



Swimmer wins medals

Bruce Berger is the latest in a string of Vernon swimmers who have moved to Vancouver to further their aquatic ability.

Berger, 14, has been a member of the Vernon Kokanees since he was seven and is considered one of the top young swimmers in British Columbia.

In a recent meet in Stockton, California, he won gold medals in the 200 metre individual medley and 200 backstroke, as well as a silver in the 400 freestyle.

Considering the Stockton Meet was a level 'A' affair, with some of the top competitors on the Pacific Coast, picking up three medals is quite an accomplishment.

Peter Hrdlitschka and Brad Shirley left Vernon several years ago and joined Vancouver Dolphins to receive more practice time and superior coaching. Now Bruce is working out daily with the Lions Gate Swim Club in North Vancouver. He plans on staying on the coast until summer ends, and then returning to workout with Kokanees.

Who knows, Bruce might be ready for a trip to Moscow in 1980.

IN MONTREAL

Although there are no North Okanagan athletes competing in the Olympics, we are certainly well represented in Montreal.

Gordie Hudson of Winfield was a linesman at the nationally televised volleyball game Thursday between Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Hudson, considered an authority on the sport, has been working at several of the games.

Up in the stands, acting as an usheress, is Vernon's Colleen Cole. Miss Cole is there as a member of Canada's junior volleyball team.

Besides working as an usheress, she is going through a gruelling, daily, practice schedule with the junior squad.

Canada's women's team was a big disappointment in the Olympics and the feeling is, before 1980, several members of the club will be replaced with junior players. So, Colleen could have a good chance.

Also at the games site is local doctor Will Cawkell. He should have some good yarns to tell when he returns next week.

WORD EXPECTED SOON

The long-awaited announcement on the future of the Vernon Vikings is expected Monday.

None of the team's shareholders will say who is selling out, or who is doing the buying, but don't be surprised if Joe Tennant isn't around in September.

Tennant has experienced more than his share of problems since arriving in Vernon two years ago and may decide to leave, even though he says he does not want to move away from Vernon.

If he does go, it is certain the owners will not hire a full-time coach. Therefore, a local man must be found to run the squad.

At the top of the list of possibilities is former Vernon coach Odie Lowe. However, Odie said several times he has had enough of coaching junior A.

Other candidates could include Gordie Nuyens, Jim Moro, Gerry Wenman, and Wayne Dye. But, none of the aforementioned may want the job. So, it might boil down to whoever can be talked into taking the post.