

# Names in sport



This is a busy time of year in the world of sports and let us take a look at what some people are doing.

**GRAYDON BROWN** of Vernon has the distinction of being one of two players in B.C. to play on back-to-back Canadian championships in 1975 and 1976. The other player is Bill Mercer of New Westminster.

Both played with Vancouver Burrards last year when they won the Mann Cup. This year Brown was back with Vernon Lodge Tigers, who won the President's Cup, while Mercer joined New Westminster Salmonbellies, who won the Mann Cup.

Speaking of lacrosse, Tigers' captain **JAMIE McKENZIE** was married last weekend to his long-time sweetheart Joan Baxter.

Former Vernon Vikings' Coach **JOE TENNANT** tells us he hasn't yet decided what he'll do this winter. Joe and his wife Barb have moved back to Kamloops and are taking a bit of a rest.

Tennant said, "I've had a few good offers I'm considering, but no decision yet." Former **VENO LACROSSE TEAMS** now have their name on the President's Cup, but someone in this city beat them to the punch. W. L. Seaton School P.E. teacher **TOM BLACKBURN** was a member of Naanaimo Luckies when that club won the national title in 1969. Blackburn, now 26, returned to family life several years ago.

**GORD LYONS**, who played hockey for Salmon Arm Aces and Kal Hotel in the 1974-75 season, is back in Vernon. Lyons originally came to the west, from Ontario, to play hockey for Vikings with his good friend **GREY WALKLEY**.

Lyons returned to the east and just recently played for Bramalea Excelsiors in the Minto Cup, the Canadian junior A lacrosse championship.

Lyons said, "I liked Vernon so much, I had to come back. He played on playing for Salmon Arm and possibly making Vernon his year-round home."

Nice to see local soccer enthusiast **GEORGE STEIN** up and around again. George recently had a knee operation but was back in circulation this week.

Everyone here remembers hockey nut **BOB CROOKSHANK**, who was the head of the local police detachment in his spare time. Crookshank was transferred to Vancouver Island and his son George has now turned up as a member of the BCJHL's Maple Ridge Bruins.

Two former Vernon Essos have made significant moves in their hockey future. Hardrock **BOB CRAIG**, who has been playing in the American Hockey League for five years, has moved to Cranbrook and will play for Royals in the Western International League.

**ERNE GARE**, a member of Spokane Flyers for three years, attended Buffalo Sabres' training camp, but decided to come home to be with wife Debbie, who gave birth to a boy this week. Gare's younger brother Danny has reached stardom with the Sabres.

Bad news from Vancouver Canucks' camp Thursday when **JACK LEFLEY** was released outright. Big Jack had been hoping to gain a tryout with Canucks' farm team in Fort Wayne.

Another member of last year's Vikings, **PETER POESCHER**, got a tryout with Canucks and arrived at their camp Wednesday. He is also hoping for a chance in Fort Wayne.

Just a reminder to get your ballots in to the Daily News for **MARK YOUR OWN CHOICE**. The ballots will be tallied early next week. This gives everyone an opportunity to express their feeling on what is needed most for Vernon, a second covered ice surface or a new museum-library.

# HOLLAND MAKING GOOD IMPRESSION

Vernon's Kenny Holland is making a good impression at San Diego Mariners' training camp, but the diminutive netminder will probably end up with one of the World Hockey Association team's farm clubs.

Holland played with Vernon Vikings in the 1973-74 season before graduating to Medicine Hat Tigers. After a great rookie season with Tigers, he was drafted by Toronto Maple Leafs.

However, rather than spend a season in the low, minor leagues, Holland returned to Medicine Hat last year as an average player.

He told the Daily News he decided to try the WHA this season because Maple Leafs are stacked with goalies. Toronto has five pro goalies under contract.

**DESERVES LOOK** Mariners' General Manager Ron Inghram said Holland deserves a good, long look.

Inghram said, "He is the kind of goalie who makes a player beat him, he doesn't beat himself. But, he is still behind two other goalies."

The two netminders who appear to have landed spots with San Diego are ex-Van-



KEN HOLLAND ... looks good

cover Camuck Ken Lockett and Bob Blanchet.

Inghram said, "We'll probably send Ken (Holland) to one of our three farm teams. That decision will be made after this weekend."

Mariners are affiliated with Binghamton of the North American League, Oklahoma City of the Central League, and Baltimore of the Southern League.

San Diego has exhibition games this weekend against two Western International Hockey League teams, Spokane Flyers and Trail Smoke Eaters.



# Imports do the job for Bellingham Blazers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS When Bellingham Blazers returned to the British Columbia Junior Hockey League this year, they decided to spread their recruiting nets far afield and the move paid off in the club's opening game Friday night.

The Blazers, with 12 players from Finland, along with a Finnish coach and a Finnish-born general manager, whipped Maple Ridge Bruins—the original Bellingham team—8-3 as the league kicked off its regular schedule.

The imports did their job, with all the goals coming from Finnish players, as Jari Lindgren had three goals and Teri Vihtala added two. Erkki Lehtonen, Marti Nononen and Tero Kapynen each scored one. Terry Kirkham had two goals and Gerald Mikituk one for the hometown Bruins.

In other games, Pentlton Vees whipped defending league champion Nanaimo Clippers 7-4. Kelowna Buckaroos eased past Kamloops Bravo 10-4 and Langley Lords defeated Merritt Centennials 4-1.

In Pentlton, the Vees completely dominated the fight-

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filled game, with seven different players supplying their scoring as they bombarded Nanaimo goalie Steve Hanna with 55 shots.

David Smith, Gord MacKay,

Craig Berezowsky, Bob Dietterle, Cary Eades, Ken Pedersen and Andy Turner scored for the Vees, who were held to a 1-1 tie in the opening period but took a 5-3 lead in the middle 20 minutes.

## TWO GOALS

Barry Pederson had two goals and Jeff Wylie and Gordie Robertson one each for the Clippers.

The game was marred by fighting, with Nanaimo taking five of nine fighting majors. The Vees took 12 of 22 minors.

In Kelowna, the Buckaroos turned on the power in the final period to steam past the Braves, scoring six times in the final period.

Doug Davis and Scott MacLeod had two goals each for the Buckaroos, with Les Koch, Rick Benninghof, Rod Danchuk, Ken Calder, Robbie Wright and Phil Logan adding one apiece.

Lawrence Angus, Greg Dunn, Steve Zanatta and Ward Sparrow counted goals for Kamloops, which was outshot 37-27.

The hometown Langley club had little difficulty in subduing the Centennials in another fought encounter, another fighted encounter, Chris Tucker had two goals and Bruce Harris and Grant Wells added one each for the Lords, with Laurie Nordstrom getting Merritt's lone goal.

The Lords took 13 of 24 minor penalties and each minor had three players banished for fighting after an earlier fight had broken out.

## RETAINS TITLE

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuter) — Monty Betham of New Zealand retained his Commonwealth middleweight Thurling championship Thursday with an 11th-round sway with an 11th-round knockout over Australia's Wally Carr.

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## A PENSION ADVOCATE

will be at Room 306, 471 Queensway Kelowna, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the 29th and 30th of September. His visit will be for the purpose of interviewing veterans and their dependents concerning claims under the Pension Act and other related legislation.

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