TONY WOLCOTT gets inside Jack Butula for two points during Monday's Major Men's Basketball League game at VSSS. Wolcott scored 29 points to lead Priest Valley Saints to an 82-48 victory over Silver Star Suns. Saints now have seven consecutive victories.
(Daily News Photo)

MINOR HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Pups win squeaker

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

Vernon Consumers Glass Pup Reps edged Kamloops 7-6 in Okanagan-Mainline League play Saturday at the Civic Arena.

The teams battled through a scoreless first period before Vernon opened up a 5-3 lead after 40 minutes.

The trio of David Calder, Dennis Holland, and Steven Schroeder led the local attack. Calder scored three goals and set up two others, Holland scored twice and added three assists, and Schroeder scored one and had three helpers.

Derek Webb netted the other Vernon goal.

MIDGETS SPLIT

Vernon Bloom and Sigalet Midget Reps split a pair of league games, edging Rutland 8-7 on Sunday and dropping an 8-5 decision to Kelowna on Saturday.

Against Rutland, Vernon held period leads of 2-1 and 6-4.

Brad Moore and Bobby Wensley scored twice for the winners while Glen Hampton, Ron Itterman, Kevin Poirier, and Tom DeVries added singles.

On Saturday, Vernon held a 4-2 lead after the first period but Kelowna came back to hold a 5-4 edge after 40 minutes.

Moore, with two goals, Wensley, DeVries, and Wayne Bodnaruk scored for Bloom and Sigalet.

CONTROVERSIAL GAME

Also last weekend, Vernon Watkin Motors Pee Wee Reps split a pair of league games. The locals battered Westside 13-2 Saturday, but were blasted 9-2 in a controversial game Sunday in Revelstoke.

On Saturday, Vernon took an 8-1 first period lead and coasted to victory against the weak Westside squad.

Billy Baron scored seven goals for the locals, including five in the opening period. Marty Smith scored twice and set up four others for the winners.

Chris Saunders, David Munk, Bruce Major, and David Pitcher added singles. Brent Gilchrist and Rudy Poeschek earned three assists.

106 MINUTES

In Revelstoke, Vernon took 70 of 106 penalty minutes — allowing Revelstoke to score seven powerplay goals.

Jeff Finley and Pitcher got the only Watkin goals.

The controversy started when Vernon lodged a protest about the officiating and discovered the referee was already under suspension.

A Vernon spokesman said, "All the bad officiating I've seen couldn't compare with this. He really demoralized our kids and parents.

"The guy was a real clown. After giving our team a penalty, he would salute or bow to the fans. There was no icing called against Revelstoke and the referee made half the offside calls. We had goals disallowed and every time we touched a man, we got a penalty.

"Kamloops Outdoor Shop protested a game over the same thing and told us you can't win in Revelstoke. But, I never expected anything like this."

BANTAMS BEAT

Meanwhile, Sun Valley Bantam Reps dropped a 4-2 decision to first-place Penticton in its only league game.

Penticton held period leads of 1-0 and 3-0.

Richard Knellar and David Wensley scored the Sun Valley goals.

Wolcott leads Saints to win

Tony Wolcott scored 29 points to lead first-place Priest Valley Saints to an 82-48 victory over Silver Star Suns in Major Men's Basketball League action Monday night at Vernon Senior Secondary School.

Suns trailed 39-26 at half-time, but closed to within nine points early in the second-half. Then Wolcott and his teammates went to work, sinking 15 consecutive points.

Ian Houchin scored 20 points for the winners while Lance McGregor sunk 14 and Mike Sorba added 12.

Jack Butula was top sniper for Suns with 20 points while Dave Jackson and Bill Haworth dropped in 12 apiece.

RATTLERS WIN

In another game, Cosens Bay Rattlers dumped Cherry Creek Trappers 66-59.

The teams were tied at half-time, but Trappers ran into foul trouble in the second-half.

Dennis Roberts sunk 13 points for Rattlers and Glen Buettner collected a dozen. Mike Kormos, Pat Johnston, and Bill Pitcher scored 10 each for the winners.

Gary Pruden swished 20 for Trappers while Greg Wood added 19.

Pete Harlock and Scott McNair both fouled out, leaving Cherry Creek with only three players.

New rearguard to play tonight

Vernon Canadians will have a new defenceman in the line-up tonight when they host Revelstoke Bruins in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Civic Arena.

Keith Ostendorf, 18, joined the team this week after starting the season with a junior 'B' team in Terrace. He spent the 1977-78 season with Creston, of the Kootenay International Junior 'B' League.

Vernon Coach Greg Kvisle coached Ostendorf in Creston and told the Daily News he can help this club.

Kvisle said, "Keith is particularly adept at getting the puck out of the defensive zone. That has been one of our problems and I think he can help us in that area."

Ostendorf's arrival frees John Neeld for duty up front. He will play left wing on a trio with centre Tom Ouchi and right wing Rich Creelman.

TOP 10

Meanwhile statistics released today by the BCJHL show three Canadians in the league's top 10 scorers. Terry Lowe leads the pack with 92 points, six more than Neeld.

STANDINGS

Interior Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Merritt	34	7	0	68
Vernon	23	19	1	47
Kamloops	20	20	0	40
Kelowna	19	21	0	38
Revelstoke	17	24	0	34
Penticton	15	22	1	31

Coast Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Bellingham	33	7	1	67
Nanaimo	23	14	2	48
Chilliwack	19	21	2	40
Langley	18	23	2	38
Abbotsford	16	24	1	33
Delta	5	38	0	10

SCORING

	G	A	Pt
Lowe, Ver	36	56	92
Neeld, Ver	43	43	86
McMurchy, Abb	43	39	82
Fraser, Bel	37	41	78
Wickware, Abb	29	44	73
Thomas, Nan	32	40	72
Denat, Nan	29	42	71
Williams, Bel	24	47	71
Slous, Ver	30	39	69
Manning, Bel	20	45	65

100 bowlers in tourney

More than 100 bowlers competed in the Mother and Son Tournament held last weekend at Lincoln Lanes.

It was the third of four family twosome events scheduled by the Youth Bowling Council.

Trevor Jones and mom captured the Jet category with 156 pins over average, in three games. David Blaney was second with 88 and Raymond Sangotta placed third at 62.

The other winners were:

BANTAM: Bill Milljour and mom 158, Troy Chambers 144, Kevin Kenney 131.

JUNIOR: Mike Sorba and mom 101, Keith Fransson, Robert Tilson.

SENIOR: Lyle Skidmore and mom 186, Walter Kronbauer 92, Brian Woodroff 53.

The final family twosome, for fathers and daughters, will be held Jan. 13 and 14.

KENDALLS KORNER

Snowarama coming up

I know CJIB's Frank Martina is a dastardly guy, but I didn't think even he would stoop this low.

It seems Martina's spies found out I will not be in Vernon on Jan. 28. Upon receiving that information, Martina convinced the Snowarama '79 committee to hold their event, in aid of crippled children, on that date.

Martina won the celebrity challenge in last year's snowarama and obviously he was worried about losing his title to yours truly, who finished a strong second in last year's event.

Martina started his pledge campaign on Monday morning and is no doubt excited about the fact that he doesn't have to battle me tooth and nail.

It is with deepest regret that I say I will be unable to compete. I am throwing my support behind Daily News Outdoors Columnist Smokey Trumbley.

Trumbley finished third last year, behind Martina and I. I realize Smokey needs all the help he can get to give Martina a run for his money.

Even if you don't like Smokey, make him a pledge. He's not such a bad guy.

Pledges for Trumbley can be phoned in to the Daily News or CJIB.

It is all in fun and the money goes to a great cause — the crippled children of B.C.

ODDS AND ENDS

On the serious side, I was surprised at statements made this week by Grindrod Manager Frank Dangel about referee Lyle Balfour and the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Dangel criticized Balfour for the job he did in last Saturday's game between Grindrod Elks and Vernon Cougars. He also lashed out at the NOHL executive for sitting back and letting the BCAHA run the league.

Dangel has done a lot for the NOHL, but this type of public statement does nothing but harm the image of the league.

Whether right or wrong, he should have swallowed his words until the next league meeting where he could have made his views known face-to-face with the parties involved.

As the old saying goes, "You don't wash your dirty underwear in public."

Hats off to the Department of Highways crews who have done an excellent job on Silver Star Road so far this ski season.

The road has been kept in good condition, despite the snow and heavy ice.

Silver Star Manager Woody Woodman said, "Too often, the highway crews get criticized for something that isn't their fault. I don't think they receive the praise they deserve — every skier owes them a big thank you."

After a season of exciting football, it is too bad the National Football League division finals last Sunday had to be stinkers.

Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys literally ran over their opponents and advanced to the Super Bowl.

Let us hope the Super Bowl is a little better — I hate to say it, but the Steelers by seven.

Large turnout for Skimikin Meet

More than 150 skiers competed in the Skimikin Cross-Country Meet last weekend in Salmon Arm.

Several Vernon entrants placed well in the 12 classes.

Best time of the day was clocked by Salmon Arm's Stig Keskinen, at 47 minutes, 10 seconds. Judy Murray, of Enderby, turned in the best time by a female.

Bob Platt and Kathleen May, both of Vernon, won the Golden Age Awards. Youngest competitor was Hamish Jenks, of Salmon Arm.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Class 1: Dana Wharton, Salmon Arm; Bonnie Caywood, Revelstoke; Kim Seaman, SA.

Class 2: Steven Boulding, Chase; Allan Walker, Canoe; Lars Taylor, Vernon.

Class 3: Kim Stadnyk, SA; Terry Huntingdon, SA; Laura Smith, Vernon.

Class 4: Sheldon Hart, SA; Brian Buggey, Vernon; Robb Elder, SA.

Class 5: Judy Murray, Enderby; Michele O'Flanagan, Kamloops; Jean Chaplin, Westbank.

Class 6: Manfred Kurschner, Kamloops; Mark Griffin, Armstrong; Sheldon Shore, Kamloops.

Class 7: Joy Hart, SA; Liz Mueller, Vernon; Clarrie Caywood, Revelstoke.

Class 8: Stig Keskinen, SA; Eric Larson, Vernon; Eric Keski-Salmi, SA.

Class 9: Lillian Smiley, SA; Laverne Kinney, SA.

Class 10: Gordon White, Kamloops; Don Vogel, Kamloops; Peter Tassie, Vernon.

Class 11: Flore Wylie, Vernon; Kathleen May, Vernon.

Class 12: Fred Taylor, Vernon; Carl Wylie, Vernon; Jim Mack, Enderby.

SPORTS ALERT

JUNIOR HOCKEY

8 p.m., Civic Arena, Revelstoke at Vernon.

WVHL

At Lumby Arena: 7 p.m., Lotus Gardens vs. Allison Smoke Eaters; 9 p.m., Peerless Pipe vs. Coldstream Hotel.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

7 p.m., Bruins vs. Allison; 8:15 p.m., Fulton vs. Red Devils; 9:30 p.m., Padres vs. Dirty Dunkers.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1974

Kelowna Buckaroos, leading the interior division with 61 points will supply eight players and its coach to the B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star team to play in Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 31. Second placed Vernon Vikings had five players selected.

SPORTS BRIEFS

COUGARS WIN

Tri-Lake Cougars edged Vernon Sport Lakers 5-4 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League action Monday night at the Civic Arena. Lakers led 3-2 at the end of the first period and the teams were tied 3-3 after 40 minutes. Reg Scott, of Cougars, was handed a match penalty in the game.

LADIES MEET

Vernon Minor Hockey Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a meeting Jan. 18, at 8 p.m., at the Village Green Inn. Topics on the agenda include the upcoming pee wee hockey tournament. All mothers are urged to attend.

WALTON CUT

BOSTON (AP) — Centre Mike Walton has been released from his second stint with Boston Bruins the National Hockey League team has announced. Team spokesmen announced the move Monday, and Walton, 33, said his release came as no surprise.

ABBOTTSFORD WINS

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. (CP) — Abbotsford Flyers, bolstered by four players from New Westminster Bruins of the Western Canada Hockey League, downed a tired Czechoslovakian under-18 squad 7-2 before 1,483 fans Monday night.

NAME PLAYER OF YEAR

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg, who won his third consecutive Wimbledon title in 1978, was named player of the year Monday by the Association of Tennis Professionals. John McEnroe of New York, who sparked the United States to its Davis Cup victory over Britain, was selected as newcomer of the year. South Africans Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan were named the best doubles team in 1978.

CARROLL TO DETROIT

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League said Monday that centre Greg Carroll, formerly with Washington Capitals, will join the Wings today. Carroll, 22, who had five goals and six assists in 24 games for Washington, was waived by the Capitals last week.

COACH RESIGNS

CLEVELAND (AP) — Buck Buchanan, defensive line coach for Cleveland Browns of the National Football League, resigned Monday for what he said were personal reasons. Buchanan, 38, played for 13 years with Kansas City Chiefs and spent two seasons as an assistant coach with New Orleans Saints before coming to the Browns.

EXPOS SIGN SOSA

MONTREAL (CP) — Free-agent reliever Elias Sosa has been signed to a five-year contract by Montreal Expos, president-general manager John McHale of the National League baseball club announced Monday. Terms were not disclosed. Sosa, 28, pitched for Oakland A's of the American League in 1978 and has a 37-29 lifetime record, a 3.32 ERA and 48 saves.

PIN POINTS

DEC 17
Y.B.C. Seniors

Women's high single, Cathy Darroch 301; high triple, Cathy Darroch 695; high average, Allison Penner 218.

Men's high single, Ken Milton 306; high triple, John Hegler 707; high average, Barry Koenig 231.

Team high single, B.S.C. 1254; high triple, Spit Fires 3189.

TEAM STANDINGS

B.S.C.	485½
Spit Fires	465½
Team Canabiss	423½
Troopers	417½

100 Pins Over Av.: John Hegler av. 175, bowled a 287; Ken Milton av. 175, bowled a 306; June Turek av. 172, bowled a 284; Judy Kronbauer av. 144, bowled a 245.

Bowler of the Week: Annette Hoffman av. 168, bowled 590 triple, 86 pins over av.; John Hegler, av. 175, bowled 707 triple, 182 pins over av.

Bowler of the Month of Dec: Arlene Turek +326

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