

# It was a very good year for sports

A busy year in the world of sports is drawing to a close. During 1975, there were some excellent team and individual efforts on the part of North Okanagan athletes. Here are some you might remember.

**JANUARY**  
5. Scott Thompson rink wins the North Okanagan High School curling playdowns.  
6. Herb Van Grootel rink brings home \$100 from the Silver Broom curling competition in Pentonite.  
6. One of the best hockey games of the year sees Vernon Vikings and Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Canada Hockey League, battle to a 7-7 tie.

8. Tim Smith shatters two Vernon Kokanees' Swim Club records at a meet in Vancouver.  
10. Doug Berry, of Kelowna Buckaroos, named Most Valuable Player and top rookie for the first half of B.C. Junior Hockey League season.  
12. Dave Luvdahl rink of Kelowna wins the Vernon Men's Open Bonspiel.  
12. 200 racers take part in the Mark 10 Trail Snowmobile Race at Tillium Raceway.  
15. Sports psychologist Dr. Tom Tutko, of San Jose University, speaks to people in Vernon about putting fun back into sports.

15. Vernon Panthers open their basketball season with a loss to Pentonite Lakers.  
19. B.C. Sled Dog Association meet held at Tillium.  
19-26. Minor Hockey Week celebrated in Vernon.

23. Four Vikings, Brian Orsine, Terry Anaka, Grant Stielck, and Dwight Bailey named to the BCJHL Inter-All-star team. However, Coast beats the Interior, in Kelowna, 8-2.

26. Scott Thompson rink defeated in North Zone High School curling playdowns by a Princeton foursome.

**FEBRUARY**  
1. Armstrong Saints win Lumby Invitational Basketball Tournament.  
1. Reveltoke Selkirks clinch first-place in the Monashee Hockey League.  
1. Point Grey Greyhounds beat Panthers 77-36 to win the annual Vernon Snowball Basketball Tournament.



**JACK BOUTILLIER**  
...leaves Vernon

2. Kelowna Swim Club wins the Vernon Kokanees Invitational Snowball Swim Meet.  
2. Vernon Midget Reps capture the Okanagan Mainline title.  
3. Jack Boutillier announces his resignation as Vernon Parks and Recreation Director.

4. Van Grootel rink qualifies for B.C. Curling Association playoffs.  
7. Van Grootel eliminated from playoffs.  
8. Colleen Cole plays for B.C. Ladies' Volleyball Team, against Alberta, in a game at VSSS.

8. Vernon opens annual Winter Carnival Peeewe Hockey Tournament with a victory.  
9. Port Alberni bombs Vernon 13-4 to win peeewe tourney.

14. Wayne Adams rink, of Kitimat, wins B.C. Firefighters' Bonspiel at Vernon Curling Club.  
16. Tom Howard, of Vancouver, wins the Winter Carnival Six-mile Marathon Race.  
16. Wayne Hickson, of Vernon, named Sportsman of the Year at the B.C. Snowmobile championships in Reveltoke.

18. Nole Frisby honored by the Armstrong Fish and Game Club for 25 years outstanding service in fish and wildlife.  
19. Debbie Woodroof, in senior girls' singles, along with the Vernon senior boys and girls teams and bantam girls and boys teams, qualify to compete in B.C. Youth Bowling Congress finals.  
22. Wayne Richardson, Tammy Watts, and Janice Harvey represent Vernon in a Pontiac Cup Ski Race at Silver Star.  
22. Vernon team represents Interior at B.C. Pistol Shooting championship in Chilliwack.  
23. Kinsmen skate-a-thon.  
23. Panthers end basketball season with win over Kamloops.  
23. B.C. Plumbing Supplies Ltd. rink, of Burnaby, wins 21st Annual Plumbers' Bonspiel.  
26. Colleen Cole returns home from Canada Winter Games with volleyball gold medal.

**MARCH**  
1. Clarence Fulton boys and girls win North Zone Junior and Secondary School basketball titles.  
2. Vernon places third in B.C. Senior B Men's Volleyball Championship.  
2. Vernon Royals place fifth in Okanagan Girls' Basketball playoffs.  
2. Irene Genier and Fran Killips qualify for B.C. team to compete in national five-pin bowling finals.  
3. Winfield captures Vernon Men's Commercial Basketball League title.  
9. Salmon Arm Aces win Monashee Hockey League championship.  
11. Vikings eliminate Pentonite Vespa from playoffs.  
15. Dave Weale Rink, of Kamloops, wins B.C. Elks Bonspiel.  
16. Vernon senior boys and bantam girls qualify for Canadian Youth Bowling finals in Calgary.  
19. Armstrong Cougars win 1980 Okanagan Hockey League title.  
24. Vikings eliminated by Kelowna Buckaroos.

**APRIL**  
1. Single weekend at Kitimat record set at Silver Star with 14,000 skiers over the long weekend.  
5. Vikings awarded banquet. Greg Walmsley named Most Outstanding Player.  
6. Vernon places third in B.C. Midget Hockey Tournament in Abbotsford.  
15. Vernon Datsun Rink

wins Commercial Men's Bonspiel.  
15. Don Murdoch named Rookie of the Year in the Western Canada Hockey League.  
16. Mickey McMahon elected president of Vernon Minor Hockey.  
19. Kokanees raise \$3,000 in swim-a-thon.  
22. Vernon senior boys and bantam girls win silver medals at Canadian Youth Bowling Championship.  
23. Silver Star announces a record 100,000 skiers for the year.  
29. Vernon Senior Secondary School girls place first and boys second in Okanagan High School bowling finals.

**MAY**  
4. Head of the Lake Rodeo held in a heavy downpour.  
4. Vernon and District Quarter Horse Show held at Kin Track.  
9. Lacrosse season opens with Vernon Lodge Tigers losing a 10-7 decision to the Interior All-stars.  
9. 600 athletes compete in Okanagan Relays at Polson Park.  
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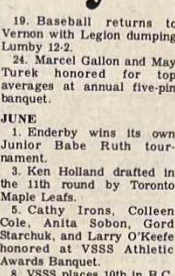
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**JUNE**  
1. Enderby wins its own Junior Babe Ruth tournament.  
3. Ken Holland drafted in the 11th round by Toronto Maple Leafs.  
5. Cathy Irons, Colleen Cole, Anita Sobon, Gord Starchuk, and Larry O'Keefe honored at VSSS Athletic Awards Banquet.  
8. VSSS places 10th in B.C. High School Tennis Tournament.  
20. Vera Bolton, of Pentonite, wins the Spallumcheen Ladies' Sweepstakes.  
22. Mo Orcutt wins Vernon Golf Club Ladies' Championship.  
29. Kelowna Kickers win annual Vernon Lodge Blues Soccer Tournament.

**JULY**  
1. Clarke Hazlett rink, of Edmonton, wins Summer Mixed Bonspiel.  
4. Coldstream Motor Hotel wins Ladies' Spring Softball League title.  
5. Vernon Lodge Tigers clinch fourth consecutive Interior Lacrosse League title.  
8. Kal Hotel wins Vernon Men's Fastpitch League title.  
9. Alf Howlett cards hole-in-one at Vernon Golf Club.  
9. Patti Murray eliminated by Marilyn Palmer, of Vancouver, in B.C. Women's Amateur Golf Tournament in Trail.  
10. Vince Jarvis and Tony Wolcott named to B.C. Basketball team, to compete in Western Canada Games.  
12. Paul Dunbar wins Earl Stein Memorial Race.  
18. \$45,000 bet at Vernon Racing Days.  
14. Kirby, of Vancouver, wins Coldstream Motor Hotel Ladies' Softball Tournament.  
16. Greg Betts wins Vernon Golf Club championship.  
16. Racing driver Steve Denney, 24, dies of a heart attack while racing in Pentonite.  
19. Mark Corbett and Mike Kidston win the 50th annual Hankey Cup Tournament.

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held at the Kalamalka Country Club.  
20. Vernon Legion wins Quesnel Baseball Tournament.  
22. Legion wins Okanagan Mainline title.  
28. Frank Fritze, of Kamloops, wins Spallumcheen Open Tournament.  
9. Tigers win fourth straight Interior play-off title.  
10. 120 competitors take part in Vernon District Riding Club Horse Show.  
11. Salmon Arm wins Vernon Men's Summer Basketball League.  
12. 650 cadets take part in their annual sports day.  
17. Tigers lose two-game series to one in provincial semifinals, to Prince George Canada Hotel.  
17. Coldstream Motor Hotel wins Okanagan Ladies' Softball Championship.  
17. Legion wins Okanagan baseball playoffs over Lumby.  
18. Kenny McLean wins the steer wrestling event at the Armstrong Rodeo.  
19. Kal Hotel win Kamloops Senior C Men's Softball Tournament.  
24. Coldstream ladies place second in B.C. Softball Championship in Kamloops.  
31. Legion wins Enderby Baseball Tournament.

**SEPTEMBER**  
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1. Work on the new Enderby Arena nears completion.  
3. Canada West Ski Areas Association Convention wraps up in Vernon.  
9. Proposed tri-city auto racing circuit falls by the wayside.  
13. VSSS boys take first place in invitational volleyball tournament in Vernon.  
19. Monashee Hockey League All-star Game in Salmon Arm.  
20. Vernon Pegasis wins the B.C. Interior Division One Juvenile Soccer championship.  
23. VSSS boys and girls win Reveltoke Volleyball Tournament.  
24. W. L. Seaton wins North Zone soccer, cross-country, and grass hockey titles.  
26. Okanagan Track Racing Association honors its top drivers at its annual banquet.  
27. VSSS wins UBC Invitational Volleyball Tournament, while the VSSS girls win the Trail Tournament.  
27. George Fink rink wins the second annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel.

**NOVEMBER**  
2. VSSS boys take first place in Grand Forks Volleyball Tournament.  
7. Alberta group buys Tillium Raceway for a tennis ranch.  
9. Dairy Queen, in flag, and East Vernon, in tackle, win Vernon Minor Football Association titles.  
9. Ugly Ducklings win Men's Flat Football League championship at Tillium.  
14. BCJHL announces it will not compete in Centennial Cup playoffs.



**PATTI MURRAY**  
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## Penguins rally against Soviets

PITTSBURGH (CP) — Pittsburgh Penguins can take heart in their 7-4 loss to the visiting Soviet Wings on Monday night.  
"They learn quick," said Boris Kulagin, the stoic coach of the Wings, who also directs the Soviet Union's national hockey team. "They also must have had some instructions from their coach after the first period."

The Wings almost blew the National Hockey League Penguins out on to nearby Centre Avenue in the first period, toying with their opposition and skating casually to a 4-0 lead. "It was an entirely different Penguin club that came out for the last two periods, skating with the Russians, giving them bump for bump and taking the play into the Wings' zone."

"I'd give anything to play them again tomorrow night," said Marc Boileau, the first-period referee. "They were just taking the play into the Wings' zone."

to skate with the Russian players hoping to slow them down with close checking.  
"Gee, we had three guys in taking one of their men out of the play and they were coming at us three-on-two and two-on-one," said Boileau.  
Yuri Liapkin, the outstanding Russian national defenseman, was easily the best man on the ice at the Civic Centre before a less-than-capacity crowd of 13,218.  
He scored two goals and drew two assists while controlling the play.  
Vladislav Anisim, Victor Schalimov, Aleksandr Yakovlev, Vladimir Shadrin and Vladimir Repnyev were the other Russian marksmen.  
Pierre Larouche got the Penguins on the scoreboard in the second period after the Russians had opened a 5-0 lead. Ron Schock, Barry Wilkins and Lew Morrison won the other Pittsburgh goals.  
Kulagin was hard-pressed to explain the sudden turn of events that enabled Pittsburgh to outscore his Wings over the last 40 minutes and actually take most of the play into the Russian zone.  
"We weren't tired," he replied to suggestions that the Wings had expended themselves in the first period. "I think my players were simply satisfied with the first half."  
Boileau didn't think so. "After we adjusted (between the first and second periods), we just took the play away from them," he said. "But I don't care what team you are playing against, when you get four goals down after the first period, it's tough to come back."  
Yakovlev, one of the great stars in Russian hockey, felt

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## Schmidt gets axe from Washington

The Canadian Press  
When the team you're operating can't win, you can't fire the players, so you fire the coach.  
That's exactly what Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League did Monday night after being shut out 6-0 by Montreal Canadiens in a National Hockey League game.

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### VERNON PEEWEES MEET COQUITLAM

Vernon hammered Kerriklade 9-3 Monday to move into the final game of the Kamloops Christmas Peeewe Hockey Tournament.

Vernon taking on the only other undefeated team, Coquitlam. Coquitlam dumped South Kamloops 6-3 in the other semi-final game.  
James Specht led the Vernon attack with three goals while Brad Moore and Ray Wilmetton scored two each.  
Although they led only 2-0 after the first period and 3-1 after the second, the locals completely dominated play and could have built up an enormous score if it had not been for some great saves by the Kerriklade goalie.  
In the other game, South Kamloops outshot Coquitlam 27-11, but the Southkam goalie was able to make only five saves.

Quessel won the B' final Monday night by beating North Kamloops 7-4. The 'A' event consolation game was scheduled today at 10 a.m. when Prince George and South Kamloops.

### Federko chasing Clarke's record

SASKATOON (CP) — Saskatchewan Blades' Bernie Federko has started the second half of the Western Canada Hockey League campaign in much the same fashion as he played in the first half.  
Federko played the three league games last week, the 26th, 27th and 28th of the 72-game regular schedule. He was blanked in game 26, for only the third time this season, but roared back with 10 goals in the next two

Murdoch who is second in goals with 42.  
Victoria Cougars' Jim Gustafson is the only other player with more than 70 points and the early-season scoring leader has 73.  
Leading Scorers  
G A Pts  
Federko, S 52 95  
Chapman, S 39 80  
Carroll, M 30 69  
Murdoch, V 28 76  
Gustafson, V 25 67  
Lukowich, W 24 66  
Davidson, FF 23 65  
Gosselin, FF 20 62

## Pearson says Vikings were absolutely right

The Associated Press  
If you ask Drew Pearson, who caught the ball, Minnesota Vikings were absolutely right.

There should have been an interference penalty called on the 50-yard touchdown pass from Roger Staubach that gave Dallas Cowboys a last-second 17-14 victory over the Vikings in their National Football League playoff game.

"The question is, then, who interfered with whom?"  
"There was interference on the play," said Pearson. "I didn't know if the official would call it."

There are two kinds of interference—offensive, which the Vikings thought Pearson had committed, and the more commonly called defensive.  
"After a pass is thrown, the ball is up for grabs," said Art McNally, the NFL's supervisor of officials. "Both players (the intended receiver and the defender) may move for it."  
"Whether there is interference or not depends on whether either player runs through the other to get to the ball or there is deliberate extension of an arm to push an opponent away from the ball."  
"What about contact between receiver and defender?"  
"If both men are making a play for the ball, you're going to contact," McNally said. "Incidental or strong contact doesn't mean a thing."

**AGREE ON CONTACT**  
Pearson and the defender, Nate Wright, both agree that there was contact.

Wright thought he had an interception, McNally said. "I had position. I felt myself pushed. I slipped forward and I tried to hold my balance. All of a sudden I was lying on the ground."

"After the collision, I had the ball in my hands, but Wright knocked it loose as he was falling," the Dallas wide receiver explained. "The ball slipped out of my hands but slid on to my right hip and I was able to grab it and hold it there."

"I never saw him catch the ball," the Viking defensive back said. "The officials were holding their arms up in the air, signaling touchdown. I couldn't believe it."

## Canadians lead scoring statistics

TORONTO (CP) — Sharpshooters from the Canadian Division continue to dominate the World Hockey Association's list of scoring leaders as the league nears its schedule.

Marc Tardif of Quebec Nordiques leads the league in both goals scored and total points. He has 34 goals, 38 assists and 72 points.  
Quebec team-mate Chris Bordeleau is 12 points behind with 20 goals and 40 assists while Bobby Hull of Winnipeg Jets ranks third with 24 goals and 33 assists for 57 points.

The league's top rookies are Claude Larose of Cincinnati Stingers and Mark Napier of Toronto Toros, both with 35 points. Larose has 20 goals and Napier 14.  
Joe D'Amico of Winnipeg Jets was the top goaltender to remain with a 2.59 goals-against average in 28 games and four shutouts.

The leaders:  
**SCORING**  
G A Pts  
Tardif, Q 34 38 72  
Hull, W 24 33 57  
Nisson, W 17 38 55

Houie, C	25 28 53
Bernier, Q	18 35 53
Coutler, Q	29 22 51
Hedberg, W	22 27 49
Florek, P	13 33 46
Newberry, T	22 23 45
Webster, N	17 28 45
Lacroix, SD	13 31 44
Amadio, J	18 26 44
Ullman, E	31 44 75
Lawsone, Ca	21 24 45
Mahovlich, T	17 28 45

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