

# Canadians thump visiting Rockets

**STRENGTHENED** their hold on second-place in the B.C. Junior Hockey League's Interior Division by blasting Kamloops Rockets 9-1 before 400 fans Friday night at the Civic Arena.

McEachern and Randy Kirby skated to period leads of 1-0 and 4-0 before Delta got on the scoreboard in the final period with a goal from Rocky Thomas.

Scoring for Langley were Gary McDonald, John Lending, Ken Kibul, Danny Dochow and Ed Taylor. Tony Hankin made 15 saves for the winners, who took seven of 13 minors, while Randy McMurchy made 31 for Delta.

Canadians were without wingers Brian Matthews, shoulder injury, and Tom Ouch, who is holidaying in Hawaii.

The same two teams tangle tonight in Kamloops, Vernon's next home game will be Dec. 30 when Penitenc team are in town.

**LANGLEY WINS** in Friday only other game, Langley Canadians whipped the hapless Delta Sun 5-1.

**LOOK BACK**  
**FIVE YEARS**  
**DECEMBER, 1978**

Vernon hockey fans will be interested to learn one of their favorite junior hockey players of a few seasons ago, Tommy Servis, is still holding his own as a member of the Los Angeles Sharks of the World Hockey Association.



## TEAM OF THE WEEK

Mitchell and Rick Cursey and Coach Ken Graves. Middle row left: Steve Alveberg, Michael Weir, Clint Miller, Robin Smith. Doug Revak, Randall Mountain, Mike Zieske, and coach Marchand. Front row: Sam Hamilton, Blair Robinson, Allan Graves, Glenn Mitchell, Ricky Cuckey and Shane Middle row right: Kevin Czerkowski.

The B.C. Government Employees Union, of Vernon, won the Lumby Loggers Trophy in the third annual Lumby Senior Pup Hockey Tournament last weekend. The 15-member team with their coaches are: back left: Assistant Coaches Mitch

**Cross Country Skiing**  
By BOB PLATT

## Pastorini and Griese to play despite injuries

**MIAMI (AP)** — Dan Pastorini and Bob Griese plan to start despite painful injuries, but a couple of brutal quarterback sacks early could slow the Houston Oilers' Miami Dolphins National Football League playoff game into the battle of the backups.

And if that happens, the Dolphins figure to have a big advantage in Sunday's 4 p.m. EST American Football Conference wild card match.

Despite an injured knee, broken ribs and a sore ankle, Pastorini says, "I'll start. I always do." Griese, his ribs severely bruised, has been unable to practice this week but says: "I'll probably start."

Old coach Bum Phillips made Pastorini have his right knee examined under general anesthesia Thursday and said his quarterback will play with a special brace. Dolphin coach Don Shula said he'll wait until just before game time to determine whether past-killing shot can enable Griese to play.

But even if both play, they'll be under pressure from strong defensive line going against sub-par offensive lines. Veteran Dolphin guard Larry Little is hampered with a sore ankle and knee, while Houston guard George Belcher has a sore knee.

Pastorini's backup, rookie Gifford Nethal, quarterbacked a pre-season victory over arch rival Dallas, but didn't play a regular-season down until last Sunday's 45-24 loss to San Diego.

"I'm prepared to start every week, but I'll be better prepared Sunday because I'm getting more work this week with Dan injured," the former Brigham Young star said.

Griese's backup, rookie Strook, has been doing that for the past five seasons, he said.

**STROK PREPARED**  
"I always prepare a game plan every week, but I have the assumption that I'm going to play," Strook said. "That's the only way a quarterback can be ready when the time does come."

With Strook quarterbacking

after time can bring Earl Blufford to let the NFL's leading rusher and certain rookie of the year, Earl Campbell, run through them the way he did last meeting, Campbell gulped for 100 yards in a losing four touchdowns.

"If we've ever played a game like this, because I don't know many men that time

## Cameron to compete in France

It is now official that Marjorie Cameron, of Vernon, will represent Canada at the World Winter Games in the Dec. next month in Marcell, France.

Last month Cameron was invited to be part of the four-member Canadian contingent. However, her parents felt it wasn't advisable for her to make the trip without a coach or chaperone. This week, the Federation of Silent Sports of Canada named Marjorie's older brother, Gray, as acting coach of the team.

Marjorie, 18, is the only girl and second on the squad. She is a member of the Silver Star Ski Club and last year competed in the Pontiac Cup series.

## Fraser Valley defeats Vernon

Fraser Valley defeated Vernon Watkin Motors 5-3 in the championship game of the Kelowna Christmas Ice Hockey Tournament on Friday.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Fraser Valley led 2-1 after 40 minutes. Vernon fought back to tie the game early in the third but only had the coast

team rebound with two goals of its own.

Jay Buterworth scored the winning goal for Fraser Valley on a penalty shot, at 8:10 of the third period.

David Munk, Bruce Majer, and David Pitcher scored for the losers.

Vernon received the final game by beating Revelstoke 5-3 and Kelowna 4-2.

Although the snow cover is not yet up to standard, the North Okanagan Cross Country Ski Club had a good crowd on the Star last Sunday.

The new trail, Loop 2, was traversed and the general opinion was that there are many slopes which will provide good running in semi-open country and at the same time, there is excellent skiing to be had in the more level parts.

The park offers much in the way of enjoyment other than just skiing along a trail. Platanus were seen over the weekend — three birds showed no fear of man, allowing close approach before they moved off. Perhaps the birds know how hard they were to see — they were snow covered and only the small black heady eye and beak gave them away. When they waddled away, it was realized the snowball had leg.

Apparently, there are many people who wish to ski other than on Sundays and it is suggested that kindred hermits in the club will put them in touch with kindred hermits who also don't like going it alone. If you are looking for a companion for mid-week outings, join up and receive the newsletter which will give a lot of information. Apply to Stunt Sports Centre for details.

The next club outing will be next Wednesday to Larch Hills, out of Kinderhook. This is a well-improved and groomed trail and the country has much scenic beauty.

Meet at the downtown Squam parking lot at 9 a.m. For further details phone 565-1446.

The club executive wishes all the compliments of the season and happy skiing in the New Year.

## Eagles, Falcons collide on Sunday

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Philadelphia Eagles and Atlanta Falcons, a pair of National Football League playoff stars, collide in the National Conference wild card game Sunday as pro football launches its post-season drive to the Super Bowl.

Matching identical 9-7 records, the two teams, unexpected participants in the playoff derby, will square off in Atlanta Stadium before a sellout crowd of 60,673 and a national television (CBS) broadcast.

It's the first time that Atlanta's 13-year history that the Falcons have reached the playoffs, arriving by virtue of four 20-17 regular season mirages to tie in the final 10 seconds of play.

The Eagles, featuring the NFL's No. 5 rusher in Wilbert Montgomery, have not been in post-season competition since former Atlanta coach Norm Van Brocklin quarterbacked the club past Green Bay Packers 17-13 in the 1960 time Philadelphia also won

league titles in 1948 and 1949 and lost to Chicago Cardinals in their only other playoff appearance in the 1947 championship game.

"It's a do-or-die position, and the players realize that if we lose, the season is over," said Leeman Bennett, in his second year at the Atlanta helm. "As for a game plan, it's the same as it has been throughout the season. We cannot make turnovers and expect to win."

**EAGLES FAVORED**  
The Eagles, a one-point favorite, beat the Falcons 24-7 in a pre-season game here, but Atlanta ledged a 1-1 home field record during the regular season. The Falcons have won six straight home games since a 24-12 loss to Cleveland Browns.

"We are an emotionally tense, tough football team," said head coach Dick Vermeil of the Eagles. "We play consistent every week. We may not play great, but we play hard every Sunday."

The winner will advance to the National Conference semifinals next.

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## OLD COUNTRY SOCCER SCORES

**LONDON (AP)** — Results of British soccer games played Saturday.

**FA CUP LEAGUE**  
Chelsea 0 Everton 2  
Derby 0 Aston Villa 0  
Leeds 3 Middleborough 1  
Man City 0 Notts P 0  
Tottenham 0 Arsenal 5

**Division II**  
Riverside 2 Stoke 0  
Cambridge 0 Crystal P 0  
Cardiff 2 Fulham 0  
Charlton 0 Brighton 3  
Leicester 1 Preston 1  
Newcastle 3 Burnley 1  
Rotherham 0 Sunderland 1  
Oxford 2 Millwall 1

**Division III**  
Blackpool 3 Chester 0  
Colchester 0 Watford 1  
Lincoln 0 Hereford 1  
Mansfield 1 Peterborough 1  
Rotherham 2 Scunthorpe 2  
Grimsby 2 York 0  
Hartlepool 1 Barnsley 1  
Porthsmouth 4 Reading 0

**Division IV**  
Aldershot 3 Stockport 2  
Gillingham 1 Wimbledon 2  
Darlington 2 Southport 2  
Grimsby 2 York 0  
Hartlepool 1 Barnsley 1  
Porthsmouth 4 Reading 0

**By TOM FERRIS**  
SKI School Director  
Tillicum Valley  
SKI Area

**SKI NEWS**  
Smile a lot. It's the next best thing to sunshine and snow.

There are lots of first time skiers and novices on the snow. Remember when you were falling about from one snow bank to another after a hard fall? Don't be afraid to trust newcomers to the ski school. It could save them a lot of bruises.

Along in the lift line? Look out for small kids and first timers.

Let your tow-ropes know which slopes will suit their speed. They will more quickly appreciate the best skiing in the west!

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