

Vernon dumped in series opener

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KAMLOOPS — Kamloops Rockets dumped Vernon Canadians 4-1 Tuesday night to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-seven British Columbia Junior Hockey League quarter-final series.

Scenes from games are scheduled in Vernon, on Thursday and Saturday. The turning point came in the first 10 minutes of the game when Vernon controlled the play, had numerous scoring opportunities, but couldn't capitalize, as

Rockets posted an 8-4 victory. Second game in the series will be played Thursday night in Vernon. (Daily News Photo)

but the wind was taken out of their sails at 1:02 when McEachern robbed Tom Ouchi from point-blank range.

Elton Allan scored twice to make the score 7-2 before Mercer put on a bit of a one-man show. The little centre, who was the best of the Canadians, beat McEachern with a slapshot at 9:25; and seven minutes later, got his third goal of the night by deking a defenceman and blasting a shot from the faceoff circle.

Walter Leskiu rounded out the scoring for Rockets at 17:05.

BUSY NIGHT
Vernon netminder Trent Smith, who looked shaky on a couple goals, had a busy night. He made 37 saves and got little help from his defence. McEachern blocked 26 shots.

BCJHL scoring leader Terry Lowe, who centres

Vernon's most reliable line with Larry Pearson and Ouchi, were on the ice for five Kamloops goals. But, it wasn't only the forwards at fault. Each team was assessed three minor penalties.

Canadians' Coach Greg Kivale said, "We can play a lot better than that. The puck was bouncing for Kamloops tonight."

Lowe's line had its share of chances. It seems they would apply pressure for a while, Rockets would break out of the end and score."

CREELMAN HURT
The Vernon coach said he hopes to have winger Rich Creelman and two different

midjoints in the line-up Thursday night. Creelman, who rejected Canadians this week, injured his ankle in practice on last night and was unable to skate Tuesday.

Midget reps Brad Moore and Kevin Foster were both plus-one in Kamloops. However, Kivale plans on taking a look at several midgets in the series.

Advance tickets for the second and third games are available at Ernie's Self-serve Esso Station and the Longhorn Pub.

SEASON ENDS
The other eight BCJHL teams concluded their regular schedule on Tuesday night with Langley Canadians beating Nanaimo Clippers 7-5, Penticton Vees downing Kelowna Buckaroos 7-2, Revelstoke Bruins blasting Abbotsford Flyers doubling Delta Suns 10-5.

SCORES THREE
In Penticton, Greg Wilson scored three goals for the Vees, who finished last in the Interior Division. Dave Coburn, Dennis Labbe, Craig Cooke and Mike Meste also scored for Penticton.

Brad Sweda and Rob Wright scored for Kelowna.



Horse Talk

Training & Handling
with Don Fraser

This column is presented as an aid for non-professional horsemen who share common training problems. It serves as a medium for novice and experienced riders to seek advice and for the passing along of training tips that have worked for the author.

If you have a problem with your horse, drop a short note to The Vernon Daily News and Don Fraser will try and answer it.

FROM BARRELS TO PLEASURE
Armstrong rider writes: "My 7-year-old mare has been a barrel horse too long and I'm having trouble showing her down for Western pleasure. Can you suggest something?"

What you are trying to do is very difficult and some games horses never will settle down. My suggestion to you is to put your mare in a snaffle bit with a running martingale and do a lot of slow logging and walking before trying to log, preferably outside an arena, as the mare probably associates the arena with barrels. When you do go in an arena work her on the rail. If she acts up circle her in the center of the arena until she settles down, then go back to the rail.

With a lot of patience and effort you might get this mare to Western pleasure. Make sure she is well settled at a walk and jog before you attempt to log, but follow the same procedure with the circling if she acts up at the log.

RAIL WORK HELPS CONTROL LOPE
Enderby girl writes: "I plan to show my gelding in Western Pleasure, but he won't speed up readily from a walk to a canter. Once he begins cantering, he wants to race and won't do a slow canter."

I would put your gelding on the rail and start two-tracing with it done by pulling the horse's nose to one side and pushing his weight away with the opposite leg. Possibly pull his nose to the right into the rail and push his weight away to the left with the right leg. Once the horse begins moving off his leg he would be learning his legs and this should make it easier to cue him to lope. Once I had the horse loping, I'd work him in circles to control the speed of the lope.

MINOR HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Bantam Reps lose first game

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

Merritt scored four power play goals in the third period to edge Vernon Sun Valley Bantam reps 7-4 in the first game of their best-of-two OMMHA semi-finals at the Civic Arena Sunday.

The second game of the series goes Friday in Merritt in conjunction with their Bantam tournament.

TWO EACH
Vernon got two goals each from Tom Day and Greg Kowal to hold period leads of 2-0 and 4-0. However, in the third period Sun Valley was handed out 54 of 68 penalty minutes and Vince Campbell with two, John Faul and Dwayne Suzuki countered with power play goals, three of them while Vernon was two men short.

Kevin Rablitt, Tyler Harris and Vince-Cavaller scored the other Merritt goals.

Vernon Coach George Beck declined to make any comment about the officiating or his team's play, but he did say, "I don't understand how one team can get 54 minutes of penalties in one period to the other teams for 12-0 over Revelstoke Saturday and 14-0 over Westside Sunday to capture second spot just ahead of Merritt."

On Saturday Todd Beck earned the shut-out as Vernon held period leads of 3-0 and 7-0. Kevin Aetchele paced the

Local athletes compete in games

Governor-General Edward Schreyer will officially open British Columbia's first Winter Games tonight in a ceremony at the Kamloops Memorial Arena.

Prime Minister Bennett had also been scheduled to attend, but cancelled his visit due to the death of his father, former premier W. A. C. Bennett.

Bennett's place will be taken by Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis. Eight other provincial cabinet ministers are scheduled to attend the four days of competition.

LOCAL ATHLETES
Thirty-seven athletes from the North Okanagan, including 20 from Vernon, will be competing in the games.

From Vernon are: Janice Lockerby and Mike Wagner (badminton); Claude Shultz and George Nelson, Ian Johnson, Bob Collins, Len Chahay and Coach Marcel Gonic (bowling); John Mathews (boxing); Lisa Kristianson (figure skating); Riley Twyford, Helen Glenzie, Curt Broughton, Ken Bryan and Keith Brooker (recreational); Red Ferris, Brad Thorlakson and Mike Forster (alpine skiing); Jane Tassie (cross-country skiing); and Mark Bysechke (wrestling).

Salmon Arm athletes competing are: the Gene Puetz rink with third Ron Towles, second Brian Puetz, and lead Glen Hill; Beverly Lines (figure skating); Sheldon Hart and Anne Keski-Salmi (cross-country skiing); Gary Horul, Shelly Hurburt, and Marla Becker (speed skating).

Representing some two, from Winfield, are: Robert Guenette and Steve Wagner (swimming); Debbie Landon and Christine Schappert (volleyball); and Don St. Jean (weightlifting).

Only Oyma athlete competing is Alana Hughes, in volleyball, while Carl Busson, in judo, is the lone entrant from Sicamous.

Ron Butlin, general chairman and managing director of the B.C. Games, praised efforts of the volunteers who have spent thousands of hours preparing for the event.

"The real legacy to Kamloops will be the fact that 1,300 to 1,400 people pulled together to do something for the province, in doing something for the province, they've done something for themselves."

BASE EXPANDS
He added that the base for amateur athletes in B.C. has been expanded due to the Games. The 2,085 athletes

notched singles.

Dan Pelligrini scored the lone Kelowna marker.

On Saturday, Vernon held period leads of 4-1 and 7-1 and outshot Merritt 74-13 in the lopsided victory.

Munk and Smith with three goals each and Major and Adams with a goal and three assists had big games for Vernon. Eilly Baron netted a pair while Les Olson and David Pittcher added singles.

MIDGETS SECOND
Vernon Bloom and Sigalnet Midget Reps captured second spot with an 8-1 trouncing of league leaders Kelowna Saturday.

Vernon finished with a 18-5-1 record in OMMHA play two points back of Kelowna and just ahead of third place Penticton.

Wayne Bodnaruk placed the Vernon attack with three goals. Tom DeVries added a pair, Ron Irtman, Glen Hampton and Bobby Wensley

Armstrong wins Enderby tourney

Armstrong captured top honors in last weekend's Enderby Invitational Basketball Tournament at A. L. Fortuna Secondary School.

Armstrong won four consecutive games, by a total of only 16 points, on Sunday to place first.

In the championship game, Armstrong edged previously undefeated Salmon Arm 60-59.

Bob Shannon led the winners with 18 points while Doug Hern dropped in 16 for Salmon Arm.

Earlier in the day, Armstrong edged Coldstream Hotel Bruins 71-66, Enderby Motor Inn 63-62, and Sicamous 62-52.

Pat Clemons, of Armstrong, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

First all-star team was comprised of Mark Liddle and Hern of Salmon Arm, Shan-

non, Mike Hollett of Enderby, and Allan Frauser of Sicamous.

On the second all-star squad were Dan Holte of the Bruins, Armstrong's Bill Fulton, Brad Moreau of Enderby, Len Devos of Sicamous, and Lumby's Bob Herring.

Eight teams competed in the two-day event.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of about 10 trophies, owned by the Vernon Junior Hockey Club, is asked to phone Vern Days at 545-9981.

The trophies had been displayed at Penny Panta, on Burnard Avenue, which is no longer in business.

Smokies hammer Peerless

Allison Smoke Eaters clobbered Peerless Pipe Blades 11-3 in White Valley Hockey League action Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Jeff Shirley unofficially won the WVHL scoring title by plying up four goals and four assists. Graydon Brown also scored four times for the winners while John Watson, Wayne Maysen and Brian Sherk added singles.

Wayne Brown, with two goals, and Norm Amiel replied for the Blades.

Smokies held period leads of 4-0 and 6-0.

No details of the Sabres-Barons game were available at press time.

WHHL regular season play ends Saturday night when Plying Frenchmen host the Sabres.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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