Local rink tremendous

Do the people of Vernon really know what they have? In just three years, the Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel has blossomed into one of Western Canada's premier curling events.

Not only is the curling great, but the spectator support has grown to the point that people come from as far away as Penticton and Kamloops to watch the best curlers in Canada.

Near-capacity crowds jammed the curling club Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. On the final night, only seats left in the building were at ice level. Officials estimate about 700 people were on hand.

Local interest soared this year and the team that can take credit for that is Doug Chilton's foursome.

Chilton curled like superman, and only a great shot by Peewee Pickering in the semi-finals, prevented Chilton from competing for the cars.

It was the first year Vernon fans have had much to cheer about. In the past two spiels, no local rinks had qualified for playoffs, much less the semi-finals.

Chilton said he learned a lot curling against the best in the country.

He said, "I guess if I learned any one major thing, it would be that you have to be consistant. You can't miss a shot against these guys."

Chilton admitted he thought his rink would play well, but they did surprise themselves with the third place finish.

He said, "I don't think we felt more pressure than anyone else. It didn't affect our shots.

"We're just coming up while these guys have been on top for a long time."

SELDOM MISSED

Not only did Chilton curl well, but his team was fantastic. Lead Doug Weir, second John Taporowski, and third Dave Simpson seldom missed a shot.

Their skip said, "The guys didn't miss many shots, but when they did, they made up for it with their sweeping and desire to win."

Against Pickering, some of the curling veterans in the stands second-guessed Chilton's first shot, in the 12th end, when he tried to slide a shot through a narrow hole. He just missed and it proved costly. However, he said he'd play the same shot again, only next time hope he'd make it.

It is just the second year together for the Vernon foursome, and although they don't plan on doing a lot of travelling, they will be keeping busy this winter.

Chilton said, "Next weekend we're going to the Kamloops Cash Spiel and after that we'll be preparing for the Consols. We're invited to the Prince George Spiel later this month, but we can't go."

Vernon came close to having two rinks in the playoffs, in fact, it was Chilton who beat fellow townsman Wayne Laface in the B event. Laface, too, surprised a lot of people.

Some people have been calling for less local rinks in the spiel next ye, - but the showing by Vernon curlers in 1978 proves the host club earned its six berths.

VERNON'S DOUG CHILTON rink placed third in the third annual Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel. Team members are from left, rear, Chilton and third Dave Simpson; front, lead Doug Weir and second John Taporowski. (Daily News Photo)

Salming is flying and so are Leafs

By NEIL CAMPBELL
The Canadian Press

If Borje Salming gets much healthier, the National Hockey League will have to make him play with a handicap.

NHL

Campbell Conference Patrick Division	W	L	T	F	A	P
Islanders	9	3	2	43	27	18
Philly	7	3	2	45	33	16
Atlanta	5	6	2	40	50	12
Rangers	5	7	1	32	52	11
Smythe Division						
Chicago	7	5	1	46	34	15
St. Louis	5	5	0	41	46	14
Minnesota	4	7	1	34	54	9
Vancouver	3	8	1	34	53	9
Colorado	3	8	1	31	38	7
Prince of Wales Conference Adams Division						
Boston	9	3	0	50	38	18
Buffalo	5	5	1	31	28	11
Toronto	4	5	3	47	47	11
Cleveland	3	4	2	35	37	8
Norris Division						
Montreal	10	3	1	69	31	21
Los Angeles	7	3	3	51	35	17
Pittsburgh	2	6	4	34	56	8
Detroit	3	7	1	33	37	7
Washington	2	4	2	31	44	6

The Swedish defenceman, who a week ago was moving at half-speed because of clogged sinuses, had another four-assist game Monday to help Toronto Maple Leafs defeat Cleveland Barons 6-3.

It was the second four-assist game in a row for Salming, who had two assists in the game before that. He had only four assists all season before his three-game streak.

Against the Barons, he set up two goals by Darryl Sittler and one each by Bob Neely and Lanny McDonald. McDonald and George Ferguson were the other Toronto scorers.

In other NHL games Monday, Montreal Canadiens stopped Buffalo Sabres 3-2 and New York Islanders trimmed Vancouver Canucks 3-2.

CROWD POOR

More dismaying to the Barons' owners than the loss was the turnout for a game that was supposed to be important to the team.

Only 5,488 spectators turned out at Richfield, Ohio, to see Cleveland try to climb past the Leafs into third place in the Adams Division. That's worse than the crowds in Oakland that resulted in the transformation of California Golden Seals into the Barons in the off-season.

The win was the third in a row for rookie goalie Mike Palmateer, who was a minor leaguer only a week ago. He had a tougher night than his 18 saves indicated.

Palmateer, who says he has trouble sleeping the night before a game, was left to deal with several Cleveland breakaways on his own. On one occasion, he charged halfway to the blueline to steal the puck from Cleveland centre Wayne Merrick.

"He's done a big job in the nets for us since he has joined us," said Toronto coach Red Kelly. "He made the saves when we needed them tonight."

SHUTT SCORES TWO

Steve Shutt scored his 11th and 12th goals of the season in Montreal's lacklustre win over Buffalo. The Canadiens took a 2-0 lead in the opening period on goals by Mario Tremblay and Shutt.

Denis Potvin scored New York's first two goals, then set up Clark Gillies for the winner in the third period to give the Islanders their first win over the Canucks in almost two years.

The Islanders had a four-on-one break when Gillies scored on New York's only shot of the last period.

Neilson records best time of day

Lew Neilson drove his Mini-Cooper S to the day's fastest time in last Sunday's Great Pumpkin Auto Slalom at Village Green Mall.

There were 27 entrants in the event, sponsored as a championship meet by Vernon Autosport Club.

Neilson also placed first in the A-P class with a time of 1:39.545.

The wet course made driving fast and tricky, causing several spinouts.

Next club meeting will be held Nov. 8, at 8 p.m., in room two at Vernon Senior Secondary School. Anyone interested in motorsport is invited to attend.

The slalom results were:

1st A-P: Lew Neilson, Cooper S, 1:39.545; 2nd Phil Wright, Renault Gordini, 1:47.437; 3rd Linda Wright, Renault Gordini, 1:56.339

1st A-S: Bob St. Louis, Cooper S, 1:46.182; 2nd Jim Pshyk, Cooper S, 1:46.394

1st C-S: Frank Bunting, 280-Z, 1:41.034; 2nd, Kees Nierop, 240-Z, 1:45.445; 3rd, Klas Nierop, 240-Z, 1:48.157

1st C-P: Scott Cramp, BMW 2002, 1:47.487; 2nd Leigh Pearson, Toyota SR-5, 1:49.494; 3rd, Gord French, Austin Sprite, 1:50.474.

1st D-S: Pat Cochrane, BMW 2002, 1:46.047

1st D-P: Dirk Lever, Datsun 510, 1:49.416; 2nd, Darryl Park, Datsun 510, 1:49.978; 3rd, Ross Glover, Datsun 510, 1:51.939.

1st E-S: Dave Patterson, Honda, 1:45.882; 2nd B. Bienner-Hassett, VW Rabbit, 1:45.990; 3rd, Cam Sherlekson, Honda, 1:46.454.

1st, F-S, Marcel Bouchard, Mustang, 2:02.399.

1st G-S: Don Matovich, Volvo 142, 1:47.993; 2nd Bill Martin, Datsun 510, 1:51.146; 3rd Dave Hiley, Renault 5, 1:51.582.

Coach to miss 20 games

CALGARY (CP) — The Western Canada Hockey League Monday suspended Kamloops Chiefs' coach Ivan Prediger for 20 games and Portland Winter Hawks' coach Ken Hodge for 10 games following an incident in a game between the two teams Oct. 24 in Portland.

Prediger allegedly struck Hodge during an altercation between the two benches which, in Portland, are situated side by side.

"Both coaches displayed a lack of control in the incident," league president Ed Chynoweth said after meeting with the WCHL governors. "We have new rules in the league to control the players and we must take drastic steps in this instance to control the coaches."

Each club was also required to post a $1,000 certified cheque as assurance there would be no repetition of such an incident.

Portland player Paul Mulvey and Kamloops player Gary Soetaert were suspended for five games each for involvement in the incident. Mulvey and Soetaert both received match penalties during a confrontation between the two.

BOBBY ORR . . . in hospital

Orr's career takes jolt

TORONTO (CP) — Bobby Orr's hockey career took another jolt Monday when the Chicago Black Hawks defenceman was admitted to Toronto General Hospital for further tests on his oft-injured left knee.

Orr, who played in Chicago's 5-4 National Hockey League victory over Washington Capitals on Sunday, is to undergo an orthoscope examination today.

His agent, Toronto lawyer Alan Eagleson, said it isn't known how long the 28-year-old Parry Sound, Ont., native will be out of the lineup.

The examination is to be performed by Dr. John Palmer who felt the problem is a recurrence of the ailment that put Orr in hospital in June.

Orr, who had not played in 10 months, came off two operations—the fourth and fifth operations on the knee—to star in the international series involving the national teams of six countries and was named the tourney's outstanding player.

Busy night in volleyball

Four matches were played Monday in ladies' recreation volleyball at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

Bad News Belles trounced Super Vixens 15-3, 15-12, and 15-1; Bookland beat Consumers 15-12, 8-15, and 15-5; Jokers upset Spikers 15-12, 15-8, and 12-15; and Peps dumped Medi-Cats 18-16, 15-7, and 15-12.

In men's action at Kal School, Sun Auto beat Audballs 11-15, 15-10, and 15-5; Phantoms downed Vernon A's 15-13, 15-8, and 13-15; and Church of God defeated Trinity United 15-13, 16-14, and 3-15.

Scoring goals a big problem

Vernon Vikings slipped below the 500 mark again last weekend with a pair of losses to Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action.

Vikings scored only three goals in the two games, a statistic that must have General Manager Vern Dye a little worried.

Dye said, "Some of our veterans have been playing well, but just aren't getting the breaks or the goals."

While the club's goals-against average is a respectable 4.18, the goals-for average has dropped to 3.01.

MOST GOALS

Vikings were riding a seven-game unbeaten streak before they met Kelowna, but in that stretch, the most goals scored in a single game by Vernon was six.

Dye said, "I think we'll put it all together one of these nights and score a bushel of goals."

Steve Danahin, one of the league's top snipers last year, has only five goals to date. Captain Gary Gassoff, who got off to a great start, but has been hampered recently by a hand injury, has scored just three times.

However, as Dye said, the veterans have been playing well, particularly defensively.

Vikings are back in action Thursday when they travel to Kamloops to tangle with Braves. Saturday, first-place Penticton Vees visit Vernon.

Houston buried by red-hot Colts

BALTIMORE (AP) — Coach Bum Phillips watched his Houston Oilers buried under a ferocious defence in a 38-14 rout by Baltimore Colts, and he moaned:

"Now I know how the rebels felt when they marched up North."

"They all run fast," Phillips said Monday of the Colts' aggressive young defence. "They're always running towards the ball, and they always arrive in a bad humor."

The Colts pounced on two Houston fumbles and intercepted one pass in the first half, setting up two touchdowns and a 21-0 halftime lead.

Meanwhile, Lydell Mitchell generated most of Baltimore's offence, rambling for 107 of his 136 rushing yards in the first half while doing everything but crossing the goal-line.

"It used to be that I wasn't sure of myself in comparison to other backs," said Mitchell. "Now, I seriously consider myself the No. 1 back in football."

The Colts lead the National Football League in scoring with 241 points and their six sacks against Houston increased their season total to 39.

Mitchell, who leads the American Conference with 798 yards rushing, also caught seven passes for 49 yards and joined quarterback Bert Jonesin setting up two short touchdown runs each by Roosevelt Leaks and Don McCadley and a 26-yard field goal by Toni Linhart.

The smashing victory gives the Colts a 7-1 record and a two-game lead over second-place New England Patriots in the AFC East. The Oilers, 4-4 after losing their third in a row, fell two games behind front-running Cincinnati in the AFC Central.

Houston scored both its touchdowns in the final quarter after the Colts had built a 31-0 lead. Then Baltimore's Ron Lee ran 60 yards around right end for the game's final touchdown.

The Oilers had minus yardage passing until Pastorini connected on a 53-yard pass play to Ken Burrough for a touchdown.

Vernon juveniles win pair

Vernon Legion juvenile reps kicked off their Okanagan-Mainline hockey season with a pair of victories last weekend.

Saturday at home, Legion thumped Kamloops 7-3. Scoring for the winners were Gary Edwards, with three, Dave Schneider, Tom Ouchi, Jim Harding, and Gary Field.

Then Sunday in Revelstoke, Vernon recorded an easy 9-2 win.

Edwards, Ouchi, and Field scored two goals each while Ken Mayert, Harding, and Terry Geier collected solos.

Legion is back in action Saturday, at 7:15 p.m., when they travel to Penticton.

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