

Press race a success



The first Okanagan press ski race Saturday at Tillicum Ski Area was a success thanks to the cooperation of manager Sandy Boyd and head instructor Tom Ferris.

A joint team, comprised of staffers from the Kamloops Sentinel and Kelowna Courier, walked off with the first place trophy.

The coveted Tillicum Boof Trophy, for the last place team, was won by the Vernon Daily News. It wasn't easy to finish last against that competition.

CHBC was also well represented and was narrowly edged by the Sentinel-Courier team.

Unfortunately the Okanagan radio types could not muster any teams, not even one. It was more of an obstacle race than a downhill race, and the reason the Vernon News team did not win was that they could not get through one of the obstacles, a tire.

Hopefully, the race will be bigger and better next year.

NO CHANGE PLANNED

When a hockey team hits a slump, the first person who gets blamed is the coach.

After the coach is blamed, that usually calls for a coaching change.

Vernon Vikings have hit the skids, losing their last five games. But, to put a damper on any speculation, the Vikings are planning no coaching change.

Team president Les York said Monday, "Joe Tennant is our man and he will be here when the end of the season rolls around. We are planning no change and are confident the team will play itself out of the current slump."

But, York did say that when the team returns from the current road swing, there will be an announcement. At this late date, there can be no major player shuffle. So, your guess is as good as mine as to what the announcement will be about.

SURVIVAL COURSE

After the Sunday night ordeal on Silver Star Mountain when two cross-country skiers became lost, and stuck in 15 degree weather for several hours, it did not take long for Silver Star to announce some changes.

Cross-country trails will now be better marked and a survival course is planned for the near future.

Head instructor on the Star, Gerry Goudge, said the course will, in detail, outline what to do if you get lost.

Goudge said, "Besides lectures, video tape equipment will be used."

The course is completely free and anyone interested in cross-country skiing, hiking, or camping, is urged to attend. It will be held in late February or early March.