

# Vernon juveniles edged in overtime

Coquitlam edged Vernon 9-3, in double-overtime, in the final game of the B.C. Juvenile Hockey Championships on Sunday in Coquitlam.

It was a disappointing climax to an incredible season for the Coca-Cola juveniles. Until this weekend, they hadn't lost a game since October and were heavily favored to capture the provincial title.

However, Doug Beochler's goal, at 6:45 of sudden-death overtime, put an end to Vernon's dream.

Vernon won the opening game in the best-of-three series, 7-6, in overtime; lost the second 6-5 in overtime; and then dropped the final.

In Sunday's game, Coquitlam held period leads of 4-3 and 7-4 before

Vernon rallied in the final 20 minutes and tied the game 7-7.

## TOOK LEAD

In a 10-minute overtime period, Tom Ouchi put Coke in front at 2:38. Four minutes later, Mike Michaud tied the game, setting the stage for sudden-death.

Michaud and Mike Kanouse scored two goals each for the win, while John Carruthers, Dave Beochler, Doug Lidder, and Gary Lanoue added singles.

Ouchi scored three times for Vernon while Kelly Kaneda, Gary Redman, Paul Guidi, Gerry Fester, and Glen Fester collected singles.

Wayne Slazak made 61 saves for Coca-Cola while Rudy Carline blocked 50 shots for the hosts.

Vernon Manager Art Fester told the Daily News lack of competition during the season hurt his club, but the biggest problem they ran into on the coast was officiating.

Fester said, "In neutral rink, with Okanagan-style refereeing, we would have won by three or four goals. They let a lot more high sticking and harder hitting go on the coast than in the interior. We weren't used to the rough stuff because you can't get away with it in the Okanagan. I still think we're a better hockey team and I'm proud of our players."

Vernon won the Okanagan-Matroule title and knocked out Nakusp and Kimberley, in inter-league play, before losing to Coquitlam.

## BANTAM BOYS

# Local hoopsters win provincial championship

Vernon captured the B.C. Bantam Boys Basketball Championship over the weekend at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School.

Vernon defeated Port Alberni 63-56 Saturday night in the championship game.

Will Hawk voted the tournament's most valuable player, leading the winners with 14 points while Boyd Galik had 13 for the losers.

The competition was for junior secondary school students 15 years of age and under. The Vernon squad was made up of players from Fulton, W.L. Seaton, and Kelowna schools.

solation final by beating University Hill of Vancouver 63-38.

Vernon reached the final by downing Port Alberni 64-47 and Penitencion 57-48 in earlier games.

## BEST GAME

The Vernon-Penitencion game was probably the best of the tourney. The teams were deadlocked 44-44 early in the fourth quarter, before the hosts scored 13 consecutive points.

Centre Kelly Olson led the attack with 27 points while Matt Tobias of Vancouver, Greg Kelleher added 18. DeLeenher was named to the first all-star team, along with Dan Hamfield and Balik

of Port Alberni, Don Brossiak of Penitencion, and Brad Wacous of Vancouver.

## SECOND TEAM

On the second team were Matt Tobias of Vancouver, Gerry Knight and Nick Bewanda of Penitencion, Doug Panten of Port Alberni, and Olson.

Vernon Coach Rick Iring, who also coaches the VSSS Panthers, said he was encouraged by his team's performance. Iring said, "The boys have been playing together for only three weeks and they showed us a lot of good stuff. There are some excellent senior high prospects on the squad."

## GETTING A DIFFERENT VIEW

VIEW of Silver Star Mountain are Scott Brooksbank, left, and Kevin Dunn, both of the U.S. Brooksbank and Dunn finished one-two in the semi-finals Sunday, however, Jean Coriveau of Quebec came on strong to win the finals and \$1,500. John Eaves of Mt. Tremblant, Que., placed second and Steve Rezendes of Boise, Idaho, finished third.

(Daily News Photos)

# 8,000 people attend world freestyle finals

More than 8,000 people were on hand Sunday for the World Cup freestyle aerial finals on Silver Star Mountain.

John Eaves of Mt. Tremblant, Que., and Genta Fuller of Heavenly Valley, Calif., retained their combined world titles.

Eaves placed second in men's aerials Sunday, behind Ken Corrievau of Quebec City.

Greg Athans of Kelowna had been close to Eaves in overall standings but fell behind when he came 13th in the aerials.

with 64.73 points after losing a ski on his second jump.

## WON HALLET

Alexis, who won the ballet event on Saturday, placed first in cup standings in both moguls and ballet.

In ballet, Bob Howard of the U.S. was runner-up followed by Ken Kuruda of Penitencion.

Woodman said, "All we can do is estimate and we know there was at least 8,000, maybe 8,000 people. One thing we do know, it is the largest crowd we've ever had."

All four parking lots were filled to capacity and cars were parked up to two miles down the road. Despite the huge crowd, lift lines were short.

Woodman said, "Thousands of people came for one reason and that was to watch the freestyle. It was just an incredible event, except for the weather. It was probably the worst weather we've ever had on Silver Star."

WET SNOW fell most of the day and as the event neared completion, fog rolled in.

No one could have been disappointed at the show they saw on Sunday.

Slaves from Canada, the U.S., Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, and France took part in the event.

The Pro West tour championship was also decided at Silver Star. Rick Bowie, of Lake Louise, Alta., won the combined title and received an automobile for his efforts.

Bowie placed seventh in aerials. His brother, Darryl, finished second on the Pro West tour.

SNOWFLOWS: Silver Star will be remaining open until April 8. Canadian Freestyle Association General Manager Bruce Alain of Vernon did a tremendous job of organizing the event. Several skiers were upset with the judging — a problem that is plaguing freestyle skiing.

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# SPORTS

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# Vikings miss playoffs after weekend losses

It is finally official — Vernon Vikings are out of the B.C. Junior Hockey League playoffs.

Vikings dropped their final two regular season games over the weekend, leaving them four points behind Revelstoke Bruins in the race for the league's final playoff berth. Vernon has been within striking distance of Revelstoke for the past three months.

On Saturday, Vikings dropped a 5-1 decision to Abbotsford Flyers. The Sunday, in Bellingham, the Blazers dethroned Vernon 10-2.

## COACH RELIEVED

Vikings' Coach Hank Wensley told the Daily News he was disappointed that his club didn't make the playoffs, but admitted he felt relieved. Wensley said, "After we lost to Abbotsford, it was a relief to get the pressure off us. There has been a tremendous amount of pressure on the players and executive this season because of our bad showing."

"I can't knock the players — they gave it everything they had. We just didn't have the depth."

Vernon was plagued by poor attendance, lack of players, and coaching problems throughout most of the season. Several player cards were wasted early in the year and by the time Wensley, the fourth man to run the club, arrived on the scene, the club was below major limit with only two cards left.

## THREE GOALS

In Abbotsford, Anthony McMurphy scored the first three goals of the game while Jim Dobson and Brad Mamme completed the Flyers' attack.

Mike Wintner, who led Vikings in scoring all season, was the only sniper for the losers.

In Bellingham, Jim Bissett scored three goals to lead the Blazers who got two goal performances from Steve McDonald and Allan Anderson. Bobby Hull Jr., Gerry Bell, and Don Fraser rounded out the scoring.

Scott Cozins and Dale Slaus

replic" or Vikings, who were

outshot 40-30.

So far, 328 games have been played in the BCJHL, a regular schedule and only Vernon has been eliminated from playoffs.

## CENTS FIRST

Merritt, the overall points champion, won't be around either at the start of the opening round, Centennial meet the Pacific Junior League playoff champion in Centennial Cup play.

How-er, if the Cents are knocked out of Centennial Cup competition while BCJHL playoffs are still in progress, Merritt will be permitted to re-enter the BCJHL playoff picture.

In the Interior Division, second-place Penitencion Vees will take on Revelstoke in one best-of-seven division semifinal while Kelowna Buckaroos meet Kamloops Chiefs.

On the coast, either Nanaimo Clippers or Bellingham will play fourth-place Langley Lords while whoever finishes second will meet third-place Abbotsford Clippers and Blazers are tied for first-place, however, Nanaimo has one game remaining.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**HOOP CHAMPS** Armstrong downed Bucks 23-18 to capture the Vernon Major Women's Basketball League championship last week. Elsie Smith led the winners with seven points. In the consolation final, Bullets bombed Knicks 46-25. Nadine Wilson led Bullets with 24 points.

**INDOOR SOCCER** Demons have won the Girls' Indoor Soccer League title by default, over Flyers. Celtics beat Overlanders 7-4 in the consolation final. In the men's final game, Hawks bombed Roadrunners 8-0. Wanderers won the consolation final, 6-2, over Barons.

**IN FINAL** Regina and North Shore Winter Club registration for semi-final victories Sunday to advance to today's championship final in the Kamloops

International bantam Hockey Tournament. Regina whipped Red Deer 9-2 while North Shore drilled Kamloops 11-0.

**LACROSSE MEETING** Anyone interested in playing with the Vernon Tigers Senior Lacrosse club during the 1978 season is asked to attend a meeting Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Village Green Inn.

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VERNON'S KELLY OLSON jumps over a defender to shoot a rebound during the B.C. Bantam Boys Basketball Championship game Saturday night at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School. Photo by Don Fester for the Daily News.

the four-team tourney and Olson was named to the second all-star team. He led King out his team in the final game, 64-47. In the consolation final, he was named to the first all-star team.

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