

Ski rates going up



Okanagan skiers can look forward to paying higher rates this winter for lift tickets.

Most area mountains are increasing their rates for day tickets, but have not yet confirmed whether they will increase season ticket prices.

Silver Star and Tillicum are not exceptions to the day rate increase.

Silver Star's day pass is rising to \$8, from \$7, while Tillicum's is going up to \$4.75, from \$4.

Increased labor and maintenance costs have forced the fee hike.

Skiing is a great sport and pasttime. But, even though Okanagan ski rates are still lower than most areas, skiing is becoming a pretty expensive undertaking.

If a man and his wife decide they want to go up Silver Star and see if they like skiing, by the time the two of them have paid for their lift tickets and rentals, they are looking at more than \$30.

Add on top of that a babysitter and gas, and the average person might end up staying at home and watching television.

But, what doesn't cost more these days?

TICKETS GOING WELL

Vernon Vikings Coach Joe Tennant tells me that season tickets are going very well.

Vikings have sold more than 100 season tickets, already more than last season. With a little luck, Tennant feels they could start the year with 200 season ticket holders.

The newly formed booster club should also be a big help to the team. The dismal crowds during the past two seasons have hit the club pretty hard in the pocketbook. One more year like the last two, and the owners would have trouble giving the team away.

An active booster club can do a lot for a team, and everyone knows the Vikings need some help.

Tennant feels he has the nucleus of a good team this year and a winner would certainly help the box office receipts.

SWEATERS RETIRED

B.C. Lions who have been suffering this year at the gate are expecting a big crowd for Saturday's game against Toronto Argonauts.

Besides being a must-win game for the Leos, if they hope to make the playoffs, there will be a special incentive to get the fans out to the game.

At half-time Lions will be officially retiring two sweaters. Willie Fleming's famous Number 15, and Joe Kapp's Number 22 will be retired during a special ceremony.

Besides leading B.C. to their only two appearances in the Grey Cup, they are recognized as two of the most colorful performers in Canadian Football League history.