

# VSSS in B.C. soccer championships

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Daily News Sports  
Vernon Senior Secondary School Blues will be taking their sparkling 11-1 win-loss record to the B.C. Senior Boys Soccer Championships in Nanaimo today, though Saturday.

The Blues, under the guidance of veteran skipper Keith Brookes fashioned a 9-1 record during the regular high school season, then won both games they played in the valley championships.

A total of 16 teams are vying for the provincial title and although the Blues are a rookie-studded club as far as high school soccer is concerned, they do have some experienced performers.

Striker Sam Saiko has played senior soccer in the valley since he was 15 and has caught the eye of several professional scouts from the North American Soccer League.

Al Betton and Jim Garlick both placed well for the Vernon Hovers of the Senior circuit this season, while most of the other players kicked around in juvenile leagues.

Here's how Brookes describes his line-up entering the provincial title.

**ANDY DOYLE:** "A Grade 11 rookie. Andy is the first goalkeeper I've had who has

come up through the ranks as a goalkeeper. He's a natural surprise on our defence. He made the position on his aggressive play. He's a tenacious checker, aggressive and a very rugged player when locking. He's also very intelligent on the field."

**DOUG WURZ:** "Doug is another Grade 11 rookie, a very gutsy player who's very quick at reading a play. He anticipates well and he's not afraid to overlap, carry the ball or beat a man. He'll never back down from anyone, but he does tend to commit himself and he gets burned on occasion."

**ROD TRENTINI:** "Rod is a

Grade 12 rookie on the team who has got to be the biggest surprise on our defence. He made the position on his aggressive play. He's a tenacious checker, aggressive and a very rugged player when locking. He's also very intelligent on the field."

**STEVE HESKETH:** "A Grade 11 rookie, Steve has the Kamloops he looked like a pro, but then in our next game he played like a complete novice. He's too inconsistent, but once he gains some positional sense he'll maintain a consistently high level of performance."

**KELLY SCHLEY:** "A

Grade 11 veteran, Kelly has been the cornerstone of our defence. He has looked a little shaky the last two games, but he always comes up with the big play when you need it. He anticipates well and the rest of the club looks to him for making the big play. He likes to carry the ball and distributes it very well."

**GARY CASPERSON:** "Another Grade 11 rookie, Gary is the workhorse of the team, he gets into an enormous amount of play with his sheer determination. He runs about three miles a day and does whatever you ask him to do. Some of his ball handling skills need improving, but he's

still a tireless worker."

**JIM BARLEK:** "Grade 12 rookie, Jim's greatest asset is his physical strength. He's a big play when you need it. He anticipates well and the rest of the club looks to him for making the big play. He likes to carry the ball and distributes it very well."

**GLENN CAMPBELL:** "A Grade 11 veteran, Glenn was converted from a centre forward to centre-half and is taking a long time to adjust to the defensive requirements of the position. He is strong on the basic skills of the game and he can beat his man, turn and control the ball with authority. The last half of the season he has been the most improved player on the club, only because he was always reluctant to run, now I can count on him to play a good two-way game. He enjoys getting through a lot of work now."

**PETE STROTHER:** "Pete is not a big guy, but he's got a big heart. He gets knocked around a lot by big defences, but he has an enormous ability to beat a defender. He's very deceptive, hard to check and although he doesn't have a hard shot, he's an opportunist, picks up a lot of loose balls and backchecks a lot."

**ORBY MEAUSSETTE:** "A rookie Grade 11, Orby has got speed, shields the ball well and is very hard to disperse. His greatest strength is that he can get in behind a defence and allow us to use a play whereby the winger with the ball beats the back and then instead of crossing it, pulls it back away from the goal in the penalty shot area. His main weakness is his shooting. He can't get the ball into the goal cleanly or hard, but he's an opportunist and he scores key goals."

**SAM SAIKO:** "A Grade 12 veteran, Sam is perhaps the most experienced player on the club. He has scored a lot of goals in high school soccer and he's got all the ball skills, an excellent shot with both feet, plays heads up soccer and never gives up the way

He's one of the leaders of the team and he's got a great attitude. He does have a tendency to go just one way, doesn't do as much back-checking as he could."

**AL BETTON:** "A Grade 12 veteran centre, Al is the other leader on the team who has an excellent attitude, leads by example and is a 100 per cent two-way player who gives everything he's got all the time. He's got good ball-handing sense, a good goal-keeping sense, is fast and has a good foot, a perfect complement for Saiko. They both understand each other's game and play together well. Both are natural goal scorers and create openings for each other."

**MURRAY FROELICH:** "A rookie Grade 11 centre, Murray didn't start any games this year because he would have had to beat out Al or Sam. He's a very smooth runner, beautiful to watch in a game, and an economical runner. Like Pete, he's not a big guy, but he's got a big heart and he's got a good shot. He holds the ball well and has scored some key goals, including the goal ahead against Westside in the regular season. His main weakness is he has a tendency to hack back on tactics — on 60-50 balls he won't go in hard."



FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty clubs will send competitors to the 21st annual Okanagan-Mainline Figure Skating Championships this weekend in Salmon Arm.

Vernon will be represented by 11 skaters, coached by Rose Harman and Noreen Martin. The local skaters are, from left, Ariette Chambers, Jo-Ann Power,

Shelley Mac Braver, Jamie Hurry, Kelly Prentice, Vicki Harman, Marna Short, Lisa Kristiansen, Shannon Murrella, Trisha

Tinnall, and Cathy Corburn. Trisha will skate in the juvenile 'B' ladies' pool with Armstrong's Logan Parkinson. The

top competitors qualify for the B.C. Section Championships, Dec. 8-10, in Vancouver. (Daily News Photo)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**FULFORD WINS**  
Fulton Academicals thumped the Allison 73-43 in Men's Intermediate Basketball League action this week at Clarence Fulton School. In other games, Coldstream Hotels Bruins trounced Okanagan College 58-46 and Dirty Duncans bombed the Red Devils 49-26.

**SHUTOUT VICTORY**  
Tri-Lake Cougars blanked Vernon Sport Lakers 5-0 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Civic Arena. Cougars held period leads of 2-0 and 4-0.

**ENDERBY SKATING**  
Eight Enderby skaters will be competing in the Okanagan-Mainline Figure Skating Championships this weekend in Salmon Arm. They are Shawna-Lex Loughheed, Laurie Case, Karyn Case, Linda Stankovc, Crystal Mason, Roxane Loughheed, Lorrie Main, and Kelly Prevost.

**PLAYERS SUSPENDED**  
DALLAS (AP) — Alex McKendry of Fort Worth Texans has been suspended for one game for unsportsmanlike conduct during a Central Hockey League game against Dallas last week. NHL president Bud Poile said

McKendry would not be allowed to play in the Friday night game in Fort Worth against Oklahoma City. Poile said McKendry was suspended because he made obscene gestures toward the crowd.

**DECIDES FUTURE**  
QUEBEC (CP) — Centre Christian Bordenau, 21, says he will take a couple of weeks to decide his future, but the World Hockey Association club considers him to be retired, general manager Maurice Filion says. Bordenau is reported to have told coach Jacques Demers he was retiring last weekend, but he later said he was considering options and would announce his decision this week.

**NAMED TO POSTS**  
OTTAWA (CP) — Toronto sailor Paul Henderson has been named vice-president of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), the Canadian Yachting Association announced Wednesday. It is the highest post in the IYRU ever occupied by a Canadian. Other Canadians named to posts include Lynn Watters of Beausoleil, Que., Paul Phelan, John Tucker, Michael Clifford and Merrilyn Currie, all of Toronto; Judge Livatus of Ottawa and John Morgan of Beausoleil.

## Tigers to keep Halasz — Pearson joins team

Vernon Canadians' Coach Greg Kvistle received some good bad news today.

First the bad news — Medicine Hat Tigers won't give up Darren Halasz. The good news is that Tigers plan to send two players to Vernon.

Kvistle told the Daily News that Halasz fits into the Tigers' plans. He said, "We were disappointed not to get Darren, but we expect to receive a defenceman and a goalie. We should know later today for sure."

Canadians will have one new player in the line-up this weekend. Defenceman Larry Pearson, who has been practicing with the club for two weeks, signed on Wednesday.

Pearson, who spent last season with Weyburn Red Wings of the Saskatchewan Junior A League, can handle the puck and is known as an aggressive player.

Kvistle said, "With Pearson on defence, I'm going to move Glenn Lockwood up to right wing and use four forward lines. The fourth line will get spot duty, basically as checkers."

Vernon plays three games, in three days, starting Friday when it hosts Langley.

**CLIPPERS WIN**  
In Wednesday's only BCHL game, Nanimo Clippers took a 4-1 first period lead and coasted to a 7-4 victory over Abbotsford Flyers.

Jeff Wylie scored two goals for the winners while singles came from Ken Calder, Glen Naylor, Nigel Thomas, Mike Jonsson and Maurice Jaeger.

George Crookshank scored twice for Abbotsford while Don Werbenik and Tom Ch'holm each had one goal.

Nanaimo outshot the Flyers 43-38 and took 28 of 50 penalty minutes assessed during the contest.

The victory moved the Clippers into third place in the Coast Division standings.

## PIN POINTS

**NOV. 7 MIXED**  
Men's high single: Peppy Johnson 284; high triple: Iris Meyer 468; high average: Lori Brisson 205.

Men's high single: Don Russell 326; high triple: Ron Krupps 743; high average: John Gailion 341; Team high single: Rigormort's 75; 375.

Club Don Russell 376; Ron Krupps 372.

**NOV. 8 MIXED**  
Men's high single: Lori Kupryk 290; high triple: Lori Kupryk 748; high average: Angie Brisson 205.

Men's high single: Rod Brisson 341; high triple: Rod Brisson 841; high average: Shig Tabata 743; Team high single: Crack Pots 1342; high triple: H. & R. Fencing 3882.

Club: Rod Brisson 313; 844; Lori Kupryk 313; Jim Shorsten 303; H. & R. Fencing 3269; ASSASSIN 292; H. Flyers 2679.

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## Peerless Pipe upsets Sabres

Forward Willie Madden triggered a pair of goals to spark the much-improved Peerless Pipe Blades to a 4-2 upset victory over Coldstream Hotel Sabres in one of two White Valley Hockey League games in Lumby Tuesday night.

Ron Lilburn and Mike Gryn-wacheck contributed singles for the blades who got a pair of assists from Wally Flahar.

Steve White and Dave Kanaster replied for the Sabres who received two assists from Archie McDougall.

Blades and Sabres were tied 1-1 after one session and Blades held a 2-2 second period lead.

Sabres took seven of 12 minor penalties.

In a real barn burner, Allison Smoke Eaters and Lotus Gardens fought to a thrilling 7-7 draw.

**THE GAME**  
The Smoke Eaters tied five goals in the third period, three of them short-handed. Then with 24 seconds remaining, the Smoke pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker and Wayne Nyuena won the hero of the night when he tied the affair with just eight seconds left on the clock.

The goal was Nyuena's second straight and his fourth point of the night.

Smooth-skating Jeff Shirley potted two goals for the Smoke's game-winning goals.

Eric Hebert and Gary Turik. Former UBC Thunderbolt ace Tom Williamson coasted to his usual productive night with two goals and three assists to lead Lotus.

Dennis Hemmich, Willy Bevan, Ray Horrochuk, Barry Reid and Scott McKinley blinked the red light once for the Gardens.

## SPORTS ALERT

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
At VSSS: 7:30 p.m., Ball-busters vs. Catbirds and Silver Six vs. Freestylers; 8:30 p.m., OK Welches vs. Kil Tits and Gustos vs. Red Willow.

**PVHL**  
11:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Super Valu Flames vs. Price and Markie Canucks.

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