

Canadians break slump with overtime victory

Lance Vachon doesn't score all that often, but when he decides to find the target he picks the right time to do so. The 16-year-old rookie triggered a pair of goals as Canadians broke out of their current slump to dispose of the Kelowna Rockets before 300 fans in the Regatta city.



LANCE VACHON ... two goals
 ... scored one
 DALE SLOUS ... scored one

Bellingham Blazers humiliated the lowly Delta Suns 13-2 in the only other game played Tuesday night in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Grant Keszanoff fired both goals for the winners while Steve Abbot stopped 33 shots for Bellingham while Rich Pasteux blocked 34 for the Suns.

Dean Hascart, Dale Slous and Terry Lowe completed the Vernon scoring, while Bruce Oulien, Tom Stanger, Brad Swales and Ken Ficoceci tallied for the Bucks.

League action resumes Thursday night with the Canadians travelling to Abbotsford to battle the Flyers and Revelstoke Braves.

Bill Adams, part-owner of the Delta franchise said after his team's defeat he was trying to acquire some players to be cut by Western Hockey League teams as both leagues' near roster limit deadlines.

Jim Ludwig scored two goals, including one on the power-play, as a touring Czechoslovakian under-18 team defeated Langley Canadians of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

Adams said, "Bellingham has quite a few 20-year-olds on it and we knew we were going to take our lumps in this one."

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Caldow still tops in NOHL scoring

Both Dave Caldow and Gary Gilchrist of the Vernon Sport Cougars collected six points in a 7-6 win over Burnaby Minor Saturday to strengthen their holds on first and third places respectively in the North Okanagan Hockey League's Top 10 scoring parade.

Caldow has 21 goals and 20 assists for 55 points, two better than Gary Pearson of the Grindrod Elks who fashioned four assists in the Elks' 4-2 victory over Westside Saturday.

Gilchrist fired three goals Saturday to up his total to 22, tied for tops in the loop with Pearson.

The ex-Medicine Hat Tiger has 42 points, eight in front of Gene Peacock, who triggered 44 goals with the World Hockey Association New York Raiders a few years back.

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Shirley sparks Allison to win

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Bantams blasted by North Shore

Vernon Sun Valley Bantam Reps placed fourth out of 12 top club clubs in the 16th annual Burnaby minor Bantam 4 jamboree last weekend.

The Sun Valley squad won its first three games, 7-1 over Coquitlam, 5-2 over Burnaby Minor and 3-1 over Westside, before losing 4-1 to the eventual winners North Shore Winter Club 11-7 and 11-0.

In their first game Vernon broke a close contest wide open with four unanswered third period goals.

Jeff Wejr and Kevin Alechee each scored a pair for the winners, while Greg Kowal, Bobby Murden and F.ub Schaefer netted single goals.

In the net, Norm Schwing made 15 saves for Vernon, while R. Ford for Coquitlam blocked 37.

Against Burnaby Minor, Vernon was hard pressed but they made a 3-0 first period lead stand up.

Nick Kapicki led the attack with a pair while Wejr, Kowal and Tom Day scored once each.

Both goaltenders were busy with Burnaby Minor's netminder handling 49 shots, and Vernon's Todd Beck, making 28 saves.

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Wejr, Alechee and Kowal shared their Vernon scoring.

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Bullets in first

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
 Washington—The Bullets are back in first place in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division and coach Dick Motta thinks they'll stay there for a while.

"After the way we played tonight, I expect us to have four or five real good games in a row," Motta said Tuesday night following a 109-86 rout of Chicago Bulls. "We had four days off and we needed it."

"We had a lot of little injuries, but they're all healed now. We were sure our tender bodies were alive tonight."

The Bullets jumped off to a 2-7 lead and never were threatened as they won their 15th game in 16 starts at home this season. The victory affected a game ahead of Philadelphia 76ers, late Tuesday.

"We had a good, hard practice yesterday (Monday) and that helped," Motta said. Grevey, who led the Bullets with 18 points in just 24 minutes at Philadelphia.

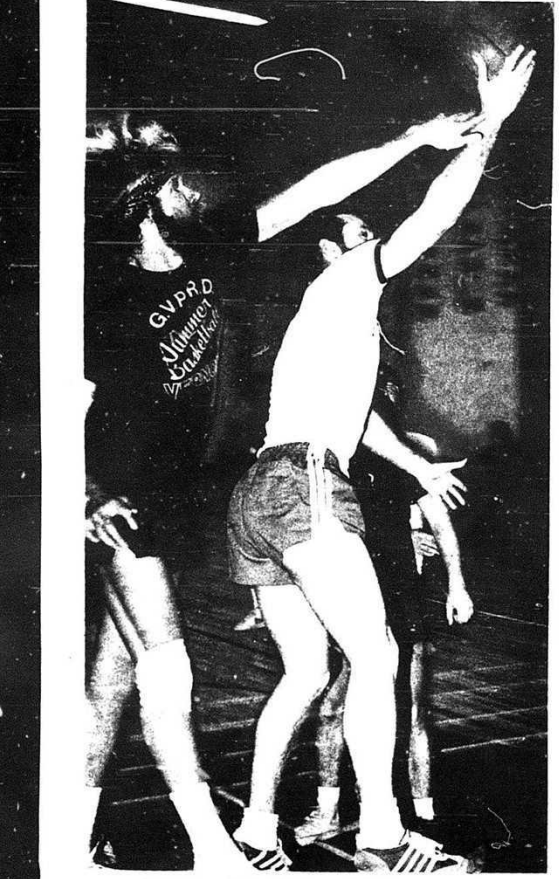
"We're a veteran team and we know what we have to do. Elsworth, Tuesday, Milwaukee Bucks defeated Cleveland Cavaliers 116-113, Denver Nuggets edged Los Angeles Kings 99-97, Phoenix Suns whipped New York Knicks 116-102. New York Knicks defeated Los Angeles Lakers 106-105, Seattle SuperSonics nipped Utah Trailblazers 107-104, 109-108 and San Diego Clippers blasted Detroit Pistons 137-118.

Artis Gilmore had 21 points and Mark Landsberger contributed 15 rebounds for Chicago.

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UP FOR GRABS

big bearded Derek Smith challenges just as big if not bigger Ken Kerulnik for the ball during Intermediate Men's Basketball League action at Fulton Junior Secondary School Tuesday night.

Smith plays for the Allison club which suffered a 53-46 loss at the hands of Fulton Academics. In other league games, the Dirty Dozen whipped the Red Devils 45-37 and the Oadrest Home Trimm'd the Oadres 58-40.

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STEELERS ARE FAVORED TO DOWN THE COWBOYS

By KEVIN MITCHELL
 Daily News Writer
 A survey of local celebrities and football players shows that the Super Bowl fans are picking Terry Bradshaw and the Pittsburgh Steelers to knock off the defending champion Dallas Cowboys in the 1979 spectacle.

Of nine local armchair quarterbacks interviewed, four said the Steelers will win the Super Bowl, while three picked Los Angeles Rams, and two put their faith in Dallas.

Vernon Parks and Recreation Director Paul Quessel is going with the Cowboys and not just because they have the best looking cheerleaders in the National Football League.

"Dallas has always been a favorite team of mine, they'll win the Super Bowl for sure. The Cowboys will defeat Pittsburgh in the final 21-17."

Bill McIvor, a super quarterback with the Block Brothers in the Vernon Major Men's Flag Football League is going with the Steelers.

"Pittsburgh and Los Angeles will meet in the Super Bowl and the Steelers will win because they've got a fine quarterback in Terry Bradshaw and they have the best defense in the National Football League. Pittsburgh will beat the Rams by 10 points."

Oadrest Municipality clerk Dave Morita feels the Cowboys are ready to tumble and said, "I have a hunch Los Angeles will knock off Dallas and advance to the Super Bowl. The Rams are playing pretty solid football and Dallas should be beaten. Los Angeles will win the Super Bowl 27-24."

C-1 at CJIB Radio, Sports Director Bob Huber feels the Cowboys will win.

OUT OF ACTION
 TORONTO (CP) - Toronto Darryl Sittler, captain and leading scorer of Toronto Maple Leafs, will be out of action for another three to five weeks, a spokesman for the National Hockey League club said Tuesday. Sittler's knee laceration was injured Dec. 28 in a game against New York Islanders at Madison Square Garden. A cast removed from the knee Tuesday but doctors applied another cast and said he would remain out of action until late January.

MINOR HOCKEY STATS

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kelowna	10	8	1	58	47	17
Revelstoke	10	8	2	60	27	16
Burnaby	14	6	2	82	79	14
Vernon	9	3	5	66	59	7
Kam Elroy	11	2	1	40	31	7
Penticton	9	3	5	66	59	7
Rutland	11	2	1	40	31	7
Salmon Arm	11	2	1	40	31	7
Merritt	11	2	1	40	31	7
Westside	11	2	1	40	31	7

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B. Major, Ver	9	12	10	22	6	
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