

Winning efforts



Local soccer enthusiasts were extremely proud of the showing by Vernon teams in last weekend's annual minor tournament here.

Besides winning four out of eight division titles, Vernon teams also won four consolation trophies.

Often when out-of-town teams enter a major tourney, they will send an all-star or stacked team. Vernon went into the two days of action with just club teams and defeated several all-star sides.

It is a tribute to the fine coaching the boys receive, and the hard work of hundreds of local players.

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Vernon's junior lacrosse team, under the leadership of **Jeff Shirley**, is off and running.

About 25 players, between the ages of 16 and 21, have been turning out for practices. The biggest problem confronting Shirley now is competition.

Kelowna and Armstrong might be able to muster clubs in the near future, but Vernon is ready to go now. It is a shame that Armstrong and Kelowna has minor lacrosse, but Vernon has no minors and the only junior team.

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Greg Fraser runs one of the finest junior high school track and field programs in the Okanagan at W.L. Seaton.

Fraser gets a lot of mileage out of his athletes, but one thing must bother the devoted coach. After his stars leave Seaton, they have little to look forward to at VSSS.

VSSS excels in several sports including volleyball and basketball, but unfortunately, track and field is of little concern at the senior high.

VSSS athletes, like **JAMES MAKARENKO**, who did well in the B.C. championships last weekend, are pretty much on their own. Fraser would like to help, however, he is too busy building a strong program at Seaton.

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No matter who gets the new B.C. Junior Hockey League franchise in Kamloops, (if anyone does), Vernon Vikings' Coach and General Manager **JOE TENNANT** says he is not involved.

Three groups are bidding for the franchise and a rumor in Kamloops had Tennant hooked up with his old friend Eldon Dever on one of the bids. Dever is involved, but Tennant claims he is not.

It is no secret Tennant is not completely satisfied with his situation in Vernon, but plans on staying here if the differences between himself and the other Vikings' owners can be worked out.

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I guess North Okanagan Regional District Recreation - Director **CHRIS NELSON** figured he had too much spare time.

Nelson last week was named as the new president of the Vernon Commercial Men's Fastball League, replacing John Appleby. Appleby felt he just didn't have enough time to continue to do an adequate job.

There is no doubt Chris will be a great president, but with all his other activities, he may have to resort to getting his sleep on the job.

Two teams unbeaten in hockey

Camels and Block Brothers both recorded victories Monday to remain the only undefeated teams in men's floor hockey playoff action at the Civic Arena.

Gordon Marrs led the Camels with two goals while Gerry Boyce, Moe Roze, Rod Langley and Rob McGregor added singles.

Marty Stein tallied twice for the Rebels, who will now meet the Wild Ones Wednesday night, while Camels play Block Brothers next Monday.

Block Brothers had a hard time disposing of Bombers as they trailed 2-0 after the opening period. But, Dave Caldow, Ed Johnstone and Jeff Todd scored two goals apiece to give Block Brothers a 6-2 win.