

# Kamloops Pickets fold

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### COLDSTREAM WINS

Coldstream Hotel Erluna overcame a 10-2 deficit to dump Dirty Ducks 4-2 in Men's Intermediate Basketball League action this week at Clarence Fulton School in other games. Allison bombed Red Devils 64-20 and undefeated Fulton Academicals beat OK College Padres 81-48.

### BOWLERS ADVANCE

Leslie Ferguson and Gene Hoff have qualified to represent Vernon in the regional Classified Bowling playdowns. Ferguson rolled 153 pins over her 133 average while Hoff was 72 pins over his 116 average. Provincial finals will be held March 3 in Delta.

### SKI REGISTRATION

Registration for the Nancy Greene Ski League will be held Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Silver Star and Tullicum Ski Areas.

### SHADOWS WIN

Shadows blasted Raiders 6-2 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Wednesday night at the Civic Arena. Shadows held period leads of 2-1 and 4-2.

### FLOOR HOCKEY

Anyone interested in playing floor hockey for two hours, once per week, is asked to phone 542-1907. Cost is \$2 per night or \$20 for the winter.

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Vernon Recreation Complex will start accepting registrations for the Major Men's Volleyball League next Tuesday. Games will be played on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at W. L. Seaton School. Registrations for the Men's Intermediate League start Dec. 15, also at the complex. Intermediate games will be played Mondays at Clarence Fulton School, starting Jan. 8. Team registration fee for both leagues is \$75.

### PLAYERS NEEDED

Vernon Lead Ducks need four players to fill their roster for the upcoming Major Men's

### Broomball league season

Anyone interested is asked to phone 542-1907. Cost is \$10 per player.

### SPINKS ACQUITTED

ELTHAM, Ohio (AP)—Former heavyweight boxing champion Leon Spinks was acquitted Wednesday of charges that he failed to control his car when it crashed through a fence in this city Oct. 21. Spinks, 26, testified that he went through the fence when his rear wheel slipped on gravel. He said he was trying to avoid an oncoming car. Spinks was not injured in the accident.

### Racquet playdowns scheduled

The zone two B.C. Winter Games racquetball trials will be held this weekend at the Vernon Racquet and Squash Centre.

### Thirty players, including 14 from Vernon, will compete for five berths on the zone team.

Ruby Twyford and Gregg Cusfield, of Vernon, along with Frank Kooze, of Kamloops, will playoff for the B event berth.

There will be two players selected from C competition. The local entrants in C include Ken Bryan and Curt Broughton.

Fourteen women will vie for one spot in the women's Super Abbott. Kay Brooks, Evelyn Lebeck-Tull, Jane Brown, and Helen Glennie will represent Vernon.

Four of the seven senior players competing for one berth, are from the local club. They are Sandy Glennie, Bill Jones, Ken Bryan, and Sunny Zimmerman.

The playdowns start Friday and continue to Sunday afternoon.

KAMLOOPS (Special) — Financial troubles have forced Kamloops Rockets of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League to fold, the club's owner said Wednesday.

"It would take \$25,000 to run the club for the rest of the year and I just don't have it," said Joe Mullis. Mullis said the club's operation has already lost \$20,000 since the beginning of the season.

Last-minute attempts to raise additional financial backing have apparently failed, Mullis said. "We're trying to get a group of businessmen together, but as of now, nothing has happened."

The Rockets are scheduled to play Penticon Vees Friday, but Mullis said he doubts the team will play. He also said he had asked Ephraim Steinke, the club's former owner, to attend a meeting Dec. 23 to discuss the club's future, but Steinke wasn't interested.

"We weren't willing to run the club past Dec. 23 unless Steinke was willing to return or unless we had financial backing," Mullis said. "Now he has indicated he won't return and there is no way anyone would invest in the team after that."

### OWNERS BREAKERS

Steinke currently holds a majority interest in Seattle Breakers of the Western Hockey League.

Mullis said the Rockets have been advised not to move any of their 19 players until the tier-two league can consider a draft.

BCJHL Vice-President Roy Livingston said the league isn't quite sure what to do. Livingston said, "We've tentatively cancelled all the Kamloops games. But, beyond that, we can't take much action at this time. As far as player distribution, if the team folds, I imagine a draft will be the answer."

Vernon Canadians' General Manager Sheldon Bloomer said he is disappointed about the loss of the Rockets.

Bloomer said, "Naturally we'd like to see the Interior Division remain at six teams. If the situation can't be solved at the present time, I hope Kamloops will rejoin the league next season."

### CANADIANS INTERESTED

The Vernon GM said he would be interested in acquiring one or two Rockets. He said, "We need another goalie and we could use a little help on defence. As far as special players go, I just don't know who will be available."

Canadians were scheduled to play in Kamloops on Sunday night. Rockets have won 15 of 31 games this season and are tied for second-place in the Interior Division, with Vernon.

Mullis said he got into all our problems — it would take days. The simple fact is — we didn't take in enough money to pay the bills."

In Wednesday's BCHL game, Nanaimo Clippers hammered Abbotsford Flyers 13-4.

## PIN POINTS

### NOV. 26

Sun. M.C. 11-11  
Womens high single, Inez Buchanan 280, high triple, Inez Buchanan 712, high average, Inez Buchanan 291  
Men's high single, Bob Buchanan 285, high triple, Carl Platen 661, high average, Inez Buchanan 288  
Team high single, The Pits 140, high triple, The Pits 140, high average, The Pits 350  
Singles Parents 350  
Vernon Auto Body 347  
Single Pins 345  
Untouchables 348

### NOV. 26

Sunday 7-9  
Womens high single, Carol Sandmore 299, high triple, Carol Sandmore 710, high average, Donna Desmarais 720  
Men's high single, Paul Piche 281, high triple, Marcel Gallon 734, high average, Marcel Gallon 243  
Team high single, Fernon High Rollers 256  
Team high triple, Born Losers 278  
"700" Club: Carol Sandmore 710, "Super Spares" — Jim Mayer  
TEAM STANDINGS  
Dosses Bros 409  
Dykes 360  
Born Losers 363  
Pin Ball Whizzes 361

### NOV. 24

Y.B.C. Seniors  
Womens high single, Cathy Garroch 292, high triple, Cathy Garroch 721, high average, Allison Preiner 274  
Men's high single, Ronald Krause 264, high triple, Ronald Krause 689, high average, Ron Koenig 201  
Team high single, B.S.C. 118, high triple, B.S.C. 3183  
TEAM STANDINGS  
B.S.C. 356  
All Fives 343  
Team Canadians 324  
Troopers 310  
100 Pins Over Average, Rodney Jones av. 149, bowled a 241  
Bowler of the Week, Connie Muccav av. 172, bowled a 99 triple, 178 pins over av., Rodney Jones av. 149, bowled a 98 triple, 121 pins over av.  
Bowler of Month, Lyle Skidmore 4-83

### NOV. 27

Mon. 7-11 Mixed  
Womens high single, May Turek 297, high triple, Willie Wendel 739, high average, Willie Wendel 275  
Men's high single, Rod Brisbin 285, high triple, Rod Brisbin 714, high average, Archie Turcotte 228, Len Chahley 228  
Team high single, Aristocats 1339, high triple, Wild Eagles 3473, high average, Wild Eagles 3473  
What Eagles 385  
Ill Eagles 374  
Aristocats 273  
Wild Eagles 355

## VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

25, high triple, Rod Brisbin 814, high average, Archie Turcotte 228, Len Chahley 228  
Team high single, Aristocats 1339, high triple, Wild Eagles 3473, high average, Wild Eagles 3473  
What Eagles 385  
Ill Eagles 374  
Aristocats 273  
Wild Eagles 355

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Womens high single, Lil Jameson 263, high triple, Lil Jameson 701, high average, Lil Jameson 274  
Men's high single, Glen Fey 325, high triple, Glen Fey 789, high average, Marcel Gallon 247  
"700" Club, Lil Jameson 291  
TEAM STANDINGS  
Pin Up 370  
Captains Choice 357  
Shooting Stars 337  
Seymour 337

### NOV. 28

Tuesday 9-11  
Womens high single, Jan Varney 286, high triple, Betty Griffin 691, high average, Paulette Starnes 212  
Team high single, Try Harads 205, high triple, Try Harads 559  
TEAM STANDINGS  
Alley Cats 363  
Devil's Belles 383  
Good Girls 347  
Pythians 322

### NOV. 28

Tuesday Coffee  
Womens high single, Doreen Fisher 328, high triple, Carol Klockner 710, high average, Lil Johnson 277  
Team high single, Mayo 160, high triple, Puffed Rice 246  
"700" Club, Doreen Fisher 328  
TEAM STANDINGS  
Frisco 389  
Mayo 367  
Captains Choice 355  
Lucky Charms 342  
Frankenbers 338

### NOV. 29

Coffee Party  
Womens high single, Bridgett Massey 281, high triple, Lucy Mann 679, high average, Lucy Mann 205  
Men's high single, Snowbirds 317, high triple, Snowbirds 440  
TEAM STANDINGS  
Ackerlys 381  
Snowbirds 375  
Cats a dees 368  
Owls 368  
Chick 346



VERNON PATNERS: Kelly Olson goes above two Rutiland defenders for two points during Wednesday's high school basketball game at VSSS. Olson scored 21 points and grabbed 20 rebounds, but Panthers ended up on the short end of the score. (Daily News Photo)

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## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

December 7, 1973  
Rivals in the Western Canada Hockey League compiled a whopping 50 goals in five games this week but only Edmonton Oil Kings managed to move up in the standings. The Oil Kings won a 5-4 victory over Flin Flon Bombers.

At Q.C. Landings, Falsworth over July Jammers 15-9, 15-9, and 4-15; Power Packs over Getha Girls 15-6, 6-15, and 15-4; Dirty Diggers over Pats with 15-2, 15-9, and 15-4; over Power Packs 15-7, 15-10, and 15-9.

At Silver Star, Molley Crew over Steamers 15-12, 15-9, and 15-8; Huncy Bunch over Sneakers 15-11, 15-2, and 11-15; Molley Crew over Mail Enterprises 15-10, 15-8, and 8-5; Huncy Bunch over Steamers 15-12, 15-15, and 15-7.

At Seaton, Thorne Birds over DVAs 15-9 and 15-7; Kootenay Six over Spin-offs 15-12, 15-10, and 15-4; Thorne Birds over Gutzlers 15-8 and 15-7; Gutzlers over Selers 15-1 and 15-6; Jokers over B1a 15-9 and 15-8; Kootenay Six over Jokers 15-14, 9-15, and 15-9.

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## Panthers continue pre-season slump

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At the start of the high school basketball season, Vernon Panthers looked like they could be a serious contender for the Okanagan championship. Now, it appears the club will be lucky to qualify for the valley playdowns.

Rutiland Voodoos handed Panthers their first consecutive pre-season setback Wednesday night at VSSS, 92-80.

The fact that Vernon lost isn't so bad — it is the way they did it. Voodoos had only seven players dressed and three of them fouled out. Rutiland played the final four minutes and 12 seconds with only four men on the court, and outscored Panthers by two during that time.

Vernon Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News his club is doing everything wrong.

Inrig said, "I don't think you can pinpoint any one thing — I'm just playing horrible basketball."

### GREAT GUARD

Guard John Yarrow was sensational for the Voodoos. He scored 27 points and slipped through the Panthers' press like a knife through butter. Mike Monster added 19 for the winners.

Kelly Olson and Rob Fischer were the best of the Panthers. Olson scored 21 points and pulled down 20 rebounds while Fischer sunk 18 points.

Vernon also ran into foul trouble losing Rick Beaton, Wilf Haak, Jamie Reichelt, and Fischer.

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## Smokies hold Sabres to tie

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