Cents stretch streak at Vernon's expense

MERRITT DEFENCEMAN Glen Fester pulls away from Vernon's Ton Ouchi during Tuesday's BCJHL game at the Civic Arena. Centennials won their fifth straight game, dumping the Canadians 4-1. Fester and Ouchi were team-mates last year on the Vernon juvenile rep team. (Daily News Photo)

Merritt Centennials' Coach Joe Tennant calls his hockey club so-so and claims it will improve 100 per cent in the next couple months. If that is true, the rest of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League has a problem.

Centennials remained undefeated by winning their fifth straight game Tuesday night, dumping Vernon Canadians 4-1 in Vernon.

All Merritt victories have come on the road as the defending regular-season champions are off to a fast title defence. For the Canadians, it was their third loss in as many games.

Centennials were able to move the puck out of their end almost at will. And at the other end, they had Canadians hemmed-in for much of the night.

37 SAVES

One brightspot for Vernon was the goaltending of rookie Trent Smith. Smith, making his second straight start in the pipes, made 37 saves. He faced numerous screen shots as the Merritt forwards set up camp on the edge of his crease.

Centennials' netminder Rob Polmatuin was called on to make only 17 stops.

Greg Aiken gave Merritt a 1-0 lead with the only goal of the first period.

Dale Sloan tied the game, early in the second, on a deflection. But, only two minutes later, Gary Sirkia put the Cents in front to stay.

Ed Beers and Greg Cockrell added insurance goals.

Vernon Coach Greg Kvisle said, "Our biggest problem was getting our passing organized. They were on top of us all night and we just couldn't get going. And we took a lot of dumb penalties."

ONLY MAJOR

Each team took 10 minors, but Vernon took the only major of the game, a high-sticking penalty to Terry Lowe.

On the bright side, Kvisle said, "I thought we hustled a bit better. We've still got a long way to go."

There was little hitting, by either team. One of the few Canadians to finish any checks was captain Dave Schneider, who threw a couple crunching hits.

Vernon is back in action Friday night, in Kelowna, when they battle the Buckaroos. On Saturday, Nanaimo Clippers are in town.

With only four defencemen on the roster, Kvisle hopes to have at least one more rearguard on the ice before the weekend games.

VEES WIN

In other games Tuesday, Penticton Vees edged Kelowna 3-2, Langley Canadians downed Chilliwack Colts 6-2, and Abbotsford Flyers edged Delta Suns 7-6.

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VSSS kickers earn third win

Vernon stretched its winning streak to three games with a 6-1 victory over Revelstoke in high school soccer action Tuesday afternoon in the Alpine City.

Vernon Coach Keith Brookes told the Daily News Revelstoke was no match for his club.

SHARPEN SKILLS

Brookes said, "We used the game to sharpen some of our skills. Unfortunately, Revelstoke's enthusiasm far exceeds their skill."

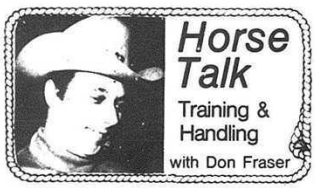
Sam Salko scored three goals for the winners while Al Betton notched a pair and Glen Campbell added a single.

Revelstoke was able to penetrate the VSSS defence only three times. Their only goal came when a wet ball eluded the grasp of Vernon goalie Andy Doyle.

SCHLEY GREAT

Brookes singled out Kelly Schley for his outstanding play on defence.

Vernon will be out to make it four straight on Thursday when it travels to Salmon Arm.



Horse Talk

Training & Handling

with Don Fraser

This column is presented as an aid for non-professional horsemen who share common training problems. It serves as the medium for novice and experienced riders to seek advice and for the passing along of training tips that have worked for the author. If you have a problem with your horse drop a short note to the Vernon Daily News and Don Fraser will try to answer it.

TOO MUCH, TOO SOON

Vernon girl writes: "I have a stud colt that's 18 months old. At 15 months I broke him to saddle and bridle. He works well. He enjoys it and I only ride him once a week and not for long. Do you think riding him this early will hurt him later on?"

I strongly discourage you from riding this colt now. Regardless of how strong and healthy he looks, he is not mature physically or mentally. You are taking the probable risk of breakdown. Try some ground training exercises like longeing, but don't push this colt too fast. Let him have lots of time to grow and mature. Don't even think of the saddle again until the colt is two and half years old. Even though waiting is hard to do, you will have a far better, healthier horse, both physically and mentally, in the end.

FLIES

Armstrong woman writes: "We have been bothered recently by an infestation of small flies that seem to swarm around our horses heads, causing them not to eat properly and resulting in weight loss. These flies seem to go to their ears where they attach themselves and suck their blood. Can you suggest something?"

Unfortunately, you are not the only one plagued by these menaces. I checked with our local veterinarian and there are several products on the market that will relieve a horse for awhile. I cannot mention brand names so I would suggest you contact your local veterinarian.

Hoop officials to meet

For the second consecutive year, Vernon will host the British Columbia Basketball Officials Association convention, from Oct. 13-15.

More than 100 officials, from throughout the province, are expected to attend.

Convener Mel Briggeman told the Daily News Vernon got the convention again because everyone had such a good time here last year.

Briggeman said, "We heard nothing but compliments about last year's meeting. It was almost unanimous that we host it again."

Classroom and on-floor sessions are scheduled for the referees.

Most events will be held at the Vernon Lodge Hotel, with the on-floor workouts at W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School.

More hunters this year

Statistics released this week by the Fish and Wildlife Branch's Cache Creek Checking Station show a large increase in hunters and most species shot during the period to Sept. 24.

The number of resident hunters rose from 799 in 1977, to 1,102 this year. The non-resident total has climbed from 149 to 192.

Largest increase in species shot is grouse, which rose from 2,019 to 3,081, including 1,800 Willow.

Only species to show decreases were: sheep 11 to 8, caribou 32 to 24, and elk 14-6.

Other increases were: moose 174 to 204, deer 27 to 47, goat 20 to 22, grizzly bear 4 to 13, black bear 15 to 21, geese 11 to 55, and ducks 404 to 1,063.

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Fulton)

7 p.m.: Coldstream vs. Hot Shots and Justice vs. Dykes Insurance; 8:45 p.m., Bumpers vs. VMP and Village Green Inn vs. Woodstocks.

INTERMEDIATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Kal School)

At 7:30 p.m.: Flying Marshmallows vs. Riverside Rowdies and Sun Auto Parts vs. Trinity Thunder.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

'A' Schedule at Seaton: 7 p.m., Thorne-Birds vs. Spinoffs and Dynamos vs. PVA; 8 p.m., Setters vs. BJs and Guzzlers vs. Kootenay Six; 9 p.m., Jokers vs. Spikers and Blue Devils vs. Cobras.

'B' Schedule at Bearisto: 7 p.m., Dirty Diggers vs. Power Packs; 8 p.m., PTs vs. Jolly Jumpers; 9 p.m., Fats-with vs. Geisha Girls.

'C' Schedule — no games due to school pre-emption.

THURSDAY

CURLING

3:30 p.m.: Vernon Curling Club, registration for junior boys and girls league. Cost is $17 per curler.

Dance scheduled Oct. 28

Vernon Fish and Game Club will be hosting a dance, on Oct. 28, at the clubhouse on Commonage Road.

Music will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Admission is $3, which includes a smorgasbord. Tickets are available from all club members.

Meanwhile, club general meetings will now be held monthly, on the third Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Future events planned include a huge raffle. First prize will be a $1,000 bill.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MAJOR MEN

Results of this week's Vernon Major Men's Volleyball League play were: Ajax 1, Nads 1; Vercom 2, Nads 0; Vercom 2, Ajax 0; 46ers 2, Solid Waste 0; 46ers 2, Lucky Lagers 0; Solid Waste 2, Lucky Lagers 0; Village Green 2, Nads 0; Village Green 2, Vercom 0; 46ers 2, Seaton 0; Solid Waste 1, Seaton 1; Seaton 2, Lucky Lagers 0; Village Green 2, Ajax 0.

CURLERS MEET

Falkland Curling Club will hold its registration and get-together night on Oct. 21 at the curling club. Sign-up lists are currently available at Leaf's Hardware and the post office.

STILL OPENINGS

There are still openings in several bowling leagues, at Lincoln Lanes, including Wednesday and Thursday Ladies Matinee (1 p.m.), Wednesday Golden Agers (3 p.m.), and Majors League for young adults, 18-29. (Saturdays at 5 p.m.). For further information phone 542-9837 or 542-6013.

HONEYMOONERS

In Honeymooners Volleyball League play Monday night, Coasters downed Sumtimers 15-11, 13-15, and 15-8; Wild Ones dumped Vivacious Vol's 16-14, 15-7, and 15-3; Up-n-atoms hammered EHA 15-0, 15-1, and 15-0; Crazy Eight edged Orangathons 16-14, 15-12, and 13-15, and Camptown Racers beat Speedos 15-11, 15-13, and 15-13.

NATIONALS LOSE

Downtown Shoe blanked Vernon's Old National Hotel 2-0 in Kelowna Inter-city Soccer League action Tuesday night in the Regatta City. It was Vernon's first loss in three outings.

EVANSHEN CUT

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League cut four players, including veteran wide receiver Terry Evanshen, on Tuesday. Also cut were import linebacker Anthony Dickerson, non-import defensive back Dan Bovair and import offensive guard Ralph Hill. Quarterback Rodney Allison was placed on the injured list. Evanshen, 35, was in his 14th season in the CFL and had caught his 600th career pass in the last game Toronto played, and lost, to Ottawa Rough Riders.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

Fights and a multitude of minor penalties took precedence over hockey in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League Friday night as players chalked up an awesome total of 290 minutes in penalties in three boisterous contests.

REMEMBER WHEN

Alvin Dark was fired as manager of San Francisco Giants baseball club 14 years ago today—in 1964—just 30 minutes after ending the National League season in fourth place.

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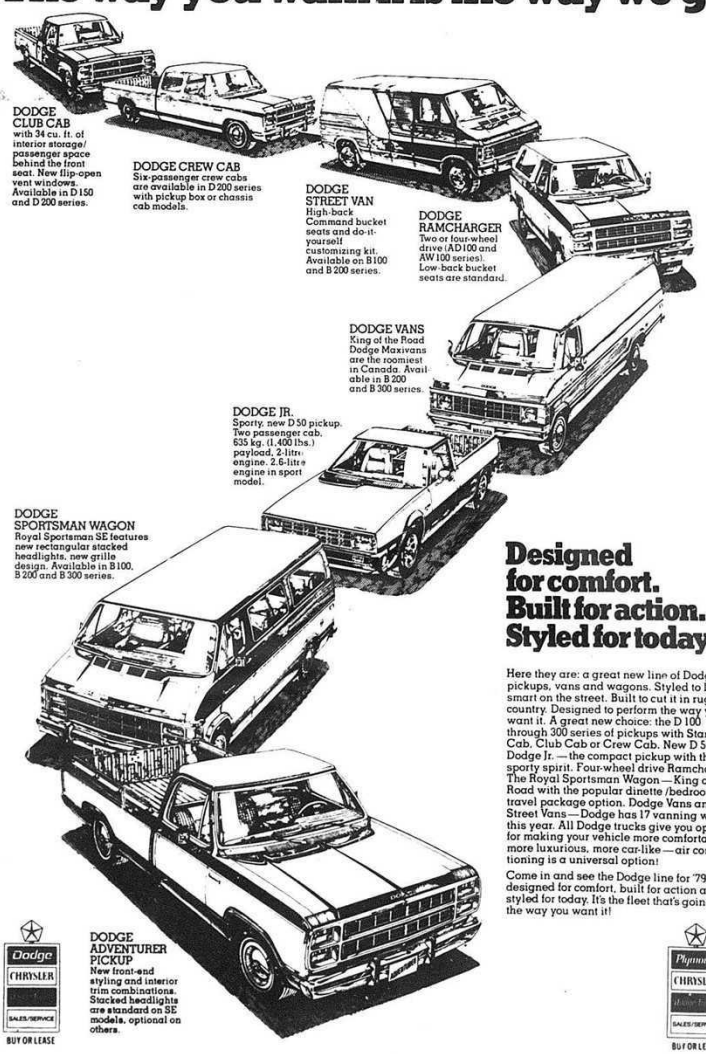

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