

# Rockets return with a 4-3 loss

Kamloops Rockets returned to the B.C. Junior Hockey League on Saturday, the last of a 43-day hiatus Sunday to Vermont Canadians.

**BCHL STANDINGS**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Merritt	22	28	5	0	56
Vernon	22	18	4	0	36
Kamloops	22	15	7	0	30
Langford	22	14	8	0	28
Salmon Arm	22	14	8	0	28
Castroville	22	12	10	0	24

**COAST DIVISION**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Bonnamy	22	25	7	0	50
Nanaimo	22	19	3	0	38
Chilliwack	22	18	4	0	36
Langford	22	16	6	0	32
Abbotsford	22	13	9	0	26
Delta	22	10	12	0	20

The Rockets announced last Wednesday that they would fold immediately because of financial difficulties, but following a meeting in Kamloops, league president Eric McLean said that the team would complete the current season.

McLean said that local lawyer Andy Berra and a group of city businessmen had taken over the troubled franchise.

Kamloops missed a game Friday against Pentlicon because Canadians were notified on Saturday night that Rockets were back in business.

**TOOK LEAD**  
Larry Pearson, Rich Crowman and Dale Slous over Canadians a 3-0 lead after the first period, in Kamloops.

Mike Metic, Jay Kosak, and Don Soroke replied for Kamloops, in the second period, to tie the score.

**THE WINNER**  
John Need's powerplay



**RICH CREELMAN**  
... scored one goal, at 15:50 of the third period, proved to be the difference.

Canadians were without left winger Tom Gueth, who was suffering with the flu.

Vernon General Manager Sheldon Bloomer told the Daily News his club was fortunate to win.

Bloomer said, "It is nice to win those close ones — the game could have gone either way. It gives us a little breathing space."

Canadians now lead the third-place Rockets by six points.

Vernon is back in action Friday night when it tangles with the Buckaroos in Kelowna.

**COACHES TO CHANGE**  
Buckaroos made a coaching change on Sunday. Wayne North took over as coach of

the club, replacing Chad Campbell.

North, owner and general manager of the team, said that Campbell had stepped down for the good of the team.

Buckaroos are in fifth-place in the Interior Division with 14 wins and 18 losses for 28 points.

In games Saturday, Pentlicon Vees thrashed Abbotsford Flyers 13-2. Nanaimo Clippers took Delta Suns 5-5, and Chilliwack Colts edged Kelowna Canadians 2-1, in overtime.

**CENTS WIN**  
In other Sunday games, Bellingham Blazers hammered the hapless Suns 10-3, high-flying Merritt Centennials grounded the Flyers 11-2, and Kelowna edged Revelstoke Bruins 4-3.

The Centennials, leaders in the Interior Division with 56 points, 20 ahead of Vernon, are hometown fans by leading 5-0 at the end of the first period and 9-0 after the second.

Rich Norberg led the attack with four goals for the Cents. Goalies in the Cents are selling Christmas trees at Ernie's Self-Serve Gas Station.

Vernon is taking a look at Vern Hanson, who is playing goal with Rutland Molsons of the North Okanagan Hockey League. Canadians currently have only one goalie...

There is a chance Scott Cozens, who led Vernon in scoring during the 1977-78 season, will rejoin the team. He has been playing in Calgary, but is scheduled to arrive in Vernon next weekend for a look.



**VERNON'S Marilyn Dennis** puts the ball up for two points during Saturday's final game in the Royals' Invitational Basketball Tournament, at VSSS. Waiting for a possible rebound is Fay Zwarych (15). Royals edged Kamloops Red Angels 51-50 to win the tourney. (Daily News Photo)

# BY ONE POINT Royals capture hoop tournament

Vernon Royals won their own girls' basketball tournament over the weekend at Vernon Senior Secondary School. Royals won two squeakers Saturday, 49-48 over Kelowna Owlettes and 51-50 over Kamloops Red Angels.

Despite the victories, Vernon Coach Devo Rutley wasn't pleased with his team's performance.

Rutley said, "If we hope to get anywhere, we're going to have to play much better. The play of Fay Zwarych was encouraging. She is improving every game."

**LEADS OFFENCE**  
Against Kelowna, Laurie Ferguson led the attack with 16 points while Zwarych dropped in 13.

In the see-saw game against Kamloops,

Ferguson and Zwarych were again the top snipers with 15 and 11 points respectively. Angels led 17-15 after the first quarter. Royals were in front 23-28 at half-time, and the teams were tied 38-38 after three-quarters.

**NAMED MVP**  
For her efforts, Ferguson was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament.

Zwarych, Sari Sather of Castlegar, Lumby's Judy Campbell, Arken Corness of Kamloops, and Kelowna's Gwen Kroeker were named to the all-star team.

Rutley also praised the play of guard Marilyn Dennis. The Vernon coach said, "Marilyn doing a good job for us, at a new position for her. She is turning into a reliable ball-handler."

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**REMEMBER WHEN**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Fresh from a 3-2 victory over the first-quarter Canadians, the Russian national hockey team shut out a scratch Canadian national squad 4-0 14 years ago tonight — in 1964 — at Maple Leaf Gardens.

# Local boxers win their bouts

Vernon sent a trio of fighters to a card at the Kelowna Centennial Hall Saturday night and when the ring had been cleared all three competitors had fashioned victories.

Albert Matthes, a 90-pounder from the Vernon Boxing Club won an unanimous decision over Ron Branston, another 90-pounder from Maple Ridge.

Demsey Gregoire, a 106-pounder from the Okanagan Reserve Boxing Club in Vernon, won a split decision over Jasper Mathas, a

Williams Lake Boxing Club member in the same weight class.

Albert Louis, a 129-pounder from the native club, also won an unanimous decision over "Jale" Wirachowsky of Kelowna's Lakeshore, the host club.

Kamloops and Vancouver's Astoria Boxing Club also had fighters on the card.

Vernon Boxing Club coach Don McDonald was pleased with the results and said he hopes to arrange a card for Vernon sometime in the New Year.

**Village Green DATSUN**  
Staff Appointment

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The management of Village Green Datsun is pleased to announce the appointment of George Crockett to their sales department. George has recently moved to Vernon and brings 20 years of sales experience to his new position. George is looking forward to demonstrating the exciting line-up of 79 Datsun automobiles to the residents of the North Okanagan. Drop into our showroom and make George feel welcome.

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# Elks suffer first loss — Cougars end slump

Two streaks came to an end in North Okanagan Hockey League action over the weekend.

**NOHL STANDINGS**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Grindrod	14	12	1	1	25
Rutland	12	9	3	0	18
Vernon	12	6	6	2	14
Westside	14	6	6	2	14
15 Grindrod	15	10	5	0	20
Revelstoke	17	13	4	0	26

Grindrod Elks 13-game unbeaten streak came to a halt Saturday night in Enlery when the second-place Rutland Molsons stopped the league-leaders 7-4.

**COUGARS WIN**  
On Sunday, Vernon Sport Cougars stopped their 11-game losing streak with an 11-7 win over Westside Packers.

In other action, Winfield Raiders dumped Revelstoke Selkirks 1-0, but Selkirks came back to post a 4-4 win on Sunday.

In Enlery, Grindrod led 3-1 after the first period, but Molsons fought back to take a 3-3 lead after 40 minutes.

Larry Keating led the Rutland attack with two goals. Gene Peacock, Mike Barnhart, Lorne Huns, Ken Weninger, and Steve Allison added singles.

Ron Haggart, George Faragher, and Ken Haller replied for the Elks.

**NOHL scoring leader** Gary



**GRANT SIDNICK**  
... three goals

Pearson, who was held to one assist, missed a penalty shot for Grindrod.

Rutland goalie Vern Hanson made 35 saves while Ed Forstlund blocked 40 shots for Elks.

In Vernon, two players known for their aggressive play sparked Cougars to victory.

Grant Sidnick scored three times for Vernon while King Chen blanked the red light twice and sent a number of Packers sprawling to the ice with crunching bodychecks.

Dave Caldwell and Mike

Corraie also scored twice for the winners while Gary Gilchrist and Paul Guidi added singles. Gilchrist, Caldwell, and Fred Perepolkin had three assists.

**THREE GOALS**  
Glen Darragh, with a hat trick, Doug Olm, Tom Conratty, Paul Jordan, and Bill Carigan countered for Packers.

The game was a goalster's nightmare. Gerry Dyck made 44 saves for Westside while Vernon's Jack Gilroy blocked only 23 shots.

Packers took all six minor penalties assessed while Sidnick was handed a major for fighting.

In Revelstoke, Fred Parent led Raiders to victory Saturday with two goals. On Sunday, Mike Burns scored twice to help Selkirk post their third victory of the season.

**Visitors hammer juveniles**

Salmon Arm hammered Vernon 7-3 in Okanagan Mainline Juvenile Hockey League action Sunday at the Civic Arena.

In a penalty filled game, Salmon Arm jumped to period leads of 4-0 and 6-1.

Lester Creelman scored a pair of goals for the winners while Jeff Wright, Mark Hytew, Dwight Bost, Mike Staeter, and Irwin Walters netted singles.

Rick Muchowsky, Dwayne Straigler, and Tim Peterman replied for the local Coca-Cola squad.

Vernon was assessed 42 of 81 penalty minutes.

Vernon Manager Gary Zupp said, "Nobody on our club played as well as they can, and Salmon Arm was really up for us — they played a good hockey game."

Salmon Arm is in second place in the league, two points back of undefeated Kamloops.

**ROYALS THIRD**  
Crabrook Royals defeated Cary Stampeders 6-4 Friday night and then edged Nelson Maple Leafs 5-4 Saturday to move past the Stampeders into third place in the Western International Hockey League.

In other games, Trail Smoke Eaters replied to a 4-1 overtime tie with the Stampeders in Calgary Saturday.

**DAILY NEWS SCOREBOARD**

**WHITE VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Louis Gardens	19	6	1	2	59	27	14
Lumby	19	5	2	2	43	26	12
Coldstream Hotel	19	4	4	1	35	43	7
Peelers Pipe	19	2	5	2	21	45	7
Blisson	9	0	8	1	16	57	1

**TOP SCORERS**

**PLAYER, TEAM**

Player	Team	G	A	Pts
Williamson, Lotus	R. Horouch, Lotus	11	12	24
Shirley, Allison	White, Coldstream	8	10	18
White, Coldstream	Beck, Lumby	7	7	15
Richie, Lotus	Fisher, Peelers	4	4	8
Fisher, Peelers	5	8	13	
Blisson, Peelers	5	8	13	

**MAJOR MEN'S BASKETBALL**

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	For	Ag.	Pts
East Valley Saints	11	11	0	0	419	375	10
Priest Valley Saints	5	3	2	0	226	255	7
Silver Star Suns	5	3	2	0	206	255	7
Cherry Creek Trappers	5	1	4	0	231	355	2
Coons Bay Raiders	5	1	4	0	232	366	2

**TOP SCORERS**

**PLAYER, TEAM**

Player	Team	Pts
Wilton, Saints	124	
Pruden, Trappers	106	
Butcher, Raiders	99	
Parker, Suns	89	
Baile, Suns	69	
Ware, Saints	68	
Wood, Trappers	67	
Havorn, Suns	57	
Vlasveld, Saints	51	



**FOOTBALL TROPHIES**

Kevin Carter, of Dairy Queen, was recently presented with the Donny Hocking Memorial Trophy as the most improved player in the Vernon Minor Football Association's flag division. The 1978-79 season, right, was named most valuable player on the Starvata Agencies team. Other MVPs were: David Makkoff (Johnson Contracting), Mike Foster (Vernon Toyota), Don D. Jacobson (Star Auto), Vernon Framel, Wayne Hoover (CAE Morse), Rob and Jay Zimmermann (Dairy Queen), Ian Vetch (Village Green Inn), and Greg Schmitt (H and L Glass).

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**MEETING NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the United Native Nations Local 175 on Monday, December 11, 1978 at the Friendship Centre — 2914 - 29th St. at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Brian Maracle, Vice-President of the United Native Nations will be speaking on the federal government's revision to the Indian Act.

Everyone is Welcome to Attend