

SPORTS

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Local hoopsters get hammered on coast swing

Don't be surprised if Vernon Panthers never visit the coast again.

After being humiliated 114-78 by the province number one ranked team, "MEI Eagles, last Thursday, Vernon lost three consecutive games at the Belmont Invitational Tournament, in Victoria.

What a weekend! Here were the words of Panthers' Coach Rick Inrig. "I hope we've got that bad streak out of our system. I don't think we have had any play any worse."

Quinn Greenhyde, a 6'4" Parkland forward, completely destroyed the Panthers. Greenhyde, considered one of the top high school players in the province, scored 40 points. Rick Beaton replied with 35 for Vernon while Will Haak added 12.

Inrig said, "We held Greenhyde to 12 points in the first-half, but we couldn't stop him in the second-half. He is quite a player."

30 PROVERS In the second game against Belmont, Greg DeLeenbeer had his best game on the trip with 30 points. Peter Wolgram sunk 10 for Vernon.

35 PERCENT Panthers shot only 35 per cent from the foul line, in the four games. And they averaged 40 rebounds per game when they should be pulling down 60-70.

30 POINTERS Panthers are back in action Wednesday night when they meet Rutland Woodcoos.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBERS Conditions snow-wise are good on Vernon's Silver Star, with a three foot base at the skating area by the chalet. Plans call for Teamam Valley to be open officially Dec. 8, and throughout the winter.

Tigers' award night to feature casino theme

Three-time Canadian Senior 'B' Lacrosse Champion Vernon Village Green Tigers will hold their annual awards banquet and fan appreciation night on Dec. 29, at the Village Green Inn.

This year's banquet will take on a casino atmosphere with a Las Vegas Night theme. Cocktails will be at 8 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing at 9 p.m.

Lumby dumps Blades

Lumby Flying Frenchmen scored three third period goals to record a 4-2 win over Pelee's Pipe Blades in White Valley Hockey League action Saturday night at the Lumby Arena.

Bill Beck gave Frenchmen a 1-0 lead in the first period but, Wally Fisher tied the game in the second.

Bill Cawthorn, Gary Forster, and Andy Gilbert scored in the final 20 minutes to propel Frenchmen to victory. Beck collected two assists.

Wayne Brown rounded out the scoring for Blades. Lumby took 15 of 29 penalty minutes.

League play resumes Tuesday night when Coldstream Sabres battle Allison Smoke Eaters and Lotus Gardens vs. Rene's Barons.

REMEMBER WHEN

Golf champions Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer won the fifth United States championship 14 years ago today in 1964 and took home the Claret Cup. The best-placed Canadians in the tournament, held in Hawaii, were Al Batting and George Knudson, who finished seventh.



TOM OUCHI wheels across the blue line during Saturday's BCHL game at the Civic Arena. Ouchi, who scored three goals Friday in Pentiction, was kept off the scoreboard by Kelowna as the Buckaroos romped to a 7-4 victory. (Daily News Photo)

Elks remain undefeated — Cougars lose twinbill

First the good news, then the bad. Vernon Sport Cougars led 2-0, in two games, over the weekend. But, then they fell apart.

Grindrod Elks dumped Cougars 6-3 and Rutland Molsons drilled Vernon 8-4 in North Okanagan Hockey League action.

In other games, Winfield Raiders upset Westdale Packers 6-4 and Molsons thumped Revelstoke Selkirks 14-4.

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However, the league leaders battled back to tie the score before the first period ended.

The outstanding netminding of Charlie Briskman kept Cougars in the game until the third period when Elks scored three times, in less than five minutes.

Gary Pearson scored twice for the winners while Guy Davidson, Jim Sparrow, Jeff Collins and Ron Haggard added singles.

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seven of 12 minor penalties. In Winfield, Packers outshot Raiders 34-18 but ended up on the short end of the score.

Pete Wannop, Fred Parent, Ken Plotnikoff, Gary Moore, Bruce Naka, and Ron Dotz scored for Winfield.

Gary Hewko, with two goals, Perry Head, and Drew Kitsch replied for the Packers.

Mike Smithson blocked 30 shots for Raiders while Gerry Dyck made only 10 saves for Westdale.

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Williams Lake gets thumped

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps hammered Williams Lake 2-0 and 16-2 in a pair of exhibition games over the weekend at the Civic Arena.

On Sunday, Al Beaton led the 23-goal onslaught with two goals and seven assists. Mike Corneale, David Fish and Rick Chiba scored three times for the locals.

In the other game, Darcy Anderson was top marksman with five goals while Chiba added four goals and three assists.

Vernon outshot the visitors 66-21.

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VSSS girls third in B.C.

Vernon placed third in the British Columbia girls high school volleyball championships over the weekend in New Westminster.

VSSS came within one game of qualifying for Saturday night championship game.

Spectrum of Victoria won the provincial title by beating Centennial of Coquitlam 15-10, 12-15, and 15-10.

LOST ONE Spectrum lost only once during the round-robin portion of the tourney and finished the championship round with a 7-1 record.

Centennial was 6-2 while Vernon posted a 5-3 record.

On Saturday, VSSS defeated Notre Dame 15-11, 10-15 and 15-8, and Victoria High 15-11 and 15-11. However, in the match that would have put Vernon in the final, Mission recovered from a 15-11 loss to defeat VSSS 15-13 and 15-5.

Vernon Coach Anne Stokes told the Daily News her team ran out of steam. She said, "We gave it our best effort, but it wasn't quite good enough."

NAMED ALL-STAR Vernon captain Donna Lee, who was a standout throughout the tournament, was named to the first all-star team and offered a scholarship at Simon Fraser University.

Kim Danzner and Sandy Schroeder also played well according to Stokes, could have made the all-star team.

VSSS placed second in the province in 1977 this year, and could bring home the hardware in 1979. Only Lee and Schroeder won't be back next season.

Stokes said, "With seven of our nine girls returning, I'm very optimistic about our chances next year. They're a great bunch of girls."

Eighteen teams competed in the four-day championship event.

Vernon terrible against Buckaroos

Kelowna Buckaroos dumped Vernon Canadian 7-4 in BC Junior Hockey League action Saturday night at the Civic Arena.

INTERIOR DIVISION TEAM GP W L T Pts

Vernon 29 15 14 0 30  
Kelowna 30 15 15 0 30  
Revelstoke 28 14 14 0 28  
Delta 30 13 17 0 26  
Penticton 29 10 19 0 20

COAST DIVISION Bellingham 20 23 7 0 46  
Nanaimo 29 17 12 0 34  
Langley 32 17 15 0 34  
Chilliwack 31 13 17 1 27  
Abbotsford 29 12 16 1 25  
Delta 29 4 25 0 8

Despite the loss, Canadians are still tied for second-place in the Interior Division, with Kamloops Rockets.

Vernon Coach Greg Kvistad called his club's performance terrible.

Kvistad said, "Everything that could go wrong — did. We can't afford to give away any more games like that."

FELL BEHIND Buckaroos held period leads of 2-1 and 4-1. Early in the third period, Vernon narrowed the gap to 4-3 and appeared ready to take control of the game.

But, the usually reliable Trent Smith was beat on two bad shots and Kelowna took a 6-3 lead.

Rob Wright and Rich Vardachil scored two goals each for the Buckaroos while Gord Pace, Bruce Collins, and Ken Piccoilli added singles.

John Mercer, with two goals, John Neel, and Larry Pearson replied for the Canadians.

Smith finished the night with 20 saves while Ron Loustel blocked 29 shots for the Elks.

LITTLE HELP Kvistad said, "You can't fault Trent. He has played almost every game for us this season — he is getting too much ice time. Unfortunately, we don't have anyone to help him."

Sixteen-year-old goalie Tom Williams, who was in town last week, had to return home to Yellowknife because he couldn't get the right school courses here. Canadians hope to take a look at another goalie this week.

Vernon is back in action Thursday when they battle the Bruins in Revelstoke. Revelstoke lost twice over the weekend, 4-2 to Kamloops Rockets and 6-1 to Nanaimo Clippers.

CELEBS WIN In other games, Merritt Centennial blanked Penticton Vees 9-0, Nanaimo Truants Delta Suns 10-4, Langley Canadians edged Abbotsford Flyers 6-5, Kamloops beat Penticton 8-4, Chilliwack Coits trounced Bellingham Blazers 8-1, and Blazers 5-1 over Delta Coits 7-2.

In Bellingham, Bob Manning and Dave Brockhill scored two goals each and Chris Tucker, Evan Williams and Art Lehtikainen added singles for the Blazers, which leads the coastal division.

Doug Trotsuk and Greg Kohlrus replied for the Coits. Bellingham was plagued by penalties in its loss at Chilliwack, taking 30 minors, three 10-minute misconducts and a match penalty.

Jim Brassard and Loyal Valley Goodye each scored twice for Merritt, which leads the Interior division, impressed 400 hometown fans by scoring five goals in the first 10 minutes against Penticton.

Rick Norberg scored three goals while Rod Danchuk added a pair for the Centennials. Rob Pointmoun stopped 27 shots for the shutout club.

Ted Harrison scored twice for Langley while singles came from Tom Chisholm, Danny Held, Jim Beaton and Craig Miller in the Canadian's victory win over Abbotsford.

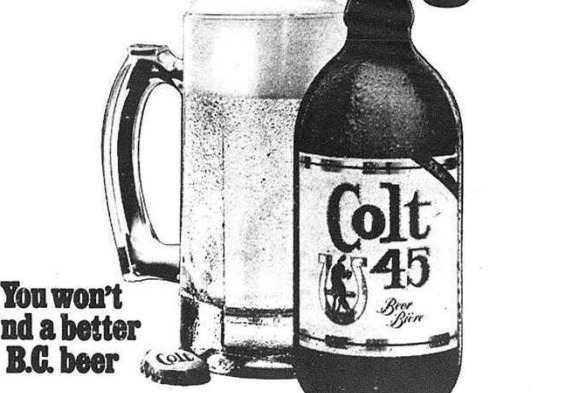
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VERNON COUGARS' Wayne Dye gets a rough ride into the boards during Saturday's North Okanagan Hockey League game at the Enderby arena. Ron Stieckland provided the hit, and the Grindrod Elks overcame a 2-0 deficit to dump the Cougars 6-3. (Joan Bond Photo)

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