

# Vernon boxers dominate bouts

Vernon Boxing Club dominated the Buckskin Gloves Tournament held over the weekend at the Vernon Recreation Complex. Sixteen of the eight local pugilists entered, six won championships and two were runners-up.

## Royals, Sabres victorious

Timmy Royals and Coldstream Sabres recorded successive victories in White Valley Hockey playoff action at the Lumpy Arena. Royals dumped Lotus Gardens 8-6 while Coldstream defeated Vernon 7-6. Mike Immen led the Lumpy attack with three goals while Gary Foster added a pair. Singles went to Ian Tompkins, Pete Vlasveld, and Bill Beck.

Timmy Royals led the Sabres to a 4-0 lead in the first period and never looked back. League scoring champion Mike Mondin led Coldstream with a hat trick while Don Schaefer scored twice and Dave Pulowski added a single. Wally Fisher scored two goals, and Willy Madgen countered for Blades. The game was a rough one with Sabres taking 10 of 18 minor penalties.

Donald told the Daily News the terrific results surprised even him. McDonald said, "I knew I had a good group of fighters, but you don't expect to win six titles. It was a great showing by our kids - I'm very proud of them."

John Henry Wilson, who won a decision over Joe Todd of Kamloops in the 75-pound novice final on Saturday night, was named as the tournament's Junior Buckskin Boy.

Rene Larochelle of Kamloops was selected as Senior Buckskin Boy. After a disappointing crowd of about 300 fans on Friday night, more than 500 people were on hand for Saturday's final bouts.

In the 139-pound novice final, Don Louis of Vernon defeated team mate Allan Louis, by a decision. In the 139-pound intermediate final, Gerald Peters of Vernon won a decision over Tim Wainwright of Warm Springs. Or Emery Lacroix of Vernon defeated Jordan Prince of Fort James in the 156-pound championship.

John Matthew, at 70 pounds, and Dempsey Gregoire, at 80 pounds, had clinched their titles on Friday night. Only local fighter, besides Louis, to lose a bout was Jessie Lacroix. Lacroix received a cut over his right eye, in the first round of the 150-pound final, and the doctor stopped the fight. Two awarded the belt to Dwayne Wainwright of Prince George. Boxers from B.C., Alberta, and four U.S. states took part in the two-day, all-night competition.

# SPORTS

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## Local racer has best time

Vernon's Rob Boyd recorded the fastest time of the day at the Nancy Greene Ski League north zone finals on Sunday at Tillikum Valley.

More than 750 skiers, aged 14 and under, took part in the competition.

Nancy Greene-Raine was on hand to present the team trophies. There are no individual awards in that age group.

Revelstoke Snowflakes won the team title with 1727 points, well ahead of runner-up Mica Creek Snowblowers. Vernon Shooting Stars were the best of four local teams, in fourth place, with 1330 points. Vernon Whiskey Jacks were sixth with 1279. Easy Streeters placed ninth with 850, and Big Dippers were 10th with 527. Danny Moor, of Revelstoke, was only a fraction-of-a-second behind Boyd in individual competition. Norman Brettemayer of Mica Creek placed 17, followed by Rick Ogasawara of Vernon.

## SPORTS ALERT

**MINOR HOCKEY**  
6:30 p.m., Village Green Inn, minor hockey banquet for midgets and juveniles.

**MINOR LACROSSE**  
7:30 p.m., Vernon Daily News office, monthly meeting.

**HOCKEYMOONERS**  
At VSSS: Semi-finals at 7:30 p.m., Coasters vs. Rockets and Super Six vs. Lightning.

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

Other local racers in the top 15 were Ken Thorikston eighth, Derek Smith 10th, Otmar Kittel 14th, and Dean Thorikston 15th.

Race organizer Rob Irvine, of Revelstoke, said it was lucky they were using electric timing equipment. Irvine said, "The times were so close that with a hand-held stopwatch, we would have ended up with a lot of ties - and a real mess."



VERNON JUVENILES' forward Gary Edwards took a perfect pass from

Dirk Drediger and drilled this shot into the net during Saturday's playoff game at

the Civic Arena. Vernon downed Kimberley in two straight games to advance

to the provincial championships. (Daily News Photo)

# Juvenile Reps advance to B.C. championships

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps will take on Coquitlam next weekend in the provincial finals.

Vernon made short work of Kimberley over the weekend, 6-3 and 11-4, in a best-of-three B.C. semi-finals series.

On Saturday, the teams were tied 2-2 at the end of the first period, before Vernon finally broke up in the second

and took a 5-2 lead. Coca-Cola Coach Bob Williams said, "If we'd played like that against Salmon Arm (in the league finals) we would never have made it this far."

Gary Edwards led the Vernon attack with two goals while Al Wintners, Gary Redman, Tom Ouchi, and Paul Gault added singles.

Ouchi and Redman combined for the prettiest goal of the day, on a two-on-one break, with Redman finishing the play by putting the puck into an empty net.

Lloyd Macdonald, with two goals, and Terry Flanniston replied for Kimberley.

Vernon outshot the visitors 62-20. On Sunday, the game was decided in the first period when the locals took a 5-0 lead and outshot Kimberley 21-9.

Williams said, "That looked more like our hockey club. We started playing together as a team."

THREE EACH Kelly Kaneda and Dirk Drediger scored three goals each for the winners while

Wayne Brown, Jim Harding, Gary Field, Wintners, and Ouchi added singles.

Dave Roe, Clayton Foster, Daryl Rowat, and Randy Galicano countered for the East Kootenay champs.

Kimberley goalie Rodget Lobson finished the night with 43 saves while Vernon's Andy Doyle blocked 15 shots.

The best-of-three championships series will be played in Coquitlam in the only previous meeting between the two finalists this season, in the Burnaby Christmas Tournament. Vernon won 8-4.

Williams said, "Coquitlam isn't going to be any pushover - we're going to have to work. They've got a big club."



FORMER OLYMPIC gold medalist Nancy Greene-Raine presented the awards at the White Valley Hockey zone finals

on Sunday at Tillikum Valley. Some of the top local competitors were, from left, Ken Thorikston, Rick Ogasawara, Robbie

Boyd, Tami Woodman, and Sandra Boyd. More than 150 skiers, 14 and under, took part in the competition. (Daily News Photo)

## Vikings remain alive in BCJHL playoff race

Vernon Vikings kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 5-3 victory over Coast Division leading Bellingham Blazers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Saturday night at the Civic Arena.

The victory moved Vikings to within four points of fifth place Revelstoke Bruins in the battle for the league's final playoff berth. Vernon has four games remaining and needs at least three wins to qualify for post-season play.

On Saturday, the locals came up with one of their finest defensive efforts of the season. Dave Schneider, back from a three-game suspension, and Craig Demetrick, up from the midlevel ranks, were standouts.

Goaltender Darrel Morin also enjoyed a good night for the Vikings, who were outshot 25-25. Early in the third period, with Blazers pressing, Morin made several key saves.

TWO EACH Darren Halasz and Schneider scored two goals each for the winners while Steve Cozens added a single, while playing short-handed. Steve McDonald, Ken Berry, and Al Anderson countered for Bellingham.

The victory, only Vernon's ninth of the season, ended a seven-game losing streak and put a smile back on General Manager Vern Lyle's face.

Lyle said, "It's about time we started getting some breaks. Our guys deserve more wins than we've been getting. We're not out of the playoffs yet."

Vikings will play a rescheduled game, against

Penticton Vees, either Tuesday or Wednesday, at the Civic Arena. On Friday, Merritt Centennials are in town and Vernon then hits the road for two weekend games on the coast.

BAD WEEKEND It was an all-round disastrous weekend for Bellingham. After losing to Patsyona Buckaroos 7-4 and Vernon, to Blazers lost 6-3, on Sunday, to Merritt Centennials.

The win moved Cents five points ahead of Penticton Vees in the Interior Division race for first place.

On Saturday, a Merritt-Penticton game was stopped with 1:59 remaining in the third period, following a fight between spectators in the stands. Cents were leading 9-2 at the time.

Another weekend action, Nanaimo Clippers thumped Langley Lords 10-3 and Kelowna edged Revelstoke 5-4.

REMEMBER WHEN Sweden won its first World Hockey Championship 16 years ago today - in 1962 - in Colorado Springs, Colo., beating West Germany 4-0 for a clean sweep of its seven games. The Swedes virtually finished the first four nights earlier by upsetting Canada's entry Galt Terriers 5-3.

Canada finished second, losing its first world tournament since Toronto got Yorkland to the Soviet Union 7-2 in the final of the 1954 world championship.

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