

Nothing new at Kin Track



The recent announcement that horse racing days in Vernon this year will be July 11 and 12 at Kin Race Track, brings us back to an interesting subject.

Why isn't Kin Track used more?

The track has enjoyed one of its busiest years during the past 12 months hosting a horse show, circus, carnival, horse racing, and chuckwagon races. But, all those events together, did not take up more than 15 days.

What happened at the track the other 350 days? Not much!

There have been lots of studies and meetings to discuss the future of Kin Track, but like so many other things, it is still being studied.

One opinion was to completely destroy the track and use the property for parks. But, the popular consensus is to leave the track the way it is and develop the infield area.

The infield area of the track could house at least three soccer fields and or two baseball diamonds.

With local fields booked to capacity, and local softball groups crying for facilities, it is a shame to see that property sitting idle.

Of course, it would cost money to develop the area, but if the project is started two or three years from now, the cost is going to be much greater.

Vernon's new Recreation Director John Mahler is still feeling his way around and acquainting himself with the area. Let us hope one of his first projects is Kin Track.

ROTTEN WEATHER

The weatherman is in serious danger of being fired. One more long weekend like we suffered threw Victoria Day, and he's gone.

Can you imagine trying to watch the Falkland Stampede in a rain storm, while sitting on wet seats, in soaked clothes?

Or how about at Tillicum Raceway where the rain storm held up the main event Sunday for more than two hours. Most of the fans left for home by the time the race resumed but the drivers stuck around to compete for \$7,500.

Vernon Legion Baseball Club opened their 1975 season Monday in Lumby; in rain, then hail, and then even some snow.

Vernon Fish and Game Club's retriever trial originally scheduled for Goose Lake, had to be moved to the club grounds because the road to Goose Lake was washed out.

The weatherman has six weeks until the next long weekend to either shape up or ship out.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Your local rumor-spreaders are in great form these days. Their subject is junior hockey, and what is going to happen to the Vernon Vikings.

It is no secret that Vikings dropped another bundle of money last season and some of the owners are a little more than concerned.

There has been no love lost during the past year between team director Vern Dye and Manager-coach Joe Tennant, two of the team owners.

With six owners, the group could quite easily be split down the middle on who will run the club next year, and how. However, Vikings have not had a meeting since the season ended.

Dye went on holidays right at the end of the season, Tennant then left on vacation, and President Les York has been having health problems. So, they have not been able to get together with Nick Schuck, Ernie Kowal, and Pete Pasechnik, the other owners.

But, training camp is scheduled to open in a little more than three months and if there are going to be any changes, now is the time to make them.