

Heroic resignation

Hockey coaches, particularly at the junior A level, are a breed of their own.
They eat, sleep, and drink hockey. Many of them make a respectable living from the game, but none can say they have got rich from standing behind the bench.
There is the hard-nosed breed, the guys who give 100 per cent dedication from their players from morning to night. New Westminster Bruins' Ernie McLean, the late great Scotty Munro of Calgary, Lawrence Gingras of Maple Ridge Bruins, and former Vernon coach Joe Tennant, fall into that category.

CONSERVATIVE TYPE

Then there is the more conservative type, not the screamer or rah-rah type of guy. They don't necessarily do a lesser job than a hard-nosed boss, but they have their own style.

Another ex-Vernon coach Odie Lowe, Medicine Hat Tigers' Jack Shupe, Harvey Roy of Kamloops Chiefs, and Gerry Wenman, now also a member of the ex-Vernon coach club, fall into that class.

Wenman resigned the post this week apparently because he felt he wasn't communicating with his players adequately.

There was no pressure from the club executive, the fans, or media, for Gerry to resign. It was his own decision. And it takes a lot of guts to make a decision like that and place the team ahead of personal pride.

GOOD PLAYER

I first met Gerry about seven years ago when he was playing for Coquitlam Moisons in the Inter-City Hockey League, a Lower Mainland version of the North Okanagan League.

Wenman was a good player in his day, but like most of the other over-30 types in the league, his legs had just slowed down. He was a personable guy, but quiet, and at times almost withdrawn.

Next time we bumped heads was when he took over the reins of the Vikings. Just prior to playoffs in 1974. He coached only until the end of the season and then occupied himself with a sporting goods store in Armstrong. There were a few surprises when Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye named Wenman as coach last August after Tennant departed. Gerry knows hockey, gets along well with people, and was available.

ONE PROBLEM

The one problem he had with Vikings was communication. Several players expressed the opinion that Gerry is a great guy, but they wished he was more critical of their play. Some players need to be constantly pushed for maximum production.

Even though Vikings have won only one of eight games, since Wenman took over the club, a lot of improvements have been made. It is just a question of getting the team to gel.

It is still early in the season and a new coach has plenty of time to work. If Wenman had waited until Christmas, and then decided to pack it in, the whole season could have been a write-off.

Gerry went out like a gentleman, and the Vikings should thank him for that.

VSSS victorious in school soccer

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News
Correspondent

Vernon Senior Secondary School boys' AA soccer team dumped Salmon Arm 4-1 in north zone league action Tuesday in Salmon Arm.

For VSSS, it was the second win in three starts.

Rod Irons led the Vernon attack with two goals while Grant Goldie and Grant Fortowsky added singles.

VSSS controlled the ball throughout the first-half and coasted to a 3-0 lead.

In the second-half, Vernon did not extend itself and was content with midfield play.

VSSS netminder Brad Shapansky lost his shutout bid with only three minutes remaining. Prior to that, he made several excellent saves.

Coach Keith Brooks said he was pleased with his club's showing. "Even though Salmon Arm didn't push us."

"We passed the ball well and maintained solid positional play."

The Vernon coach had special praise for Jeff Chandler, Tom Ouchl, and Irons.

VSSS hosts Salmon Arm on Thursday at 4 p.m., and on Friday, the locals host defending B.C. champion Centennial, of Coquitlam.

PIN POINTS

October 1
IOP FRI Mixed
Women's high single, Gladys Hood 239; high triple, Dianne Jamieson 671; high average, Dianne Grinivold 222.
Men's high single, Glen Fey 248; high triple, Glen Fey 693; high average, Gerry Fox 208, Glen Fey 208.
Team high single, V.B.S. 1299; high triple, V.B.S. 3676.

TEAM STANDINGS
V.B.S. 77
Hilbillies 75
Die Haros 69
Shawn 69

October 2
9 a.m. Jrs.
Women's high single, Lynn Jamieson 202; high triple, Lynn Jamieson 540; high average, Karen Keckalo 171.
Men's high single, Tim Canuel 292; high triple, Tim Canuel 640; high average, Tim Canuel 195.
Team high single, No. Names 1062; high triple, Pin Power 2884.
TEAM STANDINGS
No. Names 56
Super 5 49
Hot Shots 44
Pin Power 39

October 2
YBC Bantams
Women's high single, Stephanie Hoffman 228; high triple, Lynda Lee Woodroff 445; high average, Sherril Tompkins 141.
Men's high single, Peter Kropp 497; high triple, Dennis Chapman 175; high average, Glenn Chapman 170.
Team high single, Jolly Green Giants 1062; high triple, Pro's 2849.
TEAM STANDINGS
Jolly Green Giants 73
Pro's 57
Super Five 45

October 2
YBC Jets
Girls high single, Shelley Peterman 149; high double, Shelley Peterman 249; high average, Shelley Peterman 111.
Boy's high single, Bruce MacKenzie 147; high double, Bruce MacKenzie 243; high average, Stephen Woodhead 105.
TEAM STANDINGS
Pro's 7
Pin Pickers 6
Chums 5
Fintasters 5

October 4
Mixed 7-9
Women's high single, Val Wiebe 260; high triple, Lili Jamieson 652; high average, Lili Jamieson 218.
Men's high single, Glen Fey 313; high triple, Ed Meyer 793; high average, Glen Fey 246.
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Pin-ups 106
Fireballs 93
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TO KAL LAKE PARK

Golf club studying move



DIVISION FIVE CHAMPS

Peewees suffer setback

Vernon Peewee Reps kicked off their 1978-79 Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey season on the wrong foot last weekend.

Vernon built up a 3-0 first period lead, but later dropped a 5-2 decision to Penticon.

David Wensley and Kevin Misosky scored for the locals.

In Vernon's final pre-season game, Rutland was the victim of a 13-1 slamming.

Wensley had a big night with five goals while Jeff Wejr and Tom Wells added two apiece. Both of Wells' goals came with Vernon short-handed.

Singles went to Tom Day, Roland Duchscherer, Kevin Savitsky, and Nick Kapicki.

Scoring leader connects

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Gregg Anderson showed the way Tuesday night that makes him the leading scorer in the Western Canada Hockey League as he scored the winning goal as Victoria Cougars edged Saskatoon Blades 3-2 in one of two well-played contests.

In the other game, Brandon Wheat Kings remained unbeaten in eight starts by holding off a late rally for a 5-3 victory over Kamloops Chiefs.

The results left league-leading Brandon 11 points ahead of Saskatoon in the Eastern Division while Victoria stretched its margin over second-place Kamloops to four points in the Western Division.

Anderson, who has 11 goals and 25 points, took a precise pass from Gary Lupul with less than six minutes remaining to beat Saskatoon netminder Dave Parro for the winning goal.

Rookies Bob Jansch and Mark Robinson scored in the first period for the Cougars while Darryl Erickson and Bruce Hamilton retallied in the second for Saskatoon.

Victoria goaltender Murray Bannerman played a big part in the win, blocking 33 shots compared with 19 saves by Parro. Bannerman robbed Hamilton three times, once late in the game when he had a chance to give Saskatoon a tie.

Centre Dan Bonar scored into an empty net with four seconds remaining to consolidate Brandon's victory.

Wayne Ramsey, Brett Vincent, Bill Derlago and Kelly Farmer, a former Chief, also tallied.

Marksmen for the Chiefs were Reg Kerr, Ryan Walter and Randy Carson.

Kamloops and Victoria continue their road swings tonight, playing at Regina and Medicine Hat, respectively, while New Westminster Bruins visit Lethbridge Broncos.

TEAM STANDINGS
FOT 142
Shelburne 142
Physicals 123 1/2

October 12
Breakfast Party
Women's high single, Angie Brisbin 289; high triple, Carole Kronbauer 208; high average, Angie Brisbin 208.
Team high single, Puffed Wheat 1244; high triple, Puffed Wheat 3623.
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TEAM STANDINGS
Puffed Rice 83
Wool Loops 70
Puffed Wheat 69

October 12
Ladies 9-11
Women's high single, Diane Shadlock 273; high triple, Carol Weston 852; high average, Ruth Christiansen 214.
Team high single, Whiz Kids 1310; high triple, Whiz Kids 3755.

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Short Steps 82
Pin Power 81
Whiz Kids 80
Try Hard 70

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Coach Allan Grams, and Brian Fester. Front row, Jim Mitchell, Jim Stanley, Ricky Raber, Paul Oriente, Toby Bazwi, Malcolm Phillips, and Donny Jacobson.

playoff, and Interior championships this year. Team members are, from left, back row, Mike Peshko, Bryan Bugey, Brian Dooling, Allan Gee, Doug Collingwood, Harvey Leder,

unexpected help tonight. Winger Gary Gilchrist, who left Vernon earlier this month for a tryout in Fort Wayne, they had 12 veterans and three or four other players under contract. They only carry 17 guys on their roster.

If Gilchrist plays, it will give Dye the opportunity to move Gary Huth back to centre, from right wing, to play with

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Vernon Vikings head Penticon Vees in B.C. Junior Hockey League action tonight at 8 p.m. at the Civic Arena.

Vikings, with only one win in eight starts, are hoping to turn things around tonight. Last time the two teams met, Vees, drubbed Vernon 10-1.

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GARY GILCHRIST ... might play

Jack Lefley and Gilchrist. Vikings will be without defenceman Brad McDonald, not yet recovered from a knee injury, and winger Kevin White, still under suspension.

1947, and set a club record with his spree.

In Tuesday's other NHL games, New York Islanders blanked Atlanta Flames 7-0 and Montreal Canadiens defeated Detroit Red Wings 4-2.

In the World Hockey Association, Quebec Nordiques scored a 6-4 victory over San Diego Mariners and Birmingham Bulls topped Calgary Cowboys 6-2.

SEVEN AGAINST STARS
Tuesday's goals gave Murdoch eight for his first four NHL games, but seven of them were scored against the Stars.

Scoring goals is nothing new for the Cranbrook, B.C., native. He graduated from playing against Merritt from Vernon of the British Columbia Junior League to facing Flin Flon for Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League two years at Medicine Hat he scored 170 goals, 88 of them last season.

"I had a couple of four-goal games in juniors but never five," he said. "I figure I have a pretty good shot—not that hard, but accurate."

Ken Hodge added two goals and Greg Polis, Pat Hickey and Gilbert one each for the Rangers.

Glenn Resch faced 21 shots in recording his second shutout for the Islanders, who have allowed only one goal and won their first three games of the season.

Bob Nystrom scored two goals, including the first of a team-record three goals won't be beaten there since March 20, 1974. Guy Lafleur, Rick Chartrand, Bob Gainey and Yvon Lambert beat Detroit goalie Ed Giacomin in the middle period.

Four goals in the second period gave the Canadians their win over the Red Wings, who haven't beaten them since March 20, 1974. Guy Lafleur, Rick Chartrand, Bob Gainey and Yvon Lambert beat Detroit goalie Ed Giacomin in the middle period.

OVERCOME 4-1 LEAD
The Nordiques fought back from a 4-1 deficit late in the first period with Buddy Cloutier's first goal at 18:28, and went on to score four more—one in the second, and three in the third—without any reply from the Mariners.

Moral support given by Coldstream council

A Vernon Golf and Country Club committee is studying the possibility of moving the 18-hole course to Kalamalka Lake Park, in Coldstream.

The committee, chaired by Club Captain Dave Willis, met with Coldstream council Tuesday and gained council's support.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Art Davidson told the Daily News council is aware it will have no say in the matter when it comes to location of the course, but Coldstream can provide moral support.

Davidson said, "Council felt it would be advantageous to have a golf course there. However, the final say would be up to the provincial body."

TWO STUDIES
Golf Club President Doug Chilton said today there are two studies being undertaken at the present time.

Chilton said, "We are looking at the feasibility of a move, and we are also discussing a large renovation program."

Chilton estimates the relocation of the course would cost in excess of \$1 million, excluding land.

He said, "We have by no means decided to move. We are looking at the condition of our present location."

"One of the advantages of a move is, with the sale of our current site, we would have

enough money to build a first-class golf course instead of an average facility.

HIGH COST
"To renovate the current site, costs would be high and the club would have to go into debt."

Willis said with industry on three sides of the course now, it could be an unpleasant place to play in the future.

Willis said, "We sent a letter to the parks branch about a year ago, outlining our study. We went to council as an information delegation to let them know of our progress."

When asked if it was possible to locate a golf course in a provincial park, Willis replied, "It has never been ruled out."