

VIKINGS GET NEW COACH

Vernon Vikings have a new coach. He's Gary Swanson, 28, who comes to Vernon from the Okanagan. He coached the Centennials. Vikings' general manager Yvon Doy, who doubted Swanson as coach prior to the new appointment, feels that Swanson will lead the team, bringing quite a bit of experience with him. Swanson played junior hockey in North Bay, Ontario and coached minor and junior B hockey in Calgary for six years before going to Merritt.

BCJHL STANDINGS

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) Standings Monday in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

Team	W	L	T	P
Penticton	16	7	1	33
Vernon	10	16	0	26
Kelowna	10	16	0	26
Merritt	10	16	0	26

Team	W	L	T	P
Nanaimo	12	8	0	26
Bertram	11	10	0	24
Langley	11	10	0	24
Mudge	11	9	0	22
Abbotsford	11	13	0	14

Albertans win PG bonspiel

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Mel Watchorn of Fairview, Alta., and Jean Billing of Prince Rupert, B.C., won top money in the four-day \$26,000 tournament of champions bonspiel Monday.

Watchorn, a two-time Alberta champion, beat Jack Block of Abbotsford, B.C., 6-5 in an extra end to win \$8,000. Block won \$4,000 for second.

Billing defeated Lella Johnson of Prince George 9-5 to win \$2,000. Johnston won \$1,200.

Bert Grestinger of Kelowna, B.C., defeated Glen Pierce of Coquitlam, B.C., 9-2 to take \$3,000 third-place money in the men's competition. Pierce won \$2,000.

Noreen Magee of Williams Lake, B.C., beat Lois Withers of Prince George 10-7 to win \$900. Withers won \$600.

Four other men's rinks, which qualified and lost their first games in the cash draws Monday, won \$900 each. They were Len Rafferty of Kelowna, Doug Johnson of Edmonton, Jim Horowitz of Houston, B.C., and Bob McWhirter of Prince George.

Four women's qualifiers won \$325 each.

Broomball deadline set

Nov. 26 is the deadline for sign up of teams in the Broomball Leagues under the auspices of the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District at Centennial Rink. There will be a mixed Homeymooners' Broomball League and a men-only Popeye League for the 1976-1977 season.

The Homeymooners will begin play Nov. 30, and Popeyes will start on Dec. 2. Teams can register at the Vernon Recreation Centre during regular office hours. A team entry fee of \$120 must accompany registrations. All registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Minor hockey results

Senior Pup House League Play
November 11
Standard Oil 4—Rendall 2.
Tradeland 5—Bear Alignment 4.
Village Green 7—Red Top 0.
Boston Pizza 2—Athens Pizza 1.

November 13
Exhibition Games
Whiskey Jacks 4—Tradeland 3.
Rendall Tractor 6—Whiskey Jacks 1.

Peewee Hockey Division (House League) Exhibition Games
November 11
Butcher Boys 8—Lumby 1.
Tradeland 3—Enderby 2.

November 13
Centers 9—Lumby 8.

November 14
Vernon Sport 3—Lumby 3.

House League Nov. 16
Elks 4—Centers 2.
Archie Fleming 6—Universal Welders

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In The NHL Habs had minds on other things

MONTREAL (CP) — Even the players had trouble keeping their minds on the game at the Forum on Monday night. Montreal Canadiens paid just enough attention to escape with a 4-2 National Hockey League decision over St. Louis Blues, but the crowd demonstrated more interest in results of the Quebec general election that were being blasted on a message board showing a Parti Quebecois victory.

"It was a tough time," said Canadiens coach Scotty Bowman, generally pleased with the 18,180 attendance. "We didn't know it was going to be an election day or probably we wouldn't have played."

The players kept an eye on the board, and they were talking about it between periods, but it couldn't pay too much attention because I had to change lines."

Pete Mahovich, who managed an assist on his night's work, came right to the point as he ducked out of the presser. "Okay, now do I get paid in dollars or francs?"

BRAVES PLAYERS
Montreal got back to hockey long enough to praise the work of Mario Tremblay and Doug Risebrough, each of whom scored a goal.

"Those two are really playing well," Bowman said. "They're scoring regularly and they're getting important goals."

Yvan Cournoyer and Steve Shutt, the latter with his 18th goal of the season, in the league, contributed Montreal's other scores. Larry Fafay and Chuck Lefley replied for the Blues.

Montreal netminder Ken Dryden faced 25 St. Louis shots, while Eddie Johnston and Ed Stantowski in the Blues' goal handled 33 Montreal drives.

NATIONAL STANDINGS

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NHL
Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

Team	W	L	T	P
Islanders	12	3	66	37
Phila	8	7	63	54
Atlanta	7	7	59	62
Rangers	6	10	69	74

Team	W	L	T	P
Smyth	9	25	68	67
Chicago	9	9	56	72
Louis	9	9	56	72
Minnesota	8	11	62	77
Vancouver	5	13	66	76
Colorado	12	12	61	10

Price of Water Conference
Adams Division

Team	W	L	T	P
Boston	13	3	1	73
Montreal	9	3	54	26
Toronto	6	7	40	60
Cleveland	5	13	53	53

Norris Division

Team	W	L	T	P
Montreal	14	3	1	102
Los Angeles	8	6	69	61
Pittsburgh	5	7	55	64
Washington	5	10	69	72
Detroit	4	9	64	56

**Entertainment
offered by club**
The Armstrong-Enderby Riding Club is slated to provide the entertainment at the annual awards night of the Okanagan Light Horse Improvement and Show Association.

This year's event will be held the evening of November 20 at the club house of the Kelowna Riding Club on KLO Road.

Various awards for top horses and riders throughout the Okanagan will be presented.

Among many other tournaments, the club championship was played as a 54 hole stroke play competition on May 24, the winner being Brian Adams.


Both the junior and senior levels of the club had an active year, playing in many tournaments throughout the area, and Spallumcheen will host the Zone B.C. senior tournament for 1977, tentatively scheduled for June 3.

Coaches sought

Coaches are being sought for five local teams in a boys' basketball program. The program will begin the first week of December with each team practicing once a week, with games on Thursday evenings at the Vernon Senior Secondary School Gymnasium.

Persons wishing to assist in the program in a coaching capacity are asked to contact the Sports and Fitness office of the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District at 545-6038.

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Local swim meet now classified as Olympic event

For the first time in the five-year history of Vernon's city-wide school swimming championships, the annual meet Nov. 18 is being classed as a Junior Olympics championship competition. An estimated 110 young athletes in grades 8-12 are expected to participate in the event at the Vernon Recreation Centre Pool.

According to Denis Murdoch, organizer of the Royal Bank of Canada sponsored event, the best two individual competitors and the top two teams at the next meet will advance to the B.C. Championships in Vancouver in early December.

Murdoch states that because of a lack of facilities, no real swim training is underway in Vernon schools, so the annual event gives youngsters an opportunity to compete both locally and on a provincial basis.

The Junior Olympics is a program conceived and administered by the Canadian Olympic Association and designed to encourage as many young Canadian athletes as possible to compete in sporting events at the community level. So far this year over 500,000 youngsters have taken part in the Royal Bank of Canada sponsored program.

Competitors in the November meet will receive ribbons for individual wins and team wins, certificates of participation and Junior Olympic crests. For provincial and national championships, the Junior Olympics also offers medals for winning participants.

Triumphant heats will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 18 and continue until 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for spectators.

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