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SPORTS BRIEFS**Penticton
beats Swedes**

Todd Brost scored three goals Sunday night to lead Penticton Knights to an 8-3 win over touring Nacka, of Sweden, in an exhibition hockey game. On Saturday, Trail Smoke Eaters doubled the Swedes 8-4. Nacka has two wins and five losses so far on its eight-game tour of Western Canada. The Swedes downed Vernon Cougars 10-4, last Thursday, and upset Kamloops Blazers, of the Western Hockey League, 3-2, Friday.

Baron scores twice

Bill Baron scored two goals to lead Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps to a 6-4 win over Salmon Arm in Okanagan-Mainline League action, Sunday. Bryan Burns scored once and set up two others for Vernon while Les Olsen, Curt Petersen, and Dale Danallanko added single goals. Carey Tarela, Treve Rosnak, Dwayne Seaward, and Kevin Alstad replied for Salmon Arm. First place Vernon has nine wins and three ties in 12 outings.

Herzig wins match

Vernon's Rip Herzig won an exhibition match over Bill Contrado, of Salmon Arm, at the Vernon Racquet Centre, Saturday. Herzig, ranked as one of the top juniors in B.C., won 9-11, 11-10, 7-11, 11-4, and 11-1. The match was the first in a challenge series, being hosted by the centre. Herzig is scheduled to meet Scott Sutherland, of Kelowna, next Sunday at 2 p.m.

Volleyball champions

Old Stylers won the Sunday Honeymooners Volleyball League championship with a 3-1 victory over Gordie's Mini Motors, at the Priestley Valley Gymnasium. Raisins earned third place with a 2-0 win over Weekendors. Toros Spikers finished fifth in playoffs followed by Hammer Heads, Heebie Sheebies, and Leftovers.

Final cuts made

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (CP) — Coach Terry Simpson announced the final cuts on Monday for the Canadian junior hockey team which will play in the world junior hockey championships starting in Helsinki on Dec. 25.

Dropped as the team was pared down to 20 players, seven defencemen and 11 forwards.

VERNON 6, MERRITT 5**Phillips sparks Lakers**By JIM JUDD
Daily News Sports

Winger Greg Guest's power-play goal at 16:44 of the third period lifted Vernon Lakers to a 6-5 win over visiting Merritt Centennials, Sunday night, at Civic Arena.

The win, coupled with a loss by Summerland Buckaroos in Sidney Sunday night, leaves the local club with a seven-point cushion over Bucks in the BCJHL Interior Division with a 16-11-1 record. It was the fifth win in six starts under new coach Don Moores, who took over the club in late-November.

The real hero of the evening for Lakers was 17-year-old Jason Phillips. The speedy left-winger, recently acquired from the talent-laden ranks of Kamloops Blazers of the Western Hockey League, scored four goals, including the tying marker at 12:38 with a short-handed effort.

Phillips picked up a breaking pass from defenceman Jim Soti, who found Phillips streaking across the ice.

The newest member of the Vernon club made no mistake during his one-on-one situation against the Merritt net-minder.

Though satisfied with his four-goal performance, that could easily have been five or six, Phillips praised the work of his team-mates.

"It wasn't just that I got a lot of goals," said the soft-spoken winger. "A lot of guys were working hard to set me up... it may not have looked like a lot but it takes 21 guys to win a game."

Phillips took the night out of Moore's mouth. The Lakers' coach, though happy with the two points, had mixed emotions about his club's effort.

"It wasn't a good game for us, we're lacking in spirit," said Moores. "I'm not happy with the two points, but I'm not satisfied with the effort... until we learn to play 60 minutes of hockey we won't be a successful hockey team."

However, Moores was pleased with the outstanding performance of Phillips who answers Moores' prayers for a goal scorer.

"I knew he had the ability and it was just a matter of time," offered Moores. "I was really happy when Ken Hitchcock (Kamloops coach) said I could have him."

Sean Lofthro, the speedy defenceman, scored the other Vernon goal and also had a pair of assists for the night.

John Tent had a pair for Centennials, who also lost by a single goal the previous night in Penticton. Pat Ryan, Kevin Cheveldave, and Rancy McFarlane were the other Merritt marksmen.

Cents opened the scoring in the first period on a short-handed goal by McFarlane, their first of two such goals for the night. A pair of Vernon goals gave the local club the lead briefly during the first frame, but before the period ended Ryan's goal tied it for the visitors.

The clubs traded a goal each in the second period, a power-play tally by Vernon, their second of four for the night, and another short-handed effort for Centennials, and ended the period in a 3-3 deadlock.

Phillips gave Vernon a short-lived lead just 59 seconds into the third period but a pair of goals by Tent changed the lead before the period was five minutes old.

Lakers peppered Vernon native Norm Schwing with 46 shots while Jim Young, singled out for his outstanding work by Phillips, faced 43 shots.

Lakers next action will be Friday night when they host Richmond Sockeyes of Coastal Division. Sockeyes, challenging for first place but currently holding down third spot on the Coast, feature Vernon natives Bruce Major and Henry Reimer in their lineup.

In other BCJHL action Sunday night, Brent Harrison scored twice to lead Sidney Capitals past Summerland 5-3. Singles for the Caps came from Gord Hahn, Selby McFarlane, and Rob Coutilsh.

Mike Fenske, Ed Tuckwood, and Craig Bedard shared in the scoring for Summerland.

In other action Nanaimo Clippers got the winning goal during a short-handed situation to edge visiting Abbotsford Flyers 7-6.

Mitch Poulin and Carey Coroy each scored twice for the Clippers who trailed 5-4 with 20 minutes left. Joe Stanley and Al Johnston also scored for fourth place Clippers.

Abbotsford got a three-goal performance from Sean Harker while singles went to Kal Russell, Mike Bulka and Rob Reid.

League action resumes Tuesday with Revelstoke travels to Summerland and Richmond hosts Abbotsford.

DEFENCEMAN Jim Scott (24) and goaltender Jim Young combine to make a save off Merritt Centennials; forward Rancy McFarlane

during third period action Sunday night, at Civic Arena. Lakers tied the game with a short-handed goal and won it at 16:44 with a goal by Gret

Guest. Second place Lakers are now seven points in front of Summerland Buckaroos in the BCJHL Interior Division.

(Daily News Photo)

**Jets climb higher
in overall standings****The Canadian Press**

The Jets finally are giving hockey fans reason to flock to Winnipeg Arena.

A 5-2 victory Sunday night over Detroit Red Wings lifted the Jets to second place in the Smythe Division and to fifth place

more than usual," Boschman said. "It's satisfying to see our line score some goals."

In other games Sunday, it was: Montreal Canadiens 3, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Minnesota North Stars 5, Chicago

On Saturday, Los Angeles centre Marcel Dionne became the fourth player in NHL history to score 600 career goals as the Kings beat Calgary Flames 6-5.

Dionne, in his 14th season, needs only 10

In other games Saturday, it was: Hartford Whalers 4, Montreal 3, in overtime; Boston Bruins 2, Vancouver 1, in overtime; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; New Jersey 8, Quebec Nord-