby Arena.

Molsons won the opening game in the best-of-three semi-finals series last weekend, 8-3, in Rutland.

PAUL KEES, who scored only 13 times in 20 league games, blanked the red and white team in the opening game.

Grindrod's all-star goalie, Ed Forlund, told the Daily News his club was outplayed in almost every aspect of the game.

Forlund said, "The shots on goal were pretty even, but most of our shots were from well outside Molsons, and in particular, Wilson were getting right in on top of me."

ANKLE INJURY

Elks were without their top scorer Rick Harris and defensive stalwart Bob Mayer. Harris had work commitments and is expected to play tonight. However, Mayer is still troubled by an ankle injury and is listed as a doubtful starter.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (CP) — basketball championships at Pleasant Valley School in Armstrong. First game at 3:15 p.m. Consolation final at 7 p.m. with the championship game at 8:45 p.m.

JUVENILE PLAYOFFS

Vernon Juveniles in Nakusp for the second game of the best-of-three B.C. semi-finals game time 8 p.m. Third game, if necessary, will be played Sunday in Nakusp.

UNION OKANAGAN LEAGUE

1:30 p.m., Enderby Arena, Kelowna Molsons vs. Grindrod Elks in the second game of best-of-three semi-final series. Kelowna leads series 1-0. If a third game is necessary it will be played Sunday in Rutland.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

7 p.m., Sunday, Civic Arena, Pentiction Vees vs. Vernon Vikings.

HONEYMOONERS' VOLEYBALL

At Recreation Complex (Sunday), 5:30 p.m., Hot-togs vs. Woodtimers; 8:15 p.m., Campdown Racers vs. Bankers' Folly; 7 p.m., Six Slack vs. winner of game one; 7:40 p.m., Friends vs. winner of game two; 8:30 p.m., Vipers vs. Foot Faults; 9 p.m., Old Stylers vs. Sundowners.

Juvenile Reps continue streak

The Vernon Coca Cola Juvenile Reps continued their unbeaten streak for the season by beating Nakusp by the score of 8-0 in the Okanagan Zone Juvenile playoffs.

The Vernon shots on goal margin of 9 was indicative of the play as Nakusp was never given the opportunity to get ahead in the game. The Vernon Juveniles leapt to a 3-0 first period lead and upped the count to 8-0 final 18:38 after 40 minutes of play.

Scorers for the Vernon reps were Wayne Brown and Gary Redman with two apiece and Dick Drieger, Kelly Kanada, Tom Ouchi and Glen Lockwood with one apiece. Nakusp's top scorer was Larry Runberg with two goals and one assist. Heaps managed one for the team.

Juvenile Rep trainer Terry Price said after the first goal, "The Vernon team never looked back and kept Nakusp hem-

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