

# SPORTS

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## VSSS girls go undefeated

Vernon Senior Secondary School girls' volleyball team won eight consecutive games in their own tournament over the weekend.

The Royals downed Rutland 15-8 and 15-8, Penitence 15-14 and 15-7, North Kamloops 16-14 and 15-7, and Kelowna 15-8 and 15-4.

VSSS Coach Anne Stokes said her team played great ball throughout the tourney.

"For the first time out they did an admirable job. We don't have a first string, our bench is just as strong as the players on the floor. And I think we've found a setter."

The Royals coach had expressed concern that her club had lots of height, but she said, "However, Allison Penner did a great job setting and could solve Stokes' only problem."

Meanwhile, the VSSS boys team finished a surprising second on their side of the tourney.

The Panthers split with George Elliot of Winfield 6-15 and 15-15, upset Penitence 15-10 and 15-2, dumped Armstrong 15-14, and 17-15, and had a first-place KLO in its only loss, 4-15 and 15-6.

Panthers' Coach Barrie Reid said, "Going into the tourney, I felt we'd finish third, or possibly fourth. KLO and Penitence are probably the two strongest teams in the valley so I'm very pleased with our performance."

The VSSS coach had special praise for Dave Harding and Brian Bugey. He said, "There is no doubt about it, Harding will be our leader. He had a super tourney. And Bugey is still lacking some fundamentals, but can be ever lit. He'll be a good one."

## Salo scores two as Cougars win

Vernon Sport Cougars dumped Westside Packers 5-2 in North Okanagan Hockey League exhibition game Sunday afternoon in Westbank.

Les Salo scored twice for the winners while Dave Caldwell, Will Lofke, and Warren Radowsky added singles.

Tom Connarty and Brad Owens replied for the defending champion Packers. The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Cougars led 3-2 after the second.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson told the Daily News he was pleased with his team's effort.

Swanson said, "It is going to take a great team to beat us this year. Our guys looked very good out there — and they're going to get a lot better. We showed them that we plan to play aggressive hockey."

For an exhibition game, it was a spirited affair. Packers took nine of 14 minor penalties and two of five fighting majors.

Jack Gilroy and Charlie Briskham split the goalending duties for Cougars, each allowing one goal.

Vernon's first league game is at home, on Oct. 14, against Westside.



VERNON'S Mike Kakoske goes high in the air to tip the ball over the net during Saturday's volleyball tournament at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

## Lilburn's late goal gives Nationals victory

Vernon's National Hotel moved one step closer to the Okanagan Senior Soccer League title Sunday by edging Kamloops Zestelli 2-1 in Kamloops.

The victory gives Nationals 26 points, two more than second-place Kelowna Kickers. Zestelli dropped to third spot with 22 points.

Tim Lilburn was the hero for Vernon with a goal in the final minute of play.

Keith Brooks put a free kick, from 30 yards out, over the defence and onto Wally Fisher's head. Fisher and the Kamloops goalie collided and went down, leaving the ball sitting eight yards out. Lilburn moved in and put the ball in the empty net.

**TOOK LEAD**  
Zestelli took a 1-0 lead at half-time on a head goal by Ernesto Salvo.

Fisher tied the game midway through the second-half.

Nationals play their final home game of the season next Sunday against Rutland Teamsters. However, the crucial game will be Oct. 8, in Kelowna, when Vernon battles the Kickers.

**UNITED TIES**  
In other games Sunday, Penitence Molsons upset Kelowna Zodiacs 4-2, Vernon United fought to a 2-2 deadlock with Osoyoos Rialtors, Teamsters drilled Osoyoos Sage 2, and Kelowna Kickers blanked Vernon Rovers 6-0.

Teamsters occupy fourth spot with 21 points followed by Zodiacs 15, United 14, Kialtors 14, Rovers 8, Penitence 7, and Sage 2.

United has a game-in-hand on both Zodiacs and Rialtors.

Meanwhile, the league has thrown out a protest by Rovers, filed after a 3-2 loss Oct. 17 to Rutland. Rovers protested that the referee was incompetent and asked for a replay of the game.

## Canadians need defensive help

Vernon Canadians are still searching for hockey players.

The B.C. Junior Hockey League club appears to be three or four skaters away from having a serious contender.

General Manager Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News his club needs defencemen.

Bloomer said, "We could use another one or two good forwards, but we really need some help on the blue line. We just don't have any depth back there."

Unless a rearguard can be found in a hurry, centre John Neeld, may be moved back to fill a hole.

Canadians hope to have two more local players at practice tonight. Defenceman Glen Lockwood, who quit the team last week because of job commitments, has changed his mind and is expected out tonight.

And Bob Sophinos, who played midget last season, has recovered from a bout with the flu and has been asked to try out.

Coach Greg Kiville cut two Regina products on Sunday.

Released are defencemen Tyler Williams and forward Leo Murphy, who Kiville said, "Just can't help us."

Canadians play their regular season opener on Thursday night against the Bruins in Revelstoke.

The BCJHL season got under way over the weekend with a handful of games.

Merritt Centennials won three straight on the coast, 7-2 over Langley Canadians, 6-1 against Nanaimo Clippers, and 6-4 over Delta Suns.

In other games, Revelstoke edged Kelowna Buckaroos 3-2, in overtime, and Bellingham Blazers thumped Chilliwack-Olts 8-3.

In Revelstoke, Ewayne Swanson scored a power play goal at 4:48 of overtime to power the Bruins to their first victory over Kelowna.

**REFS MEET**  
Anyone interested in refereeing basketball is asked to attend a meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m., at W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School. No previous experience is necessary.

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## 180 runners in huge meet

More than 180 runners took part in the second annual Okanagan Sunshine Invitational Cross-country Meet on Saturday at BX Elementary School.

The meet was hosted by W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School.

Overall winner was Sumner's Marcia Rempel, who covered the 4.2 mile course in 22 minutes, five seconds. However, his time was well off the record set last year by Steve Pybus, also of Sumner.

**NEW RECORD**  
First woman to finish the race was Marcia Rempel, of Abbotsford, in a time of 25:23. Rempel's time shattered the women's mark of 28:21 held by Glenda James of Nelson.

The powerful Abbotsford girls walked away with the junior girls' team award. Using the reverse scoring system, Abby accumulated 28 points, 30 less than second place W. L. Seaton. Seaton was without four of its top runners, who were all sick.

Junior boys' team trophy went to Jackson, of Salmon Arm, with 38 points. John Peterson, of Kamloops, finished second with 58 followed by Seaton with 128.

**SENIOR BOYS**  
In the senior boys' event, Salmon Arm had 32 points to edge Vernon Senior Secondary School by two.

Shuswap had 50 points followed by the Vernon Medical Society with 63.

Individual category winners were: elementary boys, Bart Eshluis of Abbotsford, 23:41; elementary girls, Donna Schmittauer of Abby, 28:53; junior boys, Bruce Fugeta of Princess Margaret, 23:54; junior girls, Rempel; senior boys, Logan; open men, Gary Meller of OK College, 22:25; open women, Arlene Pughay of Enderby, 29:18; men's joggers, R. Johnston of Shuswap, 23:44; women joggers, Susan Barry of Kelowna, 31:28.

Mike Fedyniak, of VSSS, placed second in the senior boys' competition while Jane Tasmie, of Kalamalka, and Lisa Morgan, of Seaton, finished third and fifth in junior girls.

Mission Hill's K. Ivina placed second in the elementary boys' category.

One young Salmon Arm runner was taken to hospital, by ambulance, after completing the race. However, he was treated and later released.



SENIORLAND'S Mark Logan approaches the finish line at the Okanagan Sunshine Cross-country Meet held Saturday. Logan

was an easy overall winner, covering the 4.2 mile course in 22:05. (Daily News Photo)

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